

THE GASTONIA GAZETTE

PUBLISHED TWICE A WEEK—TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS.

VOL. XXXVII. NO. 33.

GASTONIA, N. C., TUESDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 25, 1916.

\$1.50 A YEAR IN ADVANCE.

PYTHIAN CONVENTION

DISTRICT MEETING HERE YESTERDAY

Representatives from Lodges of Eighteenth District Met With Gastonia Lodge—Were Given Supper at Colonial Hotel—Rank Work by Local Degree Team Last Night.

The Pythian lodges composing the eighteenth district of North Carolina held their semi-annual meeting last night with Gastonia Lodge No. 53. There was only a fair attendance from the out-of-town lodges and not as many as the local lodge had prepared for and expected. Rathbone Lodge No. 37, Charlotte, and Kings Mountain No. 94, each sent a large delegation and Concord No. 51 was uniquely represented by Dr. L. A. Bikle, formerly a resident of Gaston county and probably the oldest active Pythian in North Carolina. The members of the local lodge turned out the largest number that has filled the Castle Hall in many months.

At 6:30 o'clock all the visitors and a number of local Pythians gathered at the Colonial Hotel where supper was served. Every visiting member and local Pythian accorded the management of the hotel the highest praise for the sumptuous banquet prepared and no doubt the occasion will find a lasting place along side the recollections of some of the brethren, garnered at Kings Mountain, some years since.

Promptly at 7:30 o'clock the convention was called to order by W. B. McKee, chancellor commander of Gastonia Lodge No. 53 and after preliminary business was turned over to J. H. Kennedy, D. D. G. C., who in a few brief words presented Col. C. B. Armstrong to deliver the address of welcome on behalf of the local lodge. Col. Armstrong, in his characteristic way, extended a hearty welcome and told the visitors something of Gastonia and the progress she was making. He reviewed the progress in education, street improvement and hotel accommodations, and to the wonder of the Charlotte brethren told of how two school buildings and three cotton mills had been built within the past ten days.

In the absence of Rev. A. T. Lindsay, Dr. L. M. Bikle, of Concord No. 51, delivered the response on behalf of the visiting lodges. Dr. Bikle, who is 82 years young, and who has spent many years in the service of the Pythian order, reported a pleasant stay in the city and expressed the appreciation of the visiting brethren for the hearty welcome accorded them by the local lodge.

After reports from various lodges by their respective representatives, the local degree team proceeded to confer the rank of Knight upon two esquires. Gastonia Lodge No. 53 has the distinction of being the only lodge in the eighteenth district which can boast of a degree team that confers third rank work in long form. The work last night was accorded high praise by every member of the convention and the congratulations were justly merited having resulted from the earnest efforts of the young men of the local lodge.

It was regretted that Grand Chancellor Baird was unavoidably detained and could not be present. The entire meeting was a success and every member was doubly paid for his visit and no doubt the friendly gathering and exchange of ideas will prove a beneficial stimulus to every lodge here represented and Pythianism throughout the eighteenth district.

"DEFENCELESS AMERICA" see "Defenceless America," see "Battle Cry of Peace" Cozy Theater Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby, made the principal address before the Mecklenburg county Democratic convention at Charlotte Saturday.

Awake America! Do We Want War? See "The Battle Cry of Peace" Cozy Theater Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. L. B. Sloop, a well-known resident of Newells, died from a stroke of paralysis Friday night.

Our Army is Small and Inefficient. See "The Battle Cry of Peace" Cozy Theater Monday and Tuesday.

The city of Winston has purchased a baling machine and will save all the waste paper and rags which has heretofore gone to the trash pile and the incinerator.

Books Open Thursday.

We would again call attention of our readers who wish to vote in the legalized primary June 3, to the very important and essential that the same requirements apply to this primary as to a regular election. If you were not registered in your present precinct for the last general election in 1914, it will be necessary for you to register while the books are open between April 27 and May 20 in order to have a vote in the primary.

German newspapers have been very violent in their denunciation of President Wilson and the American government because of the former's ultimatum.

COUNTY CONVENTION

DEMOCRATS' HARMONIOUS MEETING

Gaston Democrats Elect Delegates to the State Convention—Returns from the County Primary Canvassed and Ratified—T. L. Craig Re-Elected County Chairman.

Pursuant to the call of county chairman T. L. Craig, the county Democratic convention was held in the court house Saturday afternoon beginning at 1:30 o'clock. Senator A. M. Dixon presided, and Messrs. F. G. Whitney and R. G. Cherry were appointed secretaries. Registrars and judges from the various voting precincts submitted the returns from the primary elections held on Saturday, April 15, and these were referred to a committee to be tabulated and presented to the convention. The result of the vote showed that the following candidates were nominated for county offices:

Sheriff, W. Neil Davis, of Gastonia.

Treasurer, Carl Finger, of Gastonia.

Representatives, A. J. Rankin, of Belmont, and John C. Puett, of Dallas.

Register of Deeds, O. B. Carpenter, of Stanley.

Coroner, Vernon G. Grier, of Gastonia.

Surveyor, Chester A. Black, of Cherryville.

A committee of five, consisting of Messrs. O. F. Mason, R. R. Ray, R. K. Davenport, A. M. Henderson and T. B. Leonhardt, was appointed by the chair to nominate delegates to the State convention which meets in Raleigh on Thursday of this week, April 27, at least two delegates and two alternates to be appointed from each precinct. The report of the committee was adopted, resulting in the election of the following delegates:

Gastonia No. 1: O. F. Mason, C. B. Armstrong, A. G. Mangum, B. H. Parker, A. M. Dixon, T. L. Craig, A. L. Bulwinkle, A. C. Jones, J. G. Carpenter, S. J. Durham, W. L. Balthis, W. T. Rankin, A. E. Woltz, W. F. Kincald, H. G. Winget, T. M. McEntire, J. L. Gray, J. R. Howe, E. J. Rankin, T. A. Ratchford, J. W. Timberlake, R. G. Cherry, G. B. Mason, N. P. McMillan, R. C. Patrick.

Gastonia No. 2: J. R. Withers, B. F. S. Austin, J. Madison Kendrick, D. C. Williams, W. S. Smith, Stamey Smith, W. T. Storey, Bickley Arthur, R. A. Christenbury.

Gastonia No. 3: W. F. Riddle, A. B. Elliott, Geo. W. Gamble, J. F. Fisher, W. V. West, George Warren, McAdenville: G. M. Patterson, L. A. Funderburk, M. J. Ray, William Bentley.

Lowell: S. M. Robinson, S. J. Gaston, C. W. Nipper, J. M. Gaston, Belmont: W. A. Leeper, Clarence Tucker, J. Ross Ratchford, S. P. Stowe, John Gaston, John Elmore.

South Point: J. D. McLean, J. L. Ragan, T. T. Craig, T. L. Allison.

Union: Thomas Sparrow, W. T. Ford, J. R. Henderson, M. C. Huffstetter.

Dallas: E. E. Summey, R. S. Lewis, L. D. Gribble, J. W. Summey, F. H. Robinson, S. T. Wilson, H. K. Rhyme, R. O. Fordham, S. H. Kennett, James White, Frank Kale.

Alexis: J. W. Abernethy, Jacob Stowe, D. M. Robinson, Stephen Stroup.

Mt. Holly: Frank Rankin, W. L. Noles, Jay Moore, J. M. Hoover, J. W. Holland, M. B. Bumgardner.

Mountain Island: L. P. Rankin, Robert Underwood, A. M. Henderson, Ira Davenport.

Lucia: U. L. Broadway, W. T. Connell, A. U. Stroup, Henry Underwood, Julius McIntosh, Frank Hewitt.

Stanley: M. B. Peterson, F. L. Carpenter, W. R. Rutledge, H. R. Thompson, E. O. Johnston, Dick Rhyme.

Cherryville: M. L. Mauney, M. A. Stroup, C. A. Witherspoon, N. B. Kendrick, W. J. Allran, T. A. Ballard.

Carpenter's: W. B. Carpenter, J. P. Allen, Henry Kiser, Martin L. Rudisill.

Dilling's: F. Dilling, J. L. Mauney, J. M. Williams, J. T. McGill, Bessemer City: C. E. Whitney, J. T. Oates, E. L. Fronberger, J. H. Wilkins.

Baker's: J. R. Carson, W. S. Mauney.

In addition to the above list of regularly elected delegates, it was provided that any Democrat in good standing in the county, who could attend the State convention, would be entitled to a seat with the delegation and a vote, the same as if elected by the county convention.

NEWS OF THE COUNTY

LATEST FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

SHANNON THE WINNER.

Carried Off the Honors in Annual Debate at Linwood—Society Celebration Last Thursday Night a Big Success.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

LINWOOD COLLEGE, April 24.

The preparedness debate on the proposition that the United States should adopt the present preparedness program was a decided success. The auditorium was about filled to its capacity by people from every direction around the college. Piano duets were played by Misses White and Bowen and Kidd and White. With Miss Bowen at the piano, Mr. Brunson Holly sang a beautiful solo. Next Mr. G. C. Ferguson made the president's address and read out the name of the first speaker on the affirmative, Mr. P. S. White. He spoke better than his friends had ever heard him before. He brought out several facts and made a very favorable impression. His colleague, Mr. L. R. Neill, made a masterful attempt to show that this country was totally unprepared for war, but his argument in the main did not appeal to the majority of the audience, or to all of the judges as being as strong as the arguments of the opposition.

The first speaker on the negative was Mr. C. G. Castles whose speech was the longest and most logical one on the whole debate. The last debater on the negative was Mr. J. L. Shannon. He opened his argument with such undisputable facts and with so much wit and satire that he soon won the majority of the audience over on his side.

And not only were the main arguments on both sides of the debate splendid, but the rebuttals were almost as good. The affirmative made a desperate attack on the negative with both maps and Bibles, but the negative not only used these back against the affirmative but also vigorously assaulted them with a host of other books, magazines and papers. As a result, they were soon masters of the situation. The lion's share of the honors, however, fell to Mr. Shannon, who spoke as long on his second round as he did on his first. Both of his speeches were filled with humor, undeniable logic and convincing oratory. Before he had been called down, the audience knew that his side had won the decision and possibly the medal.

They were not long in doubt, however, when the judges, Messrs. W. P. Grier, A. L. Bulwinkle and R. C. Patrick, voted on ballot in favor of the negative. Capt. Bulwinkle was appointed chairman and announced this decision to the audience, and that Mr. Shannon had made the best all-round speech, and was therefore, entitled to a handsome gold medal given by the Wilsonian and Bryan-Lincoln Literary Societies.

The football and the baseball teams from Lowell, the Bessemer City and the Kings Mountain high schools and also several young ladies from the Bolling Springs high school were very pleasantly entertained in the lobby of Gaston Hall on Friday evening.

Easter passed off very quietly as more than half of the students spent the holidays with their friends and relatives.

UNION NEWS NOTES.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

UNION, April 24.—The Union baseball team put 25 runners around the diamond last Saturday as against the four of the Pleasant Ridge team. A high wind bothered both sides. Although all the fielding was somewhat faulty, Union put up by far the best demonstration. The pitcher for Pleasant Ridge, who was from Dallas, was batted at will after the third inning. Riddle for Union was in splendid form. He retired in the seventh and Carl Kendrick allowed no hits. Batteries: Union, Riddle, D.; Kendrick, C., Huffstetter; Pleasant Ridge, Fields, H., Huffstetter, W.

Mr. A. R. Howland, principal of the Union school, went to Washington on the excursion. He will return Tuesday.

Misses Lena Wilson and Pearl Henderson also went on the excursion to Washington.

Mr. J. T. Chappell, principal of Derita high school, is substituting for Mr. Howland while he is away.

The program of the Westminster League was postponed until next Sunday, the 30th, because of Mr. Howland's absence.

Miss Kate Craig, of Mount Holly, spent the week-end with Miss Blanche Wilson.

Warren Kerrigan in Samson and Delilah Ideal today.

Haraden & Adams big tent show all this week, corner East Airline avenue and North Broad street. Admission, 10 cents.

Warren Kerrigan in Samson and Delilah Ideal today.

For Representative: Rankin 1,411; Puett 1,241; Sellers 523. For Sheriff: W. Neil Davis, 1,724. For Treasurer: Finger 1,727. For Surveyor: Black 1,722. For Coroner: Grier 1,686. For County Commissioners: Kendrick 1,674; Stowe 1,711; Lindsay 1,687; J. T. Oates 4; Stafford 49.

GASTONIA AND GASTON

LATE EVENTS IN TOWN AND COUNTY

Born

To Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Delahay on Wednesday, April 19, 1916, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Graham on Monday, April 24, 1916, a son.

Architect Chosen.

Mr. O. D. Wheeler, of Charlotte, has been chosen as the architect for the two new public school buildings to be erected by the city in East and West Gastonia. Mr. Wheeler's plans were chosen from a number of sets submitted. He is now working out the detailed specifications and the council will, at an early date, ask for bids on these buildings. They are to cost complete about \$25,000 each and are to be completed by fall.

Died in Arkansas.

News has just been received here of the death of Mr. John K. Pettus, which occurred at his home near Forest City, Ark., on March 28th, following an attack of pneumonia. Mr. Pettus was about 60 years of age and had never been married. He moved to Arkansas from this county about eight years ago. Deceased was a son of the late James Pettus and Mrs. Mary Knox Pettus, and was born and reared in Gaston county near the South Carolina line. He is survived by three brothers, Mr. J. L. Pettus, of York, route eight; Messrs. Sam and Campbell Pettus, of Forest City, Ark., and one sister, Miss Cora Pettus, of Forest City, Ark.

New Republican Paper.

The Secretary of State yesterday issued a charter to the Gaston Republican Publishing Company, of Gastonia. The Greensboro News is authority for the statement that John Motley Morehead, of Charlotte, owns ten shares of the capital stock. Other stockholders of record are W. D. Beam and J. M. Hoyte, of Gastonia. The authorized capital stock is \$25,000, of which \$950 had been paid in when application for charter was granted. Mr. G. Ed Kestler, of Concord, who is well known as a writer and newspaper man, will be the editor of the new paper. The first issue will probably come out this week.

To Build New Gin.

After Saturday of this week the building plant of the Southern Cotton Oil Company at the corner of Broad street and Main avenue will be closed. The building at present being used as a gin will be torn down to make room for a modern and improved ginning plant which is to cost \$5,000. The building will be of brick, about 30 by 50 feet, and the equipment will be an automatic Loomis plant, 1916 model, and will be the most up-to-date plant of its kind in this part of the State. The capacity of the new plant, which will be ready for the new crop cotton, will be 50 bales daily, whereas the present capacity is only 25 bales.

Supt. Wray Re-Elected.

At its meeting Friday night the board of school commissioners re-elected Prof. Joe S. Wray superintendent of city schools for the fifteenth consecutive time. It was rather an unusual coincidence that, at the same meeting, the board accepted architect's plans for two handsome new school buildings. Mr. Wray is now nearing the end of his fifteenth year in this position. Under his efficient management the schools have grown both in size and in the excellence of work done until they rank with the very best public schools in the State. Mr. Wray's hosts of friends will be interested to know of his re-election.

Haraden & Adams big tent show all this week, corner East Airline avenue and North Broad street. Admission, 10 cents.

All's Fair in Love, Is All Fair in War? See "The Battle Cry of Peace" Cozy Theater Monday and Tuesday.

The Bank of Spruce Pine at Spruce Pine, Mitchell county, was chartered Friday. Its capital stock is \$10,000.

Why Should America Feel Safe and Secure? See "The Battle Cry of Peace" Cozy Theatre Monday and Tuesday.

SENSATIONAL DIVORCE SUIT.

Ralphina Patricia Spencer Sues Husband, Arthurio Malachi Spencer, for Absolute Divorce—Charges Non-Support and Cruel Treatment.

A sensation was sprung in Gastonia's social circles yesterday afternoon when it became known that Ralphina Patricia Spencer, who was recently married to Arthurio Malachi Spencer, had issued summons and filed her complaint in a suit for absolute divorce against her husband, alleging non-support and cruel treatment. Miss Sapphira Rawlings is named as co-respondent and the trial is set for Thursday night, April 27, at 8 o'clock, before Judge Mangum at the Central school auditorium. Admission 25 cents to all. Proceeds for the benefit of the Pythian Drum Corps.

Damage estimated at \$100,000 was caused by a wind and rain storm at Louisville, Ky., Friday.

COMING AND GOING

Brief Items About the Movements of Gaston People.

—Mr. A. J. Kirby spent Saturday in Lincolnton on business.

—Mr. Robert F. Ratchford, of the Union section, was in the city on business today.

—Miss Jane and Carrie Morris were Charlotte visitors Friday afternoon.

—Mr. Robert L. Adams left Sunday night for Atlanta to attend the grand opera concerts this week.

—Mr. F. E. Saunders made a business trip to Blacksburg and Grover yesterday.

—Postmaster and Mrs. John R. Rankin and little son spent Easter with relatives at Belmont.

—Attorney D. P. Dellinger, of Cherryville, attended the county convention here Saturday afternoon.

—Mr. G. P. Stroup, of Alexis, was a business visitor in Gastonia Saturday.

—Mrs. H. H. Jordan left Saturday for Burlington, where she will be the guest for about two weeks of her mother, Mrs. Sellers.

—Misses Marie Kendall and Lenna Newton, of Shelby, spent the week-end here with Miss Jeannette Davis, returning to their homes yesterday.

—An infant child of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Hunsucker, born yesterday, died within a few hours and was buried today.

—Messrs. A. G. Mangum and Carl E. Carpenter left last night for Raleigh to attend the sessions of the Supreme Court of North Carolina.

—Mrs. W. W. Clary and children returned yesterday from Spartanburg, S. C., where they spent Easter with relatives.

—Mr. E. H. Sisk, of Morganton, arrived in the city yesterday and entered upon his duties as baggage clerk at the Southern Railway station.

—Miss Prior Hood, of Chester, S. C., spent Easter in Gastonia as the guest of her sister, Miss Mozelle Hood, superintendent of the City Hospital.

—Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Ratchford returned to their home in Savannah, Ga., Sunday night after a visit of several days to Mr. Ratchford's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Ratchford.

—Mr. Ralph Beach, of Columbia, S. C., a son of Rev. J. J. Beach, former pastor of the East Gastonia Baptist church, spent the Easter holidays with friends in the city.

—Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Saunders and children, Virginia and Max Dilling, and Mr. Hunter Dilling, spent Sunday with the family of Mr. H. P. Dixon near Pleasant Ridge.

—Miss Nellie Rose Sloan spent the Easter holidays at Rock Hill, S. C., with Miss Mary Frew. She and Miss Frew returned to Gastonia yesterday.

—Mrs. Lewis B. Gwynn and children, of Hickory, arrived in the city Saturday on a visit to Mrs. Gwynn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Laban Smith, at their home on Willow street.

—Mr. Harold Hartis, Miss Mittie Wilson, Miss Bessie Kistler, Mrs. J. E. Mullis and children motored over from Monroe and spent Easter Sunday with Mr. Frank Hawkins and family at their home on route three.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Spurrier and five daughters, of Charlotte, spent Easter in the city with Mrs. Spurrier's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Boyd, at their home on West Franklin avenue.

—Mr. Jake F. Newell, of Charlotte, who is a candidate for the Republican nomination for Congress in this district, was a Gastonia visitor Saturday and looked in on the county Democratic convention for a while.

—Mrs. S. A. Hoey, of Shelby, who has been quite ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. C. Warren, in this city, is reported today as being some better. Her son, Hon. Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby, spent Sunday here.

—Mr. Henry Wilson returned to Hendersonville today to resume his studies in the Blue Ridge School after spending the Easter holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Wilson.

—Col. and Mrs. T. L. Craig, Miss Lillian Watson, Miss Birdie Duff, Miss Jennie Pegram and Mr. E. N. Pegram motored to Yorkville, S. C., Sunday afternoon and spent several hours very pleasantly with friends in that city.

—Messrs. F. L. Smyre, G. R. Spencer, A. C. Jones and J. F. Johnson left by auto this morning for Statesville to attend a meeting of representatives of several towns in this section to discuss the organization of a baseball league.

—Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Winget, Mr. H. G. Winget and Mrs. Guy Killian, of Gastonia, accompanied by Miss Johnnie Fisher, of Steedley's Hospital, Spartanburg, went Sunday to Pineville to attend the funeral of

Mrs. Wingate's brother, Mr. J. W. Fisher, who died Saturday.

—Mr. J. H. McDowell, a former Gastonian now living in Wadesboro, was in the city today.

—Misses Addie Haney and Annie Pierce, of West Gastonia, returned yesterday from Gaqney, S. C., where they spent Easter with homefolks.

—Mr. D. A. Mauney, who underwent an operation at the City Hospital last week, is making satisfactory progress toward recovery.

—Mrs. R. F. Littlejohn, who has been a patient at the City Hospital since last week, is reported today as being considerably better.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Johnson returned yesterday to their home in Concord after spending Easter in Gastonia as the guests of Dr. and Mrs. D. A. Garrison.

—Mr. R. M. Gardner is quite ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. George W. Howell, on North Broad street, having suffered a slight stroke of paralysis at noon yesterday. Mr. Gardner's many friends hope for him a speedy recovery.

—Rev. W. C. Barrett, pastor of the First Baptist church, is to preach the commencement sermon at Mars Hill College on next Sunday, April 30. On Thursday, May 4, Dr. Clarence Poe will deliver the commencement address.

—Rev. W. N. Cook, pastor of the West Hickory Baptist church, comes to Gastonia next Monday to begin a protracted meeting at the Lory Baptist church, of which Rev. G. P. Abernethy is pastor. The meeting will continue for ten days or longer.

—Mrs. E. C. Wilson returned Saturday afternoon from Charlotte, where she spent ten days as the guest of her nieces, Misses Eleanor and Elizabeth Rankin, and her brother-in-law, Mr. George E. Wilson. The Misses Rankin accompanied Mrs. Wilson home and were her guests for Easter, returning to Charlotte yesterday morning.

—Torrance-Morris Company have recently installed a large refrigerator for keeping flowers. With this equipment they are enabled to have on hand at all times a good supply of the flowers most in demand. They have also fitted up an attractive demonstration room for showing grafanolas and Edison talking machines.

—Rev. J. H. Henderlite, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, was sufficiently recovered from his recent illness to occupy his pulpit Easter Sunday morning. No services were held Sunday night. Mr. Henderlite leaves tonight for Washington City to attend the National Laymen's Congress, which will be in session for several days this week. This is the culmination of the series of Laymen's conventions which have been held in different parts of the country during the past several months. Mr. Henderlite is one of 15 representatives from the Southern Presbyterian Church.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Osceola Mills, Inc., Organize—Committee Looking Over Sites—Machinery Already Purchased.

Yesterday afternoon the stockholders of the Osceola Mills, Inc., one of Gastonia's three latest textile corporations, held their initial meeting for the purpose of perfecting an organization. Mr. J. Lee Robinson presided and Mr. A. G. Myers acted as secretary.

A board of directors was chosen composed of the following men: R. L. Stowe, of Belmont; A. E. Moore, W. W. Glenn, T. W. Wilson and W. T. Rankin. The directors elected W. T. Rankin president and treasurer and W. W. Glenn vice-president. A secretary will be elected later.

Two committees were appointed, one on sites and the other on machinery. The committee on sites is composed of A. E. Moore, J. L. Craig and W. T. Rankin. The committee on machinery is composed of R. L. Stowe, W. W. Glenn and W. T. Rankin.

Several sites have been examined by the committee but as yet none has been definitely decided upon. There are sites under consideration on the lines of the Southern, C. & N.-W. and P. & N. Lines. The machinery committee has already purchased the machinery and have a promise of delivery by November 1.

The Osceola was chartered last week with a capital stock of \$200,000 to manufacture fine yarns.

The United States is the Richest Country in the World. Are we prepared to defend it if necessary? See "The Battle Cry of Peace" Cozy Theater Monday and Tuesday.

A British cruiser was seen off the Galveston (Texas) bar Friday. She did not communicate with the shore and soon disappeared from sight.