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SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

WITH GASTON'S SOLDIERS

Have you joined the Red Cross?

Five more shopping days until Christmas. Our corps of clerks are at your service. Torrence-Morris Jewelry Co.

If you haven't done that Christmas shopping yet, better do it now.

Traveling sets at Atkins-Baber Book Co.

Miss Margaret Morris and little Miss Nell Page Atwater left today for Hymus, where they will spend the Christmas holidays.

The ideal Christmas present—a year's subscription to The Gazette. Costs only \$2 and will remind the recipient of the giver 156 times during the year.

Messrs E. R. Padgett and E. N. Peagram, both of whom have been confined to their homes with attacks of influenza, were able to be out again yesterday.

See our line of scrap books and kodak books. Atkins-Baber Book Co.

Miss Bertha Mitchell, a member of the city high school faculty, left yesterday afternoon for her home at Rocky Mount in response to a message telling of the very serious illness of her brother.

Christmas gifts in solid gold and sterling silver. Torrence-Morris Jewelry Co.

City Tax Collector V. G. Grier calls the attention of taxpayers that their city taxes have been due and payable since October 1st and that the penalty attaches to all taxes remaining unpaid on January 1st. He asks that all come forward and pay up and save trouble and expense.

Send The Gazette as a Christmas present to that Gaston friend living either in the county or some where else. They will think of you then three times a week for a whole year.

Mrs. E. O. Jennings is ill at the City Hospital. Her condition, however, is not serious.

Boy Scout books and Girls Camp Fire books—they make fine presents for the young folks. Atkins-Baber Book Co.

The body of Barnett Price, aged four years, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. V. Price, of Rowan county, was brought here yesterday for burial.

Platinum pins set with diamonds from \$100 to \$500. Torrence-Morris Jewelry Co.

Ellen Neal, aged five years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bynum Neal, died at their home at Spencer Mountain yesterday. The body was taken today to Kings Mountain for burial.

Nothing would make a more appreciated Christmas gift than a year's subscription to The Gazette. Have us send it to that friend. Only \$2 a year.

Mr. E. O. Jennings returned today from Richmond to which place he accompanied Mr. A. B. O'Neil last week. The latter is undergoing treatment in a hospital there and his friends will be glad to know that he is getting along nicely.

Stationery is our middle name and we have a splendid holiday line. Makes a highly appreciated Christmas present. Atkins-Baber Book Co.

Mr. E. R. Padgett, of the clerical force at the postoffice, is able to be out again after having been confined at his home on Morris street for the past two or three weeks by an attack of influenza.

Soft cuffs require a special button for comfort. Correct cuff links in gold from \$2 to \$15. Torrence-Morris Jewelry Co.

When Soldiers May Swear.

Thou shalt not swear unless under extraordinary circumstances. And "extraordinary circumstances" can be defined as moving your tent in the middle of the night under a downpour of rain, seeing your comrade shot, or getting coal oil in your tea. Some of these things are visualized in "Private Peat" which will be shown at Gastonian Theatre Thursday.

To the man or woman away from home these things are nothing like the old home paper. Send The Gazette as a Christmas present. Only \$2 a year.

FIRST N. Y. TO CHICAGO AIR MAIL SERVICE TODAY

(By International News Service.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The first air mail service from New York to Chicago was inaugurated at 7:20 o'clock this morning when Louis Smith in a DeHavilland left Belmont Park carrying 200 pounds of mail for Chicago. His first stop was scheduled to be Bellefont, Pa. The mail will be relayed by airplane to Cleveland, then directly to Chicago where it is expected it will arrive at 4 o'clock this afternoon. Other planes were stationed at Leighton, Bellefont, Clarion, Pa., Bryan and Cleveland, O., and Gary, Ind., for use in case of emergency.

YESTERDAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 17. The Berlin Lokal Anzeiger states that a revolution has broken out in Bulgaria.

BERLIN, Dec. 17. The German congress of soviet today voted for the formation of a national assembly to supersede the Reichstag. This was a sharp defeat of the Spartacists, an extremist group, headed by Liebknecht and his radical lieutenants. The independent socialists deserted their former allies, the Spartacists, and voted with the majority of the socialists for the first time.

LONDON, Dec. 17. Field Marshal von Mackensen has been informed on the demand of the Allies, says a dispatch from Copenhagen this afternoon.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17. Nearly 7,000 verbal or informal war contracts and purchase orders, aggregating a billion and three quarter dollars are tied up in the War Department. Their legality is seriously questioned by the comptroller of the treasury. Purchases Director Geo. Gothaal told the House committee this afternoon. At the request of Secretary Baker, chairman Dent introduced a bill in the House to legalize them.

BERNE, Dec. 17.—German soldiers turned machine guns upon helpless and unarmed American prisoners at Thury detention camp, killing three, reports Norman Zimmerman, of the 110th Infantry, claiming that he witnessed the barbarous act. This and other stories of cruel treatment of captives by the Germans were related today by returned American prisoners. The Germans struck American prisoners in the face with the flat sides of their swords without provocation, cut the brains out of a wounded, unarmed American, took gas masks away from American prisoners in the danger zone when they had masks of their own, beat and kicked prisoners.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17. The International Mercantile Marine Corporation, through President Franklin, in a telegram to the House committee today, endorsed government ownership of wireless stations in the United States strongly.

SAYS COLD WEATHER BRINGS RETURN OF INFLUENZA

Encouraging reports of the fewer cases of influenza in this vicinity should not allow us to relax our vigilance or to become careless in the belief that the danger is over," says a well known authority. With the coming of cold weather there is apt to be a return of this frightful epidemic and its seriousness will depend on the extent of the precautions, taken by the public, to prevent infection.

When the air is full of influenza germs, you may be constantly breathing them in to your nose and throat. But their danger may be avoided and you may make yourself practically immune to infection if you destroy the germ before it actually begins work in your blood.

During the recent serious epidemic, which hit Gastonia so hard, most successful results were obtained by many through the simple breathing into the nose, throat and lungs of the medicated air of oil of Hyomei. Probably no better, safer or more sensible precaution against influenza, Grippes, Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis or Catarrh of the nose and throat could be employed than to go now to the nearest drug store and get a complete Hyomei outfit consisting of a bottle of the pure Oil of Hyomei and a little vestpocket hard rubber inhaling device into which a few drops of the oil are poured.

Carry this inhaler with you during the day and each half hour or so put it in your mouth and draw deep breaths of its pure healing germicidal air into the passages of your nose, throat and lungs to destroy any germs that may have found lodgement there. This simple precaution may save you a serious illness and the loss of several weeks work. It is pleasant to use and not at all expensive as the inhaler will last a lifetime and further supplies of the Oil of Hyomei can be had at any drug store for a few cents.

Hundreds of people in this vicinity used Hyomei in this way during the recent crisis and avoided danger. They should not neglect it now for the danger is by no means over. J. H. Kennedy & Co., Druggists.

Public Must Be Careful To Avoid A Second Epidemic. Easier To Prevent Than Cure. What To Do.

PRESIDENT WILL STATE AMERICA'S PEACE POLICIES

(By International News Service.)

PARIS, Dec. 18. The President is expected to make his first statement of the peace policy of America in an address to the senators of the American expeditionary forces at Gen. Pershing's army headquarters on Christmas day. Various French points of view have been given to Mr. Wilson by Premier Clemenceau and President Poincare. The Italian views are to be presented by Premier Orlando Thursday, and Premier Lloyd George will confer with President Wilson probably Saturday with Secretaries Bailew and Law also present.

The weather today is gently rainy. The President will probably visit nearby battlefields. Echo de Paris says the preliminary peace conference will be held during the first ten days in January. It predicts that the final treaty will be signed at Versailles during early June.

DEATHS

MOSES WHITE.

Mr. Moses White, a Confederate veteran and one of York county's ablest and best known citizens, died yesterday at his home near Hickory Grove, aged 82 years. During the war Mr. White was a member of the 17th S. C. Regiment, U. S. A., and was a faithful soldier. He is survived by his widow, who before her marriage was Miss Martha McGill, and several sons and daughters. Deceased was an uncle of Mr. Robert W. White, Mr. William M. White, and Mrs. S. Elmer Spencer, of Gastonia. Funeral services will be conducted Thursday morning at 11 o'clock at St. Mary A. R. P. church in York county.

OTIS BRADLEY.

Friends and relatives here have received the sad news of the death of Otis Bradley, aged 29 years, who died on December 9th at his home in Farmington, Washington, after a brief illness from influenza followed by pneumonia. Deceased was the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Bradley, who moved from this county to the State of Washington about 25 years ago. He was a grandson of Mr. McKee Bradley, of West Gastonia, and a nephew of Mrs. J. D. Heath and Mrs. A. E. Bonn, of Cherryville. Mrs. Otis Bradley, wife of deceased, is critically ill with influenza and is not expected to recover. Besides his parents and grandfather, the deceased is survived by three brothers, Messrs. Conley, Lennie and Rammie Bradley, and one sister, Miss Dorothy Bradley. Mr. Conley Bradley is with the American expeditionary forces in France.

Dallas Joins.

MR. J. H. KENNEDY HEADS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Was Chosen at Annual Membership Meeting Last Night—Other Officers Elected.

At the annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce for the calendar year 1919 as president. He succeeds Col. C. B. Armstrong, whose term expires December 31. Elected officers for the ensuing year, and bringing up various important propositions as suggestions for a program of work for 1919, the annual membership meeting was held at the offices last night with President Armstrong presiding.

A city board of health, a community building including a Y. M. C. A. and other matters of interest were thoroughly discussed. And not the least was the launching of plans for the proper reception of the men from the service when they return. The organization is constantly proving itself the civic clearing house of Gastonia.



J. H. KENNEDY

Officers elected for the year 1919 were the following: President, Mr. J. H. Kennedy; first vice president, Mr. Fred L. Snyder; second vice president Mr. R. Condy Brinkin; treasurer, Mr. S. N. Boyce; director of finance and organization affairs, Mr. M. A. Tamm; director of conventions and public affairs, Mr. R. B. Babington; director of civic affairs, Mr. A. K. Winget; director of mercantile affairs, Mr. E. J. Rankin; director of publicity, Mr. J. W. Atkins; director of traffic and transportation, Mr. J. White Ware; director of industrial affairs, Mr. W. D. Anderson.

The nominating committee named, under the by laws, was composed of Messrs. S. A. Robinson, T. L. Craig, M. A. Carpenter, C. C. Armstrong and J. M. Shuford. The seven directors were placed in nomination by this committee.

The report of the secretary, Fred M. Allen, showed the organization to be in good condition financially and very active. A detailed report will go out at the close of the calendar year.

Dr. D. A. Garrison referred to the need of a city board of health with adequate powers and the matter was discussed by several present, also the idea of having a whole time health officer. All were in favor of the idea. Finally a committee consisting of Mr. J. H. Separk, Dr. Garrison and Mr. R. B. Babington was named to confer with the proper officials.

Mayor Dixon referred to the need of organized planning for the proper reception of our men returning from the service and it was decided after favorable discussion to call a conference of the presidents of the Chamber of Commerce, the Commercial Club, the Red Cross, the Woman's Betterment Association, the United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Daughters of the American Revolution to formulate plans.

Rev. Dr. J. H. Henderlite referred to the proposition of a community building, a memorial, and especially with regard to the need of a Y. M. C. A. as a feature of it. This matter is already in the hands of a committee.

There was much live discussion of all topics brought up, indicating a deep interest in the civic work under way.

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET.

(By International News Service.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The cotton market opened with contracts for January selling at 26.95, March 25.97.

Why worry over your Christmas shopping? Our immense stock and courteous clerks are at your service. Torrence-Morris Jewelry Co.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

On account of the crowded condition of our advertising columns, no advertisements for Friday's Gazette will be accepted after 6 p. m. Thursday, and no advertisements will be accepted for Monday's Gazette later than 9 a. m. Saturday.

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PARIS, Dec. 17.—A formal invitation to visit the Vatican was extended to President Wilson today by the papal envoy from the pope. The Italian ambassador to the United States also extended an invitation to the President to visit Italy. It is now unlikely that President Wilson will go to Italy until the last of January. President Wilson will meet Marshal Foch for the first time at 5:30 this afternoon, when Marshal Foch will make a formal call, just arriving from Treves. President Wilson conferred today with Chairman Hurley, of the National Shipping Board of the United States, on the problem of getting American troops home as quickly as possible.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT CENTRAL SCHOOL

A Christmas program will be rendered Friday morning at 8:45 o'clock in the auditorium of Central school to which the public is cordially invited. An excellent program consisting of Christmas carols has been arranged under the direction of Miss Lizzie Smith, teacher of music in the city schools.

The program is as follows:

"Oh Holy Night" and "The Birthday of a King," solo by Evan Glenn and chorus.

"Away in a Manger," by second and third grade pupils.

"Christmas Eve," by fourth and fifth grade pupils.

"Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem," by the school.

Song by first grade pupils.

"Under the Stars," by the school.

"We Three Kings of the Orient," by the Three Wise Men.

"Silent Night" and "Joy to the World," by the school.

"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," by school and audience.

The Christmas program has with it a story in the form of a pantomime, in which the following pupils will represent the various characters indicated:

Mary, Helen Johnston; the Angel, Rebecca Fayssoux; Joseph, Bonnie Norris; the Three Wise Men, Frank McLaughen, Ewart Knight and William Kinenid; Angels and Shepherds.

MR. AND MRS. SMITH CELEBRATE THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING

At their home on South Willow street yesterday afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock Mr. and Mrs. John Laban Smith were at home to their many friends at a formal reception in celebration of their golden wedding anniversary.

The guests were received at the front door by Mr. and Mrs. Giles T. Smith, and were presented to the bride and groom by Mr. and Mrs. George W. Smith. Miss Lois Smith was in charge of the register of guests. Mr. and Mrs. B. Gray Rankin and Mr. and Mrs. Stamey W. Smith received at the dining room door.

In the dining room Mrs. Robert O. Craig and Misses Lois and Harlee Todd presided over the serving of delicious pound cake, coffee and tea. The decorations were of Christmas bells and holly. In the center of the dining table was the wedding cake with gold trimmings and surrounded by 50 golden candles and 50 red hearts, while over it was suspended a huge red Christmas bell.

Music was furnished during the evening by Misses Jane and Carrie Morris and Lillian Atkins, who rendered old-time songs and selections appropriate to the occasion. Miss Carrie Morris played the wedding march as the bride and groom entered the dining room, which was lighted with golden candles. When the host and hostess with their guests had gathered in the dining room Mr. J. H. Separk made an appropriate talk on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Smith.

With the exception of the dining room, the house was lighted with electric lights with golden shades. Mr. and Mrs. Smith were the recipients of a large number of gifts of gold. During the hours designated a very large number of guests called to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Smith upon their happy occasion and to wish for them many more years of happy wedded life.

TO GIVE PARTY FOR BENEFIT OF FRENCH ORPHAN.

The Willing Workers will give a "Tacky" party at the Dunn Mill Hall on Saturday night of this week, December 21, at 7 o'clock. Prizes will be given for the boy and girl who are dressed the "tackiest." Oysters will be served during the evening. Admission will be 5 and 10 cents and the proceeds will go toward the support of a French orphan whom the society is supporting for a year.

Kodaks make attractive Christmas gifts. \$2 up. Torrence-Morris Jewelry Co.

Some Pledges Yet Unpaid.

"Let me congratulate you on the admirable manner in which you are caring for collections in your county, the system you have employed being in my opinion one that could not be improved upon," says State Director Z. D. Dunlap of the United War Work campaign in a letter to the Gaston county committee. Despite this system, however, the best that could be planned, there are still some who have overlooked the December 2nd payment of 50 per cent of their pledges. Immediate payment is urged.

Father—who always gives more than he receives—would appreciate a toilet set all his own. Torrence-Morris Jewelry Co.

Dallas, Route 1, News.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

DALLAS, Route 1, Dec. 18.—Mr. Columbus Costner has returned home from Wilmington where he has been at work for the past few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Costner spent Sunday with Mrs. Bessie Quinn.

The family of Mr. A. A. Hight are all up and around again after having been confined to their beds or the past few weeks with the influenza.

Mr. H. E. Cloninger has the influenza, the only one in this community so far as we know.

Knights Templar charms from \$15 up, in solid gold only. Torrence-Morris Jewelry Co.

The many friends of Mr. T. H. Morgan, of 505 East Main avenue, will be glad to know that he is able to be glad again after being a patient at the Gaston Sanatorium for the past eight weeks. Mr. Morgan was first ill with the influenza, and afterwards underwent an operation.