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## OVER GASTON COUNTY.

### Lowell Locals.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

LOWELL, Feb. 7.—Rev. J. F. Harrelson, of Mayesworth, preached in the Methodist church Sunday afternoon for Rev. Mr. Hix, the pastor, who has been sick for several days. Mrs. Hix has also been quite sick for several days.—Grip and colds are still prevalent and quite a number of our people are shut in doors.—Messrs. Cicero and Robert Harris attended the funeral of Mrs. A. Q. Kale at High Shoals Friday.—Mrs. S. M. Robinson and Miss Etta Baker were Gastonia visitors Saturday.—Mrs. Josie Johnson, of Gastonia, is visiting at Mr. Robert Johnson's.—Mr. John Gaston and Miss Mamie Ford were Gastonia shoppers Saturday.—Mr. W. O. Cash ion was a Charlotte visitor Friday. He left Saturday morning for an extended business trip to McComb City, Miss.—Mrs. Watt Titman was a Gastonia visitor Thursday.—Miss Mabel Leonhardt attended the Pierce-Rutledge wedding at Stanley Thursday night.—Mr. C. Smith, of Concord, an accountant, spent several days in town on business last week.

Misses Nina Patrick and Lella Baker were Charlotte shoppers Saturday.—Mrs. J. R. Titman attended the funeral of Mr. Will Glenn in Gastonia Sunday.—Mrs. Lula Rouse, of Charlotte, visited friends here Thursday.—Mr. Miles Stroup and family, of Virginia, have moved here to live.—Mr. Arthur Hallman is spending a few days in town.—Mr. Ambrose Stroup returned to Charlotte Sunday.—Miss Mary Nett McClelland, of Charlotte, is visiting friends in town.

### Commissioners Meet.

The board of county commissioners met in regular session for February at Dallas yesterday and transacted considerable routine business. Considerable time was taken up hearing petitions from various sections of the county for road work. There were seven sections asking for the road forces and there are only three such forces, two chain gangs and one free force. These will complete the work they are now engaged in within the next few weeks when they will be ready to be moved to other sections. An adjourned meeting will be held Thursday to take this matter up again and decide where the forces will be sent. Mr. Theodore Ware was sworn in as superintendent of roads and has assumed his duties. Among the petitioners for road work was the Nims section, where a mile and a quarter of macadam road is wanted. The citizens of that section had previously offered a bonus of \$1,500 for this road and yesterday they increased this by \$1,000, making a total offer of \$2,500, this amount representing about half the entire cost to build the road.

### Novelty Shower for Miss Fayssoux.

At the Gaston Hotel last Wednesday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock, Miss Annie Lewis Fry entertained most charmingly with a novelty shower in honor of Miss Edith Fayssoux, a bride-to-be. Miss Fry was assisted in receiving her guests by Misses Mary Gordon Fry and Mary Knight. The sitting room, where the guests were received, was prettily decorated and in one corner was a table filled with daintily-tied packages marked for the bride-to-be. After all the guests arrived Miss Fayssoux was told to unwrap these packages which contained pretty and useful gifts. Refreshments were served in two courses by Misses Lillian Stovall and Mary Knight. The following were the guests of Miss Fry: Mesdames Arnold Stovall, W. L. Balthis, Woods Garland, W. B. Morris; Misses Minnie Costner, Clarice Knight, Marie Hardin, Johnnie Adams, Laura Page, Bertha Long, Essie Lindsay, Edith and Blossom Fayssoux and Inez Frew, of Rock Hill, S. C.

### Notices of New Ads.

Abernethy-Shields Drug Co.—Moving into our new quarters in the Realty building.  
Citizens National Bank—Not so large or old as to be forgetful of its customers' needs and as strong as any of them.  
Swan-Slater Co.—Spring tailoring opening today and tomorrow.

## MR. W. W. GLENN DEAD

Son of Mrs. J. P. Glenn Passes Away After Brief Illness in Savannah—Body Brought Here for Burial—Funeral Sunday Afternoon.

Following an illness of only three weeks duration Mr. William Wallace Glenn, son of Mrs. J. P. Glenn, of Gastonia, died in the St. Joseph's Hospital, Savannah, Ga., Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. With him at the time were his mother, who left Gastonia the Monday morning previous in response to a telegram announcing his critical illness, and his brother, Mr. Robert L. Glenn, of the staff of The Evening Star, Washington. His death was due to an attack of acute Bright's disease. He had been in good health up until about three weeks ago and consequently his death came as a shock to his relatives and friends. He was unconscious during almost his entire illness, never having regained consciousness after the arrival there of his mother and brother.

The body, accompanied by the mother and brother, reached Gastonia on No. 39 Saturday morning and was taken to Mrs. Glenn's home on West Main avenue. The funeral was held from the home Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, the services being conducted in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends by Rev. R. C. Anderson, pastor of the First Presbyterian church. Interment followed in the family plot in Oakwood Cemetery. The pall-bearers were Messrs. A. G. Myers, D. A. Page, H. F. Glenn, W. B. Morris, Lean McLean and I. A. Campbell.

William Wallace Glenn was a native of Gaston county, having been born near Lowell on February 12, 1873, and hence would have been 37 years old had he lived a week longer. When he was about eight years old this family moved to Gastonia and here his boyhood and young manhood was spent. A number of years ago he went to Atlanta where he was for a time engaged in the undertaking business. Four years ago, after spending some time in Gastonia, he went to Savannah, Ga., to accept a position with the Atlantic Coast Line Railway, with which corporation he continued until three or four months ago when he accepted a position with a transfer company in Savannah, being in its employ when he became ill. When about eighteen years of age he joined the Presbyterian church in Gastonia, being actively interested in its work. He was a young man of genial disposition and made many pleasant recollections of the big-hearted, generous and lovable Will Glenn. In late years he had been in Gastonia very little, his last visit here having been four years ago. At the time he was taken ill he was making his preparations to come to Gastonia to visit his mother and sister. His plans, however, were interrupted by the suddenness and violence of his illness.

Surviving the deceased are his mother, one brother, Mr. Robert L. Glenn, of Washington; and two sisters, Mrs. S. A. Kindley, of Gastonia, and Mrs. Stella G. McElhannon, of Washington. Mrs. McElhannon arrived Saturday night on No. 35 and returned to Washington on No. 44 yesterday morning. Mr. Robert L. Glenn will probably return to his home the last of the week.

Expert cutter and fitter from Schloss Bros. & Co.

Adams Drug Co., J. H. Kennedy & Co., Loray Drug Co., Abernethy-Shields Drug Co.—Chestol, a valuable external remedy for croup, etc.

R. T. Padgett, Tailor—Fine new fabrics for spring and summer suits. Merchants & Farmers Bank, Stanley—Statement of condition.

Bank of Belmont, Belmont—Statement of condition.

Bessemer City Bank—Statement of condition.

H. Schneider—Two page ads of great combination sale; lots of prices.

Philadelphia Life Insurance Co.—Statement of condition.

J. M. Belk Co.—Put Belk's at the head of your shopping list.

Frost Torrence & Co.—Zecoma, only guaranteed remedy for eczema and itch.

Queen City Marble & Granite Works, Charlotte—Marble and granite monuments.

## LAYMEN ORGANIZE

Missionary Movement Takes Definite Shape in First Presbyterian Church—Enthusiastic Meeting Held Sunday Night When Organization Was Perfected.

At the First Presbyterian church Sunday night the laymen of that congregation met, at the regular hour for preaching, and organized the Laymen's Missionary Society of the First Presbyterian church, this being the first definite step taken by a local church growing out of the general laymen's missionary movement which is now spreading over the entire country. There was a good attendance and enthusiasm was in evidence on all hands.

Mr. J. Lee Robinson presided over the meeting and short addresses were made by laymen of the congregation, among the number participating in this way being Messrs. A. M. Smyre, C. B. Armstrong, C. E. Adams, A. C. Jones, J. E. Page, H. F. Glenn, John F. Love, S. A. Robinson, Frost Torrence, P. W. Garland, J. H. Kennedy, W. T. Rankin, T. W. Wilson, J. Q. Holland and possibly others.

A permanent organization was effected by the election of the following officers: President, A. M. Smyre; vice presidents, J. F. Jackson, T. W. Wilson, J. O. White, T. L. Craig, C. B. Armstrong and Frost Torrence; secretary, Arthur Winget; treasurer, W. T. Rankin. A committee of 24 men was appointed to solicit contributing members to the society. By action of the church session taken last week every male member of the congregation above the age of fifteen is considered a member of this society.

Tonight another meeting will be held at which time the work to be taken up will be mapped out and committees appointed.

### A VICTIM OF WORRY.

The Man Who is Always Expecting Some Kind of Trouble, Success Magazine.

There is always a cloud on his face because he is constantly expecting that something unfavorable is going to happen. There is going to be a slump in business, or he is going to have a loss, or somebody is trying to undermine him, or he is worried about his health, or fears his children will be sick or go wrong or be killed.

In other words, although he has achieved quite a remarkable success, yet he has never really had a happy day in his life. All his life this man has been chasing rainbows, thinking if he could only get a little farther on, a little higher up, he would be happy, but he is just as far from it as when a boy.

I believe this condition has all come from the habit of unhappiness which he formed during his hard boyhood and which he has never been able to overcome. He has learned to look for trouble, to expect it, and he gets it.

I have been his guest many a time. He has a beautiful home, a very charming wife, a most delightful family, but there is always the same cloud on his face, the same expression of anxiety, of unhappiness, of foreboding.

A little properly directed training in his boyhood would have changed his whole career, and he would have been a happy, joyous, harmonious man instead of being discordant and unhappy.

There is everything in starting right. What is put into the first of life is put into the whole of life.

### Our Next Story.

In last Friday's issue "The Fourth Estate" was concluded. It was a strong, thrilling story, teeming with human interest, and many Gazette readers no doubt followed it with intense interest. Because of delay in receiving the plates our new story does not begin in today's issue but will start possibly next week. It is "Truxton King" a story of Graustark by George Barr McCutcheon, author of "Graustark," "Beverly of Graustark," "Brewster's Millions," and other stories. Everybody who read that immensely popular novel "Graustark" will be anxious to read the author's latest story. It is a story of love and adventure, a charmingly written tale of exciting episodes in a little kingdom of nowhere in which romantic things still happen and the spirit of the age of chivalry is not dead. Don't fail to read it.

## AN ATTEMPTED ASSAULT

Two Negroes Make Dastardly Attack on Mrs. George Goodson Sunday Night and Were Only Foiled by Appearance of Husband on Scene—Made Their Escape.

One of the most dastardly attempts to assault a woman ever attempted in Gastonia was made Sunday night about 9 o'clock when two unknown negroes seized Mrs. Geo. Goodson as she was entering the yard at her home, corner Page avenue and North Oakland street. Her screams brought to her side quickly her husband who was on the porch only a few feet away, this fact alone perhaps saving her from becoming the victim of a dastardly and cowardly assault on her person.

Mr. and Mrs. Goodson had been to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Locke Shelton, on Page avenue and were returning home. As they entered the yard, which is unfenced, Mr. Goodson preceded his wife to the porch as he was rolling the baby carriage. Mrs. Goodson went to the corner of the house near the outside entrance to the cellar to get a bucket of coal which had been left there in the afternoon. As she reached the corner of the house two negroes ran out of the cellar and one of them grabbed her by the shoulder. Fortunately she had on a long cloak and the man's hold was on that garment. She quickly threw it off, thus escaping his grasp, and fled screaming toward her husband on the porch. The negro, with almost unbelievable boldness, pursued her. Mr. Goodson made for the negro and struck him in the face, knocking him to the ground. They grappled. The negro threatened to cut Goodson's throat and made as if to carry out his threat but it was very probable that he had no knife in his hands. In the course of the struggle the negro made good his escape and he and his companion fled swiftly down Page avenue to Marietta street and disappeared in the direction of Happy Hill. Mrs. Goodson's screams attracted the attention of neighbors and in a moment a number were on the ground but were too late to be of service.

The police department was notified at once and went to work on the case but have so far been unable to get a clue to the criminals as neither Mr. Goodson nor his wife could give any very definite description of the men. The place where the attack was made was pretty dark and there was not much chance, in the excitement, to observe the men closely enough to describe them minutely. One was said to be a mulatto and the other a dark negro. The one with whom Mr. Goodson grappled was, he says, a rather small man. The only clue the police have is a handkerchief which one of the men dropped. The fact that one of them had a handkerchief in his hand is taken to indicate that they probably meant to gag their victim.

This occurrence, almost in the heart of the town and astonishing in its boldness, has created much talk and considerable feeling. A prominent citizen, in talking with The Gazette man this morning, expressed the opinion that Gastonia should, like Charlotte has done, inaugurate a strenuous warfare on vagrants. There are not a great many of that class here but those we have, he said, should go to the chaingang and this is the sentiment, we believe, of every law-abiding citizen of Gastonia.

Since the occurrence Mrs. Goodson has been under the constant care of a physician, the shock having so unnerved her that she is, as yet, unable to sleep.

### Public Debate.

The boys of the Gastonia High School will give a public debate tonight at 8 o'clock. The subject is "Resolved that the United States should subsidize her ship lines to the extent that they will be able to compete with the lines of foreign nations." This is the last preliminary for the debate with Shelby High School which is to take place February 18th. Two speakers will be chosen for the Shelby debate. Following are the speakers for tonight: Affirmative, Thomas Plyler, Dana Caldwell, John Elliott, Pat Reid; Negative, Francis Whitesides, Edgar McLean, Judson Shannon, Otis Lineberger.

Mum is the word just now. What kind of mum? Chrysanthemum.

## TERSE TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

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

Davidson county is now free of all indebtedness and has a surplus of \$2,500 in its treasury.

King Gustave, of Sweden, underwent a successful operation for appendicitis last night.

The attendance at the Mardi Gras festivities in New Orleans this week is said to be the largest on record.

The next meeting of the Southern Textile Association will convene in Columbia, S. C., on Saturday, February 19th.

Two cases of small-pox were discovered yesterday in the Rowan county jail at Salisbury, both patients being negroes. The sheriff and jail attendants were at once quarantined.

An aged white man named Ben Goodwin was burned to death at Chapanoke, N. C., Sunday morning. He was said to be an escaped inmate of the Norfolk, Va., county home en route to Edenton, N. C., where he had a daughter residing.

Wade H. Ellis, of Ohio, on yesterday resigned as assistant to the attorney general of the United States to accept the post of chairman of the Republican executive committee of Ohio and to assume charge of the Ohio campaign this fall.

Terry Smith, a young Wadesboro man of good reputation, was held Saturday for the murder of Henry Thomas, who was found dead on the street Friday night in Wadesboro. He was released on bond. Smith had been fined some days before for striking Thomas. The latter is believed to have died from the results of the lick combined with over-intoxication. There is a difference of opinion among the lawyers as to whether Smith can be tried again and convicted of the homicide.

### Judge Shepherd Dead.

Judge James E. Shepherd, former chief justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, died at the Presbyterian Hospital in Baltimore yesterday morning. He had gone to Baltimore to undergo an operation to remove a small bone that had lodged in his throat. Judge Shepherd's remains were brought to his home in Raleigh this morning, where the funeral and burial will take place this afternoon.

### Vital Statistics.

Asheville Citizen. There is a rare opportunity awaiting some legislative representative at the next general assembly in the introduction of a bill providing for the recording of county vital statistics—births, marriages and deaths. As conditions are now in this county marriages are recorded, but no particular pains are taken "to keep the records straight" in the matter of births and deaths. Most of the states in the union, we believe, require that a strict record of these statistics be kept, and every county in North Carolina should see to it that the register of deeds keep such a record.

The law should require every physician to report all births and deaths to the register of deeds within twenty-four hours. This would impose no hardships on the profession, nor would it be giving to the public information to which it is not entitled. If for no other reason than that a man might, at some period of his life, be called upon to prove his birthplace, the records of births should be kept by the proper official, and other reasons should prompt similar action in the matter of deaths.

While on this subject it is interesting to note that Governor Noel, of Mississippi, a few days ago sent a special message to the state legislature urging the establishment of a bureau of vital statistics, and his recommendation was favorably acted upon. North Carolina cannot afford to be behind in this matter, and The Citizen believes that the next legislature can pass a law along the lines mentioned with a credit to itself and the State.

Greenville, S. C., has raised \$40,000 of the \$50,000 desired for a Y. M. C. A. building. It is expected that the remaining \$10,000 will be raised by Saturday night.

## Personals and Locals.

—Rev. J. L. Shinn, of Dallas, was a Gastonia visitor yesterday.

—Mr. Dave Craig, of Statesville, was in town Sunday and yesterday.

—Mrs. W. T. Adams is quite sick at her home on route three.

—Miss Jane Torrence is quite ill at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Davis on route three from Gastonia.

—Mr. S. N. Craig, of Belmont, was a business visitor in Gastonia Saturday.

—Mr. W. L. Mason, of Charlotte, was a business visitor in Gastonia yesterday.

—Mr. L. L. Todd left last night on a ten days business trip to Philadelphia and New York.

—Prof. Hugh Long, of Spencer, was a business visitor in Gastonia Saturday.

—Capt. S. A. Hoey returned yesterday morning to his home at Shelby after a brief visit to his daughter, Mrs. R. C. Warren.

—Mr. J. H. Allen, after having served as substitute letter carrier here for a week, has returned to his home in Charlotte.

—Mr. J. M. Davidson has moved into the Whitesides house on West Main avenue recently vacated by Mr. J. E. Lindsay.

—Mr. John J. George, of Bessemer City, returned yesterday from Columbia, S. C., where he spent several days on business.

—Mr. J. F. Thomson moved yesterday from the Mason house on Oakland street to his new home on West Main avenue.

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

—Mr. R. B. Babington, general manager of the Piedmont Telephone and Telegraph Company, spent yesterday afternoon in Clover on business.

—Mrs. C. S. Stone, of Charlotte, and Mrs. F. S. Starrette, of Mooresville, who have been visiting Mrs. F. P. Rockett, have returned to their homes.

—The Gazette is requested to state that Rev. A. S. Anderson, pastor of the Loray Presbyterian church, will preach at the New Hope Presbyterian church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

—Mr. Duck Fayssoux is confined to his home, corner Oakland street and Third avenue as the result of a slight stroke of paralysis sustained last week. His friends will be glad to learn that his condition was considerably improved yesterday.

—At Dallas yesterday Mr. O. F. Mason, as commissioner, sold at public auction the Laban Quinn lands situated on route three from Gastonia. The tract consists of about sixty acres and was bid in by Mr. A. J. Smith, register of deeds, at \$35 per acre.

—We are carrying elsewhere in this issue the announcement by Mr. John G. Carpenter, of Dallas, of his candidacy for State Senator from Gaston county. Mr. Carpenter's exceedingly large number of friends in the county will be pleased to learn of his decision to make the race.

—Miss Pauline Orr, of Charlotte, returned to Gastonia yesterday and resumed her work as one of the teachers in the Central graded school after an absence of several weeks, having accompanied her father, Rev. W. W. Orr, on a trip to Pennsylvania, where he conducted several successful revival meetings.

—Mr. W. P. Morrow, of route two, Bessemer City, was a visitor in Gastonia yesterday and subscribed for The Gazette for his eight-year-old son, Master G. A. Morrow, who wants the best paper in the county and requested his father to subscribe for The Gazette. The little fellow pays for it himself and we hope he will enjoy getting it twice every week.

—Mr. Thomas C. Abernethy, bookkeeper for the Thomson Company, has accepted a similar position with the Wampum Department Store at Lincolnton, and will leave the latter part of the present week to assume his new duties. Tom is a hustling, energetic and capable young business man and his hosts of friends, while regretting very much to lose him from Gastonia, wish for him much success in his new home. He will be succeeded here temporarily by Mr. Star Wood, of the Yorkville store of the Thomson Company.