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TWO TOLL BRIDGES

WILL BE BUILT ACROSS THE CATAWBA

Gaston County Commissioners Approved the Erection of Temporary Structures at Special Meeting Yesterday—Will Be Safely Constructed by Two Stock Companies—Present Ferry Rates Will Apply.

In special session yesterday the Gaston county commissioners approved the erection of two temporary toll bridges across the Catawba river, one at Mount Holly and one at Sloan's Ferry near Belmont.

Both of these structures will be constructed and managed by stock companies, Mr. J. M. Sloan, of Belmont, will have charge of the Sloan's Ferry bridge and Mr. Sidney Alexander, of Charlotte, will supervise the Mount Holly bridge.

Toll charges for both bridges are to be the same and were approved by the county commissioners at yesterday's session. With some slight changes the regular ferry rates, which were established some time ago, will be maintained at both points. An additional round-trip rate has also been fixed and included in the schedule.

While both bridges will be temporary structures they will be erected with a view of accommodating all of the traffic between Mecklenburg and Gaston counties. A bond will be filed with the commissioners by both companies, according to law.

Gaston commissioners have taken this action as a means of immediate relief and in view of the slowness with which the Mecklenburg commissioners are moving towards replacing the bridges washed away by the July flood, Gaston has had \$100,000 in the bank since a few days after the flood with which to replace these bridges but has been utterly unable to spur the Mecklenburg board to action.

The people over Gaston county will doubtless heartily commend the action of the Gaston commissioners in view of the fact that the present ferries in operation at the two points are far from safe, and are as a matter of fact considered at times dangerous.

Young men's new fall hats in all the latest shapes and shades at Swanslater Co's.

CASE WAS DISMISSED.

Gastonia Baseball Club is Made Defendant in Suit for \$250 Forfeited by the Secretary of Association—Four Gastonia Business Men Are Sureties—Case Was Quashed Tuesday.

Mr. A. C. Jones, of the local bar, returned to the city Tuesday night from Statesville where he went to represent the Gastonia Baseball Club in a suit instigated by the secretary of the Western North Carolina Baseball League for \$250.

It is of interest to Gastonia fans that this action was brought as the result of Gastonia's withdrawal from the association in July, immediately after the heavy rains. On Tuesday Mr. Jones secured a dismissal of the case on a technicality and it is very probable that the case will not again be taken up until late spring.

Messrs. J. Flem Johnson, W. N. Davis, Fred L. Smyre and Dr. R. M. Reid, sureties for the local club, were the defendants, while the secretary of the Western North Carolina Baseball Association is the plaintiff.

In Iredell superior court Wednesday Homer Matheson was sentenced to 30 years in the State's prison for the murder of his brother-in-law, Claude Warren.

Abraham Collins, a well-to-do farmer of Craven county, was murdered Tuesday near Newbern. Bennie Collins, a neighbor farmer is suspected of the crime and is being sought by a sheriff's posse.

MEETING FOR MEN AND BOYS

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

October 22, 3 O'clock

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sermon by
Rev. C. L. Gleaves

SUBJECT: "The Prodigal's Lesson in The School of Experience."

WANTED: 100 Singers to be present at 2:45. All Men and Boys Invited.

AID WORTHY STUDENTS

WHO ARE PREPARING FOR MISSION WORK

Senior Philathea Class of Main Street Methodist Church Establishes Loan Fund With Which to Assist Deserving Young Men and Young Women to Prepare Themselves for Missionary Work—Fund is Now \$200 and Will be Increased in Few Months to \$600—How Loans Will be Placed.

Through the medium of a loan fund which has been established by the Senior Philathea Class of the Sunday school of Main Street Methodist church of Gastonia, numbers of young men and women who are preparing for service in the church's mission fields will receive valuable financial assistance in the future. So far as is known this is the first Sunday school class in the State to establish such a fund. At present the fund amounts to a little over \$200 and the maturing of the plans now being formed is expected to increase this sum within the next few months to \$600 or more.

This class has been in existence for more than a year under the leadership of Mr. J. M. Holland. At present there are 94 young ladies on the membership roll and this number is expected to pass the 100 mark in the near future. Officers for the ensuing year were elected last Sunday and are as follows: President, Miss Johnnie Grigg; first vice-president, Miss Myrtle Gray; second vice-president, Miss Agnes Curlee; third vice-president, Miss Nellie Mauney; fourth vice-president, Mrs. Janie Dunn; treasurer, Miss Lillie Brown; assistant treasurer, Mrs. James D. Moore; secretary, Miss Irwin Rankin; assistant secretary, Miss Ola Ballard. Mr. J. M. Holland is teacher and Miss Lillian Atkins assistant teacher.

Loans from this fund will be made to worthy young men and young women who are endeavoring to get an education preparatory to engaging in foreign or home missionary work under the direction of the Southern Methodist Church. The class expects to get in touch with those who need help most through the heads of the various Methodist colleges in the State. The loans will all be made to students living and going to school in North Carolina. The student who is granted a loan will be required to give a note, with approved security, bearing six per cent interest, to become due after said student has been graduated and is in a position where he can repay the loan from earnings or salary. The interest on these notes will be added to the principal of the fund and will thus tend towards increasing it steadily.

That the establishment of this fund will tend to encourage other Sunday school classes in the State to the inauguration of a similar endeavor is the hope of the members of this class.

Have you seen that new fall line of hats for men and boys at Swanslater Co's?

EARTHQUAKE.

Two Tremors Felt in Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee and Kentucky. Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 18.—Two earth tremors that shook buildings, knocked down a number of chimneys and frightened thousands, were felt throughout Georgia, Eastern Alabama, Tennessee and parts of Kentucky late this afternoon. No material damage was done and no injuries have been reported.

Birmingham and Montgomery seemed to feel the movement most severely. No point east of Augusta, Ga., seemed to be affected.

C. F. von Herrman, section director of the local United States Weather Bureau here, said there generally was believed to be a connection between earthquakes similar to the one today and low barometric pressure such as existed along the Gulf Coast during today's hurricane there.

Montgomery Feels Shock. Montgomery, Ala., Oct. 18.—Buildings were shaken and residents were frightened here at 4 o'clock this afternoon by an earthquake which lasted about five seconds. The local Weather Bureau announced that the shock came from the Northwest, and was of "intensity five." No damage was reported.

Halts Slaying Trial. Anniston, Ala., Oct. 18.—A murder trial in session in the county court house here was abruptly halted this afternoon for a few minutes as the result of two distinct earth shocks. Judge, jurymen, and spectators rushed from the building. No damage was reported. The shock was felt in all towns in this vicinity.

Alabama Town Trembles. Talladega, Ala., Oct. 18.—A severe earthquake shock was felt here at 4:10 p. m., today. Large buildings and dwellings trembled and hundreds of persons ran from their homes.

Shock Felt in Louisville. Louisville, Ky., Oct. 18.—A slight earth shock was felt over a wide area in Louisville at 4:05 o'clock today. Police reported that tall buildings noticeably were rocked downtown, while in the outlying districts window panes and chinaware were severely shaken.

See the pretty display of Rugs and Druggets at Gastonia Furniture Co.

MR. JOHN C. PUETT DEAD

EXPIRED SUDDENLY AT CHERRYVILLE

Had Finished Supper and Was Paying for Meal When He Dropped Dead—Spoke at Lander's Chapel Yesterday Afternoon and Was to Have Spoken at Cherryville Last Night—Democratic Candidate for Legislature—Funeral and Burial at Dallas Tomorrow.

A few minutes after he had arisen from the supper table and while he was engaged in paying Mrs. B. F. Leonhardt for his meal at the Commercial Hotel in Cherryville last evening at 6:30 o'clock, Mr. John C. Puett, of Dallas, Democratic candidate for the lower house of the General Assembly, dropped dead without a moment's premonition of the end. Mr. Puett had made a campaign speech at Lander's Chapel in the afternoon and was scheduled to speak in Cherryville along with the other Democratic candidates last night. Apparently he was in the best of health.

According to statements made by the other candidates who were with Mr. Puett during the day he was in the very best of spirits. He remarked on the large crowd and enthusiasm exhibited at Lander's Chapel in the afternoon where Congressman Webb made the principal speech. He gave no intimation that he was not feeling well, though before leaving home yesterday morning he remarked to a member of his family that he felt a little dizzy. With him at Cherryville were Messrs. O. B. Carpenter, W. N. Davis and Carl Finger. These gentlemen, who reached Cherryville ahead of Mr. Puett, were taking supper at Beam's hotel, while Mr. Puett went to the Commercial. As they came from the dining room Mr. J. M. Beam, the proprietor, informed them of Mr. Puett's sudden death, news of which had just been received by him. The speaking appointment was canceled.

Mr. Puett's body was prepared for burial at Cherryville and was brought to his home in Dallas this morning by his son, Mr. John L. Puett. Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Methodist church, Rev. W. A. Jenkins, the pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the Dallas cemetery.

John C. Puett was born at Morganton October 31, 1850, and hence was nearing his sixty-sixth birthday. He was a son of Rev. John W. Puett, for many years a prominent minister of the Southern Methodist church. In 1876 or 1877, while his father was pastor at Denver, Lincoln county, Mr. Puett moved to Dallas where he had resided since. In 1879 he married Miss Elizabeth Froneberger, who survives, together with the following children, namely: Mrs. Robert S. Lewis, Mr. John L. Puett, Dr. Bess Puett and Misses Corinne, Anna, Artie Lee and Juanita Puett, all of Dallas. He also leaves a stepmother, who made her home with him.

In 1896 Mr. Puett was elected a member of the board of county commissioners from Dallas township. He was chosen chairman of the board and served in that capacity for four years, retiring in 1900. He was elected commissioner again in 1906 and served four years again, until 1910. He was then chosen a member of the county board of education, serving in that capacity for four years until he was elected to the Legislature in 1914. He was a candidate for re-election to the General Assembly when he died.

Deceased was prominent for many years in the public life of the county. He was one of Gaston's staunchest citizens and was vitally interested in everything that was for the progress and upbuilding of the county. He was a leading member of the M. E. Church, South, at Dallas. He was known and very highly esteemed by citizens of all sections of the county, to whom the news of his death came as a great shock.

In addition to his widow and children Mr. Puett is survived by four sisters, namely: Mrs. Ellen Davis, of Big Horn, Texas; Mrs. Anna Tyson, of Rising Star, Texas; Mrs. Polly Andrews, of Albemarle, and Mrs. Eunice Lanier, of Norwood. Mrs. Tyson visited her brother during the past summer, having only a few weeks ago returned to her home in Texas.

Dustin Farnum Ideal Today.

William J. Bryan is stumping Tennessee this week for the Democratic party.

Hats, Hats, Hats—the newest and noblest for men and boys at Swanslater Co's.

THE GAZETTE \$2.00.
On and after January 1, 1917, the subscription price of The Gazette will be \$2 the year instead of \$1.50 as at present. Until that date new subscriptions and renewals will be taken at the old price. All subscriptions are strictly cash in advance. This increase in the price of the paper is rendered imperative because of the unprecedented increase in the cost of print paper and all other materials which enter into the making of a newspaper.

IT WAS CUPID'S BUSY DAY

WEDDINGS IN THE COUNTY YESTERDAY

Miss Harriett Nell McLean Married to Mr. W. Locke McKenzie at McLean's Chapel—Miss Sarah Hoffman Became Bride of Mr. William Kemp Mauney at Dallas—Miss Itara Wilson and Mr. Hal B. Little Married Here—All Three Events Took Place Last Night.

Gazette Bureau, Belmont Hotel, Belmont, Oct. 20.

At 8 o'clock yesterday evening in McLean's chapel, 12 miles South of Gastonia, in a wedding ceremony brilliant in its rustic charm and autumnal setting, dignified and hallowed by a simple solemnity, Miss Harriett Nell McLean, of Gastonia and South Point, became the bride of Mr. William Locke McKenzie, of Salisbury. To the occasion there was added a touch of originality, quaintness and interest in that the ceremony was held in the old McLean's chapel or school house where the bride, the youngest and last of five sisters, had attended school and church together with her family and kinsfolk for years. The simple old frame building had been transformed for this occasion, under the direction of Mesdames A. A. McLean, F. L. Smyre and C. C. Armstrong, into a beautiful bower of white and pink with a background of greenery. One end of the chapel was transformed into a chancel. In the center was a pergola of white in front of a background of ivy and cedar. Pink and white roses in profusion covered the pergola. In each corner circular screens adorned with roses and white candles cast a pale mellow light over the whole. The chancel and aisles were covered with a carpet of white. The effect of the whole setting amid the autumn woods, rich and riotous in their golden and red and crimson coloring was wonderful.

Prior to the ceremony, Mrs. W. L. Wetzel with Miss Lucy Boyce accompanying sang very sweetly "At Dawning." To Lohengrin's march by Miss Boyce, the party entered as follows, the bridesmaids, Misses Lettie Abell, of Lowryville, S. C., Harriett McLean, of Rock Hill, S. C., Maud Rankin and Mrs. Ross Sigmon, of Salisbury, and the groomsmen, Messrs. Julian McKenzie, Walter Grimes and Ross Sigmon, of Salisbury, and Ben Gulon, of Charlotte. Following came the matrons of honor, the four married sisters of the bride, Mesdames William King, of Kershaw, S. C., A. H. Guton, W. B. Stringfellow and Watt Nichols, of Chester, S. C. Preceding these were Miss Annie Erwin Nichols and Master John McLean King who opened the gates into the chancel. Following the maids and groomsmen came the maid of honor, Miss Lois Torrence, of Gastonia, the groom with his best man, Mr. James H. McKenzie, his brother and the bride on the arm of her father, Mr. J. D. B. McLean. A brunette, beautiful in feature, form and color, the bride of last evening was never more charming. Her wedding gown of white satin trimmed in silver and Duchess lace, short and modish, was further enhanced by the full length court train of Duchess satin. The veil was caught, coronet effect, with a wreath of orange blossoms. The ceremony was performed by Archdeacon W. H. Hardin, of Salisbury, and the impressive ring ceremony of the Episcopal church was used, Master Billy Stringfellow attended by Miss Brantley Nichols carrying the ring on a silver plate.

Following the ceremony an informal reception was held at the home of the bride's parents at which a number of invited guests from Gastonia, Salisbury, York and Rock Hill were present. The cutting of the wedding cake resulted in the key of good fortune going to the groom, Mr. McKenzie, the ring to Mrs. Sigmon, the button to Mr. Ben Gulon, the dime to Mrs. King and the thimble to Mr. Sigmon. Refreshments of cream and cake were served.

A handsome array of silver, cut glass and china from friends of the young couple attest the esteem in which they are held. Among the most notable of the presents was a chest of silver from the bride's sisters, and \$80 in gold from the parents of the two.

Among the guests from a distance were Sheriff and Mrs. J. H. McKenzie, of Salisbury; Rev. and Mrs. A. A. McLean, of Clover; Dr. I. A. Bigger, of Rock Hill, Messrs. J. P. McMurray and Arthur Hart, of York; Joe P. Moore, of Richburg, S. C.; Misses Lottie Klutz and Lois Sample, of Chester.

Miss McLean is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. B. McLean and has lived most of her life in Gastonia. She was educated at Converse College and at Agnes Scott. She is a charming young lady, the last of five beautiful McLean sisters to marry.

The groom is a son of Sheriff and Mrs. McKenzie, of Rowan county. He holds a responsible position with the Rowan Hardware Company in Salisbury. After a wedding trip North they will be at home in Salisbury.

LITTLE-WILSON WEDDING.

A wedding which came as a distinct surprise to not a few of the large number of friends of the bride was solemnized at 8:20 o'clock last

THE WEST FOR WILSON

SENTIMENT IS STRONG FOR PRESIDENT

Republicans Not Able to Stop the Great Conflagration—Democratic Chairman Claims Ohio and Illinois Are Now Both Safely Democratic—Republicans Lose Hope.

A special telegram to The Greensboro Daily News from its editor Mr. Walter H. Hildebrand (Republican) who is spending some time in New York mainly for the purpose of getting a line on the political situation, is in part as follows:

New York, Oct. 18.—The Democrats fairly exuded optimism here today from every pore. President Wilson was here for a short stay, on his way west and received a fine demonstration at the Grand Central station which his managers insisted had not been "planted." Many trainmen joined in the demonstration and cheered for Wilson and the eight-hour law. The President remarked to some of the trainmen that he was very glad to observe that "some efforts did not go unrewarded."

Chairman McCormick, just from the west, assured the President that the west was on fire with Wilson sentiment and that the Republicans would never be able to stop the conflagration. The Democratic chairman likewise assured the President and party that neither Ohio nor Illinois could longer be considered doubtful.

The head of the national committee, following the departure of the President, gave out a formal statement laying claims to all the doubtful territory of the west. Just here it may be stated that a few of the best advised Republicans have given up Ohio as a hopeless case. Within the next few days the national management will take Republican assets in the Buckeye state, in the hope of turning back the Democratic tide. It is explained that the trouble there is not altogether attributable to the labor vote, but to different party management, because Ohio has produced no Mark Hanna of late years.

Those in charge of the headquarters here—the men who are doing the work—have not of course abandoned hope of carrying Ohio for Mr. Hughes, and to cheer the workers up a bit a telegram came to Chairman Willcox today from State Chairman Hatfield saying there had been a meeting of the Republican district chairmen in Columbus and that the reports indicated that the Republicans of Ohio would roll up an old-time majority.

The most reliable information respecting Ohio has been brought here by newspaper men who have been there for independent newspapers and these agree that if the Republicans carry the state they will have to regain lost territory. For this reason those Republicans who are honest with figures are busy working out combinations which will easily win without Ohio, just as Democrats are busy in the effort to convince one that Mr. Wilson can win without New York, as it seems he must do if he is going to win.

Following the example of President Underwood, of the Erie, and Mr. Lovett, of the Union Pacific, it was rumored today that President Willard, of the Baltimore and Ohio, will soon announce for the President. The Republican reply to this is there is no reason why railroad presidents should not vote for Mr. Wilson especially if they are Democrats, since the President is committed to the policy of urging an increase of freight rates, if that course is found at all necessary, and that it is "only the people" who have nothing to gain by the Adamson bill. The Republicans are also planning to give wide distribution to that statement of W. J. Pinkerton, of the Chicago Trainmen, opposing the law, and declaring that trainmen generally should urge its repeal.

Owing in part to the Ohio slump in Republican prospects, the betting has been affected, and some New Yorkers were today inclined to think that some "even Wilson money" would be produced about the middle of next week. One finds Republicans who acknowledge the fear that their party will lose on the popular vote in a number of the normally Republican States, but they believe that this loss will be made up in part, at least, by votes of business and professional men from such southern States as Tennessee, Georgia and North Carolina. These same Republicans insist, however, that the expected loss will in no wise affect the general result in such States as Illinois, Iowa and Pennsylvania, about which the Democrats are talking. Well informed Democrats were disposed to admit today that, upon the present face of things, Mr. Hughes will carry New Jersey by perhaps 20,000 plurality.

Dustin Farnum Ideal Today.

A band of train robbers held up and robbed an express train on the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe near Bliss, Okla., Wednesday night. The express messenger and baggage man were shot and killed. It is not known how much they got.

Dustin Farnum Ideal Today.

We do not sell you prices, but offer you quality at a moderate price. Gastonia Furniture Company.

Norman Duncan, the author, dropped dead Wednesday while playing golf at Fredonia, N. Y.

IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS MEET SATURDAY.

The Nora C. Dixon Circle of Kings Daughters will meet in the library building Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Business and plans important to every member will be discussed and each one is urgently requested to be present. After a summer of rest, the circle's work will be resumed with vigor and pleasure for one of the most worthy institutions of the State.

U. C. CLUB MET WITH MRS. JONES.

A very pleasant meeting of the U. C. Club was held Thursday afternoon with Mrs. A. C. Jones at her home on Dallas street. The subject for study was "Women of History." Mrs. J. H. Henderlite read an interesting paper on Joan of Arc, Mrs. S. A. Wilkins another on Mary, Queen of Scots, and a discussion of current events concluded the program. Delicious refreshments were served in two courses.

ENTERTAINED IN HONOR OF GUEST.

Mrs. W. W. Kirven and little daughter, Billie, of Darlington, S. C., who have been visiting in the city several days as the guests of Mesdames J. Holland and Norman Morrow at their home on West Main avenue, returned home Wednesday. On Monday afternoon Mrs. Holland Morrow entertained in honor of her guest with a card party, bridge being played at three tables. A salad course with cocoa was served. The prize for the highest score was won by Mrs. George B. Cocker. Mrs. Norman Morrow entertained a dozen guests on Tuesday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Kirven with a bridge party. Miss Laura Page won the prize for the highest score which was a handsome bouquet of chrysanthemums. Mrs. Kirven received the honor prize. A delightful tea course luncheon was served after the game.

Mrs. Morrow's guests were Mesdames J. V. Harper, Charles D. Gray, S. Ross Clinton, George B. Mason, D. A. Page, George B. Cocker, J. Holland Morrow and Miss Maude Rankin, Eleanor Reid and Laura Page.

HURRICANE DOES DAMAGES.

Fierce Storm Raged Wednesday Night on Gulf Coast—Big Property Damage—Several Vessels Lost.

The South was swept by a storm and rocked by an earthquake Wednesday. A hurricane drove across the middle Gulf States, taking a toll of two lives and causing property and marine losses, while earth tremors drove frightened thousands from homes and offices in Alabama and Georgia, but did no material damage.

Pensacola and Mobile were the chief sufferers in the hurricane. One person was killed at each place and buildings were unroofed, telephone and telegraph damaged and ships sunk and beached. At Pensacola the wind velocity reached a maximum of 114 miles an hour with 110 miles at Mobile, but in neither city did the property loss approach that caused by the hurricane of last July.

Mobile city suffered little real damage but in the harbor two small vessels were sunk and four beached. At Pensacola one small steamer went down, another vessel is missing, three fishing boats went ashore and two larger vessels were damaged when they came together during the blow. Telephone and telegraph wires were prostrated for many hours, the city being cut off entirely from the outside world for several hours. Although its intensity lessened as the storm swept inland, Southern Alabama suffered materially.

Torrential rains accompanied the blow, 10.88 inches falling at Burwood, La., and the fall being heavy throughout southern Mississippi, Alabama and in parts of Georgia, the State Camp at Macon being damaged by wind and rain. The storm had passed far inland by nightfall with very decreased intensity, but the rains continued.

While two distinct earth shocks were felt as far north as Kentucky and as far east as Augusta, Ga., they were of greater intensity at Birmingham, Ala., than elsewhere. There office buildings and homes were rocked and thousands rushed into the streets. The material damage was limited to falling chimneys. Montgomery, Atlanta, Augusta and other cities also felt slight tremors.

The best real actress on the screen appears in "God's Half Acre" at the Cozy Theater Tuesday.

Nixon S. Plummer, a well-known Washington newspaper correspondent, married Miss Marguerite Brooks of Greensboro, Wednesday.

Nobby new fall hats at Swanslater Co's.

William Thaw, a former Yale student who has been an aviator in the French army, has been killed somewhere in France while engaged in his duties. No particulars as to his death have been given out.

Everything in Furniture, Stoves and Home Furnishings at Gastonia Furniture Company.

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