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GASTON IN THE EIGHTIES

Interesting Events in the County Thirty-odd Years Ago as Recorded in the Gazette—To Which is Added State and General News Notes and Some General Reading Matter That Proved of Interest a Third of a Century Ago.

ONE HUNDRETH INSTALLMENT. Locals.

(From The Gazette of Dec. 28, '83.)

The festivities of Christmas opened here by the young people having a pleasant "sociable" at the residence of Mr. R. C. G. Love last Friday night. Among the larger number of young ladies present we noticed Miss Emma Parks, of Pineville, and Miss Katie Page, of Marietta, Ga.

Rev. J. W. S. Sheppard and wife left here last night for Salem, Va. Mr. Sheppard has for some time been connected with Prof. Little in church and school work in this county. His departure is very much regretted by his many friends in Gaston.

Our office was completely captured by preachers yesterday, and it was not a good day for preachers either. There were seven in to see us. Revs. E. E. Boyce and J. M. McLain in the forenoon, and Prof. M. L. Little and Reva, J. W. Sheppard, D. W. Thomason, J. J. Kennedy and L. R. McCormick, in the evening.

colored brakeman, Bill Davis, and seriously wounding the conductor, Capt. J. T. McCabe and two negro men named Sam Thompson and Ephraim Dennis, and slightly wounding the engineer, Henry Gray and a colored man whose name is not known. About 100 feet of the trestle gave way and went to pieces, and the wonder is that any of the hands escaped. It was the most fearful looking wreck it has ever been our privilege to see, and everyone who had an opportunity of witnessing the horrible spectacle soon after the occurrence is not apt to ever forget it.

(To Be Continued.)

The Christmas Tree.

(From The Gazette of Dec. 28, '83.)

One of the pleasant features of Christmas in this town was the Christmas tree at the academy last Monday night. By a humane and wise arrangement every child inside the incorporation under the age of 12 years was made to receive a present of some kind that pleased the little ones, and none went away without some pleasant memento of the occasion. The room was brilliantly lighted with wax candles, and the large holly fairly glistened with presents of every conceivable kind, shape and quality.

Rev. J. J. Kennedy opened the exercises by an appropriate address, and Mr. W. C. Huddleston performed the office of Kris Kringle to the satisfaction and delight of all. The Gastonia Cornet Band entertained the audience at intervals with sweet music and everything passed off nicely, considering the tremendous crowd that packed the hall.

Cotton Growing in Russia.

Charlotte Observer.

The Russian degree of independence of the American cotton planter is likely to prove surprising. The New York Journal of Commerce reports that the 1916 crop in that country showed an unprecedented increase in production, and that a record growth was also made by the output of manufactures "The crop," says The Journal, "was especially good in Central Asia, the amount received from the districts of Fergansk, Syr-Darinsk, Samarkand, Trans-Caspia, as well as Khiva and Bokhara, being 671,600,000 pounds. To this was added the cotton from the Caucasus, which raised the Russian crop to 730,000,000 pounds. The Central Cotton Committee announces that the crop for the season of 1917 will be even larger than that of 1916." Equally interesting is the account of how the Government has taken hold of the management of production and distribution. The Journal says that through the control of the entire cotton output by the central committee, it was made possible to distribute the raw material to the factories in quantities proportionate to their output. To prevent congestion and to ensure steady employment, five successive deliveries were made. The number of cotton machines in the Moscow and Petrograd districts and in Finland is 8,103,817. Not only did this central committee control the output and distribution of cotton, but also the price.

A TERRIBLE DISASTER.

Two Men Killed and Five Crippled.

(From The Gazette of Dec. 28, '83.)

Last Wednesday evening, about 3 o'clock, the work train on the Chester & Lenoir Narrow Gauge Railroad going up the road had a terrible fate at Long Creek trestle about one mile and a half south of Dallas and two miles and a half north of this place. By some means the trestle over the creek was knocked to pieces and the engine, tender and seven flat cars were wrecked, killing the fireman, a colored man, Joe Henderson, and a

Doctors Ellington and Absher Ready for Service—Many Applications Made for Examinations.

(State Board of Health Bulletin.)

Raleigh, Feb. 20.—The life extension work which the State Board of Health and the Vance County Board of Health propose doing for the people of Henderson and Vance counties within the next few weeks begins Tuesday, February 20. Dr. A. J. Ellington, of the State Board of Health, assisted by Dr. D. C. Absher, whole time health officer of Vance, will have charge of the work.

Already many applications for examinations have been made and every measure for successfully doing the work has been provided, including office equipment, laboratory facilities and the printing of free health literature on the subjects for which the examination will be made and which are pertinent to the nature of the work. The list of diseases that will have special attention are cancer, tuberculosis, Bright's and other kidney diseases, apoplexy, organic heart diseases and diseased conditions of the mouth, nose and throat.

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Allen's Foot-Ease, the antiseptic powder to be shaken into the shoes and sprinkled in the foot bath. It relieves painful, swollen, smarting feet and takes the sting out of corns and bunions. Nothing gives such quick and permanent relief for sweating, callous, tired, aching feet as Allen's Foot-Ease, the standard remedy for 98 years. Sold by Druggists everywhere, etc. Always use it to Break in new shoes. Trial package FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

Dime-Box, Tex., is to have a bank. Also it ought to be a good place for a ten cent store.—Galveston (Tex.) News.

The First National Bank of Shelby has bought 4 1-2 per cent bonds in the sum of \$80,000 recently issued by Cleveland county. This money will be expended to replace the bridges which were destroyed during the freshets last summer.

Now Open For Business

Yesterday at 2 p. m. **McNEELY CO.** opened its doors. The opening day was well attended by hundreds of Gastonia ladies.

We will carry in stock a complete line of

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THE GASTONIA GAZETTE.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1917.

An Oklahoma school girl in one of the lower grades in writing a composition on the life of Abraham Lincoln, said in part: "He was born February 12, 1809, in a log cabin that he built himself," according to a Pawhuska contemporary.

Because some one invented a machine to enable a singer to hear himself as the audience hears him, there is a demand now for some contrivance that will give us "the gift to see ourselves as others see us." It seems that all of the Bobbie Burns are not yet dead.

The Greenville, S. C., News thinks that "the meanest man in the State is the Spartanburg farmer who sharpened all the stumps on his place so that his hands could not sit down to rest." This may be true, but when did the farmers in the Cole Blease State begin working?

A Kansas farmer was recently arrested and haled into court on the charge of exceeding the speed limit: He quickly produced a crate of eggs from under the auto seat which was gladly accepted as his bail bond by the court. And now there are some who think that the man should be handled for displaying wealth in bad taste.

A bill has been introduced in the House by Killian, of Catawba, to amend the law as to the liquor shipments into Gaston and Catawba counties. Inasmuch as the present law absolutely forbids shipment into Gaston, we are interested to know the nature of the proposed amendment. Our representatives will most assuredly not allow any change in the present "bone-dry" law as it applies to Gaston.

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This method of preventing disease and prolonging life by making periodic examinations of the body is based on the most urgent reason that there is in the United States now a most extraordinary increase in the death rate from diseases of the heart, blood vessels, kidneys, nervous and digestive systems. In 1910, more than 100,000 deaths, between the ages of 40 and 60, occurred from these diseases.

The early breaking down of the most important organs of the body presents a national problem. It is earnestly believed by physicians and health experts that the solution of the problem lies in the duty of every individual to guard against chronic disease by observing the rules of healthful living and by having periodic health examinations that disease may be uncovered and checked or cured in its incipency.

This is the object of the life saving service which the State Board of Health proposes for a number of counties in the State this year.

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A thrilling drama, depicting his INDIAN BATTLES, last HUNTING TRIP with the PRINCE OF MONACO, owner of MONTE CARLO, and incidents of his HOME LIFE.

TUESDAY

JULIUS STEGER

In "The Stolen Triumph"

COMING

"The Life of Our Saviour"

DEFENSE MEASURE PASSED.

Senate Passes Espionage and Conspiracy Bill Framed to Meet Present Exigency in International Affairs.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The administration bill to prevent espionage and conspiracy, framed to meet expressly the present exigency in international affairs, was passed today by the senate by a vote of 60 to 10.

The measure embodied 14 separate and distinct measures framed by the department of justice and revised by the senate judiciary committee so that they might be embodied in a single statute. They were opposed by the progressive element in the senate, led by Senator Cummins, of Iowa. When the vote came the following senators were found aligned against the bill, holding their negative position on the ground that the measure was subservient of the rights of citizens of the United States in certain respects: Senator Cummins' supporters were Senators Borah, Kenyon, Gronna, LaFollette, Norris and Works, Republicans, and Lee, of Maryland; Lane and Vardaman, Democrats.

The design of the promoters of the new espionage and conspiracy legislation was to make the United States spy-proof and bomb-proof pending the subsidence of the German crisis: They provide for the punishment of espionage and acts of interference with the foreign relations and the neutrality of the United States. They prohibit with heavy penalties false swearing with a view to influencing the conduct of foreign governments or to defeat the interests of the United States, in a controversy with any foreign nation. They forbid with penalties the impersonation of officials of foreign governments accredited to the United States. They take over the regulation of safeguarding passports. They authorize the seizure, detention and condemnation of arms and munitions designed to be exported for use in violation of the laws of the United States. They provide punishment for counterfeiting the seals of the departments of the federal government or its commissions. They provide punishment for conspiracy to injure or destroy property within a foreign country. They provide for the punishment of willful injury or attempted injury of vessels engaged in foreign commerce. They regulate the conduct of vessels in American harbors. They regulate the conduct of interned soldiers and sailors of belligerent nations, provide for the issuance of search warrants, of search and the seizure and detention of property thereunder and empower the President better to enforce and maintain the neutrality of the United States. They forbid the organization of filibustering expeditions against any foreign state.

Joke Was on the Counsel.

The fair plaintiff's counsel in the breach of promise case thought that he would make life a burden to the unfortunate young man who was the unwilling defendant.

"Do you mean to say," he asked, after a lot of embarrassing questions, "that after you had been absent for an entire month, you did not kiss the plaintiff, to whom you were engaged to be married, when you first saw her on your return?"

"I do," responded the defendant, firmly.

"Will you make that statement to the jury?"

"Certainly, if necessary."

"Do you think they would believe you?"

"One of them would, I know."

"Ah, indeed, why should he?"

"Because he was present when I first saw her. He was at the gate when I rode up, and he stuck his head out of the second story window, and I asked her, 'How d'ye do?' and said I'd be back to supper in half an hour. I'm no giraffe."

And everybody in the court smiled except the barrister. —Boston Journal.

We believe the New York physician who says that every pint of white-key shorten a man's life eleven hours is a scientist, but not a mathematician. According to that sort of figuring some men we know who are more than 50 years old would lack 300 years of being born. —Houston (Tex.) Post.

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Sneer at it, despise it, squander it, yet money talks, and the whole world hearkens. It whispers hope to the despairing. It brings comfort to the starving. It is the friend of life. It is the pillar of success. **PUT YOUR MONEY IN THIS BANK**, where it will be "A FRIEND IN NEED--A Friend Indeed."

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State Vital Statistics.

Raleigh News and Observer.

North Carolina's high birth rate of 31.5 per 1,000 population against her low death rate of 13.3 gives her a most remarkable health record. Figures recently compiled by the vital statistics department of the State Board of Health show that there were in North Carolina last year 55,512 white births, while there were 24,408 colored births, a total of 79,920. For the same time there were approximately 31,500 deaths from all causes in the State. Apparently from these figures, the death rate of the State has slightly decreased, while the birth rate remains about the same.

Free.

"Scribbles is a freethinker, is he not?"

"Well, no editor will give him anything for his thoughts."

Oh, well, some of Germany's recent relations with us have not been very diplomatic anyway—Indianapolis Star.

THIS STOPS HAIR FROM FALLING OUT

Ever count the dead hairs in your comb and brush? They are nature's warning of future baldness and proof that the dangerous dandruff germ is busy on your scalp.

Dr. Sangerbund, the famous Paris specialist, first discovered that dandruff and falling hair are caused by a microbe. Then came the discovery of the value of the real Parisian Sage (liquid form) in destroying the dandruff germ and promptly preventing the further loss of hair. The effect of only three days' use of Parisian Sage is simply marvelous, and the American people have now awakened to the fact that they can be quickly rid of dandruff and save their hair by using Parisian Sage.

Parisian Sage is sold by J. H. Kennedy & Co., and good druggists everywhere. It's inexpensive, daintily perfumed, free from stickiness, and will surely cause hair to grow soft, lustrous and really seem twice as abundant.

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