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GASTONIA, THE SOUTH'S CITY OF SPINDLES.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, OCT. 30, 1919.

### POLITICAL TALK REVIVED.

Political gossip in this judicial district, somewhat on the quiet order for the past two months is revived now, and already the gossip-mongers are busy. Judge Boyd's resignation and the almost certain appointment of Yates Webb to his position has started many mouths to watering for the forthcoming plums.

Local interest centers around the successor to Webb. Some think that Clyde Hoey, of Shelby, will have things all his way. Mecklenburg Democrats think otherwise. Theodore Tiller, political writer from Washington to the Greensboro Daily News says:

"When Representative Webb is nominated for judge that action will bring on a spirited political contest in the ninth district of North Carolina. Several leading attorneys who were indorsed for the place of district judge only to have their claims swept aside eight months ago when the President first informed Senator Overman that he desired to name Representative Webb, will soon be at liberty to enter a free-for-all race for the Webb seat in the house of representatives.

"There is now little doubt that the name of Mr. Webb will be sent in to the senate within the next week or so, and that, with Judge Boyd's letter on file at the White House, immediate confirmation will be brought about. So long as certain of Judge Boyd's friends were opposed to his displacement willy-nilly, there was a prospect of some opposition among some Republicans of the senate to the confirmation of an additional judge, nevertheless it was generally conceded that Representative Webb, former chairman of the house judiciary committee and a member popular in both branches of Congress, regardless of partisan lines, would meet less objection to confirmation than another nominee.

"Ten or a dozen candidates probably will enter the contest for the seat of Representative Webb. First it is understood here there will be an elimination contest in Mecklenburg county so that the several candidates from that county, in which Charlotte is located, may fight out their differences among themselves and the county choice may go into the real primary with a favorite son backing. Although a dozen or more names may figure first and last in the political contest report in Washington is that candidates certain to throw their hats in the ring include Judge W. B. Council, of Hickory; and Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby; Marvin Ritch, Dr. H. Q. Alexander, Cary Dowd, and John A. McRae, of Charlotte.

### HALLOWE'EN.

And tomorrow is Hallowe'en day. What boy or girl does not thrill with delight at the thoughts of the accompanying pleasures and pranks? The very sound of the name is mysterious, but at the same time jolly. With the name we associate ghosts and goblins, apples and pumpkins, cats and jack-o-lanterns. Small boys the world over have appropriated Hallowe'en night unto themselves exclusively. On that night they take the law unto themselves. Front gates disappear mysteriously and turn up the next day on the other side of town. Spooky sights and shapes and noises render the life of the nervous and grouchy inhabitant a veritable nightmare. Older boys and girls go to parties all dressed up in the weirdest costumes. They bob for apples and have their fortunes told. And many a happy life-long journey down the hill of life has had its beginning in the light of a Harvest moon on Hallowe'en night.

It is noteworthy that most of the old Hallowe'en practices of our fathers and mothers had to do with the desire to learn of one's future husband or wife. Among these were those of wetting a shirt and eating an apple before a mirror. The owner of the shirt wet the sleeve, and hanging it by the fire to dry, lay awake in bed watching it till midnight, "when the apparition of the future partner will come in and turn the sleeve." If on Hallowe'en night a girl ate an apple while looking in a mirror, it was believed she would see her future husband peeping over her shoulder. Apples and nuts seem always to have a prominent place in Hallowe'en stunts.

The story of Hallowe'en is well worth the knowing. It dates back hundreds of years. Because the name is shortened from All Hallows Eve or the Eve of All Saints' Day, many people think it was a church festival; but this is not true. In England, long before the Christian era, there was a custom of lighting bonfires on the hilltops, on the last evening in October, to ward off evil spirits. The Druids also offered sacrifices to the pagan gods and one of their great festivals was that of Samhain, the "end of summer." One of the widespread beliefs was that the spirits of the dead were allowed to return to visit their homes and friends. Consequently, great fires were kept blazing on the hilltops and men waved plaited wisps of straw to ward off attacks of witches.

If there is one fact above all others that the history of Hallowe'en shows us, it is that superstitions die hard.

Praise be, the millenium has come! A newspaper editor has received a pounding, one of the sort that preachers get when larder and pantry are replenished. Editor Fain, of the Rock Hill Herald, had such a visit the other night after the bond election, for which he had waged a most successful fight in his paper against the town "machine." "The crowd certainly dealt an awful blow to the H. C. L., as far as the editor's household is concerned," says Editor Fain.

The day of miracles is not over.

Woman, it is said, can well-nigh accomplish the impossible. We believe it. And we think they can effect the early closing of stores on Saturday nights once they start in that direction.

We know full well that it is not O'Henry, but in spite of our best efforts, it gets by in that shape sometimes.

### NEWEST NOTES OF SCIENCE.

Powder to prevent false teeth slipping is the idea of an Ohio inventor.

The Dead Sea is estimated to contain 500 pounds of salt for each ton of water. Millions of ducks are killed annually in the marshes to supply the feather industry.

A projecting horn-shaped shield has been added to the list of automobile head-light devices.

Exposure on shallow streams an Englishman has built a tug boat driven by an aerial propeller.

An inventor has added a foot brake to the hand power freight truck to make its operation safer.

Traps that can be connected with light fixtures have been invented in Europe to electrocute insects.

Driven by an electric motor a portable grinding machine for machine shop work is a Wisconsin inventor's idea.

In a British arsenal is a scale that weighs guns up to 100 tons with a possible error of less than seven pounds.

In the interest of cleanliness an Iowa inventor has patented a wire frame to hold a milk pail up from the ground.

Yes, Hazel, the reason some men get married is that they are too tender hearted to refuse.

A novelty in the penholder line is a short tube to be slipped on a writer's finger with a side projection to hold a pen.

The germ theory of the transmission of disease was entertained as long ago as 1657, when Rome was ravaged by the plague.

So that a watch will be as accessible as if worn on a wrist an inventor has patented a pouch to be suspended from a belt.

Flour with which bread can be made is being obtained from sugar beets in France as the result of scientists' experiments.

For golfers' practice a canvas curtain has been invented that stops without permitting to rebound a ball driven against it.

The Colombian government has contracted for two powerful radio stations and a submarine cable from Colon to its north coast.

A new pneumatic tool for cutting off rivets heads includes a sleeve to catch them and prevent them flying and injuring workmen.

Hereditary color blindness, according to a British authority, is transmitted to children only by mothers and never by fathers.

The light from an incandescent lamp is said to be increased by the use of a new globe which contains a phosphorescent material.

A machine has been invented in England to press worn wooden paving blocks of a size of 1900 an hour so they can be used again.

An attachment for clocks that a Minnesota inventor has patented enables them to change the dates on a calendar at each midnight.

Known since the Twelfth century, the first complete survey of the west coast of Spitzbergen will not be finished until next year.

Intended for use in sick rooms, a new thermometer can be read at a distance as it has only three markings, for 60, 70 and 80 degrees.

The recent death of a woman in London from a mosquito bite is said to have been the first fatality of the kind ever known in England.

A Kansas farmer is the inventor of a vertical windmill consisting of four sections of a cylinder mounted on a shaft and closing to reform the cylinder when the mill is stationary.

For blowing two soap bubbles at once, one within the other, a pipe has been patented.

Southern Russia has made sunflower cultivation an important industry, the seeds being used as substitutes for olives in the manufacture of oil.

The hinges on a recently patented silo door are so formed as to serve as rungs of a ladder to permit a man to climb to open any section of a silo.

Floats have been invented by an Englishman to enable a bicycle to be driven through water, the same as on land without the addition of a propeller.

A patent has been issued for a hobble to fastened over an automobile tire which makes steering a car so difficult that thieves will let it alone.

An English concern plans to transport merchandise long distance through hydraulic tubes, much on the pneumatic tube principle but on a larger scale.

A Frenchman is the inventor of a ten-shot revolver small enough to be carried in a vest pocket and fired when concealed in a man's hand.

Operating much like ice tongs, a bracket has been invented to hold a camera on a tree trunk or other upright object that its jaws can grip.

Engineers are studying the upper Nile river and its tributaries with a view to controlling its flow with reservoirs for practical purposes.

The heads of new thumb tacks for draftsmen are so flat that a T-square can be slid over them and the tacks are removed with a special tool.

A British syndicate which is planning an aerial passenger service between England and Australia expects to cover the distance in seven days.

A recently patented bath tub fixture admits hot and cold water supply pipes and an overflow drain pipe through a single hole in the end of a tub.

In connection with a canal system France has built a tunnel four and a half miles long by 72 feet wide and 52 feet high, one of the greatest in the world.

An Arkansas inventor has patented an electric headlight to be mounted on a horse's bridle, furnished with current from dry batteries attached to the harness.

### YORK COUNTY GOSSIP.

The Enquirer.  
"I drove a car 700 miles without touching dirt," said Mr. S. L. Courtney, well known automobile dealer of Yorkville, who returned to Yorkville recently after a trip to Detroit, Mich. Mr. Courtney made the return trip of automobile and for 700 miles of the distance of more than 1,200 miles from Detroit to Yorkville, he traveled altogether on concrete and asphalt roads. Thus his statement that 700 miles were traversed without touching dirt. "People in the northeast know nothing but good roads," said Mr. Courtney, "even as I am hopeful that the day is soon coming when the people of the south will know of no other kind. These good roads in Michigan and the other states that I traversed cost more than \$25,000 a mile to build but they are worth it and more as all the people will testify."

### Stew Beef Popular Dish.

"Maybe you never thought of it," observed a well-known citizen to Views and Interviews in a York county town a day or two ago; "but it is a fact that no restaurant in this county that did not serve stewbeef could do business. A great majority of the people who patronize restaurants in this neck of the woods want stewbeef to eat and nothing else. Personally I don't see why, I wouldn't eat a plate of the stuff if it were served with peach brandy sauce and brought in by the prettiest waitress between Kalamazoo and Omaha, Neb. But they surely go for the stuff. Just count the people in here now that are eating stewbeef." The count was made. There were eight people in the place and six out of the eight were eating stewbeef.

### A Bit of Luck.

"I made a lucky deal in connection with the buying of the fixtures for the bank," remarked V. Q. Hambright, cashier of the First National Bank of Clover, the other day. "It was practically impossible to buy new fixtures for the bank at the time I wanted them and I was at less as to what to do. One of the Sifford boys who was working in Orangeburg, happened to overhear a remark that the fixtures of a bank down there were for sale and I bought them from a Charlotte concern. The next day the parties from whom I purchased informed me that they were sorry they had sold to me since the following day they had an offer to sell them for twice what they sold them to me."

### McADENVILLE MATTERS.

Correspondence of The Daily Gazette.  
McADENVILLE, Oct. 30.—Colonel H. M. McAden was here on his regular business rounds last week.

Mr. George Tate, our superintendent was sick last week, but is at his post this week.

Mr. R. P. Day spent one day in Charlotte on business last week.

We are all glad the railroads all went back on the old time again Sunday. How it will save that way for all time to come.

Prof. J. L. Webb began a singing school in North Charlotte Monday night, the 27th.

Mr. C. W. Nipper has bought out the stock of goods in J. W. Little's store and Mr. Little is talking of going to Belmont to do business.

Rev. A. Caldwell, our Baptist preacher, moved here Tuesday the 28th, and will fill the pulpit next Sunday.

Mrs. Katie Turner, who has been very low with tuberculosis, is still very sick.

Mr. Sanders, our druggist, has been in Charlotte several days with his sick wife. We are proud to say she is much better.

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### DEATHS

MISS LOUIE GUIN.

Mrs. Louie Guin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Ham and wife of Mr. Ansel Guin, of the Seaside cotton mill section, died in the City Hospital last Sunday afternoon after a lingering illness of eleven days. The circumstances attending her death were peculiarly sad. While attempting to start a smouldering fire with kerosene, her clothing became ignited, and she was fatally burned before friends could rush to her relief. Everything possible was done for her, and she made a brave fight against death.

The deceased was 21 years old, having been married December 21, 1918. She was a consistent member of the South Baptist church. The funeral rites were held on Monday in their home, interment following in Hollywood cemetery with Rev. W. T. Hugh officiating. A large number of friends and relatives sympathize with the bereaved ones in their great loss.

### FEDERAL TROOPS ARRIVE AT KNOXVILLE.

(By The Associated Press)

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Oct. 29.—As a result of the street car strike, and consequent rioting last Sunday, federal troops are here in command of Gen. E. M. Lewis, who arrived late yesterday afternoon with two companies of infantry and one machine company, including about 500 officers and men. Today a joint communication, signed by Governor A. H. Roberts, United States District Attorney W. T. Kennedy, Sheriff W. T. Cate and Mayor E. W. Neal, was addressed to General Lewis, giving him full authority in the local situation. The sequel to this may be a declaration of martial law, in the event of further serious trouble.

### RANKIN HEADS AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH SOCIETY.

(By The Associated Press)

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 29.—Dr. W. S. Rankin, of Raleigh, secretary of the North Carolina State Board of Health, was elected president of the American Public Health Association at a general session tonight. San Francisco was chosen as the place of meeting for the 1920 convention of the association.

London, Oct. 30.—An unrelated despatch from Saloniki contains an announcement by the Greek general staff that Greek troops have entered Karasu Yenidje and Porto Lagos (respectively 110 and 125 miles east northeast of Saloniki.)

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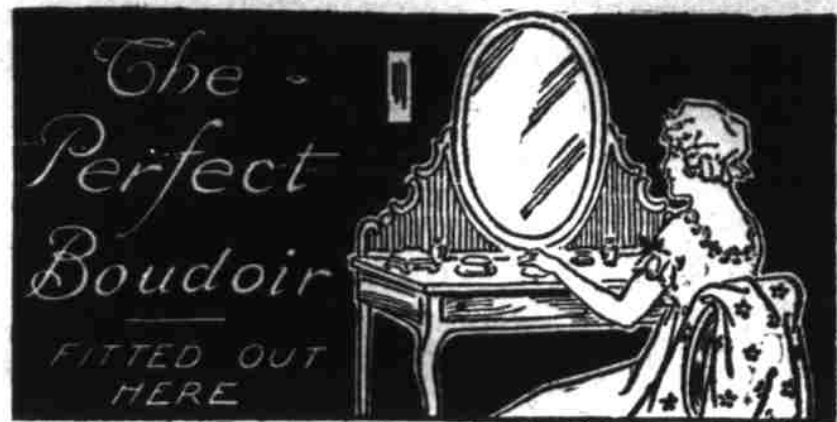
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