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Party Split Helped Wilson in 1912.

WILSON.

THE Democrats with Woodrow Wilson came back to power in the election of 1912. The Republican convention in Chicago nominated Taft, who was now opposed bitterly by Roosevelt. There were many contested delegates, and those in authority seated a majority of delegates with Taft proclivities.

Roosevelt had many warm supporters and was an avowed candidate. When Taft was nominated Roosevelt formed the Progressive party and ran on the third ticket.

The vote in 1912 was: Wilson, 6,293,019; Roosevelt, 4,119,507; Taft, 3,484,956. Wilson received 435 votes in the electoral college. Roosevelt 88 and Taft 8. Thomas R. Marshall of Indiana was elected vice president.

PRIZES AWARDED.

Modena Betterment Association Awarded Six Prizes for Prettiest Yards—School Children to be Examined.

At a largely attended meeting of the Modena Betterment Association held last night at the school house the prizes offered annually by this association for the prettiest and best kept yards were awarded. The committee of judges consisted of Mrs. J. Y. Miller, Mrs. W. F. Michael and Mrs. P. R. Falls. Mrs. Miller made a short talk and delivered the prizes as follows:

First prize, \$6.00 to Mrs. Lizzie Cullender; second prize, \$5.00, to Mrs. C. C. Hoffman; third prize, \$4.00, to Mrs. Elizabeth Clark; fourth prize, \$3.00, to Mrs. J. B. Hord; fifth prize, \$2.00, to Mrs. C. J. Storey; sixth prize, \$1.50, to Mrs. Bessie Lynn.

Announcement was made that all the pupils in the Modena school will be examined by Dr. L. Neale Patrick for any defects or ailments of the eye, ear, nose or throat.

Gastonia Spoke at Lowell.

A Democratic rally was held at Lowell last night under the direction of the Wilson-Bickett-Webb club that was recently organized there. Messrs. John G. Carpenter and A. M. Dixon, of this city, were the speakers for the occasion and for nearly two hours they discussed the achievements of the Democratic party in both State and nation. They were frequently applauded by the 150 or 200 people who attended the meeting. Music for the occasion was furnished by the Loray Band. The meeting was held in the Red Men's hall.

Warranty Deeds for typewriter, supply just arrived. Gazette office.

BIG LOCAL OIL COMPANY

ORGANIZED WITH \$125,000 CAPITAL

Will Handle All Kinds of Petroleum Products in Competition With Standard, Texas and Indian Companies—Will do Business in Several Counties—Mr. J. Flem Johnson, for 21 Years With Standard, is Manager and Mr. S. S. Shuford is Secretary and Treasurer—Ready for Business in Few Weeks.

Application has been made to the Secretary of State for a charter for the Piedmont Oil Company, Inc., of Gastonia, capital stock \$125,000. Of this amount \$15,000 has already been paid in. The incorporators are C. B. Armstrong, W. T. Rankin, W. H. Adams and S. S. Shuford. As soon as the charter is received a meeting of the stockholders will be held for the purpose of electing a board of directors and officers for the company. Mr. S. S. Shuford is to be secretary and treasurer and Mr. J. Flem Johnson manager of the plant and of the sales department. It is not known yet, of course, who are to be the other officers.

All kinds of petroleum products will be handled by this concern, including kerosene, lubricating oils, gasoline, axle grease, etc. The oils will be purchased direct from the refineries just as the Standard Oil Company, the Texas Oil Company and the Indian Refining Company and similar organizations purchase theirs. This will mean that the Gastonia concern will make the profit that has heretofore been going to the middleman. The company will maintain large tanks and warehouses. These and the offices will be located on the property of the P. & N. Railway somewhere between Broad and Avon streets and Main and Franklin avenue. It is expected that the company will be ready to commence business within the next month or six weeks.

Mr. Johnson, the manager, was for 21 years the local agent for the Standard Oil Company and for the past two years has been the local agent for the Texas Oil Company. He resigned the latter position a few days ago. His successor has not as yet been appointed. Mr. Shuford, the secretary and treasurer, was for several years secretary of the Ozark Mills here but for the past year or two has been farming in the Point section. He will move to town at an early date to take up his new duties. This company will do business in several nearby counties.

Death of Mr. Styers.

Following an illness of many weeks with pellagra Mr. William A. Styers, an aged man died in West Gastonia near the Arlington Mill on Wednesday night at 11 o'clock. Surviving are five children, three daughters and two sons and the widow. Funeral services will be held today at Elizabeth church, near Shelby, and interment will be in the cemetery at the church. Rev. G. P. Abernethy, pastor of the deceased, will conduct the services.

Mrs. Amy E. Archer-Gilligan, who conducted a home for elderly people at Windsor, Conn., has been indicted for first degree murder on five counts. She will be tried in December. It is alleged that she put her victims out of the way by using poison.

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The scarcity and high price of print paper has caused The Tribune, of Seaford, Del., to suspend publication.

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ALL READY FOR THE FAIR

INTEREST IN IT INCREASING DAILY

Office Force Kept Busy Making and Filing Entries for Exhibitors—Carpenters, Tentmen, Painters and Electricians Making Things Lively at Fair Grounds—Adjacent Counties Preparing to Send Big Crowds—Everybody Should Take a Day or Two Off and Come to Gastonia Next Week.

As the time for the second annual Gaston County Fair draws near the interest manifested in this and adjoining counties increases. The force in Secretary Holland's office is kept busy giving information to farmers and others who want to make exhibits and a large number of entries are being made daily. It is now assured that the showing of pigs, cattle, livestock, canning club products and agricultural articles will be excellent, far surpassing both in quality and quantity those of last year.

One of the most encouraging signs is the interest that is being taken in adjoining counties. In Lincoln county, for instance, Chairman Ed Love of the Democratic county executive committee, has been unable to make dates for some well-known political speakers for next week because the people in practically every community requested that no dates for political speakings be made for that week as everybody had planned to go to Gaston's Fair. From Cleveland, York, Cherokee and Mecklenburg also are coming large crowds of people to the fair.

Already there is considerable activity at the fair grounds where Col. Bob Roper is superintending the raising of the big tents and where carpenters, painters and electricians are busily engaged in preparing for the event. Tomorrow and Monday the local merchants and manufacturers who are to have exhibits will be busily engaged in building and decorating their booths. The mid-way attractions are expected to arrive Sunday and will be unloaded early Monday morning.

It is hoped by the management that everybody in the county and as many as can in adjacent counties will take a day or two off next week and take in the fair. They are all assured of a big return for the time and cost incurred in coming.

The fair begins Tuesday morning and continues till Saturday night at 11 o'clock.

MARRIAGE AT FAIR GROUNDS.

Popular Young Couple of County Will Pledge Their Troth on Band Stand Wednesday Night at 8:15—Thousands Will Witness Ceremony—Public Already Offering Wedding Presents.

An event of unusual interest will be staged on the fair grounds Wednesday night at 8:15 o'clock when a popular young couple of the county will be publicly united in marriage. The ceremony will be performed on the band stand, probably the most conspicuous spot on the ground where thousands of people can witness it. The Gazette is not privileged to give the names of the contracting persons in today's issue but is promised the privilege of giving them in Tuesday's issue. The groom elect is a prominent young farmer living near Bessemer City. He is 39 years old. The bride-to-be is a popular and charming young lady of the Cherryville section and her age is given as 26. The young man was in the city this morning and all arrangements for the nuptials were agreed upon between him and Secretary Holland of the fair association. The young lady has already given her consent.

To the young couple will be accorded the privilege of selecting the minister who is to tie the knot. The fee will be paid by the fair association as will also the license fee to the county and State. In addition, the association will present the couple with a handsomely engraved marriage certificate properly filled out and nicely framed. Already quite a number of merchants and other business men have voluntarily indicated their intention of making presents to the couple and it is expected that they will receive a large number of valuable and useful articles. A complete list of these presents together with the names of the donors will be published in the first issue of The Gazette after the wedding takes place. Any one desiring to give a present to the young couple should report to secretary Holland.

An informal reception will be accorded the couple on the fair grounds immediately after the ceremony.

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In a fit of despondency Mr. Nat L. Simmonds, a highly respected citizen of Charlotte, committed suicide yesterday morning a few minutes after 11 o'clock at his home on East avenue, by shooting himself through the temple with a .32 calibre revolver. His health is attributed as the cause of the rash act.

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The October term of U. S. District Court at Charlotte has been postponed from October 2 to October 9 on account of the illness of Judge Jas. E. Boyd.

FOR FARMERS' BENEFIT

A LOAN ASSOCIATION IS ORGANIZED

Gastonia to Have a Farm Loan Association Under New Federal Farm Loan Bank System—Applications for Loans of \$70,000 Already Filed—Organization Meeting to Be Held Here Next Friday Afternoon—Salient Facts Regarding the New Institution.

Gastonia county is to have a Farm Loan Association, organized and operated under the new Farm Loan Bank system established by the recent Congress and which is now in process of organization. Already, within a day or two after the movement for the establishment of this association here was commenced, applications have been filed for loans aggregating \$70,000, more than twice the amount applied for in the Mecklenburg association organized a week or so ago. Each applicant for a loan is required to take stock equal to \$5 per share or five per cent of the loan.

The Gaston Farm Loan Association will be operated in connection with the Gastonia Insurance & Realty Co. and a meeting will be held in the offices of that concern next Friday, the 6th, at 1:30 p. m. for the purpose of completing the organization. It is expected that by the time that meeting is held the applications for loans will have reached \$100,000 or more. Below is given for the benefit of our readers a comprehensive digest of the rules and regulations governing the farm loan associations:

THE FEDERAL FARM LOAN LAW.

A Brief Outline of the Act and Information for Prospective Farmer Borrowers.

Compiled by J. W. Timberlake, Esq., of the Local Bar.

The purpose of the act is to provide capital for agricultural development, to create standard forms of investment based upon farm mortgages, to equalize rates of interest upon farm loans, to furnish a market for United States bonds, to create Government depositories and financial agents for the United States, and for other purposes.

Administration.
The administration of the law is under the direction and control of the Federal Farm Loan Board, which has general supervision of the Federal Farm Loan Bureau, a branch of the Treasury Department at Washington.

Federal Land Bank Districts and Federal Land Banks.

The territory of the United States will be divided into twelve districts, which will be known as Federal Land Bank Districts, said districts to be apportioned with due regard to the farm loan needs of the country, but no district to contain a fractional part of any State.

The Federal Farm Loan Board will establish in each district a Federal Land Bank, with its principal office located in such city within the district as said Board shall designate, and any such bank may establish branches within the land bank district.

National Farm Loan Associations.

The local branch of the Land Bank to be established in the respective counties and through which the borrowed money must come, is a corporation to be known as a National Farm Loan Association. In other words, a National Farm Loan Association may be organized by persons desiring to borrow money on farm mortgage security under the terms of the act, and it is only through such an organization that loans may be secured. Ten or more natural persons who are the owners, or about to become owners, of farm land qualified as security for a mortgage loan under the act, may unite to form a National Farm Loan Association. The officers of such an association consist of a president, a vice-president, a secretary-treasurer, and a loan committee of three members, and the Board of directors consist of five members. The secretary-treasurer shall receive such compensation as the board of directors shall determine. The directors and all officers except the secretary-treasurer shall serve without compensation, unless the payment of salaries to them shall be approved by the Federal Farm Loan Board. All officers and directors except the secretary-treasurer shall be bona fide residents of the territory within which the association is authorized to do business, and shall be shareholders of the association.

Membership in Local Association—Who May Borrow and How.

Questions that will naturally arise in the minds of the farmers are these: What will I have to do to take advantage of the provisions of the new law and to secure a loan thereunder, what steps will I have to take? Can any farmer secure a loan under the law? How much money will I be able to get on my land? What rate of interest will I have to pay? For how long a time may I get a loan? How will I have to pay it back?, etc.

The first thing the farmer must do is to join a National Farm Loan Association. As stated above, each National Farm Loan Association must have at least ten members and it cannot begin business with less than \$20,000 in loans applied for.

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—COMING AND GOING—



BRIEF ITEMS ABOUT THE MOVEMENTS OF GASTON PEOPLE

—Get ready for the fair.
—Plan to bring all the family.
—Tell your friends about it; they want to come to.

—Eggs are selling at thirty-five cents on the local market.

—Mr. B. M. Holland is a business visitor to Charlotte today.

—Mr. R. B. McLean, of Collettsville, is visiting his brother, Mr. J. G. McLean.

—Miss Ollie Suther, of Concord, is visiting her brother, Mr. A. A. Suther.

—The hoped-for rain came last night and this morning. It has done much good.

—New scholars are enrolled daily in the city schools. The enrollment at present is considerably above 2,000.

—Mr. H. A. Query, superintendent of the Belmont public schools, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

—Preaching at the tabernacle Sunday night at 7:30 by Rev. J. H. Henderlite. This is the last service for the summer in the tabernacle.

—Mr. Ben Nolen returned home this week from Hendersonville where he has been spending the past month visiting relatives.

—Cotton is opening rapidly. It does not frost for ten days or two weeks yet the late cotton will practically all be open.

—Mr. W. Y. Warren left last night for Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York to purchase late fall and winter goods for Swan-Slater Co.

—Mrs. E. O. Jennings returned Wednesday from Atlanta after a two-weeks visit to Mrs. P. D. Hinson and Mrs. C. H. Hinson.

—Mrs. C. W. Hopkins arrived today to spend a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Page. Mrs. Hopkins is en route to her home in New Orleans.

—East Franklin avenue is now open, the paving having been completed to Church street. This affords a magnificent asphalt road almost to the fair grounds.

—Mrs. W. S. Penny, of Raleigh, arrived in the city Wednesday to be the guest for several weeks of her sister, Mrs. Kenneth Babington, at her home on Lee street.

—Miss Pearl Little, of Hickory, arrived in the city yesterday afternoon and is at the Central school today to begin her work as teacher of voice and expression.

—Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Goins, of City Point, Va., arrived in the city Tuesday night to be at the bedside of Mr. Goins' step-father, Mr. W. A. Styers, whose death occurred late Wednesday night.

—Miss Ida May Hinson, of Lincoln, and Mr. Frank Ruth, of Raleigh, were the guests yesterday of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Jennings. They motored down from Lincoln.

—Charlotte Observer, 29th: Mrs. Stuart W. Cramer has returned home after spending a month or longer with relatives in Boston, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Cramer are at their Summer home, Maymont, in Gaston county.

—Mr. Lamar Rankin, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Rankin, will leave on Southern train No. 38 this afternoon for Westfield, Mass., where he goes to accept a position with the Westfield Manufacturing Company as shrapnel inspector.

—Rev. O. D. Stacy, formerly of

Gastonia but now pastor of the M. E. church at Oakboro, Stanly county, was in the city several days this week visiting relatives and friends. Mr. Stacy has just finished a new church at Providence, on his work, and a new parsonage at Oakboro will be started next month.

To Speak at Belmont.

Mr. John G. Carpenter, of the local bar, will address the voters of Belmont on Monday night, October 2nd. He will discuss the issues of the present campaign. Everybody is cordially invited to come out and hear the speaking.

Gastonia Jews Celebrate.

Jewish high holidays, which began Wednesday afternoon at sundown, were observed by Gastonia Jews with appropriate services yesterday and today. Special services were held in the local synagogue. These services are held in celebration of Rosh Hashanah, or the Jewish New Year. This is the first day of the month Tishri and will be followed by ten days of penitence. Rabbi Friedman, of Charleston, S. C., had charge of the services here.

Insane Inmate of Jail Captured.

An insane man, who has been confined in the county jail for several weeks, made his escape last night about 8 o'clock when the cell door was opened to deliver his supper. A lively chase followed, the man ran down South street several blocks and was lost in the darkness. The hunt was kept up and later Mr. Claude Craig, son of Jailer Henry Craig, captured the man on the school house grounds.

DEATH OF TWO CHILDREN.

Son of Mr. Will H. Stowe Died Wednesday Morning—Year and a Half Old Child of Robert McGinn Passes.

Pringle Grier, the two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Will H. Stowe, died at the home of the parents shortly after midnight Tuesday following an illness of several weeks. Funeral services were conducted at the home Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock by Rev. J. H. Henderlite. Interment was in Hollywood cemetery.

At five o'clock Wednesday morning, James A., the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McGinn, died after an illness of several days duration. Deceased was one year, five months and 14 days old at the time of his death. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. W. Whitley at 10 o'clock yesterday morning and interment was in Hollywood.

Weather Forecast: Local thunderstorms and cooler Friday; Saturday fair and cooler.

Charlotte Observer, 29th: Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin L. Ritch, a daughter, Hazel Morris. Mrs. Ritch and daughter are at St. Peter's Hospital.

Immediately after he had shot and killed a mad dog in his yard at Spencer Thursday, Jacob N. Boone, aged 70 years, dropped dead of heart failure.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to take this means of expressing our deep and heartfelt thanks to all our friends who were so kind and helpful to us during the illness and at the death of Mrs. Eugenia Skinner.

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