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## WORRIED OVER ELECTION

### A KINGS MOUNTAIN MAN KILLS HIMSELF

W. T. Bradford, bookkeeper for Phoenix Mills, brooding over encouragement of Friends Because of Approaching County-Line Election, Shot Himself Friday Night—Left Two Notes—Native of Caldwell County—Funeral and Burial Sunday.

Brooding over ill-health and doubtless also over the approaching county-line election which was to take place the following day, Mr. W. T. Bradford, a well-known citizen of Kings Mountain, committed suicide about 9 o'clock last Friday night. He shot himself through the head with a pistol, the deed being committed in the wood house in the rear of his home. His dead body was found shortly afterwards by his wife who had gone to the wood shed for fuel. He was sitting in an upright position against the wall and in his lap lay a pistol with one empty chamber which told the tale of his death. In his coat pocket was found a bottle of carbolic acid which had not been touched. His wife thought Mr. Bradford had gone down town to a meeting. She and other members of the family heard a pistol shot but as such things are not of uncommon occurrence in that locality they paid no attention to it.

Two sealed notes were left by the suicide, one to his wife and the other to Mr. R. S. Plonk, his employer. It is understood that Mr. Plonk has not as yet opened the note left for him. It is learned on good authority that in the note to his wife Mr. Bradford stated in effect that, rather than be placed in the position of being at odds with his best friends over the election, he would end it all. It is known that he was favorable to Gaston county while Mr. Plonk, head of the Phoenix Mills for which Bradford was bookkeeper, and other close friends were ardent Cleveland supporters. It is generally reported and believed that Bradford had worried greatly because he was opposed to his employer and friends on the county-line issue and this, coupled with the fact that his health had been bad for some time, superinduced a mental aberration that caused him to take his life.

On Saturday morning, the day of the election, many reports were afloat as to the contents of the note he left his wife. It was told that he left a list of ten names of voters at the Phoenix Mill to whom Cleveland county workers had paid \$10 each for their votes. Another report was that he gave as his reason for killing himself that his son had caused him great worry. Both of these rumors are denied by members of his family. Deceased was a native of Caldwell county, having been born three miles from Lenoir 56 years ago. He moved, when a young man, to Cowpens, S. C., where he learned agency work for the Southern Railway. About 24 years ago he accepted the Southern agency at Kings Mountain which position he held for a number of years. He was elected mayor of Kings Mountain several years ago and served one term. Later he accepted a position as bookkeeper for the Enterprise Mills. Later he went to Lenoir and farmed for a year. He then went to Ware's Shoals, S. C., where Plonk & Ware were building a big dam. After some time he returned to Kings Mountain and held a position with the Cora Mills, going later to the Phoenix Mill where he was employed at the time of his death. He had been with this mill for four or five years.

In October, 1895, he married Miss Eliza Black, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Black, of Kings Mountain. To them were born eight children, of whom seven are living, namely: Charles, Thomas, Sarah, Mary, Virginia, John and Rebecca. He also leaves a half-brother, Mr. J. M. Badger, of Greer's, S. C., and a stepfather, Mr. S. A. Badger, of Greenville, S. C.

Mr. Bradford was a member of the order of the Knights of Pythias and the Kings Mountain Lodge had charge of the burial. Funeral services were held at the home Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, being conducted by Rev. G. L. Kerr, pastor of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church. The pall-bearers were J. E. Sifford, J. B. Thomason, M. L. Harmon, W. S. Dilling, L. A. Kiser and C. T. Cornwell.

## LORAY LOCALS.

Correspondence of The Gazette.  
WEST GASTONIA, April 26.—Mr. Bonard Dalton spent the weekend visiting relatives in Charlotte.  
Mrs. Nellie Cooksey left Saturday for Converse, S. C., where she will spend a few weeks visiting relatives.  
Miss Nell White, of Bessemer City, was a Loray visitor last week.  
Miss Lusa Arwood, of Kings Mountain, spent a few days visiting her sister, Mrs. Archie Mitchem.  
Mrs. Carrie Cathy spent Saturday and Sunday visiting relatives in Belmont.

## I. O. O. F. CELEBRATION

### OBSERVE NINETY-SIXTH ANNIVERSARY

Gastonia Lodge No. 188 Preparing to Celebrate in Elaborate Manner Ninety-Sixth Anniversary or Founding of the Order—Rev. W. E. Abernethy, of Shelby, Principal Speaker—Interesting Program Has Been Arranged.

Gastonia Odd Fellows have made preparations for the celebration of the 96th anniversary of the founding of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in America to be held on Thursday night, April 29th, and the occasion promises to be one of the greatest events in the history of Gastonia Lodge No. 188.  
Handsome invitations have been issued and mailed to every Odd Fellow in this and adjoining counties and it is expected that the various lodges will each send a good-sized delegation. An effort is being made by Charlotte Odd Fellows to secure a special interurban car in order to accommodate those who will attend from there and intermediate stations along the line.  
The principal speaker of the occasion will be Rev. W. E. Abernethy, of Shelby. Mr. Abernethy is well known here, having preached here a number of times on various occasions. He is one of the most brilliant preachers in the Western North Carolina Conference, an ardent Odd Fellow and an eloquent speaker of rare ability. Grand Chaplain Z. Paris, of Lincoln, has been invited and will be present.  
The following program has been arranged:  
Address of welcome to visiting brethren by Noble Grand George H. Marvin.  
Prayer by Grand Chaplain Z. Paris.  
Reading of Grand Sire's proclamation by secretary.  
Brief history of Gastonia Lodge No. 188 by Past Grand E. D. Atkins.  
Introduction of speaker by Mr. A. E. Woltz.  
Anniversary address by Rev. W. E. Abernethy, of Shelby.  
Music by quartette.  
Conferring of initiatory degree.  
Buffet lunch followed by smoker.  
Short talks by selected speakers led by Mr. S. J. Durham.  
Music by quartette.  
Mr. R. G. Cherry, of the local bar, will have charge of the ceremony.

## HELD TALKFEST.

Piedmont Telephone Men Had Charge of Meeting of Telephone Society in Charlotte—Several Papers Read—Demonstration of Wireless Telegraphy.

Last Tuesday night in the assembly room of the Selwyn Hotel at Charlotte the Telephone Society of Charlotte held its regular April meeting and the program for the evening was turned over to those members of the society who were employees of the Piedmont Telephone & Telegraph Co. About fifteen Piedmont men were present. A paper entitled, "A Historical Sketch of the Piedmont Telephone & Telegraph Company," was read by Mr. Kenneth Babington. In which the telephone industry in Gastonia was taken up from the time when Mr. J. Robert Craig and others contracted with the Southern Brass & Iron Co. in 1896 for the first system (30 phones) to be installed here, up to the present time. Mr. J. T. Sadler read an interesting humorous article, "The Homeburg Telephone Co." Messrs. J. A. Shuford, of the Lincoln exchange, and H. M. Heavener, of the Kings Mountain exchange, also read papers.  
General Manager R. B. Babington discussed the subject of the "Conservation and Maintenance of Toll Lines." The program was concluded by a discussion of wireless telegraphy by Mr. W. B. McKee and a demonstration, a temporary aerial having been erected on the top of the Selwyn for that purpose.

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## PRICES OF FARM PRODUCTS.

Increase of About Two-Tenths of One Per Cent Last Month—Index Figure on April 1.

(From The Wall Street Journal.)  
Prices paid to producers of farm products in this country for principal crops increased about two-tenths of one per cent during March. In the past seven years the March price level advanced 1.6 per cent. On April 1 the index figure of crop prices was about 7.5 per cent higher than a year ago, 27 per cent higher than two years ago and 10 per cent higher than the seven-year average on April 1. Prices paid for meat animals were the same on March 15 as on February 15 and compare with an average increase of 3.7 per cent in the past five years. The average price of meat animals on March 15 was \$6.46 a hundred pounds against \$7.37 a year ago and \$7.08 two years ago.

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.

## CLEVELAND THE WINNER

### GASTON LOST COUNTY-LINE ELECTION

By Majority of 71 Towns of Kings Mountain and East Kings Mountain Saturday Voted to Go Wholly Into Cleveland—Gaston Loses Five Cotton Mills and Thousand Population—No Disorder.

Cleveland county won in Saturday's county-line election. The majority was 79 votes. On the Cleveland county side there were 412 registered and on the Gaston side there were 225, making a total registration of 637. Of that number 613 voted. Of this number Cleveland got 342 votes and Gaston 271.  
By carrying this election Cleveland county gets the town of East Kings Mountain with four cotton mills and about 1,000 people. Had Gaston been the winner this county would have gotten part of No. 4 town ship from Cleveland county, containing about seven square miles of territory, several cotton mills and about 3,000 people. The change goes into effect December 1, 1916.  
Notwithstanding the fact that for several weeks prior to the election feeling was intense and the towns of Kings Mountain and East Kings Mountain were apparently almost evenly divided in sentiment regarding the change, the election passed off quietly and there was no rowdiness. Large numbers of prominent citizens with automobiles from Shelby were on hand early in the morning and they worked heroically for Cleveland county. Gaston's workers, though few in number, were on the ground just as early and worked just as enthusiastically. The bulk of the vote was cast by shortly after noon and most of the Gaston countians felt sure before the ballots were counted that Cleveland was the winner. The majority, however, was a little larger than many of the Gastonites had anticipated.

Sunday morning there were rumors current here that a riot had developed at Kings Mountain and that a company of State militia had been sent there to quell it. There was no foundation in fact for any such rumor and it is a mystery how it gained currency. Kings Mountain was quiet Saturday night and Sunday.  
**Cherryville Chat.**  
Correspondence of The Gazette.  
CHERRYVILLE, April 26.—The town election this year promises to be the most lively of any year perhaps in the history of the town. There are two tickets in the field and both sides are already asserting their election on the 4th day of May. The first ticket nominated is as follows: Mayor, D. R. Mauney; aldermen, Ward 1, M. L. Ruddick; Ward 2, J. C. Ballard; Ward 3, B. H. Roberts; Ward 4, T. B. Leonard; city clerk, W. J. Allran. The second ticket is as follows: Mayor, E. L. Houser; aldermen, Ward 1, D. E. Beam; Ward 2, J. P. Dellinger; Ward 3, J. B. Houser; Ward 4, D. M. Brittain; city clerk, W. C. Hicks. Both tickets have good strong men on them and will each have a strong support.  
Messrs. Pierce Queen and Grover Carpenter have moved to Kings Mountain to engage in mill work.  
Mr. and Mrs. John Coley, of Newton, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Sumner.  
Prof. Joe R. Nixon, who has been at the head of the local schools for the past two years, has been elected superintendent for another year. The election of teachers for the grades will be deferred until after the town election as there will in all probability be some changes in the school trustees.  
The local schools close the term this week with commencement exercises beginning Friday morning and continuing until Monday morning. The literary address will be delivered Friday morning by Hon. J. D. McCall, of Charlotte. There will be exercises by the school Friday night and Saturday morning with open air drills Saturday and a baseball game Sunday morning in the Methodist church the commencement sermon will be preached by Rev. J. B. Craven, president of Davenport College, Lenoir. The graduating exercises will be held Monday morning, May 3rd. The class of graduates this year numbers ten.  
The term coming to a close has been a satisfactory one from many view points and it is hoped that before the opening of the fall term we will have a new \$20,000 school building completed, a building which is very seriously needed.

## "IN FLOWERLAND."

A Play to be Given by Pupils of Loray Schools.

Saturday evening at 8 o'clock, May 1, an entertainment will be given in Bradley hall by the pupils of the first and second grades of the Loray schools. An interesting program and a large crowd is expected. The admission will be 10 cents for everybody.  
Ice cream will be served immediately after the play in the hall. The proceeds will go to the Loray Woman's Betterment Association.

The thirteenth annual meeting of the North Carolina State Nurses' Association will be held in the Hotel Wilmington, at Wilmington, on May 25, 26 and 27.

## 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.

—Mrs. M. E. Detwiler is spending the day in Charlotte.  
—Mrs. J. D. Post, of Newton, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Charles Ford, at the Franklin Hotel.  
—Mr. T. P. Rankin, postmaster at Lowell, was in the city on business yesterday.  
—Miss Ellie Turner, of Blackburg, S. C., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Hovis.  
—Mr. John L. Beal went to Smyrna, S. C., yesterday. He is expected home tonight.  
—Mrs. W. M. Morris went to Charlotte yesterday to be the guest for several days of Mrs. John Geiger.  
—Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Terrell spent Sunday in Greenville, S. C., as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Terrell.  
—Mrs. M. J. Moore and Mrs. W. H. Poole left last Friday for Globe, where they will spend several weeks visiting relatives.  
—Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Jackson and little son, Jack, spent Sunday in Pelzer, S. C., as the guests of Mr. Jackson's sister, Mrs. W. K. Hudgens.  
—Mr. Robert L. Adams left Sunday night for Atlanta to attend the grand opera concerts to be given there this week.  
—Mrs. John Pearce, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Thomas L. Craig, left this morning for her home at Pollockville.  
—Rev. B. L. Stroup and family, formerly of Newton, left that place today for Colburn, Ind., where Mr. Stroup has accepted the pastorate of the Lutheran church.

—Belmont Abbey College will play the University of South Carolina tomorrow and Lenoir College Thursday on the Belmont diamond. The games will be called at 2 p. m.  
—Today's program at the Ideal Theatre is as follows: "The Wrecked Special," in two parts; "The Desert Breed," a two-part Western drama, and "In a Jack Pot," comedy featuring Eddie Lyons and Victoria Ford.  
—Among the business visitors to Kings Mountain last Saturday and who spent the day there, were Judge J. L. Webb, Mr. C. C. Blanton, J. T. Gardner, F. L. Hoyle, O. Max Gardner, Clyde R. Hoey, and Congress-E. Y. Webb, of Shelby.  
—We are requested to state that the W. E. Jenkins who was arrested last week at the request of South Carolina authorities on a charge of resisting an officer is not Mr. W. E. Jenkins who resides on South street in this city and is a salesman for A. J. Kirby & Co.

—On page seven today Lebovitz Department Stores devote an entire page to telling of the wonderful bargains which will be offered at their Spring Sale which is to open Friday. They have an attractive showing of the latest novelties in Spring goods of all kinds and cordially invite the public to visit their store and inspect their lines.  
**McAdenville Matters.**  
Correspondence of The Gazette.  
McADENVILLE, April 26.—Among the McAdenville people who were visitors to Gastonia Saturday were the following: Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kay, A. B. Hager, W. D. Pool, Mrs. Sam Wright, Miss Robbie Brittain, Mrs. E. C. Adcock, P. A. Ellington, Misses Fannie and Lottie Ellington, Forney Abernethy, O. R. Jenkins, Miss Lou Pool, Millard Sherrill, Mrs. Annie Pence, Kelley Simmons and C. C. Clark.  
Mr. Ben Pool and family moved last week to Mountain Island where they will live in the future. Mr. Monroe League and family moved to Belmont.  
Mr. and Mrs. George L. Webb were visitors to Charlotte Saturday. The little child of Mr. and Mrs. Obe Stafford has been quite ill from pneumonia but is reported as some better today.  
Mr. Jule Kimbrough, of Lowell, was a visitor here Saturday.  
A protracted meeting will be commenced at the Baptist church here next Sunday night. Rev. Mr. Wilson, the pastor, will do the preaching.  
Prof. J. L. Webb has been quite ill for the past two weeks and his friends regret to note that he is not improving as rapidly as they would wish.  
Mr. Minor Ray is adding to the attractiveness of the new mill by planting a flower garden in front of it.  
Mayor Ed C. Ray is having the sidewalks up Main street repaired and greatly improved.

**Mary Louise Peebles Dead.**  
Troy, N. Y., April 25.—Mrs. Mary Louise Peebles, author of "The Little Captain," "Twinkle and Winkle" and many other books, and who wrote under the non de plume of "Lynde Palmer" died here today, aged 81.  
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### Town and County.

**Primary Teachers' Club.**  
There will be a regular meeting of the Primary Teachers' Club Thursday, April 29th, at 7:15 p. m. in the armory. This will be the last meeting for this school year and every member is requested to be present. Following is the program: 1—"Geography," Miss Peedin, 2—"History," Miss Mason, 3—"Hygiene," Miss M. Holloway.  
**A New Town Ticket.**  
The Gazette learns from reliable sources that there is to be another ticket in the field for next Monday's municipal election. We have not been able to get the complete ticket for publication today but it is understood that it has been completed and will be made public in a day or so. Mr. V. E. Long, one of the city's most prominent business men and a former alderman, it is understood, heads the ticket. It is further understood that "economy" will be the slogan of the new ticket.

**Only One Drunk.**  
In conversation with Chief of Police J. W. Carroll yesterday The Gazette reporter learned that during the entire month of April, now nearly gone, only one bona fide citizen of Gastonia has been arrested on a charge of public drunkenness, and this party, who was to have appeared for trial yesterday morning, forfeited a \$25 cash bond rather than face the court on such a charge. Since the prohibition law forbidding the delivery of intoxicants by express in the county went into effect April first there have been three or four other arrests for drunkenness, but these have been rank outsiders, who happened to take on too much while in the city. Only one real Gastonian has been guilty, and he will probably never do so again. The cells in the city prison stood wide open Sunday, and for a large part of the time since the beginning of the month have had no occupants. This does not mean that the police have nothing to do, for they are keeping even a stricter watch than heretofore to prevent the sale of liquor that is smuggled into the city in unlawful ways.

**AUTOMOBILE RIDE FOR VISITING LADIES.**  
One of the most enjoyable features of tomorrow's district meeting of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, to be held here with Gastonia Chapter, will doubtless be the automobile ride to be given the visiting ladies from 11 a. m. to noon. The use of their machines has been promised by a number of accommodating citizens sufficient to accommodate all the visitors who are expected, and the request is made by the president of the chapter that all who have so generously offered their cars have them at the Realty building promptly at 10:45 Wednesday morning.

**MET WITH MRS. ANDREWS.**  
The Mission Study Class of Main Street Methodist church held its regular meeting yesterday afternoon with Mrs. G. C. Andrews at her home on West Airline avenue. Mrs. J. W. Atkins conducted the devotional exercises and Mrs. J. S. Carter conducted the study, which was a lesson "In Red Man's Land" which the class has been studying for some time. At the conclusion of the study the hostess served an ice course. There was a large attendance and the meeting was a most enjoyable and profitable one.  
**AN ENJOYABLE STORY HOUR.**  
The story hour given at the library last Friday afternoon by Mrs. T. C. Quichel for the first grade pupils of Miss Powers' room at the Loray school was very greatly enjoyed by all the little ones present. Mrs. Quichel told two stories "The Boy Who Hated Trees" and "Benji in Beast Land." These stories were enjoyed as well as instructive and the children were made to see the value of trees to human happiness and the awful crime of cruelty to dumb animals.  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO CHILDREN OF CONFEDERACY.**  
Mrs. Thomas L. Craig, leader of the J. D. Moore Chapter Children of the Confederacy, requests The Gazette to state that every person who is or has at any time been a member of the chapter is urged to be on the third floor of the Realty building tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock that they may enter the Masonic hall in a body to attend the district meeting of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. She also requests that each one be dressed in white with a touch of red ribbon, these being the chapter's colors. This request is to all, from the youngest to the oldest, who have ever belonged to this chapter.

### SOCIAL

**REGULAR MEETING FRIDAY.**  
Gastonia Chapter U. D. C. will hold its regular meeting in the chapter room at the library Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Final arrangements for memorial Day exercises, May 10th, are to be made at this meeting and it is desired that all members be present.

**MISSION STUDY CLASS WITH MRS. GLENN.**  
The Mission Study Class of the First Presbyterian church held a very interesting and enjoyable meeting yesterday afternoon with Mrs. Henry F. Glenn at her residence on South Broad street. Japan was the subject for study, and Mrs. C. J. McCombs was leader. There was a good attendance of the members of the class and after an interesting lesson period delicious refreshments were served by the hostess. The next meeting of the class will be held on Monday afternoon of next week with Mrs. Frost Torrence at her residence on South York street.

**JUNIOR MUSIC CLUB, WITH MISSES DAVIS.**  
The Junior Music Club held a very enjoyable meeting Saturday afternoon with Misses Janet and Mary Neil Davis at their home on South York street. The topic for study was Franz Joseph Haydn. Miss Atkins read some very interesting papers, after which each member wrote a short sketch of the composer's life. The following program was rendered: Silver Stream, Laurence, by Miss Mary White.  
Song of the Peasant, Renardo, by Miss Elizabeth Knight.  
Happy Farmer, Schumann, by Miss Maxa Bradley.  
Simple Aven, violin solo, Thome, by Miss Mary White.  
Valse Arabesque, Lach, by Miss Wilmet Whitesides.  
Egeria, Kroeger, by Miss Ella Mae McFadden.  
At the conclusion of the program an enjoyable musical contest was held, after which a delicious salad course, followed by an ice course, was served by the hostesses.

**WATKINS-SPARROW WEDDING.**  
One of the most charming weddings of the spring took place Saturday evening at 8 o'clock, when Mr. Chesly Watkins, of Statesville, and Miss Elizabeth Bonner Sparrow were married. The ceremony took place in Union church, Gaston county, and was performed by Rev. George Atmore Sparrow, father of the bride and pastor of the church. He was assisted by Rev. J. H. Henderlite, of Gastonia. The church, a modern Gothic, was beautifully decorated with ferns and other plummy plants, and color was given by masses of wild pink azalea, that plant which glorifies the springtime woods.  
A beautiful solo was sung by Miss Mamie Henderson, and both accompaniment and wedding march were played by Miss Clara Patrick. The bride walked up the nave, with her brother, Mr. George Sparrow. She is a petite blond, and was dressed in a girlish dress of white silk, trimmed with large real lace medallions and ruffles, which the groom had made for her in Constantinople where he has lived for several years. Her veil fell from under a quaint little cap also made of one of these lace medallions; she carried white roses.  
Miss Minnie S. Sparrow was maid of honor and was dressed in white lace and light blue silk, while the only bridesmaid, Miss Elizabeth Watkins, wore a dress of all blue; both carried pink roses. Mr. Watkins' best man was Mr. Joseph Watkins, a student at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia, and the ushers were Messrs. John B. Watkins, Jr., Evans C. Sparrow, William Hunter and Clyde Riddle.  
After the ceremony a reception was given to the bridal party and immediate relatives of the family, at the home of the bride. The reception was held in the library, where the tops of the low book-shelves almost surrounding the room, were filled with treasures of silver and china, cut-glass and linen, the offering of many friends to the new home that is to be formed.  
Then the party adjourned to the dining-room, where refreshments were served.  
The table was bare with only Mexican drawn work scattered over it, and there were many candles in silver and cut-glass holders, while pink carnations and white lilaces formed the decorations.  
The bride cut the cake, and, soon after that the leave taking began, and autos and carriages rolled away to the night train North.  
Mr. Chesly Watkins is the son of Mr. John B. Watkins of Henderson, and has been in Constantinople for several years with the American Tobacco Co., and was fortunate enough to return a few months ago, just at the beginning of the war. He has made his home lately in Statesville, where they will live.

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