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OVER GASTON COUNTY.

DEATH OF MRS. LEE.

Additional Facts About Arlington Lady Who Died Last Sunday—News Items.

Correspondence of The Gazette. ARLINGTON MILL, March 16.—Mrs. Mattie Lee, wife of Mr. Z. P. Lee of this place, passed away almost suddenly with intense pain last Sunday evening about 4 o'clock. She had assisted in preparing dinner, which was served about half-past one o'clock. A short time after eating, she was seized with an intense pain, resulting in her death. All that was known to do, was without relief to the sufferer.

Mrs. Lee was the daughter of Mr. Anderson Finger, of Maiden, her former name being Miss Mattie Finger.

About 16 years ago she was baptized by Rev. J. A. Hoyle and became a member of the Baptist church. It was also about that age of her life that she was married to Mr. Z. P. Lee.

Seven years ago, they moved to this place and have continued to make this their home since. Mrs. Lee was about 30 years of age and has lived a devoted Christian life, beloved by a host of friends.

The body was taken to Maiden and placed in the Baptist cemetery at that place Monday evening. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. A. Hoyle.

The deceased leaves an infant about two weeks old, her husband and five other children to mourn the vacancy in their family. There are also many relatives and friends, that greatly sympathize with the bereaved husband and family.

Last Friday evening the cab of the northbound local freight ran off the track at the Arlington switch and turned over. No one was injured.

Mr. H. C. Lewis has been ill for the past few days.

Mrs. H. Roberts has been sick with grip for the past week.

Some burning off was going on around Crowders Mountain last Tuesday. All the east part of the mountain could be seen burning rapidly Tuesday night and Wednesday morning. We presume that some of the dwellings on and near the mountain were endangered.

BESSEMER ROUTE TWO NEWS.

Correspondence of The Gazette. BESSEMER CITY, R. F. D. 2.—The farmers in this section are finishing sowing their six-weeks oats and are again turning land for a corn crop and making calculations as to chemical and commercial fertilizers. A number of persons will make their own guano but there will be much used again.

The wheat and oats crops are putting on their rich coat of green, giving promise of bread to the eater and seed to the sower.

Linwood College is doing fine work this year. Miss Ruby will close the Oates school this week and all are highly pleased with the tact and skill of this most efficient lady teacher of our grand old county, which is forging to the front in every direction. The time is near when there need not be an illiterate citizen in all its borders.

It seems that the offices of the county will not go begging for men to fill them for us. But the men to represent us in the Legislature are, in my opinion, the most important of all. We want the best, wisest, pleasantest, soundest men of a character unimpeached, invincible and sedate. I am tired of laws not executed, only on the statute books, but as I am just an embryo in this art I'd better come to a close.

My nearest neighbor, is plowing with a team of three fine mules abreast. So you see we move; he expects a fine harvest next fall.

We have ice and Jack frost this 15th of March, 1910. In 1849 we had a fine snow on the night of April the 15th. The leaves of trees were fully grown. The wheat in short blade and every spring and summer vegetable in full vigor. So there were dead and dried woodland fields but nature rejuvenated and brought forth leaf and life.

Lowell Locals.

Correspondence of The Gazette. LOWELL, March 17.—Mr. and Mrs. John W. Groves visited rela-

tives in Gastonia Tuesday.—Mrs. D. P. Stowe, of Belmont, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Hand, this week.—Mrs. Sarah Reid visited relatives in Gastonia this week.—Mr. Green Stowe, of Belmont, was a business visitor here Wednesday.—Mr. Ed Carpenter, of Cherryville, was in town Wednesday.—Messrs. S. M. Robinson and P. P. Murphy were Gastonia visitors Tuesday night.—Mr. Houser, of The Cherryville Eagle, was a business visitor here Wednesday.—Miss Ida Thornburg, of Bessemer, visited Mrs. Wade Holmes this week.—Mr. Will Moore, of Spencer Mountain, was a Belmont visitor Wednesday.—Mr. Brigman and children, of Union county, visited relatives here this week.—Miss Lois Bolinger, of Iron Station, returned home this week after a visit of several weeks to Mr. and Mrs. Sloan Springs, on route two.—Mrs. J. R. Titman delightfully entertained a few of her friends at dinner Thursday.

Dallas Dots.

Correspondence of The Gazette. DALLAS, March 17.—Little Johnny, the two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hayes, died Saturday night and was buried Monday at Long Creek. Rev. J. L. Shinn conducted the funeral exercises.

An infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Miles Holland died Saturday and was buried at Long Creek Sunday, the funeral exercises being conducted by the pastor, Rev. C. M. Robinson.

Mrs. E. L. Mason leaves today for Bessemer City to be with her father, Mr. C. G. Robbins, who has been in poor health for some time.—Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cornwell went to Lenoir Wednesday to spend a few days.—Mrs. A. J. Smith, who has been confined to her room for several days with grip, is slowly improving.—Mr. O. F. Mason left Wednesday for Albemarle on business.—Mrs. J. D. Moore, of Gastonia, is spending the week with relatives and friends here. Mrs. Moore has a host of friends here who are always glad to welcome her in their midst.

Library Meeting.

At a meeting of the Gastonia Library Association last night a resolution, offered by Rev. R. C. Anderson, was unanimously adopted, instructing the directors to turn over to the Y. M. C. A. the library property which had been received from them on condition that the Y. M. C. A. shall establish and maintain a free public library. This action was simply the official transfer which had already been practically agreed upon at former meetings, and when accepted and approved officially by the directors of the Y. M. C. A., will complete all the arrangements contemplated for some time looking to the establishment of a free library. A committee of the directors of the association was appointed to confer with a similar committee from the Y. M. C. A. in making the final transfer of the property. It is likely that work will begin at an early date on the improvements and additions to be made to the present library building, and that within a few months, at the latest, the library will be in larger and better quarters and will be open to the public.

Baseball Meeting.

At a meeting held last night the Lory Baseball Association was organized for the season with the following officers: Mr. Jess Young, president and treasurer; Mr. Lan Moore, manager; Mr. Burton, assistant manager. The association has already plenty of good material from which to develop some expert players, and other players will probably be obtained later. It is planned to have the first game about April 15th. A strong effort will be made this year to have orderly conduct on the ball ground and to remove all the objectionable features which have some times been attached to the conduct of the game here in former seasons.

—Miss Froncy Wyatt, of the Lory, is a patient at the City Hospital this week.

—Mr. J. Lean Adams, Mr. Robert Adams, Mr. Frank Costner and Dr. Frank Wilson were among the number of Gastonians who witnessed the presentation of "The Talk of New York" at the Academy of Music at Charlotte Wednesday night.

MILLINERY OPENINGS.

Annual Events at Thomson's, Belk's and the Misses Ruddock This Week Attract Large Numbers of Ladies from Neighboring Towns—Gastonia Ladies Out in Full Force.

Spring, gentle Spring, brings many lovely things into being—flowers and grass, the budding and leafing of the trees, the revivification of all nature—it is the cream-time of the year when the old feel young and the young feel gay. Nothing that this season brings, however, is more talked about or attracts more universal attention, especially among the members of the world's "better half," than the new spring and summer bonnets. From the tiny tot of five or six on up the fair sex is now as a whole thinking and dreaming and planning Easter headwear. Nor are the men entirely indifferent to the subject, if one may judge from their presence at the millinery openings of the local stores. They were considerably in evidence and they are anticipating that the milliners will be very anxious to see them again about five days after Easter.

THOMSON'S.

One of the handsomest and most pleasingly decorated show windows ever seen in Gastonia is that one at the Thomson Mercantile Company's. It is decorated in green against a yellow background, real ivy and ferns being used in combination with artificial flowers. This display contains quite a number of the prettiest pieces of headgear this firm has for the season. It was arranged under the direction of Miss Ayers, head of the millinery department, who has held this position for several seasons past. The window was admired by large numbers of people who attended the opening Wednesday night and yesterday.

The leading shades this season at this establishment are old blue, new red and cerise. As to shape the gunboat turban is decidedly one of the most popular shapes. In trimming, flowers predominate. One of the prettiest hats seen here is a violet turban-shaped hat with crown covered with violets, with velvet trimmings and a gold quill. Another handsome creation in a street hat in a gunboat-shaped hat made of gray straw bound with the new red velvet and having a gold quill and ornaments. Another pretty one is a white Milan with a wreath of black, white and yellow wheat, black ribbon and black velvet facing. A lovely thing in a child's hat is one made altogether of daisies and lined with lace, this being one of the latest creations in children's hats.

Miss Ayers is ably assisted in her department by Miss Mary Hildebrand, Miss Ella Rankin, Misses Estie and Eliza Lindsay, Mrs. Wiley Hanna, Miss Georgia Smith and Mrs. Murphy Mauney.

BELK'S.

At Belk's one finds a most pleasing and attractive display of the newest and noblest creations in headgear for the Spring and Summer. On their opening days, Wednesday and Thursday, large numbers of ladies both from Gastonia and from nearby towns crowded the millinery parlors on the second floor where Miss Kreglow and her assistants were kept busy showing and taking orders for hats. Some of the prettiest hats seen here are the following: A flower hat trimmed with gold aigrette and voiles; a gray rolling turban, in gold and green, with aigrette and grapes; a child's hat, leghorn shape, with lace crown trimmed with forget-me-nots and rosettes on the side. The most popular shapes seen here are the rolling turban, the sunset and chancicler sailors and the turbans in close-fitting shapes. Champagne, green and fire red are among the leading colors used. On ladies hats flowers are unusually good for trimming; for misses and children ribbons and large bows are much used. The children's hats are mostly drooping shapes. This firm also carries this season, as heretofore, a full line of the popular Gage hats. The parlors at this establishment are prettily decorated for the season in lavender and green. Miss Kreglow is serving her eighth season as the efficient head of the department and she is ably assisted by Misses Bessie Johnson, Willie Bradley, and Lois McAllister.

MISSSES RUDDOCK.

The rooms of the Misses Ruddock,

upstairs in the Singer building, present a scene of real loveliness and they were visited yesterday and today by large numbers of ladies who were lavish in their praises of the handsome hats there seen. Misses Cynthia and Carrie Ruddock have for several years past conducted a millinery business in Gastonia and have an established reputation for carrying a most complete and attractive line of hats. Here the reporter was shown quite a number of creations which were particularly beautiful. Among the number is a burnt leghorn encircled with a wreath of flowers and black lace bow with maiden-hair ferns. Other handsome hats here are: A panama shape with black velvet facing, black wings and velvet ribbon with flower buckles of yellow poppies; a three-cornered draped turban of straw, with braid and neapolitan; a three-cornered turban with draped crown of rough straw braid surmounted by a bunch of wheat, the whole being of a champagne color; a huge picture hat with willow plume and lace scarf and jet cabashon, the whole being in black and one of the handsomest displayed in these parlors; a large white lace picture hat with white plumes; a misses' hat, Corday shape, covered with moline and trimmed with a wreath of clover blossoms and adorned with an aigrette. There are numerous others but to attempt a description of them all is out of the question here. They must be seen to be thoroughly appreciated.

TWO YORK PEOPLE DEAD.

Miss Lee Williams and Mr. J. Leonidas Moore Pass Away at Asheville—Both Buried in Their Native Soil.

Yorkville Enquirer, 15th. Miss Lee Williams of Yorkville, died in Asheville, N. C., last Saturday, after a long illness with tuberculosis, aged about 37 years. The deceased was the second of three daughters, left by the late Henry Williams, formerly of Yorkville. The youngest, Miss Pearl, died a number of years ago, leaving Miss Lee and her oldest sister, Miss Willie, alone. Both continued in Yorkville, Miss Lee becoming a most proficient dressmaker and Miss Willie, a capable and popular saleslady. They were getting along nicely in the world until a few years ago, when Miss Lee's health began to fail, and about eighteen months ago, she went to Asheville, in the hope of being able to check the ravages of consumption. Miss Willie went with her, and during all her tedious suffering and decline, ministered to her with sisterly devotion that was beautiful and touching. Mr. H. L. Allen, Miss Clara Allen, and Miss Sallie Spencer Adickes of Asheville, Mr. H. C. Strauss of Spartanburg, came with the body to Yorkville, and Prof. W. H. Hand, a cousin, and Dr. O. F. Hart of Columbia, and Mr. Frank Gwin of Hickory, N. C., came to Yorkville to be present at the funeral. The funeral services took place in the First Presbyterian church on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, and were conducted by Rev. E. E. Gillispie. The interment took place in Rose Hill cemetery.

Mr. J. Leonidas Moore, a well-known and highly esteemed citizen of York county, died in Asheville, N. C., last Sunday, in the 77th year of his age. Mr. Moore, formerly lived in the neighborhood of Bethesda church, and during many years of his life, was regarded as one of the leading men of York county. He was a candidate for the office of clerk of the court after the retirement of Mr. Joseph F. Wallace in 1888; but was defeated. Afterward, however, he became a member of the county board of commissioners and did excellent service in that capacity. He had been living in Asheville for some months, previous to his death. He leaves a widow, who was a Miss Miller of Fairfield, and six children, as follows: Messrs. W. H., Jesse M. and George Moore, of Rock Hill; Misses Mary and Eunice Moore of Asheville, and Mrs. White of Charleston. The funeral took place at Bethesda today at noon.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the North Carolina Press Association in Greensboro Wednesday Wrightsville was chosen as the place for holding the next annual meeting of the association, June 22, 23 and 24 being the date.

TERSE TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

The Caroleen Savings Bank, was organized at Caroleen last week with a capital stock of \$10,000.

Samuel L. Rogers will not seek reelection to the office of Corporation Commissioner.

The commissioners of Surry county have recently completed a new county home.

Mrs. Joseph Smith and Mrs. Otto Ekstrand, of Chicago, fought a duel with hat pins Monday.

A sixty gallon still was captured on Broad river last week, which had the appearance of having been in operation for several years.

Governor Joe Brown, of Georgia, and Mayor Maddox, of Atlanta, have given Peary the black eye, because he has not produced the Eskimos.

A bill appropriating \$5,000 to raise the wreck of the battleship Maine in Havana harbor has been reported favorably.

The explosion of a boiler in a mica mine in Yancey county last week killed two men and seriously wounded another.

Thomas McK. Laughlin, the Pittsburgh millionaire steel operator, and brother-in-law of President Taft, who suicided Tuesday, left an estate of \$1,400,000.

Detectives in New York are busy at work trying to locate the black-hand band who interrupted the workmen on the Rockefeller estate on the 15th.

Charlotte is preparing to entertain Governor Charles E. Hughes, of New York, for the celebration of an "industrial day" to be held during the month of April.

Ernest Erwin was arrested in Asheville Tuesday by George Greenlee, a colored detective. Erwin is wanted in Morganton for store breaking.

P. C. Knox, Jr., whose father refused to give him any support after his elopement with the Providence girl, has gone to work as an automobile salesman.

One regiment of the National Guard of North Carolina will probably participate in the coming maneuvers at the Chickamauga National Park near Chattanooga.

The United States authorities at Newbern have seized 206 bushels of corn meal made from the Mountain City Mill Co., of Tennessee, for violation of the pure food law and short weight.

Speaker Joseph G. Cannon, of the House of Representatives has renewed his attack upon the insurgents and declares all pledges of the Republican party will be kept, if it has the continued support of the people.

The directors of the old Soldier's Home will ask the coming Legislature for an appropriation to enlarge the home in order to make room for the veterans whose numbers call for more room.

The commissioners of Rockingham county have ordered a new jail built at a cost of \$12,000. They have already secured the site and have let the contract for its erection.

Returning from a two-years stay in the far West to find his sweetheart Miss Ola Norton, the affianced bride of another, Volney Owens shot and seriously wounded his rival, Sylvanus Sanders, at Toxaway Monday. He then made good his escape.

Hickory's Chamber of Commerce is contemplating the inauguration of an extensive advertising campaign. The representative of a large advertising agency appeared before that body a few nights ago and submitted plans and estimates on the kind of campaign they have in mind.

Last night President Taft delivered a St. Patrick's Day address before the Irish Fellowship Club, of Chicago, being the guest of honor at a banquet given by that organization. He will also make several other speeches on this trip and is not expected to return to Washington till the 23rd.

Baxter Shemwell, whose case attracted State-wide attention last fall when Governor Kitchin granted him a reprieve until April 1st from serving a sentence imposed on him by the courts for an assault on Conductor Smithers of the Southern Railway, has asked for a further reprieve. He states that, if there is any doubt about his physical condition, he is willing to submit to an examination by disinterested physicians.

Personals and Locals.

—Mr. W. H. Crawford, of Gastonia, route one, gave The Gazette office a pleasant call Wednesday.

—Miss Minnie Lee Faires, of Kings Mountain, was the guest yesterday of Miss May Harry.

—Mrs. W. B. Hallman is spending some time on a visit to relatives in Gaffney, S. C.

—Mr. J. J. George, of Bessemer City, was in the city Tuesday on business.

—Mr. Henry Spencer left yesterday for Rockingham where he goes to install some new bank fixtures.

—Mrs. R. D. Atkins and Miss Lillian Atkins have returned from a short trip to Hendersonville and Brevard.

—Mrs. S. A. Hoey, who has been spending some time in Gastonia with her daughter, Mrs. Robert C. Warren, has returned home.—Cleveland Star, 15th.

—Esquire A. R. Anders has received his commission as a delegate to the Good Roads Convention which is to be held in Hendersonville on March 30th.

—The Lowell Orchestra, of which Mr. J. M. Wilson is director, will give a public concert in the graded school building at Lowell on Saturday night, March 26th.

—An infant child of Mr. and Mrs. James Stewart, aged about one month, died at their home at Lowell yesterday, and the funeral and burial took place today.

—There is a scarcity of butter on the local market. The merchants are paying 20 cents for it and would like to see more of it coming in from the country.

—Governor Kitchin has appointed Capt. F. Dilling, of Kings Mountain, a delegate to the thirty-seventh annual session of the National Conference of Charities and Correction, which meets in St. Louis May 19-26.

—Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Dixon, Mr. Lamar C. Pegram, Mr. Charles Cavis and Dr. R. M. Reid went to Charlotte Wednesday evening to see "The Talk of New York" at the Academy of Music.

—Mrs. Thomas Lowdermilk left yesterday on a visit to her brother, Mr. Will Garrison, who continues ill at his home in Drayton, S. C. She was accompanied by her sister, Miss Georgia Garrison, who has been spending some time here as her guest, being en route home from a visit to another sister, Mrs. Alice Workman, at Roanoke, Va.

—Mr. W. B. Smith, who has been living in Gastonia for the past two years, has moved to the L. L. Suggs place near Hoyle's bridge on Dallas, route two. Mr. Smith rented his home on Harvey avenue and about six acres of land included with it to Messrs. Walter McArver and Ches Abernethy.

—Miss Blanche Gray, who is a student in the Randolph-Macon Woman's College at Lynchburg, Va., is expected to arrive in Gastonia next Wednesday to spend the Easter holidays. She will be accompanied by two friends, Miss Ruth Matson, of Lexington, Ky., and Miss Martha Welborn, of Vicksburg, Miss., who will be her guests during the holidays.

—Mr. George W. Wilson, of Gastonia, was in town yesterday shaking hands with his friends. He is a candidate for Solicitor for the Twelfth Judicial District. Mr. Wilson is an able lawyer, a man of wide reading and culture, and a resourceful campaigner. He has many friends in Kings Mountain and this immediate vicinity and will make a good race for this office.—Kings Mountain Herald, 16th.

—Rev. William Rawlings, who has been spending some months here as the guest of his son, Mr. G. R. Rawlings, will leave Monday for Binghamton, N. Y., to attend the meeting of the Wyoming Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, of which he is a member, which convenes there on March 30th. A feature of each annual conference is a memorial service in remembrance of the ministers and the ministers' wives who have died during the conference year, and at this service a memorial will be read to Mr. Rawlings' wife, whose death occurred here last summer. Mr. Rawlings will probably spend the greater part of the summer with relatives in New York and Pennsylvania.