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BUSINESS LOCALS.

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LOCAL AFFAIRS.

The Methodist Sunday School picnic which did not come off Tuesday has been re-set for next Thursday.

New sweet potatoes were served to-day at the Falls House, brought in by Mr. Jonas Hawkins. They have been on the market for a week.

A number of our people attended the Stanley Creek exhibit of the Seaboard Airline. J. B. Shannon says they had an interesting day of it, but the Stanley folks are set "against removal."

Our court-house edition was so much crowded with pictures that a great deal of reading matter had to be omitted. In order to do our correspondents and those who read after them the greatest justice in our power we have issued this extra.

This week ends the first month of Dr. E. M. Coffey's work with the dental firm of Glenn and Coffey. He is just raking in the money and is well pleased with the first month's receipts of \$237.75. The firm will soon have a new office in Long Brothers' new building.

An infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Boyce, of McAdenville, died half a day old, last Tuesday afternoon and was buried in Gastonia Wednesday afternoon. A short funeral service was conducted at the grave by Rev. J. C. Galloway. May the God of all comfort heal the wounded hearts of the bereaved ones.

At 99 Islands.

A company of 13 or more lucky fishermen took a trip to 99 Islands below Cherokee falls last week. They were A. M. Whitesides, Frank Torrence, T. M. Payne, W. T. Rankin, L. H. Long, T. G. Falls, L. H. Falls, Jno. Blackwood, Jno. Fields, Sam Grissom, Jackson Groves, W. F. Massey, Frank Hawkins. They took the jaunt across the county, Tuesday and returned Thursday. Their luck was good at sailing. The catch according to the count of Mr. A. M. Whitesides, who is a careful and accurate man, was 123 1/2 fishes.

Death of Mrs. B. F. Dixon.

Mrs. D. Frank Dixon died at her home in Charlotte last Wednesday evening at half past four o'clock, after a lingering illness of two months. Mrs. Dixon was 66 years of age, and for many years had been a faithful and devoted member of the Presbyterian church. A husband and six children survive her. The family have many friends and relatives in Gastonia who deeply sympathize with them in the great sorrow which has befallen them. The funeral services were conducted from the Second Presbyterian church Wednesday afternoon, Rev. W. J. Long officiating. Mr. J. E. Curry went over from Gastonia to attend the funeral.

Knocked Flat by Lightning.

Wednesday afternoon a horse belonging to Adams and Henry's livery stable was knocked down in the road by lightning. They had sent the team by a driver to carry Miss Uren to her father's home at the Sulphur Mine near Crosses, and the accident occurred during the rain storm of that afternoon. The driver tumbled out as soon as the horse fell, thinking the animal had been killed. But the horse was soon on his feet again, and completed his trip. He was all right again by next day, seeming none the worse for his unenviable experience. A few days ago Mr. R. C. McLean's delivery horse, while tied near the store, was knocked flat down the same way, but did not appear to have been injured thereby.

The Wilmington Star predicts that we will have an opportunity of observing an eclipse of the sun on Thursday morning, July 29th, on which date, shortly before 8 o'clock in the morning, the earth will enter the moon's shadow. It will be 10:30 before the eclipse is finally over.

Winston Journal: A dandelion entered a store at Chapel Hill recently, carrying some live chickens with their feet tied, and she placed them on the counter. The clerk who waited on her is not always grammatical, and smilingly asked: "Are you sure they will lay there?" "Oh, no, sir, they are all roosters," she murmured.

CHOKED BY A BURGLAR.

FULLER ACCOUNTS OF THE KING'S MOUNTAIN SENSATION.

Will Smarr, a Young Negro, is Accused as the Burglar Who Choked Mrs. Baker—Sent to Jail Without Bond—Witness Sent Also—Mr. Ed Fairce House Also Raided—Great Excitement Prevails.

King's Mtn. Reporter.

On Wednesday morning our usually quiet little city was stirred from center to circumference when it was learned that some one, in the absence of Mr. Baker, had entered her [Mrs. Baker's] bed room with seemingly an intention of stealing and when discovered by her in the darkness laid violent hands on her and choked her badly before she was able to bring help to her assistance. People were worked up to such a pitch that had the perpetrator of the dastardly act been found out something serious might have occurred.

The morning revealed the fact that the house of W. O. Ware & Son had been unaccountably tried during the night, and the house of W. B. Falls had been entered and all the back rooms, including a boarder's room. The boarder, Mr. T. B. Campbell, was absent and lost a valise from his room. A young negro by the name of Will Catcart is under arrest and his trial set for to-day at 10 o'clock.

At Mr. Baker's the thief entered through the kitchen window and passing through the dining room into Mrs. Baker's room, gathered up Mr. Baker's good hat and valuable grip, turned out the light and was proceeding to pry open the bureau drawer when he aroused Mrs. Baker, who spoke to him as if she thought it was Mr. Baker coming in.

By this time Mrs. Baker had gotten out of bed, and he, seeing that he was detected, seized her by the left arm and fell on the floor, awake Miss Sallie who was sleeping up stairs in the room just over Mrs. Baker's. Her getting out of bed in haste frightened the sounder and he loosened his hold when Mrs. Baker and Miss Sallie both began screaming to arouse the neighbors. Failing in this Miss Sallie ran to Mr. Fulton and got him.

The fellow made good his escape but Will Smarr has been arrested and will be tried this morning for the crime. Different persons are charged with the crime and it will be soon before the trials will conclude.

There was so much excitement and interest being taken in the burglary case that we decided at last to await the trial and give all, believing it would please all.

Will Smarr was tried and found guilty in the preliminary before Esquire Allison, the chain of circumstantial evidence was unbroken and then one witness confessed to standing guard while Will did the deed.

Will was sent to jail without bond and the witness sent for safe keeping and protection.

The feeling is intense, but we think all will become quiet.

Tom Catcart was acquitted of going into Will Fall's house.

King's Mtn. Cor., in Yesterday's Charlotte News.

The negro, Will Smarr, was given a preliminary hearing this morning before Esquire Allison for burglary and assaulting Mrs. Baker. He was found guilty and sent to jail without bond.

He utterly failed in his attempt to prove an alibi and, aside from the entire chain of evidence being unbroken, one witness swore he stood guard to signal if anyone came up, and saw him enter and come out of the window when Mrs. Baker screamed.

There was much feeling, and the prisoner was slipped off under a strong guard by a circuitous route to jail that no "evil would befall" him.

Tom Catcart was also tried for entering the house of W. B. Falls, and was released for want of evidence.

The house of E. C. Fairce was raided last night and it looks as if there were a regular gang operating. The State's witness who made the confession was sent to jail as a protection to him.

Parties over from King's Mountain today say that the town is very much excited over the outrageous conduct of the negro burglars, an account of which appeared in yesterday's News.

A negro by the name of William Smarr is under arrest, suspicious having pointed to him as the one who entered the residence of Mr. P. S. Baker and so roughly used Mrs. Baker.

Among the heirs who headed down from generation to generation and prized mainly for the family interest attaching to them none are deservedly more popular than the old grandfather's clock and the grandmother's fax-wheel. Of one of the latter Mrs. R. K. Ray, of McAdenville, is the happy possessor. It was a fax-wheel left her by her grandmother and she just this week brought out from Charlotte to her home. To her grandmother whose maiden name was Ray the heirs descended from her grandfather's mother, who was a Downs and a cousin of President Madison. Mrs. Ray will have her valued relic made ready for spinning just as of yore, and after being varnished it will be given a place of honor among her bric-a-brac. It is quite a sad among the ladies lucky enough to get possession of one, to guild or bronze these wheels, to a low of upon them, and put them among the interesting ornaments of their parlors.

THE FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

One Hundred Farmers Present From Different Parts of the County Institute Closed Yesterday.

Dr. Parker, Dr. Bird, Prof. Massey, and Mr. Hege (pronounced Hagg) were all here bright and early this morning to open the farmer's institute.

Mr. A. M. Whitesides had secured the Academy, a good place, and about 100 farmers were present at the morning exercises. Dr. Parker opened the institute and introduced Prof. Massey, who interested his hearers on the reclamation of worn out lands. Dr. Bird spoke on the cow and Mr. Hege set things a-buzzing with eye-opening facts about the hen.

The afternoon exercises also were very interesting. To-morrow's (Saturday) exercises close the institute. We trust that a number of Gastonia's citizens will attend. They will hear something to interest them.

OLD FURNACE LETTER.

Newspaper Notes About People and Things—Much Building Going on—Mill Run Washed Away.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

(OLD FURNACE, July 22.—D. M. Arrowood is visiting his brother Mr. Jno. Arrowood in Rutherford county.

John and Hill Ramsey spent last Saturday night on Crowder's creek. J. M. Weaver spent Sunday with relatives in South Carolina.

Mr. Theo. Campbell, of King's Mountain, accompanied Rev. Z. Paris to his appointments at Concord and Lessemor City last Sunday.

Mr. M. V. Hovis is right sick. M. L. Kiser, of Snapp, has gone to Deepville for a while to clerk in his father's and brother's store.

J. F. Kincaid, of Gastonia, was in the vicinity of Shapp last Saturday. M. V. Hovis is making preparation to "overhaul" his dwelling house.

H. L. Ramsey is adding a room to his tenement house near the mill. M. Stroup, Esq., is going to build a large house on his Whitworth plantation.

John J. Hovis is preparing to add more room to his cottage. Verily, the building fever has struck this neighborhood.

Miss Alice and Sylvia, daughters of Rev. Robt. S. Arrowood, of usual Salisbury, are visiting relatives around Old Furnace. They, in company with Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Arrowood, went to Lincoln county last Saturday to spend a few days with their aunt, Mrs. It. R. Willis.

John J. Hovis leaves for Heurietta to-morrow as a delegate from King's Mountain circuit to the District Conference.

M. F. Payseur and family are spending a few days with relatives near Cherryville.

This part of the county was visited by a very heavy rain Monday afternoon. Kiser and Stroup's mill dam washed away taking with it an old gin-house and shop. The miller got scared and left as the water lacked only about 1/2 inch of running into the mill-house.

EVIL AND EVIL CONTINUALLY.

That's what the two last Legislatures were—like the laws we enforced the faith will be filled—New Items of Interest—Thinker's Test for Removal of Folks.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

HARDEN, July 20.—A dam is being built across the South Fork at Harden built mills. Mr. Milton Lynch has the contract.

A series of meetings will begin at Salem Baptist church August 1. The pastor, Rev. J. A. Hoyle, expects to have assistance.

Threshers say the farmers are making over double the amount of wheat they made last year and it is of finer quality. If your threshermen will send you a postal card statement of amount of wheat, oats and rye threshed by them, we'll send you a dollar.

The refreshing light showers recently have put a broad smile on the farmer's face.

It is through chastisement that we are made to see our condition. Though the two last sittings of our Legislature were evil and that continually the Lord is just to bring good out of them. We just now remember what the Hon. L. M. Hoffman said last year in his county convention, that he "more and more believed that North Carolina should be controlled by the Democrats." Mr. Hoffman, if the laws made by the last Legislature are ever enforced, there will be not a few who will see as never before that the Democrats should control the government of North Carolina.

We believe that Gastonia county is safe so far as our educational matter is concerned, for with such a man as Hoffman in the head as our educational board of commissioners, we feel that the county is safe in educational matters, let the vote go as it may.

But what can we say for that first-of-September tax collection law? Why I could hardly believe that when I saw it. Well, we sympathize with the sheriff, for the junks will be full to overflowing if they can find guiltless men enough to arrest the guilty. One of our neighbors, a strong Republican, said last Saturday that there would be bullets about that time.

Your Mississippi correspondent must have the blues or that must be indeed a rough country. We have some illicit distillers, but they are continually being captured. There is but little drinking now at public gatherings. People have more respect for themselves and for others. I think your correspondent would be wise in feeling back to old Gastonia, as old man Lot said from Sodom.

I would like to say that Judge K. L. Wilson is making it hot for your removal men. [We had not noticed it over here. We are not and cannot be as can be. In fact no need so. By the way, why don't you drive in and help your man, say?—Ed.]

THE COURT-HOUSE.

MR. E. L. WILSON'S POSITION CONSIDERED.

Also Some Reasons for Removal are Suggested—Gastonia's Offer is Good—Now is the Time to Accept it—Another Chance May Not Come.

To the Editor of The Gazette:

I see that Mr. E. L. Wilson did not answer the three questions that were asked of him last week. Why is it that he did not answer? I think they stumped him, and he has to hunt up some other bug to throw out before the people to make them believe that they will have to pay a terrible tax to build a court-house at Gastonia. I suppose he is so opposed to Gastonia having the court-house because Dallas is so much better a market than Gastonia and so many more people go there than to Gastonia. If Dallas is such a fine place for a court-house why don't the good people come to the front and say they will give \$15,000 to build a new court-house. I never heard of their saying they would give one cent for it.

As to the bonds, they are as good as gold dollars with a \$1.50 worth of gold in a one dollar piece. If the voters of this county know big wood from brush when they see both lying together they will vote for removal to Gastonia, they will have good people propose to build a court-house and make the county a present of it without costing the county one red cent.

Are the voters going to let this chance slip and wait for a better one? If they do they will certainly be several wet Sundays between chances, and if the voters will open their eyes I think they surely could see the place for the court-house.

I tell you what is the matter. Some of the windy people here are blowing the voters full of their gas that they will be taxed to death to build a court-house for Gastonia. She is not begging for help from any source. You take the little town of Gastonia out of the county, then what are you going to do for a market? Where will you go to buy and sell what you have been buying and selling here? Guess you would go to Dallas then as it is a good market for anything. I think that now is the time to strike while the iron is hot. Don't be afraid Gastonia can't raise the money. I don't boast of Gastonia's riches, but let me say she hasn't been built up by any five cent man. I am certain that if the good people of the county knew how it was they would come out on the third day of August and vote for removal. If they do it will save them a big tax in the future. If they don't they will have to pay the whole tax to build one some day. And it won't cost Gastonia \$15,000 then, either.

Now is the time to do something. It is very strange that when anybody has a good thing given to them that they won't take it as a gift. Surely this county is not so dull as to let this chance slip by and not grab it and be "down on" by those who are blowing you with big taxes. Don't listen to such wind as that.

Some folks in the county have had enough of wind. They remember when people used to ride the Alliance horse to an office. And when they jumped off to go into the office they left the horse hitched at the court-house gate, and forgot to have him put up, and fed—left him there to starve. And when they want to take a second ride they will find they'll have to wait. They will see their mistake when it is everlasting too late.

And so it will be with the people who vote against removal. If they don't come out and vote for the new county-seat, they will see their mistake when it is too late.

It is left with you. If you don't want it, let it slip, and you will never remember of such a chance again.

ALBERT SMITH.
Gastonia, July 23, 1897.

FARMERS MUCH INTERESTED.

Dr. Parker, Dr. Bird, Prof. Massey, and Mr. Hege, the Hon. Man, held an interesting institute among Neckerburg's farmers, closing yesterday.

Yonah's Charlotte Evening News.

There was a largely increased attendance at the farmers' institute held in the city hall this morning, and much interest was taken in the proceedings.

Dr. D. Held Parker, who is conducting the institute, explained the objects and aims of the State agricultural and mechanical college at Raleigh and told of its faculty and plan of operation, which is very complete. He also referred in a general way to the work of the State experiment station and the State agricultural department, to both of which the college is intimately related.

Prof. W. F. Massey, who is probably the State's leading agricultural expert, spoke of the wheat crop, and culture of grains, and spoke of the care of the cattle and methods of dairying.

Dr. Bird spoke at length of the raising, feeding, grazing and dairying in all their phases.

Mr. E. K. Hege, chief of the poultry department of the State experiment station, told of the housing and feeding of poultry and the care of fowls, and stated the methods pursued in this department of the experiment station. He referred to the growing importance of this industry and the substantial profits derived from it. The poultry production in this country is worth more than any agricultural crop, not excepting the wheat and cotton crops, yielding last year more than \$200,000,000.

These gentlemen are all in Gastonia to-day to hold an institute to-day and to-morrow with Gastonia county farmers. Come out to the meetings.—Editor.

The Enterprise says Newton is soon to have electric lights. The commissioners are closing the contract.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. Cynthia Johnson is visiting her uncle, Mr. Joseph Adams.

Miss Katie Wilson is visiting her brother, Mr. R. H. Wilson at Waco.

Mr. C. M. Glenn left Monday for Nashville to attend the Exposition.

Mr. E. L. Yoder is spending some time in Gastonia.—Newton Enterprise.

Mr. Jno. P. Bramlett has returned from a pleasant visit to his mother in Augusta.

Mr. J. B. Starnes spent a few days in Rock Hill this week visiting his brother.

Mr. J. Robert Craig, left last week to join the crowd of pleasure seekers at Blowing Rock.

Mr. Smith Stedman, of Chester county, will spend several weeks with his sister, Mrs. J. P. Culp.

Misses Grace and Nettie Nudall, of King's Mountain have been visiting their aunt, Mrs. Henderson Long.

Mr. R. C. McLean is taking a pleasant outing in the mountains. Mr. A. M. Hoke, of Atlanta, is with him.

Miss Clara and Bessie Holland are spending a week with their brother, Mr. Joo. F. Holland, at Greer's, S. C.

Mrs. Bessie Baily and Miss Lily Harris, of Greer's, S. C., have for a week or more been visiting in Gastonia, guests of Mrs. J. P. Thomson.

Messrs. Lamar Pogram, Charlie Davis, and C. M. Glenn left last Tuesday for a vacation trip in the mountains around Asheville and Hendersonville.

Mrs. H. L. Merritt came over from Charlotte Wednesday to visit friends in Gastonia. She is guest of Mrs. R. L. Johnson. This afternoon she went on to Spartanburg.

Miss Mattie Glenn returned Thursday night from Chapel Hill where she has been attending the teachers normal. To-night she leaves for Lancaster county, S. C., to take charge of her school at New-Cut.

Mr. W. T. Rankin and family are rusticated at his father's in South Point township. He came to town yesterday to pass the time of day with the boys. He is looking well and enjoying life, rambling over the fields and across the backwoods and "going in" the old swimming holes in the creek that were the delight of his boyhood days.

Mr. David Howell, son of Pinkney Howell, died last Wednesday at his home near Fallston, of typhoid fever.

Ex-Treasurer Wm. Baker, of Rutherford county, died Sunday at his home near Sunbury of appendicitis.

Mr. M. L. Carroll received a crate of pineapples Saturday from Jacksonville, Fla., and sold them out in a few minutes.

The "murdered negro" of last week has been working for several days past near King's Mountain.

The King's Mountain Baptist Association will meet with the New Hope church Sept. 22nd, 24th and 25th.

The County Teachers' Institute met in the court house in Shelby, Monday morning at 10 o'clock and was opened with music. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. D. F. Lutman. Miss Lona Hendrick was elected secretary.

Mrs. Matilda Bridges, wife of A. A. Bridges, died Saturday night at 10:30 o'clock at her home in Shelby of cholera morbus. Deceased leaves a husband and three children and a host of relatives and friends to mourn for her.

On Monday afternoon of last week, Mr. A. B. Henry, who resides three miles south of Shelby, was knocked down and killed for a few minutes by lightning striking a large cedar tree in his yard, near where he was standing. He soon regained consciousness and is not feeling any worse from the shock.

Miss Marcus Hoyle, one of Waco's popular young men; and Miss Georgia Miller, the charming daughter of Mr. F. M. Miller, were happily married the first Sunday in July, near King's Mountain. Rev. A. M. Rose officiating. The marriage was kept a profound secret, only the immediate families of the contracting parties having any knowledge of it, until last Friday when the happy young couple surprised their many friends by making public the news of the happy occurrence.

Dr. Ben F. Dixon, of King's Mountain, will move to Shelby this week and locate here for the practice of his profession. Dr. Dixon and his charming wife, and daughter, the accomplished Miss Pearl, will board at the Commercial hotel for the present. Dr. Dixon has a State wide reputation as an educator and legislator and is a physician of rare gifts and a most accomplished gentleman. Shelby always gladly welcomes such charming people. Dr. Dixon will have his office over H. E. Kendall's drug store.

Notice of New Advertisements.

Deal and Hinson have a new saw mill for sale. See business locals.

R. L. Durham has for sale a buggy and set of single harness. See business locals.

Mr. and Mrs. Whiteside held entertained the Prince of Wales at dinner at their residence on Carlton House Terrace, London, on Saturday.

Senator B. H. Tillman has accepted an invitation to speak in Mooreville on the 25th of this month. It is the day of the picnic for the Barton Springs Orphanage.

Mrs. W. J. Cooke, wife of the ex-Mayor of Asheville, killed herself with a pistol a few days ago. She was suffering from temporary insanity brought on by a malady from which she was suffering. She was 35 years of age and had been married less than a year.

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