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OVER GASTON.

Lowell Locals.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

LOWELL, Jan. 18.—The severe weather has been productive of bad colds and a number of people are sick but none seriously.—Mrs. John E. Reid, who has been suffering from a sprained and fractured ankle for nearly four weeks, is still confined to her room, but is getting along nicely and we hope she may soon be able to walk.—Miss Edith Robinson, of the Presbyterian College, who has been sick for several days, came home Saturday to recuperate. Mrs. S. M. Robinson went to Charlotte Saturday to accompany her home.—Mrs. L. E. Rankin was a Gastonia visitor Thursday.—Mrs. Frank Robinson has been indisposed for the past week.—Mr. B. F. Leonhardt was a business visitor in Gastonia Thursday.—Mr. Arthur Perkins has moved here from Mooresville and bought out the Ursery Bottling Works.—Misses Virginia and Kate Robinson attended the mill-end sale in Gastonia Friday.—Miss Nina Patrick spent the week-end with homefolks.—Mrs. Wade H. Holmes and Mrs. S. M. Robinson were Gastonia shoppers Thursday. Messrs. John Groves and Laban Rankin drove through the country to Charlotte Thursday.—Misses Mabel and Frank Leonhardt and Miss Lelia Baker were Gastonia shoppers Saturday.—Mr. William Jenkins and Mrs. Kelly Lewis were Gastonia visitors Thursday.—Mrs. M. A. Cloninger returned from Spartanburg Saturday and is with Mrs. W. O. Cashin this week.

McAdenville Matters.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

McADENVILLE, Jan. 17.—Mr. M. S. Pence, of Richland, spent several days here last week with his brother, Mr. N. F. Pence.—Mr. J. L. Weber spent Sunday in Charlotte with homefolks.—Mr. Thomas Smith, of Charlotte, was here Monday on business.—Mr. L. W. Jenkins spent Sunday with relatives at Stanley Creek.—Mr. R. R. Ray spent Sunday in Gastonia.—Mr. E. S. Ray has moved to Gastonia where he has accepted a position with the Holland Mill as night superintendent.—Miss Mary Jane Johnston is spending the week at Coolemeec.—Mr. J. T. McAden visited in Charlotte Saturday.—Mr. I. F. Mabry spent Saturday in Charlotte.—Mr. N. F. Pence and brother spent Saturday and Sunday with friends at Bessemer City.—Mrs. T. A. Stewart and Mrs. J. H. Norton, of Mayesworth, spent Saturday here with Mrs. J. C. Walker.—Mrs. Bettie Cole, of Hickory, is spending some time here with her sister, Mrs. Nancy Reeves.—Mr. Trawick, of Belmont, was here Monday.

The "Unknown Tongue" people started a meeting here last week but for some reason broke up and departed. McAdenville doesn't want any "unknown tongueism."

Torrence-Pearson.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Pearson, in the Pisgah neighborhood, at 6:30 o'clock on Wednesday evening, January 12th, Mr. Oscar Torrence and Miss Mabel Pearson were united in marriage, the ceremony being impressively pronounced in the presence of a large number of the friends and acquaintances of the popular young people by Rev. A. T. Lindsay, pastor of the Pisgah Associate Reformed Presbyterian church. The bride's costume was a handsome gray tailor suit with hat to match. There was a large number of beautiful presents, which were but a token of the high esteem in which Mr. and Mrs. Torrence are held by their wide circle of friends. Immediately after the ceremony the happy couple went to the groom's home and on Thursday a dinner was given in their honor at the home of the groom's father, Mr. C. E. Torrence, near Gastonia.

Sans Souci Club.

The Sans Souci Club was most delightfully entertained Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Mrs. W. B. Morris at her home on Second avenue. Only members of the club were present. Delicious refreshments were served in courses, and the afternoon was pleasantly spent in playing the popular game of "Forty-Two."

TROLLEY TALK.

More or Less Speculation Regarding New Electric Line from Mount Holly to Gastonia—Seeking a One Per Cent Grade—Four C's May Abandon Project of Running Line to River and thence to Gastonia.

About the most common topic of conversation in Gastonia just now is the new trolley line which is to connect Gastonia with Mount Holly and Charlotte and grading for which began on Franklin avenue in Gastonia the last week in December. One hears it mentioned on the streets every day and more often than otherwise the conversation takes the turn of interrogations.

For instance "Why does the Piedmont Traction Company want a one per cent grade, or as near that as can be obtained?" is a sample question.

The answer to this question will be found in the following paragraph from a story which appeared in The Charlotte Observer of Saturday, the 15th, which reads as follows:

"The interests of the Southern Power Company have contended that their operations would be centered particularly on the freight business and that the building up of this phase of the interurban development would be their chief burden, but they must at the same time give attention to the passenger demands. The freight feature will of course be given the preeminence, all railroads being dependent upon this business for any profits that may accrue in their ventures, but in order to operate under the franchises given, it will be essential that the passenger intrets be given attention also."

In the story it is explained that the Southern Power Company is largely interested in this trolley corporation, which fact has been no secret.

If The Observer's story is correct, and we take it that it is, it is self-evident that the company is making its grades, both through the country and in town, with reference to making the system primarily a freight-carrying road. Passenger service will be a secondary matter and, judging from the general tone of the above excerpt from The Observer's story, we may expect a passenger car tacked on to the end of most every string of freight cars that come into Gastonia over the Franklin avenue line from Mount Holly, where direct connection will be had with the Seaboard Air Line. In the light of these facts, taking for granted The Observer is right in its supposition, Gastonia may expect only such passenger service as will enable the company to hold on to its franchise. That anything like an adequate regular trolley passenger service is to be established seems hardly to be expected. On the other hand Gastonia will doubtless be benefitted by this additional freight service, having, as will be the case when the line is completed, close connection with the Seaboard Air Line Railroad at Mount Holly.

Another question that has been often asked is "Why has the traction company surveyed its line so as to miss Lowell, McAdenville and Belmont?" The answer to this question simply strengthens the supposition already mentioned that the road is to be primarily a freight-carrying road. According to the present survey no passenger business whatever will come to the road from the towns just mentioned. The object seems to have been to get to Mount Holly from Gastonia by about the shortest route possible without reference to passenger trade whatever.

Since work began on the grading in Gastonia the company's surveyors have been busy about Gastonia and their movements have given rise to the rumor that a branch switch line is to be built to the southern end of town where there are two mills and also one north of the Old Mill. A great many Gastonia people are wondering just what the system is going to be like when completed; in the meantime the railroad people are "sawing wood and saying nothing" and many property owners along Franklin avenue and elsewhere are wondering what that thoroughfare will look like when the grading is completed and the freight-carrying railroad is completed.

In this connection it is of interest to chronicle the fact that the Four C's. Company is seriously considering the abandonment of its pro-

BADLY INJURED.

Mr. Burt Detter, Conductor of Construction Train, Suffers Broken Leg and Other Injuries in Collision of His Train With Shifter.

Mr. Burt Detter, of Dallas, conductor on the Southern's construction train which has been at work ditching near town for some weeks, was right badly injured yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock when his train collided with a shifting engine on a siding at the Ozark Mill.

It seems that the construction train was running backward at a pretty good speed to report the track clear for No. 12, when it ran into the open switch where the shifter had just entered to clear the track, and the train collided with the shifting engine with considerable force. Mr. Detter was on the rear flat of his train, and was thrown to the ground by the force of the collision, which also demolished the flat car. His injuries consist in a broken leg and bad cuts and bruises about the head.

He was taken at once to a local hospital, where it is reported that he is resting well today. Mr. Detter is a son of Mr. G. W. Detter, an inspector for the Southern Railway on the Charleston division, who was reached by wire at Rock Hill last night and came at once to Gastonia to be with his son. The injured man is a brother of Mr. Earl Detter, of Bessemer City.

The Torrens System.

Charlotte Chronicle.

The South Carolina legislature will be urged to pass a law providing the Torrens system of registering titles in that State. The system in vogue there is as loose and unsatisfactory as it is in North Carolina and as an instance of how it operates, the Spartanburg Journal says that a few days ago it was desired by an attorney of that city to trace the title of a lot on North Church street. There was one link gone in the chain and he had little hope of finding it. Suppose that John Smith had taken out a grant for one thousand acres of land in 1770. In the first place the grant may be recorded in Raleigh for this part of the country, and was once latched on to Tryon county, N. C. That tract afterward may have been divided and sold to several purchasers, and there may have been a dozen transfers since the original grant. It may be easy to understand how difficult it would be to trace 50 acres of that original tract, or even a city lot 60 by 200 feet back to the grant. It is explained by The Journal, as it has been explained by all the papers that the owner of a tract of land makes application to the special officer for register. His land is advertised for a certain time. If there are no claims against it and there is no objection made by any one, then his title is recorded on a special book. After that examination of titles need not go beyond that. It will require no conveyancer to make the examination. The only expenses will be a small fee and the cost of advertising. The adoption of the Torrens system ought to make one of the qualifications for legislative candidacy.

For the last fiscal year the exports of petroleum and its products from the United States amounted to 1,483,867,813 gallons, valued at \$101,983,107, as compared with 1,390,037,369 gallons, valued at \$101,165,164, for the preceding fiscal year.

The founder of the new tribe of Western boomers died the other day at Salt Lake City. He was Fisher S. Harris, the man who ventured the phrase, "See Europe if you will, but see America first," and who called the convention of Western Governors and commercial men which gave it vogue.

ected line from Charlotte to Mount Holly and thence to Gastonia. This line has already been extended to the Hoskins Mill settlement and the company had purchased a large tract of land on the Catawba with the intention of creating there a park, half way between Charlotte and Gastonia, which would have served as a playground for those two towns and a half dozen others. The Observer states that this rumor has not been officially confirmed but the general belief is that the Four C's. will abandon the project and confine itself to Charlotte and its immediate suburbs.

GOOD RESULTS.

Reports of Officers of Woman's Betterment Association Show That Organization Accomplished Much in 1909—Election of Officers—Details of Regular Business Session.

(Reported for The Gazette.)

The Woman's Betterment Association held its monthly meeting in the Central graded school auditorium Friday afternoon, January 14th. As this was the last meeting of the year, the different committees made their annual reports. As this organization is but a year old, the women were greatly encouraged by what has been done. We feel that we have laid a firm foundation for future work. Beginning with a few members, there are now over three hundred active and honorary members. For the benefit of the honorary members and for those who were not present Friday afternoon, a resume of the work follows:

The treasurer's report shows that we still owe something over \$200. When we consider the fact that the work that has been done cost over \$500 we take courage and press onward. The managers of the skating rink, without solicitation, will give us part of their proceeds. The association tendered its thanks to these gentlemen by a rising vote. As has been before stated in these columns, the Abernethy-Shields Drug Company will give 10 per cent of their gross sales the first week they are in their new quarters. There is a plan on foot to get up a cook book and sell it for the benefit of the association. Then every one is looking forward to the flower show to be given next fall.

Mrs. La Far, as chairman of the sanitary committee, said that a city physician had been secured for the school children. They have all been examined to see if any had contagious diseases. The school rooms have been fumigated once a quarter and the grounds have been drained. It has been recommended by this committee that each child have his own drinking cup and that lectures be given from time to time in the auditorium by dentists and physicians.

Mrs. J. K. Dixon reported for the building committee. They have contributed \$25 on the stage scenery and had the windows of the auditorium stained. They hope to be able to buy a piano and other furniture for the stage in the near future.

Mrs. E. C. Wilson read the report of the civic committee. This committee sent recommendations to the board of aldermen for the improvement of the town, which were accepted by that body. The garbage cans on Main street are an improvement on the old way of doing. The depot in the future will be better kept as a maid has been put there for that purpose.

Mrs. J. C. Latham's report for the grounds committee was read. This has been the most important of all the committees for the past year as all energies were bent in that direction. The women hope to finish the grounds during the coming year. The grass and shrubbery will be planted and as the trees have already been set out, we feel sure that the work will give general satisfaction. The Betterment Association would like to thank every one who has in any way contributed to the improvement of these grounds although there are many children at the Central graded school, the grounds are not abused by them. They seem to take pride in keeping them clean. Some of the boys gave part of their Christmas holiday and hauled sand and gravel given by different men. The stone steps given by Messrs. J. L. Beal, C. L. Grigg, J. E. McAllister, P. R. Huffstetler and D. A. Page have not been placed as yet on account of the cold weather. The women appreciate these donations.

A rising vote of thanks was given all those who so kindly helped in the recent play, "Alice in Wonderland." The women realize that it meant a sacrifice on the part of a great many and they feel very grateful to those who rendered their assistance.

The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Mrs. R. M. Johnston, president;

LAYMEN SPEAK.

Delegates Who Attended Greensboro Convention Hold Service at Main Street Methodist Church and Gave Their Impressions of That Great Gathering—Heard by a Large and Interested Congregation.

Sunday night's church service in Gastonia was turned over to the laymen, the meeting being in the nature of a union service held at Main Street Methodist church and the speakers being local laymen who attended the great State convention of laymen at Greensboro last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The house was comfortably filled, the Sunday school auditorium being thrown open to accommodate the overflow. The pastors of the several churches were present as members of the audience with the exception of Rev. G. D. Herman who presided over the exercises.

Following the usual preliminary exercises it was announced that the purpose of the gathering was to hear reports from those Gastonians who attended the laymen's convention. The first speaker was Rev. C. Y. Love, who is serving temporarily as pastor of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church here. Mr. Love gave his impressions of the convention from the minister's viewpoint. It was, he said, an inspiring sight to see nearly sixteen hundred of the busiest business men in North Carolina gathered together to consider ways and means to do their part in the great movement which has as its end and aim the evangelization of the world in this generation. In the past similar gatherings of ministers and of women composing the missionary societies of the various denominations had been seen but never had anyone witnessed a gathering like this of business men who had laid down for the time their busi-

LEE-JACKSON.

Annual Celebration by Gastonia Daughters of Confederacy To-Morrow—Mr. A. C. Jones the Orator.

The annual Lee-Jackson celebration by the Gastonia Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, will be held in the opera house tomorrow, Wednesday morning, beginning at 10:30 o'clock. Mr. A. C. Jones, of the local bar, will be the orator for the occasion.

Following is the program: Hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

Prayer, Rev. A. S. Anderson.

Song, "Dixie."

Address, Mr. Arthur C. Jones.

Song, "Tenting on the Old Camp Ground."

Bestowal of Crosses of Honor.

Benediction.

Immediately after the exercises the ladies will serve a lunch to the veterans in the hall where the exercises are to be held. It is hoped that every veteran in the county who possibly can will be present. The public is cordially invited.

Legal Holiday.

Tomorrow, Wednesday, January 19th, is a legal holiday in the State of North Carolina, as well as in several other Southern States, and hence the local banks will be closed.

Murder in County Home.

Griffin M. Jennings, aged 75, an inmate of the Pasquotank county home was lodged in jail yesterday, says an Elizabeth City dispatch to The Charlotte Observer of this morning, charged with the murder of R. M. J. Ellis, a fellow inmate. The two men quarrelled at the breakfast table and a fight ensued resulting as above stated.

A bill passed by the Senate yesterday authorizes an additional judge for the fourth United States court circuit comprising North Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia.

President Taft yesterday sent to the Senate the nomination of United States District Judge Loyal E. Knapen, of Michigan, to succeed Judge H. H. Lurton as judge of the United States circuit court, sixth district.

Mrs. J. S. Wray, first vice president; Mrs. J. Y. Miller, second vice president; Mrs. J. W. Atkins, recording secretary; Mrs. J. L. Beal, corresponding secretary; Mrs. P. R. Huffstetler, treasurer.

Personals and Locals.

—Mr. Sidney Winget was a Charlotte visitor yesterday.

—Mr. H. S. Adams, of Lowell, was in Gastonia on business Saturday morning.

—Mr. W. O. Ruddock, of Charlotte, spent Sunday with friends in Gastonia.

—Miss Madge Wilkins spent Saturday in Dallas as the guest of her brother, Dr. S. A. Wilkins.

—Mr. W. H. Glenn, of route two, Clover, was in town on business Saturday.

—Miss Mary Page is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. L. Rhodes, in New Orleans.

—Miss Maude Rankin spent Saturday in Lincolnton and attended the funeral of Mr. Victor Reinhardt.

—Mrs. E. C. Wilson went to Lincolnton Saturday to attend the funeral of her young kinsman, Mr. Victor Reinhardt.

—Miss Edith Killian returned yesterday from Lenoir, where she spent the week-end as the guest of the Misses Monday.

—Mr. C. C. Cornwell, of Dallas, was in Gastonia Saturday to meet Mrs. Cornwell, who was returning from Charlotte.

—An infant child of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Lackey, of the Holland Mill, died Thursday morning and was buried at Shiloh cemetery.

—Mr. Robert Riddle, of the Beth-el section, was a business visitor in Gastonia this morning. He has been laid up for several days with a severe cold.

—Mr. S. M. Wylie, formerly manager of the Loray Drug Store, has accepted a position as manager of the Anna Cotton Mill store, near Kings Mountain.

—Mrs. W. G. Jeffreys and children will leave today for Greensboro, their former home, where Mr. Jeffreys is engaged in the lumber business.

—Dr. F. S. Packard, of Greensboro, the specialist whose advertisement appeared in both issues of The Gazette last week, will be at the Falls House on Friday, January 21, one day only.

—Dr. W. H. Wakefield, of Charlotte, a specialist in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, will be at the Falls House on Thursday, January 27th, and at Mount Holly on Saturday, January 29th.

—Have you seen the handsome new Victrola at Torrence's drug store? It is one of the prettiest and latest things in the phonograph line. Mr. Perry N. Glenn is the agent in Gastonia.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. Brady, of El Reno, Oklahoma, were the guests Sunday and Monday of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Craig. They left yesterday afternoon for Charlotte, but will return here Thursday on their way to Oklahoma.

—"Yes, of course I want The Gazette to continue coming," writes Mr. John E. Ferguson, of Stamford, Texas, in sending in his renewal. The Gazette hopes to have a letter from Mr. Ferguson soon for publication.

—Mr. G. M. Dixon returned yesterday to his home on route three from Statesville where he has been a patient for the past six weeks at the sanitarium of Dr. Long. His many friends will learn with pleasure that he has been greatly benefitted by his stay there and the improvement in his condition is most encouraging to him.

—In the advertising columns of today's Gazette Supt. H. Rutter, of the city water and light departments, gives notice to property owners on Franklin avenue between Chester and Broad streets that it will be greatly to their advantage to make their water and sewer connections before the street is graded and macadamized and the railway tracks laid.

—Mr. G. H. Marvin, secretary and treasurer of the Coca-Cola Bottling Company here and of the Coca-Cola Bottling Works at Shelby, will attend the annual Coca-Cola Bottler's Convention at Atlanta, Ga., January 19-21. Mr. Marvin is one of two North Carolina men on the program for a speech. He will also do some side stunts with the aid of his poetic genius, which means that his fellow "dope" mixers will hear something good. Mr. W. L. Coon will also attend and he and Mr. Marvin leave to-day.