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BURIED AT LOWELL

Body of Mr. R. A. Wilson Laid to Rest There—New Meat Market—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
LOWELL, Jan. 10.—The remains of Mr. Robert Wilson who died in the hospital at Gastonia Saturday morning were brought to the home of Mr. James Wilson, his son, Saturday afternoon and were buried in the cemetery here Sunday afternoon. The funeral services were conducted by Revs. R. A. Miller and Robert Howie, of McAdenville. Mr. Reid and wife, a daughter of the deceased, from Forest City, attended the funeral.

Miss Laura Featherston, whose illness has been noted from time to time, is still at St. Peter's Hospital and is very much improved.—Mr. William Hinson and family, of Cleveland county, have moved here to live.—Mr. Frank Phillips has opened up a meat market in the Teague building.—Mr. James Miller, who has been the guest of his sister, Mrs. M. J. Campbell, for several days, returned to his home near Pineville Monday.—Mr. T. P. Rankin was a Gastonia visitor Friday.—Mr. James W. Pharr, of Charlotte, was in town on business Friday.—Mr. Robert Groves was a Dallas visitor Thursday.—Mr. S. J. Hand visited relatives in Gastonia Thursday.—Miss Vernie Funderburk was a Gastonia shopper Thursday.—Rev. R. A. Miller was in Lincolnton Thursday at a meeting of the trustees of Westminster School.—Mr. John Hoffman, Sr., Mr. Lafayette Hoffman and family, of Coolesee, are visiting relatives here this week.—Mrs. M. A. Cloninger, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. O. Cashion, left last week for Spartanburg to visit relatives.—Mr. Chappell, of Atlanta, Ga., was in town on business Friday.—Miss Ethel Teague gave a party to her young friends Friday night.

Buys Farm.

Mr. J. Frank McArver has bought the Craig place on the Pleasant Ridge road. It contains 38 acres and the price paid was \$2,000, a little more than \$52 per acre. In the year 1858 this land sold for \$2 per acre and in 1870 for \$4 per acre. holders of the Morowegg Mill will

—There was an old-time singing last night at the home of Mr. Boyce Whitesides in the Pisgah neighborhood.

THE HONOLULU STUDENTS.

Bringing with them the romance and melody of the land of tropical flowers, the Honolulu Students will appear in the opera house on Wednesday, January 12, under the auspices of the Radcliffe Entertainment Bureau and before an audience that promises to be one of the largest of the season will present a novel program which has scored a tremendous hit in several of the largest cities of the North.

The Honolulu Students are what their name represents—a sextette selected from the public schools and colleges of the Hawaiian capital, chosen for their marked ability as vocal and instrumental musicians. Originally organized for home use the sextette was induced two or three years ago to pay a brief visit to the United States and met with such pronounced success that it has been here ever since. Following this a new feature was added to the program and Frank Bean, an expert stereopticon operator from Boston, was engaged to present at the close of each performance a group of Hawaiian views, beautifully colored by native artists.

With this special number, a distinct novelty in itself, the students have now for some months been touring the country, changing their musical program from time to time and everywhere enjoying great popularity. The concert here will be equal to the best they have produced in any of the big cities. There will be vocal sextettes, quartettes, duets, and solos in classical and Hawaiian music together with instrumental selections on guitars, violins, flutes and the native "Ukulele" and "tara-patch." The singers all have splendid voices and appear very effectively in stage settings typical of tropical moonlight and other scenes. The contralto solo work of Mme. Anahia deserves special mention in this connection.

MILL MEETINGS

Stockholders of Number of Local Cotton Mill Corporations Hold Their Annual Sessions, Electing Officers, Declaring Dividends and Transacting Other Business.

A large majority off the local cotton mill corporations hold their annual meetings in January and several of these come off this week. A partial list of the meetings of this kind scheduled for the immediate future are mentioned below.

Yesterday the stockholders and directors of the Modena Mills met in annual session in the uptown offices when reports were heard from the various officers and routine business was transacted. Mr. D. M. Jones was elected a member of the board of directors to succeed Mr. L. L. Jenkins. Mr. T. L. Craig was chosen vice president to succeed Mr. L. L. Jenkins. With these exceptions the old officers were elected, viz: President, Mr. J. O. White; vice president, Mr. T. L. Craig; secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. B. Moore.

Wednesday, (tomorrow) stockholders of the Morowegg Mill will hold their annual meeting as will those of the Trenton Mill, the latter being appointed for 2 p. m.

Thursday the Arlington Mill's stockholders and directors will meet in annual session.

Next Monday, the 17th, the stockholders and directors of the Flint Mill will hold their annual meeting. On the first of January this mill paid a semi-annual dividend of five per cent. During the year 1909 two thousand spindles were added to the equipment of the Flint and it has had a very satisfactory year.

The Gray Manufacturing Company holds its annual stockholders and directors' meetings next Tuesday, the 18th.

Yesterday the Clara Manufacturing Company's stockholders and directors held their annual meeting in their up-town offices. The old officers were re-elected as follows: President and treasurer, C. B. Armstrong; vice president, C. M. Dunn; secretary, W. T. Rankin; directors, C. B. Armstrong, C. M. Dunn, W. T. Rankin, V. E. Long and R. P. Rankin. A five per cent semi-annual dividend was declared. This mill has had a very satisfactory year. It has been in operation for three years and has paid regularly a semi-annual dividend of five per cent. The Dunn Manufacturing Company holds its meeting in September. In October it paid a semi-annual dividend of five per cent. This factory has been in operation just a year this month.

Major W. T. Patterson Dead.

Major Wylie Thomas Patterson, for 27 years bursar of the University, died yesterday morning at Chapel Hill after a lingering illness. He was retired from active work last summer on a Carnegie foundation pension. He was born in Orange county, near Chapel Hill, in 1841. He served with distinction in the Confederate army.

Mr. Michael Plonk Dead.

Sunday night at his home near Newton Mr. Michael Plonk died at the age of 80 years. He had been in declining health for some time. Mr. Plonk was a native of Lincoln county, near Crouse, and was the last of his family. He moved to Florida early in life and married there, leaving several children living in that State. Later he returned to North Carolina and married a second time, his wife being Miss Sallie Carpenter, of Lincoln county. In 1883 she died and later Mr. Plonk married a third time, his wife being Miss Jane Cresimore, who survives him.

—Mr. L. L. Jenkins who, with Mrs. Jenkins, is spending the winter in New York city, is here for a short time attending the annual meetings of the stockholders and directors of a number of cotton mills with which he is connected and looking after other business matters. He will probably be here for two weeks or more.

—Messrs. Griffin & Beatty is the name of a new firm that will open a retail and wholesale grocery business in a few days in the store room in the Jenkins block just vacated by Mr. Joseph Adams, who now occupies a room in the Davis block on the opposite side of the street.

PRAYING GROUND

Rev. G. D. Herman Preaches Strong Sermon on Religious Topic of Vital Interest—Conditions That Must be Met in Order to be on Praying Ground.

At main Street Methodist church Sunday night the pastor, Rev. G. D. Herman, preached a strong sermon on the subject "Praying Ground and Pleading Terms," a phrase which he had, he said, often heard men open their petitions when praying in public. He was heard by a rather small but thoroughly interested congregation. The discourse was a logical effort to define praying ground and to determine when and under what conditions one is on that ground.

Mr. Herman said, in part: "Prayer will make a man quit sinning or sin will make a man quit praying." Sin and prayer will not mix. They are mutually exclusive.

Prayer implies a God to give. The God-consciousness is world-wide and age-long—universal. It is innate and abiding. It is found in the civilized and the savage. The superstitions and idolatries of the heathen are but the misdirected and perverted manifestations of this inbred God-consciousness. Unless nature has told a monumental lie, there is an Almighty God, good, able, and willing to hear and answer prayer.

Now, let it be understood, prayer does not change God. He has always been, now is, and ever will be supremely good. He does the best possible for every man whether that man prays or not. But God cannot give the best gifts to those who do not pray. Prayer does not change God, but it does change men and conditions and events. Prayer makes it possible for God to do for us what would otherwise be impossible. All things are possible to real faith, but faith is begotten by the Holy Spirit in the praying heart. Therefore, "men ought always to pray."

PRAYING GROUND.

When a boy I used to hear certain men begin their prayers in public on this fashion: "We thank Thee, O God, that we are still on praying ground." But knowing some of those men as I did, I have seriously doubted their being on "praying ground and pleading terms." When is a man on "praying ground?" This is an important matter. I want to answer it correctly.

1. No man is on praying ground until he is willing and anxious to do right,—which means that he is willing to obey God. The deep, abiding, purpose to do right lifts a man out of the miry clay, and above the malarial fogs of sin and unbelief, and places him on praying ground. The Book says: "Cleanse your hands ye sinners, and purify your hearts, ye double-minded; draw nigh unto Me and I will draw nigh unto you." The prayer that is not born of the purpose to be right and to do right is tainted with sin,—and will not bring an answer of peace.

2. No man is on praying ground until he is willing for God to do for his enemy that which he wants God to do for him. You must be willing and anxious for God to give your enemy the good things that you ask for yourself. This is necessary because your enemy may be God's friend. In fact God is as much interested in your enemy as He is in you. Jesus died for all; and He is not willing that any should perish. Do you pray for health? Then pray for your enemy's health. Do you pray for a pure heart? Then pray as earnestly that God give your enemy a pure heart. This is loving your enemy.

3. No man is on praying ground, unless he would do for his enemy (supposing he had the power) gladly, joyfully, the very thing he is asking God to do for him, provided that was the thing his enemy wanted and needed. God deals with us very much like we would deal with our enemies, if we had the power. Some would use God's power for nothing but lightning to blast their enemies. "With what measure ye mete it shall be measured to you again." "Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy." Pray for your enemies as earnestly as you ought to pray for yourself, and then you are on "praying ground and pleading terms."

4. Thus it is clear that prayer im-

DESERTS FAMILY

Woman Deserts Husband, Children and Home to Go With "Unknown Tongue" Crowd—Others Have Also Been Led Astray—A Bad State of Affairs.

Another desertion of home, family and friends to run after strange gods came to light a few days ago when it became publicly known that a woman who lived near the Arlington Mill, had departed from Gastonia in company with some of the "Unknown Tongue" crowd.

This is one instance of quite a number that have occurred in Gastonia and suburbs since this strange religious (?) sect made its appearance here a year or more ago. Mention of at least one instance has been previously made in these columns and The Gazette has it on good authority that the baneful influence of these people has led numbers of persons astray, mostly young girls and occasionally married women.

The woman's whereabouts are not known and it only leaked out that she had disappeared the latter part of last week. That she had for some time been showing a growing interest in "unknown tongueism" was known, however, and there is no doubt that it was through the influence of some of the preachers of this sect that she was induced to forsake those who were nearest and dearest to her and who were dependent in no small degree upon her.

That the "unknown tongue" sect has corrupted the morals of numbers of people here and that it has actually ruined the lives of several young girls is vouched for by substantial and influential citizens who have in a quiet way waged warfare against them. Two or three mill sections in Gastonia have barred the representatives of this so-called religious body from their premises and it would undoubtedly be better for the town and the people if they were given marching orders.

Gen. J. S. Carr.

Statesville Landmark.

The most liberal man in North Carolina is General Julian S. Carr, of Durham. His liberality is not circumscribed by race or creed; neither does he try to buy public opinion for a purpose. A few times he has asked for political honors and has been turned down. He is not soured but he goes on giving with an open hand for the love of giving and the love of his fellowman. A few years ago General Carr was at Montreat (Presbyterian headquarters) on business for his denomination (the Methodists). While he was there the Presbyterians were trying to raise money to send a number of missionaries abroad. Many volunteers were ready to go and the means were lacking. It was announced that the cost of equipment and passage money for each missionary was \$400. When subscriptions were being called for Gen. Carr announced that he would pay for one—\$400. "You're a Methodist, General," said one of his acquaintances. "Oh, that doesn't matter," was the reply; and it didn't. The other day when a canvass was being made among the Presbyterians of Durham for the Davidson College endowment fund, Gen. Carr subscribed \$1,000 to endow a ministerial scholarship in honor of his former trade-in-arms, Col. W. J. Martin, long a member of the Davidson faculty. These instances could be multiplied by the hundred—and his help of the poor by the thousand.

plies world-wide sympathies and high moral purposes. Our God is too good and too great to become a partner in a selfish and sinful enterprise. Some men are so depraved that they would use God as they would use a slave, that is, for self-interest. If you would have God hear and answer your prayers, link yourself by faith—a faith that enables you to do right—to God's eternal purpose in Christ Jesus to save a ruined race from sin and hell.

5. Prayer is an infallible index to our inner life, to our moral character, our spiritual manhood. No man can live higher or broader or deeper, or better than he prays. "Real prayer is communion and union with God, and so illuminates our spirits that we can see things from God's view-point."

SERIOUSLY SHOT

Operative of Anna Cotton Mill Badly Wounded in Pistol Fight.

News reached Gastonia yesterday of a serious shooting scrape which took place at the Anna Cotton Mill, formerly known as Baker's Mill, near Crowders Mountain, Saturday, when Bob Todd, one of the mill operatives, was badly wounded by a bullet fired from a pistol in the hands of Hugh Jackson, another white man.

It is said that the difficulty arose over a poker game. Jackson escaped to South Carolina soon after the shooting and diligent search is now being made for him at the instance of the Gaston county authorities. Todd is about 30 years old and unmarried, while Jackson is somewhat older and has a family. The wounded man was attended by Dr. J. G. Hord, of Kings Mountain, who states that the wound is quite serious and that there are only slim chances of his recovery.

Leases Shelby Plant.

Mr. G. H. Marvin, the "Coca-Cola" man, has leased the plant of the Coca-Cola Bottling Company at Shelby and will operate it in the future under the name of the Shelby Coca-Cola Bottling Works. He took charge of it the first of January. Mr. Marvin will divide his time between the Gastonia plant and the one at Shelby. His many friends will be glad to know that this move does not mean that Mr. Marvin is to be lost to Gastonia. He will continue to reside here. He has made a very decided success with the Gastonia plant and that he will do the same with this new venture is assured. With long experience in this field of work he knows it thoroughly and to his knowledge he adds that quality which always makes for success, namely "hustle." He has at Shelby an excellent territory and that he will, to paraphrase the slogan of a well-known Southern paper published in Mr. Marvin's home town, "cover Cleveland like the dew" with Coca-Cola, is not to be doubted.

PINCHOT DISMISSED.

President Taft Summarily Discharges Chief Forester and Associates from Government Service—Political Situation Tense—Insurgents Win a Victory Over Cannon.

Saturday's papers carried to the reading public the details of a series of events transpiring in Washington which border on the sensational. Friday night Gifford Pinchot, chief forester and intimate friend of Roosevelt, was dismissed from the government service as were Associate Forester Overton W. Price and Assistant Law Officer Alexander C. Shaw. The latter is a North Carolinian. The President's action followed the reading in the Senate on Friday by Senator Dooliver of a letter from Mr. Pinchot and Mr. Taft declined to listen to his advisors who counseled that he overlook the forester's violation of executive orders pending the outcome of the investigation of the Pinchot-Ballinger contest which has just been inaugurated.

A notable happening of Friday in the House of Representatives was the defeat of a resolution giving Speaker Cannon power to appoint the House members of the committee to investigate the Department of the Interior, the defeat being accomplished by a combination of Democrats, insurgent Republican and friends among the regular Republicans of Mr. Pinchot. The measure was lost by a narrow margin of three votes but for once Cannon failed to carry the day.

Mr. Pinchot was silent on the subject, reserving what he had to say, if anything, to a later date. In taking his departure from his office, Mr. Pinchot told his associates in the forestry work to hold to the standards that have been set and never forget that they are serving a much greater master than the department of agriculture or the administration. He declared that the conservation of our forests is his life-work and that he will not abandon it. He still declined to discuss the President's action in dismissing him. The dismissal of Pinchot and the investigation of the Pinchot-Ballinger controversy threaten serious developments in the ranks of the administration and the Republican party as a whole. Its ultimate outcome will be watched with interest.

Personals and Locals.

—Mr. Jake Rudisill, of Shelby, is here to help conduct the sale at the Thomson Mercantile Co's. store.

—Miss Myrtle Nolen left yesterday for Newbern on a visit to her sister, Mrs. N. W. Lumpkin.

—Messrs. R. C. Kennedy and W. M. Froneberger, of Bessemer City, were in Gastonia on business yesterday.

—Miss Annie Belle Finger, of Charlotte, spent Sunday in Gastonia as the guest of her sister, Mrs. R. C. Williams, at the Pegram House.

—Mrs. Theodore Pegram, of Charlotte, spent Sunday in Gastonia with her sister, Mrs. W. L. Gallant, and went to Yorkville yesterday on a visit to other relatives.

—Wednesday night at the opera house the "Honolulu Students." This is one of the lyceum attractions and is highly recommended by the advance press notices.

—Dr. Mc. G. Anders leaves tonight for New York city where he will spend several weeks attending a special course of lectures on medicine.

—Mr. C. A. Blanton, of the Singer Sewing Machine Company, left yesterday morning on a business trip to Shelby, Rutherfordton and other points.

—Miss Mary Marshall Martin, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. G. McLean, on West Third avenue, left Saturday afternoon for Charlotte.

—Dr. W. H. Hoffman has qualified as administrator of the estate of his wife, the late Mrs. E. B. Hoffman, and gives notice of the fact in the legal advertisement department of The Gazette.

—Miss Tillie Baber, of Shelby, who spent several days last week with Mrs. W. N. Davis, left Saturday on a visit to friends in Yorkville. She was accompanied to Yorkville by Mrs. T. M. Smythe.

—Messrs. E. Whitesides and J. J. Gamble having qualified as executors of the estate of the late A. J. Gamble, give notice to those having claims against the estate or who are indebted to same in the legal ads of The Gazette, beginning today.

—In the auditorium at the Central school building Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock the Woman's Betterment Association will hold its regular meeting. At this time the annual election of officers will be held and a full attendance of members is desired.

—Mr. Robert Alexander Wilson died at the City Hospital early Saturday morning after a brief illness, death being due to heart failure. He was taken to the hospital Friday afternoon in a critical condition. Mr. Wilson conducted a small store in East Gastonia and was ill in his room there when found by friends. He was 60 years old. The body was taken to Lowell Saturday for burial. Deceased was the father of Mr. J. M. Wilson, of Lowell, and Mr. R. A. Wilson, Jr., of McAdenville.

—Workmen are busily engaged in rearranging the interior of the store rooms of Mr. H. Schelder. The upstairs is being fitted up to accommodate the clothing department and the dry goods and ladies' furnishing department will occupy the downstairs. A portion of the second floor is occupied by offices, among the number being those of Dr. R. M. Reid, Dr. A. Stovall, Magistrate T. H. White and the Catawba Mutual Life Insurance Co. All the wood work is being repainted, skylights have been put in and other improvements made.

—The Gazette is in receipt of the program for the unveiling of the bust of William A. Graham in the hall of the House of Representatives at the State Capitol Wednesday, January 12th, at 8 p. m., by the North Carolina Historical Commission. Following is the program: Address, "William A. Graham," by Frank Nash; "The Value of Historical Memorials in a Democratic State," Thomas W. Mason; presentation of the bust by the chairman of the Historical Commission, J. Bryan Grimes; acceptance by the Governor of North Carolina W. W. Kitchin; unveiling. The commission is composed of the following gentlemen: J. Bryan Grimes, chairman, Raleigh; W. J. Peeler, Raleigh; Thomas W. Blount, Roper; M. C. S. Noble, Chapel Hill; D. H. Hill, Raleigh; R. D. W. Connor, secretary, Raleigh.