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1913 BUILDING RECORD

LARGE NUMBER OF NEW STRUCTURES

Sixty-One Building Permits During First Half of Year and Sixty-Three During Last Half—Hundred and Seventy-Five New Buildings Constructed—Outlook for 1914 is Promising.

In the matter of building activities the year 1913 was an excellent one for Gastonia. During the twelve months 124 building permits were issued by the city, covering 175 structures. Of this number 61 were issued during the first six months of the year and a complete list of them appeared in The Gazette of July 4th. Since July 1st 63 permits have been issued, a list of which appears below.

Among the most noteworthy structures erected during the year were the new Southern Railway passenger station, at a cost of \$30,000, the Cocker Machine & Foundry Company's building, the Atkinson box factory, a warehouse for the Peoples Bonded Warehouse Company, capacity 6,000 bales, a large addition to the Ozark Mill and another to the Clara Mill, the Craig building on Airline avenue, besides quite a number of handsome residences and numerous small cottages.

Indications are that 1914 will witness even greater activity in the building line. Contractors and carpenters have a busy time throughout the year and they anticipate a step up in the building line. During the year the T. A. Henry lumber plant has moved into much larger and more commodious quarters and the Spencer Lumber Company is now building quite a large addition. Both of these plants have had about all they could do in the line of turning out building material all through the year.

Following is a list of the building permits issued since July 1st:

- J. R. Shuford, eight-room house, West Airline avenue.
- Cocker Machine & Foundry Co., factory building, East Franklin avenue.
- W. W. Glenn, two-room house, South street.
- R. F. Littlejohn, five-room house, West Gastonia.
- Holland Realty & Insurance Co., two-room house, East Main avenue.
- P. N. Railway, brick warehouse, East Main avenue.
- W. S. Quinn, three-room house, near Loray.
- J. B. Atkinson, box factory, near Holland Mill.
- Silas Smith, two-room house, North-Dallas street.
- J. B. Beal, five-room house, South Marletta street.
- Grady Rankin, four-room house, Morris street.
- Gastonia Insurance & Realty Co., four-room house, Maple street.
- Gastonia Insurance & Realty Co., four-room house, Harvie avenue.
- J. P. Chandler, six-room house, South York street.
- D. A. Grigg, three-room house, Franklin avenue.
- Grigg & Alexander, two-room house, West Airline avenue.
- J. L. Price, two four-room houses and one three-room house, North York street.
- J. L. Price, three-room house, A-von street.
- D. M. Jones, five-room house, Stumptown.
- Charles D. Gray, eight-room house, South street.
- W. L. Land, one-room addition, Third avenue.
- A. B. Rhyne, one-room addition, Ozark street.
- J. P. Reid, two-room addition, S. Broad street.
- O. Pagan, two-room house, South York street.
- L. E. Rankin, eight-room house, S. York street.
- Mrs. W. W. McLean, two-room addition, East Main avenue.
- Holland Realty & Insurance Co., three-room house, N. York street.
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- B. B. Gardner, two-room addition, Falls street.
- C. W. Boyd, three-room house, Carson street.
- Peoples Bonded Warehouse Co., six-room warehouse, East Franklin avenue.
- Holland Realty & Insurance Co., three-room house, N. York street.
- Holland Realty & Insurance Co., one-room addition, Walnut avenue.
- J. L. Beal & Co., two-room storehouse, East Airline avenue.
- W. G. Queen, five-room house, Maple street.
- Price Insurance & Realty Co., two five-room houses, Elm street.
- Price Insurance & Realty Co., four-room house, N. York street.
- Holland Realty & Insurance Co., three-room house, N. York street.
- Holland Realty & Insurance Co., four-room house, Chestnut street.
- Holland Realty & Insurance Co., seven-room house, S. Oakland street.
- John Walters, seven-room house, South Oakland street.
- W. H. Todd, two four-room houses, Happy Hill.
- Holland Realty & Insurance Co., four-room house, Chestnut street.
- Price Insurance & Realty Co., two four-room houses, Reid row.
- Price Insurance & Realty Co., two three-room houses, Reid row.
- Frank McAllister, five-room house, Maple street.
- Frost Torrence, 12-room house,

BUSINESS WAS GOOD

GENERAL VERDICT AS TO PAST YEAR

Local Business Men Unanimous in Declaring that 1913 Was Satisfactory in Practically All Lines — Town Has Made Progress in Many Ways—Outlook Promising for the Coming Year—Some of the Things Accomplished.

That business in practically all lines was satisfactory so far as local conditions were concerned during the year just ended is the unanimous opinion expressed by Gastonia merchants. Some complaint has been heard from the manufacturers of goods that prices in their business are not as good as they should be but, on the whole, the cotton mill men have not been discouraged and are looking forward to a good year during 1914. The producer of the raw cotton has gotten a pretty good price for the staple throughout the season. The bulk of the local cotton brought 13 cents or more, the market falling below 13 cents only a few times. The farmer has found a good market and a fair price for all his products and hence has had no complaint to make. The consumer has not as yet felt the benefit of the reduction of the tariff on the necessities of life but is looking forward to something in that line for the future.

Gastonia has just cause to be proud of the general progress she has made during the year 1913. It is not possible to give here anything like a complete recapitulation of the things the town has done but a few of them can be merely mentioned. Perhaps the greatest improvement made has been the laying of concrete sidewalks. So far seven or eight miles have been laid several miles is yet to be laid as soon as the weather becomes suitable for this work. Local street car service became effective during the last quarter and affords a great convenience to the people of the city. A box factory has been built and put into operation. A factory for the manufacture of cotton mill machinery has been built and will soon be ready to commence operations. A Live Chamber of Commerce has been organized and is just now getting into working shape. There have been fewer failures than usual. As noted elsewhere in this issue, the year has been generally most satisfactory and Gastonians have cause to be thankful. That the record of the present year, when it is closed, will be equally as good if not better is not only the hope but the belief of Gastonians generally.

TO SELL YARNS AND CLOTH.

Gastonia Cotton Yarn Co., Inc., Will Have Home Office in Philadelphia — Mr. S. S. Shuford to Be Secretary and Treasurer.

A new concern, backed largely by Gastonia capital, to be known as the Gastonia Cotton Co., Inc., with head offices in Philadelphia, Pa., will be in business next week. The incorporators are Mr. J. H. Dangerfield and Mr. A. W. Latta, of Charlotte, and Mr. S. S. Shuford and others, of Gastonia. The company will be incorporated under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania. Mr. Dangerfield is president and Mr. Shuford secretary and treasurer. This company has been organized for the purpose of selling cotton yarns and cloths, the products of a number of mills.

Mr. Shuford will leave Gastonia for Philadelphia next Monday. He has for the past ten years been connected with the Ozark Cotton Mills, for a considerable part of that time being secretary of the mill. He is one of Gastonia's leading young business men and his large circle of friends will regret exceedingly to see him leave to make his home elsewhere. He is succeeded as book-keeper for the Ozark by Mr. J. P. Chandler, who recently came to Gastonia from Bessemer City.

Business men can reach the buying public in Gaston better through the columns of The Gazette than in any other way. Advertising rates are reasonable. It will pay you to investigate.

- South York street.
- First National Bank, two-room warehouse, Main avenue.
- B. G. Bradley, nine three-room houses, Happy Hill.

SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

THE MOVEMENTS OF GASTON PEOPLE

Personal Items About Gaston Folks and Their Friends — Short Items About People and Things That Are of Interest to Gazette Readers.

—Write it 1914.
—Mr. H. S. Sellers, of Cherryville township, is a visitor in Gastonia today.

—Mrs. L. A. Rankin and Miss Susie Rankin spent Wednesday in Charlotte.

—Miss Lucy Curry, of Asheville, is spending the holidays with Miss Vannie Pearson.

—Mrs. J. F. Thomson left Wednesday for Due West, S. C., to spend a few days with friends.

—If you want to make the most of the new year, Mr. Merchant, advertise in The Gazette.

—The county commissioners held their regular monthly meeting for January next Monday.

—Mr. Joseph R. Brown, of Boonville, Va., is spending some time on a visit to relatives in the county.

—Miss Minerva Jenkins is spending the holidays in Kings Mountain as the guest of Miss Mattie Ware.

—Miss Mamie Pearson returned Wednesday from Kings Mountain and Shelby where she has been visiting friends.

—Miss Marguerite Manning, of Charlotte, arrived in the city Wednesday to be the guest for a week of Mrs. E. O. Jennings.

—Misses Willie and Allie McAllister, of Lincolnton, spent Sunday and Monday in the city as the guests of Mrs. E. O. Jennings.

—Prof. and Mrs. W. P. Grier, who have been spending the holidays with relatives in Mecklenburg county, are expected home Sunday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Audie E. Beam returned Wednesday from Cherryville township where they spent the holidays with relatives.

—Miss Varton Miller, of the faculty of the Bellas High School was a guest Tuesday night at the home of Mr. E. L. Wilson and family.

—Mrs. Joseph H. Adams has returned from a visit to her brother, Mr. P. S. Grier, of Pineville, and other relatives in Mecklenburg.

—Mr. J. R. Brockman and Mrs. W. B. Oliver, of Spartanburg, S. C., spent the holidays here with their brother, Mr. T. M. Brockman.

—Mr. M. H. Bradley and family, who have been living in West Gastonia for the past year, moved back to their farm near Smyrna, S. C., this week.

—Solicitor George W. Wilson will go to Charlotte Monday morning to represent the State at the January term of Mecklenburg Superior Court.

—Mr. John M. Smith, a popular farmer and rural mail carrier living near Clover, was a business visitor in Gastonia yesterday and paid The Gazette office a pleasant call.

—The first snow of the winter to make any showing on the ground fell Wednesday night. It was a light fall and almost entirely disappeared during the day yesterday.

—Mrs. J. R. Baber and Mrs. O. O. Baber and little daughter, Ruth, spent yesterday in Kings Mountain as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Campbell.

—The city schools will resume work next Monday, the 5th, after a two-weeks vacation. The teachers, most of whom live out of town, are returning today and tomorrow to resume their duties.

—Mr. Oscar Jenkins, accompanied by Mr. Coleman Faires, of Mortimer, who was his guest for several days, left yesterday for Mars Hill, where both are students this year in Mars Hill College.

—Mrs. W. H. Howe and her sister, Miss Mable Huffstetter, have returned from Lenoir, where they spent the holidays as the guest of their brother, Capt. L. G. Huffstetter, and family.

—Mr. Edgar McLean, who has been spending the holidays here with his mother, Mrs. R. J. Smith, returned yesterday to Durham to resume his studies at Trinity College, where he is a member of the Junior class.

—Mr. Fay Lavender, of Gaffney, S. C., has accepted a position at the Southern Railway depot as third track operator, succeeding Mr. J. M. Redwine. Mr. Redwine and family are moving today to Greenville, S. C., where they will make their home.

IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

MR. AND MRS. MORRIS GIVE DINNER.

On Tuesday of this week Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Morris entertained at dinner at their home on West Airline avenue. The list of guests included Mr. and Mrs. John O. Rankin, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Morris, Miss Mollie Separk, Miss Maud Allison, of Brevard, Mr. Ben Eley, of Baltimore, and Miss Margaret Morris.

S. & O. CLUB WITH MRS. BRISON.

Mrs. R. Hope Brison is hostess this afternoon to the S. and O. Club at her home on West Main avenue. In addition to club members there are quite a number of invited guests. Trail will be played at fourteen tables. In the decorations and score cards the Christmas idea will prevail, the cards being in the shape of red Christmas bells with gilt edges.

MRS. W. M. MORRIS ENTERTAINS.

At her home on Morris street yesterday afternoon at 3:30 Mrs. W. M. Morris gave a very pleasant New Year entertainment in honor of her guest, Mrs. John Geiger, of Charlotte, and Miss Vaud Allison, who is Miss Margaret Morris' guest. About thirty-five guests were present and the game of "Bunco" was enjoyed. After the game cream and cake were served. The hostess was assisted in entertaining by Miss Irene Barringer and Miss Willie D. Barringer. During the afternoon Misses Susie Rawlings and Carrie Morris rendered several pleasing piano selections.

DINNER FOR MRS. HUNTER.

Complimentary to her house-guest, Mrs. Rosema Hunter, of Mexico, Mrs. W. M. Boyce entertained delightfully at dinner Tuesday evening at her home on West Airline avenue. Her guests were Mr. S. N. Boyce and family, Mr. P. W. Garland and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kennedy and Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Rankin. Mrs. Hunter, who was forced to give up her missionary work in Mexico because of the revolution in that country, expects to sail about the 15th for Central America to continue her mission work.

REV. J. N. ATKINS WEDS TRYON LADY.

Announcement cards reading as follows have been received in Gastonia:

Mrs. Joseph Moran announces the marriage of her daughter Katherine to Mr. John Norton Atkins on Wednesday, the thirty-first of December.

One thousand nine hundred and thirteen Tryon, North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Atkins will be at home after the first of February at Foscoe, Watauga county, where he is rector of an Episcopal church.

Rev. Mr. Atkins has visited in Gastonia frequently and the above announcement will be of interest to his friends.

RED MEN HAVE RALLY.

Clarasahknow Tribe Holds Open Meeting—Gold Watch Presented to Sachem Parker—An Enjoyable Occasion.

An event of unusual interest in local fraternal circles was an open meeting held Wednesday night by the Clarasahknow Tribe No. 128 in its hall at the Clara Mill. The members of Pocahontas Tribe No. 19 were present as special guests. The meeting was in the nature of a rally to celebrate the unusual success which this order has enjoyed in Gastonia during the past year. The Clarasahknow Tribe has a membership of 235 while Pocahontas Tribe has near 60.

A feature of the evening was a presentation of a gold Elgin watch to Mr. R. P. Parker, sachem of Clarasahknow. It being a token of the appreciation of his services by his fellow members of the order; and the presentation to Mrs. Ila Parker, of Pocahontas Tribe No. 19, of a gold ring bearing the insignia of the tribe, this being a present from her sisters in the order.

A number of addresses were made, the principal speakers being Messrs. J. G. and Carl Carpenter, D. P. Dellinger, W. N. Davis, G. H. Marvyn and E. E. Witherspoon.

The past year has been a great one with the Red Men in Gastonia and they are planning for even larger things during the coming year.

Heir Loom 194 Years Old.

Bessemer City Journal.
Mr. C. I. Pennington has in his possession a shovel that was used by his great grandfather in the year 1720. The shovel is in good condition with the exception of a little rust that has accumulated on it. It has been kept in the family as an heir loom, and is handed down as each generation passes. The shovel is about three feet in length. It has not been used since the year 1907.

UNIVERSITY ALUMNI

THEY HOLD BANQUET AND ORGANIZE

Graduates and Old Students of State University Gather at Falls House for Good Time and Organize Permanent County Organization for Gaston—Prof. Stacy Made Principal Address, Speaking of University's Obligations to the State.

On of the most enjoyable events of the Christmas holiday season was the banquet of the Gaston county alumni of the University of North Carolina held Tuesday night at the Falls House. There were present about 50 alumni and old students of the University, most of them residents of the county. A number of alumni living in the county were absent, being kept away by other engagements. Mr. A. G. Mangum acted as toastmaster and discharged the duties of that position in a most pleasing manner. The event was important and the spirit of friendship and comradeship which binds the University's sons together was manifested by the hearty handshakes, the songs, the laughter and the humor that prevailed around the festal board.

Singing "Hail to U. N. C." and "Were far from home" as they stood around the tables immediately after entering the banquet hall, the banquet's made the welcome ring with songs that carried them back to "the hill" and to happy college days of yore.

Toastmaster Mangum introduced Mr. John G. Carpenter of the local bar who delivered the address of welcome. He heartily did his utmost to give the visiting alumni from other parts of the county and a few from other counties. The next response was by Mr. Geo. E. Mason, the youngest member of the local bar and only recently graduated from the University. Mr. Mason's subject was "Athletics at Carolina" and he spoke briefly of athletics in the past and took a hopeful glance into the future. He referred very feelingly to Carolina's fight put up against her old rival, Virginia, at Richmond on Thanksgiving day. It made the hearts of many Carolina men glad to see their old University's team score against Virginia for the first time in eight years.

Mr. A. H. Woltz, also of the local bar, who was on the program for a response under the subject "Obligations to the University" was out of the city and that number was performed by the omitted.

The next speaker, whose address was the principal one of the evening, was Prof. M. H. Stacy, acting dean of the University, who took as his subject "The Obligations of the University to the State." The address was altogether in a serious vein but was heard with intense interest by all present. Comparing the old and new ideas of what a university should be, the speaker dwelt briefly on the modern idea of the ideal university as first pronounced by Ezra Cornell, founder of the institution in New York state which bears his name. The old idea of a university was that of an institution where the chosen few, sons of the rich if you please, gathered for the purpose of fitting themselves for one of four leading professions, namely, medicine, law, the ministry or teaching. As opposed to that idea, the modern notion of a real or ideal university is that it is a place where any man could find instruction in any line of study or work that he might wish to pursue. The ideal university must not only furnish thorough and efficient instruction on the campus but must make its influence felt in every look and corner of the State. This the University of North Carolina is going through its extension work recently inaugurated. Though primarily interested in the welfare and advancement of its active students, its main object is after all to make good citizens for the commonwealth in every way possible. Cornell's idea, a pioneer one and a landmark in university history in this country, did not present the complete ideal university. It is not all that the University should have an efficient corps of teachers and that the students should have ideals placed constantly before them. To be ideal it must extend its influence to every section of the State. That is what the University of North Carolina is seeking to do.

Discussing practically how the matter stands with the University of North Carolina the speaker recalled the fact that this institution has passed through wonderful transitions during the past fifteen years. In the first place a number of new buildings have been erected. Then a large increase has been made in the teaching force. The new department of education has been added. The university library has been transplanted into nearly every county in the state through the valuable work of the librarian, Dr. L. R. Wilson. The institution has seen this new era of progress and prosperity largely through the work and influence of the alumni.

One of the best things that the University has done, said the speaker, was when it organized the literary societies of the high schools of the State into a debater's union. The credit for this innovation, said Prof. Stacy, was due Mr. E. Ralph Rankin, a Gastonia boy who graduated at

NEWS OF THE COUNTY

LATEST FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

Newspaper Letters from Gazette Correspondents Here and There Cover Good Old Gaston—What Our Neighbors Are Doing in the Various Sections of the County—Personal Mention of People You Know and Some You Don't Know.

IRON STATION NEWS.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
IRON STATION, Jan. 1.—Mrs. R. C. Goode and children, of Lincolnton, spent Saturday and Sunday with friends here.

Misses Hattie and Flossie Armstrong entertained their Sunday school classes last Saturday night. All present reported a pleasant time. Mr. Henry Dellinger, of Abbeville, S. C., is visiting his brother, Mr. Calvin Dellinger.

Misses Minnie and Bessie Friday, of Charlotte, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Lewis, of Mt. Holly, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Long, of Mt. Airy, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed. McGee, of Lincolnton, spent the holiday with Mrs. Fannie Long.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris and children, of Concord, and Miss Letta Heiderman, of Mount Holly, spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Lohr, of History, and Prof. and Mrs. C. E. Beam, of Gastonia, have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Stroup.

Christmas eve, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Bynum, Miss Alice Bynum was happily married to Mr. Adam Whisman, of Maiden. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Robinson, the bride's pastor, in the presence of a few relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Whisman will make their home at Maiden.

Mr. Fred Avery and Miss Mary Gates, of High Shoals, were married by Esquire D. A. Troutman in his office Christmas evening. We wish for these young people a happy wedded life.

We wish The Gazette and its many readers a happy New Year.

Child Burned.

Cherryville Eagle, 1st.
Little Milo, the two-year-old child of Dr. and Mrs. M. E. Hoffman, was right badly burned Tuesday evening. The child with an older brother was in the house alone when the older brother came running out screaming to his mother who was nearby. When Mrs. Hoffman entered the room she found the little child standing at the window with its clothes in a blaze which she quickly extinguished. The little fellow was resting well this morning and it is hoped that the burns are not serious.

James L. Bolejack, aged 60 years, shot and instantly killed his wife yesterday morning at their home on North Brevard street, Charlotte. The deed was committed while Bolejack was crazed from alcohol. He had been drinking lemon extract, which is said to be 90 per cent alcohol. There were three eye-witnesses to the tragedy. Until recently Bolejack was employed as salesman by a Charlotte furniture house. He made no effort to escape and was locked up.

The University last year and who is now secretary of the union as well as business manager of the Alumni Review. The speaker paid Mr. Rankin a very high tribute, stating that this debating union is now one of the finest things in the educational line in the State. He mentioned other student activities which have developed, he said, as results of self-government in the student body.

There are three agencies through which the University must do its work, said the speaker, namely: The board of trustees, the faculty and the alumni. He closed his address with an appeal to the alumni living in Gaston county to keep the interests of the institution close to their hearts and do everything they could to advance its interests and make it more useful than ever to the State.

Following Prof. Stacy's address a permanent organization known as the Gaston County Alumni Association of the University of North Carolina was perfected with Mr. A. G. Mangum as president, Mr. George B. Mason as vice-president and Mr. E. R. Rankin as secretary and treasurer. It was decided to meet next meeting during the next Christmas holidays. The matter of having the University Glee Club in Gastonia during its tour of the State next Spring was taken up and as a result it is likely that Gastonians will have the pleasure of a visit from that aggregation of musicians before long.

Following is a list of those present: A. G. Mangum, M. H. Stacy, J. G. Carpenter, Carl Carpenter, G. B. Mason, E. C. Adams, Carl Finger, J. Robert Craig, C. N. Smith, Will Wetzell, Fred Wetzell, Leslie Reid, W. K. Reid, Ralph Patrick, O. P. Rhyne, E. R. Rankin, D. P. Dellinger, Thad Clinton, Roland Clinton, Oscar Shannon, of Gastonia; J. H. Workman, Joe Nixon, Horace Sisk, of Cherryville; Floyd Whitney, J. H. Ramseur, R. H. Rowe, R. H. Garren, of Bessemer City; J. W. Reid, P. P. Murphy, Lowell; Ed C. Ray, Mr. Aglenville; C. P. Hoke, of Lenoir; E. E. Witherspoon, representing The Progress, and J. W. Atkins, representing The Gazette.