

### 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.

#### 141ST INSTALLMENT.

##### Locals.

(From The Gazette of Oct. 9, '85.)

Mrs. Dr. Herron, of Steel Creek, is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. M. Gallant, of this place.

Mr. Wm. Bradley killed a calf one day last week, 17 months old that weighed 436 pounds.

Messrs. J. E. Hill and J. N. Henderson, of Begonia, called to see us on Thursday.

Mr. J. R. (Duck) Fayssoix is wearing a pleasant smile these days. It is a boy.

Miss Nannie Sexton, of Dallas, has accepted the position of music teacher in the Franklin Academy at Lancaster, S. C.

We acknowledge receipt of an invitation to attend a Ball given by the Dallas Light Infantry, at their army in Dallas on yesterday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. B. Tipton.

Mr. G. C. Ormand, of Old Furnace, has bought the old B. F. Briggs plantation in the Bethel neighborhood, York county, for \$10,000. Mr. Ormand is a young man of excellent character and the good people of Bethel will find him well worthy of their confidence and esteem.

Dr. T. C. Carter, editor of The Methodist Advocate, published at Chattanooga, Tenn., preached at the M. E. Church, South, on last Sunday morning, and at the (cross roads) M. E. Church in the afternoon. The Doctor is an earnest and eloquent speaker.

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Pecks Sun, published at Milwaukee, Wis., is the most humorous paper published in America today. Geo. W. Peck, its editor and proprietor, stands without an equal as a humorist. He believes in making people happy, and no one can be otherwise who reads his most excellent paper. Our readers are invited to read the

prospectus of Peck's Sun, in another column. Sample copies mailed free to any address.

##### Appointments.

(From The Gazette of Oct. 9, '85.)

Appointments of the Blue Ridge Annual Conference of Methodist Episcopal Church, held with the church in Gastonia, Oct. 1st to the 5th, '85:

Asheville District—J. D. Roberson, Presiding Elder. Asheville—D. M. Clayton; Bakersville and Cranbury, W. T. Ford; Bakersville Circuit, Wiley Perry; Boone, W. A. Ballew; Catawba, to be supplied; Clay and Murphy, D. N. Franklin; Henderson, E. H. Reynolds; Leicester, R. M. Wett; Pigeon River, L. D. Gillespie; Pisgah, A. Graybeal; Tryon Mt., F. M. Friesby; Tryon, J. F. West; Webster and Highland, J. H. Gillespie.

Greensboro District—J. M. Wellborn, Presiding Elder.

Alexander Circuit, A. H. Peeples; Antioch, R. L. Selle; Forsythe and Guilford, N. M. Cooper; Gastonia, C. W. Smith; Harkers Island, J. R. Cannon; Jefferson, J. N. Baker; Mocksville, F. A. L. Clarke; Mt. Mitchell, W. R. A. Graham; New River, E. J. Winkler; Moharrie, H. D. Christenbury; Wilkesboro, L. F. Sechrist; Yadinville, A. J. Johnson.

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Goldsboro Messenger: The loss of the Goldsboro Rifles by the accident near Asheville last summer has been adjusted to the satisfaction of all the members of the company, with the exception of Messrs. Jesse Scott and John T. Edmundson, who were not included in the settlement. The injuries of these two gentlemen were more serious than those of the others and hence they were indisposed to settle on the same basis. We hope however that a settlement in their cases will soon be reached.

(To Be Continued.)

#### Make Use of the Sunlight.

(State Health Bulletin.)

So essential is sunlight to cleanliness and good health that the State Board of Health says open up and let the sunshine in. Houses that have been closed this summer or that have not had daily airings, especially as to the furnishing and clothing, need the cleansing effect of sunshine and fresh air. All household furnishings should be exposed to direct sunlight for a number of hours at least every few days. Direct sunlight is the best disinfectant known. It kills germs in a few hours. Diffused sunlight or daylight may have as good effect, but in a much longer time.

Shutting the sunlight out of the house is an unhygienic custom. It should go as have gone many of the ideas and customs belonging to the dark ages. Germs live and thrive in darkness. For that reason sunshine should find its way into the home daily and its presence should be welcomed as a messenger of cleanliness and good health. The drawing of shades and the closing of windows to keep the carpets and draperies from fading should be discouraged. It is better to have carpets and draperies that are faded than to have boys and girls with cheeks that are faded. Roses in the cheeks are more valuable than roses in the carpet.

#### Drive For Fall Grain Begun.

(Farm Extension Bulletin)

With a circular letter to all the millers of the State in regard to the question of conserving the supply of good wheat seed and with a call to farmers and agricultural agents to take steps towards conserving the supply of rye seed for cover crop planting this winter, the North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station and Extension Service this week began its drive for a greater production of winter grains. It is planned to make this movement on the order of a state-wide revival. There is a belief among the workers at the College and Department that more land could be devoted to fall grains than heretofore with good results, as well as, aiding in the patriotic production of such staple food products as will be needed later.

Tests made at the Experiment Station have proven that the best time to plant wheat for the maximum yield is between the first and 25th of October and it is hoped that the farmers of North Carolina will have all plans made and the soil and seed ready for planting by this time.

The Division of Agronomy is bending its energies toward the production of a greater crop of wheat than ever before. North Carolina farmers will be assured of strong prices for this cereal for the period of the war and for a considerable time afterwards according to those who are familiar with marketing conditions.

As an aid in this campaign for winter grain, Director B. W. Kilgore has written the County Agents to see after the matter of conserving the supply of rye seed. There has been a shortage of the oat crop and it is probable that vetch and crimson clover seed also will be hard to get. Rye will therefore have to take the place

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#### One of these crops.

One thing of vital interest is the question of good seed and it is here that the millers of the state have been asked to aid. At the present time they are being given good wheat of high yielding varieties to grind into flour. If some of this seed is saved for the fall it will be available for the use of those who will put in an increased acreage. It has been shown by comparative tests that home grown seed are best when carefully selected and cared for during the summer, when properly treated for smut and fumigated against attacks of insects.

The question of varieties to plant and the fertilization of same will be answered by the North Carolina Experiment Station and those desiring information in regard to this should write Director B. W. Kilgore.

#### FARM CONVENTION.

Big Meeting of the Farmers of the State to Be Held August 28 to 30 at A. & E.—Food Conservation Will Be an Important Subject of Study.

Special to The Gazette.

RALEIGH, July 28.—Food production and conservation will be the "big idea" at the State Farmers' and Farm Women's Convention which will be held at the A. & E. College Tuesday-Friday, August 28th-30th, when more than 1,000 farmers and farm women from all sections of North Carolina are expected to be present to profit by and enjoy an exceptionally fine program of lectures, discussions, demonstrations and recreative events.

The program differs in many respects from those of previous years. The mornings will be given over entirely to sectional meetings and demonstrations. There will be four sections devoted to live stock, Mr. Dan T. Gray, chief of the Animal Industry Division of the Agricultural Extension Service, having arranged a particularly strong program for this branch of the work. The sections will be devoted, respectively, to dairying, poultry, swine, beef cattle and sheep. The women's section will be devoted to demonstrations in the canning and drying of vegetables and fruits, discussions of the conduct of the household and kitchen under present conditions and other topics of vital import to farm women.

The afternoon sessions will be given over to joint sessions of the men's and women's convention. At this time well-known speakers will lecture on subjects bearing directly upon the part North Carolina farmers and farm women will play in the production and conservation of food and feed stuffs, with practical suggestions for increasing crop production and farm products. The evening sessions will be given over to one lecture each evening and a motion picture program.

Every inducement is being offered to encourage the farmers and farm women of the State to attend the convention. Low round trip rates have been granted by the railroads from every county in the State, good from August 26th to September 2nd. Dormitory rooms are given free at the college and meals are served at a cost of only 25 cents each. All who attend, however, are expected to bring with them bed sheets, pillows, towels and necessary toilet articles.

#### Very Suggestive.

Lincoln Times. If hell was lined with shelves filled with popular, trashy, dime novels and the inmates had to read them, some would soon want to exchange, and help mother in a hot kitchen. But the last supper is over and mother is at rest.

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## The Submarine

One of Morgan Robertson's Best Yarns About the Subconscious Finnegan

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By wireless telegraphy, international code signal and dispatch boat gossip her existence was known to the allied fleets, but the world at large had learned of her, while yet in process of construction, through indiscreet official babbling at St. Petersburg and immediate publication of the news in the London Times.

Later on Japanese spies heard of her as far inland as Lake Baikal, coming along on a flat car of the Siberian railroad, and so reported, but at Harbin all trace of her was lost—it was not known whether she would proceed farther east to Vladivostok or whether she would turn south and take to the sea from Newchwang, Shanhaikwan or Port Arthur. But, though her whereabouts was doubtful, her plans and specifications were known to every officer on every ship from Vladivostok to Shanghai, and to all lookouts, searchlight men and boat parties instructions were given to watch for an object resembling small, thin telegraph poles sticking out of the water.

This would be her periscope—all that would show when she had risen to the surface for a peep around. For the rest, according to specifications, she was sixty-three feet long, cigar shaped, with five torpedoes and a tube in her nose, a gasoline engine for surface running and a reversible motor dynamo, drawing power from a storage battery charged by itself for submarine work. With ballast tanks empty she floated high and could easily be seen. With these filled with water she sank to the awash condition, from which she could dive out of sight in a few seconds by the aid of her motion and horizontal rudders.

But, with every tank full and her engine stopped, she still possessed a reserve buoyancy which would bring her slowly to the surface. She could travel a wash 400 miles; submerged, fifty. In this radius of action she could expend her five Whitehead torpedoes and return to port again and again for more.

Her torpedoes were miniature models of herself, with thirty knot speed, automatic controlling gear to replace the human intelligence within the mother boat and a 220 pounds charge of gun-cotton in their heads that exploded on impact.

Her mission was secret and unseen; her blow sudden and deadly; and even though she struck no blow her presence in eastern seas was of more importance



A Shrewd Faced Man Yelled Incomprehensible Things at Finnegan.

jury to the morale of the crews than was the gunfire of action, for she was conducive to neurasthenia; officers wore an anxious, worried look, men lost their appetites and saved on their mess money and old man Finnegan of the Argyll stopped drinking. It was bad for his nerves to stop so suddenly, and, as it was given him to be the first one to see that inverted washtub while out at the end of the boat boom, he promptly sang out the news to the bridge and then fell overboard.

The ship was anchored in a deep and narrow strait, with a swift but smooth tide running past. Mr. Felton was officer of the deck; he saw Finnegan fall, saw the circular steel object coming up on the port quarter and immediately

ordered a boat cleared away for the one and the secondary battery for the other, while all hands rushed on deck and the captain and other officers joined him on the bridge.

But Finnegan needed no boat; he ailed up sprawling on the turtle back of the oncoming submarine. And the latter needed no immediate attention from the battery, for a circular hatch flew up from the top of the conning tower, and a keen eyed, shrewd faced man popped his head out, yelled incomprehensible things in a strange tongue at Finnegan, finished with a profane request in good English to come amidships and trim the boat, which Finnegan obeyed, and steered the curious craft up under the boat boom, where he slowed down, by which time the cutter lowered, for Finnegan was in the water.

"On board the submarine!" shouted Mr. Felton through a megaphone. "What's your name and nationality?" "Thunder and blazes!" answered the man in the conning tower. "Are you English? I thought you were Russian. Well, darn my fool soul!"

"Keep your hands up in sight," called the lieutenant. "Don't move a lever or we'll sink you. This is his majesty's



Others Heard His Yell: "Leggo me lege! Lemme out!"

ship Argyll. Come aboard and give an account of yourself. Step into that cutter."

"Wait," interrupted the Argyll's captain. "Before you leave empty your ballast tanks. You are too low in the water—too elusive."

"Empty now, captain," answered the skipper of the lesser craft. "We've got the equivalent down aft in the bilges. The tailshaft was badly packed and the engine room's nearly full of water. We've stopped the leak. Oh, I'm a fool. Suppose I make fast to your boat boom first. There'll be no strain on it. I'm steering with the diving rudder hard down to trim her against that weight of water and must keep her turning over or she'll sit on her tail."

"Do so," answered Mr. Felton. "Finnegan, take that man's place at the wheel and steer after the boat boom." "Steer small," said the captain to Finnegan as he climbed out of the hatch and stood knee deep on the submerged deck. "It's an air engine steering gear. Don't touch anything but the wheel."

The old man, shaky with age and nerves, floundered into the conning tower and took the wheel—the upper spokes of which were visible to those on the high bridge of the battleship—while the boat's commander waded forward on the round and unstable platform to where a ring bolt showed through the water.

"Strikes me," he said, with a quizzical glance at Finnegan and at those above, "that there's no real necessity of a second man getting wet feet when the first is drenched through. But I'm not bossing this."

He was doomed to a worse wetting. He had fastened the end of a line thrown him from the boom to the ring bolt and was reaching for a hanging Jacob's ladder to climb to the boom when those above saw him sink out of sight; then they saw the open conning tower rush forward, settling as it came. Some saw Finnegan's face, with its look of painted amazement; others only heard his yell: "Leggo me legs—leggo! Lemme out!"

Then Finnegan and the conning tower went under, the rope snapped, and the water was smooth but for the ripples caused by the swimming captain and a line of large, irregular bubbles that stretched ahead for a hundred feet and stopped.

It happened so suddenly that not a shot was fired, though every gun in the port battery was trained and ready. Not a gunner on board would shoot at Finnegan unless ordered, and Mr. Felton had not given the word. But he ordered the boat after it had picked up the swimmer to pull ahead ready for Finnegan or any others who might have climbed out of that open hatch against the inrush of water, and in ten minutes, none appearing on the surface, he called it back. Drenched and dripping, the submarine boat's commander was brought into the presence of the captain and officers of the battleship.

"Well, sir," asked the big captain sternly of the officer, "what explanation have you to offer of this trick?" "No trick at all, sir," answered the

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## LADIES WEARING APPAREL OF QUALITY

# Pre-Inventory Sale!

OUR first Pre-Inventory Sale continues through TODAY and SATURDAY of this week and MONDAY of next week and we are making a clean sweep. There is still a good deal of summer to come but the season is advancing and we want to move a lot of our summer goods out during these four days. During this sale we are making very special prices on Gossard Corsets, Mar-hof Middy Suits, Voile Dresses, Silk Dresses and Parasols. Come and look over these great bargains. We can please you and save you money.

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