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#### Miss Cynthia Lewis Dead.

Following an illness of two months or more from a general breakdown superinduced by infirmities incident to old age, Miss Cynthia Lewis passed away yesterday morning at 5 o'clock at the home of Mr. Wade Pursley, her great nephew, with whom she lived in the Union neighborhood. Prior to her last illness she had suffered from dropsy. She was 84 years of age and had resided all her life in this community. No brothers or sisters survive; "Uncle" Judson Lewis, a brother, died four or five years ago. Deceased was connected with some of the best families in the county and was held in high respect. Former County Treasurer J. R. Lewis, of Dallas, and Mr. Eli N. Lineberger, of Gastonia, are nephews. She was also related to the Smyres and Moores, of Gastonia. Following a funeral service at the home yesterday afternoon, the body was laid to rest in the family burying ground.

Mr. Frank Carrigan, aged 91, Cabarrus county's oldest citizen, died last week.

#### Bell Boy Stole \$45.

Clarence Duncan, a bell boy at the Falls House, was tried Saturday afternoon before Magistrate John F. Davis and S. S. Morris on a charge of larceny. He was found guilty and bound to Superior Court in the sum of \$50. In default of bond he was committed to jail to await trial. Manager J. A. Boyette, of the hotel, was the only witness for the State. Duncan, it seems, took \$45 from the clothing of Mr. J. L. Staley, a traveling man, while the latter was hurriedly preparing to catch a train. He did not discover his loss till he reached Bessemer City. He communicated with Mr. Boyette, who recovered the money from Duncan after slapping him several times. The negro said he was from Union, S. C. He has been at the Falls House since the 1st of February.

The Davidson College Glee Club, which was announced for an appearance at the opera house March 7th, will not be here on that night as the opera house has been secured for the city primaries, which are to be held on that date. However, the glee club will be here either the night after or the night before.

#### AMASSED A FORTUNE.

Late Mr. B. O. Jenkins Made Large Sum of Money in the Distillery Business but Was Forced Out by Watts Law.

Of Mr. B. O. Jenkins, whose sudden death at Chase City, Va., last Tuesday was chronicled in Friday's Gazette, the Clover correspondent of The Yorkville Enquirer says: "Mr. B. O. Jenkins died at his home near Chase City, Va., Wednesday morning and was buried at Bethany yesterday afternoon. He was a native of York county and for a number of years previous to the early eighties lived on his farm about two miles west of Clover. Quite early in life he commenced the distilling and selling of contraband liquor, and was quite successful in making and delivering the goods, and at the same time escaping the penalty of the law. Finally about 1883, after repeated efforts to put a stop to his work, the good people of this section decided that they neither could or would stand it any longer and notified Jenkins that he must either quit entirely or leave the county. He left and later located just over the line in Cleveland county, near Grover, N. C., where he established a government distillery and did an enormous business, and continued with varying experiences with the State and national government, often paying the latter large sums of money as the penalty for violating the law.

"After the passage of the Watts law in North Carolina, which prohibits whisky making or selling outside of incorporated towns of a certain size, he was forced to abandon his plant, but sought to establish it in Cherokee county, S. C., but owing to the fact that he could not get a site two miles or more from a church or public school, he was put out of business in this State. So far as is known he made no

further attempt to do business in that section. Later he invested largely in Virginia lands, and about a year ago moved to that State. At the time of his death he was about fifty-eight years old; He was twice married, and leaves nine children, six by his first wife and three by the last, the latter surviving him. He was quite successful in accumulating property, it being estimated that his estate is worth from \$150,000 to \$200,000.

#### "HIGH ART" CLOTHING.

Strouse & Bros. Expert Cutter and Fitter to be at Belk's for Four Days.

Mr. Albert Rodeman, an expert cutter and fitter from the big clothing house of Strouse & Brothers, for whom the J. M. Belk Company are the local representatives, will be in Gastonia Friday, Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 22, 23, 25 and 26. He will be at the Belk stores during this time and will be pleased to show samples of the newest and nobbiest goods and also take measurements.

"This is Mr. Rodeman's fourth successful season on the road in this territory," said Mr. T. B. Brown, manager of the J. M. Belk Company, to The Gazette reporter yesterday "We have built up a big trade on our 'High Art' Clothing," he continued, "and the eminent satisfaction which this brand of clothing has given is sufficient guarantee that Mr. Rodeman will be kept busy measuring for spring suits while he is in town. He will be here only for four days and it would be a good idea for all who desire to have him take their measure to come as early as possible."

#### NOTICE.

The Daughters of the Confederacy will meet in the library Friday, the 22nd, at 3 p. m. Mrs. E. H. TUTTLE, Recording Secretary.

#### LOCAL AFFAIRS.

It is only duty and justice to encourage your home paper, extend to it the nourishment to which it is entitled, pay your subscriptions promptly, and send a few extra copies to your relatives and friends at a distance. They will appreciate the favor and so will we.

The story is told that a certain woman was reading the matrimonial columns of a paper and remarked to her husband: "Here's a strange coincidence—a William Strange married to a Martha Strange." "Strange indeed," remarked her husband, "but I expect the next news will be a little stranger."

At the regular business meeting of the Epworth League Friday night the following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Mrs. L. A. States; first vice president, Mr. Joe Abernethy; second vice president, Mrs. R. J. Sifford; third vice president, Mr. Joseph H. Seark; secretary and treasurer, Mr. R. J. Sifford.

Sunday evening the Light Bearers Society of Main Street Methodist church will give an entertainment at the hour for the regular evening service. There will be recitations and songs and the opening of mite boxes. A collection will also be taken for the cause which the society represents.

The Gazette welcomes back to its advertising columns the well-known and reliable firm of Robinson Brothers, the shoemen. The Messrs. Robinson have been in business in Gastonia for a number of years and are well-known by the buying public. As will be seen from their ad in today's paper they have inaugurated, for a short time only, a twenty per cent reduction sale on men's and ladies' shoes.

His friends will learn with pleasure that Mr. J. Laban Wilson, of the Union neighborhood, is recovering from the effects of a recent operation in which he had one of his toes removed. It was feared that another would have to be amputated Sunday but the physicians decided that it was not necessary. For some months Mr. Wilson has been indisposed but his friends hope that he will soon be restored to his wonted health.

We know a father in a neighboring town in this county who used to talk to his boys as he did to vicious animals, and who used a strap on them at random. He said he was curbing their dispositions. In years to come every one of those lads went to the bad. In age they had no more respect for that father than they did for Satan. By some means a father should gain the love and admiration of his boys.

If you know of an item or a piece of news, tell us about it. That's what we want. But a newspaper man sometimes experiences more difficulty in gathering news than one would imagine. This was the case when a reporter in a neighboring town, who a few days ago was sent to write up a fire in a residence. Going to the door he inquired for the lady of the house. The maid said she was out. "Are any of the family at home?" inquired the scribe. "No, they are all out," was the reply. "Well, wasn't there a fire here last evening?" "Yes," said the hired girl, "but that's out, too."

There are but few editors in our State who have not made a vigorous and continuous fight against the city mail order house. This has been done in the interest of the home merchant, and without money and without price. If the editors of the land had received regular advertising rates for all they have said against these enemies of the country merchant they could now be swaying diamonds. Now the department store man appropriates advertising space and is willing to take all the average country editor has for sale, and at a good price. What other class of business or professional men would refuse business to help their friends, especially as many of said friends never seem in the least disposed to return the compliment or even appreciate it.

It wasn't a Missouri editor but a printer's devil who was going through his first experience on "making up" forms. The paper was late and the boy got the galleys mixed. The first part of the obituary notice of a pecunious citizen had been dumped in the forms, and the next handful of type came off a galley describing a recent fire. It read like this: "The pall bearers lowered the body to the grave and as it was consigned to the flames there were few if any regrets, for the old wreck had been an eyesore to the town for years. Of course there was individual loss, but that was fully covered by insurance." The widow thinks the editor wrote the obituary that way because the lamented partner of her joys and sorrows owed him five years' subscription.

We are not given to boasting but we are proud of the farmer boys of this vicinity. They are, with rare exceptions, a healthy, intelligent and happy class of young men. We feel like taking out but clean off when we meet them upon the streets, and no class is more welcome to our office. Too many boys leave the farm where they would have made substantial and good citizens, and go to the city where only one in a thousand succeed in life's battle. There are farmers who fairly drive their boys away. There is no excuse for this. The farmer boy is entitled to his vacations, to several relaxations, his visits to the city, good books, magazines and his home papers. To the observing one it is plain to be seen that the old farm is the best place in the world for the average young man and never fails to bring a happier and more useful life than the city. Young men, you who till the soil and earn your bread by the sweat of your brow, we are proud of you; our latchstring is always out to you and will always have a friend in this paper. Come, and see us and give us the news from your neighborhood.

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