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\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE.

2 NOW OUT FOR MAYOR

MR. LONG AND MR. WOLTZ CANDIDATES

Mr. V. E. Long Says He Will Devote His Entire Time to Job if Elected—Stands for Economy and Conservation of What We Have—Mr. Woltz Favors Increased Appropriations to Take Care of Needs of City Schools.

Mr. V. E. Long is a candidate for the position of mayor of Gastonia. This fact was made known by him this morning and elsewhere in today's Gazette will be found his formal announcement. The Gazette's forecast of the coming election published Tuesday intimated that Mr. Long might be a candidate.

When asked by The Gazette this



MR. V. E. LONG.

morning as to what his platform would be Mr. Long said, in substance: "If the voters of Gastonia see fit to make me their mayor for the next two years I will devote my entire time to looking after the city's interests. I am not actively engaged in business and hence my time is largely my own and I would be free to devote my time to the duties of this office. If elected I would spend as much of every day as was necessary, all of it if circumstances demanded it, at the city hall and elsewhere looking after the city's interests."

"As I see it," continued Mr. Long, "the next two years of our city administration must of necessity be devoted to conserving what we have. The town is already bonded to its legal limit and hence there will be no funds available from bond sales with which to make further permanent improvements on any large scale. It is going to be necessary for us to make every cent count and I will put forth every effort to see that the city gets value received for every dollar that is spent."

"It would not be my policy to go into office with a view to tearing things up or making any radical changes. The administration should be a conservative and at the same time a progressive one. If our schools stand in need of enlargement and increased equipment, I am in favor of furnishing what is needed, as I regard our schools one of the city's greatest assets."

Mr. Long has been very closely identified with the business interests of Gastonia for the past thirty years; in fact he has witnessed the growth of the town from a straggling village of a few hundred people to a point where it is recognized as one of the most important manufacturing towns of the State and one of the fastest growing in the Carolinas. He is one of the city's largest property owners and taxpayers. His offer to devote his entire time to the city's interests if elected mayor is one that will appeal to the public. It will be something new for Gastonia. In fact it is practically an unknown thing except where towns have some form of commission or city manager government. Several years ago Mr. Long retired from active business and has since devoted his time largely to looking after his property and other business interests. He has kept in close personal touch with all local activities and is thoroughly posted on the town's business and growth.

MR. WOLTZ A CANDIDATE.

The second entry in the mayoralty race is that of Mr. A. E. Woltz, of the local bar. Mr. Woltz announces his candidacy in the issue of The Gazette. Asked as to his platform Mr. Woltz stated to The Gazette today that he had not as yet formulated a platform as a whole. One important platform, however, will be one favoring increased appropriations for the city schools. As a member of the present school board Mr. Woltz vigorously advocated the recent proposal before the city council to authorize an increased tax levy for school purposes. As a member of the school board he has been in close touch with the school interests of the city and realizes that our equipment is entirely inadequate to take care of the rapidly increasing population.

While very vitally interested in the progress of the schools, Mr. Woltz says that his purpose, if elected, would be to see that the progressive spirit which has made Gastonia forge ahead in all lines will be kept alive and that all improvements be made that our limited income will permit.

Mr. Woltz has been a resident of Gastonia for several years past. He is actively engaged in the practice of law, being a member of the firm

GASTONIA AND GASTON

LATE EVENTS IN TOWN AND COUNTY

Born To Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wylie, of Charlotte, at the City Hospital here on Friday, February 23, 1917, a son, James Brown Wylie, Jr.

Boy Scouts on Hike.

Troop No. 3 of the Boy Scouts will meet at the telephone building at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon and will go on a hike to the country, led by Scoutmaster R. Kenneth Babington. They will make a study of second-class scout requirements, including cooking, nature study, etc.

Death of R. M. Carter.

Following a short illness Mr. Richard M. Carter, a Gaston county farmer, age 50, died at his home west of Linwood College Sunday afternoon. Deceased was a former resident of Gastonia, having moved to the farm about a year ago. Funeral and burial services were held Monday. A widow and several children survive.

New Auto Agency.

Advertisements appear in this issue of The Gazette for two new automobiles, for which Mr. W. P. Gibbons, with headquarters at the Gastonia Garage, is agent. These are the Grant and the Smith Form-a-Truck. Mr. Gibbons comes from Shelby, where he has been in business for the past 22 years, and is well-known to many Gastonia business men. He has the sales agency for Gaston county for the above-mentioned cars.

To Inspect Company.

Company B, North Carolina National Guards will undergo Federal inspection March 3rd. Capt. A. C. Thompson and Capt. C. C. Allen, U. S. A., and Major Thomas Stringfield, inspector general for the State, have been designated to make this inspection. The inspection of property will be made in the forenoon and that of the men at 7:30 p. m.

Told of Life on the Border.

Sergeant E. E. Boyce of Company B, the Gaston Guards, who recently returned from duty on the border, delivered an interesting and instructive address yesterday before the students of the Gastonia high school, his subject being "Life on the Mexican Border." Sergeant Boyce is a son of Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Boyce. He has recently seen actual patrol duty on the border and his stay of several months in that section fitted him particularly to talk both interestingly and instructively on his subject.

McNeely's Opening.

An event of interest to the ladies of Gastonia and vicinity was the formal opening yesterday afternoon of the new ladies' ready-to-wear store of the McNeely Company at 216 West Main avenue. The store was thrown open at 2 o'clock and throughout the entire afternoon it was well filled. Manager J. C. McNeely was highly pleased with the interest manifested by the ladies on the store's first day. Assisting Manager McNeely are Misses Mary Hilbrand, Vista Lindsay and Agnes Oates.

Civil Service Examination.

The Gazette is requested to announce that a civil service examination will be held in the postoffice building here on Thursday, March 15th, for the position of laborer in the local postoffice building. The position will be vacant within the next few months, and pays \$600 per annum. Applicants must be citizens of the United States, between the ages of 20 and 50 years, and the examination will include a physical examination by a physician. Application blanks may be obtained from Mr. F. P. Rockett, assistant postmaster and secretary of the local civil service commission.

A Warning to Farmers.

One of the produce dealers of the city calls our attention to a peculiar situation in regard to the supply of seed potatoes which he thinks the farmers and others who intend to plant potatoes should give heed to. All dealers who expect to handle seed potatoes this season have already bought their stock at a price lower than today's price for eating potatoes. So it is probable that when these seed potatoes arrive, being cheaper than the other kind can now be bought for, they will be sold out for eating purposes, which will cause a shortage in seed potatoes. It is therefore good advice to everybody to buy what seed potatoes they will need at once, for fear there will be none to be had when planting time comes. If the present prices keep up there will be a good profit in raising potatoes for market this year, and it would not be surprising if a shortage in seed should develop before planting is completed.

of Mangum & Woltz. As a member of the board of city school commissioners he has rendered the city valuable service. He believes our children should have the best public school advantages and believes it is the city's business to provide such advantages.

There will probably be further entrances in the mayoralty contest but The Gazette has not today any definite information as to any particular prospective candidates.

OFFICIALS VINDICATED

"LEAK" PROBE PROVED TO BE A "DOG FALL"

Tom Lawson Fell Down—He Failed to Substantiate Charges He Made—Short Selling on New York Exchange Criticized

Washington, Feb. 22.—Vindication of all public officials whose names were brought into the investigation of charges that there was a leak to Wall Street on President Wilson's peace note was voted unanimously today by the House Rules Committee. The report, now virtually complete, probably will be put in final shape Saturday after certain additional records of New York brokers have been examined.

"It is understood the committee finds that Thomas W. Lawson's sensational charges were not substantiated; that R. W. Bolling, brother-in-law of the President, had nothing to do with a "leak" and that advance information concerning the note was furnished to brokers by J. Fred Esary and W. W. Price, local newspaper men, who connected deductions with facts obtained in conversations with other reporters who had been told in confidence by Secretary Lansing that a note was coming.

In connection with violations of newspaper ethics, the report says a sub-committee has been appointed to confer with the standing committee of correspondents to determine what changes will be made in the rules regulating the admission to the congressional press galleries.

No recommendations are made, but the practice of selling short on the New York Stock Exchange is said to be criticized. F. A. Connolly, a local broker, is censured for his testimony before the committee and E. F. Hutton & Company for failing to produce copies of all messages concerning the note which reached its office.

"Secret Kingdom" Ideal Saturday. HELD BANQUET.

Men's Bible Class of First Presbyterian Church Has Delightful Social Occasion at Clara Hall Last Night.

Fully a hundred and fifty men were guests last night of the Men's Bible Class of the First Presbyterian Church at its fifth annual banquet held in the Clara Hall. The banquet began at 7:30 and lasted till 10:30. Rev. J. H. Henderlite, pastor of the church and teacher of the class, acted as toastmaster and handled the crowd in such a manner as to make of it a splendid social success.

An excellent repast was served, after which quite a number of impromptu talks were made, dealing for the most part with the history, work and prospects of this class, which is the largest Bible class in the city and one of the largest no doubt in the State. Col. C. B. Armstrong, through whose courtesy the Clara Hall was tendered for the occasion, was called on first and made a brief but very appropriate talk. Among others who were called on and spoke briefly were J. O. White, president of the class, P. W. Garland and R. C. Patrick, captains of the two membership teams; L. N. Glenn, W. T. Rankin, W. P. Grier, E. L. Hanks, M. F. Kirby, Jr., J. F. Jackson, F. P. Sessions, A. M. Smyce, Dr. Fisher, R. L. Alexander, H. F. Glenn, H. M. Eddleman, J. W. Atkins, Charles Pearson, W. N. Davis, H. Rutter, L. L. Henderson, C. J. McCombs and C. E. Adams.

A pleasant feature of the occasion was the singing by a selected choir of old familiar tunes from the American Tune Book. The banquet was conceded to have been the best of the five so far given by this class.

"Secret Kingdom" Ideal Saturday. Mary Pickford Cozy Today.

The following were appointed postmasters in North Carolina yesterday: Ed K. Morris, Creedmore; Archie J. Sykes, Pomona; Lewis B. McBrayer, Sanatorium; Wilbur L. Gaskins, Ayden.

Just received car load Iron Beds, old prices. Gastonia Furniture Company.

Fanny Ward Ideal Today.

The remaining units of the North Carolina National Guard will leave the border on March 15 and 17, according to orders issued yesterday at Southern Department headquarters at El Paso, Texas.

Mary Pickford Cozy Today.

—Mr. J. P. Reid, Jr., of Westville, Okla., is spending a few days in the city with his uncles, Mr. J. P. Reid and Dr. R. M. Reid, being en route home from a visit to his father, Mr. Jonathan Reid, of Wilmington.

Have you tried the penny column? It brings results. One cent a word each insertion.

—Mr. W. L. Balthis is a patient at the City Hospital, where he underwent an operation Tuesday.

Boas Oil Stoves and Ovens at Gastonia Furniture Company.

Who would have thought in 1908 that Spain would today be in charge of our interests in Germany?—Indianapolis Star.

BY ACT OF CONGRESS

PROHIBITION STATES WILL BE "BONE DRY"

The Reed Amendment to the Postoffice Appropriation Bill Forbids Shipment of Liquor Into States Where Its Manufacture and Sale Are Prohibited—"Fare-you-well" to the Quart Law.

Into only three States in the South, Florida, Louisiana and Texas, may liquor in quantity be imported legally for personal use after June 30 next. They alone have retained local option.

Congress, by its action in adopting the Reed amendment, makes absolute the State-wide prohibition legislation of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi.

Thus they join the "bone dry" States, Arkansas and Tennessee, which already had enacted statutes forbidding the importation of liquor.

The Florida Legislature, at its biennial session in April, is expected to adopt a resolution providing for a referendum on State-wide prohibition, although there are now only five out of 52 counties in the State where liquor can be sold legally. Dry forces in Louisiana are preparing to fight for a State-wide bill at the next session of the Legislature in 1918. About half of the Louisiana parishes are now dry.

Virginia became dry only on November 1 last, although the people had declared for prohibition by 30,000 majority at a referendum in September, 1914.

North Carolina became a prohibition State January 1, 1909, after the people had ratified a State-wide bill by a majority of 44,000 at a referendum election in May, 1905.

The Legislature passed a law in 1915 permitting any individual to receive one quart of whiskey or wine and five gallons of beer every 15 days.

South Carolina adopted prohibition by a referendum vote in September, 1915, after having had a dispensary system since 1891. The law permitted each person to receive a gallon of either whiskey, beer or wine a month.

Georgia has been classed as a dry State since January 1, 1908, but the prohibition law was not strictly enforced in some of the cities until May 1 last, when a drastic law abolishing locker clubs became effective. Under this law, each person was limited to a monthly shipment of two quarts of whiskey, or one gallon of wine or 60 pints of beer.

Alabama enlisted under the prohibition banner after several ineffectual efforts to make the State dry under the Administration of Governor Comer from 1907-11. The prohibition law permitted a citizen to receive a shipment of two quarts of whiskey, two gallons of wine or four dozen bottles of beer every two weeks.

Mississippi has prohibited the manufacture and sale of liquor within its borders since 1908, but no limit was set on importations until 1914, when a law was passed restricting each individual to a shipment of one gallon at a time. This law was ineffective as it did not say how often a shipment could be received. In 1916, a more drastic law was passed, making it unlawful for any person to receive more than a half gallon of vinuous liquor or three gallons of malted or fermented liquors, or one quart of spirituous liquor within 15 days. The Legislature also passed in 1916 an anti-liquor advertising law.

Arkansas voted for State-wide prohibition by 50,000 majority last Fall, and became the first "bone dry" State in the South.

Tennessee adopted prohibition in 1908, but the law was not enforced in the larger cities, until 1915, when the Legislature enacted nuisance and other laws aimed at city officials who failed to enforce the prohibition laws. At a recent session, the Legislature passed a "bone dry" bill prohibiting the shipment of liquor into the State after March 1 next.

Mary Pickford Cozy Today.

A special election will be held in Maine on September 10 on the question of adopting a constitutional amendment providing for woman suffrage.

Fanny Ward Ideal Today.

They Are Still Fighting.

Monroe Journal. In Raleigh Saturday night students of the A. and M. and Wake Forest colleges engaged in a row in front of the Yarrowburgh hotel and the fire department had to be called to the aid of the police in quelling the incipient riot. And it was all about a basketball game. Fine advertisement for our higher educational institutions and especially for college sports.

WE KNOW A MAN

who had a piece of property to sell. He spent \$2.25 for some board signs which he placed about on his property. That was 8 months ago. The signs are still nailed to the posts and his property is unsold. Another man wanted to sell a house. He inserted two want ads in The Gazette at a cost of 42 cents, the property was sold, and the advertiser now has the money in the bank drawing interest. THERE WAS A REASON.

DOINGS OF LEGISLATURE

MANY MATTERS GET CONSIDERATION

Investigating Committee Hears Testimony in Indictment of Prison System—Modern System of Accounting for State Departments to Be Installed—Proviso in Bill on Government of Cities and Towns Relative to Extension of City Limits Calls Forth Debate—Other Bills Discussed.

With only eight days remaining of the regular time for its biennial session the General Assembly is speeding up in an effort to get all the proposed legislation out of the way on time. Night sessions are being held for this purpose. Since our last issue the principal transactions of the Assembly have been as follows: WEDNESDAY.

The joint committee on education voted a favorable report for the teachers' assembly bill for the certificates of teachers. The Senate vote was unanimous and the House voted favorably and then sent the measure to the appropriation committee without prejudice. It would provide six examiners, who would also hold the teachers' institutes, that are now held by the various counties, at least biennially, and county funds now expended by the counties for these institutes would be turned to the state to bear the expense of the examiners.

Long sessions were held by the legislative committee investigating charges against the management of the state farm convict quarters. Chairman E. L. Travis, of the Corporation Commission, as a former chairman of a prison board of directors, testified that corporal punishment is most essential for convict control and that records of whippings at the farm were not excessive in view of the types of convicts the camps have. He and former Governor Kitchin and numbers of others paid highest tributes to the character and official integrity of Capt. Rhem and Capt. Christian, in charge of the farm camps. Governor Kitchin suspected that the sharp requirement to earn profits to the credit of the prison management had prevented really adequate expenditures for the care of the convicts in many respects, but heard no special complaints of any bad conditions during his administration. He thought \$25 per month too little to pay for guards.

The House passed the bill from the Senate directing the Corporation Commission, with the assistance, of expert accountants, to devise and install thoroughly modern system of accounting for the State departments. The bill originally included a system for the counties also, but that was eliminated.

Another general bill passed was that to change the name of the A. and M. College to the North Carolina State College of Agriculture and Engineering.

The Senate passed the Allen bill for indeterminate sentences. Also the bill of Roberts, of Buncombe, from the House providing for absolute divorce by either party after 10 years' separation.

The State-wide game commission bill was variously amended as to exemption of counties and then tabled. The Senate passed numerous local bills.

THURSDAY.

The House committee on liquor traffic voted almost unanimously tonight to report unfavorably the bill to create the office of State Commissioner for enforcement of the prohibition law. Members of the committee were very much at sea as to just what the Federal situation really is. Some, including Speaker Murphy, believed the new Federal law will prevent even bringing a quart or other package into the State in one's suitcase or grip, "its transportation" in any way being prohibited in States where manufacture and sale are prohibited.

Speaker Murphy proposed that the committee offer a bill to make it a felony to distill liquor and Representative Grant, of New Hanover, wanted to add that it be a felony to have a quart in one's possession. Several members of the committee indicated to the chairman that they would vote to report a "felony" bill favorably to apply to blockaders together.

The committee having under consideration the Brenizer bills and others for government of cities and towns, gave a lengthy hearing this afternoon on section three as to extension of corporate limits. Where having been numbers of people here to oppose the feature that would have annexations of outlying territory be by majority of the combined vote of the municipality and the outlying territory involved. Insistence is that it will force suburbs in over their opposition and work harm to all concerned.

The Senate spent from 8 to 10:30 o'clock in committee of the whole on the revenue bill as it came from the House. Very few changes were made and when the committee arose and the Senate resumed, the bill passed second roll call reading. Section 28 had been adjusted so the counties lost a special tax on moving pictures and vaudeville shows. This was voted into the bill on motion of Senator Thompson.

The Senate considered briefly the Justice bill for machinery for local school legislation including the calling of special tax elections on petition of one-third of the freeholders. The bill was generally acceptable but went over for minor amendment.

The House set the State fisheries bill by Grant as a special order for

IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

TO MEET WITH MRS. ATKINS.

The Mission Study Class of Main Street Methodist church will meet next Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock with Mrs. B. E. Atkins at 323 East Franklin avenue. Mrs. T. E. Summerrow will be class leader for that day.

DR. AND MRS. EDDLEMAN ENTERTAINED WITH DINNER.

Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Eddleman most delightfully entertained at 7 o'clock dinner Wednesday night. Their guests were Dr. and Mrs. L. N. Glenn, Dr. and Mrs. P. R. Falls, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. LaFar, Mrs. Minnie Currie and Miss Lillian A. Ferguson.

CAMP FIRE GIRLS TO MEET SATURDAY.

The Camp Fire Girls are asked to meet at the offices of the Chamber of Commerce on Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock and will go from there to their council grounds. Definite plans for their organization will be completed at this meeting. All interested are asked to be present promptly at the time given.

U. C. CLUB WITH MRS. JONES.

The U. C. Club held its regular meeting yesterday afternoon with Mrs. A. C. Jones at her home on Dallas street. The subject of the program was "Women in Music" and papers were read by Mrs. Jones on Jenny Lind and by Miss Ida Pursey on Melba. Mrs. J. H. Henderlite gave a selected reading. Following the program delicious refreshments were served in three courses. Mrs. D. M. Jones was a guest of the club.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY ORGANIZED.

At the First Presbyterian church last Sunday night a Christian Endeavor Society was organized with the following officers: President, Miss Lillian A. Ferguson; first vice-president, Gordon Kincaid; secretary, Miss Emma Glenn; treasurer, T. L. Wilson; pianist, Miss Mary McLean. The society will meet every Sunday night in the Sunday school auditorium at 6:45, and interesting programs will be rendered by the various members. The public is always most cordially invited.

HAVE RETURNED FROM NEW ORLEANS.

Col. and Mrs. C. B. Armstrong returned Tuesday from New Orleans where they spent a most delightful week attending the annual Mardi Gras. In addition to enjoying the festivities of the occasion their stay in the city was made still more pleasant by reason of courtesies extended them by Mrs. Joseph Lee Rhodes and Miss Laura Page, the former a resident of New Orleans, the latter her sister, one of Gastonia's popular young ladies who is spending the winter there.

ENTERTAINED AT LUNCHEON FOR ASHEVILLE BRIDE.

The following is from Wednesday's Asheville Citizen:

"One of the most elaborate luncheons given in some time in Asheville was given by Mrs. L. L. Jenkins, at her home, "Brockwood Bungalow," in Edgemont park yesterday, in honor of Mrs. Bernard Smith, a bride who has recently come to this city to live. Around the luncheon table, which was most beautifully decorated, the centerpiece being a mound of Richmond roses, and the dainty place cards, small cherry trees and hatched cards, were seated Mrs. Jenkins' guests, Mrs. Bernard Smith, Miss Sara Hughes and her house guest, Miss Margaret Conway, of Danville, Va., Mr. Albright Chambers, Miss Florence Griffith Miller, Mrs. J. W. Faucette and Mrs. J. C. Pritchard. After luncheon the guests played bridge at the table placed in the large living room. This room was lovely with bowls of deep, rich red carnations placed here and there. Mrs. Smith received a lovely guest prize, a gold vanity box. The first prize went to Mrs. Faucette and was a handsome embossed cut glass violet bowl."

Mary Pickford Cozy Today.

Saturday morning, when the contending fisheries interests will fight out their differences on the floor. This bill contemplates the sweeping aside of the present fish commission and the creation of a new commission to be composed only of members proposed by the representatives of those counties having fishing interests, as men acquainted with the fisheries problems.

The House passed today the Pharr bill to regulate the serving of time on the roads by convicts for abandonment and failure to provide for families, with an amendment by Pharr to permit support without residing with the wife where incompatibility is shown. Some representatives thought there might be cases where the man just could not endure life with the wife and mother.

The bill that passed the House today for the relief of dependent families of State convicts provides that 10 per cent of the earnings of the convicts shall be turned over to dependents. It was amended by Representative Darden to apply only to convicts making good prison records.