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GASTONIA, N. C., FRIDAY AFTERNOON, AUGUST 4, 1916.

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ELECTING A PRESIDENT



George Washington Elected First President in 1789.

WASHINGTON.

The first presidents were chosen by electors who were chosen by the legislatures of the various states. The person having the majority of these electors was declared president. The person having the next greatest number was declared vice president.

The first election took place on Jan. 7, 1789, in the states that had ratified the constitution. The electors chose the president on Feb. 4, 1789. The vote, counted on April 6, 1789, was:

George Washington, 69; John Adams, 34; Samuel Huntington, 2; John Jay, 9; John Hancock, 4; R. H. Harrison, 6; George Clinton, 3; John Rutledge, 6; John Milton, 2; James Armstrong, 1; Edward Telfair, 1; Benjamin Lincoln, 1. Ten states voted, but there is no record of the popular vote.

In the election of 1792 Washington received 132 votes and Adams 77.

(Watch for the election of Adams in 1796 in our next issue.)

IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

SOCIAL MEETING OF PHILATHEA CLASS.

The regular monthly business and social meeting of the Senior Philathea Class of Main Street Methodist church, Mr. J. M. Holland teacher, will be held next Tuesday night. Following the business session and the carrying out of a special program consisting of readings, recitations and music, light refreshments will be served on the lawn. All members of the class are urged to be present.

CLEAN-UP DAY NEXT WEDNESDAY.

The civic committee of the Women's Betterment Association announces that beginning on Wednesday, August 9, clean-up day will be observed throughout the remainder of the week. If all cans and waste matter are left at a convenient place the city workers will call for them. It is suggested that careful attention be given all premises during this wet season and that lime be freely used and sprinkled around the back yards. Also that weeds be cut in vacant lots and along the sidewalks.

ENTERTAINED FOR VISITING YOUNG LADIES.

At her home on South Broad street Thursday evening Mrs. Chas. T. Brown was hostess at an informal but very enjoyable entertainment in honor of her house guests, Misses Ola Bush and Mary Gentry, of Spartanburg, S. C. Some eight or ten couples were present and the evening was pleasantly spent in various games. The out-of-town guests were Miss Edna Balthis, of Baltimore, Miss Lucy Allen, of Gainesville, Ga., and Miss Annie Brown, of Greenville, S. C.

TO PRESENT THE DISTRICT SCHOOL.

The District School will be presented by local talent under the auspices of Gastonia Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy the last week in August, the exact date to be announced within a few days. A large number of local people are to take part in the play which promises to be a most entertaining affair. The chapter hopes for a most liberal patronage from the public. A great many calls are constantly coming to the chapter for aid for veterans and for other causes and the receipts from this play will go to their general fund. Watch The Gazette for fuller announcement of the event. Miss Laura Plouk, of Kings Mountain, has been secured to coach the players.

Mrs. Kirby's Mother Dead.

Mrs. D. F. Haislip, mother of Mrs. A. J. Kirby, died at her home in Spray Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Kirby were at her bedside, having left Gastonia for Spray Monday night. No information has been received here as to the funeral and burial. Mr. and Mrs. Kirby are expected to return home some time today. Masters Andy and Walter Kirby have been staying with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Jenkins during the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Kirby.

FINE LOT ATTRACTIONS

TEN BIG SHOWS FOR THE COUNTY FAIR

Secretary Holland Closes Contract With Great American Shows Company for Midway at the Fair—Selected This Line from Eight of Biggest Aggregations in Country—Public Assured of Fine Amusement—Mailing Out Boosters.

Secretary J. M. Holland of the Gaston County Fair Association yesterday closed a contract with the Great American Shows Company for a line of attractions for the coming fair and is able to assure the public that the midway this year will not only be thoroughly clean but that it will contain the very best aggregation of attractions that can be secured.

Realizing that the midway of last year was not up to specifications and that the public generally was disappointed in the shows, Mr. Holland has given much time to investigating a large number of the leading carnival companies in the country and signed a contract only after he was convinced that he had gotten the very best that could be secured in the way of attractions. Mr. Felix Blei, agent for the Great American Shows, spent yesterday here and the contract was formally signed. This concern is very highly recommended by many large towns they have played as being strictly up to specifications. As a guarantee of the company's good faith the contract specifies that the secretary of the fair association has the power at any time to close any of the shows if, in his opinion, it is not clean or falls below the promises made for it. This is a protection to the public which gives an absolute guarantee that they will get their money's worth in each show.

THE ATTRACTIONS.

There are ten shows and this number will be increased by from two to four, the company adding this number as soon as it begins to play the fair circuits.

Following is a list of the attractions:

Bristol's Society Circus, consisting of trained horses which can do almost anything a human can do.

The Dandy Dixie Minstrels with 18 performers.

Murphy's Busy City, the mechanical city.

Silodrome, where two daring motorcycle riders risk their lives doing spectacular riding.

Athletic Show, where boxers and wrestlers meet all comers.

Miracle Show, consisting of six illusions one of which, the spider girl, is attracting great attention everywhere it is shown.

The Circus Side Show.

World of Living Wonders, consisting of many freaks.

The Battle in the Sky.

Dogs and Monkey Show.

Three-abreast merry-go-round.

Ferris Wheel.

High-class Italian Band.

FREE ATTRACTIONS.

One of the free acts consists of a daring 75-foot high dive into a basin of water by May Quincy, who is said to rank next to Annette Kellerman as America's champion swimmer and diver. She will also give exhibitions of fancy swimming.

There will also be one other special free act announcement of which will be made later.

The fair association reserved the exclusive novelty privilege, which covers the sale of confetti, canes, whips, balloons, rubber balls, etc., and this has been assigned to the Pythian Drum Corps of Gastonia. The association also reserved the right to place as many lunch stands as it desires on the grounds.

Ten days before the fair begins the company will send an expert bill poster here who will cover the entire county with advertising matter concerning the fair and especially the midway.

Secretary Holland has had under consideration eight different aggregations of shows and selected the Great American as being the best of the lot. This concern has three dates with large Georgia fairs and comes to Gastonia straight from a large fair in Virginia. The Gaston County Fair is the only fair with which this company has a contract in North Carolina.

FAIR BOOSTERS.

Secretary Holland's office is one of the busiest places in town just at this time. He has two assistants mailing out to every farmer in the county and to every property owner, whether farmer or not, a copy of The Gaston County Fair Booster, just from the press. This consists of eight pages, the size of The Gazette, and contains the premium list and general information concerning the fair together with advertising of local firms. In addition to this Secretary Holland is having printed a handsome premium book which will soon be ready for distribution. If any farmer or other person interested fails to receive a copy of The Booster or the premium list Secretary Holland asks that you drop him a postal card request for same and it will have prompt attention. His mailing list has been compiled with great care but it is impossible to get every name and address correctly.

First episode "The Grip of Evil" Ideal Saturday.

First Grip of Evil Ideal Tomorrow

HELD JOINT MEETING

PLANS TO BE MADE FOR BRIDGES

Gaston and Mecklenburg Commissioners Met at Mount Holly Wednesday—State Highway Engineers Met With Commissioners and Will Submit Plans for Three Bridges—To Be Replaced First.

The commissioners of Mecklenburg and Gaston counties met in joint session together with highway engineers and others interested in bridge building at Mount Holly Wednesday to consider plans for the erection of the bridges across the Catawba river.

State highway engineers agreed to submit plans within the next week or ten days for the three bridges that were destroyed in the recent floods. When this information is available the commissioners will proceed at once with the awarding of contracts, and the construction work will begin immediately. As previously agreed by the commissioners at a recent meeting, two bridges are to be rebuilt at once, one at Sloan's Ferry and the other at Mt. Holly, while the plans for the Rozelle's Ferry bridge will be considered at a later date and after the work on the first two has been started.

Engineer Fallis suggested to the commissioners that as much of the steel bridge work as possible be salvaged from the river and used in the erection of the new bridges. This will mean a great saving to both counties and will materially aid in erecting both bridges as the cost of steel has advanced to a great extent during the past two years since the European war began.

Concrete will not be used in the erection of the new bridges, it being thought by the engineers that steel work at both points would be sufficient for all demands. The cost of the concrete work is one of the main reasons against the use of this material, it being almost prohibitive as compared with other materials, although it was admitted that concrete was superior.

The entire membership of both the Mecklenburg and Gaston county commissioners were present at this meeting as was also W. S. Fallis, state highway engineer, and W. L. Craven, state bridge engineer, and W. M. Peyton, highway engineer, with headquarters at Raleigh.

"The Clown," Paramount, Ideal today.

Road to Blowing Rock is All Right.

Concord Times.

Messrs. J. W. Cannon and C. A. Cannon arrived in Concord yesterday afternoon, in the latter's car, from Blowing Rock. Mr. C. A. Cannon had been marooned at Lenoir since the flood unable to reach home. They state that the turnpike from Lenoir to Blowing Rock, which had been badly damaged by the waters of the flood, has been put in good condition, and that one can get through to the mountain without any trouble. They crossed the Catawba river five miles west of Hickory and also at Mount Holly on the ferries, both of which are in excellent condition. They came through without accident and experienced no trouble whatever.

"A Youth of Fortune" Broadway Theater today.

BUMPER BABY CROP.

75,612 Babies Reported Born in North Carolina Last Year.

(State Board of Health Bulletin.) According to preliminary statistics compiled by the Bureau of Vital Statistics, there were 75,612 babies born in North Carolina in 1915. This is equivalent to a birth rate of approximately 31 per thousand of population. This birth rate is considerably above the average birth rate reported in the United States and is particularly gratifying when we note that during the same period, 1915, there were only 6,807 deaths reported from babies less than one year of age, or approximately 9 per cent of the babies born during the year. While ordinarily this is a much lower percentage of deaths than would be expected in a state with a mixed population, and while it is much lower than that reported by the average in the registration area, we believe that the greater number of these deaths were preventable and as health conditions improve in North Carolina we may confidently expect a corresponding reduction in the percentage of baby deaths reported.

Baseball Saturday.

Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock the Clara Mill team and the Loray Tigers will cross bats at Loray Park in an up-to-the-minute college

HAVE YOU BEEN SICK?

Have you realized the utter weakness that robs ambition, destroys appetite, and makes work a burden. To restore that strength and stamina that is so essential, nothing has ever equaled or compared with Scott's Emulsion, because its strength-sustaining nourishment invigorates the blood to distribute energy throughout the body while its tonic value sharpens the appetite and restores health in a natural, permanent way.

If you are run down, tired, nervous, overworked or lack strength, get Scott's Emulsion-to-day. It is free from alcohol.

Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

ARE TO HOLD MEETING

GASTON FARMERS TO GATHER AT DALLAS

Program for the Institute for Gaston County Farmers and Their Families to be Held at the Farm Life School at Dallas, Tuesday and Wednesday, August 8 and 9.

Meeting for all club members and those interested in club work, Tuesday, August 8.

10:30, Address of Welcome, by S. J. Kirby, County Supervisor of Agricultural Education.

BOYS' SECTION.

11:30, Improved Methods of Corn Culture, by A. K. Robertson, assistant in charge of Boys' Corn Club Work.

11:45, Practice of Seed Improvement, by James M. Gray.

12:30, Dinner on the campus.

2:00, Economic Poultry Production, by A. G. Olliver, assistant in charge of Poultry Work.

3:00, Crop Rotations for Club Members, by James M. Gray.

3:45, Excursion to Farm Life School Fields.

8:30, Club Work in North Carolina, an Illustrated Lecture, by A. K. Robertson.

GIRLS' SECTION.

11:00, Report from each club.

11:30, Canning Club Work in North Carolina, by Miss Minnie Jamison, assistant in Canning Clubs.

12:30, Dinner on the campus.

2:00, Canning Demonstration, by Mrs. M. P. Shetley.

3:20, Garden Hints, by James M. Gray, County Agent.

Wednesday, Aug. 9, College Auditorium.

10:00, Address of Welcome, by F. P. Hall, Supt. of Schools.

MEN'S MEETING.

10:30, Address, by E. S. Millsaps.

11:30, Dairying in Western North Carolina, by J. A. Arey.

12:30, Dinner on campus.

2:00, Address, by T. B. Parker, director Farmers' Institutes.

3:00, Hay and Pasture Crops for Gaston County, by Jas. M. Gray.

3:45, Excursion to Farm Life School fields.

WOMEN'S MEETING.

10:30, Health Talk, by Dr. D. A. Garrison.

11:15, The Fireless Cooker, by Miss Ruth Thomasson.

11:45, Home Demonstration Clubs, by Mrs. M. P. Shetley.

12:30, Dinner on the campus.

2:00, Farm Butter Making, by S. J. Kirby.

2:45, Demonstration in Bread Making, etc., by Miss Minnie Jamison.

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FORD AUTO RUNS AMUCK.

Negro Boy Swipes Car and Tries Hand at Speeding—Car Gets Under His Control and Does Damage—Negro Gets Road Sentence.

When Sam Kennedy, colored, drove a Ford automobile from the back of the Ideal grocery store on Marietta street to a point on Main avenue in front of the First National Bank, he paved the way for a road sentence of four months duration of time. The sentence came the morning after the afternoon before, which was Wednesday in recorder's court. A conditional sentence was made which allowed Sam his freedom provided he raised a fine of several dollars and reimbursed the owner of a bicycle which he partially demolished, just before his short trip ended. Sam testified that inasmuch as he was out of work and had nothing in particular to do, he thought he would try his hand at running a Ford. So he took charge of one in front of the Ideal Welding Company's establishment and proceeded up Main avenue. Being a novice at the art of steering autos, he experienced considerable difficulty about the time he reached Harry-Baber Company's store in keeping out of the way of several other moving vehicles. The result was that the Ford became unruly and dashed on the sidewalk in front of the First National Bank, demolished a bicycle and stopped only when it crashed into another Ford owned by Mr. A. E. Woltz. No damage was done in Sam's wild ride save the destruction wrought upon the bicycle, which was to the extent of about \$20.

Sunday's Preacher Dies in Chicago.

Chicago, July 31.—Harry Monroe, the man who converted Billy Sunday, is dead. Monroe died after a long illness, caused by a nervous breakdown over a year ago. Monroe was assistant director of the Pacific Garden mission at No. 67 West Monroe street. He was instrumental in persuading hundreds of human derelicts to reform. He had preached at the mission every Sunday night since 1877 until his last illness kept him away. A widow and three children survive him.

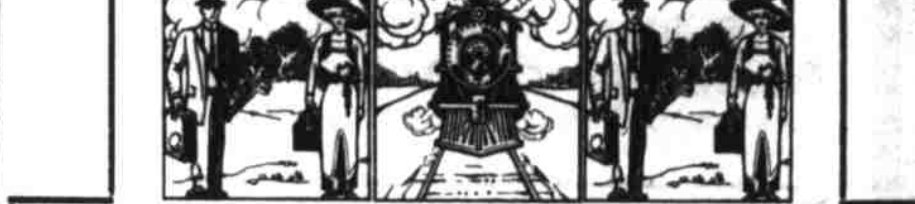
Special 5-part feature Broadway today.

Fords Take a Drop.

Ford automobiles dropped \$80 in price Tuesday. The prices of that well-known machine, which went into effect Tuesday, are: Ford chassis, \$325; Ford runabout, \$345; Ford touring car, \$360; Ford coupelet, \$505; Ford town car, \$595, and Ford Sedan, \$645. Messrs. J. A. Blackwood & Co. are local agents for the Ford.

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—COMING AND GOING—



BRIEF ITEMS ABOUT THE MOVEMENTS OF GASTON PEOPLE

—Mr. E. E. Groves was a Shelby visitor Tuesday.

—Mr. Lacy Adams was a Spartanburg visitor Sunday.

—Mr. R. F. Robinson, of Bowling Green, route one, was a visitor in Gastonia yesterday.

—Mr. C. K. Torrence spent the week-end in Salisbury on a pleasure trip.

—Miss Marie Sasser, of Chester, spent several hours in the city Wednesday.

—Mrs. J. B. Thomasson left yesterday for York, S. C., to visit her brother, Mr. J. M. Bryan.

—Mr. J. E. Simpson is expected to return today from a brief business trip to Lexington.

—Mrs. W. C. Davis left today for Winston-Salem on a visit to her mother, Mrs. T. M. Benton.

—Mrs. W. C. Abernethy went to Charlotte yesterday afternoon to spend several days with relatives.

—Mr. Burwell Tretwell, of Spartanburg, S. C., spent several hours in the city yesterday on business.

—Messrs. W. M. Nolen, Jr., and George L. Rawlings spent several hours in York, S. C., Tuesday afternoon.

—Next Thursday, August 10, is the date of the annual Sunday school picnic at Crowders school house. The public is cordially invited.

—Mr. Charles Thomasson left Sunday for Kinston, where he will spend some time with his sister, Mrs. J. M. Meacham.

—Miss Ruby Spencer left last week for Wilmington and Wrightsville Beach where she will spend several weeks.

—The Gazette is requested to announce that there will be preaching at the Lutheran Chapel Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. J. C. Dietz, of Gastonia.

—Miss Essie Robinson, of Hickory, is spending several days in the city as the guest of Misses Susie and Mary Rawlings on South Chester street.

—Mrs. L. P. Lewis and children, of Mount Holly, have returned to their home after spending two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Littlejohn, here.

—Misses Louise and Raboteau Page, who have been the guests of their aunt, Mrs. B. T. Morris, for several weeks, will return tomorrow to their home in Raleigh.

—There will be special services at St. Michael's Catholic church on Sunday, August 6, at 10 a. m. Holy Mass, Communion and sermon by the pastor, Rev. Father Melchior, O. S. B.

—An auto party composed of Misses Bertie Duff, Louisa Reid, Gaynelle Boone and Messrs. Frank L. and Henry Wilson went to Blowing Rock Tuesday in Mr. T. W. Wilson's machine.

—Mrs. W. D. Barringer and daughters, Misses Irene and Willie D., went to Charlotte this morning to spend several days with Mrs. Barringer's daughter, Mrs. Lester Timmons.

—Mrs. J. L. Rhodes and children, Annie Page, Joseph Clyde and J. Lee, Jr., of New Orleans, arrived in the city last night on train No. 28 to spend some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Page.

—Mrs. D. K. Jackson has as her guests Mrs. N. L. Cranford and Miss Carrie Clegg, both of Winston-Salem. Mrs. Jackson met her guests in Charlotte yesterday and accompanied them to the city.

—Mr. C. E. Baldwin, of the Department of Labor at Washington, was in the city yesterday compiling labor statistics from the various manufacturing industries in this section.

—Miss Annie Brown, of Greenville, S. C., is spending some time in the city as the guest of Miss Emily Adams. She will also be the guest for a few days while here of Miss Johnnie Adams at her home on South Broad street.

—Prof. and Mrs. W. P. Grier and little son, W. P., Jr., returned this week from Mecklenburg county, where they spent some time visiting relatives, and are at home again at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Patrick on East Franklin avenue.

—Miss Margaret Morris and little Miss Ellen Morris left this morning for an extended visit to Siler City and Bynum. At the latter place they will visit their aunt, Mrs. J. B. Atwater. At Bynum Miss Margaret Morris will be the guest of former school friends.

—Miss Margaret Willis, who has been the guest for several days of Miss Annie Glenn, left yesterday for Waynesville where she will spend the remainder of the summer. Miss Willis was a classmate of Miss Glenn at the State Normal College in Greensboro.

—Misses Lavinia Hunter and Helen Potts returned to the city Wednesday night from Fletcher where they have been for the past month.

They were members of a camping party near Fletcher during the heavy rains but experienced no unusual happenings because of the location of their camp.

—Mr. J. W. West returned to the city Saturday from Baltimore, Md., and Elizabeth City, N. J., where he has been for the past ten weeks doing special work for the Chemical Construction Company, of Charlotte. Mr. West was called home on account of the illness of his child which is some better now.

—Mr. G. W. Ragan came down from Montreat Tuesday and is spending a few days in the city on business. Mr. Ragan reports that everything at Montreat is entirely normal so far as holding the conference and other gatherings is concerned. The roads in the vicinity which were damaged by the recent floods are being rapidly rebuilt and repaired.

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Vital Statistics for July.

Register of Vital Statistics following figures for the month of July: Gastonia township, births, white, 10; deaths, 6; colored, births, 7; deaths, 2; Gastonia, births, white, 32; deaths, 13; colored, births 4, deaths 4.

First Grip of Evil Ideal Tomorrow

A dispatch dated Tuesday from Washington, N. C., says: David Blow, scalded by his wife after she had discovered his infatuation for another woman, is dead after weeks of horrible suffering. Death afforded relief prayed for by Blow. The angry wife poured a tubful of boiling water on him while he slept. She is in jail.

Last Iron Claw Ideal Tomorrow.

Goldsboro is considering the adoption of the commission form of government. A committee of citizens appointed some time ago is investigating the subject and will make a report soon.

Last Iron Claw Ideal Tomorrow.

THE ONLY REIGNING QUEEN.

Ruler of Holland, Woman Who Spurned Crown Prince — On the Throne.

The London Ideas.

The Queen of the Netherlands, as Wilhelmina, Queen of Holland, is commonly called, is one of the most interesting women in the world. She is also the only woman who is a reigning sovereign, and has been such since her tenth year, in 1890, upon the death of her father, the former king.

She was the only child, therefore her education had to be particularly broad and comprehensive. The system adopted was naturally a methodical one and severe. The different professors engaged to instruct the little Queen on special subjects were experts in their chosen fields, and Wilhelmina proved to be not a brilliant student at all, but one of those steady plodders who get there all over, as a small boy would say. The great idea in systematizing the course of study of the Queen was that the greatest possible amount of work should be accomplished within the smallest space of time.

The Queen's first official public appearance was at Amsterdam, when she was but 10 years old. The country round was wild with excitement, and great preparations were made by the people to render meek homage to their queen, to the two queens, in fact, for Queen Emma was reigning sovereign during the minority of little Wilhelmina.

Last Iron Claw Ideal Tomorrow.

A Fact As to Editors.

Collier's Weekly.

On rainy days, and also on other occasions which are not unconnected with the postman's visit, we find the whole truth in this from The Thomsville, Ga., Times:

"If you see an editor, who pleases everybody there will be a glass plate over his face and he will not be standing up."

Doing His Best.

"Tommy Tucker is the worst boy in school, Harry, and I want you to keep just as far away from him as you possibly can."

"I do, ma. He stays at the head of the class most all the time." — Life.

Gastonia retail merchants have large and varied stocks and always sell at the very lowest prices.

The hair's best friend is Parisian Sage. Get a bottle from J. H. Kennedy & Co. and see how quickly it will cure dandruff and itching scalp and stop the hair from falling out. — Adv.