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NEWS OF THE COUNTY

LATEST FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

AT MOUNT HOLLY.

Knights of Pythias of Tenth District to Meet There Next Tuesday—The Program.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

MOUNT HOLLY, April 19.—The tenth district meeting of the Knights of Pythias will be held here with Mt. Holly Lodge No. 68 on Tuesday, the 27th. Invitations have been issued to all the lodges in the district and a large attendance is expected.

The lodges composing this district are as follows:

Rathbone Lodge No. 37, Charlotte. Mecklenburg Lodge No. 90, Charlotte.

Charlotte Lodge No. 83, Charlotte. Kings Mountain Lodge No. 94, Kings Mountain.

Whetstone Lodge No. 103, Bessemer City.

Mt. Holly Lodge No. 68, Mt. Holly. Matthews Lodge No. 77, Matthews.

Concord Lodge No. 51, Concord. Gastonia Lodge No. 53, Gastonia.

Following is the program:

2 O'CLOCK P. M.

Lodge called to order and opened by Chancellor Commander of Mount Holly Lodge No. 68.

Organization, by J. H. Kennedy, D. D. G. C.

Address of Welcome by Prof. Ray Funderburk, Mt. Holly Lodge No. 68.

Response by Prof. Joe S. Wray, Gastonia Lodge No. 53.

Roll Call of Lodges in District. Report of Lodges in District.

New Business.

Good of the Order.

6:45 O'CLOCK P. M.

Recess for Refreshments.

7:30 O'CLOCK P. M.

Lodge Re-convened. Third Rank, Long Form, on live candidate by the team of Gastonia Lodge No. 53.

Address by Grand Chancellor J. G. Baird.

Demonstration of Secret Work by N. G. White, Mecklenburg Lodge No. 90.

Stanley Happenings.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

STANLEY, April 19.—The Stanley high school will close on Thursday and Friday of this week. The following is a detailed program of the commencement exercises:

THURSDAY NIGHT.

1—"Tom Thumb Wedding," primary.

2—Music.

3—"The Dancing Bears," intermediate.

4—"Antimime," "Abide With Me," three girls.

5—Music.

6—"Grandmas Garden," primary.

7—Music.

8—"Fun in the Farm House," primary.

FRIDAY MORNING.

1—Opening song, "Stanley," by school.

2—Recitation, "Algelina on New Conventions," Lillian Peterson.

3—Chorus, "Dance of Pine Trees," high school girls.

4—Declamation, Ray Stroup.

5—Delivery of promotion cards.

6—Delivery of special award cards.

7—Delivery of graduating class diplomas.

8—Chorus, "I Await for the Lord," high school girls.

9—Address, Dr. J. G. Clinkscales, Ph. D.

10—Announcements.

FRIDAY NIGHT.

A play, "Farm Folks," high school.

TWO TICKETS.

Party Lines Likely to Be Drawn in Cherryville Municipal Election—School Bond Election on Today.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

CHERRYVILLE, April 19.—It looks very much as if strict party lines will be drawn in the approaching municipal election to be held on Tuesday, May 4th. There is to be no primary. Saturday, following a report that the Republicans intended to put out a strictly party ticket, the Democrats or some of them at least got together and made out a strictly Democratic ticket which is as follows: For mayor, D. R. Mauney; for aldermen—Ward 1, M. L. Rudtill; ward 2, J. C. Ballard; ward 3, B. H. Roberts; ward 4, T. B. Leonard; city clerk, W. J. Allran. It is confidently expected that a straight Republican ticket will be put in the field before the day of election. This is something unusual here and just what the outcome will be cannot be foretold. It is expected, at any rate, that there will be a lively time on election day.

The people of Cherryville and a certain section of contiguous territory are voting today on the question of extending the limits of the Cherryville graded school district and issuing bonds in the sum of \$30,000 for the purpose of erecting a handsome graded school building. It is doubtful if the bond issue carries. In the event it does not, however, the present school district, which includes all of the town of Cherryville and a small section of contiguous territory, already has authority to issue bonds in the sum of \$20,000 and erect a graded school building. The idea in today's election was to take in a little more territory and by a further distribution of the necessary special tax erect a larger building and give the other territory the advantages of the local graded school.

CORN CLUB BOYS HERE

INTERESTING MEETING ON SATURDAY

Fine Ploughing Weather Kept Many at Home—Boys Left Teams Working in the Fields and Walked Miles to Be Present—Mr. Robertson, State Agent, Made Talk and Gave Details as to Testing and Planting—Demonstrator Folk Encouraged Over Outlook.

Notwithstanding the fact that Saturday was an unusually splendid day for ploughing and the further fact that the farmers were weeks behind with their ploughing and other farm work, quite a number of the members of the Gaston County Boys Corn Club were present Saturday morning at a meeting held in the county court house for the purpose of discussing the work of the club for the coming season. Those who attended the meeting were immensely interested as is indicated by the fact that some of them in order not to stop a team from ploughing in the fields walked three miles or more to get a train to come to Gastonia. Every boy present agreed to make a germination test of his seed corn.

Mr. A. K. Robertson, assistant State Corn Club Agent, talked to the boys, explaining the rules governing the corn club work in detail and laying special stress on the importance of thoroughly preparing the land before planting and of planting good seed. In a variety test at the Iredell Test Farm, he said, it was found that Weekley's Improved (a two-ear corn) gave the largest yield.

At the conclusion of Mr. Robertson's talk the boys were shown an individual ear seed tester and a tester for seed in the bulk (shelled). They were also shown an experiment to determine the proper depth to plant corn. In this they had an opportunity to see corn growing in the soil.

In the afternoon Manager Simpson entertained the boys with a free matinee at the Ideal Theatre.

Gaston county's club is the eighth in point of size in the State and Farm Demonstrator Folk, who is looking after the club and its activities, hopes that the membership will be increased until our club stands as number one in the State. In the past some excellent records in corn growing have been made by Gaston county boys and still better records can yet be made.

The Raleigh municipal primaries yesterday were a complete victory for the present administration. The three present commissioners received a majority over all opponents.

Mr. Henry W. Miller, who has been assistant to the president of the Southern Railway, with headquarters at Atlanta, is being considered as successor to the late Col. A. B. Andrews as first vice president of the road.

Dr. John H. Foster, pastor of the First Baptist church of Wilmington, N. C., was Friday elected president of Bessie Tift college at Forsyth.

Dr. Foster was present at the meeting of the directors and accepted. He will assume charge during the summer. Dr. Foster is a graduate of Alabama university and of the Baptist Theological university at Louisville, Ky.

COTTON NOW TEN CENTS

STAPLE REACHES THAT POINT AT LAST

After Many Months of Patient Waiting the Spot Market Reaches Expected Goal—Two Hundred Bales Sold on Gastonia Market Yesterday at That Figure—Large Export Business Important Factor in Boosting Price—Farmers Feeling Good.

Ten cent cotton is here! Good middling is bringing that price on the Gastonia market today. It brought that price here yesterday. One firm, D. M. Jones & Co., yesterday bought 200 bales at that figure.

The gradual increase in price has been under way for weeks and at last it has reached the goal that many predicted for it some time ago. With cotton at 10 cents, it is believed that the South generally will move forward to bigger and better things in the way of business generally.

Middling cotton is also being quoted at 9 3/4 cents and the belief is prevalent that good middling will soon be over 10 cents with middling at this figure.

The big export business in cotton and the general improvement in business conditions generally are given as contributing cause for this advance in price. The amount of cotton being exported is really wonderful, considering the fact that the world war is in progress and so much territory, that of Germany and Austria, is under an absolute embargo and much of the other territory, owing to the centralization of interests in the lines of the manufacture of munitions of war, might be expected to curtail its utilization of cotton products. On the other hand, however, more cotton is being required in the manufacture of war supplies, including ammunition, uniforms, bandages, etc., which will more than make up for the curtailed area affected by the embargo.

It is generally thought that the exportation of cotton this season will be equally as large as that of last, there being quite a lot ready for clearance at Galveston and other ports at the present time.

In addition to this exportation of cotton, the general improvement of business conditions is ascribed as one of the reasons why spot cotton is now up to 10 cents. There are very few lines of trade that have not felt the effect of the better times and conditions are improving on all sides.

The fact that spot cotton is back at 10 cents in Gastonia will be hailed with delight generally. Quite a few farmers still have their cotton piled up in warehouses and to these the information that the long-expected goal has at last been attained will be welcome news. Of course the majority disposed of their cotton last Fall when the price was hovering around 7 cents and these will have to bear their losses with equanimity. Cotton at 10 cents offers a profit to the farmers and doubtless this will have the effect of causing a number who had expected to curtail their acreage to plant a little more late cotton. Of course the fields have already been arranged and it will be a difficult proposition to change or add to or subtract from but it can be done on a small scale.

With cotton at 10 cents, the farmers throughout this section will put on a happy smile for it holds forth the promise of good things ahead.

THE LATEST NEWS OF GASTONIA AND VICINITY

Personal Pickups, Short Paragraphs, Social News—Gathered By The Gazette Reporter And Put In Condensed Form For Busy Readers.

Personals and Locals.

—Mr. W. C. Petty, of Bowling Green, was in Gastonia yesterday.

—Mr. J. F. Thomson is a business visitor to Yorkville today.

—Dr. T. N. Dulin, of Clover, S. C., was in the city on business Saturday.

—Mr. J. F. Noles, of Mount Holly, was in the city on business yesterday.

—Miss Mary Lumdsen, of Raleigh, is the guest of Mrs. J. D. Moore.

—Mr. Charles C. Johnson, of Belmont, was a Gastonia visitor yesterday.

—Mr. H. M. Cleveland, of Spartanburg, S. C., spent Saturday in Gastonia on business.

—Mr. Max D. Abernethy was a business visitor to Charlotte Saturday.

—Mr. C. H. Lineberger, of Belmont, was a business visitor in Gastonia Saturday.

—Messrs. W. T. Rankin and J. K. Dixon left last night on a business trip to Philadelphia.

—Mrs. Mary Seitz who has been visiting her nephew, E. N. Hahn on York street, returned to her home in Hickory this morning.

—Mrs. J. Lee Hahn returned to her home this morning after spending several months with her son E. N. Hahn on York street.

—Mr. W. R. Rankin, of Belmont, spent Saturday in the city as the guest of his son, Postmaster John R. Rankin.

—During the absence from the city of Dr. D. A. Garrison Mrs. Garrison is visiting homefolks in Concord.

—Rev. S. B. Stephens, pastor of West Atrine M. E. church, is confined to his home with an attack of grip.

—Rev. R. A. Miller, of Rock Hill, S. C., preached both morning and evening Sunday at the Presbyterian church in Kings Mountain.

—Miss Essie Wagner returned yesterday to her home at Lexington after spending a few days here with her brother, Mr. C. E. Wagner.

—Dr. W. H. Hoffman left this morning for Lincolnton, where he will spend several days as the guest of Mr. J. M. Rhodes.

—The Ideal Theatre is today featuring Edna Maison in "When Jealousy Tumbled." A photograph of Miss Maison will be given free with each admission today.

—Misses Clara Patrick, Fannie Wilson and Mamie Riddle are attending the presbytery meeting of the Woman's Missionary Societies at Shelby as delegates from Union Presbyterian church.

—On page three of today's Gazette will be found the opening chapter of a stirring and thrilling serial story entitled "When Billy Sunday Came to Town." Every Gazette reader should read this story. Don't overlook the opening chapter.

—Today's program at the Cozy Theatre is as follows: "An Amateur Prodigal," in two parts with Miss Ruth Stonehouse and Joseph Byron Totten; "A Melodious Mixup," comedy with Lloyd Hamilton and Bud Duncan, and "The Little Detective," drama.

—Miss Ruby Polk, of Charlotte, was the guest several days last week of Mrs. E. O. Jennings. The latter also had as her guest for the weekend Miss Etta Skipper, of Lancaster, S. C. Mrs. Jennings is expecting her father, Mr. P. D. Hinson, and her sister, Mrs. L. Padgett, and the latter's children, all of Lincolnton, to arrive today for a visit of several days.

—Dr. D. A. Garrison left Gastonia Saturday for a two-weeks trip to the East. On Sunday he joined a party of surgeons at Washington and with them is visiting some of the larger hospitals in Philadelphia, Boston and New York. They will spend eight days attending clinics in line of the leading New York hospitals. Three days will be spent in Boston hospitals and two in Philadelphia. A number of the State's leading physicians and surgeons are in the party.

LORAY LOCALS.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

WEST GASTONIA, April 19.—Mr. L. E. Dalton left Monday for a visit to relatives in Spencer.

Miss Grace Barbee, of High Shoals, spent Saturday and Sunday as the guest of Miss Emma Little.

Mrs. Robbie White left Sunday for Kannapolis where she will spend a few weeks visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Z. Corn.

Mrs. D. W. Blanton and daughter, Pearl, spent the week-end visiting relatives in Charlotte.

Mrs. A. Jenkins, of McAdenville, spent Sunday with her son, Mr. A. J. Jenkins.

Mr. Gilliam Lytle, of Converse, S. C., spent the week visiting his uncle, Mr. T. A. Lytle.

Miss Gertrude Hudson, of Bessemer City, spent a few days this week visiting relatives at the Loray.

Town and County.

To Have Smoker.

The local lodge of the Patriotic Order Sons of America will have a smoker and refreshments at the regular meeting Friday night of this week. A good time is promised and all members are urged to be present.

Preliminary Contest.

On Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in the court house five of the boys of Gastonia High School will compete for the honor of representing the schools in the county declamation contest at Dallas Friday night, April 23rd. The county contest is for the declamation medal offered by Mr. S. N. Boyce. All citizens and the friends of the schools are cordially invited to attend these contests.

Ladies Held Ice Cream Sale.

The Gray Mill Woman's Betterment Association gave an ice cream and cake sale at the Gray Mill school house Friday evening, the 16th. The net proceeds amounted to \$13.77. Miss Rice, teacher of the Gray Mill school, and Mrs. Massagee, president of the association, had charge of the sale and are to be congratulated upon the success they attained with it.

Vital Statistics.

Following are the vital statistics for the city of Gastonia and Gastonia township for the month of March as shown by the records in the office of Vital Statistics Officer W. M. Adams: Births in the city, white 29, colored 6; births in the township, white 5, colored 1; deaths in the city, white 11, colored 1; deaths in the township, white 1, colored 5. Total, white births 34, white deaths 12; colored births 7, colored deaths 6.

Goos to New Pastorate.

Rev. J. B. Pearson and family, who are spending some time with Mrs. Pearson's mother, Ms. M. E. Crawford, on route three, will leave Friday for Newell, in Mecklenburg county, where they will reside in the future. Rev. Mr. Pearson has accepted the pastorate of Back Creek and Prosperity Associate Reformed Presbyterian churches, two substantial congregations of that denomination located near Newell.

Play at Stanley.

"Farm Folks" is the title of a four-act comedy which the pupils of the Stanley high school will present Friday night of this week, the 23rd, in the auditorium of the school. The characters are portrayed by pupils of the school and they have been well trained for this occasion. A small admission fee of fifteen cents (25 cents for married or single couples) will be charged, the proceeds to go for purchasing supplies for the school. Those who attend are promised their money's worth.

Gastonia Day.

Today is Gastonia day at the Chapman-Alexander meeting at Charlotte. Beginning at 6 o'clock the P. & N. will operate special trains from Gastonia to Charlotte to accommodate the crowds that are expected to go from here. The first train will leave promptly at 6 o'clock and other trains will follow at ten-minute intervals as long as they are needed to accommodate the traffic. The round-trip fare is 55 cents. Those who expect to go are urged to purchase tickets early. If any ticket holder does not go his ticket will be redeemed.

Abraham Lincoln Pictures.

Tomorrow the Cozy Theatre will show a specially interesting reel depicting "The Life of Abraham Lincoln." Manager Estridge desires that every pupil of the city schools see this picture and has made a special rate of five cents for all school pupils between the hours of 1 and 5 p. m. From the scene in front of the log cabin to the assassination at Ford's theater in Washington one is gripped by these pictures. Nothing is stated, has been left undone to make this a consummate review of Lincoln's life and special attention has been paid to his peculiarities, the eccentricities of a genius of geniuses.

To Attend Baraca-Philathea Meeting.

Gastonia will be represented at the fifth annual convention of the North Carolina Baraca-Philathea Association in Raleigh this week by the following delegates: Miss Nell McAllister and Mrs. E. O. Jennings, from the Senior Philathea Class of Main Street Methodist church; Misses Christine Sloan and Nancy Rankin from the Junior Philathea Class of the same church and Messrs. Lee Spencer and Lamar Abernethy from the Baraca Class of that church. These delegates will go tomorrow with the Charlotte delegation on a special car. The meeting begins Thursday and continues through Sunday, the 25th. It is expected that a thousand delegates will be in attendance representing all sections of the State. An elaborate program has been arranged, including addresses by a number of speakers of national reputation.

SOCIAL.

MRS. QUICKEL TO GIVE STORY HOUR.

From 2 to 3 o'clock on Friday afternoon of this week Mrs. T. C. Quickel will give a story hour at the library for the first grade pupils of the Loray schools.

MISSION CIRCLE TO MEET FRIDAY NIGHT.

We are requested to announce that the Mission Circle of the First Presbyterian church will meet at 8 o'clock on Friday night of this week at the church. All the young ladies of the congregation are cordially invited to be present.

WATKINS-SPARROW WEDDING NEXT SATURDAY NIGHT.

On Saturday evening, April 24th, at 8 o'clock, Miss Elizabeth Sparrow and Mr. Chesley Watkins will be united in marriage at Union Presbyterian church. No invitations have been issued, but a general invitation is extended to all friends who wish to come.

TO ENTERTAIN FOR MRS. JONES.

At her home on South Broad street on Thursday afternoon of this week, beginning at 3:30 o'clock, Mrs. S. A. Kindley will be hostess at six tables of Trill, the entertainment being in honor of Mrs. D. M. Jones, who is at home from Saranac Lake, N. Y., where she spent the winter.

ATTENDING PRESBYTERIAL MEETING.

Among the Gastonia ladies who are attending the meeting of the Ladies' Presbyterial Union at Shelby this week are Mesdames J. F. Thomson, D. R. LaFar, T. W. Wilson, S. A. Robinson, Frost Torrence, R. M. Reid, P. W. Garland and Miss Mary Ragan. The meeting began yesterday and continues through Thursday.

MUSIC CLUB TO MEET WITH MISS TORRENCE.

The regular meeting of the Music Club for April will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock with Miss Marie Torrence at her residence on York street, instead of with Mrs. T. L. Craig, as scheduled. This is the second meeting devoted to the study of Italian Opera, and the special subject is Mascagni's Cavalleria Rusticana. An interesting and varied program of selections from this beautiful opera will be rendered by members of the club.

ENTERTAINED IN HONOR OF BRIDE-TO-BE.

At her home in the Union neighborhood Saturday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock Miss Clara Patrick entertained a number of friends with a shower in honor of Miss Elizabeth Sparrow, whose marriage to Mr. Chesley Watkins is to take place on Saturday night of this week. The house was beautifully decorated for the occasion with carnations and potted plants. Interesting games were played, Miss Mildred Henderson winning the prize.

DISTRICT MEETING OF THE U. D. C.

The district meeting of the United Daughters of the Confederacy for the district including the chapters at Rutherfordton, Shelby, Lincolnton, Charlotte, Kings Mountain and Gastonia is to be held here on Wednesday of next week, April 28. The delegates will be given an auto ride around the city Wednesday morning followed by a luncheon at 12:30 o'clock. The business session will be held immediately following the luncheon in the Masonic hall on the fifth floor of the Realty building. Among the speakers will be the State President, Mrs. Eugene Little, of Wadesboro; State leader of Children's Chapters, Mrs. Gordon Finger, of Charlotte; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Fannie Williams, of Newton, and Vice President General, Mrs. I. W. Faison, of Charlotte. It is expected that a large number of delegates from the various chapters will be present and a most enjoyable occasion is anticipated.

Read Billy Sunday.

Gaston County Superior Court for the trial of civil cases will continue in session through this week.

Mr. J. H. Separk, secretary of the Gray Manufacturing Company, attended the meeting of the American Cotton Manufacturers Association in Memphis, Tenn., last week. He was accompanied by Mrs. Separk and Misses Blanche and Myrtle Gray. After the convention they went to New Orleans where they spent three days.

The United States Supreme Court on yesterday refused to set aside the verdict of the Georgia court convicting Leo M. Frank of murder. Unless the Governor of Georgia grants a pardon, Frank will suffer the death penalty.

When Billy Sunday Came to Town

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