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OVER GASTON COUNTY.

Belmont Items.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
BELMONT, Feb. 2.—Miss Florence Rhyme, of Lincolnton, visited her sister, Mrs. R. L. Stowe, last week.—Miss Elva Hall, who is teaching school in High Shoals, spent Sunday with homefolks.—Misses Rendleman, Hall, Hite, Rutledge, Ware and Crawford and Messrs. Ross, Kennedy and Burke, of Bessemer City, attended the "Feast of Nations" Friday night.—Miss Mattie Burgin, of Lincolnton, is visiting Miss Sue Stowe this week.—Rev. Mr. Deal, of Kinston, will preach at the Presbyterian church Sunday.—Mr. Harry Stowe, of Gastonia, spent Sunday with homefolks.—Miss Clara Patrick, of Dallas, visited friends here last Friday and Saturday.—Miss Mary Wilson, of Union, visited relatives here Sunday.—Mrs. Lynch, of Bessemer City, spent the weekend here with friends.

New Hope News Notes.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
NEW HOPE, Feb. 3.—After supplying New Hope church for six and one-half years, Rev. J. B. Cochran and family left for their new home at Concord Wednesday. Mr. Cochran and son, Carlyle, went straight through, but Mrs. Cochran and the rest of the family stopped over in Charlotte with Mrs. Cochran's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Walker. New Hope congregation regrets very much to see them leave. Both were held in high esteem by all who knew them. Mr. Cochran was a man of great ability and of fine gifts as a preacher, was very dignified in the pulpit and fluent in delivery. Mrs. Cochran possessed rare gifts of heart and mind, was zealous and earnest in her work for the church, and was an efficient helper of Mr. Cochran. She was loved by all who knew her, and was especially loved by all the young people.
Miss Emma Harrison has been right sick, but is improving rapidly.—Mr. Tom Craig was a business visitor in Charlotte Tuesday.—The Harrison-Forbes Company had a telephone put in their store a few days ago.—Two little children of Mr. Pink Jaxon have been very sick, but are much better now.—There will be Sunday school at New Hope every Sunday morning and preaching services when they can secure any one to preach for them.
Our school, taught by Miss Sadye Oates and Miss Carrie Cathey, is progressing very nicely.—Mr. Hearl Horsley was in Gastonia Thursday on business.—Mr. John Brandon visited Mr. Ernest Jaxon Monday night.—Mrs. W. A. Robinson spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jaxon.

Lowell Locals.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
LOWELL, Feb. 2.—We regret exceedingly the departure of Rev. J. B. Cochran and family from New Hope to Concord where he was recently called. Mrs. Cochran and children spent Wednesday as the guests of Mrs. R. A. Miller en route to Concord.—Mr. James Torrence, of Charlotte, was in town Monday.—Mr. Linwood Robinson was a Charlotte visitor Monday.—R. A. Miller, Jr., went to Yorkville on legal business Wednesday.—Miss Etta Baker visited friends in Charlotte last week.—Mr. Quinn Ford went to Lenoir Tuesday on business.—Messrs. Robert and Howard Riddle, of the Bethel section, were in town Tuesday.—Mr. John Littlefield, of Charlotte, was a business visitor here Tuesday.—Mrs. Fildus Cox and Mrs. J. L. Thompson were Gastonia shoppers Tuesday.—Mr. James Ross, of Charlotte, was a business visitor in town Tuesday.—Mr. Egbert Hutchinson, of Charlotte, was in town Tuesday.—Mrs. J. R. Titman was a Gastonia visitor Wednesday.—Mrs. Coatsworth Lay went to Charlotte Wednesday to visit relatives.—Rev. G. L. Cook, of Westminster was the guest of Rev. R. A. Miller Wednesday night.

ARLINGTON NEWS.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
ARLINGTON, Feb. 2.—Recently Mrs. M. G. Camp, of this place, ordered some tomatoes from a West Gastonia groceryman. In opening

DEATH OF MRS. A. Q. KALE.

Highly Esteemed Lady of High Shoals Passed Away Yesterday Afternoon After Brief Illness—Funeral Today.

Mrs. Eliza Kale, wife of Mr. A. Q. Kale, superintendent and general manager of the High Shoals Manufacturing Company, died at her home in High Shoals yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock after an acute illness of only two or three days. Mrs. Kale was 38 years of age and had been in bad health for several years, but up to Tuesday was able to be up, having attended church services on Sunday. On Tuesday she was taken seriously ill and continued to grow worse until the end came yesterday afternoon.

Funeral services were conducted in the Methodist church at High Shoals this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. B. Wilson, of Stanley, and Rev. J. W. Strider, of Lincolnton, followed by interment in the High Shoals cemetery.

Mrs. Kale was, before her marriage to Mr. Kale 17 years ago, Miss Eliza Fairchild, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Fairchild, formerly of Mount Holly, but now residing at Mooresville. Besides the sorrowing husband and parents, there survive two sisters and four brothers, as follows: Mrs. G. M. Cloninger, of Spartanburg, S. C.; Mrs. G. M. Tucker, of Charlotte; G. W. Fairchild, of Asheville; T. H. Fairchild, R. A. Fairchild and J. F. Fairchild, Jr., all of Mooresville.

Mrs. Kale was an active member of the Methodist Church and during her eleven years residence at High Shoals had always taken a deep interest in every movement that tended toward the upbuilding of the town. Her death is felt as a great loss by all the people of the community. The bereaved husband and parents have the deep sympathy of a large number of friends throughout this section of the State.

Among those from a distance who attended the funeral services this afternoon were Mrs. Kale's parents and brothers from Mooresville, Mr. H. G. Kale, of Augusta, Ga., Mr. Albert Kale, of Catawba county, Misses Ida, Lissie, Era and May Kale, of Mount Holly, and Rev. W. H. Hardin, Dr. Arnold Stovall, Col. C. B. Armstrong and Mr. W. T. Rankin, of Gastonia.

Notice of New Ads.

Poole Grocery Co.—No boycott on meats.

Swan-Slater Co.—Spring tailoring opening February 7, 8 and 9.

First National Bank—Why not insure your money. Also statement. Citizens National Bank—Statement.

Gaston Loan & Trust Co.—Statement.

Lebovitz Department Store—The world's greatest sensational sale.

Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co.—Three bales of cotton to the acre.

T. W. Wood & Sons—Seed Potatoes.

E. E. Dettler—Administrator's notice.

—Mrs. E. C. Wilson has had plans and specifications prepared for a handsome residence which, it is understood, she will have erected this spring on her property, corner South Marletta street and Franklin avenue.

one can she noticed that the fruit looked unusually green and, on further examining, found a lizard some four inches in length coiled in the hull of a tomato. She called in several neighbors to witness the new finding. The name of the canning company or other information can be obtained from the writer.

Mr. E. Crotts and family, who have lived here for the past two years, recently emigrated to northeast Arkansas where they expect to make their future home. They lived in that State several years and have gone back to stay.—Mr. John Lewis recently moved back to this place from Dallas.—Mr. Radford Harrell, of Loray, and Miss Clara Lewis, of this place, were married at the home of the bride's father, Mr. C. H. Lewis, Sunday, January 30th, at 2 o'clock, Rev. Frank Bradley officiating. Mr. Harrell has taken his wife to the home of his mother, near the Franklin Avenue church where he will continue to reside and work in the Loray mill.

THE ROZZELL BRIDGE OPEN.

First Vehicles Cross Over New Structure Which Spans Catawba Wednesday—Some Interesting Facts About the Old Bridge.

Wednesday the new steel bridge which spans the Catawba river at Rozzell's Ferry was opened for public travel. The event is chronicled in yesterday's Charlotte Observer in part as follows:

"For the first time in forty-five years the waters of the Catawba river are spanned at Rozzell's ferry and a new connecting link binds Mecklenburg and Gaston, the two rich and splendid neighbors of the piedmont Carolinas. Yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock the splendid structure of steel whose erection crowned preliminary months of labor was declared complete and was thrown open for the passage of traffic. Riding in two surreys eight persons prominently connected with the building of the bridge made the first trip over it. These were Chairman W. M. Long of the Mecklenburg board of commissioners; associate members in the persons of Messrs. J. A. Newell, D. A. Henderson and W. N. McKee; Chairman John F. Leeper of Gaston county; Mr. J. H. Weddington of the Greater Charlotte Club building committee, and Mr. C. W. Legerton of Charlotte, Southern agent for the York Bridge Company of York, Pa., which built the bridge. Present also were Superintendent of Convicts H. C. Little and County Engineer Samuel T. Stowe, both of whom had a prominent part in the actual work of the enterprise.

"The contract price for the bridge itself was \$12,295. The Mecklenburg board limited its appropriation to \$15,000, and it is expected that it will be found to have kept well within that limit. In addition to building the approaches on its side, the Gaston board appropriated \$2,000. Full approval was given the bridge by the board of commissioners of Mecklenburg which held a meeting at the river. Chairman Leeper of Gaston was also present. "I have approved many a bridge," he said, "but I have never seen one I would accept quicker than this."

"The new bridge is approximately 612 feet long, and is 16 feet wide, double track. It contains four spans of the camel-back type. Its floor level stands 28 feet above the water. This is considered absolutely safe, since it is eight or nine feet above the highest recorded water mark in the history of the river, so far as it is known.

"The old bridge was of wood. It was burned by Stoneman's cavalry on Tuesday, April 18, 1865. It lacks only a little over two months of being forty-five years to the day since that occurrence. This was just after the surrender of the Confederate army. In an effort to keep the Union men from crossing, it is said, the Southerners tore up part of the bridge. This 'riled' the Federals when they arrived and when they got safely over they didn't do a thing but set it on fire. Gen. Robert Johnson, it is further stated, was shot just after crossing to this side, on the same day the bridge was fired. The bullet struck a silver dollar in the general's vest pocket, which thus saved his life.

"There was a number of interesting features to the opening yesterday. Among the visitors present were Mr. W. H. Rumfeldt of Gaston county, 81 years old, who worked on the old bridge; Mr. M. L. Canler, aged 73, and Mr. J. F. Caldwell, 67. He carried mail across the bridge for four years, this being of course before the war. Being too old to take active part in the constructive work of the new structure, he has been acting as watchman. Mr. C. W. Lawing, who was present, had crossed the old bridge often, as had Chairman Leeper of Gaston."

He Understood.

Judge.
"Willie," said an interesting mother to her first born, "do you know what the difference is between body and soul? The soul, my child, is what you love with; the body carries you about. This is your body," touching the little fellow's shoulder, "but you know my child, there is something deeper in. You can feel it now. What is it?"
"Oh, I know," said Willie, with a flash of intelligence in his eyes, "that's my flannel shirt."

BACK TO THE FARM.

Present High Cost of Living Will Have One Good Effect in Keeping Many Young Men on the Farm.

Raleigh News and Observer.
The only blessing that the present era of high prices may conceal is that it may stop the trend of population toward the cities, and that the admonition of "Back to the Farm" may be heeded by many who find life in the towns so difficult they can barely exist. It is true that the farmer who sells beef is at the mercy of the beef trust. It pays him low prices even now compared with the price it compels the consumer to pay, and the farmer's war against the trusts is as necessary as the mechanic's and laborer's. The difference is that the farmer, by raising his own supplies, can escape the extortion of the trusts on what he eats while he is as much at the mercy of the trust on what he buys to wear or use on his farm as the man in town. In the war on trust prices, they have a common cause, with the advantage on the side of the farmer this year, whereas a few years ago the dwellers in the towns had the advantage over the farmers.

Nobody in town or country should wish for a return of the low prices that prevailed during the panic that began in the Harrison administration and lasted until the discovery of gold in Alaska and the Spanish-American war brought a return of good times. The trend of population cityward during the panic and afterwards added to the number of consumers in the centres without adding to the men who must grow enough to feed themselves and the denizens of the towns and cities. Not only so; the demand for something to eat all over the world added to the demand for the products of the farm, and the multitude of immigrants who congregate in the cities, where they are not needed, instead of going to the country, where they are needed, added to the producer, which the trusts have farms. These natural causes would make such demands for meat and bread as to give the farmers better prices, and this natural demand will have a tendency to make folks heed the call, "Back to the Farm." But the artificial increase to the consumer, without a corresponding increase to the producer, which the trust has brought about, has caused severe hardships and has focussed public attention as not before in this generation upon the power of the trust to rob every home in America. In so far as high prices are the result of natural conditions, they will tend to keep young men on the farm, for young men will not stay on the farm unless the price of what is produced is remunerative. The men on the farm are using better methods, they are growing more hog and hominy and farming is more profitable because of the natural higher prices that prevail.

The "ultimate consumers" have become too numerous and many of them should return to the farm, there to raise what they eat and sell the surplus to the towns. They can then be free of those trusts that control meat, milk and like articles, and be free to help end the robbery of the trusts that charge two prices—thanks to the tariff—for everything the farmer wears, all his agricultural implements and everything he uses on the farm. A return to the farm means a higher type of citizenship. There are good men found alike in town and country, but the best citizenship depends upon touch with life on the farm. In North Carolina eighty per cent of the people live in the villages or on the farm and rural conditions have developed a high citizenship. Wherever the trend to town has drawn upon the farm, the citizenship is not so high. The hope of this State is in a sturdy, independent, progressive agricultural population. Good prices for what a farmer has to sell alone will cause young men to stay on the farm and it alone will cause town men to heed the call, "Back to the Farm."

Nobody on Earth

Knows what's goin' to happen. It's got 'em all guessing. The wise ones will say, "I told you so." Here's part of the mystery: It's going to happen Saturday, February 12th, be ready.

—Mr. Hardaway Stowe, of Yorkville, is in town today.

TERSE TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

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

O. Henry, the well known short story writer, is to establish a studio in Asheville and continue his literary work from that city.

Sid Tinsley, a well-known white man of Spartanburg, has gone insane as a result, physicians say, of pellagra.

Ten men were killed and 17 are missing as the result of a gas explosion in the Browder mines near Drakesboro, Ky., Tuesday.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction J. Y. Joyner is in New York city this week attending the hook-worm convention.

Ten sailors lost their lives Tuesday when the three-masted schooner Frances, from New York to Jacksonville went to pieces on the treacherous Hatteras coast.

The Supreme court of North Carolina will convene for the Spring term next Monday. The first day will be given over to the examination of applicants for license to practice law and fifty or more candidates are expected.

It is rumored in Washington that Mr. B. F. Keith will be appointed to succeed himself as collector of the port of Wilmington. National Committeeman Duncan is making a desperate fight to secure the appointment of S. M. King.

Tuesday night there was held a conference of the "insurgents" of the House of Representatives at which there was a unanimous decision to support the administration's program of legislation. Which means that the "insurgents" have ceased to "insurge."

A crudely written letter was received Monday by Governor Kitchin from proud parents in Washington, N. C., asking if there is any reward, or prize, as they expressed it, for bearing triplets. The letter stated that the triplets came January 27th and that they were told that there was a prize provided for all parents presenting the State with triplets.

Tuesday's News and Observer says that the Seaboard Air Line Railway in two suits at Carthage, Moore county, lost out in verdicts against it for \$35,000, one being for \$30,000 to E. N. Duval, of Portsmouth, Va., a baggage master and flagman, and \$5,000 to Thomas Coore, of Moore county, a brakeman who lost a leg.

The Mexican National Packing Company, a New Jersey corporation controlled by English investors and operating a string of slaughter houses in the Republic of Mexico under special concessions from the Mexican government, failed Wednesday for \$37,000,000. The assets, it is said, are in excess of the liabilities.

A petition is being circulated in Greensboro asking the President to pardon Franc H. Jones, the defaulting teller of the Charlotte National Bank, who has served three years of his five years sentence in the Atlanta prison. It is stated that Jones is a model prisoner. He teaches a class in the prison Sunday school and is a leader in the Epworth League and Christian Endeavor.

Ex-Gov. R. B. Glenn is spending a vacation at his home in Winston-Salem after a two-months lecture tour of the West, Northwest, New England and Canada. The Winston-Salem correspondent of The Raleigh News and Observer, in a special to that paper dated the 2nd, quotes him as saying: "I have talked with many people on the subject of politics since I have been away, and everywhere I find the Democrats hopeful and the Republicans downcast, as every one is charging the present high cost of living up to the Republican party."

Dr. Hunter May Go Abroad.

Kings Mountain Herald, 3rd.
Dr. Jim Hunter, of Spartanburg, S. C., has located in Kings Mountain and will take up the practice of medicine, relieving his brother, Dr. B. R. Hunter, who has been sick for the past several weeks. Dr. B. R. Hunter expects to go to New York in a few weeks and will probably spend several months abroad if his health will permit of such a trip.

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Personals and Locals.

—Mr. J. L. Burke, of Bessemer City, was here yesterday on business.

—Esquire J. T. R. Dameron, of Bessemer City, was a business visitor in Gastonia yesterday.

—Messrs. Stephen Stroup and Evon Houser, of Cherryville, were business visitors in Gastonia yesterday.

—Dr. W. H. Hoffman returned this morning from Bradenton, Fla., where he has been spending several weeks.

—Dr. Frank G. Wilson left on No. 12 yesterday afternoon for Baltimore and New York. He expects to be gone five or six weeks.

—Mr. J. E. Lindsay moved this week from Mr. Monroe Whitesides' house on Main avenue to the residence of Dr. F. G. Wilson on West Airline avenue.

—Mr. James H. Walters left last night for New Orleans to take in the Mardi Gras. While away he also expects to make a trip to Texas and Oklahoma.

—Mr. Scott Crotts is teaching a singing school at Tuckasee which closes the 7th inst. They will have some special songs for the occasion. Everybody is cordially invited.

—Mr. A. K. Loftin, of Lincolnton, was in town a short time between trains yesterday. He was en route to Central, S. C., where he is building a large cotton mill.

—Wednesday was groundhog day and the little animal saw his shadow which, the weatherwise say, means six weeks more of winter. Looks very much like it will be that way, if one may judge by the start made yesterday morning.

—Her many friends will regret to learn that Mrs. W. Y. Warren continues seriously ill at her home. She has been confined to her home several weeks suffering from grip and her condition improves, if at all, very slowly.

—Mr. C. M. Glenn, of Hickory, spent several days last week with relatives in the Union neighborhood. While here, in conjunction with Mr. R. C. Glenn, he bought the J. T. Glenn farm and has rented it to Mr. J. M. Huffstetler.

—Mr. Rufus Dunn and Mr. C. C. Armstrong left on No. 37 Wednesday for New Orleans to attend the Mardi Gras. Mr. Dunn will take a trip also through Texas and Oklahoma while away. Mr. Armstrong will spend several days at Shreveport.

—Mr. Eli P. Lineberger, county organizer of the Farmer's Union, will speak at Boyd's schoolhouse, three miles from town on the Pisgah road, at 8 o'clock Saturday night, in the interest of the union. It is hoped that sufficient interest will be aroused to organize a local at that place. His subject will be "The Farmer's Union, Past, Present and Future."

—Recently The Gazette has received quite a number of unsigned communications. For this reason we repeat again that these invariably find their way to the waste basket. We do not want the writer's name for publication but simply as a matter of protection to ourselves. If you are only sending a personal or a short news item, put your name to it.

—Mr. Edwin J. (Dutch) Costner and Mr. J. Grier Love left Wednesday night for Hot Springs, Ark. From there they will go to New Orleans. Mr. Love will later, it is understood, work for the Pullman company out of Memphis. Mr. Costner also expects to remain in the West for some time and may locate permanently.

—Mr. A. C. Stroup returned Tuesday night from Mecklenburg county where he spent a couple of days on business. While there he sold to a Mr. Blythe 50 acres of land near Huntersville in Lemley township at \$25 per acre. Mr. Stroup sold this off of a 250-acre tract which he owns there.

—Mr. S. C. Cornwell arrived in Gastonia Wednesday night from a six-weeks stay in East Tennessee where he made surveys at Cleveland and Morristown for sewerage and water systems. He is now engaged in locating the septic tank for Gastonia. Mr. Cornwell expects to return to Tennessee in the spring to complete his work there.