

THE GASTONIA GAZETTE.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1913.

Vital Statistics.

During the months of October and November Vital Statistics Officer W. Meek Adams, of Gastonia township, recorded 30 deaths and 30 births. Twenty deaths occurred in October and ten in November. The birth record for the two months is not complete as the law requiring birth registration did not compel registration till after November 15th, but allowed parents who wished to do so to register children born after October 1st. From now on complete monthly statistics will be available.

A Business Change.

Mr. J. T. Gilbert has sold his photographic studio to Messrs. R. F. Shelby and A. B. Thackston, of Kings Mountain, and the name of the business will be changed to Shelby & Thackston. The deal was made the first of the week and the new owners have taken charge. Mr. Gilbert quits the photograph business in Gastonia after having been engaged in it for four years, having succeeded Mr. J. I. Green. He and Mrs. Gilbert expect to leave the latter part of the month for Jacksonville, Fla., where they will reside in the future. Mr. Gilbert has not yet decided just what line of business he will follow there. Messrs. Shelby and Thackston are experienced photographers and will be welcomed to Gastonia's business circles. Both have families and they will move to Gastonia at an early date.

Personals and Locals.

Ralph Clinton, the three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Keefer, died Wednesday night at his home in the Jenkins addition and was buried yesterday afternoon in Hollywood cemetery.

Mr. Ernest L. Stroup, who has been in business in Greensboro for the past five years, returned to Gastonia last week and is now associated with his father, Mr. A. C. Stroup in the Gaston Seed & Provision Co.

Rev. J. A. Bowles, who has been for four years pastor of the Mount Holly and Belmont Methodist churches and who was transferred at the recent session of conference to the Forest City charge, moved his family Wednesday to Forest City.

Mr. W. T. Rankin returned Wednesday evening from a week's trip to Chicago, St. Louis and other Western points. At St. Louis he purchased a car load of fine brood mares for the Riverside Farm and they are expected to reach here this week. At Chicago Mr. Rankin attended the International Stock Show where he says they had on exhibition the finest and fattest cattle in the world.

Fire which originated in a laundry at Salisbury Tuesday damaged the First Methodist church to the extent of about \$800.

With the authorized strength increased by 3,352 men, the United States Army lost instead of gained numbers during the fiscal year just closed, says a Washington dispatch of the 5th. Including the Philippine Scouts the army had 85,569 men, compared with 87,935 twelve months ago.

GASTONIA'S GROWTH.

The following editorial in Saturday's Charlotte Chronicle, commending the spirit of advancement and steady growth which Gastonia is now evincing, is duly appreciated: "It lies in the mouth of home to challenge the growth and development of Gastonia, Charlotte's little neighbor across the Catawba. A system of electric street cars was recently inaugurated there and now we are told that Gastonia has laid during the past year six and a half miles of permanent paving. This sounds almost like Charlotte. We doubt if any city of Gastonia's size in the State can marshal a better showing in this particular than Gastonia's capital is able to display. In addition to good streets which have been featured, the town is growing in every direction. It has a new Chamber of Commerce and is showing a spirit of enterprise that is hard to hinder. We look for the town to continue at its growing gait. It has the proper spirit and the proper people there to make things hustle."

WISHED SHE COULD DIE

And Be Free From Her Troubles, but Finds Better Way.

Columbia, Tenn.—"Many a time," says Mrs. Jessie Sharp, of this place, "I wished I would die and be relieved of my suffering, from womanly troubles. I could not get up, without pulling at something to help me, and stayed in bed most of the time. I could not do my housework."

The least amount of work tired me out. My head would swim, and I would tremble for an hour or more. Finally, I took Cardui, the woman's tonic, and I am not bothered with pains any more, and I don't have to go to bed. In fact, I am sound and well of all my troubles."

Cardui goes to all the weak spots and helps to make them strong. It acts with nature—not against her. It is for the tired, nervous, irritable women, who feel as if everything were wrong, and need something to quiet their nerves and strengthen the worn-out system.

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TALKS ON ADVERTISING

Don't Kick Against a Stone Wall

KICKING a stone wall does no good and only prevents further progress. As a pastime it may furnish some exercise, but it is extremely wearing on the nerves, shoe leather and temper. The parcel post is a stone wall that the small merchant thinks falsely he has reason to kick. It has brought him increased competition with the mail order houses, according to his view.

But the parcel post stone wall has a hole in it that leads the small merchant into a fertile country where his erstwhile competitors can only follow after considerable delay and at greater expense. The "hole" is the zone system, which makes every merchant the center of a circle whose diameter is 100 miles, within which he can deliver goods much more quickly and at a lower postal rate than any mail order house.

The parcel post is no longer a theory, but a fact; and facts, like stone walls, are futile things to kick. Take advantage of what it offers instead.

A Bottle of Red Cross Seal.

In the extensive correspondence at the Red Cross Seal headquarters an occasional letter is received which attracts more than passing attention, even from the staff, which is somewhat "calloused" to the unusual. One such freak letter the other day brought a smile with a touch of pathos just behind it. It was as follows:

"To the Red Cross Seal, "715 Union Trust Building, "Washington, D. C. "While looking over a paper I found an advertisement of the red Cross Seal stating that it was Good for Consumption and other diseases I wish that you would please send me a bottle and also the price so in case I need more I will know what to do. I know what it is and I know what it does. I would like to see it and I would like to hear from you at once."

Where Red Cross Seals Are Sold.

With the exception of Florida and Nevada, Red Cross Seals are on sale in one or more cities of every State in the Union, and also in Hawaii and the Canal Zone. In most of the States the sale has been organized in every city, village and hamlet. Every conceivable method of conveyance is being employed in shipping the seals from the various State headquarters to local agents, from the ox-team in Alabama and Mississippi, and the pack-burro in Colorado, to the express train and the automobile in New York. These holiday seals are even being sold in mountain hamlets, where the snow will prevent the receipt of returns for months after the first of the year.

Stole for Bed in Prison.

"I did it. I was starving. I have not eaten in three days. In prison I caught tuberculosis. Now I can't work. I guess you had better send me back to prison—at least, I won't starve there!"

This was the despairing cry of a 27-year-old man in an Eastern city when caught a few days ago with \$300 worth of stolen dresses. Investigation showed that through a lack of funds the local anti-tuberculosis society had been unable to send this man to a sanatorium where he belonged, and there was no place for him but the prison. Every Red Cross Seal you buy helps some one in distress or helps to prevent trouble and sickness.

A Round Dozen

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TO THE CONSCIENCE FUND.

Squire W. Meek Adams Receives Ten Dollars from Unknown Man in New Mexico—Repaid After 25 Years.

About the most surprised man in Gastonia Wednesday was Squire Meek Adams. In his morning mail there was a letter postmarked Roswell, N. M., containing New York exchange for ten dollars. Following is the letter.

Roswell, N. M., Dec. 6, 1913. Mr. Meek Adams.

Gastonia, N. C. You will please find New York exchange for \$10 due you that you lost 25 years ago at Bowling Green and I found it and it is yours.

Very truly, A. W. A friend in Christ.

Squire Adams has no idea whatever of the identity of the writer. He says that 25 years ago he was running a store at Bowling Green but does not recall having lost the \$10, though it is possible he lost it or it was taken from his safe without his ever knowing it. He cannot recall anyone having the initials A. W. who lived in that section at that time and who has since gone West.

In this connection, Squire Adams recalled an interesting event of about 15 years ago. When he left Bowling Green he sold his safe to Mr. William Flanigan, who is still in the mercantile business at Bowling Green. The old safe still stands in the store though it is minus its doors and is otherwise badly battered up; and thereby hangs the tale of an attempted robbery. Something like 15 years ago safe-blowers entered Flanigan's store and blew this safe. It contained several hundred dollars in currency and silver, representing the pay roll of the Bowling

Green Knitting Mill, the following day being pay day at the factory. The explosion awoke Mr. Flanigan and the late Mr. Mack Riddle, both of whom lived right near the store. Mr. Riddle grabbed his pistol and went to the porch immediately, firing several shots at the robbers who took flight and fled precipitately. An examination showed that the crackmen had left the booty behind, silver and currency being scattered over the store floor in profusion. As it happened Mr. Adams was at that time conducting a livery stable in Gastonia and about 7 o'clock the following morning saw three men, suspicious looking characters, dust-covered and travel-worn, taking their morning meal at Heath's restaurant. Nothing had been heard in Gastonia of the robbery at Bowling Green as the robbers had taken the precaution to cut all the telephone wires. After the news of the attempted robbery reached Gastonia up in the day Mr. Adams recalled having seen these men and believed that they were, without doubt, the safe-blowers. They made good their escape and have never been apprehended.

California Woman Seriously Alarmed

"A short time ago I contracted a severe cold which settled on my lungs and caused me a great deal of annoyance. I would have had coughing spells and my lungs were so sore and inflamed I began to be seriously alarmed. A friend recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, saying she had used it for years. I bought a bottle and it relieved my cough the first night, and in a week I was rid of the cold and soreness of my lungs," writes Miss Marie Gerber, Sawtelle, Cal. For sale by All Druggists.—Adv.

THE ALOE PLANT

The author of this beautiful poem is unknown, so far as we can ascertain it has never before appeared in print. Recently it was recited by Rev. J. E. Abernethy in the course of a sermon and was written by him from memory for The Gazette. Mr. Abernethy says he obtained it from a man living in the mountains of western North Carolina who found the manuscript several years ago on a mountain road.—Editor Gazette.]

Have you heard the tale of the Aloe plant That grows in the sunny clime? By the humble growth of a hundred years It reaches the blooming time; And then a wondrous bud at its crown Breaks into a thousand flowers. This floral queen in blooming seen, Is the pride of the tropical bowers; But the plant to the bloom is a sacrifice, For it blooms but once and in blooming it dies.

Have you further heard of the Aloe plant That grows in the sunny clime, How every one of its thousand flowers As they drop in the blooming time, Is an infant plant that fastens its roots In the place where it falls on the ground? And fast as they fall from the dying stem Grow lively and lovely around? By dying it liveth a thousand fold In the young that springs from the death of the old.

Have you heard the tale of the pelican, The Arab's wonderful bird, That lives in African solitudes Where the birds that live lonely are? Have you heard how it loves its tender young, How it toils and cares for their food? How it brings them water from fountains afar, And fishes, the seas for their food? And in famine it feeds them what love can devise, The blood of its bosom and in feeding them dies!

Have you heard the tale they tell of the swan, That snow-white bird of the lake? It quietly floats on the purple wave, And silently sets in the brake. For it saves its song till the end of life, And then on a still clear eve 'Mid the mellow light of the setting sun It sings as it sails in the heaven; And its blessed notes fall back from the skies, 'Tis its only song for in singing it dies!

Have you heard these tales, shall I tell you one A brighter and better than all? Shall I tell you of Him whom the heavens adore, Before whom the hosts of them all fall? He be left their choirs and anthems above For earth with its wailings and woes? How he suffered the shame and pain of the cross, And died for the life of his foes? O Prince of the noble, O Sufferer divine, What sorrow, what sacrifice equal to thine!

Have you heard this tale, the best of them all, The tale of the faithful and true? He died, but his life in untold souls Lives on in the world anew. His seed prevails and is filling the earth, As the stars the heavens above. He taught us to yield up our love of live For the sake of a life of love. His death was our life, his loss was our gain, The joy for the tear, the peace for the pain.

Then hear these tales, ye weary and worn, Who for others do give up your all. Our Saviour has taught us the seed that would grow, Into earth's dark bosom must fall; Must pass from our sight and die away, And then will the fruit appear. The seed that seems lost in the bosom of the earth Will return many fold in the ear. Through death comes life; through loss comes gain, The joy for the tear, the peace for the pain!

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