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IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

WILL MEET NEXT FRIDAY.

The first regular meeting of the Gastonia Chapter of the Child Conservation League of America will be held next Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Chamber of Commerce rooms. Since this is the first regular meeting since the organization was perfected all members are urged to be present. Those who have not sent in their monthly dues are asked to send them promptly to Mrs. J. Holland Morrow.

CLARK-RHYNE WEDDING.

Mr. Earl Clark and Miss Annie Rhyme, both of Bessemer City, came to Gastonia yesterday afternoon and were united in marriage at 3:30 o'clock by Rev. J. C. Dietz, pastor of the Gastonia Lutheran church, at his residence on South Chester street. The groom is a son of Mr. G. W. Clark, of Bessemer City, route one, while the bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Rhyme, of Bessemer City. The groom is a brother of Mrs. T. E. Robinson, of Gastonia, route three. Both have many friends who will be interested in the news of their marriage.

PLOT TO CUT OFF SUPPLY OF UNIFORMS.

(By International News Service.) CHICAGO, Oct. 5. — The arrest and internment of thousands of the members of the Industrial Workers of the World is predicted by a government official as the result of the discovery of a plot to cut off the supply of uniforms for the national army through a nation-wide strike of garment workers. It is believed that German money financed the scheme.

NEW BRITISH POSITIONS WERE HEAVILY SHELLED.

(By International News Service.) LONDON, Oct. 5. — The new British positions in Flanders were heavily shelled last night, according to an official announcement of the War Office. Germans, however, did not continue their counter attacks. The British worked desperately under German shell fire to consolidate and strengthen their brilliantly won positions. German raids in the Guisacourt section were repulsed.

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET.

(By International News Service.) NEW YORK, Oct. 5. — The cotton market opened with January contracts selling at 25.25, July 25.35.

REMARKABLE COALITION TO FORM NEW PARTY.

(By International News Service.) CHICAGO, Oct. 4. — President Wilson will be persuaded to align himself with a new party being formed here by a coalition of Progressives, Socialists, Prohibitionists, single taxers and independents, according to the leaders of the new party. They declare the President will make the change before 1920.

LAFOLLETTE INVESTIGATION MAY BE HELD YET.

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, Oct. 4. — An investigation to determine whether Senator LaFollette's utterances warrant his impeachment became a strong probability today. The committee on Privileges and Elections discussed the matter for an hour this morning and then adjourned until tomorrow, when final action will be taken in regard to the investigation.

Buy your lunch at THE BIG GASTON COUNTY FAIR from the Philathea Class, Main Street Methodist Church, booth.

HIGHWAY MEETING TONIGHT

Everyone interested in securing the Bankhead highway for Gastonia and Gaston county is urged to be present at the court house tonight. The meeting is to be called to order at 7:30 o'clock, according to plans. Members of the committee are C. C. Armstrong, chairman, S. A. Robinson, W. L. Balthis, W. H. Adams, W. T. Rankin, J. W. Atkins and R. G. Rankin.

Nothing has come up for consideration in years of more vital importance to Gastonia than the Bankhead highway proposition. In the opinion of those who have looked into the matter, and a large attendance is urged. It is also urged by the committee that all come early. The meeting need not last long, but is of great importance.

OLD LANDMARK TORN DOWN

The brick buildings occupying the space between the Bank of Gastonia and the J. M. Belk Company, the property of the National Realty Company, have been torn down preparatory to the erection of two handsome modern store rooms immediately. One of these buildings was occupied for a great many years by the postoffice until Uncle Sam erected a handsome building of his own, and the other was occupied by the Modena and Moroweb Cotton Mill offices until these corporations moved recently into quarters in the First National Bank building. The buildings torn down were among the oldest in the business section of the city.

The new buildings will be 17-12 feet wide by 100 feet deep and will be modern in every particular. The plans were prepared by Wilson & Somparac, of Columbia, S. C., the architects who designed the new First National Bank building. Mr. H. B. Pattillo, of Gastonia, is the contractor. The fronts will be of dark red texture brick and the design to be used on the fronts is most attractive. A feature which will distinguish these store rooms from any others on Main avenue will be a marquee awning. It is expected that the new buildings will be ready for occupancy by the first of January.

AT THE MOVIES

IDEAL.

TODAY: Dorothy Dalton in "The Flame of the Yukon", a drama of the gold-mad days of '98 in the lawless land of the Arctic.

COZY.

TODAY: Mary Pickford in "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm", from the play by Kate Douglas Wiggin.

BROADWAY.

TODAY: Anita Stewart in "A Regiment of Two"; also Clara Kimball Young in "Happy Go Lucky."

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Miss Addie Perry, of the City Hospital, is spending a few days in Wilmington on a visit to Miss Lola Davis, of this city, who is taking the nurse's training course at the James Walker Memorial Hospital.

50,000 PEOPLE COMING

GASTON COUNTY FAIR TO A BIG EVENT

Everything in readiness for Gaston County Fair which begins next Tuesday — Seventeen Community Fairs Will Have Splendid Exhibits — Thousands of Electric Lights Will Make Grounds Brilliant at Night — Old-Time Singing Feature of First Night — Big Advertising Campaign Has Been Carried On.

Next week will be fair week in Gastonia and, unless all signs fail, the town will be host to the largest number of visitors ever gathered here at any one time. Asked as to how many people he expected Secretary Holland stated this morning that 50,000 was his lowest estimate. Last year's fair brought about 30,000 despite the fact that it rained the first two days. This year an unusually vigorous and extensive advertising campaign has been carried on in half a dozen or more adjacent counties and it would be surprising to find that there is anyone within a radius of 50 miles or more who is ignorant of the fact that a big fair is going to be held here next week.

Not only in point of attendance but also as regards the quantity and quality of exhibits is this year's fair expected to far surpass all previous fairs in Gaston during the past two weeks. There have been held in Gaston during the past two weeks eleven splendid community fairs, every one of which will have a fine exhibit at the county fair consisting of the blue ribbon winners at those fairs. Not only so but three community fairs from Lincoln county, one from Cleveland and one from York will have large exhibits. There have been probably 9,000 entries at these 17 fairs and the best of these entries in each department will be brought here for exhibition next week. It is expected that the community fair exhibits will form one of the most interesting parts of the fair.

Workmen are now completing the two new exhibition halls and the new poultry building. Each of the main exhibit halls is 60 by 250 feet. These afford more than double the exhibit space available last year and it is believed by the management that every inch of space will be taken. In fact, it is practically all spoken for now.

Another set of workmen is now busily engaged in the installation of hundreds of electric lights. Immense electric arches will connect the two exhibition halls and several hundred feet of bright lights will adorn the cornices and eaves of these halls. The electrification will be dazzling and will make the fair grounds by far the brightest spot ever seen in this part of the county.

A big feature of the opening day will be the old-time singing which will take place at the band stand Tuesday night. Two hundred or more of Gaston's best old-time singers are priming themselves for this occasion. The dust has been rubbed off all the American Tune Books in the county and the welkin will ring with the old-time melodies. It will undoubtedly be well worth going to hear.

Look for "Pollyana", the Glad Girl, October 19th. 19c8

SOLDIER KILLED BY TRAIN AT CAMP SEVIER.

Date J. Kinter, of Petersburg, Va., a private in Motor Truck Company No. 1, 105th supply train, formerly the North Carolina supply train, of Raleigh, was fatally injured Thursday afternoon when the truck which he was driving was struck by Southern passenger train No. 12 at a grade crossing in the Camp Sevier reservation at Greenville, S. C. He was rushed to the military base hospital, where he died a few hours after the accident. His injuries were numerous, his skull being badly fractured and several ribs broken and crushed, some piercing the thorax. According to witnesses Kinter was thrown 30 feet in the air and fell 50 feet away from his truck. He was the second man of his organization killed recently.

If it is something to eat get it from the Philathea Class, Main St. Methodist Church, during The Big Gaston County Fair.

COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE LAFOLLETTE'S UTTERANCES.

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, Oct. 5. — Senator LaFollette's alleged seditious utterances will be investigated by a sub-committee of the Senate committee on Privileges and Elections. Definite action to this end was taken today when a committee of five Senators was appointed to probe into the accuracy of LaFollette's Minneapolis speech which was forwarded here by Governor Burnquist, of Minnesota, and to investigate the truth of the Senator's statements. The investigating committee is headed by Senator Pomerene, of Ohio, and has been instructed to make its report on the first day of the next session, which convenes December 3.

MEMORY OF POET HONORED BY CHILDREN.

(By International News Service.) INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Oct. 5. — Hundreds of thousands of Hoosier children are today paying their annual tribute to the memory of James Whitcomb Riley, the children's poet. The birthday anniversary of the beloved poet will be observed in church on October 7.

SILVER LINING IS GONE

IS THE COUNTY-LINE CASE HOPELESS?

By Repudiating Their Agreement of a Week Previous, Cleveland County Board of Commissioners Makes Settlement of County-Line Dispute Practically Impossible — Gaston Commissioners Conceded Them East Kings Mountain and Kings Mountain and Thought Compromise Had Been Agreed Upon — Injunctions and Counter-Injunctions Probable to Prevent Either County from Collecting Taxes.

That there will be any settlement of the Gaston-Cleveland county-line dispute at any time in the near future seems now to be very improbable. Either a decree of the courts or a new act of the General Assembly will in all probability be necessary to a final settlement of this controversy which has been hanging fire for many months past. Last week there was a silver lining to the clouds—there were indications that a compromise would be effected which would bring about an amicable and satisfactory settlement of the case, but these hopes were dashed to earth yesterday when a committee from the Cleveland county board of commissioners repudiated the action of the Cleveland board as a whole taken a week previous. In the meantime property owners in the section of territory involved in this unfortunate controversy do not know to whom to pay taxes and as a result it is very probable that very little if any tax money will be secured from them this year from either county.

Chairman R. K. Davenport, of the Gaston board of commissioners, and Rev. A. T. Lindsay, commissioner from Crowders Mountain township, returned yesterday afternoon from a conference at Kings Mountain with a committee from the Cleveland county board, which, it had been anticipated by Gaston commissioners, would result in a final settlement of the county line dispute. Their mission was in vain, however, and prospects indicate the courts will have to settle the matter and that long and bitter litigation likely will follow.

Last Wednesday the entire Gaston county board met the Cleveland county board at Kings Mountain and an understanding was reached as to the running of a line to separate the counties, in making the agreement.

The Gaston commissioners conceded to Cleveland the entire town of East Kings Mountain and that part of the town of Kings Mountain proper which has always been in this county. This was "the milk in the coconut." The Cleveland commissioners agreed to running the line a certain way, according to an agreement made then.

Gaston's representatives went back yesterday with a surveyor, Mr. Lloyd Ross, to run the line and finally settle the matter, and Cleveland's committee backed down and repudiated their agreement.

The bulk of the half-million dollars' worth of taxable property involved lies in the town of Kings Mountain and East Kings Mountain which Gaston agreed to concede to Cleveland, the balance of the territory being almost valueless so far as tax revenue is concerned.

Gaston is preparing to collect taxes in this territory, all formerly a part of this county, and Cleveland, it is understood, is doing the same thing.

Injunctions and counter-injunctions are looked for in the near future.

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PASHA MADE DUPES OF CANADIAN BANK OFFICIALS.

(By International News Service.) NEW YORK, Oct. 5. — Further evidence that Bolo Pasha, the German spy, posed as a loyal Frenchman and succeeded in duping even officers of the Royal Bank of Canada, was gathered here today and sent forward to the French embassy. Pasha succeeded in transferring \$1,700,000 of the corruption fund to France. Large amounts of this fund were handled through the Bank of Canada.

Meets at Lowell.

The semi-annual district meeting of the Red Men of the eighth district will be held with Sago Tribe No. 131 at Lowell Saturday afternoon, beginning at 2 o'clock. District Sachem A. M. Dixon, of Gastonia, will preside. Address of welcome will be delivered by Mr. Sloan M. Robinson and the response by Mr. Ed C. Ray, of McAdenville. At the evening session Past Great Sachem J. R. Anderson, of Charlotte, will deliver an address. A large number of the members of the Gastonia tribes will attend the meeting.

Mrs. H. F. Gash, who has been in the City Hospital for the past eight weeks, returned today to her home at Lowell.

Anita Stewart, Rose Tapley and CLARA KIMBALL YOUNG, BROADWAY THEATER Today.

Croup. If your children are subject to croup get a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and when the attack comes on be careful to follow the plain printed directions, you will be surprised at the quick relief which it affords.

NEWS OF THE COUNTY

LATEST FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

RATCHFORD FAMILY REUNION.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

SOUTH POINT, Oct. 4. — The annual reunion of the Ratchford family took place at the home of Mr. Rufus A. Ratchford in South Point township, about four miles east of Union church, Tuesday. As usual it was a very joyous and delightful occasion. The guest of honor was Rev. W. W. Ratchford, of Bethel Presbyterian, South Carolina, who is now in his 87th year but still vigorous and active and still serving two or three churches. The day before he drove from his home at Tirzah church to the Ratchford home in South Point, a distance of 45 miles. The exercises were opened with prayer by Rev. J. H. Henderlite, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Gastonia, after which Rev. W. W. Ratchford made a very interesting address. No one listening to him would think for a moment that he was over 60 or, at the most, 70 years of age.

After this, dinner was served on the grounds—and such a dinner! Only those who were there or who had attended some previous reunion at this place could have any conception of the good things provided or the abundance.

Among those present were five ministers of the Gospel, namely: Rev. W. W. Ratchford, Rev. J. H. Henderlite, Rev. R. S. Burwell, Rev. J. T. Denny and Rev. G. A. Sparrow. Gastonia was well represented by the mayor, Mr. A. M. Dixon; Chief of Police J. W. Carroll, Dr. L. N. Glenn, Mr. W. H. Adams and several others.

After a day spent in pleasant intercourse and renewing old acquaintances, the guests left for their homes hoping that the Ratchford reunion would be one of the permanent institutions of Gaston county and that they, each one, would be numbered among the invited guests. With all the joy and pleasure there was a tinge of sadness because at the board and in the home there was the vacant chair. Since the last reunion Mr. Thomas A. Ratchford has been called away from earth but the presence of many friends was a tribute to the respect and esteem in which he was held in his adopted city of Gastonia and all over the county.

Mount Holly Matters.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

MT. HOLLY, Oct. 4. — Mrs. J. W. Mallard and children, who have been spending the summer with her daughter, Mrs. M. L. Barnes, leave today for their home in Allendale, S. C.

Messrs. Edgar and Oliver Moore, of Globe, S. C., entered school here this week.

Two new teachers have been added to the faculty, Mrs. Lucy McLean, of Kings Mountain, and Miss Mabel Bacon, of Newton. Mrs. McLean takes the overflow of the second and third grades and Miss Bacon has charge of the sixth grade.

Rev. E. H. Kohn has returned home from Virginia, where he attended Synod for several days.

Mr. Victor Aderholdt, principal of the Denver high school, was in town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hutchinson and daughters, Misses Mary and Eunice, were recent visitors to Greenville, S. C.

Miss Sadie Dunlap spent the weekend at her home in York, S. C.

Mrs. W. G. Moore was on the sick list but is now able to resume her duties in school.

Anita Stewart, Rose Tapley and CLARA KIMBALL YOUNG, BROADWAY THEATER Today.

"Pollyana" will teach you to play the glad game on Oct. 10th. 19c8

BOMBS DROPPED ON GERMAN CITIES

(By International News Service.)

THE HAGUE, Oct. 5. — Great damage has been inflicted on Frankfurt and Stuttgart by French airmen, according to advices received here from the front today. Both cities contain many noted buildings.

WHAT CONGRESS HAS DONE IN SIX MONTHS SESSION.

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5. — Vice President Marshall gave out the following statement today: "There has been much unjust criticism of the Congress which ends its extraordinary session tomorrow. The declaration of war on April 2 found the United States unprepared. We have obtained, equipped and drilled an army and provided funds for ourselves and our allies, authorized the biggest air fleet in the world, authorized the control of shipments to foreign countries of food, fuel and have purchased an immense merchant marine and passed compensation act for our soldiers. Students of history in the future will be amazed at what was accomplished by the Congress of the United States in six months. It has done in that time what the British nation required three years to do. Let us now prove our patriotism by action and sacrifice, and not hamper the government by carping criticism."

BELMONT BUDGET.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

BELMONT, Oct. 5. — The advance sale of seats for the lyceum attraction at the high school auditorium tonight have been most satisfactory and a large audience for the opening performance is assured. Many inquiries for seat reservations from Mount Holly and Lowell indicate that they will be well represented in the auditorium tonight. The attraction is the "Dieterichs", musical numbers and illusionary work.

Considerable work on streets and sidewalks of the city is being done, a large force of workmen having been engaged for several days in resurfacing and leveling the main streets preparatory to the rough weather.

A complete system of cement sidewalks was recently completed in the Climax Mill village.

An important business deal consummated yesterday was the sale by Manager A. F. Pearson of his interests in the Star theatre to Mr. G. B. Stowe. Mr. Stowe will continue the operation of the moving picture show, making extensive improvements.

RED CROSS ITEMS.

All members of the Red Cross auxiliaries throughout the county who intend to enter comfort kits or surgical dressings as exhibits in the Gaston County Fair next week are urged to send the same direct to the fair grounds on Monday in the same way that other exhibits are entered. These articles will not be sent through the work room, but will go as individual exhibits, and it is hoped that a large number of the Red Cross workers throughout the county will make such entries.

The Mount Airy & Eastern Railway and property of this company was sold at auction by the Continental Trust Co. to satisfy a mortgage held by that company on these properties. The railroad and rolling stock brought \$16,000 and the timber properties were bid for \$65,000, all were bought by H. L. Light, of Washington, and it is understood that the operation of this line will be resumed under a new charter in the near future.

ADMISSION TO
The Big Gaston County Fair
October 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 1917
Adults: Day 35c, Night 25c.
Children: Day and Night 15c.
Gaston County School Children Free October 10.
No Extra Charge For Autos and Buggies.
15c Round Trip
Square to Fair Ground or Fair Ground to Square
Buy Your Ticket and Avoid Rush. Uptown Ticket Office, Corner Marietta and Main.
J. M. HOLLAND, Executive Secretary

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