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WANTED: Two or three rooms for light housekeeping near Southern depot. Answer "W. S. C.", care Gazette. 2p
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WE HAVE BOUGHT the City Market located on North Marietta street next door to the express office and will conduct a sanitary and up-to-date meat market. We respectfully solicit your patronage. Hanna & Sons, phone 254. J-9c8
LET US GIN YOUR COTTON: We expect to run our gin at Oil Mill every day for a while. So bring us your cotton. We will appreciate you coming to see us. 12c5
HATCHING EGGS: Banded Plymouth Rocks (Thompson-Latham Strain.) If you want eggs next winter you must hatch your chicks early. \$1.50 per 15. L. F. WETZELL. tf
Gastonia Lodge No. 369, A. F. & A. M., will hold a called meeting on Friday night, January 5, and do work in the third degree. All members of the old floor team are requested to be present to confer the work.
Master Albert Rankin, Jr., and Misses Roberta and Mabel Rankin, children of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rankin, underwent operations last Thursday, having their tonsils and adenoids removed. All three are getting along nicely.
Mr. W. S. Carson, formerly with the Carolina Bakery at Charlotte, has accepted a position as bread baker with Todd's Bakery here and has already entered upon his duties. He and Mrs. Carson and child will make their home here.
Mr. S. B. Rhea, of Greenville, S. C., and formerly of Kings Mountain, has accepted a position as master mechanic of the Loray Mills, succeeding Mr. W. V. West, who recently went to Great Falls, S. C. Mr. Rhea entered upon the duties of his new position last week.
Mr. Y. D. Moore, of Lenoir, has recently accepted a position as bookkeeper with Craig & Wilson. He and his wife and child will make their home with Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Brawley, who have taken one of the Craig houses on West Airline avenue for the coming year. Mr. Moore was formerly with the Blowing Rock Lines.
Born
To Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Leventis, Monday, January 1, 1917, a daughter.
Luncheon for Mill Employees.
The employees of the Clara, Dunn and Armstrong mills were the guests Saturday night of the management of the three mills at a Dutch luncheon, in the Dunn hall. Three courses were served, first to the men and boys and later to their wives, and daughters. An enjoyable evening was spent. Special music was furnished by an orchestra.
Gastonia retail merchants have large and varied stocks and always sell at the very lowest prices.
EIGHTY-SEVEN YEARS OLD.
H. H. Adams, Springfield, Mo., writes: "I had a severe attack of kidney trouble. I am getting old, 87 years. I tried different treatments, but none did me so much good as Foley Kidney Pills." Foley Kidney Pills build up weakened kidneys, help rid the blood of acids and poisons, and relieve bladder troubles. J. H. Kennedy & Co.

JACOB'S FAITH FIRM

Tenacity of Purpose a Characteristic of This Noble Scriptural Character.

"And he said, I will let thee go."—Genesis 22:26.
Jacob displayed in his whole life a wonderful tenacity of purpose in the hold which he took upon God and righteousness. Whatever else we may find in him to criticize and condemn, there were certain things to which he clung. And we are wise if we hold fast to the same.
Jacob would not let go the peculiar rights of his birth. He was destined and declared of God before his birth to be a superior to his elder brother. Why we are not told, but the fact was foretold and history verified it afterward. It was natural, therefore, that the parents should observe these facts in the training of their boys, but not right or wise to go ahead of God in manifesting their own preferences. Just as it is our business today as parents with our children to find out as far as we can the way in which God would have them go, the pursuit he would bid them follow, the calling of life in which he can best use them for service to this great world.
Jacob would not let go his home. The home instinct was very strong and sacred with him. Rachel, the wife of his choice, he will not fall to obtain, though it cost him seven years of hard service to do so. The customs of the times permitted polygamy, yet Rachel he always loved the most. It is to her first born son, Joseph, that the double portion of blessing descended. Jacob had his own home trouble, but there was no parting of the home's best interests thereby. God has made the home the great unit of society. If the family life fails to adhere the state will soon go, too. Jacob would not let go his home. Neither should we allow ours to slip away from us if we would keep society pure at its fountain head and save the state and extend and strengthen the kingdom of God.
Jacob would not let go his property. Laban changes his wages ten times, Jacob, dissatisfied with such treatment, determines to quietly withdraw from his service and remove with his family and possessions to another place. He would not let go of his property nor sacrifice his skill as a shepherd, but simply go to other pastures as God directs him. So today, I believe that God means every man to hold fast to his possessions of money and brains and skill and use them to their greatest advantage for himself and others, but never by the destruction of his employer's property. There can be, and there must be, a wiser and safer way than by force of arms to solve these difficulties between man and man in our labor problems and of settling all international disputes between the great forces of the world than by horrible warfare.
Jacob would not let go his country. He escaped to Haran because of the wrath of his brother Esau, but he never was at home in that land of idolatry. He longed for the old land, promised to his fathers, and when opportunity offered he turned his face and footsteps thither. He knew what opposition and bitterness awaited him from Esau, but he faltered not in desire to return.
Finally and supremely, Jacob would not let go his God. For 20 years he lived in Haran, where idolatry was prevalent. Rachel, his best beloved wife, revered and, I suppose, worshiped her father's household gods, for she took them secretly with her on their return to Canaan. But Jacob, so far as we know, never forsook the worship of Jehovah.
God bring us all to a fixed determination not to let go our God anywhere nor in anything.—Rev. Andrew Hugeman, Ocean Hill Reformed Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Ready to Preach the Gospel
By REV. W. W. KETCHUM
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TEXT—So as much as in me is I am ready to preach the Gospel to you that are at Rome also.—Rom. 1:15.



The Greek term which the word ready translates, does not have in it so much the idea of preparedness as it does eagerness. It gives us a picture of the apostle standing as it were on tip-toe facing the imperial city, his countenance expressing the passion of his heart to preach the Gospel to the people of that city.
I can imagine as the apostle stands like a hound at leash, eager to be off, someone tugging at his cloak and saying, "Don't go to Rome, Paul, to preach the Gospel of the cross. They will laugh your story to scorn. Rome, remember, was the home of Cicero, and his orations are still studied there, and Seneca is discoursing in the streets. Go to them, Paul, with a little sociology, religious pathology and ethical culture, but not with the word of the cross." And Paul answers back: "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth, to the Jew first and also to the Greek."
There are people today who tell us that the Gospel of the cross doesn't meet the modern mind. Well, I may know little of the modern mind, but I do know a great deal about the modern heart, and one thing is this, that it is still "deceitful above all things and desperately wicked," and, thank God, I know what can meet its needs and that is the cross of Christ. The trouble, friends, is not with our heads but with our hearts; let them be cleansed by the blood of Christ and the modern mind has no difficulty in understanding the story of the cross. Problems there may be, but the heart that knows the cleansing power of the blood clings in simple faith to the Cross of Christ.
Then there are those who say that the Cross of Christ does not meet the problem of today. What problems are there today that were not the problems of yesterday? What about the moral corruption of the times? Is it any worse than it was in Paul's day? When the apostle was eager to go to Rome, lecherous, reprobate Nero, who had sunk almost to the nethermost hell, was on the throne. Yet Paul was not desirous of going to Rome with a moral mud scow, but with the Gospel of Christ. He knew what some moderns do not know, that reformation follows regeneration, and so he was eager to preach in that corrupt city the Gospel of the cross. What a lesson to some would-be preachers of today who, not knowing the power of the Gospel to regenerate society, are trying with their puny scoops to cleanse the cesspools of iniquity, when they have at their command the dynamite of God. We might just as well try to batter down a fortress with a popgun and toy pistol as to attempt to overcome the forces of evil in the world by any moral reformation which leaves out the cross of Christ.
But what about a world immersed in pleasure? Will the Gospel reach such a world? As Paul stood facing Rome, mad with pleasure, he said, "I am ready to preach the Gospel to you that are at Rome also." And yet the city was almost altogether given over to pleasure. During the reign of Claudius, who preceded Nero on the throne, the gladiatorial games became almost an insane frenzy and in Nero's time, as we know, it was no better. Paul, however, was eager to go there with the Gospel. It is a great challenge that the pleasure-loving world gives the preachers of today. How shall they meet it? Shall they, in extremity, try something else besides the Gospel, or is the Gospel still the power of God unto salvation, even unto a pleasure-loving world? One of the saddest sights to behold is a ministry that has abandoned the Gospel and substituted in the place a sociological shovel and a pathological plaster. If hell ever laughs it laughs at such a substitution, for it knows that makeshift will never meet the world's need and defeat hell.
Come on, preachers, the world challenges us, let us meet the challenge with Paul's "I am ready to preach the Gospel." What Gospel? Why, the Gospel of the cross, of course, for there is none other. And with Paul let us say, no matter what the world may say, we are not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ. Why not ashamed? "Because it is the dynamite of God." That means it has in itself the power to do business for God. No wonder Paul, facing intellectual, corrupt, pleasure-loving Rome, said, "I am ready, I am not ashamed to preach the Gospel to you that are at Rome also."

God's Judgment Sure.

God sees sin: He remembers sin: He hates sin: He cannot be just without punishing sin; and he has said that he will punish it.—Cooper.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS by BELK'S TO OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS
FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS WE HAVE BEEN DOING A STRICTLY CASH BUSINESS. DURING ALL THESE YEARS WE HAVE SENT GOODS OUT ON APPROVAL IN OUR EFFORTS TO GIVE THE PUBLIC AND ESPECIALLY OUR REGULAR CUSTOMERS THE BEST POSSIBLE SERVICE. WE DO NOT MAKE ANY SECRET OF THE FACT THAT THE APPROVAL BUSINESS HAS BEEN ABUSED TO A CONSIDERABLE EXTENT AND OFTEN CUSTOMERS ASK US TO MAKE APPROVAL TICKETS WHEN THE GOODS ARE NOT ACTUALLY TAKEN ON APPROVAL BUT ARE BOUGHT FOR IMMEDIATE USE. THESE TICKETS ARE NOT TAKEN UP IMMEDIATELY, AS THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO BE, BUT ARE ALLOWED TO REMAIN UNPAID OFTEN FOR SEVERAL WEEKS.
BEGINNING JANUARY 1ST WE WILL PUT INTO OPERATION THE STRICTLY APPROVAL SYSTEM AND WILL DISCONTINUE THE MAKING OF APPROVAL TICKETS REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE GOODS ARE ACTUALLY SENT ON APPROVAL OR ARE PURCHASED OUTHRIGHT. AN APPROVAL TICKET SHOULD BE TAKEN UP WITHIN 24 HOURS. IF WE SEND OUT TO A CUSTOMER AN ARTICLE FOR INSPECTION, THE ARTICLE MUST BE RETURNED THE SAME DAY OR IF KEPT MUST BE PAID FOR. WE DO NOT OBJECT TO MAKING APPROVAL TICKETS SO LONG AS THEY ARE STRICTLY APPROVAL TICKETS BUT IN THE FUTURE WE MUST INSIST THAT THIS PRIVILEGE BE NOT ABUSED. PLEASE DO NOT ASK US TO MAKE AN APPROVAL TICKET UNLESS YOU EXPECT TO EITHER RETURN THE ARTICLE OR PAY THE PURCHASE PRICE AT ONCE. WE DO NOT WISH TO BE PUT IN THE EMBARRASSING POSITION OF REFUSING CUSTOMERS' REQUESTS, BUT WE WILL BE COMPELLED IN THE FUTURE TO ADHERE STRICTLY TO THIS SYSTEM.
WE WISH TO EXTEND TO ALL OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS OUR THANKS FOR THEIR PATRONAGE DURING THE PAST YEAR AND TO SOLICIT A CONTINUANCE OF THE SAME DURING THE YEAR 1917. IT SHALL BE OUR ENDEAVOR TO SERVE YOU BETTER THAN WE HAVE EVER DONE IN THE PAST IF POSSIBLE.
J. M. BELK CO.

SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

Mr. Will Riddle, of Bowling Green, was in town this morning.
Master Lowry Miller returned yesterday from Chester, S., where he spent the holidays with relatives.
Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Myers spent New Year's day with the latter's mother, Mrs. F. D. Nail, in Charlotte.
Mr. Bryan Lewis, after spending the holidays with homefolks, returned this morning to Trinity College, Durham.
Mrs. L. C. Davis and Mr. John Faysoux spent New Year's day in Charlotte as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Faysoux.
Little Miss Eloise Hopkins, of Newport News, Va., is spending a week with her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Page.
Mr. Paul McElwee and Mr. Clarence Stroup, of Clover, were in town this morning en route to Due West to re-enter school.
Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey H. Parker are entertaining a number of friends at dinner today. Among the guests was Mrs. L. C. Davis.
Miss Claudia Williams, who has been visiting relatives in the city for the past week, will leave today for her home at Statesville.
Miss Bessie Jackson, of Clover, was in town yesterday en route to Dillon, S. C., to resume her duties as teacher in the public schools.
Miss Mildred Rankin left this morning for Greenville, N. C., to resume her school work after spending the holidays here with homefolks.
Prof. C. B. Woltz, superintendent of the city schools at Maxton, spent the week-end in the city as the guest of his brother, Mr. A. E. Woltz.
Mr. and Mrs. John M. Smith, of Clover, and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Dillon, of Kings Mountain, were the guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Michael.
Miss Sallie K. Dixon, of Charlotte, after spending ten days here with her aunt, Mrs. H. M. Eddleman, returned yesterday to her home in Charlotte.
Mr. J. B. Scott, of Spartanburg, S. C., and Mr. J. M. Redwine, of Fair Forest, S. C., former Gastonians, were shaking hands with old friends here Saturday.
Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Williams left yesterday for Charlotte, where they will make their home. Mr. Williams having accepted a position with the Postal Telegraph Company.
Miss Mabel Flanagan, of Clover, was the guest yesterday of Miss Mary Wilson here. Both left yesterday afternoon for Charlotte to resume their studies in King's Business College.
Mr. Lacy Adams, son of Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Adams, of this city, will leave Thursday for Atlanta, Ga., to enter the Georgia College of Technology. He will specialize in textile engineering.

HELP THE STARVING CHILDREN.

An Appeal is Made for Innocent Victims in the War Countries — The Gazette Has Opened Its Columns for This Worthy Cause.
The Gazette has received an appeal from the Children of America's Fund, at Boston, Mass., to help save the lives of the starving children in the war-stricken countries of Europe. A descriptive circular has been posted in the windows at this office telling of the destitute circumstances the millions of little children have been placed in as a result of the war. Millions have already starved to death, weakened and exhausted by two years of underfeeding and exposure. Millions more will die the same way this winter if they are not given help.
Several contributions have already been left at The Gazette office. This is a worthy cause and offers an opportunity to the people of this country to help. Following are those who have given to the fund:
R. Kenneth Babington \$1.00
F. D. Barkley 1.00
Chas. D. Gray 3.00
The Gazette 5.00

COUNTY LINE QUESTION.

(Continued from page 1.)
ness and strife would have been engendered, and how your good county would have been torn asunder by such a contest. Certainly if anybody had been willing to do your county the great and lasting injury of instituting such a contest, no one would deny that sufficient basis would have been found upon which to lodge such a suit, and yet today by pursuing the wise policy of letting-by-gones be by-gones, you have a great united county, and you go forward by leaps and bounds, and you win the admiring approval of all your neighbors. Kings Mountain, and all this territory, voted in favor of Cleveland county by far and away a larger majority in proportion to the votes cast than you won your court-house removal election, and we are appealing to you not to stir up the strife and bitterness between our people and your people that would inevitably result from litigation in the courts. You are too great and prosperous to do this sort of thing. It would be out of harmony with all of your past history. One of the first essentials of a broad and great people is to know how to lose with good grace.
This is not written in any controversial spirit, nor do we seek to provoke discussion, but merely for the purpose of appealing to the people of Gaston county as a whole on behalf of our town and the territory included in the election boundary, to let this matter alone and not to provoke an unseemly and unwarranted contest over a matter that has long since passed, and some of us who sign this appeal live on the Gaston side and did everything possible in the election for Gaston county, but

since we lost we think it unwise to stir up strife and bitterness over this election simply because we did not win.

Respectfully submitted,
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NOTICE OF SALE OF VALUABLE FARM LANDS.

Under and by virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Gaston County, made in a Special Proceeding entitled "Ethel M. Forbes et al vs. Ruby Parham, Infant," same being No. — upon the Special Proceeding Docket of said Court, the undersigned commissioner will, on
Monday, January 29, 1917
at 11 o'clock, a. m., at the Court House door of Gaston county, in Gastonia, offer for sale at public auction that certain tract of land lying and being in the county of Gaston, State of North Carolina, adjoining the lands of H. F. Forbes, E. Hope Adams, W. W. Glenn and others, and bounded as follows, to-wit:
Beginning at a stone on the W. W. Glenn land, and runs S. 32 1-2 W. 92 poles to a stake; thence with H. F. Forbes line N. 55 W. 78 poles to a stake on Forbes' line; thence with said Forbes' line N. 22 E. 48 poles to a pine; thence N. 14 E. 22 poles to a stone and pointers; thence N. 30 1-2 E. 50 poles to a dead hickory; thence with the said W. W. Glenn line S. 53 E. 64 poles to the beginning corner, containing 51 acres, more or less, same being the lands owned by the late John W. Parham, deceased.
Terms of Sale: One-third cash, one-third in six months and balance in 12 months from date of sale, deferred payments to bear interest from date at six per cent per annum, deed to be made upon final payment of purchase price.
This 28th day of December, 1916.
R. C. PATRICK,
Commissioner.