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## OVER GASTON COUNTY.

### McAdenville Matters.

Correspondence of The Gazette.  
McADENVILLE, March 21.—Mr. F. P. Skidmore, of Marion, spent some time here last week visiting relatives.—Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Mabry were Gastonia visitors Friday afternoon.—Mr. Robert R. Ray has gone north for a few days on business. While away Mr. Ray will visit Philadelphia, New York and other cities.—Miss Julia Chandler, of Gastonia, spent Sunday with relatives here.—Miss Mamie Ray spent last week in Gastonia as the guest of her sister, Mrs. L. N. Glenn, who accompanied her home and will spend several days here as the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Ray.—Mr. T. J. Hunt is in the City Hospital at Gastonia for a few days treatment.—Miss Jettie Walker, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Walker, of Cooleemee, is spending several days here with her grandmother, Mrs. J. J. Johnson.—Miss Catherine Ray was a Gastonia visitor Saturday.—Rev. J. H. Vipperman, until recently pastor of the Baptist church here, has moved his family to High Point, where he has accepted the pastorate of a church.—Mr. H. J. Wilkerson spent Sunday with friends in Gastonia.—Messrs. A. C. Kelly and L. W. Jenkins were Gastonia visitors Sunday.—Mrs. M. R. Wright spent Saturday and Sunday in Kings Mountain as the guest of her daughter, Mrs. C. F. Howe.—Mr. Puett Bolick, of Denver, spent Sunday here with Mr. J. W. Ruffelt and family.—Miss Lacie Wright and brother, Mr. Sam Wright, spent Saturday and Sunday in Charlotte as the guests of Mrs. and Mrs. J. M. McClellan.

### Lowell Locals.

Correspondence of The Gazette.  
LOWELL, March 21.—The infant of Mr. and Mrs. James Stewart died Thursday and was buried at Mount Holly Friday.—Mr. B. A. Myers, of Charlotte, was in town Thursday.—Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Grissom, of Bartow, Fla., are visiting Mrs. Joe Featherston. Mr. Grissom has been away from this county 28 years.—Sheriff T. E. Shuford, of Dallas, was in town Thursday. Attorney George P. Pell, of Winston-Salem, was a business visitor here Friday.  
Messrs. Ewart Huffstetler and G. F. McLaughlin, of Gastonia, were in town Thursday.—Mr. Isaac Wright, of Clinton, visited his cousin, Mr. P. P. Murphy, last week.—Mr. Wesley Stroup has been indisposed for several weeks.—Mrs. Eliza Smith is visiting her son, Mr. Amos Smith, in Charlotte this week.—Misses Kate Robinson and Mary Cox were Gastonia shoppers Saturday.—Miss Nina Patrick and Miss Mabel Leonhardt visited Mrs. D. P. Stowe in Belmont Saturday night.—Mr. Will Baldwin and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Camp Friday night.—Mrs. Amos Smith, of Charlotte, visited relatives here Saturday.—Mr. P. P. Murphy spent the week-end with relatives in Greensboro.—Mrs. John Steele and children, of Monroe, are visiting Mrs. Frank Robinson.—Mr. James Savage and family moved here from Gastonia last week.—Mr. John Boyd, of Mayesworth, was in town Sunday.—The orchestra will give an entertainment in the academy next Saturday night. We hope to have a full house.

### Leaves the New York Life.

The following item about one of Gastonia's best-known citizens appeared in The Charlotte Observer and will be read with interest by his hosts of friends in Gastonia and the county: "Mr. T. M. Fayssoux of Gastonia, better known among his friends as 'Dick' Fayssoux, has resigned his position with the New York Life Insurance Company to accept a contract after April 1 with the Reliance Life Insurance Company of Pittsburg, Pa., his position being that of general agent for portions of North and South Carolina. Mr. Fayssoux has always been regarded as one of the most successful insurance men in this section of the State. He has been with the New York Life about 14 years. His headquarters will be at Room No. 406, Realty building, in this city. Mr. W. L. Wilhoite is supervisor of agencies for North and South Carolina."

## SPEAKER CANNON LOSES.

Is Deposed from Former Position of Power and Prestige on Rules Committee at Close of Long and Bitter Fight—Insurgent Republicans and Democrats Joined Hands to Accomplish This End—Congress Has Most Stirring Scenes in Its History.

Saturday, March 19th, was one of the most remarkable days in the history of the House of Representatives of the National Congress, the scenes enacted then and there not having a parallel in the history of our country, the stormy days preceding the civil war not excepted.

We give below some extracts from the accounts as given by the Associated Press dispatches appearing in Sunday morning's papers:

Joseph Guernsey Cannon, of Danville, Ill., is still Speaker of the House of Representatives, but he lost today the ancient prestige and weapon of the office when the allied Republican insurgents and Democrats took from him not only the chairmanship of, but even membership in, the all-powerful committee on rules, the chief asset in his stock of power.

Amid scenes of wildest disorder, for the like of which one must go back to the exciting days just prior to the civil war—perhaps even those might not duplicate it—the veteran Speaker, almost 74 years old, stood erect and defiant, his head "bloodied but unbowed." And at the end when a big Texan Democrat accepted the Speaker's daring challenge and introduced a resolution to fling him out of the Speakership, the Republicans, regulars and insurgents, with few exceptions, rallied with almost unbroken front, and gave him a vote which almost offset the "reputation of Cannonism."

This is what happened:

By a vote of 191 to 155, the Republican insurgents voting solidly with the Democrats, the House adopted the resolution of Representative Norris, (Republican, of Nebraska,) requiring a reorganization of the rules committee, increasing its membership from five to ten, and declaring the Speaker ineligible to membership therein.

### TO RETAIN SPEAKERSHIP.

By the curiously identical vote of 191 to 155—but with a decidedly different personnel of alignment—the House defeated a resolution of Representative Burleson, of Texas, declaring the Speakership vacant and ordering an immediate election of a successor to Mr. Cannon.

Here is the Norris resolution, which was adopted:

"There shall be a committee on rules, elected by the House (hitherto the committee of five, like all other House committees, has been appointed by the Speaker,) consisting of ten members, six of whom shall be members of the majority party and four of whom shall be members of the minority party. The Speaker shall not be a member of the committee, and the committee shall elect its own chairman from its own members.  
"Resolved further, That within ten days after the adoption of this resolution there shall be an election of this committee, and immediately upon its election the present committee on rules shall be dissolved."

Here is the resolution of Representative Burleson, which was defeated:

"Resolved, That the office of Speaker of the House of Representatives is hereby declared to be vacant and the House of Representatives shall at once proceed to the election of a Speaker."

### CAUCUSES CALLED.

Caucuses will be called immediately by both parties to select respectively the six Republicans and four Democrats, who are to constitute the new committee on rules. The old committee consisted of Speaker Cannon as chairman, and Messrs. Daiseil, of Pennsylvania; Smith, of Iowa, Republicans; and Minority Leader Clark, of Missouri, and John F. Fitzgerald, of New York, Democrats.

Republican Leader Payne said tonight that "recent events" were "too recent" for his party to have decided definitely upon the date of its caucus. Republican "Whip" Dwight thought it would be early next week. Minority Leader Clark thought the Democratic caucus would meet Tuesday or Wednesday night.

The fact is that all parties to the long and bitter fight were too thor-

## GASTONIA INTERESTED!

Our Town Directly on the Line of New Proposed Highway Between Asheville and Charlotte—Some Facts About Big Good Roads Meeting at Hendersonville.

On Wednesday, March 30th, there will be held at Hendersonville a good roads convention which has in immediate prospect the construction of three important lines of highways in North Carolina, one of which is the Charlotte-Asheville route. Gastonia and Gaston county is directly interested in this movement because this proposed route is through the county. Gaston ought to be represented at this convention by all means.

State Geologist Joseph Hyde Pratt, who is secretary of the North Carolina Good Roads Association, has issued a special bulletin concerning this matter in which he gives the following interesting information:

"To illustrate the interest that counties and townships are taking in these highways, I wish to quote from a letter received from the chairman of the highway commission of Cleveland county. One township, No. 6, in this county, which contains the city of Shelby, has issued \$100,000 of bonds for building improved roads within that township. The chairman states: 'We are now working the roads in No. 6 township, Cleveland county, and will build 9 to 10 miles across this township, which will leave 12 miles in the county to be built. I have taken up the matter with men living along the line and they have promised to give me work and money, and I believe that the county will build the remaining 12 miles, making 22 miles of the Charlotte-Knoxville highway in our county.'

### SPIRIT THAT IS NECESSARY.

"This is the spirit that all the counties should have in regard to the construction of these roads within the next twelve months. No county or township should become discouraged on account of the number of miles of road that is necessary for them to construct, nor should their enthusiasm be dampened by the present bad condition of their roads, which may seem to indicate to them that it is an impossible feat to construct the system of roads advocated. I am confident that we can build this system of roads and that we will build them. The highway division of the North Carolina geological and economic survey will do its utmost to make a complete survey of the highways proposed, and draw up plans and specifications for their construction showing their location and grade; how to surface them, and what materials to use. Some of the roads may be macadamized, others will be surfaced with sand-clay, and still others with gravel.

### LOCATION OF THESE ROADS.

"The exact location of these roads cannot be known definitely until the survey has been made, although it is known approximately. As thus far worked out there will be of the Charlotte-Knoxville road approximately 10 miles of the road in Mecklenburg county; 20 miles in Gaston county, the road passing through Gastonia and Bessemer City; 22 miles in Cleveland county, the road passing through Shelby; 30 miles in Rutherford county, passing through Rutherfordton and Hickory Nut Gap; 6 miles across the extreme northeast jog of Henderson county; and 15 miles in Buncombe county, via Fairview to Asheville. From Asheville to the Tennessee line there are two routes available—one across Madison county, following near the French Broad river—via Marshall and Hot Springs, which would make about 24 miles of road in the county; and the other through Haywood county, following down the pigeon river, which would make about 30 miles of the road in this county; both roads, however, would lead to Newport, Tenn. There would be about 20 miles of the road in Coke county as far as Newport. From Newport to Knoxville the road would be via Sevierville and would be about 60 miles in length.  
"Of the Greenville, S. C.-Asheville highway there will be 21 miles in Greenville county, S. C., 20 miles in Henderson county, via Hendersonville; and about 14 miles in Buncombe county."

Charlotte people are making a strenuous effort to have improvements made on Vance Park.

## MORRISON PAYS PENALTY.

Resisted Three Times Robeson County Negro Goes to Electric Chair, First Victim of New Mode of Execution—A Grim Scene in State Prison at Raleigh.

Walter Morrison, the Robeson county negro sentenced to death for an assault on a Croatan Indian woman, thrice resisted by the Governor because there was unexpected delay in installing the electric chair, went to his death Friday morning at 10:18, being the first victim of legal electrocution in North Carolina. As described by the writers in the daily press the scene was a grim and pathetic one. The scene was witnessed by twenty-three citizens of the State besides the prison officials.

As he was led from the death cell to the execution room Morrison pleaded piteously for mercy but made no resistance whatever. He had been hysterical for a day or so previous and had almost collapsed physically. Father Price, a Catholic priest, was with him at the end.

Just seven minutes after Electrician Davis, inventor of the electric chair, turned the current on Morrison was pronounced dead by the prison physicians and his body was delivered to State authorities for use in one of the medical schools, no relative claiming it.

In the execution eighteen hundred volts of electricity were shot through Morrison, a smaller current of 200 volts being used between times. The engine of death worked perfectly and there was not a single hitch in the operation. On the night before Morrison had confessed his guilt to Father Price. His record as a criminal was a long one. The crime for which his life was taken was committed on the very day on which he was released from the Robeson county chain gang after having served a five-year sentence for a lesser crime. He had also done time for other offences. He was 36 years old and a large and powerful man physically.

The electric chair was substituted for hanging as the legal mode of executing criminals in this State by the last General Assembly. It was installed by E. F. Davis, State electrician of New York and inventor of the chair, at a cost of \$1650.

### ELECTION TO BE HELD.

Citizens of Clover Will Vote on Bond Issue for New School Building—Two New Business Buildings—Personal and Social Items.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

CLOVER, S. C., March 18.—At a mass meeting of the citizens of Clover, called by the school trustees on last Friday night, it was decided to call an election on the issuance of bonds for the erection of a new and up-to-date school building. The date for the election has not yet been set.

Rev. H. J. Mills assisted Rev. Alex Martin in a meeting last week in Rock Hill.—The firm of Clinton & Capps has been dissolved by mutual consent.—Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Pressly, with their little daughter, Elsie, are expected home the first of next week after a four weeks stay in Baltimore, whither they went for the benefit of their little daughter. We are glad to report that Elsie has been greatly benefited and will return home well.—Mr. Sam M. Grist, of Yorkville, spent yesterday in Clover.—Surveyor John L. Stacy, of this place, began the survey of school district No. 37, Kings Mountain township, this morning for the purpose of record in the clerk's office of York county.—The foundation of Mr. T. M. Campbell's new store building on the east side of Main street is being laid by Capt. W. I. Brison.—Mr. W. B. Stroup has broken dirt for the erection of a two-story brick building on the lot just south of his present place of business.—Mr. M. L. Smith made a flying trip to Baltimore last week on business, returning home Sunday.

Edwin A. Herndon, managing editor of the Lynchburg News, and one of the most capable newspaper men of the State, was killed late Wednesday afternoon by a fall from a horse which he was riding. He was formerly of The Charlotte Observer staff.

John Fox, who killed Stephen Watson at Wadesboro in the spring of 1909, and who was sent to the State prison, and later escaped has been captured.

## TERSE TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

The North Carolina Dental Society will meet at Wrightsville Beach July 13-16.

Representative Webb is entering a strong protest against the French tariff on cotton seed oil.

An eight-year-old boy by the name of Settlemeyer, was run over and killed by a train near Rock Hill Sunday.

Two Greensboro youths, Willie Buale and Henry Jones have been arrested in Lynchburg on a charge of being runaways.

The little town of Granite Falls, situated on the C. & N.-W. Railway, ships annually, \$25,000 worth of chickens and eggs.

J. A. Mathias, of Wadesboro, assaulted his son-in-law, John Williams, yesterday with a shot gun, but did not inflict any serious injury.

For the murder of Sheriff W. V. Flanigan at Draper in October 1908, W. P. Samuels was Saturday sentenced to 18 years in prison at Danville, Va.

It is stated that Senator Benjamin R. Tillman, of South Carolina, will probably spend the summer resting in one of the quiet suburbs of London, England.

A special note of interest to Methodists in general, is the news that nearly one-half of the \$300,000 for a National church in the city of Washington, has been subscribed.

At Khartoum, Egypt, Wednesday President Roosevelt addressed 200 students at the American Mission. He was given a great ovation by large numbers of Egyptian natives.

Rev. Gerard Bailly, a missionary of the Christian Missionary Alliance and agent for the American Bible Society, was assaulted by a mob of Catholics in Caracas, Venezuela, the 18th, but escaped uninjured.

R. L. Bame, of Mooresville, was arrested Saturday on the charge of burning a store house at Granite Quarry in which he was doing business, for the purpose of collecting the insurance on his goods.

Near Pelham Wednesday afternoon Martin Hewey, of Schoolfield, Va., and H. Wiles, of Greensboro, were run over by a Southern train. Hewey died from his injuries but Wiles will recover. The men went to sleep on the railroad track.

Ella Martin, a negro woman living near Greensboro, was burned to death Saturday. The woman went out to gather some salad, and struck a match to some dry grass. Her clothing caught from the flames and becoming much alarmed ran for the house, but was so badly burned before reaching it that she lived only a few minutes.

Bruce Harris, formerly a resident of Durham and a brakeman between Durham and Lynchburg, was shot and killed by a police officer in Birmingham, Ala., last Tuesday night while resisting arrest. Harris' case was a rather remarkable one. He married a beautiful and attractive woman but, because of her fondness for the company of other men and his jealousy, they could not get along and separated. Last September he saw her with another man at a carnival in Lynchburg and, in a fit of jealous rage, shot and killed her. He made good his escape, went to Birmingham, changed his name and had, it is said, been living a most exemplary life there. He was finally found out, however, and when three officers went to his boarding house to arrest him he resisted, a struggle ensued and he was shot dead.

### Play Thursday Night.

"A Case of Suspension" and "A Regular Fix," combined in one play, will be presented Thursday night of this week at the auditorium of the Central graded school under the auspices of the Woman's Betterment Association. An admission fee of 25 cents for adults and 15 cents for children will be charged. The ladies hope to have a large audience. The receipts go to the association's fund for improving the school grounds.

—Mr. Carl Finger, of Stanley, candidate for treasurer, is in Gastonia today shaking hands with his many friends.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Counts, formerly of Bessemer City but now residing in Washington, are in town today en route to Bessemer City and South Carolina to visit.

## Personals and Locals.

—Miss Mamie Aiken left yesterday for Charlotte on a visit to friends  
—Mr. Bob Rankin has moved from the Davis block to a residence on East Franklin avenue.

—Mr. J. I. Green is able to be out again after having been confined for several days to the City Hospital.

—Mr. P. T. Heath, of Atlanta, was a business visitor in Gastonia yesterday.

—Mrs. W. B. Pickard, of Charlotte, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. R. C. Williams.

—Rev. J. Frank Armstrong, of Bessemer City, was a business visitor in Gastonia yesterday afternoon.

—Mr. C. A. Eury, of Kings Mountain, was a Gastonia visitor yesterday.

—Mr. John Hanna, of Columbia, S. C., is visiting at Mr. David Walker's at Pleasant Ridge.

—When will you decide to part with the old tin cans and other rubbish on your place? April 6th will be a good time.

—Mr. Steve Hengeveld, a prominent young business man of Waycross, Ga., spent Sunday in Gastonia with friends.

—Mrs. J. P. Saunders left this morning for Duke, on a visit of several weeks to her son, Mr. Frank Saunders.

—Mr. Raymond H. Beatty and family have returned from Easley, S. C., and are making their home on East Second avenue.

—Delay in receiving some steel structure work has temporarily stopped work on the new court House and things are unusually quiet on the premises.

—On Sunday night at West End Methodist church Mr. J. H. Separk delivered an excellent and stirring address on the laymen's movement to a large and appreciative audience.

—Miss Anna Chreitzberg, of Monroe, arrived in Gastonia last Thursday and is the guest of her sister, Mrs. L. L. Hardin, at her home on East Third avenue.

—Sunday's Charlotte Observer carried a cut showing Kings Mountain's handsome new graded school building, recently erected at a cost of \$20,000.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Wylie returned yesterday from Rock Hill, S. C., where they spent several days with Mrs. Wylie's sisters, Mrs. Will Stults and Mrs. W. G. Reid.

—Miss Mary Whitesides, of Gastonia, is visiting her sister, Mrs. G. W. Hanna at the A. R. P. Manse. Miss Whitesides has an excellent soprano voice and will sing a solo tomorrow morning at the First A. R. P. church.—Charlotte News, 19th.

—Miss Edith Brandt expects to leave this week for McMinnville, Tenn., to resume her studies at the Southern School of Photography. Miss Brandt, whose home is in Wisconsin, has for the past several months held a position with Green's studio.

—Rev. J. C. Harmon, pastor of the West End and Franklin Avenue Methodist churches has secured Rev. W. O. Goode, of North Charlotte, to assist him in a series of evangelistic services which will begin some time in April. The exact date will be announced later.

—Mr. J. Anderson Robinson and wife came in Sunday from Spartanburg county to visit their friends. They formerly lived in the Olney section and left here twenty-five years ago. This is the first time Mrs. Robinson has visited her people in fifteen years.

—Mrs. W. H. Reddish, Mrs. J. J. Beach, Mrs. W. J. Clifford and Mrs. Sanders leave today for Oxford to represent the Gastonia Baptist churches at the annual meeting in Oxford this week of the Woman's Missionary Union, which is an auxiliary of the Baptist State convention.

—While in Texas Miss Mamie Bays visited Rev. H. L. Atkins and family, at Bandera. Writing of the visit she says: "I was glad to find him very much improved. While still frail, he is able to be up and direct the work of his little farm. He is doing much for the Master through his example of patience and the exhibition in other ways of the true Christian spirit which he possesses. He welcomes so gladly every letter from his brethren in his home Conference.—N. C. Christian Advocate.

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