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\$1.50 A YEAR IN ADVANCE.

## ELECTING A PRESIDENT 14



### Cleveland Breaks Long Reign of Republicans.

**GROVER CLEVELAND** of New York was the first Democrat elected since 1856. He defeated James G. Blaine of Maine in 1884 by a vote of 4,911,017 to 4,848,334. T. A. Hendricks of Indiana was chosen vice president. However, in the next election Cleveland was defeated by Benjamin Harrison of Indiana by a vote of 233 to 168. Cleveland received a majority of the popular vote that year, nevertheless, Levi P. Morton of New York was elected vice president. Cleveland then came back in the election of 1892 and defeated Harrison by a vote of 5,556,918 to 5,176,108. Adlai E. Stevenson of Illinois was elected vice president that year.

(Watch for the election of McKinley in 1896 in our next issue.)

### HOSPITAL ENLARGED.

City Hospital Will Occupy Part of Fifth Floor of Realty Building as Nurses' Home—Course of Study in the Nurses' Training School Extended to Meet State Requirements.

The City Hospital Company, all the stock of which is now owned by Dr. J. M. Sloan and Dr. L. N. Glenn, on yesterday obtained from the Gastonia Insurance & Realty Company, owners of the Realty Building, a lease on the front half of the fifth floor of the building, the entire third and fourth floors of which are already occupied by the hospital. The newly leased part of the building is the front half of the fifth floor, formerly occupied by the Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias as a lodge room. This will be divided into rooms and completely fitted up as a home for the nurses, which will release all the rooms on the fourth floor now used by the nurses for hospital purposes. This will give one large ward and several private rooms on the fourth floor, as well as a room specially fitted up near the operating room for the \$4,000 X-ray machine which has been purchased and will be installed soon. This enlargement of the hospital's quarters was made necessary by the continued growth of its patronage during the past few months. Three nurses will be added to the staff, which will give twelve nurses. The course of study in the nurses' training school will be at once revised to conform to the new and higher standard now required by the State Board of Examiners. When these improvements are completed, which will be within a short time, Gastonia will have one of the best equipped and most modern hospitals in the State. Furniture for the additional rooms have already been ordered and shipped.

## BOOSTER TRIP PLANNED

ADVERTISING THE GASTON COUNTY FAIR

Publicity Campaign Will Have Climax in Monster Automobile Parade on Wednesday, the 27th—Hundred Machines Expected to be in Line—Will Visit Six Towns—Similar Trip to Clover and York on 29th—Entire County Will Participate in Big Event.

A big booster trip will mark the culmination of the vigorous advertising campaign which has been on for several weeks to acquaint the people of this and adjoining counties that Gaston is to have a fair here October 3rd to 7th inclusive. Mr. R. G. Rankin is chairman of the committee having the arrangements for the trip in hand and Mr. G. B. Mason and Judge A. C. Jones are the other members of the committee.

It is expected that at least 100 automobiles from Gastonia, Bessemer City, Dallas, Cherryville, Stanley, Mount Holly, Belmont, Lowell and McAdenville will participate in this big event. Headed by the Gastonia Pythian Drum Corps the party will leave Gastonia at 8:30 o'clock Wednesday morning, September 27. The route will be as follows: Gastonia to Bessemer City, then to Kings Mountain, Shelby, Cherryville, Lincolnton, Dallas and back to Gastonia. The party will stop for dinner probably at Shelby. In each of these towns the Drum Corps will give a fancy drill. Mayor Armstrong will be master of ceremonies for the day.

An urgent invitation is extended to every automobile owner in the county to participate in this monster booster parade. All of those living in other towns who can do so are asked to come to Gastonia and start with the crowd from here. However, where this is not possible, the auto owners in other towns are asked to fall in line when the party reaches their town. All who are willing to go on this trip are asked to phone or write Mr. Rankin or one of the other members of the committee at once. Already many public-spirited citizens have offered their services to help make this the biggest advertising tour ever undertaken in the county. Much interest has been manifested not only by Gastonians but by residents of other towns in the county.

On Friday, September 29th, a similar trip will be made to Clover and York in York county. On that day the party will leave Gastonia at 3:30 p. m., and returning will reach Gastonia by supper time.

It is a matter of very great regret to the fair management that it will be impossible to include Mount Holly and Belmont on either of these trips on account of the fact that those towns are cut off from Gastonia because of the recent destruction of the bridges over the South Fork river.

### The End of the World is coming.

Durham also wants one of the 12 Federal Farm Loan banks.

Grace Cunard and Francis Ford Broadway Wednesday.

Five persons were killed, two probably fatally injured and four others less seriously hurt Sunday when an automobile in which they were riding crashed through a guard rail on a bridge across the Harlem river, New York.

### Mr. Lindsay to Preach.

Rev. A. T. Lindsay, president of Linwood College, will preach next Sunday night at the union service in the tabernacle. The public is cordially invited to hear him.

## WILL BUILD BRIDGES FOR A GREATER GASTON

PLANS MADE AT MEETING YESTERDAY

In Joint Meeting the Mecklenburg and Gaston Commissioners Reached Agreement—Bridges at Mt. Holly and Belmont to be Replaced First—Gaston Will Pay Only Its Proportional Part—Work to Start at Once.

Plans were begun yesterday afternoon to secure the immediate replacement of the bridges over the Catawba river at a joint meeting of the Mecklenburg and Gaston county commissioners held at Mount Holly. This action comes as the result of the continued agitation the people of Gaston county have manifested for the bridges and will meet the approval of the business men of this county.

As the result of yesterday's meeting an agreement was reached by the two boards and it was decided to replace all of the bridges that were destroyed in July. It was decided to rebuild the Mount Holly and Sloan's Ferry bridges first. The bridge at Rozzelle's Ferry is to be replaced at a later date.

According to County Commissioner J. F. McArver no definite action was taken at the meeting as to which bridge would be rebuilt first, but bids will be received on both bridges at the same time. State Engineer W. S. Fallis has been wired and when he comes to Mount Holly another joint meeting of the commissioners will be held for the purpose of considering just what the structures will cost. While it was not decided upon at yesterday's meeting it is stated that a bridge will be built at both points which will be equal to those which were destroyed.

Of especial interest to the people of Gaston is the fact that the two bridges, at Mount Holly and Sloan's Ferry, are to be paid for according to the taxable poll of each county. The approaches that were left standing on the Gaston county side of the stream are the personal property of Gaston county and will be so considered by the Mecklenburg commissioners when the cost of erecting the bridges is being computed. At the Sloan's Ferry site on Gaston county's side several hundred feet of the old structure is standing and can be used in the erection of the new bridge. This will materially lessen the cost of the bridge at this point for Gaston county.

The third bridge to be rebuilt is the one at Rozzelle's Ferry above Mountain Island. The Gaston commissioners agreed to assist in replacing this bridge but not on the same basis as the other two because of its isolated location. They consented, however, to pay one-third of the actual cost of the construction with the understanding that the bridge should not be built until a later date when it was convenient.

It is not known at this time just what type of bridges will be built but it was agreed at the meeting yesterday that only permanent structures would be considered. Nothing definite can be ascertained as to the estimated cost of the bridges until the commissioners have consulted with State Engineer Fallis and have received estimates on the work. The commissioners of both counties will be governed largely by the advice of Engineer Fallis as to the style of bridge and material. Just as quickly as plans and specifications can be secured and estimates received on the construction work and material, the contracts will be awarded and the work begun. It is very likely that within the next few months at least one of the bridges will be replaced and in readiness for traffic.

At the former meetings of the two boards the Mecklenburg commissioners asked that Gaston county pay one-half of the cost of the bridges as well as a part of the approaches on the Mecklenburg side. This the Gaston county commissioners flatly refused to do and it was because the Mecklenburg commissioners held out for this that such a delay has been occasioned. When the Mecklenburg commissioners realized that their proposition was not meeting even the approval of the people of Charlotte and Mecklenburg county they finally agreed to the propositions made by the bridge committee of Gaston county.

Those who attended the joint meeting yesterday besides the entire Mecklenburg board and their attorney E. T. Canisler and the bridge committee of the Gaston commissioners, were about 50 Charlotte business men who were anxious that Gaston's proposition be accepted. The bridge committee of the Gaston county commissioners are Messrs. O. G. Falls, R. K. Davenport, R. L. Stowe and J. F. McArver.

### WHAT GASTONIANS THINK.

The Gazette has interviewed quite a number of Gaston business men on the bridge question and gives below what each had to say:

Dr. James A. Anderson says, "We are badly in need of the bridges that were swept away in July and they should be rebuilt just as soon as possible. There are hundreds of people who are handicapped on account of not being able to get to Gastonia. I believe the Sloan's Ferry bridge is the most important and should be replaced first. The Gaston county commissioners are to be complimented on the speedy and efficient work they have done on the county bridges

ASSOCIATION IS NOW BEING FORMED

Committees of Live Business Men at Work Today in Every Town in County Soliciting Members for Greater Gaston Association—Large Results Expected—Campaign Will Continue Through Thursday—Mr. Kingsley Moses Directing the Work.

In Gastonia this work was formally launched last Friday night at a banquet at the Armington Hotel, with Mayor Armstrong as host, when forty leading business men were present, thirty of whom volunteered their services to help in the membership campaign inaugurated this morning. At a luncheon given at the Armington yesterday at 1 p. m., with Mr. J. H. Separk as host, there were present thirty other business men, nearly all of whom likewise volunteered their services for the campaign. At both of these events Mr. Kingsley Moses, who has been secured to direct the perfecting of this organization, was present and gave a clear outline of the plans and purposes of the proposed organization.

This morning at 10 o'clock in every town in the county strong committees started out to enlist memberships and secure subscriptions for the Greater Gaston County Association. Last reports from the chairmen of each township committee indicate that the committees are meeting with splendid success and that before the end of the day several hundred men will be enlisted in the county organization. The campaign will continue for two more days, Wednesday and Thursday of this week, with the active work of all the committees.

When the active campaign is concluded the big organization meeting will be held at which time the four officers: President, two Vice-Presidents and Treasurer will be elected from the County at large and each township separately will elect two of the board of directors, representing that township. Fifty per cent of the total amount of the funds raised will be devoted entirely to the maintenance of the central organization, while fifty per cent of the amount raised in each township will be devoted to the work of that township. In this way every town in the county will find it possible to have at least a small local Chamber of Commerce. Each organization, however, will be free from all expenses since the central county organization will serve each town.

It is hoped that \$10,000.00 may be raised for the work of the organization. By apportioning these funds among the townships every township will have not much less than \$500.00 to work with which should be an amount sufficient to insure telling work by each local Chamber of Commerce. The organization committees are as follows:

Cherryville township: M. L. Mauney, chairman, M. O. Kendrick, J. R. Nixon, S. R. McNeely, D. A. Dellinger.

Crowders Mountain township: R. C. Kennedy, chairman, J. T. Oates, E. L. Fronberger, C. T. Whitney, H. C. Fronberger, M. P. Sheltley, J. Clyde Arrowood, R. D. Ormand, C. C. Kiser.

Gastonia township: J. F. McArver, chairman, S. N. Boyce, C. B. Armstrong, J. H. Separk, Crown W. Wilson, Jno R. Rankin, P. W. Garland, H. M. Eddleman, J. W. Timberlake, V. G. Grier, J. H. Matthews, J. M. Sloan, Geo. R. Spencer, O. B. Carpenter, Ed C. Adams, W. H. Wray, P. R. Huffstetler, J. Lee Robinson, V. E. Long, J. White Ware, W. T. Rankin, H. F. Glenn, R. B. Babington, R. Hope Brison, A. G. Myers, D. M. Jones, W. L. Balthis, M. F. Kirby, Jr., A. M. Dixon, W. E. Haynes, J. L. Kennedy, Kenneth Babington, Ralph Ray, Jas. A. Anderson, A. J. Kirby, J. L. Gray, J. H. Henderlite, S. A. Robinson, John O. Rankin, H. Rutter, G. C. Andrews, W. H. Adams, E. G. McLurd, Jno. L. Beal, J. F. Thomson.

Dallas township: J. Worth Summey, chairman, E. L. Houser, A. K. Rudisill, W. L. Thornburg, J. S. Ledford, C. J. Pasour, M. B. Oates, J. H. White, H. G. Rhyne, Carl Lineberger, C. S. Cunningham, B. G. Buckner, J. C. Puett, C. L. Thornburg, Bert Clontinger, B. E. Lineberger, L. M. Hoffman, Jr., J. N. Moore.

River Bend township: R. K. Davenport, chairman for Mt. Holly, J. A. Costner, R. G. Rhyne, E. H. Kohn, W. B. Rutledge, J. M. Reinhardt, chairman for Stanley, Jacob Jenkins, J. H. Whitener, W. H. Abernethy, J. M. Archer, Arthur Stroup.

South Point township: R. R. Ray, chairman for McAdenville, M. J. Ray, G. W. Stowe, chairman for Belmont, W. D. Crawford, D. P. Stowe, J. R. Ratchford, J. B. Hall, F. P. Hall, A. J. Rankin.

The projects before the organization are outlined in a letter recently sent out by temporary President Hall, which was published in full in last Tuesday's Gazette.

Wallace Reid and Cleo Ridgeley Ideal Theater Today.

A party of six automobilists, all of South Bethlehem, Pa., were killed Sunday near Quakertown, Pa., when their car was struck by a train at a railroad crossing.

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## COMING AND GOING



### BRIEF ITEMS ABOUT THE MOVEMENTS OF GASTON PEOPLE

—Mr. Ed C. Ray, of McAdenville, was in town Sunday.

—Mr. R. C. Simpson spent Sunday in Charlotte with homefolks.

—Mr. W. B. Puett, cashier of the Bank of Belmont, was a Gastonia visitor Saturday.

—Mr. Charles E. Clontinger, of Stanley, was in Gastonia on business Saturday.

—Miss Ethel Craig spent last Wednesday in Charlotte as the guest of Mrs. George Daly.

—Rev. H. H. Jordan left yesterday for Greensboro to attend a meeting of the board of education of the Western North Carolina Conference.

—Miss Lillian Watson returned home Saturday from Charlotte, where she spent the week as the guest of Miss Sarah Mellon.

—Miss Estill Estes, of Spartanburg, S. C., was the guest Friday of Miss Mary McLean. She was en route to Lenoir to visit her mother.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Peoples, of Pompano, Fla., spent Monday in the city visiting their nephew, Mr. M. F. Kirby, Jr.

—Mr. R. G. Cherry returned to the city yesterday morning from Durham where he spent several days on business.

—Mrs. B. Louis Hoffman, Jr., who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Lay, at Withers, for the past month or more, left Sunday night for her home at Lorain, Ohio.

"I saw frost on some ploughed ground near my house Thursday morning," said a prominent citizen yesterday. It was evidently light as no damage was done.

—Mr. Charlton K. Torrence left yesterday morning on Southern train No. 37 for Atlanta, Ga., where he will enter the Georgia College of Technology.

—Miss Ferris Patterson, of Patterson Springs, arrived last week to enter the Gastonia city schools. She will make her home with her sister, Mrs. J. Quinn Earl.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Armstrong returned home Sunday after spending the past two weeks with relatives and friends in Virginia near Richmond. They made the trip via auto.

Mrs. B. F. Dixon, who has been spending the summer with her son, Prof. Robert L. Durham, at Abingdon, Va., will arrive tonight to spend the winter here with her daughter, Mrs. W. L. Balthis.

Misses Lois and Blanche Robinson will leave tomorrow for Asheville to resume their studies at the Normal and Collegiate Institute, where Miss Lois Robinson will be a member of the graduating class this year.

Little Miss Annie Winfred Mayfield returned Sunday to her home at Pacolet, S. C., after spending two weeks here as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Littlejohn. She was accompanied home by her father, Mr. J. F. Mayfield, who came up Saturday.

Mrs. B. E. Atkins and Miss Lillian Atkins leave tonight for Barboursville, W. Va., where they will spend several weeks with the former's daughter, Mrs. Claude R. Miller, and family. Miss Atkins will also visit Miss Flora Steele at Tazewell, Va., while away.

Miss Jessie Baber, of York, S. C., and Mr. Luther Hoag, of Clover, S. C., motored to Gastonia Sunday afternoon and spent the afternoon in

the city as the guests of their uncle, Mr. J. R. Baber. They were accompanied home by their grandmother, Mrs. E. A. Baber.

—Work is progressing rapidly on the new county bridge across the South Fork at McAdenville to replace the one washed away by the recent flood. The piers are completed and the steel work is expected to arrive within the next few days. About 50 per cent of the steel in the old bridge was salvaged. It is stated. After the new steel work is received say the contractors, only three weeks will be required to have the bridge open to traffic.

Do you want to laugh, cry, or both? Then see "It Happened in Honolulu" Broadway today.

A movement is on foot in Wilson county to secure a new court house to cost not less than \$100,000. The present court house was built 60 years ago and does not meet present requirements, it is said.

Broadway Friday "The Castle of Despair."

### ORDERED TO BORDER.

North Carolina National Guard Regiments Received Orders Saturday to Proceed to the Mexican Border—Will Probably Start This Week.

The members of the North Carolina National Guard, of whom there are three regiments of infantry, two troops of cavalry, an ambulance company and a field hospital corps in camp at Camp Glenn, Morehead City, received Saturday the welcome news that they had been ordered to the Mexican border. The North Carolina troops have been at Camp Glenn since June, and have been waiting anxiously for weeks to learn whether they would be assigned to a period of border duty or discharged from duty without making the trip.

It is stated that one regiment will probably go by way of Charlotte and Atlanta and the others over the Atlantic Coast Line and the Seaboard Air Line. It is supposed that the North Carolina soldiers upon their arrival in Texas will be stationed at or near El Paso. Several days will be required to assemble the railway cars necessary for their movement, but it is expected that the start will be made this week.

### DEMOCRATIC SPEAKING.

There will be Democratic speakings at the places named below, to which the public is cordially invited:

Belmont, Saturday night, Sept. 23, at 8 o'clock, by Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby.

Mount Holly, Saturday night, Sept. 23, at 8 o'clock, by J. D. McCall, of Charlotte.

Bessemer City, Saturday night, Sept. 23rd, 8 o'clock, by George W. Wilson and N. P. McMillan, of Gastonia.

Lowell, Saturday night, Sept. 23, 8 o'clock by Judge A. C. Jones and R. G. Cherry, of Gastonia.

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