

# MONDAY, APRIL 13TH, 1914

Is Clean-Up Day In Gastonia. Clean Up Your Premises Thoroughly And Help Make Gastonia A Clean And Heathful Town.

## GASTONIA IS TO HAVE A MODERN NEW HOTEL

OLD FALLS HOUSE, BOUGHT BY LOCAL MEN, TO BE TORN DOWN AT AN EARLY DATE

Col. C. B. Armstrong and Mr. R. B. Babington Buy Falls House from Mrs. Clinard—Will Probably Organize a Stock Company at Once, Tear Down the Old Structure and Erect a Handsome Modern Hotel on the Site—A Dream of Years to Be Realized at Last.

Gastonia is to have a new hotel. It is to be new from the ground up, handsome in appearance, modern in design and equipment and centrally located. This news will be welcomed with loud acclaim by the entire town and by the traveling public.

A deal has just been consummated whereby Mayor C. B. Armstrong and Mr. R. B. Babington have become owners of the old Falls House property on Airline avenue, almost opposite the passenger station, having purchased the same from Mrs. Lucie Montague Clinard through her attorney and agent, Mr. J. E. Cosby. The price paid was \$20,000.

It is stated, on reliable authority, that these gentlemen expect to organize a company, composed principally if not entirely of local business men, and build in the very near future a handsome 40 or 50 room hotel to cost \$60,000 to \$75,000. It will be convenient and modern in all its equipment and will be a hostelry of which Gastonia can be proud. The probability is that some definite information as to the plans of the owners along this line will be made public within the next few days.

The Falls House was built nearly 30 years ago by the late J. Laban Falls. Worked in the slate on the mansard roof at the front is the date December 21, 1885, which is probably the date of the completion of the building. It is a three-story brick structure and has an annex built about 10 years ago. The property fronts 106 feet on Airline avenue and runs through the block to Long avenue, a distance of 200 feet. At the back it has a width of 118 feet. Some five or six years ago the heirs of the late J. Laban Falls sold this property to Mr. J. E. Montague, of Hickory, for \$18,000, and Mr. Montague operated it until his death a couple of years ago. He left the property to his only daughter, Mrs. Clinard.

Gastonia's greatest need for the past several years has been a modern hotel. Because she has not had one the town has been "cursed" by the traveling public wherever they went. As a result Gastonia has received an enormous amount of very unwelcome advertising. This condition is now to be remedied. The town is to have a first-class hotel and the opinion expressed on all sides is that it would be a paying proposition.

**Library Hours Changed.**  
The library committee requests announcement of a change in the hours during which the public library is open. Beginning last Wednesday, April 8, the library will be open from 9:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m. and from 3:30 to 6:30 p. m. every week day until further notice.

### TEN-YEAR-OLD HERO.

Rocky Mount Lad Saves Little Brother and Sister from Probable Death in Runaway.

The following story of the unusual heroism of a ten-year-old boy is taken from the Rocky Mount correspondence of Wednesday's Greensboro News:

By a display of foresight and coolness in a moment of grave danger, young Mark Ruffin, the 10-year-old son of Paul Ruffin, of Nash county, probably saved his one-year-old sister and a five-year-old brother and himself from fatal injury, if not death, Sunday.

The youth, with his sister and brother, was in a buggy drawn by a fiery horse, when from some cause a break in the harness occurred, and the horse started to run. The 10-year-old youth crowded brother and sister lengthwise across the seat and sat on top of them, as this was the only possible way they could have been held in the buggy as it swayed from one side of the road to the other. The youth, appearing in no way dismayed at his perilous position, and not in the least affected by the shouts to him, stuck to the reins and astride of his human seat, and held the horse in the road until it was finally stopped after a mad run of more than three miles.

It costs nothing to enter your name for the solid gold ring on display in our East Window. Inquire at our Jewelry Store. Torrence-Morris Co.

The Southern Railway Company has just contracted for 60 locomotives, 54 all-steel passenger cars and 4,077 freight cars. Five million dollars in equipment trust notes has been issued to finance this additional equipment.

Torrence-Morris Co., Jewelers, are going to give some boy or girl under twelve years of age a solid gold ring Monday. Look up their advertisement on local page.

Mrs. George W. Vanderbilt and daughter, Miss Cornelia, arrived Sunday at Biltmore house, this being the first visit they have paid their country estate since the death of Mr. Vanderbilt some weeks ago.

In Tuesday's municipal election in Milwaukee, Wis., Emil Sidel, Socialist Democrat, was defeated for mayor by the incumbent, Mayor G. A. Bading, a non-partisan.

### Have you seen Oakwood Park?

Mr. Woltz Speech.

In its account of the Caldwell county commencement held at Lenoir last Friday, Tuesday's Lenoir News says:

Mr. A. E. Woltz, of Gastonia, one of the leading speakers, made a forceful address on the "Advancement of Education in Caldwell." His speech was heard with much interest and was delivered in clear and eloquent language.

## DIXON FOR THE SENATE

A POPULAR YOUNG GASTONIAN IS OUT

Mr. Arthur M. Dixon, Superintendent of Trenton Cotton Mills, Enters Race for State Senate—Was Prominent in Fight for Just Freight Rates—Has Served as City Councilman and Precinct Chairman—Has Strong Support and Expects to Win.

The announcement yesterday afternoon by Mr. Arthur M. Dixon that he would make the race for the Democratic nomination for the State senate in the approaching county primaries added impetus to the local political situation and served to stimulate interest in the legislative contest. Mr. Dixon decided to run for this office only after being strongly urged by a large number of friends from all sections of the county who believe that he is the logical man to make the race for the Senate at this time. He is opposing Mr. David P. Dellinger, who recently entered the lists for this position.

Though only 32 years of age Mr. Dixon has for quite a while been closely identified with the political and public life of the county. He served four years, prior to last May, as city councilman from his ward and is now precinct chairman of the Democratic county executive committee.

During the last General Assembly, when the entire State was stirred as never before on the subject of securing just freight rates for North Carolina, Gaston county organized a county branch of the North Carolina Just Freight Rate Association and Mr. Dixon was one of its leading and most active members. As one of the prime movers he joined in the work of soliciting members for the association and in many other ways aided in the fight.

Mr. Dixon is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Dixon and is superintendent of the Trenton Cotton Mills, in which capacity he has demonstrated his unusual business ability. He was educated at the University of Georgia at Athens, Ga., and the A. and M. College at Raleigh.

Now that he has entered the arena Mr. Dixon says he is in to win and his hosts of friends over the county are unanimous in their belief that he will carry the county by a handsome majority.

### Have you seen Oakwood Park?

The following from Wednesday's Charlotte Observer will be of interest to many Gastonians as Miss Cooper, who is related to the Gallant family, has visited here frequently: "Miss Hattie Cooper, who has been in charge of the Sub. Postoffice at the Tryon Drug Store for the past six years, is confined to the Presbyterian Hospital suffering with a nervous breakdown. Miss Cooper has a wide circle of friends who wish for her a speedy restoration to health. Miss Annie Henderson has charge of the Postoffice during Miss Cooper's illness."

## PRIMARIES MAY 16TH

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MAKES RULES

Democratic Executive Committee Met Here Yesterday and Completed Plans for County Primaries and Convention—Poll Holders Selected—Primaries to Be Held May 16 and Convention on May 23rd—The Rules and Regulations.

The Democratic County Executive Committee met in the court house yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, a majority of the 23 precinct committeemen being present and Col. T. L. Craig, county chairman, presiding.

The date set for the holding of the county primaries was Saturday, May 16th, between the hours of 12 noon and 6 p. m., this being the same date set for the State and congressional primaries. The precinct committeemen are to meet at the court house on Monday, the 13th, to canvass the vote and to see if a second primary is necessary for any of the offices. Should a second primary be necessary it will be held on May 23rd, the same poll holders, hours and rules and regulations obtaining as were adopted for the first primary.

The county convention will be held on May 30th at 2 o'clock p. m. in the court house.

Following is a list of the poll-holders selected:

- Mountain Island: A. M. Henderson, Max Reep, Ira Davenport.
- South Point: T. T. Craig, A. L. Guy, T. L. Allison.
- Gastonia No. 1: R. M. Johnston, J. M. Kendrick, Marshall Dilling.
- Dillings: J. L. Mauney, C. E. Neisler, Jim Robinson.
- Bessemer City: J. T. Oates, C. A. Mitchell, D. L. Payne.
- Gastonia No. 2: E. H. Rankin, M. H. Shuford, T. A. Hatchford.
- Kiser's: H. S. Sellars, M. C. Arrowood, R. R. Mauney.
- Carpenter's: W. B. Carpenter, Henry Kiser, P. S. Carpenter.
- Cherryville: T. B. Leonhardt, J. H. Trot, J. C. Ballard.
- Baker's: J. R. Carson, S. T. Whitesides, Joe Pearson.
- McAdenville: I. F. Mabry, G. L. Wright, Henry Fisher.
- Alexis: Jake Stowe, Lee Hoover, Jim Stroup.
- Lucia: J. R. Rogers, J. H. Underwood, U. A. Broadway.
- Mount Holly: J. W. Patterson, J. A. Patterson, Noah Finger.
- Stanley: C. F. Smith, B. A. Lineberger, M. C. Kirksey.
- Lowell: R. B. Shields, P. W. Hand, J. M. Gaston.
- Union: W. C. Wilson, W. H. Pursley, R. C. Hatchford.
- Belmont: J. M. Sloan, J. E. Ford, W. A. Leeper, Sr.
- Glenn's: E. Hope Adams, J. A. Crawford, L. H. Jackson.
- Robinson: R. Lee Falls, C. P. Robinson, J. C. Robinson.
- Gastonia No. 3: J. W. Howe, J. W. Aycock, W. V. West.
- Spencer Mountain: W. G. Rhyne, J. R. Dellinger, W. T. Love.

The following rules and regulations were adopted, being the same as adopted by the State with exception of the provision as to the election of precinct committeemen and delegates to the conventions, these to be done in the same manner as heretofore in the county.

The committee adopted the plan which the Democratic Executive Committee provides for the holding of primary elections. The following is a brief outline of the duties of the candidates, poll-holders and electors who participate in the primaries and convention.

At least five days preceding the first primary, any Democrat desiring to become a candidate for any county or legislative office, except township offices, shall signify his intention in writing to the Chairman of the County Democratic Executive Committee; and he shall also deposit a fee of \$50, his pro rata part of the expense of printing and distributing tickets; and every candidate shall also file a pledge with the Chairman that he will abide by the result of the primary election.

Three poll-holders were appointed at each precinct in the county, one of whom shall be the secretary and record the names of all persons voting at any precinct.

The poll-holders shall provide the following boxes to be used in the primary:

Candidates for the State, Congressional and Judicial offices shall be voted for in one box.

Candidates for the General Assembly and all County Offices in one box.

Candidates for all Township offices in one box.

The names of all candidates for

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## \$25,000 BOYS' SCHOOL

IT WILL BE KNOWN AS GASTON HALL

Announced at Chamber of Commerce Meeting Last Night That Rev. A. T. Lindsay Would Build Boys' School at Linwood—Financed Through the Chamber—Will Be Ready by September First—Other Business Transacted by Chamber.

By far the most interesting development at the first quarterly meeting of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce held in the court house last night was the announcement that Rev. A. T. Lindsay had, through the efforts of the Chamber, secured the sum of \$25,000 with which he will erect at once a modern building at Linwood to house a boys' preparatory school. The school is to be known as Gaston Hall. Work on the building, it was announced, would be commenced at an early date and the school would open September 1st, on the 32nd anniversary of the establishment of Linwood College.

Gastonia is to be congratulated on the fact that its Chamber of Commerce secured the location of this school on the Lindsay property, which is only a short distance west of the city. Several other towns, including Mount Holly, Kings Mountain, Charlotte and others, had been making strenuous efforts to secure this institution and had made in writing propositions. President Lindsay did not reach a definite conclusion till late yesterday afternoon. Just before the meeting of the Chamber last night Secretary Lloyd went to Linwood, Dr. D. A. Garrison taking him in his auto, and secured from Mr. Lindsay the definite assurance that the proposition of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce would be accepted and that the school would be located at Linwood. The announcement was greeted with joy by all those present.

Next came the announcement that Gastonia was to have a modern hotel. President Craig, of the Chamber, stated that a definite proposal would be put before the people of the town by Saturday. Thereupon Col. C. B. Armstrong made public the fact that he and Mr. R. B. Babington had purchased the Falls house and expected to build a modern hotel on that site. The news that the town is to have a modern hotel was welcomed with delight. It is hardly probable that two hotels will be built, however.

Reports were heard from the officers and the chairman of several of the committees. Mr. A. C. Jones made a report covering the work of the Chamber up to the time of the election of a secretary and Secretary A. O. Lloyd made a report covering his incumbency up to the end of the first quarter. Treasurer J. M. Holland made his report covering all receipts and expenditures up to date. The auditing committee reported that the books of the chamber had been audited and found correct and in good shape.

### FOR MAY 20TH.

A committee of five, composed of Capt. A. L. Bulwinkle and Messrs. G. L. Marvin, R. B. Babington, E. D. Barlow and J. S. Wray, was appointed to formulate plans for Gastonia's participation in Charlotte's big Twentieth of May celebration. This committee will meet next week and outline plans for that occasion.

**COUNTY TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.**  
Mr. S. N. Boyce, chairman of the county board of education, announced that the county teachers' institute would be held in Gastonia in August. This will bring something like 200 teachers to town for two weeks or more. The matter of making adequate provision for entertaining these teachers will be taken up in ample time by the chamber. Mr. Babington announced that while here the teachers would be given free phone service to their respective homes.

Secretary Lloyd reported that the matter of getting the southern to stop all trains in Gastonia was still under consideration and that nothing of a definite nature was ready to be given out. It is expected that something in this line will be made public shortly. He reported that the additional cars on the Interurban asked for by the chamber had been put on by the officers of that road.

The treasurer's report is crowded out of this issue but will be published Tuesday.

There will be special services at St. Michael's Catholic church, consisting of holy mass, sermon and first holy communion, on Easter Sunday morning at 8:30 o'clock, by the pastor, F. Melchior, O. S. B.

## A SUCCESS, SAYS POE

CONVENTION ALL THAT WAS HOPED FOR

Progressive Meeting at Raleigh, Says Clarence Poe, Exceeded Expectations of the Most Ardent—The Croakers Were Baffled—Prophecies of Evil Fell Flat—Committee to Present Resolutions to State Convention.

The Raleigh correspondent of The Charlotte Observer, under date of yesterday, says:

When asked today regarding the Democratic mass-meeting yesterday, Mr. Clarence Poe said: "It equaled our hopes and surpassed our expectations. Of course with Bryan as speaker 1,000 more people away from Raleigh would have come. That, despite his failure, more than 1,000 of the best Democrats in North Carolina from the mountains to the sea came together at this busy season, with no purpose to help any individual or any faction or any other purpose except to advance issues for the upbuilding of the State that I regard as one of the best signs of progress North Carolina has had."

"And all the prophecies of evil have been confounded. No new faction has been started or even thought of; party differences have been notably diminished instead of accentuated by this common conference of all factions; and no boom for any individual or advantage for any faction has come to anybody's attention. The thought of people all over the State has simply been signally directed to a few big issues—legalized primaries, juster taxation, the Constitutional amendments, child labor legislation, convicts on roads and a revised penal system, direct legislation, rural credits, and definite advances with regard to education, agriculture, health and morals; and this is all that we have ever wished. The meeting has simply put these questions up to the thinking people of the State, and the matter is now with them."

### HAD ITS DANGERS.

"I am very frank to say that after being unexpectedly put on the committee on call, I did see very clearly that there were two sides to the question of the meeting. The idea had its dangers as well as its advantages, and I know that some of the best men in North Carolina—men whom I respect and admire—feared the dangers outweighed the advantages. It is a matter of great gratification to me the men who came, by their loyalty, patriotism and freedom from all factionalism have justified the faith of Craig, Daniels, Glenn, Carr, Webb and hundreds of others who have believed the party has nothing to fear from a mass-meeting of its rank and file."

### NOT YET ANNOUNCED.

Governor Craig has not yet announced the committee of five members of the progressive Democratic convention whose duty it will be to present to the State Democratic convention when it meets here in June the series of resolutions that the progressive convention adopted in the "wee sma' hours" today after a stirring midnight debate over the merits of the features declaring for the submission of a constitutional amendment giving some form of initiative and referendum and putting a ban on those who would hold passes or other remuneration from corporations and at the same time hold public office as legislators or in judicial capacity.

### AS TO ATTENDANCE.

The attendance upon the convention was not so large as many had anticipated, but it made up in strenuousness when the leaders locked horns in the last moments over initiative and referendum, with Governor Craig leading the opposition and E. P. Hebood, Jr., of Greensboro, and J. W. Bailey, of Raleigh, the advocates. In the end the resolutions were adopted just as they came from the resolution committee.

It is conservatively estimated that there were something like 200 Democrats here from out in the State, other than Raleigh and Wake county. It is also notable that many of those here when button-holed as to the convention insisted that they came to Raleigh on other business and incidentally dropped in on the convention.

### Have you seen Oakwood Park?

### Vital Statistics.

Vital Statistics Officer W. Meek Adams of Gastonia township makes the following report for the month of March: Deaths, white, 9; births, white, 23; deaths, colored, 4; births, colored, 6. For the quarter ending March 31st there were in the township 46 deaths and 89 births.



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