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NO. 23.

State Board of Directors of Travelers Protective Association Leartily Endorses Efforts of Chamber of Commerce to Have Southern Railway Stop All Its Passenger Trains Here -The Resolutions-Fight Will Be

Secretary Lloyd of the Chamber of Commerce has received from the secretary of the State board of directors of the Travelers Projective Association, one of the two large organithe resolutions adopted by the board a few days ago endorsing the chamber's efforts to have the couthern Railway stop all its passenger trains

Following is the resolution: Whereas, The Chamber of Commerce, of the City of Gastonia, is endeavoring to have the conthern Railway Company to make the City of Gastonia a regular and permanent stopping place for an passenger trains passing through the city, and believing that the convenience' of the traveling men and the traveling public in general and the importance of the city justify such action on the part of the Southern Railway Co.

Therefore be it Resolved, That the State Baord of Directors of the Trav- | side. Protective Association of North Carolina Division do hereby endorse the action of the Chamber of Commerce of Gastonia, and that Southern Railway Company that such action be taken, and that our officers be authorized to co-operate with the officers of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce to bring about such results.

As previously noted in The Gazette the Chamber of Commerce has taken this matter up with the officials of the road. As yet very littre satisfaction has been obtained from the road but the chamber does not expect to let up one jot or tittle in the fight which it is waging to secure justice for Gastoma in this matter. With the traveling public and more especially with the commercial travelers, who constitute no small percentage of the traveling public, the fact that Gastonia has always heretofore been only a "flag stop" for the fast trains on the Southern has been a joke. Gastonia furnishes the Southern more passengers and freight business than any other town between salisbury and Atlanta with the exception of Charlotte, Spartanburg and Greenville, yet even Nos. 37 and 38 will not stop unless for sooth one is going beyond Washington, north, or beyond Atlanta, south. In those events Gastonia is a "flag station."

MISS MARGARET CARSON

Aged Lady of Pisgah Neighborhood Passed Away Tuesday Night--Funeral and Burial at Pisgah Church Wednesday Afternoon.

Miss Margaret Elizabeth Carson, a well known and highly esteemed lady of the Pisgah neighborhood, died Tuesday night at 7 o'clock at the Carson homestead, where she | the nature of the crimes, the amount made her home with the family of her nephew, Mr. J. R. Carson. Miss Carson suffered a slight stroke of paralysis about one year ago, since which time she has been in rather feeble health. About a week before her death she suffered a second and very severe stroke, which resulted in her death Tuesday night, at the age of 73 years and two months. Miss Carson was the last of her immediate family, one brother, Mr. James Carson, having died of smallpox during the Civil War, and two other brothers, Messrs. J. B. and R. W. Carson, having died during the past few years.

Deceased was a daughter of the late James Carson, and was born in the same neighborhood in which she died on January 6, 1841. She had been an active member of Pisgah As-Presbyterian Reformed church since early life, having been a member under the pastorate of the late Dr. E. E. Boyce for 44 years, of Dr. J. C. Galloway for eight years. and during the pasterate of the present pastor, Rev. A. T. Lindsay.

Funeral services, which were conducted at Pisgah church Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. A. T. Lindsay, were attended by a large concourse of relatives and friends who had gathered to pay their tribute of respect to the deceased, who was greatly beloved by all who knew her for her splendid Christian character. Following the furferal service the body was laid to rest in the Pisgah cemetery.

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THERE ARE SOME SPECIAL BARGAINS ADVERTISED THERE

TO HAVE ALL SOUTHERN TRAINS STOP DAVIDSON AND TRINITY MEET HERE THE MOVEMENTS OF GASTON PEOPLE

Baseball Nines of State's Two Leading Colleges to Meet on Loray Park Field Next Tuesday Afternoon-Two Gastonia Boys on Trinity Team-Both Teams in Good Condition-Trinity Coach

Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock the baseball teams of Trinity and Davidson Codeges will cross tats on the diamond at the Loray Park and Gastonia lans are promised a zations of traveling men, a copy or | number one exhibition of the national game. Mr. Francis A. Whitesides, who is a member of the senior class at Trinity College, has been here for Point section, was a business visitor several days past advertising the approaching game and putting things in readiness for the event. Numer- Superior Court, attended the funeral ous pennants of the two colleges a- of Mr. Joseph L. Spratt at Cherrydorn the show windows of many business houses as do also large placards advertising the game. Seats are on sale at Torrence's drug store; the admission will be 50 cents.

Mr. T. T. Spence, of Goldsboro, is captain of the Trinity team and Mr H. B. Gaston, of Lowell, this county, 'As manager. Mr. Z. V. Roberson, of Durham, is manager of the Davidson team. Two Gastonia boys will be in the game, both on the Trinity They are Mr. Edgar McLean and Mr. John Durham, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Durham. McLean's place is behind the bat while Durham plays third. Trinity's battery is Kantpe we join them in the request of the and McLean. The last named is doing duty as catcher on the Trinity team for the third year and Durham promises to make one of the best third basemen Trinity has had for some time.

it is said, have Both teams. shown up well in all the games played this season up to date and next Tuesday's game here promises to be a close one. The Trinity team, says Mr. Whitesides, has more than doubled the score in every college game played this season to date. Dr. Adkins. Trinity's coach, will be with his boys and it is reported that Mr. C. D. West. Trinity's umpire this scason, will umpire the game.

MUNICIPAL COURT.

Nearly One Thousand Cases Tried During First Twelve Months-To-Nearly \$4,000.

Below is given the report submitted to Mayor Armstrong by Judge A. C. Jones and City Solicitor A. L. Bulwinkle of the Municipal Court giving the statistics covering the first twelve months of the court which ended March 3rd. This will prove of considerable interest to Gastonians as it will enable them to see inst what the court is doing.

Following is the report:

Gastonia, N. C., March 9, 1914. To the Hon. C. B. Armstrong, Mayor, and the Board of Aldermen of the City of Gastonia:

We, the undersigned, respectfully submit the following report, showing the number of cases disposed of, of fines and costs collected, and the road sentences imposed in the Municipal Court for the year ending Tuesday, March 3, 1914, viz: Nature of cases

VIOLATIONS OF STATE LAWS. Homicide 1, rape 1, robbery 4, forgery 3, embezzlement 1, perjury abduction 1, seduction 1, larceny , false pretense 10, fornication and adultery 3, bastardy 3, keeping house of ill fame 1, abandonment 3, slander 1, gambling 27, carrying the fact that new ones are going up concealed weapons 20, retailing cocaine 10, retailing liquor 27, keeping liquor for sale 2, resisting arrest 2, affrays (with and without deadly weapons) 144, assaults (with and without deadly weapons) 114, disposing of mortgaged property removing crops 1, beating board 7 trespass (forcible and prohibitive) 16, disturbing public worship 3, cruelty to animals 4, injury to personal property 3, vagrancy 14, stealing ride on trains 16, total 482. 2. VIOLATIONS OF CITY ORDI-

NANCES. Disorderly conduct 127, public drunkenness 280, begging without permission 2, riding on sidewalks 14, exceeding speed limit 11, driving machines without lights 4, fast and reckless driving 13, driving on fire hose 2, peddling without license 3, failure to muzzle dogs 20, discharg-

ing fire arms 12, total 484. Total number of cases 966. Number of convictions 837. Number of acquitals 77.

Number nol prossed 52. Judgment was suspended absolutely in 19 cases of those convicted. In some cases judgment was suspended on less amounts than the full

Total amount of costs collected in all cases \$3,965.00; amount collected from Gaston County \$300: total amount paid City Treasurer \$4,265; total amount of fines collected \$2,-

Total amount of road sentences imposed by the court (this does not include the cases tried in the Superior Court) 248 months and 26 days. Respectfully submitted,

A. C. JONES.

A. L. BULWINKLE, Prosecuting Attorney.

Personal Items About Gaston Folks and Their Friends - Short Items About People and Things That Are of Interest to Gazette Read-

- County Commencement Day. Here's hoping the weather will

-Don't forget to put that slogan

in the big box. Principal John James, of the Bessemer ('ity graded schools, was a

Gastonia visitor yesterday. Secretary A. O. Lloyd of the Chamber of Commerce is a business

visitor to Charlotte today. Mr. R. F. Ratchford, of the in Gastonia yesterday.

- Mr. C. C. Cornwell, clerk of the ville Wednesday. Rev. A. R. Beck, pastor of the

Dallas Lutheran church, will preach next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at the Chapel Lutheran church. Mr. W. L. Horne, of Mt. Gilead. was the guest Saturday and Sunday

of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Whitfield. Mr. Horne is Mrs. Whitfield's brother. -Miss Elizabeth Huffstetler, of the Union neighborhood, was the guest this week of Miss Lettle

Miss Tessie Hastings, of Bessemer ('ity, was the guest this week of Miss Lettie Starnes at her home on

Willow street. Mrs. J. Linwood Robinson, of Lowell, spent Monday in the city as the guest of her parents. Mr. and

-Mr. W. L. Pursley has accepted a position with the Swan-Slater Co. succeeding his brother, Mr. H. M.

-Mrs. J. M. Manor and daughters Mrs. Ellie Roberts and Mrs. II. R. Cain, spent Wednesday in Dallas as the guests of Mrs. Manor's daughter, Mrs. Joe Burgin.

-At the Lumina today the program includes "A Romance of the Hills," a western drama, "Sacrifica" Vitagraph special, and "Hilda or Heron Cove," a Selig romance.

Mrs. W. J. Whisnant and little daughter, Evelyn, of Burnsville, arrived in the city this morning on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Woltz. tal Amount of Costs Collected Mrs. Whisnant is Mrs. Woltz' sister.

Mrs. Julia Johnson and Mrs. W. Walker left yesterday afternoon for Maiden to attend the Bible and Mission Institute of the South Fork Baptist Association.

-Mr. J. Pollard Kirven, Jr., of Darlington, S. C., is expected to arrive in the city tomorrow on a visit to his sister, Mrs. J. Holland Morrow.

-A card from Dr. W. H. Hoffman, who has been spending the winter at Miami, Fla., states that he will go next week to Fayetteville, N , to spend some time with his son-in-law, Mr. W. E. Kindley.

Misses Lavinia Hunter and Netlie Rose Sloan, students in Converse College, Spartanburg, S. C., arrived in the city yesterday to spend the Spring holidays with their parents here.

-Mr Evon L. Houser, formerly of Dallas, has moved to Cherryville, where he is agent for the Home insurance & Realty Company, a new organization recently formed in Cherryville.

-Houses are about the scarcest things in town at the present. People coming to town find it impossible to get houses, notwithstanding

-The Ideal Theatre today presents "The Heart of Carita," a Meyican drama, "Testing Bill's Courage." Imp comedy, and "The Weaker Stater" as played by Lois Webber and Phillip Smalley.

-Mrs. A. B. O'Neil and daughter. Mrs. Mary Neel, of McKeesport, Pa., have returned to Gastonia after spending a couple of weeks in Florida and will leave the first of next week for home. They are guests of Mrs. O'Neil's son, Mr. A. B. O'Neil.

-Rev. W. C. Barrett, pastor of the First Baptist church, and Rev. J. J. Beach, pastor of the East Gastonia Baptist church, left Wednesday afternoon for Maiden to attend the Bible Institute which is in session there this week.

-Mr. J. S. Whitfield returned Sun day from Gough. Ga., where he conducted a successful special sale for large mercantile establishment. Since January 8th Mr. Whitfield has conducted sales in Atlanta, Lexington, S. C., and several other towns in South Carolina and Georgia.

-An entertainment will be given tonight at 8 o'clock by the pupils of Tanyard school, of which Miss Pearl Dickson is teacher. A program of songs, resitations and dialogues will be rendered. There will be no charge for admission and the public is cor-

dially invited. -Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Ratchford, an account of whose marriage is givguests of Mr. Ratchford's parents,

T. P. A. ENDORSES MOVE COLLEGE GAME TUESDAY SHORT LOCAL ITEM 5 THE COUNTY'S FIRST COMMENCEMENT TO-MORROW NEWS OF THE COUNTY

GREAT EDUCATIONAL EVENT WILL DRAW THOUSANDS OF SCHOOL CHILDREN HERE LATEST FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

TOMORROW'S PROGRAMME

grounds. Line of march up Oakland street to Main ave-

nue, down south side of Main avenue to York street, back

Main avenue on north side to Oakland street where

Parade starts at 10 o'clock from Central school

Immediately following parade, contests will be held as

Debaters' Contest at court house, Prof. Joe Nixon, of

Reciters' Contest at First Presbyterian church, Rev. J.

Essay, Short-Story and Spelling Contests at Main

Declaimers' Contest in opera house, Prof. J. B. Hen-

Oral Reproduction of Stories Contest in auditorium of

Athletic events on South York street at 2:30 o'clock.

Cherryville, in charge. Address by Rev. W. E. Abernethy,

of Shelby, followed by presentation of Torrence-Morris gold

followed by presentation of David P. Dellinger's gold medal

Street Methodist church, Prof. H. A. Query, of Belmont, in

charge. Address by Rev. J. E. Abernethy, followed by pre-

sentation of gold medal for essay given by The Progress,

gold medal for short story given by The Gazette and gold

son in charge. Address by Mr. S. J. Durham followed by

Central school, Prof. J. S. Wray in charge. Address by

A. E. Woltz, followed by presentation of gold medal given

presentation of gold medal given by Mr. S. N. Boyce.

medal for spelling given by Prof. F. P. Hall.

Gaston County's First General Public School Commencement Will be Held To-morrow in Gastonia-Five to Seven Thousand School Children Expected - Along with Three or Four Thousand Parents and Friends - Monster Parade Led by Junior Order a Feature-Seven Gold Medals to be Awarded -The Program Showing Where the Various Events Will Take

To-morrow, Saturday, March 28, 1914, will doubtless be a day long remembered in Gaston for on that day will be held the first county commencement of the public schools. If weather conditions are good it is believed that 10,000 people, including something like 6,000 school children, will be on hand either as participants in the events or as spectators. There are enrolled in the county between 9,000 and 10,-000 school pupils.

Preparations for this beig event have been going on for some time under the general supervision of County Superintendent of Schools F. P. Hall, who has had the hearty and Presbyterian church this week but

marchers will break ranks.

H. Henderlite in charge.. Address

may deposit them to-morrow. It is hoped by the Chamber of Commerce that several thousand suggestions will be sumitted as it is desired to get a slogan that will fill the bill to

Editor Joe Patton, of The Charlotte News, is acting as judge in the short story contest and Editor Julian Miller, of the Charlotte Evening Chronicle, is judging the essays.

TO PUBLISH PAPER.

Students of Davidson College Will Get Out Weekly Publication -Baseball Season Now in Full Swing.

'orrespondence of The Gazette. DAVIDSON, March 26 .- The student body of Davidson College recently decided to issue a weekly newspaper. The name of the new publication will be "The Davidson-

ian" and it will be issued weekly. Mr. F. W. Price, of China, has been elected editor-in-chief, and Mr. P. D. Patrick, of Greenville, S. C., business manager. Dr. W. M. Vines, pastor of the

First Baptist church of Charlotte, delivered a strong address before the Y. M. C. A. last week on the subject, "The Force of Habit."

Rev. J. H. Pressley, of Statesville, was to have conducted a series of revival services in the Davidson

Newsy Letters from Gazette Correc pondents Here and There Over Good Old Gaston-What Our Neighbors Are Doing in the Varions Sections of the County-Personal Mention of People You Know and Some You Don't Know.

THREE DEATHS.

Grim Reaper Busy in the Cherryville Section-Mrs. Benajah Black, Mrs. Sarah J. Heavner and Mr. J. L. Spratt Died During Past Week.

Correspondence of The Gazette. CHERRYVILLE, March 26 .- Mr. Joseph L. Spratt, one of the best known citizens of the Bethlehem section, died suddenly at his home Tuesday morning, being found dead at his barn. Mr. Spratt was 69 years of age and is survived by his widow, who was before her marriage Miss Margaret Sullivan, and four daughters, Mrs. Z. V. Harrelson, Mrs. W. C. Connor, Mrs. C. L. Eaker and Mrs. A. L. Wilson. Mr. Spratt served in the Confederate army as a member of Company K, 49th N. C. Regiment. Funeral services were conducted at Bethlehem church Wednesday at 11 o'clock by Rev. W. T. Usry, of Cherryville.

Mrs. Annie E. Black, wife of Mr. Benajah Black died last Friday, aged 78 years. Funeral services were conducted Saturday by her pastor, Rev. B. D. Wessinger, followed by interment in the family graveyard. Mrs. Black is survived by her husband, who is 87 years of age, and the following children: Mrs. Chas. McNeely, Mrs. M. F. Payseur, of Bessemer City, route two, and Messrs. Lee, F. S. and Ben Black, of Cherryville. Mrs. Black was a faithful member of St. Mark's Lutheran church and had been an invalid for the past 30 years.

Mrs. Sarah J. Heavner, wife of Mr. W. D. Heavner, died suddenly at the Lincolnton hospital Monday afternoon. Mrs. Heavner had only recently returned from a stay of several months in Florida, and had gone to the hospital upon the advice of her physician for treatment. Though her health had been poor for some time she was not thought to be in a serious condition. She is survived by her husband and eight children. Funeral services were conducted Thursday by Rev. B. D. Wessinger, and the remains were laid to rest the city cemetery.

Hickory Grove News.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
HICKORY GROVE, March 26. -Mr. and Mrs. Haskel Davis, of Bessemer City, spent last week with her

brother, Mr. Burt Clark. Miss Annie Reep and Miss Vera Carpenter spent Sunday with Mrs. Martin Carpenter.

Misses Kathleen and Fay Belle Howey spent Sunday with Miss Lucy Mrs. Norah Rayfield spent Mon-

day with Mrs. J. L. Whitesides. Mrs. Etta Taylor spent last week with her aunt, Mrs. D. R. VanDyke, at Cherryville.

Miss Ocie Clark spent Sunday with Miss Bryte Farris. Mr. Herbert Carpenter made a

business trip to Cherryville Monday. Mrs. J. P. Allen has been quite ill, but we are glad to know that she is somewhat improved. Mr. Henry Hasten is seriously ill

The little daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. J. L. Whitesides has been ill with pneumonia, but is somewhat improved. Mrs. Bessie Carpenter is very sick

at the present time. Mr. C. H. Blackburn gave the

young people of this section a singing Saturday night. The little daughter of Mr. Charles

Reep is very ill with pneumonia. Mr. Sylvanus Clark made a business trip to Dallas Monday.

An Interesting Personage. One of the most interesting per-

onages connected with the carnival showing here this week is Mr. I. Benyakai, who is traffic manager of he Barkoot shows, of which the Tropical Amusement Company is a part. Mr. Benyakai is a nativa I gyptian, having been born in Cairo, Fgypt. He is the only Egyptian Shriner in America. He speaks seven languages fluently and is a most interesting talker. During the 20 years or more that he has been in inis country he has met and become ocquainted with mans public men. He prizes very highly a liter he reeived from the late President Mc-Kinley when the latter was chief executive of Ohio. Another letter he prizes highly is one from Carter H. Harrison, mayor of Chicago, He has besides these many letters of commendation from prominent men in 'arious parts of the United States. Mr. Benyakai has two children, Miss California Benyakai, a most charming young lady, who is here with him, and one son, Mr. McKinley Benyakai. As an entertainer Mr. Benyakai is most interesting. His fund of humor is almost inexhaustible. He carries a smile with him at all times. While here he has made numerous friends. When application was made to the city for permission to show here this week the contest, Louisa Reid: in spelling, mayor remarked that "if it wasn't

wouldn't let them come."

enthusiastic support and co-operation of 150 or more public school teachers. In every township in the county preliminary contests have been held during the past week or two for the purpose of selecting representatives for the final contests to be held here. Seven gold medals have been offered and will be awarded to-morrow. They are for debate, recitation, declamation, essay, short story, spelling and oral reproduction of story. In the program as published elsewhere on this page will he found the details with reference to the holding of these contests. In the afternoon the athletic events will take place on South York street. If the weather permits a monster

by H. M. VanSleen.

parade will be a feature of the day. It will be headed by the Junior Order United American Mechanics in a hody led by the High Shoals Band and following, in alphabetical order, will be the pupils from all the schools in the county. Superintendent Hall, the principa's

of the high schools, members of the county school board and public school teachers will participate in the parade also. As announced in Tuesday's Gazette

the P. & N. will give special rates from Mount Hilly and intermediate stations to and from Gastonia on the cars leaving Charlotte Saturday morning at 8.15 and 9:15,

Another interesting feature of the day, aside from the commencement exercises, will be the contest maugurated by the Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of obtaining an appropriate slogan for Gastonia. reward of \$10 in gold has been orfered to the public school pupil who suggests the slogan which a comen in another column, were the mittee shall decide upon as the best for practical purposes in advertis-Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Ratchford, Weding the city. Already several hun-nesday night and Thursday. They dred suggested slogans have been releft last night for their home in Sa- ceived by Secretary Lloyd of the vannah, Ga. They were accompan- chamber through the mail. A large ied by Mr. Edgar Batchford and Miss ballot box will be provided on the Wilkins, of Savannah, who were public square where the children who Prue Crowder; in essay, Louisa for the gray-headed Egyptian we mong the attendants at the wedding, have not sent in their suggestions

was prevented from being present on account of the illness and death of his mother. In his stead Rev. Mr, Wilson, of Mooresville, is conducting the services. President Martin left Monday for a 10-day visit to Washington, New

York and other points on business connected with the college. Mr. Frank Jackson is back in his office again after having been con-

fined to his room for a week or more with the mumps. The baseball season is now in full

swing. Davidson defeated Catawba College Monday 8 to 1 and was defeated this afternoon by Oak Ridge 2 to 0 in an eleven-inning struggle. Osteen for Davidson pitched a hitless game against Oak Ridge until the tenth inning when two or three hits and an error put Oak Ridge across for the winning scores. Davidson has 20 games on her schedule this spring including three games each with Wake Forest and Trinity.

The second debate in the series with Wake Forest will be held at Winston-Salem Easter Monday.

-Rock Hill Herald, 26th: Miss Ollie Moss, of Gastonia, N. C., is the guest of Mrs. M. M. Kendrick, on Moore street.

-Marion Progress: Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Thompson, of Hickory, are visiting their son, Rev. L. D. Thomp-

-The library notes and one or two communications which had been put in type for this issue are crowded out for lack of space and will be published next Tuesday.

Township Winners.

In the preliminary contests held this week to determine who should be representatives of Gastonia township in the county contests tomorrow the following were the winners: In declamation, Ernest Warren: in recitation, Louisa Reid; in debate, Judson Shannon; in short stotry