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GASTONIA, N. C., FRIDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 22, 1916.

\$1.50 A YEAR IN ADVANCE.

ELECTING A PRESIDENT 15



McKinley Defeats Bryan In Election of 1896.

FREE silver was the issue in 1896. William Jennings Bryan was nominated by the Democrats, while William McKinley of Ohio was nominated by the Republicans.

McKinley was again elected in 1900, defeating Bryan by a vote practically the same as that of 1896.

Theodore Roosevelt of New York was elected vice president. McKinley was assassinated about six months after his second inauguration.

Roosevelt served three and one-half years of his second term.

(Watch for the election of Roosevelt in 1904 in our next issue.)

Chicago bakers yesterday raised the price of bread from five cents to six cents a loaf.

The End of the World will come. What Plans Have You Made For It?

Fire yesterday afternoon destroyed the business portion of the town of Hiddenite, entailing a loss of \$40,000.

An immediate contribution to the Woodrow Wilson campaign fund puts you in the fight at once on the right side.

Against the millions of the opposition, Woodrow Wilson places entire dependence upon the free offerings of the people.

Send your contributions today to this newspaper. Your name will be printed on our "roll of honor," and you will receive a handsome lithographed receipt from Wilbur W. Marsh, Treasurer of the Democratic National Committee.

Visiting Nurse Elected. Miss Mabel Potts, of Pineville, has been elected visiting nurse to succeed Miss Eva M. Price, and has accepted the position.

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Miss Lucy Bullock, of Drewry, Warren county, and Frank Morton, of Townsville, Vance county, were instantly killed last night at Henderson when a shifting engine on the Durham & Northern tracks drove a box car into an automobile in which they were riding.

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COURAGE AND VISION

MARK PRESIDENT WILSON'S COURSE

Foreign Policies Bring Peace With Honor, Domestic Policies, Prosperity and Justice—To Change Executives Now Would Be National Chaos—A Contribution from You Puts You in the Fight at Once on the Right Side.

It is the people of the United States who are on trial, not Woodrow Wilson.

No President in history has been called upon to face such a succession of tremendous problems; no President in history has ever faced problems with more courage, vision and statesmanship.

His international policies have given us peace with honor; his domestic policies have given us prosperity and justice.

Not one of those who oppose him has dared to file a bill of particulars against him; not one has had the manhood to say boldly what he would not have done that Woodrow Wilson has done, or what he would have done that Woodrow Wilson has not done.

Only general attack, only blanket criticism, only peevish fault-finding, only base alliance with every foreign country that is in controversy with the United States.

Never were issues so plain; on one hand a President who puts America first, and on the other hand, those who put party first.

Patriotism versus spoils; empty promises versus splendid performance.

Democracy against Toryism, progress against reaction, honorable peace against Financial Imperialism, even-handed justice against Special Privilege, prosperity against panic.

To reject Woodrow Wilson is to reject the wise laws that have given American industry and business such amazing impetus.

To reject Woodrow Wilson is to reject the foreign policies that have given us peace and honor and highest standing.

To reject Woodrow Wilson is to turn the United States over to chaos between November 2, 1916, and March 3, 1917, for his repudiation involves the surrender of every American contention with foreign nations.

Do you want to drop a pilot who has steered us safely through the rocks and storms?

You do not have to wait until election day to make the one answer that an American can make.

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COUNTY TOWNS ALIVE

INTERESTED IN NEW ORGANIZATION

In Membership Campaign for Greater Gaston County Association—Belmont Leads With Others Close Behind—Yesterday's Work in Gastonia Fruitful—Believed That 400 Members Will be Secured Easily.

Reports coming in from the towns of the county show that the preliminary campaign for the establishment of the GREATER GASTON COUNTY ASSOCIATION will be really county-wide in its scope.

While Gastonia has raised over \$1,200, the county towns have practically equalled this sum and have shown the greatest enthusiasm and energy in the work.

In Gastonia yesterday there was a decided improvement in the results obtained. The committee captained by O. B. Carpenter and composed of E. G. McLurd, P. W. Garland, R. Hope Brison reported a total of twelve members and \$250 secured.

This committee, however, was closely pressed for premier honors by committee No. 1, composed of J. L. Beal, chairman, W. L. Balthis, Dr. Ralph Ray and John R. Rankin. Number one's total was \$230 for the work.

Other committees doing excellent work were those of Rev. J. H. Henderlite, D. M. Jones, R. B. Babington, Geo. R. Spencer, and a special committee headed by A. G. Myers, cashier of the Citizens National Bank.

The best work in the county towns was done in the energetic little city of Belmont where G. W. Stowe, with his excellent committee composed of W. D. Crawford, D. P. Stowe, J. R. Ratchford, J. B. Hall, F. P. Hall and A. J. Rankin, reported a total of 30 new members and \$250.

In Stanley, Cherryville and Mount Holly, the committees headed by J. M. Reinhardt, M. L. Mauney and R. K. Davenport, respectively, showed first-class reports. Late reports from Bessemer City, Dallas and McAdenville indicate that the committees in these towns are steadily and earnestly working to bring their memberships up to the quota desired.

It is now confidently expected that when the organization is finally established and well under way at least 400 members will be represented in the central body. These members subscribing annually approximately \$5,000 will be able to accomplish splendid work for the whole county.

Their work will be varied and comprehensive, embracing not only agricultural developments but interesting themselves also in the establishment of new industries throughout the county.

The improvement of credit conditions, endeavoring to reduce the death rate to its minimum, in the securing of better markets for farm produce giving careful attention to road maintenance and in every other line of activity that falls within the natural field of a county Chamber of Commerce.

Two other projects suggested for the work of the organization are the building of a creamery to serve the whole county and the establishing of a textile industrial school at which mill workers, adults as well as children, may secure an education while working alternate weeks in the mills.

This plan is similar to the one of the Textile Industrial Institute already established in Spartanburg.

The following men in Gastonia have already pledged themselves to membership in the new organization:

- Contributing members: A. G. Myers. Citizens National Bank. Andrew E. Moore. Loray Mills. Clara Mfg. Co. Dunn Mfg. Co. Gastonia Ins. & Realty Co. W. E. Haynes. Joe S. Wray. Carl Finger. Ed C. Adams. O. B. Carpenter. A. G. Mangum. P. P. Leventis. P. W. Garland. Piedmont Tel. & Tel. Co. J. F. Thomson. J. M. Sloan. C. B. Armstrong. S. N. Boyce. Jno. L. Beal. Swan-Slater Co. J. W. Timberlake. A. C. Jones. A. B. O'Neil. Kenneth Todd. Gastonia Garage Company. E. G. McLurd. Geo. R. Spencer. M. A. Carpenter. W. H. Adams. R. Hope Brison. G. W. Ragan. C. I. Loftin. J. L. Price. H. M. Eddleman. F. D. Barkley & Co. John O. Rankin. John R. Rankin. A. J. Kirby. W. L. Balthis. L. H. Balthis. J. H. Matthews. L. T. Lineberger. W. T. Rankin. W. T. Love. W. B. Morris. J. E. Page.

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RALEIGH NEWS LETTER

BIG SCHOOL RUCUS IN WAKE COUNTY

Appearance of Medlin Children, Declared by Supreme Court to be White, Breaks Up a Public School—Risky Thing to Elect Republicans to Office—Comment on Maine Election.

Special to The Gazette.

RALEIGH, Sept. 19.—Four children of the Medlin family who are "accused of having negro blood in their veins," have stopped the Mt. Vernon public school in House Creek township, Wake county, located four miles from Raleigh—and this in face of the fact that both the County Superior Court and the State Supreme Court have decided recently that there is no taint of negro blood in the Medlin children, according to the evidence produced at the trial of the case in court.

The neighbors of the Medlin family think the court does not know itself, or that they know more than the court. So the parents of all the white children accompanied their children to school on the opening day of the new school term, and when the school superintendent declined to bar the Medlin youngsters, all withdrew their children from the school. At present they have the teachers and County Superintendent Giles "up a tree," and there's no school going on at Mount Vernon. The county board of education at last accounts had taken up the matter, and is now wrestling with the question of what is to be done under these remarkable conditions.

Paper Mills for North Carolina.

Newspaper publishers and other large consumers of paper will be interested in the efforts that are making to establish wood-pulp paper mills in North Carolina. The State Forester is preparing a wonderful exhibit for the State Fair at Raleigh, the third week in Oct., showing the possibilities of North Carolina in the field of production of wood pulp and of high-grade paper from our native woods—proving that this State can manufacture paper and can establish splendid paper producing mills here if the proper efforts are made.

The State Fair management this year is particularly stressing the economic value of the Fair to the people of the State. The Better Babies contest will be under greatly improved conditions, and will be under the direction of the Woman's Club of Raleigh, and all parents are requested to communicate with the Club for full information.

Risky Thing to Elect Republicans to Office.

Apropos of the misleading "criticisms" of the "Butler crowd" and the Republican spellbinders now stumping the State, of the Democratic State administration of affairs, it is pertinent to show how the 16 counties of the State which have been under Republican rule the last two years or more have fared. Take the tax rate levied in the State managed by Republican boards of commissioners in 1914, the last year for which complete figures are available. The tax rate levied by these sixteen counties and by the other 84 counties in 1914 is shown on page 282 of the annual report of the State Tax Commission for 1915. This shows that the average tax levy in the 16 counties managed by Republicans (including the State tax, which is the same in each county) is \$1.019 on each hundred dollars' worth of property. The average tax rate in the 84 Democratic counties was 96.7 cents on each hundred dollars' worth of property.

So if Mr. Butler's premise is correct, and the governing party is responsible in each case for the increase in taxes for public improvements, the citizens of those 16 counties should retire their Republican boards of county commissioners and put Democratic boards of county commissioners???

boards in charge. And notwithstanding the lower average tax rate in the Democratic counties, those counties in the State that have made progress in public improvements will be found in the Democratic list of counties. Not one in the list of Republican counties has made a conspicuous record for building public roads and other public improvements.

Comparisons of Democratic and Republican records in this latitude always show up the Republicans in a bad light—to say nothing worse. When it wasn't incompetency it was corruption, that featured Republican direction of public affairs and their past performances and the great majority of voters know how risky a thing it would be to ever give them another trial in the State.

All That Was Expected.

Democrats here who talk about the Maine election last week invariably express satisfaction over the result. The Republican plurality is much smaller than it has been in any presidential election year in a generation, with the single exception of 1912, when the Republican vote was split between Taft and Roosevelt. If the same ratio shows up in the doubtful States, Wilson will defeat Hughes badly in the electoral college. The Democrats who were in office in Maine were elected in an "off year," when local and State issues controlled the voting. This year national issues overshadowed all other issues, and Maine ought to have given the Republicans a majority twice as

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COMING AND GOING



BRIEF ITEMS ABOUT THE MOVEMENTS OF GASTON PEOPLE

—Mr. W. E. Todd motored to Shelby Wednesday on business.

—Rev. R. R. Caldwell, of Bessemer City, was a Gastonia visitor Wednesday.

—The local gin of the Southern Cotton Oil Company has ginned 35 bales of new cotton this month.

—Mr. J. W. Cunningham, of Belk's sales force, was a business visitor to Chafotte yesterday.

—Mrs. T. J. Lancaster has been quite ill at her home on West Franklin avenue for some days.

—Mrs. Ike Campbell, of Clover, S. C., was a Gastonia shopper yesterday.

—Mr. Will P. Smith and two sons, of Clover, S. C., spent several hours in the city yesterday.

—Miss Louise Guy, of Lowryville, S. C., was a Gastonia visitor yesterday.

—Read the classified column on page five. There's always something new in it.

—Ex-Governor Robert B. Glenn at the court house tonight will address the people of the county on political issues.

—Miss Julia LaFar returned Tuesday from Connelly Springs, where she has been spending the summer.

—Supt. Wray stated this morning that the enrollment in the city schools has gone beyond the 2,000 mark.

—There will be regular services at St. Michael's Catholic church on Sunday, September 24, at 10 o'clock a. m.

—Rock Hill Herald, 19th: Miss Lottie Blake, a former popular Rock Hillian, is the guest of Mrs. J. B. Heath.

—Messrs. Kenneth Todd, C. C. McLean, J. T. Sadler and J. S. Wingate were among those who attended the Shrine cabaret in Charlotte Wednesday night.

—Miss Emma Stowe, who has been at Efrid's for several months, has accepted a position as saleslady with Belks. She went to work there this week.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Pearson are expected to return home today from Gray Court, S. C., where they have been spending the past week with relatives.

—Mrs. J. E. Farmer and daughter, Miss Marion Farmer, returned a few days ago to their home at Jacksonville, Fla., after a visit to Mrs. Farmer's sister, Mrs. G. C. Andrews.

—Misses Macie Whitesides and Blanche Carson have gone to Due West, S. C., to enter the Woman's College. Mr. Luther Anthony entered Erskine College.

—In the column of professional cards on page seven Mr. Stephen B. Dolley, attorney-at-law, has a card. Dr. Chas. R. Fisher also announces opening of his class in pianoforte and organ playing.

—Mr. C. J. Storey, master mechanic of the Modena Mills, was quite painfully but not seriously injured Wednesday by the falling of a piece of machinery which he was unloading. He suffered some painful cuts and bruises, but is able to be back at his work.

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BETTER BABIES CONTEST.

The Beauty Show and Better Babies Contest to be One of the Features of the Gaston County Fair—Will be Held Under the Auspices of the Library Committee of the Woman's Betterment Association—Thursday, October Fifth, is the Day.

One of the most interesting and profitable features of the Second Annual Gaston County Fair will be the Better Babies Contest to be held on Thursday of fair week under the auspices of the Library Committee of the Woman's Betterment Association—Thursday, October Fifth, is the Day.

Longer hours. Examination will continue from 9 a. m. to 2 p. m. and will be conducted by specialists, both physicians and dentists, from out of the county. Examination will be private, only the doctor, nurse and mother being present in the booth.

Examination of children will be made in the order in which they are registered. Those who register first will be examined first.

At the Baby Show, beginning at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, all babies will be placed on raised platforms, in three different divisions: First, babies 6 months to 18 months old; Second, babies 18 months to 2 and 1-2 years old; Third, babies 2 and 1-2 years to 4 years old.

One fee of 25 cents pays for registration in both the Better Babies Contest, and in the Baby Show, and the funds thus received go to the benefit of the Public Library.

In the better babies contest the scoring will be done with extraordinary care and each parent will be given an exact score card. In addition to the score card there will be blue ribbons for the highest score in each of the three classes, and red ribbons for the second highest score in each class.

In the baby show there will be a first prize and a second prize in each of the three classes named above. The first prize in each class will be a silver cup, and the second a gold pin.

The committee in charge of this department of the fair consists of Mrs. D. A. Garrison, Mrs. W. L. Balthis, Mrs. J. W. Moore, Mrs. J. H. Henderlite and Miss Lottie Blake. Names can be registered for the better babies contest at any time up to noon on October 5th by applying either to Mrs. Garrison, chairman, or to Miss Blake at the public library.

So carefully have the arrangements been made for these two contests this year, that it is confidently expected by the members of the committee that there will be no ground for any dissatisfaction such as arose last year. The examination and scoring will be done this year under much more satisfactory conditions, and parents are urged to enter their children for both affairs, and to remember that those who register first will be examined first.

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Alfred Gilliam, a farmer living near old Fort, dropped dead Wednesday while cutting hay on his farm. He was 60 years of age.

All Fair Tickets On Sale

UP-TOWN TICKET OFFICE NEAR SQUARE

Buy Your Tickets Here And Avoid The Rush

15c ROUND TRIP 15c Square to Fair Grounds

OR Fair Grounds to Square

Every Public Automobile in Gastonia gives this rate. Go down in one car and return any of the others.