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ELECTING A PRESIDENT 12



War Hero
Elected
President
in
1868.

GRANT.

LINCOLN, having been assassinated, was succeeded in office by Andrew Johnson, who was vice president. The war had ended. Grant had returned a hero. The Republicans nominated the general, while the Democrats put forward Horatio Seymour of New York. The south, having been defeated, again participated in this election and supported Seymour.

The election of 1872 was an exciting one. Horace Greeley, formerly a Republican, had disagreed with his party and ran on the Democratic ticket and the Liberal Republican ticket. Grant was again the Republican nominee. There were four other minor candidates. Grant received 3,597,070 votes and Greeley 2,834,679.

(Watch for the election of Hayes in 1876 in our next issue.)

THE FIRST GUN IS FIRED IN CAMPAIGN TO ORGANIZE COUNTY

President F. P. Hall of Greater Gaston County Campaign Sends Out Letter Calling on People of the County to Co-operate in Great Forward Movement—Tells of Some of Things to be Accomplished—Township Meetings to be Held This Week.

The opening gun in the Greater Gaston County campaign was fired this morning in the form of a letter addressed to the people of the county by Prof. F. P. Hall, county superintendent of schools and acting president of the Greater Gaston County Association.

Prof. Hall writes as follows: The people of Gaston county are justly proud of their community and desire to do everything possible for its welfare and improvement.

We feel that Gaston county has already found its place in the front rank of the South. Rich in agricultural resources, prosperous in industrial endeavor, sound in finance, with good government, good schools, splendid roads, and a climate that is unsurpassed, the opportunity that lies before us is, indeed, a happy one.

It remains for us, however, to take full advantage of this opportunity. And for this purpose we now undertake the establishment of the Greater Gaston County Association. Our aim will be to foster the civic, social, mercantile, industrial and agricultural welfare of the whole people of Gaston county.

Here are a few things we shall try

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ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING

IN INTEREST OF PROPOSED HOSPITAL

Large Crowd Attended Mass Meeting at Tabernacle Sunday Night to Hear Addresses by Business Men With Reference to Establishment of North Carolina Orthopaedic Hospital—Active Campaign for Raising Funds to be Inaugurated at Once.

Sunday night's union service in the tabernacle was given over to a presentation of the cause of the North Carolina Orthopaedic Hospital, a proposed institution the establishment of which has been on the hearts and minds of a number of Gastonians for quite a while. Rev. H. H. Jordan presided. The attendance was large, there being in the neighborhood of fifteen hundred people present.

Rev. Dr. J. C. Galloway opened the service by the reading of a scripture lesson, taking the story of the Good Samaritan.

Mr. J. H. Separk was next called on and made a strong plea for the establishment of this institution. He began by drawing a distinction between the "visionary" man and the "man of vision." The visionary man dreams of things impossible or his dreams are impracticable. The man of vision sees into the future and plans toward the accomplishment of some worth-while object. He said he hoped the men behind the hospital movement were men of vision and not visionary men. To begin with the speaker gave his audience the definition of the word orthopaedic. It is derived from two Greek words meaning a straight child. An orthopaedic hospital is one that has as its purpose the straightening or correcting of physical defects in the child. Attention was directed to the fact that the State, the churches and the fraternal orders between them had made provision for the orphan of sound body, the idiot child, the insane child, the blind, deaf or dumb child, but no provision had been made for the orphan child of sound mind but defective body. The State provides for the treatment of the consumptive, the care of the epileptic, the criminal but so far the child of defective body, orphaned, is left to the tender mercies of an unsympathetic public. Even pellagrins are being provided for in many States but as yet no State in the South has made provision for the class of children the proposed institution would take care of. The speaker said that there were in North Carolina thousands of clubfooted and bowlegged children who should not be in such condition. A little surgical work would make them sound and straight.

So far, said the speaker, only nine States in the Union have established institutions of this kind. That we in this day of enlightenment and prosperity, should let such an opportunity go by is a sad commentary upon our humanitarianism. "I believe," he said, "if this matter is once put upon the hearts and consciences of our people they will do their part towards its establishment and thus induce other communities in the State to do likewise. If our business men can be made to see that such an institution will pay, they will take hold of it. It will pay in that it will render useful in the commercial and business world lives that otherwise would be unproductive. This is not taking into account the fact that it would brighten many lives and make them happy, contented and helpful to others."

Miss Ruth Mason delighted the audience at this juncture with a rendition of "Abide With Me."

Mayor C. B. Armstrong was next

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MR. LAMAR PEGRAM DEAD

WAS PROMINENT YOUNG BUSINESS MAN

End Came Friday at Lenoir—Made Brave But Futile Battle Against Odds in Fight for Life—Body Was Laid to Rest in Oakwood Saturday Afternoon—Funeral Largely Attended—Rising Young Business Man Cut Down in Prime of Life—Gastonia Sorrows at His Passing.

One of the saddest funerals ever held in Gastonia was that of the late Lamar Craig Pegram, one of the best loved and most prominent young business men of this section of the State. His death occurred Friday afternoon at Lenoir, where he has lived for the past year, and the body, accompanied by his widow and sister, Miss Jennie Pegram, Mr. Henry Duff and others reached Gastonia on the evening train Saturday. The body was taken to the First Presbyterian church, of which he was formerly a member, where impressive services were held. Rev. J. H. Henderlite, pastor of the church here; Rev. C. T. Squires, his pastor at Lenoir; Rev. Dr. J. C. Galloway and Rev. W. C. Barrett, of Gastonia, conducted the services. At sunset his body was laid to rest in the family plot in Oakwood cemetery, where it was consigned to earth beneath a burden of beautiful flowers, testimonies from friends far and near of their love and esteem for the deceased. The church was filled to its capacity by sorrowing friends.

Lamar Craig Pegram was the son of the late T. C. Pegram and wife and was in his thirty-seventh year, having been born March 2nd, 1879. Most all of his life was spent in Gastonia until the last four or five years. His business career was a remarkable one. At an unusually early age he was made teller of the First National Bank of this city. Later he was teller of the Southern National Bank at Wilmington, cashier of the Bank of Kings Mountain and the First National Bank of Lenoir. He knew the banking business thoroughly and was so accurate and expert that he was often called on for relief work in banks in Charlotte and other towns. At the time of his death he held a responsible position with a string of mills comprising the Lenoir, Moore, Hudson and Whitton cotton mills in and around Lenoir.

On March 1st of this year he was married to Miss Anna McKinnon, of Laurinburg, who survives him, together with his mother, one sister, Miss Jennie Pegram, and one brother, Mr. Ed N. Pegram, of this city.

At the time he was stricken with the malady which resulted in his death he was in almost perfect health. It was about the middle of May when he became ill. He was taken at once to the Footbills Sanitarium at Lenoir and after a few days was removed to the Charlotte Sanitarium at Charlotte. For three weeks he was treated there for colitis. After a consultation of physicians there it was decided to take him to Baltimore. Accompanied by his wife, he was taken to Johns Hopkins Hospital where he was operated on by Dr. Finney, the well-known surgeon. The operation disclosed an abscess with a carcinoma at the root of the bowels. His case was regarded by the physicians as hopeless and he was brought back to Lenoir where his beautiful new home had just been completed and furnished. Here he was surrounded by all the luxuries that could make one comfortable and everything that money, medical skill, skillful nursing and the ministrations of loving hands could do was done for him but without avail. Through all his suffering he maintained a most cheerful disposition and at no time complained at the fate he knew awaited him. He was conscious almost to the very end of life and was prepared to go.

It is doubtful if any young man ever grew to manhood here who had more friends than Lamar Pegram. He was loved by all who came in contact with him. He was a young man of fine ability and the strictest integrity. He had before him the promise of a large and useful life and his passing at the prime of life brings very great sorrow to a host of friends. The entire town sorrows with his stricken wife and family in their hour of deep mourning.

Mary Pickford Ideal Friday.

Stanley Schools Open.

The Stanley High school opened yesterday with the largest enrollment it has ever had, a total of 140 pupils being present the first day of the term. Prof. J. W. Dellinger is principal and his assistant teachers are Mrs. Howard R. Thompson, Miss Bessie Morris and Miss Allie Mifson.

Marguerite Clark Ideal Thursday.

Attending Presbytery.

Rev. J. H. Henderlite, pastor of the First Presbyterian church; Rev. W. J. Roach, pastor of the Loray Presbyterian church; Rev. G. A. Sparrow, pastor of the Union Presbyterian church, and Mr. J. H. Kennedy left this morning for Columbus, Polk county, to attend the fall session of Kings Mountain Presbytery which convenes there tonight. They made the trip in Mr. Henderlite's car, going by way of Rutherfordton. They will return to Gastonia Thursday or Friday.

Mary Pickford Ideal Friday.

Let us gin your cotton on our New Automatic Ginning System. It costs you no more to have it ginned on these gins and you will find a good market for your cotton as the lint will never be cut. Try us on (1) bale and you will bring us all. Southern Cotton Oil Co., J. F. Bess, Manager.

Master J. E. Edwards, Jr., little son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Edwards, who has been quite ill for several days, is reported today as being very much better.

MR. CALDWELL PASSES

AGED VETERAN DIED HERE FRIDAY

After Illness of Some Time Mr. Robert A. Caldwell Succumbed Friday Afternoon—Funeral and Burial Saturday—Native of York County But Resident of Gastonia for Many Years—Served Gallantly Throughout Civil War—Had Reached Advanced Age of Eighty-Two.

Following an illness of about five months, during the last six weeks of which he was confined to his bed, Mr. Robert Allison Caldwell, one of Gastonia's oldest and most highly esteemed citizens, died at his home on South York street Friday afternoon at 4:15 o'clock. Death was due to the infirmities incident to old age. While not unexpected, his death nevertheless came with a shock of sadness to his family and friends.

Funeral services were conducted at the First Presbyterian church at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon by the pastor, Rev. J. H. Henderlite, assisted by Mr. Caldwell's former pastor at Olney church, Rev. G. A. Sparrow, and Rev. Dr. J. C. Galloway, pastor of the First Associate Reformed Presbyterian church. There was present a large concourse of the friends of the family, many of the deceased's former neighbors from York county and the Olney neighborhood being present. Rev. Mr. Sparrow having borne to Mr. Caldwell the relations of pastor, friend and comrade in the Civil War spoke feelingly of his faithfulness to all his obligations as a citizen, a soldier and a Christian. The high tribute he paid to the splendid character and upright life of his departed comrade was based upon the close personal friendship which had existed between them for many years. At the close of the service the body was borne to Oakwood cemetery, where it was laid to rest in the family plot.

Mr. Caldwell was a native of York county, South Carolina, having been born and reared in the Kings Creek section. He was in his eighty-second year, having been born December 6, 1834, the son of James and Sarah Caldwell. His father was born in Cavendish, County Tyrone, Ireland, and was brought to this country when three years old by his parents, who settled in York county. This was about 1790. They came on the vessel Irish Volunteer and the trip consumed between 12 and 14 days.

On April 4, 1861, deceased was married to Miss Catherine Adams, a sister of Mr. W. Meek Adams, of Gastonia. Volunteering at the outbreak of the Civil War, Mr. Caldwell enlisted as a member of Company K, Seventeenth South Carolina Regiment of volunteers, and served through the entire war. He was in a number of important engagements but was never wounded. In one battle he was buried beneath an avalanche of dirt and debris thrown by a bursting shell but was dug out and found to be unharmed.

At the close of the war he settled on a farm on Charles Fork in York county. After several years residence there he purchased a farm on Crowders Creek in this county and lived there for many years, moving 16 years ago to Gastonia. His activities were directed very largely to farming at which he was successful, accumulating considerable property.

Surviving deceased are his widow one daughter, Mrs. G. W. Ragan, and son, Dr. J. M. Caldwell, all of Gastonia, one sister, Mrs. M. A. McElwee, of York county. He leaves also twelve grand children and one great grand child.

Mr. Caldwell was for many years a loyal and consistent member of the Presbyterian church. Prior to his coming to Gastonia he held his membership at Olney Presbyterian church in the southern part of the county. During his residence here his membership was in the First Presbyterian church. Deceased was a large number of people in this county and York county to whom his death is a matter of great sorrow.

The pall-bearers were John Redford, D. R. LaFar, P. W. Garland, S. A. Pofinson, R. C. Warren and J. W. Timberlake.

Among the people here from out-of-town for the funeral were Mr. Thomas M. Caldwell, of Gaffney, S. C.; Mrs. McElwee, Misses Reola and Kate Faulkner, Mrs. Sue L. Caldwell, Miss Maggie Caldwell, Harry Herbert and James Caldwell, all of Kings Creek; Mr. M. L. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wright, of Clover, S. C.; Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Faulkner, Mr. T. J. Thompson, Mrs. Frank McElwee, Mrs. William Allison and Miss Sudie Allison, all of York; Mr. Arthur G. Caldwell, of Nitrolee, S. C.

Mary Pickford Ideal Friday.

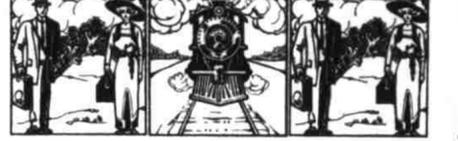
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Mrs. E. O. Jennings has as her house-guests this week Mrs. J. P. Cagle, of Chattanooga, Tenn., and Miss Marguerite Manning, of Charlotte.

Mrs. J. K. Glass, who has been spending several days in the city with her daughter, Mrs. Giles Ratchford, left yesterday for her home at Spartanburg, S. C.

Miss Harvey and Mrs. Pierce have returned to the city for the season and have opened their millinery parlors on the second floor of the Bradley building in West Gastonia.

—COMING AND GOING—



BRIEF ITEMS ABOUT THE MOVEMENTS OF GASTON PEOPLE

—City schools open Friday.

—Mr. H. A. Witherspoon, of Salisbury, was in Gastonia Saturday.

—Mr. J. A. Spencer, of Mayworth, was here Saturday.

—Miss Irene Loughridge spent yesterday in Charlotte with friends.

—Thomson Mercantile Company has an attractive new electrical sign.

—There's been a tinge of fall in the air for the past few days.

—Have you purchased a season ticket for the lyceum course yet?

—Mr. E. G. McLurd left Friday for Burnsville, Yancy county on a visit to relatives.

—Prof. Joe S. Wray and children, Joe and Carolyn, spent Sunday with relatives in Shelby.

—The Parliamentary Law class will meet at eight o'clock Thursday night at the public library.

—Misses Lillian Mebane and Ella Pinkston, of Salisbury, were the guests Sunday of Mrs. R. B. Almand.

—Mr. and Mrs. Hackitt Blanton, of Shelby, were Gastonia visitors yesterday.

—Mr. C. J. Huss, of Bessemer City, was a Gastonia visitor Saturday.

—Attorney J. G. Carpenter was a business visitor to Charlotte yesterday.

—Mr. William Pope, formerly with the Gastonia Baseball team, was in town yesterday.

—Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Pressley, of Clover, were among yesterday's visitors in the city.

—Mrs. R. M. Reid and Miss Aline Reid were visitors to Charlotte Friday.

—Mr. W. Scott Brawley and son, W. Scott, Jr., of Chester, were in the city Saturday.

—Are you talking about the fair. Let your friends away from Gastonia know that it's going to be a big event.

—Those new "Keep to the Right" signs look like a great improvement over the home-made affairs.

—Mrs. J. M. Holland and little son, J. M., Jr., returned yesterday from a visit of several weeks to friends at Memphis, Tenn.

—Mrs. G. W. Ragan and daughter, Miss Helen, left yesterday afternoon for Red Springs, where Miss Helen will enter Flora McDonald College.

—Mr. W. J. Smith, of Charlotte, was in the city Sunday on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Smith, at their home on South street.

—Mr. Holston Powell, of Rock Hill, S. C., was the guest Sunday of Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Garrison. Mr. Powell is a nephew of Dr. Garrison.

—Mr. and Mrs. George G. Willis spent Sunday in Charlotte as the guests of Mr. Willis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. O. Willis.

—Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Ragan and family, who have been spending the summer at Montreal, returned home last week.

—Mr. Oscar M. Jones, formerly with The Gazette but now employed as linotype operator on The News at York, S. C., spent Sunday in the city.

—Miss Lillie Rierson spent the week-end with her grandmother at Walnut Cove, returning to the city Sunday night.

—Miss Gaynelle Boone left yesterday for Charlotte where she goes to resume her studies in Queen's College.

—Messrs. Robert Tatlock, Rhea Foyssoux and John Palmer left yesterday for Arden, where they have entered Christ School.

—Miss Ida May Hinson returned Saturday to her home in Lincolnton after being the guest for several days of Mrs. E. O. Jennings.

—Mr. Craig Groves, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Groves, of this city, has accepted a position in the First National Bank as bookkeeper.

—Mr. Bryan Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lewis, left yesterday morning for Durham where he goes to enter Trinity College.

—Mr. Ernest R. Warren left this morning for Chapel Hill to continue his studies in the University. He is a Junior law student this year.

—Mrs. W. P. Covington and little son, Preston, of Hamlet, arrived in the city Sunday to spend several days with her sister, Mrs. M. F. Kirby.

—Mr. Palmer Titman, of Westfield, Mass., passed through the city Sunday to Lowell on a short visit to homefolks.

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—Messrs. Henry Groves and J. T. Sadler spent the week-end at Blowing Rock. They returned home yesterday morning, making the trip both ways via auto.

—Miss Mattie Berryman, of the Thomasville Orphanage, spent the week-end here with Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Loughridge, returning to Thomasville yesterday.

—Mr. and Mrs. D. Lebovitz returned last Thursday from New York, Baltimore and Richmond, where they purchased an excellent line of fall and winter merchandise for the Lebovitz Department Stores.

—Mr. F. H. Cunningham, of Belk's sales force, returned to the city Friday after spending a ten-days vacation with homefolks at Waxhaw. While away he also visited Monroe and Raleigh.

—Mr. Edwin Costner, who has held a position for some time past with the Adams Drug Co., will leave tomorrow for New Smyrna, Fla., where he accepts a position for the winter.

—Mrs. R. V. Williams and children, Elizabeth, Ruby and James Baber, arrived Friday night from Atlanta, Ga., to spend some time with Mrs. Williams' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Baber.

—Messrs. W. L. Handsett, J. M. Gilliam and B. F. Ormand attended the State Council of the Junior Order, U. A. M., at Goldsboro last week as representatives of the Gastonia council.

—Messrs. W. K. Reid and F. A. Whitesides motored to Blowing Rock Saturday afternoon and returned home Sunday night. They spent several hours in Lincolnton en route home.

—Mr. C. M. Prince, special representative of the Person Remedy Company, of Charlotte, with a force of lady demonstrators is in the city this week advertising Mrs. Joe Person's Remedy. They have headquarters at Kennedy's.

—Messrs. Cook & Co., of Orlando, Fla., investment and business brokers, announce that they will open their North Carolina office in Gastonia in about two weeks. See their advertisement in the classified column.

—Rev. G. P. Abernethy, pastor of the Loray Baptist church, left yesterday morning for Schoolfield, Va., to assist in E. S. Ivery in a protracted meeting. He will be absent from the city for about two weeks. Mr. Abernethy's pulpit will be filled next Sunday morning by Mr. J. Frank Flowers, of Charlotte.

—Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Coltrane, of Concord, spent Sunday here with Dr. and Mrs. D. A. Garrison. They returned home Sunday evening accompanied by their children, Miss Miriam Coltrane and Mr. Tom Coltrane, who had been spending the week here with Dr. and Mrs. Garrison.

Mary Pickford Ideal Friday.

In Motorcycle Accident.

Messrs. Ray Roberts and William McLean are suffering from injuries received Friday night when, riding a motorcycle, they collided with a horse and buggy and were thrown violently to the ground. The accident happened on the New Hope road several miles from Gastonia. Mr. Roberts suffered a compound fracture of the leg while Mr. McLean was badly bruised and received some painful wounds, although no bones were broken. The injured men were brought to the City Hospital by Mr. Crown Wilson and given medical attention.

The Gastonia Furniture Company is offering Big Values in Druggets and Rugs.

The North Carolina school for the Deaf at Morganton opened Friday with the largest enrollment in its history.

Marguerite Clark Ideal Thursday.

Catawba College opened Friday with an enrollment 25 per cent larger than last year.

Just received a solid car load of Ranges, Stoves and Heaters at Gastonia Furniture Co.

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More wheat and rye will be sown in Catawba county this fall than ever before.

Send The Gazette to the boy or girl away at college; only \$1 for the school year. Send cash with order.

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