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PRINCIPLE FIRST

\$1. A YEAR in ADVANCE

NEW LAW FIRM REV. BENNETT

GARDNER & DAVIS

O. Max Gardner and J. R. Davis Open Law Offices in First National Bank Building.

Gardner & Davis is the start of a new law firm launched here last week with offices in the First National Bank building. The firm is composed of State Senator O. Max Gardner of Shelby and J. Roan Davis of No. 3 township Cleveland county. Mr. Gardner needs no introduction at the hands of the Herald as he is well known not only in Cleveland county but all over the state. He served the county as senator in the last legislature and is now a candidate for the office of lieutenant governor.

Mr. Davis is a son of Mrs. M. J. Davis of No. 3 township. He graduated from Trinity College in the class of 1914. During the school year of 1914-1915 he was principal of Lakewood Park school in Durham. He was licensed to practice law last August and since that time has practiced some in Durham. But like every other native of Cleveland who strays off, has come back to seek a livelihood among his own.

Mr. Davis comes to us with the credentials of a tiller of the soil and an education achieved by hard work and we bespeak for him a most pleasant and profitable practice among us.

Mr. Davis will have charge of the Kings Mountain office of the firm and Mr. Gardner the Shelby office.

Senator Gardner is still in the hospital at Salisbury where he has been ever since he was injured in a wreck there the night before Thanksgiving. He expects to be out by February first.

A Box Supper

There will be a box-supper at the Three Bee's School House Saturday night, January the twenty second (22nd) nineteen hundred and sixteen. The proceeds will go for the benefit of the school. The public is cordially invited.

Oak Grove Items.

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Sanders was buried at Oak Grove Sat. morning.

Mrs. T. M. Ware has been sick for some time but is improving.

Mr. William Wright who has been laid up with rheumatism for some time is able to be out again.

LOCALS

Franck Carson, a salesman at the Battery here during the fall, has gone to Kings Port, Tennessee to open up another store for the same company.

Prof. O. L. Moore, superintendent of the graded schools at Earl, was here on business Saturday.

W. Frank Goforth spent the week-end with home folks near Elbethel. He is at work with the Southern Power Co. and the headquarters have just changed from Concord to Reidsville.

Mrs. R. B. Holiday, wife of Prof. Holiday of Linwood College, returned Saturday from an extended visit to relatives in Greenville county, South Carolina.

HERE SUNDAY

"The Lost Christians" his subject. Grover at night.

Rev. Mr. Bennett of Lincoln ton preached at the Baptist church here Sunday morning and Grover Sunday night. His sermon here Sunday morning was upon the subject of "The Lost Christian," and he used the parables of "The Lost Coin," "The Lost Sheep," and "The Prodigal Son" as a basis of his remarks. He showed that many Christians are "Lost" not in the sense of eternal loss but lost to service because as the coin had been misplaced and was of no service until it was found, they were out of circulation as regards the work of the kingdom. He said that the lost sheep was a good sheep and a valuable one but he had unintentionally strayed from his fold. The Prodigal son was no less a son but through bad judgement had strayed from his father's home and fireside.

The sermon was most striking and orthodox. The impression upon the congregation was good. For many the sermon revealed new truths regarding the status of Christians who are inactive or "Out of circulation" as he so aptly put it.

In conclusion Mr. Bennett made the statement that he believed there was enough latent material among Christians in North Carolina, and certainly enough in the United States, if it could be stimulated into action or "put into circulation" to revolutionize the world.

Mr. Bennett was present at the Sunday school and made a splendid talk on the course of lessons for last year and this year.

Rumor Would Have Another Newspaper.

Rumor is going the rounds that Kings Mountain is to have another newspaper and job printing plant. Rumor has it that the company will be composed of twenty business men of Kings Mountain and five of Shelby and that a hot Democratic paper will be published. How much grounds there are for the rumor we cannot say. The proposition was being talked when we came here 28 months ago but we hadn't heard of it since, until recently but from the evidence we can gather it is the same project. We have been able to ferret out but three men who have promised stock viz. M. E. Herndon, P. D. Herndon and G. D. Hambricht. Several others alleged to have been interested deny any knowledge of the matter. Rumor further states that the capital stock will be \$2,500 and that operation will begin during the spring. Remember, please, this is Rumor.

Cleveland Cotton Over 2000 Bales Short

There were 20631 bales of cotton ginned in Cleveland county prior to Jan. 1, 1915 as compared with 22696 bales ginned prior to Jan. 1, 1915.

L. L. Smith, Special Agent.

B. & L. Association

Closes Good Year

Held Annual Meeting Last Thursday Night.

Report of Year's Business Most Encouraging.

Entire Board of Directors Re-elected on First Ballot.

All Officers Re-elected Except Vice President.

Campaign Being Made For 500 Shares In 14th. Series Which Is Now Open.

The Kings Mountain Building and Loan Association held its regular annual meeting in the opera house last Thursday night. A good representation of the shareholders was present and enthusiasm characterized the meeting. The report of the secretary-treasurer gave evidence of progress and a campaign was launched for five hundred new shares in the fourteenth series which opens in February. The old board of directors were all re-elected and there was but one change in officers. W. L. Fulton succeeding D. M. Baker as vice-president.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mayor A. E. Cline. Secretary Treasurer Wiley H. McGinnis then read the minutes of the last annual meeting and after their approval proceeded with his annual report to the shareholders of the association. This report being adopted the association took up the matter of electing directors for the ensuing year. It was suggested that nothing be said about electing "the old board" and that every member vote for twelve men of his own choosing. As a result there was quite a scattered vote but the twelve receiving the highest vote, each man also receiving a majority of all votes cast tallied precisely with the roll of the old board. This was conclusive evidence that the shareholders were satisfied with the administration of the "old board" and desired them to continue in the same capacity. It was also gratifying to the members of the "old board" to know that they were without exception re-elected without any pull or campaigning being done. The board of directors which was re-elected are as follows: A. E. Cline, M. Harmon, W. P. Fulton, L. A. Kiser, J. E. Leford, M. E. Herndon, W. H. McGinnis, D. C. Mauney, D. M. Baker, J. M. Patterson, F. Floyd and I. B. Goforth.

While the ballots were being canvassed a campaign was made for subscriptions in the 14th. series which is now open payments to begin the first Saturday in February. A hundred shares were subscribed and it was de-

ecided that the individual members should continue to solicit and that five hundred shares should be the goal for the series. In his report secretary McGinnis stated that a series would mature in July and unless this series be well subscribed to the income would naturally drop off with the maturity of the series. After the adjournment of the meeting of the shareholders the directors met and elected officers for the year. A. E. Cline was re-elected president, W. P. Fulton was elected vice president to succeed D. M. Baker, W. H. McGinnis was re-elected secretary-treasurer. The election of an attorney to succeed N. F. McMill was deferred indefinitely.

Below we publish the report of the secretary-treasurer.

Mr. President and fellow shareholders Kings Mountain Building and Loan Association, As Secretary and Treasurer of your association, I beg to submit herewith my report for the year ending with the close of business December 31st, 1915.

From the report you will see that we have made some progress during this year. While we are not as large as we should be your association is doing something for the upbuilding of Kings Mountain and community. We have made \$13,370.50 in new loans and have paid back to shareholders in dues and profits \$3245.62 during this year. Your association has been the means by which several nice homes have been built in our town. This has not only helped our shareholders, but by creating more taxable property has helped your town. We can use more money to advantage therefore we need more shareholders who desire to see their town grow. Your association is making about 6 per cent net which is more than equivalent to money loaned at 8 per cent. There is no other institution that will take small weekly payments and pay so high a rate of interest. It is the best savings bank in existence.

The books of your association were audited by Scott and McJullough, Certified Public Accountants, in Sept. of this year,

CORA MILL

TO RUN AT NIGHT

Building ten new houses Overrun with orders.

The contract has been let for ten new tenant houses at the Cora Mill and as soon as these can be provided and labor can be secured the mill will start on night time. Orders for the product of the mill are coming in faster than can be supplied by the day run. The same is the case at the Klotz mills mention of which was made in last week's Herald.

The cotton mill business is becoming an unusually large factor in our industrial and commercial life. The Pauline annex has a bout finished installing its machinery and will soon begin to do the spinning for the old dam ask plant.

Kuntry Korrespondence

dear sur:

thar wuz a feller round here tother day wantin kuntry korrespondence for yer paper, but i didn't giv him none. i be leev tho that i will dra, you a few lines myself. we air all well and hope you air the same. it hain't farmin time now so i reckon i will haf to tell you about the skule. we hain't had no rowin ar fussin much in skule this time, and the chaps air a-larnin to beat the pleg. it's a wonder too for the teacher is just a young strip of a gal. i be leev i have might nigh keshed on to her trick tho. they be as that she told the folks that she boards with that she didn't want them to go to much trouble about her eatins but that she would expect breakfast early enough to git to the skule house before time for books so she is fust man on the skule ground except the fire builder. This gives her time to speak to the chaps as they come in an talk with them a little they like this fine and go some jist to git to carry her a little present and talk a little. they tell me that she will thank a body jist as much for a tooth brush or bunch vlets as she would for ten dollars.

some said thar wuz not enough desks, but she had the boys to put them in two long rows, with about six feet of space between the rows. that giv more room for ritin than four short rows of desks woud. then she takes her seat in front fasin the whole caboodle of chaps. when a klass recites they either set or the front seats or stan along the side of the house, so she is all as facin the situashm.

if i had time i woud tell you how she managed inke and kept down a skule fuss but i hain't time now.

years truly
mist r muggins.

under the supervision of the Insurance Commissioner of the State and I have incorporated in my report their letter to Mr. Young, Insurance Commissioner.

I desire to take this occasion to return my thanks to the directors who have given of their time and thought in aiding me in managing the affairs of your association.

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. McGinnis Treas.
The financial statement will be published in the Herald as soon as it has been approved by the insurance commissioner.

"REGNIERS"

COMING FEB. 3RD.

Fourth attraction of Lyceum course bids fair to be very good

"The Regniers" will be the next number on the Lyceum course and will be here Thursday night February the third. This number is composed of two characters, a man and his wife, and from the illustrations and placards it is on the comic order. It is on the comic dialogue style and promises to be most entertaining.

This will be the fourth attraction of the five contracted for and we sincerely hope the attendance will come up to former records.

Statement From Southern Railway.

Washington, D. C., January 5, During November, 1915, Southern Railway Company, disbursed for labor, material, supplies, and other purposes \$4,326,324 of which \$3,764,571 or 87.01 per cent. was paid to individuals and industries located in the South. This amount represents more than 89 per cent. of the moneys paid to the Company for transportation by those located on the lines, according to figures announced today by Comptroller A. H. Plant, showing the results of operation of the Company for the month of November, 1915, and for the period of five months ending November, 30, 1915, compared with the same month and period in 1914 and 1913, exclusive of interest, rentals and other income charges. The comparison with 1913 is made for the reason that in 1914 the effect of the business depression was reflected through the revenues of the Company.

Gross Revenue, November, 1915, \$6,009,147, an increase as compared with 1914 of \$962,684 or 19.08 per cent and a decrease as compared with 1913 of \$309,625 or 4.81 per cent.

Operating Expenses, Taxes and Uncollectible Railway Revenues, November, 1915, \$4,705,795, an increase as compared with 1914 of \$192,496 or 4.97 per cent and a decrease as compared with 1913 of \$449,845 or 9.96 per cent.

In addition to the foregoing operating expenses, the Company spent in November, 1915, for improvements to its Roadway and Structures, \$624,927.37 as against \$603,182.43 during November, 1914 and \$622,211.68 during November, 1913.

Corresponding results for the five months periods are as follows:

Gross revenue this year \$24,177,823, an increase as compared with 1914 of \$406,496 or 2.73 per cent and a decrease as compared with 1913 of \$2,201,924 or 7.25 per cent.

Operating Expenses, Taxes and Uncollectible Railway Revenues this year \$20,026,973 a decrease as compared with 1914 of \$1,794,597 or 8.11 per cent and as compared with 1913 of \$2,251,818 or 10.11 per cent.

In addition to the foregoing operating expenses, the company spent during the five months this year, for improvements to its Roadway and structures, \$2,747,764.72 as against \$2,500,760.01 during the same period in 1914 and \$1,230,140.76 during the same period in 1913.