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## HOTEL ON MAIN STREET

### WILL BE SIX OR EIGHT STORIES HIGH

Col. T. L. Craig and Associates Will Erect Handsome Modern Hotel at Cost of About \$125,000—To Have Roof Garden and Large Assembly Hall—Plans Now Being Prepared for Building—Stock Company of Local Men to be Organized.

Announcement is made by Col. T. L. Craig and associates that they will build, in the near future on Main avenue, in the heart of the business section of Gastonia, a handsome modern hotel to cost between \$100,000 and \$125,000. The exact site on which the structure is to be located has not been named, though two or more are under consideration. The structure is to be six or eight stories in height, topped by a roof garden, which will be the first hotel roof garden in this section of the State. It is planned to have on the ground floor four commodious store rooms. A large assembly hall, sufficient to accommodate any medium sized convention, will be included in the plans.

Messrs. A. TenEyck Brown and L. D. Proffitt, associate architects of Atlanta and Spartanburg, have been engaged for some weeks in preparing the preliminary plans for this structure and they will probably be in the hands of Col. Craig and ready for exhibition within a few days.

When asked by a Gazette representative yesterday when he expected to begin active construction on the building Col. Craig said that, just as soon as the plans and specifications arrived, it was his purpose to organize a company and solicit stock from the business men of the city. A few weeks will be required to consummate the preliminary features of the enterprise and then a contract will be let and work commenced.

"I pledged myself, at the first meeting of the Chamber of Commerce," said Col. Craig, "to see that Gastonia got a hotel in the near future and I expect to make good my promise. I have been working on the proposition for some time and am now getting it in tangible shape. I and my associates are not antagonizing anybody and are simply going forward with a plan which we have had in mind for some time. We believe that the business section of Main avenue is the logical place for a big hotel. We expect to have a hundred-room hostelry with every modern convenience. The roof garden, which will be the only one hereabouts, will be a special feature of the house as well also be a commodious assembly hall. We hope, within a very short time, to be able to give out something more definite with reference to our plans."

### For the Legislature.

As will be seen by his announcement carried elsewhere in today's Gazette, Mr. G. H. Marvin is a candidate for the Democratic nomination as one of the representatives of Gaston county in the next General Assembly. Mr. Marvin is proprietor and manager of the Gastonia Coca-Cola Bottling Co., of Gastonia, and is known as an all-round hustler. He has been a resident of Gastonia for the past seven or eight years and has aligned himself with all the forward movements inaugurated for the advancement of Gastonia's interests. He was one of the five men who volunteered to solicit members for the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce and is chairman of the membership committee and a member of the board of directors of the chamber.

Asked by The Gazette about his candidacy Mr. Marvin said: "I have no axe to grind. I don't ride on passes; pay my railroad fare when I go anywhere. Have hurried for Gastonia for seven years and will do the same for Gaston county if the good people of the county see fit to send me to Raleigh. I want the honor of being one of the representatives of the best county in North Carolina in the Legislature. If I go to Raleigh it will be to represent all the people to the very best of my ability. I expect to stand for the things that are best for the county and you will be able always to put your finger down and say 'that's where Marvin stands'. I expect to make an active campaign for the nomination." Mr. Marvin is well-known all over the county and has a host of friends to whom this announcement will be of interest. Gaston county is entitled to two representatives in the Legislature. So far Mr. S. S. Mauney is the only candidate that has announced himself. He is from Cherryville, in the northern part of the county. Mr. Marvin is, so far, the only candidate from the southern part of the county.

Dr. Benjamin F. Sledd, of the department of English at Wake Forest College, says the Raleigh News and Observer, has just received the announcement of his appointment to the Kahn fellowship, entitling him to the sum of \$3,000 to be spent in a year's tour of the world, together with an additional stipend of \$300 to be used for the purchase of mementoes of his trip.

## SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

### THE MOVEMENTS OF GASTON PEOPLE

—Dr. J. E. Hoffman, of Mt. Holly, was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

—Mr. S. T. Wilson, of Dallas, route one, was in the city on business Saturday.

—Mr. P. T. Heath, a former Gastonian now living in Atlanta, spent Saturday here on business.

—Mr. E. L. Campbell, of Kings Mountain, was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

—Her friends will regret to know that Mrs. Ed Padgett has been confined to her room for several days by an attack of grip.

—Messrs. Laban Huffstiller and Charlie Quinn left Sunday night for Atlanta where they will enter a barber college.

—Mr. L. M. Robinson returned last week from Jackson Springs, where he spent several days shipping out a large quantity of lumber which he had purchased.

—Mr. B. B. Gardner has bought from Mr. D. A. Page a lot on Morris street north of Rankin avenue and will remove the old Warren house from the lot, adjoining the Realty building to this lot and rebuild it.

—Through an error the name of Hon. Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby, was omitted from the list of incorporators and trustees of the North Carolina Orthopedic Hospital as published in Friday's Gazette.

—Eldred is having an additional stairway constructed leading from the first floor to the coat suit and corset departments upstairs. This stairway is nearer the front and affords a great convenience to the lady customers of this store.

—Miss Wilma Long and little Miss Geradine Barnwell returned yesterday from a visit to Miss Long's sister, Mrs. I. McPhail, of Hamlet. Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Long, who accompanied them to Hamlet Friday, will remain there until Saturday.

—Chief of Police Carroll says that he is going to enforce vigorously from now on the law requiring all dogs running at large to be muzzled. Recently this law has been regarded but little by many people. He says also that the only muzzle that will be recognized is one that covers the dog's nose and mouth so he cannot bite. The little strap muzzles used by many people will not go. The interests of the community demanded the enactment of this law and the same interests demand its enforcement. If you have a dog, take heed.

### What Brains Can Do With Raw Material.

Elbert Hubbard in Philistine. The country that sells raw materials will always be poor, just as the farmer who sells corn, and not hogs, will never lift the mortgage.

If you have a forest, and can work it up into tables, chairs, bookcases and violins you will make a good deal more money than if you sell firewood. The United States has one-sixteenth the population of the world. But we have one-third the wealth of the world.

The North American Indians had the raw stock, but they did not know how to use it. Our wealth comes from the ability to combine coal and iron-ore; lumber and steel bolts, leather and shoestrings; paint and glue; rubber and steel.

So we have supplied the world with automobiles, shoes, farm implements, locomotives, engines, brass castings, machinery and manufactured commodities in a million forms.

And today there is being brought into America, in payment for goods manufactured in the United States, \$5,500 every minute for ten hours, 300 days in the year.

We take paper, glue, leather, copper, steel, and make a "Kodak." The value of the raw materials that go to make a kodak is, say, twenty cents. The consumer in South Africa, England, Japan or Germany pays \$5 for the machine, and counts it a bargain. It is brain that makes value.

Manufacturing is the useful organization of materials; and in order to organize raw stock you have first to organize men.

The wealth of America did not turn on either labor or raw materials; it turned on genius for organization, adaptation and invention.

We are sometimes told of the appalling amounts of money spent by Americans in Europe. Much of this is waste, no doubt, but let us take heart when we think of how the organizing, inventive and manufacturing genius of Americans is siphoning it back, and millions more besides.

## Read The Want Ads On Page 5

## \$10,000 FOR 10 ACRES

### A BIG NEW RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

Gastonia Insurance & Realty Company Buys Ratchford Property in Southern Section of Town and Will Develop It at Once—Sewerage and Concrete Sidewalks to be Constructed at Once—Fine Residential Section.

A big real estate deal was consummated Saturday afternoon when the Gastonia Insurance & Realty Co. purchased from Mrs. M. M. Ratchford a tract of ten acres of land lying west of South Chester street within the corporate limits of the town, paying therefor \$10,000 or \$1,000 per acre. The land is all undeveloped and has been devoted to agricultural purposes in the past. Ten years ago it was regarded as in the country and was worth perhaps \$25 an acre.

A contract has already been let for the construction of concrete sidewalks around and through this property which will at once be cut up into blocks and lots and placed on the market. Sewer lines will also be laid through the streets that traverse the property in the very near future. Electric lights will be provided as soon as they are needed.

This property is magnificently located for residence property and will no doubt find a ready sale as soon as it is placed on the market. It is generally accepted that the trend of home-building is in the future to be more largely down York and Chester streets as they afford almost the only good opening to the undeveloped outside territory. That the next few months will see numbers of new homes started in course of construction in that section of town is generally expected.

### Have you seen Oakwood Park? SCHOOL CLOSING.

#### Alexis Graded School Completes Most Successful Year—Commencement Exercises Well Attended.

The closing of the Alexis graded school, of which Mr. J. W. Dellinger is principal, took place on Friday night, Saturday and Saturday night of last week, the exercises being of a high order of merit and attended by large and attentive audiences.

On Friday night there was a recitation contest by seven young ladies for a gold medal given by the principal. All the speakers acquitted themselves well, the winner of the medal, which was awarded Saturday afternoon, being Miss Pearl Ballard, who recited "The Gypsy Flower Girl."

On Saturday morning the commencement sermon was preached by Rev. J. J. Beach, pastor of the East Gastonia Baptist church. Mr. Beach's text was Romans 8:23, "Waiting for the adoption, to-wit, the redemption of our body," and he preached an excellent discourse on the theme of the dignity of the human body.

Saturday afternoon Mr. A. E. Woltz, of the Gastonia bar, delivered a splendid address on public education, and the exercises were brought to a close Saturday night with a play by the school.

Mr. Dellinger, as principal, has been ably assisted by Miss Georgia Cathey, of Belmont, and Miss Elsie Roberts, of Cherryville, and the school year has been a most successful one. The new building, completed last summer, and the beautiful grounds, give Alexis one of the best graded school equipments of any town in the county, and the citizens are justly proud of it.

### Have you seen Oakwood Park? Moral Hazard.

Frank Lock, New York Manager of Atlas Assurance Company.

Because it has seemed possible for insurance companies to get a small increase in premium from overinsurance or careless underwriting, it has been assumed that the general policy has been shaped by these sordid considerations. It might with more reason be charged against the medical profession that they deliberately cause the spread of disease in order to secure income from its treatment, as doubtless it could be shown that such a motive might produce such an effect; but the medical profession is rightly acquitted of such a charge. As regards fire insurance, the motive lies wholly to the contrary of what is charged. Any company which would recklessly allow upon its books property overinsured, or would knowingly pass as policyholders men of incendiary tendencies, could not live. It is well known to be the practice of fire insurance companies to sift the business offered for evidence of moral hazard or for previous incendiary record by all the means which exist for these purposes. This is true, notwithstanding all the assertions to the contrary.

Read the advertisements in The Gazette. They are as interesting as news and are frequently more profitable reading than the news.

## IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

### LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

#### ENTERTAINMENT POSTPONED TO THURSDAY NIGHT.

On account of the extremely inclement weather which has prevailed today the entertainment which was to have been given at the Central school auditorium tonight for the benefit of the library has been postponed to Thursday night of this week at 8:30 o'clock.

The program, which was published in full on page three of last Friday's Gazette, is an excellent one, and those in charge of the preparations for the entertainment have worked faithfully to prepare something which will be unusually entertaining and enjoyable. The price of admission will be 25 cents for children and 35 cents for adults and as the proceeds go to the public library it is confidently hoped and expected that there will be a large attendance.

## Library Notes

Has your name been on the honor rolls? If not, why not? If you have paid your dues since January first and your name hasn't been published report to the librarian. We do not wish to leave any one out. These persons have either joined or renewed since the names were published. Rev. J. C. Deitz, A. J. Kirby, Mrs. W. S. Torrence, Mrs. A. F. Whitesides, Jennie Craig Watson, Miss Lena Bell, Miss Bessie Beam, Miss Kate Padgett, Sarah Gardner, Clifford Bell, Lillian Stovall, Will Nolen, Irene Allgood, Lillian Atkins, C. E. Wilson, J. K. Dixon, Clyde C. McLean. There are so many whose names should be on this roll. Is yours one of them. Watch these columns, something big may happen and you want to be posted.

New books for April have been ordered and will be in soon. A fine set of reference books, the Library of Southern Literature, have also just been added. These books are delightful. Ask to see them.

The report for April doesn't show as many new members as we'd like. Is it your fault?

Below is the librarians report: New members 29; renewals 11; circulation of books 817, in the following order: Periodicals 201; Religion 1; Sociology 2; Natural Science 2; Fine Arts 5; Literature 8; Travel 13; Biography 2; History 8; Fiction 428; Juvenile 207.

See how the children are reading. They are the citizens of the future. We are trying to give them good books. How much are you helping?

The reference department is being used and to show you something of what is being studied I give the subjects: Commerce in Philippines; Humorous Reading; Kings Mountain Battleground; North Carolina's Contribution to the Civil War; Salem Witchcraft; Secession; Results of War Between the States; John Charles McNeill; Cotton Mather; Peasantry of Italy; Ruins of Rome; The Dutch and Their Influence; Army Life in the Philippines; Problems in the Philippines; Art Treasures of Rome; Stories of the Conquests; Benjamin Franklin; Religious Conditions of Mexican West Coast.

Several gifts have been received. Mexico and Our Missions, by Rev. J. G. Dale, given by Miss Ola Whitesides; The Outlook for 1914 by Mrs. Louisa Wilson; The Daughters of the American Revolution, a magazine presented by the D. A. R. Chapter; The Epiphany, a magazine published at the Stonewall Jackson Training School, given by Mrs. D. A. Garrison.

The reading room is very attractive. Come up and enjoy yourself.

Two story hours have been held recently. One for the children from 3 to 6. Stories were told by Mrs. J. S. Wray. It was a bad morning, so many didn't get out. We hope to repeat this soon. Miss Stockard told stories to Miss Gill's room. Soon Miss Gill will tell stories to the second grade. Don't get impatient, children, your time will soon come.

### Have you seen Oakwood Park? At the Ideal Theater.

The Ideal Theater, of which Mr. J. E. Simpson is manager, has purchased a solid plate glass mirror screen, which has arrived and will be placed in the theater within the next few days, or as soon as the weather will permit. This will constitute an excellent improvement in the service, already of a high order, as the new screen will make the pictures much clearer and more steady and less tiring to the eyes. This is only the second screen of its kind to be installed in the State, the other being at High Point, and it is said that no motion picture theater either in Charlotte or Atlanta has a screen of this kind as yet.

A nine-story annex is to be built to the Hotel Gullford at Greensboro, says a dispatch from that town.

## A. L. TRAINS STOPPING

### SOUTHERN RECOGNIZES LOCAL NEEDS

Effective Last Sunday All the Southern's Fast Trains Except Second Thirty-Seven and Second Thirty-Eight Stop Regularly at Gastonia

Chamber of Commerce, Through Local Agent Andrews, Secures Concessions from Officials—A Great Thing for Traveling Public.

No longer can it be said that Gastonia is a flag station on the Southern. Effective Sunday morning all the fast trains on the Southern stop regularly at Gastonia except second No. 38 and second No. 37, which are fast mail trains from New York to New Orleans. These will stop as heretofore, No. 37 to take on passengers for points beyond Atlanta, who cannot be accommodated by first No. 37, and No. 38 to discharge passengers from beyond Atlanta on the West Point route, who cannot be accommodated by first No. 38. Tickets will be sold from Gastonia on any of these trains to points at which they stop regularly.

No more welcome piece of news than the above has been handed out to the Gastonia public in many moons unless perchance it be the information that the town is to have a fine new hotel. For the past six weeks Secretary A. O. Lloyd and President T. L. Craig, of the Chamber of Commerce, have been negotiating with the officials of the Southern Railway on this matter. They took it up through Mr. G. C. Andrews, local agent for the road, who manifested great interest in the proposition and rendered valuable assistance in securing the concessions. To him is due no small part of the credit for the bringing about of the road's willingness to grant Gastonia's request for the stopping of trains. It should not be inferred, however, that the securing of this revised schedule from the Southern was accomplished within the few short weeks since the Chamber of Commerce took hold of it. For months and years, at times, the matter has been taken up by the Commercial Club and individuals but always without result. That the constant hammering away on the proposition had paved the way for success is not doubted.

The traveling public will greatly appreciate the new arrangement. Yesterday morning first No. 37 discharged six passengers here from the North. There promises to be an ever increasing business for the fast trains.

### Cleveland Cullings.

The Star, 10th. As a forerunner of free mail delivery in Shelby the city council has had a survey made of all the streets and lots in Shelby and the street signs will be put up soon. There will be about 150 street signs, costing about 30 cents each, on an average.

Mrs. Mary Cornwell, aged 85, of route 5, is quite sick at the home of her son, Mr. H. C. Cornwell, Messrs. S. C. Cornwell, of Gastonia, and Geo. Cornwell, of Kings Mountain, sons of Mrs. Cornwell, visited her this week. Also Mr. M. A. McSwain, of Shelby, a son-in-law was a visitor at the home of his mother-in-law this week. Lincoln News.

Mr. A. H. Patterson has been named as postmaster at Kings Mountain. Mr. Patterson is universally popular and his selection will meet with favor.

The Cleveland County Medical Society held its quarterly meeting here last Monday with a fine attendance of physicians. Drs. Brenizer and Crowell of Charlotte were present and gave interesting clinical talks. The society is now in a flourishing condition and holds its meetings every three months.

Mr. George Allen, Jr., street overseer, says that 32 two-horse wagon loads of rubbish, consisting of cans, bottles and all kinds of unburnable trash, were hauled out of Shelby as a result of the Clean-up day last Friday. This was the most successful clean-up campaign ever waged in Shelby. The trash was hauled and dumped into the old clay holes at the brick yard.

We understood from a type salesman that the Lincoln Times, Republican paper at Lincolnton, was sold at auction this week and was bid in by a Mr. Slate of Kenersville, for \$200. It is understood Mr. Slate is a Democrat. It is not known whether he will continue the paper at Lincolnton or move it to some other place.

A woman entered the store of T. W. Hamrick Company last Saturday and showing a bright shining coin to her hand, told "T. W." that she understood he wanted to buy coins like that. He said "Yes, I will give you \$5 in trade for it." "No, she said "I do not want to buy anything you have, but I want money that I can spend." She offered to take \$4.20 cash which Mr. Hamrick quickly shoved across the counter and she walked out smiling at the "bargain". The coin was a \$5 gold piece, coinage of 1912, very latest design.

## SHOT IN DRUNKEN ROW

### A SUNDAY TRAGEDY AT HIGH SHOALS

Jess Ballard Shot and Perhaps Partially Injured Ed Queen at High Shoals Sunday—Result of Drunken Row—Queen in Critical Condition in Lincolnton Hospital—Ballard in Jail.

A shooting which will, in all probability, prove fatal to one of the parties participating therein, occurred Sunday afternoon at High Shoals, in the northern part of the county. Ed Queen, aged about 45, is lying at the point of death in a Lincolnton hospital and Jess Ballard, who shot him, is confined in the Gaston county jail here.

Particulars with reference to the affair are rather meagre. From the best information obtainable it seems that the shooting was the result of drunkenness. Ballard, it is stated, was drinking prettily heavily and some say Queen was also drinking. Others say Queen was sober. The latter had no pistol. The tragedy took place in the town of High Shoals and created considerable excitement. Both men had lived there for a long time, Queen for 14 years and Ballard for eight years. Queen has a large family, a wife and nine or ten children. Ballard is about 23 and unmarried.

Sheriff McLean, Policeman Hord and Jailer J. R. Beam, of Gastonia, went to High Shoals Sunday afternoon as soon as the news reached here of the crime. It is stated that Will Broom, who was near-by when the shooting occurred, pursued Ballard, caught him and tied him, pending the arrival of the officers. Deputy Sheriff G. V. Lohr, of Dallas, was the first officer to arrive and had Ballard in custody when the sheriff's party arrived. They brought Ballard to Gastonia and committed him to jail without bail, pending the outcome of Queen's injuries.

A phone message to The Gazette at noon today brought the information that Queen was paralyzed from the waist down and there is no hope for his recovery. He was shot in the back three times.

High Shoals is ordinarily a peaceful and lawabiding community and the good citizens of that town regret exceedingly that the affair occurred.

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### I. H. STRADLEY DEAD.

Well-Known Gastonia Merchant Passed Away Saturday Night—Funeral and Burial Sunday.

Following a serious illness of several weeks, Mr. I. H. Stradley died Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock at his home on East Franklin avenue, aged 67 years. Mr. Stradley had been in declining health for a year or more, but was able to look after his business until about six weeks ago, since which time he had been confined to his home. His death, though not unexpected, was nevertheless a great shock to his immediate family, coming as it did suddenly at 7:30 o'clock Saturday night after he seemed some better during the day.

The deceased was well-known to a large number of the citizens of Gastonia and the county, having been in the grocery business at the same stand in the Jenkins building on East Main avenue for the past 10 years or more. He was a man of quiet, unassuming ways, but was known as a man of upright character and strict integrity by those who had business dealings with him. He had made his home here for many years, having moved to this county from Asheville. Surviving the deceased are his widow and eleven children, three sons and eight daughters.

Funeral services were conducted at the home at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon by Rev. W. C. Barrett, pastor of the First Baptist church, of which deceased was a member, followed by interment in Hollywood cemetery.

### Death of a Child.

Glady's, the two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Currence, died Sunday afternoon at their home in South Point after a brief illness, having been taken ill Saturday. Funeral services were conducted at Bethel Presbyterian church at noon Monday by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Adams, followed by burial in the Bethel cemetery. Attending the funeral from Gastonia were Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Currence, the little one's grandparents, Mrs. W. J. Harper, Miss Ada Harper and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Crais.

Just a nominal fee, \$1 a year, is charged its members by the Gastonia Public Library. For that amount you have access to hundreds of good books, including many of the latest volumes of fiction.