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## OVER GASTON COUNTY.

### Lowell Locals.

Correspondence of The Gazette.  
LOWELL, Jan. 27.—Mr. and Mrs. Delambert Stowe visited Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Hand Sunday.—Messrs. Green Stowe, of Belmont, and J. R. Henderson, of the Union section, were in town on business Tuesday.—Mrs. John Brown is ill with grip.—Mr. T. P. Rankin spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Rankin, of Belmont.—Miss Laura Featherston returned from St. Peter's Hospital Tuesday.—Mr. S. J. Hand was a Gastonia visitor Tuesday.—Mrs. John M. Gaston is indisposed this week.—Mr. Quinn Ford was a business visitor in Gastonia Tuesday.—Miss Virginia Robinson visited Mrs. McDowell at Bessemer City last week.—Rev. G. L. Cook, of Westminster, was the guest of Rev. R. A. Miller Tuesday night.—Mrs. Frank Robinson has recovered from an attack of grip.—Revs. G. L. Cook and R. A. Miller attended a called meeting of Presbytery in Gastonia Wednesday.

### DISASTROUS FLOODS.

#### France Suffers Loss of Over Hundred Thousand Persons by Terrible Floods.

An Associated Press dispatch from Paris France, dated January 25th says:  
The floods have brought disaster to a large part of France. The Seine is now a raging torrent and rising at the rate of more than half an inch an hour. As it furiously rushes seaward it sounds the message of increasing misery and destruction. The official estimate tonight is that the Seine will be at least fifteen inches higher by tomorrow afternoon.

The victims of the flood number more than a hundred thousand and the monetary loss is incalculable. Thousands of poor are hopelessly ruined and are fleeing to Paris. The government, by urgent measures, has requisitioned army and navy material to house the sufferers, and boats for the assistance of the stricken, as well as those imprisoned in the houses in the flood centers on all sides of Paris.

The region of inundation is steadily enlarging, and villages in scores of places are completely submerged, the people fleeing for their lives and abandoning everything. In many cases the soldiers have been obliged to use force in compelling the inhabitants to evacuate their homes. Hundreds of them refused to leave, clamoring only for food and water.

In Paris the situation is rapidly becoming worse, the floods sparing neither the rich nor the poor.

The flood is insidiously invading the compactly built area on either side of the winding Seine, undermining the residences and public buildings, and forcing the evacuation of many houses. All the streets in the southeastern section are running rivers. Every hour helps to complete the tie-up of the telephone, telegraph and railroads. The subway and tram services are diminishing, and in every section gas and electric lights are falling.

Paris is practically cut off south and west, and if the present conditions continue, the question of food supplies will become menacing. The Senate today unanimously adopted an appropriation of \$400,000 for national relief and various societies are sending out calls for aid. President Fallieres heads the list with \$4,000, and other gifts aggregate \$40,000.

The entire population of Irvy-Sur-Seine and adjacent places which are completely covered with water, are in a desperate state. Only the tops of the houses at Alfortville are visible, the water averaging twelve feet in the streets. At this place since 6 o'clock this morning, three thousand persons have been rescued by boats and thirty thousand others have found safety by their own efforts. In many towns along the rivers the houses are collapsing and the wreckage is whirled off in the stream.

The river authorities early this morning announced that the Seine would continue to rise until Thursday, and will exceed the high record of 1892.

The Seine at Colombes threatens momentarily to mount the parapet and flood the populous working class suburb of Gennevilliers, miles

## A NEW REGULATION.

### Postmaster General Issues Order Forbidding Placing of Loose Coins in Rural Route Boxes.

The Gazette published an article some weeks ago calling the attention of patrons of the rural routes to the fact that the postoffice department strongly urged such patrons not to leave loose coins in their mail boxes, as such a course entailed a great deal of extra worry, trouble and loss of time on the carriers.

The department has now gone a step further and issued an order to the effect that after February 15th carriers will not be required to collect loose coins and those leaving them in their boxes will run the risk of having their mail delayed. Postmaster B. G. Bradley has received the following letter, which explains itself:

January 25, 1910.

The Postmaster, Sir:

In view of the extent to which the practice of placing loose coins in boxes by rural patrons has grown, and the delay in the delivery and collection of mail and the hardship imposed on rural carriers incident thereto, you are informed that, commencing February 15, proximo, rural letter carriers will not be required to collect loose coins from rural mail boxes.

Patrons should enclose coins in an envelope, wrap them securely in a piece of paper, or deposit them in a coin-holding receptacle, so they can be easily and quickly taken from the boxes, and carriers will be required to lift such coins, and, where accompanied by mail for dispatch, attach the requisite stamps.

This should be properly announced to the rural patrons through whatever means you may employ, without expense to the Department, and you are at liberty to give the information embodied herein to your local papers for publication, if they so desire.

Respectfully,

P. V. De GRAW,

Fourth Assistant Postmaster Gen.

### Asheville to Have Institutional Church.

Gazette-News, 25th.

Last evening when the official board of Bethel Methodist church met in quarterly conference, it was decided to build an annex to the present structure and do institutional work. The congregation has been increasing of late, and the members are becoming so enthused that it is believed the project will be a success. A considerable sum of money has been subscribed toward the building. It is planned to install a steam heating plant, put in shower baths, a reading room, a lunch counter, a barber shop, a new lecture and Sunday school room and some other departments.

### A Pointer for Retail Dealers.

The retail consumers of today can not be held long in any section of the country by past favors or accommodations. People are too prosperous and independent, and "all debts cancelled" comes pretty near meaning they will go where they please next time, and where they please means to the man who gets the nearest to them through wide-awake methods (advertising) and plain talk which tells of goods together with an up-to-date way of showing them.

### A "High Society" Stunt.

Senator B. R. Tillman is again in the lime light. As the Wilmington Star says, strange the social transformation sometimes worked by political success. A few years ago Tillman was a "one gallus" farmer in high top boots; now he is defendant in a suit of habeas corpus to recover the grandchildren of an aristocratic Governor and Minister to Russia. The "highest" society in New York could crave no more than that!

northwest of the center of Paris. This place has a population of about 7,000.

The military authorities have telegraphed to the generals in the provinces to hurry pontoons, bedding and sappers to the points where the floods are most severe.

## WEDDING ANNOUNCED.

### Miss Edith Fayssoux Entertains Sans Souci and S. D. Clubs With Party Announcing Her Approaching Marriage to Mr. Walter Raleigh Jones.

At her home on Long avenue Tuesday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock Miss Edith Fayssoux delightfully entertained the members of the Sans Souci Club, of which she is a member, and of the S. D. Club, of which her sister, Miss Blossom Fayssoux, is a member, together with a few other friends with an announcement party. The occasion was also in honor of Miss Blossom Fayssoux' seventeenth birthday.

As they arrived at the Fayssoux home the guests were greeted by the Misses Fayssoux and were shown in the parlor. Later they were conducted to the dining room where progressive hearts was played, furnishing much pleasant amusement for the guests. As they entered the dining room the wedding march was played and they departed therefrom to the strains of the recessional. The score cards, which were daintily done by hand, were in the shape of two hearts fastened together with ribbon. On one side was the announcement reading, "Edith White Fayssoux, Walter Raleigh Jones, March 2, 1910." On the same side also appeared the words, "Blossom Fayssoux, 1893-1910." On the reverse side was an appropriate quotation from Longfellow.

Under the cards were the ring, money and thimble which were found by Mrs. W. B. Morris, Miss Louie Fry and Miss Lucy Boyce respectively. Delicious refreshments were served and the entire occasion was a most interesting and pleasant one to all present.

The announcement of the approaching marriage of Miss Fayssoux to Mr. Jones was heard with interest by their many friends here and elsewhere. The bride-to-be is a young lady of many charms of person and character. Of rare beauty of person, she is accomplished and attractive and has a wide circle of friends. Mr. Jones was formerly a resident of Gastonia, having until a year or so ago held a position with the insurance department of the Gastonia Insurance & Realty Co. He is now engaged in the real estate business in Western Canada but is spending the winter at Greensboro and Mt. Airy, his home. He is a promising young business man and has a large circle of acquaintances and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Jones will make their home in Canada.

### Serving Oysters.

Don't forget the the ladies of the Woman's Betterment Association are serving oysters, cream, cake, etc., this evening and all day tomorrow in the Kendrick-Torrence building. Don't fail to patronize them and thus help to increase the fund they are raising for the improvement of the school grounds.

### James H. Culp Dead.

Mr. James H. Culp died at his home in Belmont at an early hour yesterday morning from the infirmities of old age, being between 80 and 81 years old. Mr. Culp's death followed in less than a week after that of his wife, Mrs. Mary Culp, an account of whose death last Friday night appeared in Tuesdays Gazette. Mr. Culp's funeral was conducted at the home at 2 o'clock this afternoon by Rev. R. A. Miller, of Lowell, and the body interred in the Belmont cemetery.

### Notice of New Ads.

Swan-Slater Co.—Money saved is money made.

Tucker & Springs, Mount Holly—Big removal sale of general merchandise.

T. E. Shuford, Sheriff, Notice to taxpayers.

First National Bank—Who is your financial physician.

Frost Torrence & Co.—Old English floor wax and Brightener.

Rankin Furniture Co.—A little reflection.

N. P. and E. R. Cannon—Fine plantation for sale.

—Mr. Earle Morrow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pelham Morrow, of Hamlet, was married at that place last night to Miss Marjorie Page. Mr. Morrow formerly lived in Gastonia and his many friends will be interested in learning of his marriage.

## REV. DR. JAMES BOYCE DEAD.

### Prominent A. R. P. Minister and President of Woman's College at Due West Succumbs to Fatal Illness of Week—End of an Active and Useful Career.

Rev. Dr. James Boyce, President of the Woman's College at Due West, S. C., and a brother of Messrs. W. M. and S. N. Boyce, of this city, who suffered a stroke of paralysis on Monday night of last week, and has since been hovering between life and death, succumbed to the illness at 3 o'clock yesterday morning. The news of his death, which reached Gastonia early yesterday morning, brought great sadness to the many friends of Dr. Boyce in this his native county, who have been hoping for the past week or more that he might rally from the effects of the severe stroke suffered last week and recover.

For more than nine years Dr. Boyce has been president of the Woman's College at Due West, and under his guidance the institution had prospered greatly and made most gratifying progress. Dr. Boyce was one of the most prominent ministers of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church, and in his death the church suffers a great loss.

Funeral services in memory of the beloved minister and educator whose passing casts such a gloom over the college community of Due West were held in the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church at that place this morning at 10 o'clock, being conducted by Rev. Dr. F. Y. Pressly, president of Erskine Theological Seminary, following which the body was laid tenderly to rest in the Due West cemetery.

Dr. Boyce is survived by his mother, Mrs. Rachel Boyce, of Gastonia, his widow, four daughters, Mrs. J. P. Pressly, of Morehead, Ga., and Misses Bessie, Rachel and Mary Boyce, of Due West; three sisters, Mrs. R. C. Burno, of Greensboro, Mrs. James H. Kennedy, Gastonia, and Mrs. W. F. Wideman, of Long Cane, S. C., and two brothers, Messrs. Samuel N. and W. Meek Boyce, of Gastonia.

The following sketch of Dr. Boyce's life is taken from the Centennial History of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church:

James Boyce was born in Gaston county, January 25, 1860. His father was Rev. E. E. Boyce and his mother Miss Rachel E. McElwee. He had good educational opportunities in his youth. When 13 years of age he spent some time at Elk Shoals Academy. The influence of the teachers, especially Rev. W. B. Pressly, the principal, was very great, and was a blessing and great factor in the formation of his character. He graduated from Erskine College in 1878. During the three years spent in college he lived with his uncle, Dr. James Boyce, and enjoyed the best of opportunities for the development of character.

He joined the church, under the pastorate of his father, at Bethany, York county, S. C. He was received as a student of theology, September 26, 1879, by the First Presbytery at a called meeting at Union, S. C. He received his theological training at Erskine Theological Seminary, Due West, S. C. He was licensed by the First Presbytery at Shiloh, Lancaster county, S. C., September 7, 1881, Dr. Nathan officiating. He was ordained by the Kentucky Presbytery at Hinkston December 16, 1882. For one year after licensure he assisted his father, who at that time had charge of Biggab, Bethany, Kings Mountain and other congregations. The Synod of 1882 appointed him to work in Louisville, Ky. He was twice invited to return to Bethany. He was called as the pastor of the Seventh Chestnut Street church, Louisville, Ky., in 1884, and was installed October 2. The church prospered under his ministry. He demitted this charge in October, 1896, to accept a call to Huntersville, N. C. He was installed there February 1, 1897. He demitted this charge April 1, 1899, to accept the presidency of the Due West Female College. October 17, 1883, at Headquarters, Nicholas county, Ky., he was married to Miss Jennie Isabelle Thompson. Rev. James Boyce had been stated clerk of synod since 1890 and assistant clerk of First Presbytery since 1897.

## TERSE TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

### Breezy Briefs Bunched for Busy Readers—A Concise Chronicle of North State News and Miscellaneous Matters.

The three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Ehoffner was burned to death at Burlington Tuesday.

A three-days session of the association of city school superintendents of the State began at Durham yesterday with a large attendance.

The city and county authorities at Statesville have issued an order for the compulsory vaccination of all persons who have not already been successfully vaccinated.

At Rock Hill, S. C., Tuesday the real estate holdings of the late Capt. W. L. Roddey were sold at public auction bringing a total of \$240,000. Most of it was bid in by his widow.

Sixteen Congressmen have introduced bills calling for an increase in the pay of rural mail carriers. If these bills are enacted into law it will add \$6,000,000 annually to the expense of the Postoffice Department.

Yesterday the State Board of Education met at Raleigh and appropriated the \$100,000 which is annually appropriated to the "pauper" counties in order that they may be able to keep their schools open during four months of each year.

Spartanburg is to have a large new hotel. Mr. J. T. Gresham, proprietor of the St. John at Charleston and of a large number of eating houses along the line of the Southern Railway, is interested in the new project.

The Newton graded schools have closed down on account of smallpox. Senator Overman Tuesday introduced bills providing for \$60,000 for a public building at Oxford and \$30,000 for improvements at Reidsville.

Davidson county citizens are kicking because so many railroad damage suits are transferred to that county from Rowan. They cite as an instance the case of Lane vs. Southern Railway, tried at the recent special term of Davidson court, which is estimated to have cost the county \$285.

A slight difference of a week's misunderstanding between "Bass" Browning, in charge of a large sheep ranch in Haywood county, and Allen Green, constable of the township, resulted in the killing yesterday morning in the First National Bank at Waynesville of Browning by Green. The men had been life-long friends.

Henry Allen, aged 35, and Turner Shreeves, aged 23, two white men, were instantly killed and their bodies horribly mutilated Tuesday by an explosion of dynamite. They were digging a well six miles from Reidsville and had placed a blast in the well. It did not explode and, after waiting a reasonable time, they descended into the well only to meet instant death.

Within ninety-days, says The Charlotte Chronicle, the large new hydro-electric power plant which the Southern Power Company is constructing at Ninety Nine Islands on the Catawba river near Blacksburg, S. C., will be completed. This will give an additional equipment of 24,000 horse power, making this concern's total horse power 105,000.

Under a new regulation in effect January 21, important changes have been made in the requirements for the taking of oaths in English courts "Kissing the Book," a custom which has been enforced in England for many centuries, is no longer obligatory. Scientists assert that the practice is likely to result in the spreading of disease germs, and examinations of many Bibles used in the law courts confirmed this theory.

An increase of 96 per cent in the amount of mail handled on rural delivery routes during the fiscal year ending June 30 over the fiscal year of 1905 is shown in the annual report of the fourth assistant postmaster general P. V. DeGraw. The report also points to an unprecedented improvement of the roads traversed by rural carriers, due to the intelligent and well directed interest of postmasters and carriers. During the last fiscal year the total expenditure for rural free delivery was \$35,661,034.

## Personals and Locals.

—Col. C. B. Armstrong returned yesterday afternoon from Florida.

—Mr. G. M. Gullick, of Belmont, was in Gastonia on business Saturday.

—Mr. H. Aubrey Costner, of Hardin, was a business visitor in Gastonia Wednesday.

—Editor C. A. Eury, of The Kings Mountain Herald, spent yesterday in Gastonia.

—Attorney George W. Wilson left yesterday afternoon for Lenoir on business.

—Mr. L. H. Long, Sr., of Kings Mountain, came up Wednesday afternoon on a visit to relatives.

—Register of Deeds A. J. Smith of Dallas, was a Gastonia visitor yesterday.

—Mr. W. K. Wolfe, of Charlotte, was in Gastonia yesterday afternoon on business.

—Mr. T. B. Brown, manager of the J. M. Belk Company, went to Charlotte on business Wednesday afternoon.

—Mrs. J. M. Hampton and two grandchildren left Tuesday for Laurens, S. C., on a visit to Mrs. Hampton's brother, Mr. McCord.

—Mr. J. W. Kirkpatrick, of Yorkville, passed through Gastonia Wednesday afternoon en route to Charlotte on a business trip.

—Mrs. Henry Cleveland left Wednesday for Spartanburg, where she will spend some time visiting relatives.

—Mr. L. C. Arrowood, of Bessemer City, was a business visitor in Gastonia Wednesday and paid The Gazette office a pleasant call.

—We are carrying in our advertising columns today on page two the annual statement of the Gastonia Mutual Building and Loan Association. The Building and Loan is among the most important and effective factors in the upbuilding of our town and its continued growth and prosperity is a source of pride to its management.

—Misses Maude and Grace Brown will entertain at euchre next Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock in honor of Mesdames Separk, Barkley, Bernhardt and Morris.—Concord Times, Tuesday.

—Rev. W. H. Reddish, pastor of the First Baptist church, left this morning for Maiden to attend the union meeting of the South Fork Association which is in session there. He will return tomorrow afternoon.

—Mr. James H. Moore, who has been until recently secretary and treasurer of the Catawba Mutual Life & Health Insurance Company, leaves today with his family for Jeffries, Va., where he will make his home in the future.

—Junaita, the fifteen-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Williams, who live at the Lory, died yesterday morning at 1:30 o'clock. The funeral was held at the home this morning at 9 o'clock by Rev. J. C. Harmon and interment followed in Shiloh cemetery.

—Misses Zoe and Selena Latham went to Lincolnton yesterday morning, where they will spend some time visiting Mrs. J. L. Lineberger. A reception was given in their honor by Mrs. Lineberger yesterday evening.

—An important meeting of the Gastonia Conclave No. 391, Improved Order of Heptasophs, will be held tonight. New officers are to be installed and other business of importance will be transacted. A full attendance of the members is desired.

—Mr. J. R. Swan, of Marshall, State oil inspector for the ninth congressional district, was in Gastonia on business Wednesday and paid the Gazette office a call. Mr. Swan is also owner of the Madison County Record, a staunch Democratic paper published at Marshall.

—Three young white men, Ed Campbell, Ollie Cook and Sampson Hudson, were tried in the mayor's court Wednesday morning and bound over to court under bonds of \$200 each for breaking into Mr. R. W. Edwards' store on East Airline avenue some nights ago. Campbell was arrested at Lowell by Chief of Police Hall Mings, while the Gastonia officers rounded up Cook and Hudson in the woods back of Mr. W. P. Bell's place. Nearly all the stolen goods were recovered. Failing to give the required bond, the defendants were taken to Dallas and placed in jail to await trial.