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NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Don't worry if you have paid your subscription and the date has not yet been changed on your paper.

And now there are some who are wondering whether the popularity of North Carolina is being added to by Mr. Bryan's recent statement that his first nomination was secured when this State swung to him.

Perhaps some of the people of Gaston and Mecklenburg Counties are beginning to think that the question is not when the war will be over, but when will the Catawba bridges be built?

The thing we are wondering about, contemporary, is, when will the Mecklenburg people put up the money to match Gaston's which has been lying in the bank lo, these many months just itching to get out and go to work on those very bridges you're talkin' about.

That was a splendid gift the Shriners made to the North Carolina Orthopaedic Hospital. One thousand dollars will be a great addition to the building fund.

NO GASTONIANS IN IT.

The Charlotte Observer wants The Gazette and The Concord Tribune to give some light on the big gas swindle which the papers have been talking about for the past few days.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER Absolutely Pure Made from Cream of Tartar NO ALUM—NO PHOSPHATE

people were implicated in this alleged swindle we repeat that no Gaston county people are connected as stockholders, officers or in any other way with the concern accused of the swindling and had no knowledge of it until they read about it in The Greensboro News, The Wilmington Star, Raleigh News and Observer or The Durham Herald.

HELPING THE SUFFERERS.

(By Mrs. T. M. Brockman.) Gastonia has many tubercular sufferers who are financially unable to equip themselves for the long hard fight ahead of them.

No doubt you would like to help these people but you do not know who nor where they are. There are those whose business it is to go in and out among them and to give them material assistance when the means are at hand.

When you buy Red Cross Christmas Seals you place your money not in the warm palm of the fresh, bright-eyed boy or girl who stands before you but you lay it gently in the white, thin hand of some sufferer to whom money means rest, food, warmth and the fresh air and sunshine which surely God meant to be free but which, unfortunately, are not within the reach of us all.

Deadly as any bomb ever dropped by Zeppelins in the flight, insidious and destructive as any gases ever liberated by German foeman—America's penance is the great white plague.

Buy Red Cross Christmas Seals and in this way minister unto those who are friendless, sick and in the prison of poverty, helplessness and hopelessness.

Republicans Divided—Mann Can't Be Elected Speaker.

Washington Dispatch. That the Republican party is more hopelessly divided today, if such a thing is possible, than at any time since Theodore Roosevelt threw a monkey wrench in that great political machine four years ago, is the firm conviction of one of the leading Republican leaders in Washington.

Should later developments show that the Republicans have a slight majority in the House they will be unable to elect James R. Mann Speaker, because, according to this Republican, the Republican Congressmen from the great West, Northwest and Southwest, will refuse to vote for the Illinoisan, even though concessions in the way of adopting more Democratic rules have already been offered the Westerners.

Lenroot, of Wisconsin, is to be put forward by the Western contingent as their candidate for Speaker, whether the Republicans have a majority or not. With Lenroot in the race it will be seen that even though the Republicans have a majority they will be unable to elect a Speaker or to organize the House in any way.

Belmont Land Sale Good.

The auction sale of the late A. J. Smith property in Belmont held Wednesday by the Atlantic Coast Realty Company was a decided success. The 42 lots which were sold brought a total of \$12,000.

—Mr. A. G. Mangum spent yesterday and today in Lenoir.

—Mr. D. T. Ouzts, of the cotton firm of Charles L. O'Neal, has just returned from a week's trip to Spartanburg, S. C., on business.

DEATH OF MR. J. A. LOFTIN.

Father of Mr. C. I. Loftin, of This City, Died at His Home in Gibsland, Louisiana, Last Night—Funeral Services and Burial Will be Held in Gastonia Probably Sunday.

Funeral services will be held in Gastonia some time Sunday although the arrangements have not been made at this time. The body will reach the city some time Saturday.

Mr. Loftin was 63 years old, having been born on March 4, 1854. He was a former resident of Gastonia and is remembered here by a host of friends who will learn with sorrow of his death.

He is survived, besides Mr. C. I. Loftin, by a widow, who was with him at the time of his death, and three children as follows: Miss Mary Loftin and Mrs. Joe Sellers, of Gibsland, La., and Mr. W. W. Loftin, of Shreveport, La. A brother, Mr. E. L. Loftin, of Vicksburg, Miss., and two sisters, Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Thornton, of near Maiden, Catawba county, also survive.



Heard on the Streets

"If you want to see something that you have probably never seen before and which you may not have an opportunity to see again," said Mr. A. T. Barrett to The Gazette man yesterday morning, "go down to Mr. Bob Davidson's home on Clover, route one, anytime between now and Christmas and you will see it."

Well, The Gazette man has never seen woolen blankets woven on a hand loom at home—come to think of it, he hasn't seen any woven at any time, anywhere on any kind of a loom. So he may take Mr. Barrett's advice and go down to Mr. Davidson's and see this sight which is, indeed, a rare one now.

Did You Know you can get The Charlotte Daily Observer delivered at your home or place of business about 6 a. m. for 15 cents per week. Subscribers who are now receiving papers from Postoffice can have them delivered by my special carriers without extra cost.

J. B. Armfield, a prominent attorney of Statesville, died Wednesday.

Charlotte Daily Observer contains Gastonia local news each day. It's like reading a Gastonia daily paper with the best Associated Press News for only 15 cents a week.

Hickory is endeavoring to secure a Carnegie library.

Returns of Corporations.

Under the special excise tax law section 407, act of Congress of September 8, 1916, every corporation having a capital stock issued and outstanding, represented by shares of the market value of \$75,000 or more, must make a return irrespective of the par value of its capital stock.

Benjamin Franklin once said: "If a man empties his purse into his hand no one can take it away from him." It was his way of saying that education is one of the things that are imperishable.

GASTONIA LODGE NO. 369

A. F. & A. M. No Meeting, Dec. 15, 1916. No Work.

GASTONIA LODGE NO. 58

KNIGHTS of PYTHIAS ARMORY BUILDING Regular Meeting, Monday Dec 18, 7:30 p. m., Work in First Rank. Banquet.

PROVIDENCE

CAMP NO. 382 Regular Meeting Tuesday Night, Dec. 19, 7:30 Election of Officers. Glenn Building. Over Royal Cafe.

SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

—Winter time. —Hog-killing weather. —And pumpkin pie time, too.

—Only seven more shopping days till Christmas. Get busy. —Mrs. Hugh Wray spent yesterday in Charlotte shopping.

—Mr. N. F. McMillan, of the Gastonia bar, was a Belmont visitor yesterday.

—Weather Forecast: Rain or snow Friday; Saturday fair and colder.

—There will be services in St. Michael's Catholic church on Sunday at 10 a. m., by the pastor, F. Meichlor, O. S. B.

—Miss Pearl Miller, who is teaching vocal music at Gastonia, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Miller—Hickory Record, 13th.

—Mr. James R. New, of Atlanta, was the guest yesterday of his mother, Mrs. S. F. New, at the Franklin hotel.

—Dr. L. N. Glenn, of this city, was one of the speakers at the meeting of the Fifth District Medical Society at Rock Hill, S. C., yesterday.

—Holiday business has already started up at a lively gait in Gastonia. Local merchants are well pleased with the start made.

—Mr. L. E. Bell, who has been working for the Southern Railway at Rockford, Tenn., returned to his home here Tuesday.

—Friends of Mr. Fred Pearson will be sorry to learn that he is seriously ill at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Pearson, on West Airline avenue.

—Miss Reva Gold Hamilton, of Orange, Va., will arrive in the city this afternoon to spend the week-end as the guest of Miss Lillian A. Ferguson.

—Mr. and Mrs. Harry McBrayer, of Murphy, spent the week-end in the city as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Wray. Mr. McBrayer is Mrs. Wray's brother.

—There were ginned in Gaston county prior to December 1 this year only 3,542 bales of cotton, compared with 7,127 bales prior to the same date in 1915.

—Mr. A. M. Simms, of Leesville, S. C., spent Tuesday night in the city as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Kirby. Mrs. Simms is a cousin of Mr. Kirby.

—Mr. R. M. Brandon, who formerly lived on rural route three, has moved to 320 West Third avenue and has a position with the Cocker Machine & Foundry Co.

The bazaar conducted in the Johnston building yesterday by the ladies' guild of St. Mark's Episcopal church was quite a success, a good sum being realized from the sale of fancy work and refreshments.

—Mrs. Mc G. Anders, D. A. Garrison, J. M. Caldwell and T. C. Quickel were among the guests from Gaston county in attendance at the annual meeting of the York County Medical Society held in York, S. C., last week.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a train and railroad crossing. Also a sandy-andy and a fishing man, a box of sparklers and a dump cart. Please bring me some nuts, candy, fruit and raisins on a stem. Your little friend, ALEX. ROBINSON.

Gastonia, N. C. P. S. I want four boxes of fire crackers and a pair of ovejalls.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a work box, a doll, a school companion, a pair of mittens and a nice book. GLADYS LEWIS.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a school companion, a drawing book, a paint box and a nice book. JAMES LEWIS.

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First National Bank Gastonia, N. C. Capital \$150,000.00 Surplus and Profits \$190,000.00

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