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OVER GASTON COUNTY.

McAdenville Matters.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
McADENVILLE, Feb. 21.—Mrs. T. M. Bynum, of Greenville, S. C., is visiting her mother, Mrs. S. H. Mangum.—Mrs. Daisy Hall left Saturday for Chauncy, Ga., where she will make her home in the future with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Browning.—Mrs. S. H. Mangum is suffering with the grip.—Mr. James T. McAden returned last week from Raleigh, where he underwent an operation for appendicitis.—Mr. I. F. Mabry was a Gastonia visitor Thursday.—Misses Ella Jenkins and Bessie Champion, of Charlotte, were the guests of Mrs. Latimer last week.—Mr. J. L. Webb visited friends in Mount Holly last week.—Mr. Gus Webb, a clerk at the Taylor Drug Store, has been ill with grip for some days.—Mr. W. D. Poole is spending a few days with relatives at Charlotte.—Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Barber, of Spencer, have been here several days with Mr. Barber's mother, who has been quite ill.—Mr. T. J. Hunt, the new master mechanic, is at work upon an extension of the side-tracks of the Lowell and McAdenville railway.

Lowell Locals.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
LOWELL, Feb. 21.—Rev. J. K. Hall, principal of Westminster School, was here Sunday.—Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Hand, of Charlotte, spent the week-end here with relatives.—Mrs. W. O. Cashion and daughter, Miss Nellie, spent Saturday with relatives in Gastonia.—Mr. John Carpenter, of Dallas, was a business visitor in town Thursday.—Mrs. A. R. Leonhardt and Mrs. J. M. Wilson were Charlotte shoppers Wednesday. Mr. Will Potts and family moved from here to Gastonia Thursday.—Mr. David Abernethy of High Shoals, has been in town with stock for sale.—Mr. J. B. Lutz, a former resident of this place, but now of Lincoln county, spent a few days in town last week.—Mr. David Harrison, of Bethesda, S. C., of the firm of Forbis & Harrison, was here on business Thursday.—Mr. Ed Smith stepped over in town Thursday.
 Miss Nina Patrick was called home Thursday on account of the death of her grandfather, Mr. Joseph Riddle, of the Union section.—Mrs. Frank Robinson was a Charlotte visitor Friday.—Mr. James Wilson was in Gastonia Friday night.—Mr. P. W. Hand was a business visitor in Gastonia Saturday.—Mrs. S. M. Robinson is sick with grip.—Mr. B. F. Leonhardt spent several days in Greenville, S. C., with his daughter, Mrs. A. B. Julian last week.—Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Pankin spent Sunday with Mr. W. R. Rankin.

DENTAL SOCIETY.

Dr. P. R. Falls of Gastonia Honored by Election to the Presidency of Cleveland District Society.
 Charlotte Observer, 19th.
 The semi-annual session of the Cleveland District Dental Society came to a close yesterday. The day was largely spent in holding clinics on special subjects, the program of these having been previously published. Officers were elected as follows: President, Dr. P. R. Falls of Gastonia; vice president, Dr. R. O. Apple of Winston Salem; secretary, Dr. J. R. Osborne of Shelby; treasurer, Dr. A. J. Whisman of Rutherfordton. Dr. D. E. McConnell yesterday morning read his paper on "Preservation of the Teeth by the Use of Amalgam."
 The next meeting will be in August. This is always held in Shelby, which is sort of a godfather to the organization. The gathering here was exceedingly pleasant, both socially and with regard to the professional benefit derived. The attendance was good, a number arriving yesterday who were unable to be here for the initial session Thursday light.
 —The Gastonia Furniture Company is greatly improving the interior of its two store rooms on Main avenue. The paper-hangers and painters have made them look like new. This firm now has nearly double the floor space it had formerly. Mr. E. N. Hahn, the manager, is having nothing undone that will contribute toward making the establishment one of the most attractive and commodious in this section.

LYNCHING ATTEMPTED

Three Companies of Militia Required to Quell Mob at Cairo, Illinois—One Man Killed and Four Injured in Attack on Jail.

An Associated Press Dispatch from Cairo, Ill., dated February 18, says:
 With three companies of militia guarding the court house and jail under direct supervision of Adjutant General Frank S. Dickson, Cairo settled down tonight to complete quiet after a strenuous 24 hours. It is believed that the mob spirit is quelled. There are many scattered groups of men about the streets, but no crowd is allowed to congregate.
 Threats were made today against Sheriff Fred D. Nellis for the killing of Alex Halliday and the wounding of four other men by deputies in beating back the mob that attacked the jail last night in an attempt to lynch the purse-snatcher, but the presence of soldiers prevents any open demonstration.

John Pratt, the negro whom the mob intended to lynch, was sentenced to day to prison for not more than 14 years. He will be taken to prison tomorrow morning with twelve other convicts in a special train. Lincoln Wilson, arrested as a suspected companion of Pratt in the snatching of women's pocket-books, was released tonight. The grand jury failed to return an indictment against him.
 Pratt's sentence was imposed ten minutes after he entered court and pleaded guilty to the indictment returned yesterday.

A searching investigation of the attack on the jail was ordered by Judge Butler immediately after the disposal of the cases against the two negroes. Judge Butler's instructions to the grand jury were in substance a demand that the rioters be brought to justice and made to stand trial for rioting, a felony. "This sort of procedure must be stopped," he said. "There have been five murders in Cairo since November 11 when we had a previous occurrence of mob violence. These murders show that mob law is no deterrent to crime and it is our duty to see that mob law ceases to be."

A stray shot fired by a member of the mob was the direct cause of the volley from the deputies guarding the jail that laid several of its members low, according to Sheriff Nellis' version of the attack.
 "I was standing on the front porch of the court house parleying with the mob which was demanding that I give up Pratt," said the sheriff, when some one in the crowd fired a shot. My deputies, watching the parley from a second story window thought that I had fired the shot as a signal, and they fired a volley in the air.
 "The mob refused to retreat and the deputies then fired into the crowd. My conscience is easy over the affair. The rioters were determined to get me unless I got them. I did my duty by protecting my prisoners at any price."
 A dozen broken windows in the court house today showed that shots were fired into the building by the mob.

There were six negroes among the fourteen armed deputies that defended the jail with Nellis.

The Halliday family tonight retained an attorney to sue Sheriff Nellis and the county for damages.

RECEIVERS NAMED.

Judge Jones Appoints Messrs. A. L. Bulwinkle and E. T. Garsed to Adjust Finances of Smith Cotton Mills.

Charlotte Observer, 22nd.
 Messrs. A. L. Bulwinkle of Gastonia, formerly of Dallas, and Mr. E. T. Garsed of Charlotte, were appointed yesterday afternoon receivers for the Smith Cotton Mills Company of Bessemer City. Several weeks ago Judge Jones appointed a temporary receiver, Mr. C. J. Huss. Last week he ruled that the receivership should be made permanent. The remaining time has been spent by the two sides in endeavoring to agree on a man or men. This proved a knotty proposition.

Finally they got together, however, and the selections of yesterday were fairly satisfactory to the parties concerned. Mr. Bulwinkle is a young attorney of ability, who has had extensive practice during the past few years. He studied law at

THE LIBRARY MATTER.

Important Questions to Come Up for Consideration at Meeting of Y. M. C. A. Thursday Night.

As previously announced in The Gazette a meeting of the Gastonia Y. M. C. A. has been called for Thursday night and, as matters of vital importance to the association are to be considered, it is hoped that the attendance of members will be large. This meeting is called for the special purpose of discussing the library situation and formulating some plans looking towards its enlargement and an extension of its influence as a factor in the educational and literary life of the town.
 About six years ago the Gastonia Library Association was organized and was given the use of the Y. M. C. A. building, corner Main avenue and South street. A librarian was employed, a pretty fair stock of books purchased and a reading room opened in connection therewith, affording to the library members quite a number of the current magazines and journals. However, the revenue derived from rentals of the offices in the building has been entirely inadequate, as a result of which the association has been unable to add to its stock of books and outside aid was necessary at times to keep the reading room going. Hampered as it has thus been financially the library has been unable to progress and its sphere of influence has been greatly restricted.
 If the plans which are contemplated materialize the library will be enlarged, its financial status will become such that there will be an annual fund for the purchase of books and it may be possible to make the library free to the public. As it is now a membership fee and monthly dues are charged. As The Gazette is informed, the contemplated plan involves the dissolution of the Gastonia Library Association as an organization and the transfer of its books, furniture and all other articles to the Y. M. C. A. which will then assume the control and management of the library. As is generally known the Y. M. C. A. here has been inactive for the past eight or ten years but still maintains its organization and owns a very valuable piece of property.
 This plan, it is understood, further contemplates an enlargement of the Y. M. C. A. building. If this enlargement is decided upon it will mean the affording of two store rooms, about 25x75 feet on the ground floor and quite a number of additional offices on the second floor. Because of the splendid location of these the rentals therefrom would be such that the total revenue would cover all running expenses of the library and afford a regular fund of something like \$200 or more annually for the purchase of new books. Should these plans thus materialize there is a strong probability that the library would be converted into a free institution and thrown open to the public much the same as the Carnegie free libraries.

That the consummation of some such a plan as that outlined above would give Gastonia a library that the town would have a just pride in and that would serve a large purpose is obvious. The trustees of the library association and the trustees of the Y. M. C. A. are very anxious for a full attendance of members Thursday night to discuss this matter and take some action.

Ex-Governor Robert B. Glenn delivered a temperance address last Friday night in Washington City, in which he said if he were mayor of Washington City he would guarantee to enforce the law.

the University of North Carolina. Mr. Garsed is a member of the well-known cotton machinery firm of Alexander & Garsed of Charlotte and is a business man of acumen and experience.

Quite a large number of creditors are interested in the adjustment of the situation. Mr. John A. Smith is the president of the mills which have been inoperative some time. It was claimed that the company was solvent, but this was denied by the creditors. There are enough of these to make things interesting for the receivers, who will be called on to decide questions of precedence and priority.

MANY METHODIST ISSUES.

General Conference which is to Convene at Asheville in May Will Have Numerous Issues of Importance to Pass Upon—At Least Six Bishops Will Very Probably be Chosen.

The following article dealing with the work of the coming General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, which is to convene in Asheville in May, is taken from the Charlotte Observer of the 21st:
 The sixteenth quadrennial General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, which will convene in Asheville early in May, is already attracting a deal of attention and becoming the source of considerable speculation among local followers of the faith because of the importance of several issues which will be decided upon at that time.

This conference is the supreme legislative body of the Methodists and represents a membership of from 1,700,000 to 1,800,000, churches to the number of 16,000 and 6,500 traveling ministers and 5,000 local ministers. The bishops of the Church preside in the order of their seniority and have no part in the deliberations of this body.

SOME CRITICAL ISSUES.

The modification of the episcopacy, the modification of the presiding eldership and the lengthening or abolition of the pastoral time-limit form a topic of overshadowing issues which will confront this large body.

Various restriction upon the power of the bishop have been proposed by which it is aimed to make these high and dignified offices less arbitrary in their essential nature. A limited instead of a life term has been proposed, while some are clamoring for a "recall" and the advice and counsel of the cabinet in pastoral appointments is still another proposition that will be considered. In this connection comes a voice demanding that the office of the presiding elder be abolished, while others want to make it elective. The tendency of the issues which slightly indicate a revolution favor a more democratic form of church government.

A COMPROMISE SUGGESTION.

A compromise measure has been suggested whereby the presiding elders will be placed over enlarged districts and made junior bishops, thus evolving a senior episcopacy and a junior episcopacy, the latter to be diocesan in its character. It has been pointed out that the local church government is so changed as to allow the church conference to elect all officials without nomination, the form of the church government will be approaching congregationalism.

It is said that a plan will be proposed by which a pastor can serve one charge from four to six years, while others will contend for the absolute abolition of the pastoral time-limit.

The session of the conference lasts 21 days, and an attendance of 1,000 to 3,000 or more, at various stages of the proceedings, is probable.

Each bishop has charge of one conference for the term of one year. The bishops meet and make their own assignments. A bishop may be returned to the same conference indefinitely.

There are eight bishops now. The general conference is a body of 310 men. There are 48 conferences, and each is entitled to one lay and one clerical delegate for every 48 ministers in it; if there are fewer than 48, the conference has two representatives. There are now 48 conferences. This year's general conference will be the first to be held in North Carolina.

There will certainly be six new bishops chosen. That number, Bishops J. C. Cranberry, W. W. Duncan, C. B. Galloway, A. C. Smith, J. J. Tipton and Seth Ward—all in active service except the first-named—have died since the last general conference. So many bishops have never been chosen at any session and the elections will assume a large place in the attention of the delegates, to the comparative exclusion of matters of legislation. Here are the lists of strongest probabilities talked of for elevation to the episcopacy: Dr. W. B. Murrain, president of Millsaps College, Jackson, Miss.; Dr. John C. Kilgo, president of Trinity College, Durham, N. C.; Dr. W. F. Tillett and Dr. Denny of Vanderbilt University,

MR. JEROME SPENCER DEAD.

Young Gastonia Man Succumbs to Tuberculosis After Long and Determined Fight for Life—End Came Last Night at Home on York Street.

After a brave and determined fight for life extending over a period of two years Mr. Jerome Ferguson Spencer died at 7:15 o'clock last night at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Spencer, No. 505 South York street. His near relatives at a distance were notified by wire of the sad event but at the hour this is written, none, all have not been heard from and consequently the funeral arrangements have not been perfected.

Mr. Spencer's death was due to consumption and though he sought health in the dry atmosphere of the Southwest and did all that he could to stay the progress of the disease, it made steady inroads on his constitution. Soon after he contracted the disease two years ago he went to Uvalde county, Texas, where he remained a year, being benefitted somewhat by the climate. He returned to Gastonia about twelve months ago and for the past several months has been confined to his home.

Jerome Ferguson Spencer was the youngest son of J. T. and L. C. Spencer and was born in Gastonia July 10, 1882. He was for several years a student of the old Oakland High School. Five or six years ago he married Miss Mamie Samuel, of Edgefield, S. C., who together with one child, Katie May, aged four years, survives him. Besides his parents, wife and child he leaves four brothers and two sisters, viz: G. Rush Spencer, of Opelika, Ala.; C. W. Spencer, of Washington, D. C.; J. A. Spencer, of Charlotte; S. Elmer Spencer, of Gastonia, and Misses Laura and Mamie Spencer, of Gastonia. Mr. and Mrs. G. Rush Spencer and children arrived from Opelika on No. 36 this morning to attend the funeral.

The sympathy of the community goes out to the bereaved parents, widow, brothers and sisters of the deceased in the great sorrow that has thus come upon them.

Jerome Spencer was a young man of the highest character. He was, when able to work, industrious, was home-loving, a devoted son, brother, husband and father. He was a loyal and consistent member of the Methodist church. His death at so young an age casts a gloom of sorrow over a large number of friends.

The funeral will be held from the home, 505 South York street, this afternoon at 4 o'clock, the services being conducted by Rev. G. D. Herman. Interment will follow in Oakwood Cemetery.

The pall bearers are Messrs. W. B. Morris, D. A. Page, P. R. Huffstetler, Robert C. Warren, Jas. W. Atkins and W. M. Morris.

Notices of New Ads.

S. S. Morris, Trustee—Notice of sale.
 J. Bryan Grimes, Secretary of State—Notice of dissolution of Kendrick-Torrence Co.
 H. Schneider—The great combination sale still going on.
 J. M. Belk Co.—Just received a nice line of W. B. Corsets.
 Thomson Mercantile Co.—Spring and Summer opening Thursday and Friday.

Frost Torrence & Co.—Keep your feet off your mind.
 Lebovitz Department Store—World's greatest sensational sale.
 Abernethy-Shields Drug Co.—Healthy kidneys necessary.

Nashville, Tenn.; Dr. R. G. Waterhouse, president of Emory and Henry College, Va.; Dr. DuBose of Nashville, general secretary of the Epworth League; Dr. C. W. Byrd of Nashville; Dr. G. C. Rankin of Dallas, editor of The Texas Christian Advocate—It is said the five conferences of Texas are all behind him—Dr. M. F. McMurray of Louisville, secretary of the church extension board; Dr. Gross Alexander of Nashville, editor of The Methodist Review; Dr. Ainsworth of Georgia, Dr. C. M. Bishop of Missouri who began his ministry with the pastorate of a mission in Asheville.

The 16,000 church edifices belonging to the conference represent a cost of approximately \$33,000,000, and the 6,000 parsonages about \$7,000,000.

Personals and Locals.

—March 25th is Good Friday.
 —Mrs. D. A. Rippy spent Sunday with relatives in Blacksburg.
 —Mr. W. L. Coon is spending the day in Kings Mountain on business.
 —Mr. George E. Marvin is a business visitor to Shelby today.

—Mr. C. E. Hutchinson, of Mount Holly, was in Gastonia on business this morning.
 —Mrs. W. M. Morris left yesterday for Mount Holly where she will spend a week with friends.

—Dr. J. M. Caldwell, of Blacksburg, S. C., was a business visitor in the city last Friday afternoon.

—Capt. L. C. Summerow will go to Yorkville next week to attend court.

—The young ladies of Linwood College were given a holiday today and a number of them are visiting friends in Gastonia.

—Mr. E. G. McDonald returned yesterday from Yorkville, where he has been spending several days on business.

—Dr. E. F. Glenn has moved his dental office from the room over the Gazette office to a room over the Metropolitan Cafe.

—Mrs. J. H. Redford, of Raleigh, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Jas. D. Moore, returned this morning to her home.

—"Truxton King," by George Barr McCutcheon, our next serial story, will commence in Friday's Gazette. Watch for it and read it.

—Mr. J. O. White left this morning for Lenoir on a visit to his brother, Mr. Frank C. White, who is seriously ill.

—Today being a national holiday the banks of the town are closed and the postoffice is observing holiday hours. Both the city and rural carriers are also having a day off.

—Miss Myrtle Nolen is expected to return tonight from Newbern, where she has been spending several weeks as the guest of her sister, Mrs. N. W. Lumpkin.

—Mr. R. B. Babington, general manager of the Piedmont Telephone & Telegraph Co., will leave tonight for Atlanta to attend the meeting of the Southern Independent Telephone Association.

—Miss Pearl Hanna entertained a number of friends at her home on Chester street last night in honor of Misses Brooks, Usher, Featherstone, Ingram and Vernon, visiting young ladies from Linwood College.

—Rev. J. Norton Atkins, of the Valle Crucis Associate Mission, returned this morning from a trip to Columbia, S. C., and is the guest of Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Hardin for a day or two.

—Miss Ollie Jenkins, whose illness was mentioned in our columns last week, is reported today as being much better and as rapidly recovering from the operation which she underwent some days ago.

—Messrs. B. F. Ormand, R. H. Plyler, G. R. Millen and J. A. Lynn left on train No. 36 this morning for Greensboro to attend a meeting of the State Council, Junior Order United American Mechanics, which convenes there tonight.

—Mr. C. A. Blanton, who has been with the Singer Sewing Machine Co. here for several years, spent yesterday in Salisbury, where he arranged to take a position with the same company there. He will move to Salisbury next week.

—The meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Main Street Methodist church, which was to have been held yesterday afternoon, but was postponed on account of the inclement weather, will be held at the church next Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

—Mrs. D. A. Rippy and Miss Emily Adams will leave tonight for Orange City, Fla., where Miss Adams expects to spend about two months. Mrs. Rippy will remain two weeks and return by Atlanta, Fort Payne, Birmingham and Chattanooga, visiting friends in each place.

—The annual reception of the Gastonia Commercial Club will be held in the Club rooms tonight. The occasion will, as usual, be one of the most largely attended and important social events of the season. The music for the occasion will be furnished by the Lowell Orchestra, of which Mr. J. M. Wilson is director, and the refreshments will be served by the ladies of the Gastonia Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy.