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The Gazette's agricultural topics man wants a new county formed by the name of Gastonia. That's the stuff! Give us a new county.

This is our last issue for 1902. We thank every patron of ours for the past year for the good-will indicated by their patronage and wish all a very happy and prosperous New Year.

The order of the Superintendent of the Rural Free Delivery system directing the postmasters to post in their respective offices correct lists of all persons served by routes radiating therefrom opens the gateway for floods of mail of all sorts and kinds to our rural neighbors. The medicine men, the novelty men, the cheap jewelry and merchandise men, all sorts of men, including the newspaper men, will get copies of these lists and send the people mail by the bushel. Hitherto, as we understand it, it has been the policy of the Post Office Department to protect its patrons against receiving all sorts of unsolicited mail by instructing postmasters not to furnish lists of names from among its patrons. But in the new order this policy is reversed. The theory is that the posting of lists of patrons will bring them larger volumes of mail and, in turn, greatly increase the amount of mail gathered up along the routes.

Over the proposition to place a memorial tablet in honor of Miss Winnie Davis in a Philadelphia Baptist church quite an ugly quarrel has arisen. In the first place it was an improper proposition to make. Miss Davis was not identified with Philadelphia or the Baptists. There was no overwhelming reason why a tablet to her memory should have been wanted in that particular church and this itself is one of the best of reasons why it should not have been thought of. However, it was thought of—and opposed. While the Richmond News takes about this same view of the matter it still regards the opposition to the tablet as narrow, and says:

When prejudice against the Confederacy is carried to the point where it includes enmity against a very charming and gentle girl, who has been dead all these years, the bitterness and rancor and meanness of it are inconceivable.

We are constrained to believe that the bad, narrow people who oppose this tablet should never have been allowed an opportunity to show their rancor and meanness, and as for the good people who oppose it, we prefer to believe that they intend by their attitude rather to rebuke those who proposed the unwise thing than to exhibit hostility to the memory of the very gentle soul who was the "Daughter of the Confederacy."

Miss Carrie Gaskins, the pretty Hatteras girl who disappeared after a visit to her brother at Virginia Beach was found Friday night at Lambert's Point and taken to her friends. She had gotten a place in a silk mill and worked all day and at night went over the death of her lover, Helen O'Neil, who died in October. Her mind is unbalanced, and she has been placed under the care of a physician in her sister's home.

Cash for Freight. Commencing January 1st, 1903, we will begin strict cash system. No freight nor express delivered to any one until all charges are paid. C. M. Nolan, Agt.

LINCOLN HILLS BOUGHT BY MR. R. C. G. LOVE.

It is a \$300,000 Plant—Change of Owners Effective January 1st.

Mr. J. A. Abernethy, of Lincoln, yesterday sold the Lincoln Cotton Mills, located near that town, to Mr. R. C. G. Love of Gastonia, the amount involved being approximately \$300,000.

The matter had been under consideration for some days, and yesterday the culmination of the negotiation occurred. The mills will pass into the hands of the new owner on January 1st, and there will, it is understood, be practically no change in their operation. Superintendent John Furness will continue in charge of the plant. This deal is of interest to Charlotte people for the reason that it is reported that Mr. Abernethy may go into business in this city.

The Lincoln Mills were built six years ago by Mr. Abernethy, being located at the site of the old Tiddy paper mills, on the South Fork of the Catawba river about two and a half miles from Lincoln, and within fifty feet of the present line of the Carolina & Northwestern Railroad. The mill operates 7,000 spindles and manufactures yarns from 40s to 60s, two-ply from Egyptian and long-staple cotton, and is what is termed a "fine-yarn" mill. About 250 hands are employed.

By the terms of yesterday's sale the entire plant, water-power rights, tenement houses, store, etc., are transferred. The mill was one of the pioneers in the finer yarn business in this section, and it has had the name among mill men of being an unusually successful plant.

Mr. Abernethy has been in the cotton mill business for almost twenty years, and retires after having been instrumental in establishing two flourishing plants on the South Fork of the Catawba, near Lincoln. In company with Mr. Daniel Rhyne he built the Laboratory Mills, about a half-mile above the mill which he has just sold, in a talling part of the machinery in the old Laboratory building operated during the civil war, and which gave the cotton mill its name. Six years ago he sold out his interest in this mill to his partner and established the Lincoln Mills with the idea that there was a good opening for finer yarn factories in this section and his experience has vindicated this judgment.

The purchaser of the Lincoln Mills, Mr. R. C. G. Love, is a well-known business man of Gastonia, who retired from mill management some years ago. He is the father of Mr. Jno. F. Love, one of the founders of the big Lory Mill, of Gastonia.

It is reported that Mr. Abernethy is figuring on making some investments in Charlotte property, and he was asked by an Observer representative if this were true. "I have not made any definite plans for the future," he replied, "and therefore cannot say what I shall do." It is known, however, that he has been interested in the business outlook here for some time, and he has many friends among the mill men and others who would welcome him to the city.

McADENVILLE.

Christmas has come and gone and now we are looking for the next holiday which is New Year.

Although Christmas was very cold still our people enjoyed themselves in various ways and will long remember the occasion. There was a Christmas ship at the Methodist church on the evening of the 24th and an entertainment by the Sunday school. The programme was one of the best ever arranged here and lasted about two hours and was enjoyed by a crowded house.

The Christmas tree and entertainment at the Baptist church was also enjoyed by a crowded house and was of unusual interest. The presents on both tree and ship were many and very valuable and consisted of toys and various ornamental and useful articles. There were many books from Mother Goose for children to the comprehensive commentary for the Bible student and nearly six hundred Sunday school scholars received their treat at the two churches besides numerous bags of candy, apples, oranges, bananas, etc., were given out to children who did not attend Sunday school and whom Santa Claus would have forgotten.

While there was so much rejoicing death had visited our town and had taken two of our citizens, Mrs. Maggie Lay and Mr. Guy, both of whom died about the same time early Wednesday morning and were buried Christmas day. Mrs. Lay had been an invalid all summer and fall having that dreadful disease, consumption. She was buried at Mountain Island Thursday. Mr. Guy's remains were taken to Concord Wednesday where he was interred Thursday. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved families in their sad bereavement.

Joy and sorrow seem to chase each other for while some mourn the loss of loved ones the marriage bells mingle their notes with the Christmas bells and two hearts are united and "beat as one."

Mr. James Turner and Miss Lena Simmons were united in the holy bonds of matrimony immediately after the entertainments Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's mother Mrs. Harriet Simmons, in Albany. This young couple are among McAdenville's best and most popular young people and are receiving the hearty congratulations of a host of friends.

All our people feasted on turkeys during the holidays. It was a common sight Wednesday to see a decapitated turkey at the different woodpiles and to hear the remark that "I got a turkey." These turkeys were a treat from the McAden mills and were appreciated by all; not a family was left out, it took 225 of them to go around. The McAden mills treat their employees this way every Christmas but a year ago they could not secure enough turkeys to go around but they gave every family a treat anyhow in cash. There are families here who have been here over twenty years and who have received these annual treats ever since they came.

Miss Katie Webb and Messrs V. P. Rankin and R. F. Cox were home from Catawba College and spent Christmas with home folks.

Mr. Frank Latimer a cadet from K. M. M. A. spent Christmas with his father Dr. J. R. Latimer.

Mr. M. A. Walters, of the C. M. I. was here Sunday. Mr. Frank D. Phillips was home from Rutherford College to spend the holidays with home folks and acquaintances. All these will return to their respective schools this week.

Our people had many visitors last week. We will give the names of some of them. Mr. E. H. Hooper, of Salisbury; Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Reid, of Jonesville, S. C.; Mr. M. K. McAllister, of Elm Grove; Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Turner, of Danville, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Wilson, Jr., of Greensboro; Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Tillman, of Charlotte; Mr. James Grisdale, of Concord; Mr. and Mrs. H. M. McAden, Charlotte; Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Adcock, Fort Mill, S. C.; Miss Nannie Moore, Charlotte; Messrs. W. A. Bentley and Wm. Jordan, Lenoir.

Among those who visited away were Mr. R. H. Fisher to Concord, Mr. G. K. Tate to Winston Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Howell to Gastonia, Mrs. Daisy Hall to Yorkville. There will be a Missionary Rally next week at the Methodist church beginning with Wednesday night and continuing every night the remainder of the week. Addresses will be made by Rev. R. G. Tuttle, Rev. T. F. Marr and Rev. G. H. Detwiler of Charlotte, and Rev. Dr. Weaver the Presiding Elder. Mrs. Weaver will organize a Woman's Missionary Society Sunday evening. A good time is expected.

The Legislature meets on the 30th of January.

CHERRYVILLE.

Ten offenders of the town laws have been arrested since Christmas eve. All except two were citizens of the town.

The Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist, and Lutheran Sunday schools gave a nice treat to all who attended the respective schools.

There was a Christmas tree Thursday evening in the old Lutheran church.

The Cherryville Cornet Band played on the streets on Christmas day.

Mr. Charlie Hewitt, of Catawba, is visiting at Mr. M. L. Rudisill's.

Prof. Stirwalt and Mr. P. D. Pence, of Lenoir College, are visiting at Mrs. S. S. Mauney's.

The Cherryville, Vivian, and Gaston Mfg. Co. gave all their operatives a nice treat Christmas day.

The little child of Mr. Hoke Huss has pneumonia, and is not expected to live.

There are several cases of fever in town but in a mild form.

If the people of Gaston county would petition the next Legislature to pass a law prohibiting the hunting and trapping of partridges it would be a wise thing, and we would not hear so much of the hessian fly in the wheat, for the partridge is its deadly enemy.

Dr. Thompson picked about 50 shot out of Jim Lee's shoulder and arm one day this week. Lee is a mulatto and lives in Lincoln county. He and another negro went to the residence of Dr. Bess one night this week and went into the house. Three or four neighbor boys were there picking the banjo and playing the violin. Lee became very abusive and was ordered out of the house. He went out and walked some distance away from the house, drew his pistol, extinguished his lantern remarking that he would get a man after while. Just about the time he extinguished his light and made the remark, a man got him with a load of shot. Lee gave a yell, and them made the bushes crack. He didn't wait to get a man. It is said Lee is a very bad negro. His wound is not a fatal one. It is not known who did the shooting.

At the home of the bride, this evening at 6 o'clock, Ephraim Stroup, Jr., and Miss Nora Dellinger, daughter of Mr. W. P. Dellinger, will be united in the holy bonds of matrimony, L. H. J. Houser, J. P. officiating.

The Model gin company at Cherryville ginned about 400 bales of cotton this season, and Stroup Bros' ginned about 120 bales.

AGRICULTURAL TOPICS.

NOTE—This Department is a special feature of THE GAZETTE. It is conducted by Mr. R. DEWITT MARTIN, the Gaston county correspondent of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, in the interest of our agricultural readers.

To-morrow winds up 1902, and day after to-morrow ushers in a new year. There is going to be a change in these "Topics." This is the last time your eyes will behold "Agricultural Topics." We propose to christen it "Agricultural Topics and Farm News and Views." "Agriculture is the Foundation of Manufacture and Commerce," will be our motto.

GOOD ROADS. The efforts toward bettering the highways are increasing. We expect to see good roads in Gaston county. The good roads crusade is bearing fruit. Our farmers are beginning to realize the advantages of good roads toward them. A practice has grown up in this county. Instead of sending criminals to the pen and putting them at trades, put them on the gang and make them build roads to benefit the public. This editor favors road taxation, but he don't favor paying the road tax and working the road to boot! The man who pays his road tax ought to be exempt from road duty. He pays tax to keep up the roads. The county ought to hire a squad of hands in addition to convict labor and build up these roads. Again, some portions of the county get all the convict labor and the balance gets none, are they going to be another three years going six miles? At the present rate of building, macadamizing, etc. it will be 1930 before the streets of Gastonia are macadamized. All six townships are taxed to build roads. All six townships ought to build their own roads.

NEW COUNTY WANTED.

We are in favor of making a new county in this State, called Gastonia county, with Gastonia as the county seat. Nothing would please us better, and we are not going to be quixotic, either. Be it respectfully submitted: Any well disposed persons can petition the Legislature in regard to the new county scheme. We want 400 square miles. We want 50 square miles of Cleveland, 200 of Gaston, 90 of Mecklenburg.

A fire at Rocky Mount Saturday morning burned six stores and will cost the insurance companies \$40,000.

LOWELL LETTER.

Mr. Hall Hand of Kershaw, S. C. is spending the holidays at home.

Mr. James Reid of Oak Ridge Institute is at home during the holidays.

Miss Virginia Robinson of the Presbyterian College in Charlotte is at home.

Miss Cora Gaston, of Belmont is visiting Miss May Gruchy.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin McClellan of Charlotte are visiting Mr. Jim McLellan of this place.

Miss Nellie Roseman visited in Gastonia last week.

Mr. Labe Lineberger of Georgia is spending the holidays at home.

Mr. Clem Lawrence is spending the holidays with homefolks at Mooresville N. C.

Mr. Oscar Hoffman's child has pneumonia.

Mr. John Landrum is visiting homefolks at Landrum, S. C.

The Author of "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" is a Mecklenburg Girl.

The Observer is informed that Alice Caldwell Hegan, the author of "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," one of the most widely read books of the year, is a native of this county. She is, or was, Miss Alice Caldwell, a daughter of Mrs. Celeste Caldwell, a granddaughter of the late Dr. Pinckney Caldwell, of this county, and a niece of Mrs. Katherine C. Guion, of this city.

ELITE SPECIALS!

All New Crop Goods: Nuts, Raisins, Currants, Citron, Dates, Prunes, Cheese, Macaroni, Maple Syrup, Buckwheat Flour, Shredded Wheat Biscuit, Malta Vita, Force, Ralston's Oats, Ralston's Breakfast Food, Ralston's Pancake Flour, Postum Cereal, Grape Nut, Saratoga Chips, Fine Coffee.

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Miss Ruddock. RECEIVER'S SALE.

By virtue of a Judgment of the Superior Court of Gaston County, North Carolina, at the November term, 1902, in an action wherein J. A. Pritchard was plaintiff and the Receiver City Mining and Manufacturing Company was defendant; and pursuant to the order of said Court in said judgment contained; I, Edgar W. Walker, Receiver of the said Receiver City Mining and Manufacturing Company, having duly called, have taken possession and acquired control of, and will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the Court House in the City of Gaston, North Carolina, at 12 o'clock noon, on Wednesday, February 13th, 1903,

all the right title and interest of the said Receiver City Mining and Manufacturing Company in and to the following named lots or parcels of land to-wit: Lot No. 11 in Block 14, section 3. Lot No. 22 and 23 in Block 14, section 3. Lot No. 24 in Block 24, section 3. Lot No. 1 and 2 in Block 21 in 11th section of the City of Gaston, North Carolina. Lot No. 1 and 2 in Block 21 in 11th section of the City of Gaston, North Carolina. Lot No. 1 in Block 100 in section 1. Lot No. 2 in Block 100 in section 1. Lot No. 1 in Block 100 in section 1. Lot No. 2 in Block 100 in section 1. Lot No. 1 in Block 100 in section 1. Lot No. 2 in Block 100 in section 1. All of said lots lying and being in the town of Gaston, North Carolina, in the County of Gaston, North Carolina, and are subject to the lien of a mortgage in favor of the said Receiver City Mining and Manufacturing Company, and are sold subject to said mortgage. EDGAR W. WALKER, Receiver.

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