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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.

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.

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 wept over the death of her lover, Helms 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 MILLS BOUGHT BY MR. R. C. G. LOVE.

It is a \$300,000 Plant—Change of Owners Effective January 1st. Charlotte Observer, 29th.

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.

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. J. F. Love, one of the founders of the big Lory Mill, of Gastonia.

Summer School Dates Changed. To the Editor of the Gazette: The A. & M. College Summer School for Teachers will begin July 1st instead of June 15th, and will last 4 weeks.

Civil Service Examinations. The U. S. Civil Service Commission reports that for the year ending June 30, 1902, there were 14,983 persons appointed from registers. This was 4,692 more than was ever before appointed in a single year.

A man in Duluth, Minn., who conducted a little confectionery fell down and froze to death with his arms full of Christmas presents for relatives. He was 55 years old and the thermometer was 20 below zero.

McADENVILLE.

Correspondence of the Gazette.

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.

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.

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.

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.

The Legislature meets on the 30th of January.

CHERRYVILLE.

Correspondence of the Gazette.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

AGRICULTURAL TOPICS.

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."

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NEW COUNTY WANTED. We are in favor of making a new county in this State, called Gastonia county, with Gastonia as the county seat.

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

LOWELL LETTER.

Correspondence of the Gazette.

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. Charlotte Observer, 29th.

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.

every drop a drop of comfort. Also a large assortment of Cakes, Candies, Crackers, etc. We have a sample of Langdon's five-pound Fruit Cake on exhibition.

The New Fall Millinery

You will find it at MISS RUDDOCK'S UP-STAIRS OVER MORRIS BROTHERS.

The new materials, the new styles, the new colors, and new combinations. And our knowledge, skill and taste are all at your service.

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...

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IDEAL HOLIDAY STOCK. Are you in doubt as to the fit thing to give at Christmas? Then you haven't seen the lovely things which GORMAN has brought to town for Holiday buyers. Watch for the announcement of our opening. J. H. GORMAN, JEWELER AND OPTICIAN.