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\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE.

EMPLOYEES BANQUETED BANKS HAD A FINE YEAR SHORT LOCAL ITEMS OPERATIVES MADE HAPPY

description of Armstrong Chain of Mills Guests of Col. Armstrong at Armstrong at Armstrong at Armstrong Mr. W. B. Biggers Entertained Section Men and Overseers of Old Mill at Armington Hotel.

On Tuesday night the office employees, superintendents and overseers of the chain of cotton mills of which Col. C. B. Armstrong, of this city, is president, were his guests at a banquet at the Armington Hotel, there being 29 present.

Col. Armstrong presided over the Testive board and made a short talk on the work the organizations had done the past year and of what he hoped would be accomplished in 1917. Responses were made by several members present along the line of co-operation and the better things that could be done during the coming

While the banquet was in progress some moving picture scenes were taken of the banqueters. These scenes are to be used in the film that is now being made in Gastonia and the county entitled "The Princess visits Gastonia and Gaston County".

MILL MEN BANQUET.

Overseers, Second Hands and Section en of OM Mill Given Sumptuous just at Armington Saturday Night by Mr. W. B. Biggers - Interesting Conference on the Work of the Various Departments of the

PWritten for The Cazette.)

On last Saturday night, December 23rd, Mr. W. B. Biggers, of the Gastonia Cotton Manufacturing Company, gave a banquet at the Armington Hotel to all the overseers, second hands and section men of the company. Those present, besides the host, were Messrs. Jay C. Arthurs, Robert McGinn, A. M. Hunnicutt, G. L. Miller, B. M. Gibson, W. E. Sheppard, W. M. Miller, Lawrence White, Raymond Pool, Will Tritt, M. E. Hovis and Charles Rhyne.

When the inner man had been satisfied by a bountiful repast in the dining room the company adjourned to the spacious assembly hall of the hotel, where they enjoyed "long cigars and short talks". Mr. Biggers is a great believer in co-operation or team work among the different departments of a mill and he took advantage of the opportunity to make a short talk on the subject.

All present were given an opportunity to express their ideas as to what improvements they wanted made in their departments and these practical discussions were considered the most interesting part of the meeting. In discussion the topic of co-operation, Mr. Biggers said:

Gentlemen, I will make a few suggestions and remarks on what I consider to be a matter of great importance to the textile industry, that is co-operation or team work among the different departments of a mill. I do not want to leave the impression that I am criticising any of you gentlemen, because our overseers and section men will compare very favorably with others, but we should not be contented with keeping along with others. We must always strive to beat the other fellow.
"There are two kinds of criticism,

one perfectly welcome and helpful. the other unjust and harmful. might call them constructive criticism and destructive criticism. Destructive criticism is the kind that destroys without giving something in the place of that which was destroy-Constructive criticism is the kind that constructs and at the same time destroys, but always giving something in place of that which was destroyed. Let me give you an ex-Suppose an overseer or a superintendent comes into your department and finds something going wrong. He criticises, he finds faults

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ral Tonic because it contains the I known tonic properties of QUININE I IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Ids up the Whole System. 50 cents.

TWO DELIGHTFUL HOLIDAY AFFAIRS DEPOSITS LARCEST IN THEIR HISTORY

Citizens National and First National Each Paid Five Per Cent Semi-Annual Dividends in 1910—Gaston Loan and Trust Co., Paid Four Per Cent Semi-Annual—Had Large Increase in Deposits and Did Largest Volume of Business They Have Ever Done—County Banks Also Had Splendid Year.

No institutions so definitely and accurately indicate the condition of business in any community as the banks According to the year's business as shown by the banks in Gastonia and the county the year now drawing to a close has been decidedly the best year in the nistory of this section as it has in many other sections of the country.

At the regular meeting of the board of directors of the Citizens National Bank held Tuesday the regular semi-annual dividend of five per cent was ordered paid on the capital stock of \$100,000 and the checks are being mailed out to stockholders. This makes a total of \$10,000 paid out by this bank in dividends during the year. In addition a considerable sum was passed to the surplus and undivided profits account. According to officials of this bank the year just closed has been the best in its history. An increase of between thirty and forty per cent is shown in the deposits. For the past seven years this bank has conducted a savings department and, while it has not been featured in the bank's advertising, it has also shown a substantial in-

crease in deposits. During the year the First National Bank has paid out \$12,500 in dividends, this representing two semiannual dividends of five per cent The first was paid only on \$100,000. The capital stock was increased during the year to \$150.000 and dividend checks totalling \$7,500 for the second six-months period are being mailed out this week to stockholders. This bank had a splendid year. The deposits were the largest in its history, reaching a total at times of \$1,350,000 while the total resources have reached over \$2,000,-000. In addition to paying semi- annual dividends of five per cent the surplus and undivided profits account has been very substantially increased. This bank has inaugurated a "Pin Money Savings Club", the details of

through the advertising columns of The Gazette! The Gaston Loan & Trust Co., whose dividend periods are April 1st and October 1st, has paid four per cent semi-annually on its capital stock of \$25,000. Its deposits have shown an increase of about 25 per cent while the savings deposits have shown an increase of about 33 per

which have been

cent. There are seven other banks in the county, viz: the Bank of Belmont, the Bank of Dallas, the Mount Holly Bank, the First National Bank of Cherryville, the Farmers Loan & Trust Co., of Cherryville, the Bessemer City Bank and the Farmers & Merchants Bank, of Stanley. We are unable to give definite figures today as to the year's business done by those banks but understand that all have had a most prosperous year.

Officials of all the banks in Gastonia, when seen by The Gazette reporter this morning, expressed a confident belief that the year 1917 would be as good if not better from a business standpoint in this section than the year just closing.

Marguerite Clark in her latest and best picture, Miss George Washington, Ideal today.

During his term of office Governor Craig granted 428 aprdons, the majority being in cases for violation of the prohibition laws, larceny and minor offenses.

Charlie Chaplin Cozy today.

-Mrs. W. B. Peay, of Chester, S. C., and Mrs. I. J. Campbell, Clover, S. C., were Gastonia shoppers Wednesday.

Francis X. Bushman and Beverly Bayne Cozy Tuesday. Bayne Cozy Tuesday.

Mr. G. W. Knox, of Clover, S. C., was a business visitor in Gastonia yesterday.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. This is not only one of the best and most efficient medicines for colds, coughs and croup, but it is pleasant and safe to take, which is important when medicine must be given to children. Many mothers have given

it their unqualified endorsement.

-Miss Fannie Kate Wilson is vis-

iting friends at Lowryville, S. C. -Messrs. S. R. and F. S. Clinton motored to Clover, S. C., Wednesday.

-Mr. Carlyle Cochrane, of Huntersville, spent Wednesday in the city with friends.

-Mr. Estill Steele, of Tazeweii, Va., is spending a few days in the city.

-Miss Miriam Goforth, of Kings Mountain, is spending a 1ew days in the city as the guest of Mrs. D. K

-Misses Mary and Annie Galloway apent Christmas Day and Tuesday in Charlotte as the guests of Mrs. O. G. Allen. -Start the new year right by

tonia's two successful building and loan assocaitions. -Mr. J. E. Lindsay and family are moving today to their new resi-

taking out some shares in one of Gas-

dence on the York road near Mr. J. Frank McArver's. -Mrs. M. B. Henry has amoved into her handsome new residence on

South York street which is nearing completion. -Mr. and Mrs. R. Deaver Caldwell, of Atlanta, are spending the holidays here with the former's

perents, Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Caldwell. -Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Warren and children spent yesterday in Charlotte as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Lanier.

-Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Gallant had as their guests this week Mr. and Mrs. Wade M. Gallant, of Raleign, and Miss Ola Herron.

-Miss Kate Jones, of Bessemer Concord to visit Mrs. Carrie Barn-

—Mr. Leonard Henry returned Wednesday night to Pensacola, Fla., after spending a few days here with his mother, Mrs. M. B. Henry. -Miss Della Nolen, who is teach-

ing in the city schools of Charlotte, is spending the holidays here with homefolks. -Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Brown and young son, C. T., Jr., spent a part of

the holidays with Mrs. Brown's brother, Mr. L. Dowdee, in Dur-- Miss Mary Wilson, who is spending the holidays with her father, Mr W. C. Wilson, is spending a gay or

section of Mecklenburg county. Mrs. J. Q. Holland, of Cherry villed is in the city this week spending several days as the guest of her daughters, Mrs. P. R. Falls, Mrs. S.

two with friends in the Steele

N. Boyce and Mrs. M. H. Curry. -Prof. Edgar McLean, who is superintendent of the graded schools at Dover, Craven county, is spending the holidays in the city with home-

- Miss Julia Byars, of Spartanburg. S. C., spent the holidays in the city with her sister, Mrs. E. P. Stabler, at 701 West Franklin ave-

-Prof. J. W. Moore, who is tnstructor in the Winston-Salem high school, is spending several days in the city as the guest of his uncles. Prof. J. P. and Dr. R. M. Reid.

-Mr. H. K. Logan, who is managet of the Gaston County Gas Company, left Saturday night to spend holidays with homefolks in Philadelphia, Pa.

-Miss Janie Drennan, who has been spending some time in the city with Mrs. R. J. Smith at her home on West Franklin avenue, returned today to her home in the Bethel section of York county, S. C.

-Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rhyne have as their guests during the holidays their daughter. Miss Nina Rhyne. and their son, Mr. Walter Rhyne, both of whom are teaching in the eastern part of the State.

-Mr. E. Ralph Rankin, of Chapel Hill, who is secretary of the bureau of extension at the University of North Carolina, is spending several days in the city with relatives and friends.

Francis X. Bushman and Beverly

Stomach Trouble and Constipation. Those who are afflicted with stomach trouble and constipation should read the following: "I have never found anything so good for stomach trouble and constipation as Cham-berlain's Tablets. I have used them off and on now for the past two years. They not only regulate the action of the bowels but stimulate the liver and keep one's body in a healthy condition," writes Mrs. Benjamin Hooper, Auburn, N. Y.

GASTONIA MILLS GAVE MANY PRESENTS LATE EVENTS IN TOWN AND COUNTY

Proper / shortest

All of Gastonia's Textile Plants Remembered Their Employees on Christmas—Upwards of \$10,000 in Money Was Distributed Among the Operatives.

Employees in the Gastonia cotton mills were not forgotten by the mill owners. So far as The Gazette has been able to learn every textile plant in the city made its employees, from the youngest to the oldest. a Christmas present of some kind as a token of appreciation of the work that had been done by them during the past year. In several instances presents in the shape of large bonuses were distributed which amounted in several cases to more than a thousand dollars. Besides the presents that were given on Christmas day practically all of the mills have increased the wages of the employees during the past three or four months. The Gastonia mills and the presents their employees were given this Christmas are here

AVON MILL.

Presents to its employees were given by the Avon Mill in an additional week's pay amounting to \$1 .-218 and packages of nuts, fruits and candies.

THE ARMSTRONG MILLS. A sum totaling \$3,500 in presents was distributed among the employees of the Armstrong chain of mills in cash as a bonus.

LORAY MILLS

The employees of the Loray Mill were given a bonus of \$500, this amount being distributed among all City, route one, left Wednesday for of the workers. Beginning the first Concord to visit Mrs. Carrie Barn- week in January this mill will increase the wages of its employees which will amount to several hundred dollars weekly.

GRAY MFG, COMPANY.

Using the week ending December 23, as a basis the Gray Manufacturing Co. issued to each of its employees specially printed checks for about 50 per cent. of the week's salary. The total amount was \$1,000.

MODENA MILLS.

The employees of the Modena Mill were given an additional dollar on the week's wages as a Christmas present.

FLINT AND ARLINGTON MILLS. A nice present was given to every employee of both the Flint lington Cotton Mills on Christmas

TRENTON MILL.

A substantial bonus was given by the owners to the employees of the Trenton Mill. the amount being given on a per centage basis. OZARK MILL,

Three full days' time was computed by the owners and given to every employee of the Ozark Cotton Mills as a Christmas present. The amount totaled more than \$750.

GASTONIA MFG. COMPANY. Officials of the Gastonia Manufacturing Company presented their operatives with a bonus as a Christmas present. The amount was figured and distributed on a percentage

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OPPORTUNITY IS OFFERED.

Pin-Money Savings Club Inaugurated by Gastonia Banking Institution is Excellent and Novel Plan.

In the inauguration of a Pin-Money Savings Club the First National Bank, of Gastonia, is offering to the people of this city and Gaston county an excellent opportunity to begin a savings account, regardless of the member's salary. To the man of moderate means the idea will appeal more effectively.

By joining the savings club and paying a few cents each week, beginning the first Monday in January, its members will receive from the bank in time for Christmas, 1917, a check for the total amount paid in plus the interest of four per cent. Attractive little pocket banks are being given to the members.

The plan started by this banking institution is somewhat novel and of-fers splendid advantages to the young people of the city, and tends to inculcate the saving habit.

Charlie Chaplin Cozy today. Charlie Chaplin Cozy today.,

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days Your druggist will refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure any case of Ikching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. The first application gives Ease and Rest. 50c.

Now With Thomson Company.

Mr. J. Stacey Boyce, who for the past several years has held a posi-tion in the office of the Loray Milis, has accepted a position with the Thomson Mercantile Company as bookkeeper. Mr. Boyce has already entered upon his new work.

To Build Bungalow.

Mr. James A. Estridge, proprietor of the Cozy Theatre, is having material placed on his lot on South street, near Fourth, for the construction of a handsome eight-room bungalow, work on which will be commenced at once. Mr. Will Grigg is to have charge of the work.

To Observe Holiday.

New Years is a holiday with the postoffice force and holiday hours will be observed. The windows will be open from 8 to 10 a. m. and from 5 to 6 p. m. The city carriers will make one delivery and one collection in the forenoon. The rural carriers will not go out.

Many Loans Asked For.

Applications for loans for more than \$200,000 have been filed in the offices of the Gaston County National Farm Loan Association in this city. These applications which number upwards of one hundred, come from residents of all sections Gaston county.

Eclipses ni 1917.

According to Turner's North Carolina Almanac there will be seven eclipses in 1917, four of the sun and three of the moon. This is the largest number of eclipses possible in any one calendar year. Only two of these eclipses will be visible here, a total eclipse of the moon on January 7, and a total eclipse of the moon on December 28.

To Make Views of Gaston County.

Three representatives of a New York motion picture concern arrived in the city Tuesday and if their plans materialize a film will be made in Gastonia and the county, showing some of the points of interest here. The film will be named "The Princess Visits Gastonia and Gaston County." and will be shown along with other films entitled "Seeing

An Evangelistic Campaign.

An evangelistic campaign will be conducted in all the Baptist churches of the city, beginning March 11th. This campaign will be conducted by the home board evangelists of Atlanta. There will be an evangelist and a singer at each of the three churches. These evangelists are employed by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and work under the direction of that

A. & M. Banquet New Year's Night. Arrangements have been made for the annual banquet of the Gaston County A. & M. Alumni to be held at the Armington Hotel New Year's night. Mr. O. Max Gardner, of Shel-by, Lieutenant-Governor elect and ter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Saunders an A. & M. alumnus, will be present and make the principal address. Those in charge of the arrangements have tried to reach every A. & M. man in the county either personally, by mail or telephone. Every A. & M. alumnus in the county is invited to attend the banquet.

Sad Death of Youth.

Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Davenport, of Mount Holly, have the sympathy of a host of friends over the county in the death of their young son, Allen, which occurred at their home Tuesday night at 7 o'clock. The deceased was thirteen years old and for the past year had been an invalid. Funeral services were held at the home yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, being conducted by Rev. J. C. Harmon, paster of the Methodist church, and Rev. S. L. Cathey, pastor of the Presbyterian church. A large concourse of friends was present at the funeral. Interment was in the Mt. Holly Cemetery.

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Drives Out Malaria, Bullds Up System The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS chill TONIC, drives out ria enriches the blood, and bu-lds up the sys-

LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLI

ENJOYED

POSSUM DENNER. Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Rankin were hosts at a delightful possum dinner at their home on South street yester-day. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Rankin, Misses Lucile and Mar-garet Rankin, V. E. Long, L. H. Long, Bynum Long, Hutch Work-man, B. B. Gardner, Hoyle Arm-strong, Gus Froneberger and Miss Emma Rankin Emma Rankin.

WARREN FAMILY REUNIONS.

On Christmas day Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Gardner gave a dinner at their home on North Falls street, having as their guests Mrs. Gardner's mother, Mrs. J. R. Warren, Mr. R. C. Warren and family and Mr. W. Y. War-ren and family. Mrs. Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby, was the only out-of-town guest. Today Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Warren gave a dinner at their home on South York street, their guests being the same as at the previous dinner except that Mrs. Hoey was not there. Both occasions were most delightful ones.

ANOTHER SURPRISE WEDDING.

A surprise marriage took place Wednesday night at the manse of Union Presbyterian church, six miles south of the city, when Miss Fannse Bollinger, of Gastonia, became the bride of Mr. Craig Wilson. The ceremony was performed by Rev. G. A. Eparrow. The bride is a sister of Mrs. T. H. Tyson, with whom sne

made her home here, and formerly held a position at Efird's. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Hope Wilson and is a well-to-do young farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are making their home with the groom's parents. Attending the marriage were Mr. Walter Wilson, the groom's brother, who is connected with bank at Simpsonville, S. C., and Miss Mary Wilson, his sister, who is teaching at Kings Mountain.

SAUNDERS-HUFFSTETLER NUPTIALS TUESDAY.

One of the prettiest weddings of the season was that of Miss Etta Saunders and Mr. Laban Huffstetler which was celebrated at the home of he bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Saunders, on East Franklin avenue, Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The home, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion, was filled

with friends of the bridal party. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. W. Whitley, pastor of the East Gastoria Baptist church, as the couple stood under a huge bell suspended from the ceiling. The attendants were Misses Mayme Pearson, Fannie Bollinger and Mr. Foster Huffstetler, brother of the groom, and Mr. Lee Armstrong. The bridgemaids wore yellow crepe de chine ac-cordian pleated dresses. The bride, a perfect blande, was pretty in a traveling suit of niger brown with accessories to match. She carried a bou-

and was for two years a teacher in the county schools. The groom is a son of Mrs. S. J. Huffstetler and is one of the popular merchants in Gastonia. The young couple's populari-ty is attested by the many fine pres-

ents they received.
Out-of-town guests were Misses
Martha Reitzel, Rose Butler and
Messrs. C. P. Reitzel and Zetel Whitel. of Newton, and Mr. Ernest Lipe and Miss Mary Abernethy, of High Shoals, and Mrs. Charles Costner and children, of the Kettle Shoals section. After a short trip the young couple

will make their home with the

groom's mother in this city.

May Locate Here. Dr. Alfred W. Dula, the well-

known eye specialist of Lenoir, tells The Gazette that he is thinking very seriously of locating in Gastonia for the practice of his profession. Dr. Dula has been visiting several of the nearby towns in recent months on professional business and has been so favorably impressed with Gastonia that he wants to come here to live. Dr. Dula is a graduate of the Philadelphia Optical College and several other optical institutions and has had more than 15 years experience in this line of work. Dr. Dula would find a cordial welcome to Gas-

Mrs. Mattie Anderson will return Sunday from Chattanoogs Tenn., where she spent the Christmas holidays with relatives.

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