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New Hope News Notes.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
NEW HOPE, Feb. 10.—The sick people of New Hope are all convalescing.—Misses Ethel, Willie and Pearl Stowe visited their uncle, Mr. G. B. Stowe, at Belmont Saturday night and Sunday.—Mr. W. A. Jackson and daughter, Miss Bess, were shopping in Gastonia Monday.—Mr. Frank Harrison visited home-folks from Saturday until Monday.—The people of New Hope were delighted with the services of Rev. J. J. Kennedy Sunday morning.—Miss Carrie Cathey spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Cathey, of the Point.—Miss Fannie Craig will go to Charlotte Friday, where she will visit her aunt, Mrs. Arthur Dunn.—Mr. J. W. Lowry was a business visitor in Gastonia Monday.—Rev. A. S. Anderson will supply the pulpit here Sunday.—Mr. Ernest Jackson visited at the home of his uncle, Mr. Will Jackson, Monday night.—Mr. and Mrs. Green Stowe visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom Craig Monday afternoon.

Lowell Locals.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
LOWELL, Feb. 10.—Honors come fast to Mr. Colt Robinson, who will graduate at Davidson this year. First he was elected chief marshal and recently he was chosen valedictorian of his class.—Rev. W. L. Sherrill, of Greensboro, was in town Wednesday in the interest of the North Carolina Christian Advocate.—Mrs. Amanda Bolick died Monday and was buried in Gastonia Tuesday.—The stockholders of the Peerless mill met Tuesday.—Mrs. J. K. Hand, of Charlotte, visited relatives here this week.
Mr. P. P. Murphy attended the laymen's meeting in Charlotte last week.—Mr. John Carpenter, of Dallas, was in town last week.—Mr. R. A. Miller, Jr., was a Belmont visitor Tuesday.—Mrs. T. P. Rankin has been teaching the mill school for several days on account of the illness of Miss Flossie Steele, the teacher.—Mr. C. V. Flite, of Charlotte, was in town Sunday.—Mr. P. P. Murphy was a Gastonia visitor Wednesday.—Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Thompson have gone to housekeeping in the Jenkins house.
Mrs. M. J. Campbell, who has been sick for three months, is able to be out again to the delight of her friends.—Mr. W. D. Mitchem has purchased a tract of land lying on the South Fork opposite the old Penhook site from Mr. Ed Smith.
The Municipal League of Greenville, S. C., has unanimously requested that \$60,000 be appropriated by the Legislature this year for the improvement and maintenance of roads in the county, and that \$5000 of the amount be used for replacing small wooden bridges by concrete culverts.

PROGRESS AT CLOVER.

Building and Loan Association Being Organized—Bank of Clover Holds Annual Meeting and Declares Annual Dividend.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
CLOVER, S. C., Feb. 10.—The fourth annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Clover was held in the office of the Clover Cotton Manufacturing Company Tuesday of this week. The officials of the bank made their reports, showing the institution to be in first class condition. The usual 10 per cent dividend was declared. The old board of directors, consisting of Messrs. M. L. Smith, Jas. A. Page, Z. M. Neil, Dr. E. W. Pressly, S. A. Sifford, H. L. Wright and F. E. Clinton, were re-elected. Immediately after the adjournment of the stockholders the directors met and re-elected Mr. M. L. Smith president, Mr. Z. M. Neil vice president and Mr. Jas. A. Page cashier. The services of Mr. J. A. Bigger have been secured to assist Mr. Page.

An effort is being made to organize a Building and Loan Association in this place. The promoters are very much pleased with their success in securing subscribers to the stock, and it is to be hoped ere long this institution will be doing business. We hope to have Mr. E. G. McClard, of the Gastonia Mutual Building and Loan Association with us one night of next week to ex-

TWO GASTON MEN IN RACE.

Mr. George W. Wilson and Mr. A. G. Mangum Join the Race for Solicitor in the Twelfth District—Gaston County's Chances for the Winning Candidate are Good.

Gaston county will have two candidates for the solicitorship of the twelfth judicial district, these being Mr. George W. Wilson and Mr. A. G. Mangum, both of the local bar. Both of these gentlemen have definitely decided to enter the contest and this fact lends added zest to a campaign that had already claimed considerable public interest. Though The Gazette has not been able to interview Mr. O. F. Mason today regarding the matter, it is stated on good authority that he has decided definitely not to enter the contest, though his name was mentioned in connection with it earlier in the campaign.

The twelfth district is composed of the counties of Gaston, Cleveland, Lincoln, Mecklenburg and Cabarrus. Mecklenburg has already two candidates in the field, Recorder D. B. Smith and Mr. F. M. Shannonhouse, both of Charlotte, and according to The Charlotte Observer, Cabarrus and Lincoln each one a candidate, making a total of six so far, which insures a lively contest. Mr. Heriot Clarkson, of Charlotte, is the present solicitor.

Gaston's two candidates are both well known, not only in this county but over the district. Mr. Wilson is a native of Caldwell county and came to Gastonia ten or twelve years ago to practice his profession. Mr. Mangum came to Gastonia fifteen years or more ago from Durham and has been constantly engaged in the practice of his profession. Both of these aspirants for the solicitorship are lawyers of ability and both have been prominently and closely allied with every forward movement in Gaston county since they identified themselves with it years ago.

That Gaston stands an excellent chance of furnishing the next solicitor is not at all doubtful. Both of her candidates rank high in the profession of the law and both are eminently qualified to fill the position with honor to themselves and credit to the State. Gaston has never, in recent years at any rate, furnished a solicitor and this fact is strongly in her favor. The present solicitor is a Mecklenburg man and has served two terms. Cleveland county will very probably give the Gaston candidates the bulk of its support and Gaston, of course, will vote solidly for them. Lincoln county, we believe, has no avowed candidate, though Mr. L. B. Wetmore's name has been mentioned in that connection. The Observer says that Cabarrus has a candidate in the field but does not name him and this does not seem to be an assured fact. At present, so far as The Gazette's information goes, there are four active candidates in the field and Gaston, we believe, will have the honor of claiming the next solicitor.

Grand Souvenir Opening.

In an attractive advertisement on page eight of today's Gazette the Abernethy-Shields Drug Co. announces a grand souvenir opening of their handsome new store in the Realty building beginning Wednesday, February 16th, and continuing for one week. During this opening week ten per cent of the gross sales will be donated to the Gastonia Woman's Betterment Association. On Wednesday ladies and children will be presented with handsome and useful souvenirs and a delightful musical program is promised.

Mr. Gordon H. Cilley, a native of Hickory and formerly on the staff of The Charlotte Observer, has taken a position as assistant advertising manager for the big Wanamaker stores in Philadelphia. Mr. Cilley has been on the staff of The Philadelphia Record for several years.

Little Elsie, the youngest daughter of Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Pressly, is seriously ill at this writing.—We are glad to note that Mrs. J. F. Curran's condition is considered more favorable for the past few days.—The smallpox scare of some ten days ago has about subsided. There are no new cases reported.

DROPPED DEAD ON STREET.

Mr. J. E. Griffin Expires Suddenly While Talking to Friends—Had Been in Business Here Seventeen Years—Funeral To-Morrow Morning.

With a sentence but half uttered on his lips, Mr. J. E. Griffin, of No. 317 Rhyne street and a member of the firm of Griffin & Beatty, fell dead about 7:30 o'clock last night on East Main avenue a short distance from the residence of Mr. Frank Norris. He was engaged in a conversation with Mr. J. R. Grigg and was rolling a wheelbarrow when he was stricken suddenly and fell dead without uttering a groan. Mr. Grigg, one of the two men with him at the time, stepped to the residence of Mr. Norris a few feet away and telephoned for a physician. Drs. Stovall and Wilkins went to the scene at once, only to find life extinct. Mr. Charles Ford, of the Ford Undertaking Company, was summoned and was on hand within a few minutes. The body was then removed to his home.

Mr. Griffin complained of suffering with a headache just before leaving the store and had not been feeling well all day but was not so indisposed that he could not work. Death was due to heart failure.

Deceased was 48 years of age and had been a resident of Gastonia for 17 years, coming here from Union county, where he was born and reared. During that entire period he had been engaged in the mercantile business, all but one year of that time having been spent in the Jenkins block. For about eight years past he was a member of the firm of Griffin & Parham but this firm was changed the first of the present year and he formed a partnership with Mr. J. G. Beatty, the firm conducting a general merchandise business in the Jenkins block under the firm name of Griffin & Beatty. Mr. Griffin was twice married. His second wife, who is a daughter of Mr. Jacob Tritt, of this county, survives, together with five children.

Mr. Griffin leaves three brothers and four sisters. The brothers were expected to arrive on No. 11 from Monroe.

The funeral will be held some time tomorrow forenoon at the East Baptist church, Rev. J. J. Beach, the pastor, officiating. It is not known at this time whether interment will be here or whether the body will be taken to Union county for burial.

CITY COUNCIL.

Monthly Meeting of Board of Aldermen Held Tuesday Night—Numerous Items of Routine Business Transacted.

The city council met in regular session for February at the city hall Tuesday night with all the members present and Mayor T. L. Craig presiding.

The city treasurer was authorized to refund to Mr. I. N. Alexander \$2.80 taxes on \$200 excessive valuation on real estate.

The fire committee was authorized to purchase one dozen rubber coats for the use of the fire department.

The buildings and grounds committee was instructed to employ a landscape gardener and proceed to lay off lots and make other necessary improvements on the new city cemetery.

A resolution was passed placing the matter of the sprinkling and sweeping of Main avenue in the hands of the street commissioner, the object of this action being to make some changes and improvements in the methods used with a view to keeping the street in better condition.

Mayor T. L. Craig was appointed as a committee to purchase four mules for the use of the city street department.

The city attorney was instructed to confer with the Carolina and Northwestern Railway Company and take up with them the matter of lowering their tracks in certain places, especially on Broad street, so as to make them conform to the level of the street at various crossings which are now impassable.

Bills to the amount of \$1,271.43 were referred to the finance committee for payment and the board adjourned to meet at the call of the mayor.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEET.

Record of County Business Transacted at Two Meetings This Week.

The board of county commissioners met in the office of the register of deeds in regular session for February Monday, all members being present and Chairman John F. Leeper presiding.

After reading of the minutes of the last meeting the bond of George W. Waring, contractor on the court house and jail, was presented to the board and accepted by them. The bond is for \$25,000 in the Title Guaranty & Surety Co.

Dr. D. E. McConnell was released of tax on \$300, income tax erroneously charged.

J. L. Ramsey was released of taxes erroneously charged, being under age, and Sheriff was instructed to refund same.

W. P. Morrow was released of poll tax on account of physical infirmities.

Mary Cross was declared a pauper and allowed to go to the county home.

John Millen was declared a pauper and allowed to draw \$4 per quarter with R. O. Fordham as agent.

Allen Phifer was declared a pauper and allowed to draw \$4 per quarter with R. C. Kennedy as agent.

I. S. Robinson was released of tax \$450 on real estate in Gastonia township erroneously charged.

Emma Durham and child were declared paupers and allowed to go to the county home.

Rachel Hoyle was declared a pauper and allowed to draw \$4 per quarter with Jacob Jenkins as agent.

Lizzie Murrell was declared a pauper and allowed to draw \$4 per quarter for one quarter only with Jacob Jenkins as agent.

Thomas Glover was declared a pauper and allowed to draw \$4 per quarter with A. R. Anders as agent.

The allowance of Patsy Armstrong, pauper, was ordered to be increased to \$6 per quarter after March 1st.

W. L. Lineberger was released of tax on \$20 personal property.

It was ordered that Carpenter Bros. & Rudisill be charged with taxes on 80 acres of land in Crowders Mountain township.

A. G. Myers, of Gastonia, was appointed a member of the auditing committee in lieu of M. A. Carpenter.

The bond of T. L. Ware, superintendent of roads, with R. K. Davenport and J. M. Springs as sureties in the penal sum of \$2,000 was accepted, approved and filed to be recorded.

T. L. Ware, superintendent-elect of roads, appeared before the board and was sworn into office by John F. Leeper, chairman.

Dr. M. C. Hunter was released of tax on \$450 solvent credits erroneously charged.

On motion the board adjourned to meet Thursday, February 11th, 1910.

On Thursday morning the board met pursuant to adjournment and transacted business as follows:

The road-grading force was instructed to grade the Spencer Mountain road as soon as work is completed on the Mount Holly-Rhyne road, and chaingang No. 1 was directed to macadamize the Spencer Mountain road as soon as they completed the Mount Holly-Rhyne road.

A new survey was ordered for the Upper Stanley road, and the chairman was instructed to secure a surveyor and have survey made for 3 miles from Stanley.

Chairman Leeper and A. R. Anders were appointed a committee to examine the Armstrong's Ford and McAdenville bridges and have such repairs made as are necessary.

It was ordered that the time for the sheriff to make his settlement of school, county and road taxes be extended to May 1st, 1910.

It was ordered that Mrs. M. P. Hoffman be charged with taxes on 164 acres of land in South Point township; J. F. and E. P. Heafner with taxes on \$500, two town lots in Cherryville; Mrs. J. M. Lineberger with tax on land in South Point township; J. S. Quinn with taxes on 64 acres of land in Gastonia township; H. M. McAden with taxes on 545 acres of land in South Point township.

It was ordered that a survey be made of the public road from Besse-

mer City to the Cora road near where the convict camp is now located.

The following road supervisors were appointed for the coming year: River Bend township, J. F. Abernethy, J. E. Cloninger, W. H. Abernethy, R. G. Rhyne, J. R. Rogers, Houston Hoover; Gastonia township, M. A. Rhyne, W. M. Crawford, W. H. Adams, John E. Sarvice; South Point township, W. A. Leeper, Jr., Sloan Springs, W. A. Jackson, W. R. Harrison; Dallas township, Eli Costner, Ernest Ratchford, Tolly Maxwell, Sam Wilson; Crowders Mountain township, E. J. Elliott, C. C. Kiser, J. R. Carson; Cherryville township, I. S. Murray, L. H. Kiser.

The following accounts were audited and ordered paid at the two meetings:

L. N. Glenn, salary for January and small-pox expenses, \$144.86.

C. C. Craig, salary and expenses of county home for January, \$172.48.

T. E. Shuford, Sheriff, expenses of indigent pupils, \$220.98.

Eagle Printing Company, publishing Treasurer's, Clerk's and Register of Deed's annual statements, \$55.13.

T. H. White, expenses of two lunatics, \$4.

H. G. Rhyne, work on roads, Dallas township, \$30.75.

Ford Undertaking Co., balance on coffin for pauper, \$1.

P. D. Summey, disinfectant for jail, \$10.

J. M. Shuford, treasurer, salary for January, \$100.

Good Roads Machinery Co., four wheel scrapes, \$174.

For work on roads: W. H. Crawford, Gastonia, \$4.20; John E. Sarvice, Gastonia, \$46.55; A. V. Summey, Dallas, \$5.66; S. S. Harrelson, Cherryville, \$38.65; W. R. Crouse, Cherryville, \$15.33.

W. A. Jackson, repairing bridge, South Point, \$6.

C. C. Cornwell, stationery, etc., \$12.30.

Gastonia Livery Co., sending Mr. Gibson to county home, \$1.50.

R. A. McArver, chaingang expenses, camp No. 2, \$812.80.

J. R. Carson, stone for Linwood road, \$21.33.

Aaron Webb, stone for Linwood road, \$17.33.

J. W. Wellman, stone for Linwood road, \$52.77.

Leonard Neal, stone for Linwood road, \$10.33.

Bill Crothers, stone for Linwood road, \$16.

Rush Foy, stone for Linwood road \$9.30.

Town of Dallas, electric lights for jail, \$5.40.

G. R. Rhyne, stone for Dallas-Pasour Mountain road, \$11.

O. G. Falls, services as commissioner and committeeman to date, \$20.

F. Dilling, amount over paid on interest of sinking fund, \$25.

Kendrick Mercantile Co., supplies for small-pox patients, \$30.83.

Wm. Michaux, stone for Vestal's Ford road, \$202.50.

Mrs. Allen, outside papaper, \$10.

R. G. Rhyne, stone for Mount Holly-Rhyne road, \$898.75.

Kendrick Mercantile Co., stone for Cherryville-Bessemer City road, \$645.83.

N. G. Tood, work on Mount Holly-Rhyne road, \$423.30.

T. E. Shuford, sheriff, jail fees, etc., \$195.72.

A. Q. Kale, building bridges across Kettle Shoals creek, \$51.12.

J. C. Wilson, chaingang expenses, camp No. 1, \$890.82.

Milburn, Helster & Co., part payment on plans, specifications, etc., for court house and jail, \$1,811.14.

George W. Waring, part payment on contract for construction of court house and jail, \$1,280.

A. J. Smith, services as clerk of board for December and January and in posting and publishing annual statements of county officers, \$127.65.

Mrs. M. G. Hutchinson, interest on \$850 note from June 22, 1908 to Feb. 7, 1910, \$82.87.

W. H. Adams, expenses of Minnie Rhyne, lunatic, \$2.

J. P. Stowe & Co., supplies for small-pox patients, \$9.31.

H. J. Walker, treasurer Mecklenburg county, Gaston county's appropriation toward building Rozzell's Ferry bridge, \$2,000.

J. M. Kendrick, conveying Eliza Rhyne to State hospital, \$9.65.

T. L. Ware, court costs, etc., paid Catawba county for Calvin Pitts, prisoner on chaingang, \$71.95.

Personals and Locals.

—Mr. G. R. Rawlings, assistant postmaster, was confined to his home by a slight illness yesterday.

—Capt. Freno Dilling, of Kings Mountain, was a business visitor in Gastonia Wednesday.

—Mr. B. M. Graves was confined to his home on Chester street for several days this week by illness, being threatened with pneumonia.

—Mr. Carl Carpenter, of Stanley, N. C., spent a short while in the city last night on his way home from Chapel Hill.—Salisbury Post, 8th.

—Mrs. W. T. Love and Mrs. William Moore, of Spencer Mountain, were in the city shopping yesterday afternoon.

—Deputy Sheriff Madison Kendrick went to Morganton Wednesday to place Mrs. Jeff Rhyne in the State Insane Asylum.

—Mr. John F. Leeper, of Belmont, chairman of the board of county commissioners, was in the city on business yesterday.

—Mr. Oscar Abernethy, of Norfolk, Va., arrived in Gastonia Tuesday on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Abernethy.

—Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Harrelson, of Mayesworth, are spending some time at Cherryville on a visit to Mrs. Harrelson's parents.

—Mr. J. R. Faysoux, whose illness was mentioned in Tuesday's Gazette, was reported yesterday afternoon as being somewhat improved.

—Dr. J. F. Jonas, of Kings Mountain, formerly a practicing physician at Thermal City, was a visitor in our town and county this week.—Rutherfordton Sun, 10th.

—Messrs. Flave Davis and Ben W. Boyd returned Wednesday to Newton to resume their studies at Catawba College. They came home two or three weeks ago because of the smallpox scare in Newton.

During the Lenten season, which began Wednesday, litany service and meditation will be held at St. Mark's Episcopal church each Wednesday and Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

—The Cooleemee Journal of last week stated that Rev. Cornelius Miller, of Woodleaf, was recovering from an attack of pneumonia. Rev. Mr. Miller was until recently pastor of the Dallas Presbyterian church, and his former parishioners will be glad to learn of his safe recovery.

—Mrs. C. F. Sherrill, wife of Rev. C. F. Sherrill, pastor of the Methodist church of Shelby, has returned from the Rutherfordton Hospital, where she underwent a serious and delicate operation. Her many friends will be delighted to know that she is being restored to perfect health.—Cleveland Star, 8th.

—The attention of our lady readers is called to an article elsewhere in this issue on chrysanthemum growing, which we have clipped from an exchange. It should be of especial interest to those who intend to enter the contest now being organized by the local Woman's Betterment Association, which will culminate in a big chrysanthemum show to be held this fall.

—Elsewhere in this issue appears the announcement of Mr. David P. Dellinger, of Cherryville, as a candidate for Representative. It has been thought that Mr. Dellinger would probably offer himself for the Senate, but he asks us to state that he has not at any time had such an intention, and would not consent to allow his name to be mentioned in that connection, being content to announce himself for the lower house, especially in view of the fact that there are already several strong and worthy candidates for the Senate in the field.

—A special from Lousburg to Wednesday's Charlotte Observer and dated the 8th says: "Our community was greatly shocked to hear of the death of Dr. Frederick Cooke of this place which event occurred at 10:30 o'clock last night at the home of his father, Judge C. M. Cooke. He was about 34 years of age and leaves a father, mother and five brothers to mourn his loss. He was at one time dean of the medical department at Wake Forest college but owing to feeble health, had to resign and has been a great sufferer for years." Dr. Cooke was a brother of Mr. W. C. Cook and Mr. Percy Cook, both formerly residents of Gastonia. He had a number of friends who regret to hear of his death.