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OVER GASTON COUNTY.

McAdenville Matters.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
McADENVILLE, April 6.—Mr. F. M. Ward, of Charlotte, was a business visitor here last week.—Misses Della and Nora Bogus, of Charlotte, were the guests last week here of their sister, Mrs. C. W. Hooper.—Mrs. William Mauney spent Sunday with relatives at Belmont.—Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Dixon and Mrs. L. N. Glenn, of Gastonia, were the guests Sunday of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Ray.—Mr. Neal Davis, candidate for sheriff, was in our midst Saturday.—Mr. Joe Merrill and niece, Miss Hattie, spent some time here last week visiting friends.—Mr. G. W. Wilson, of Gastonia, was a McAdenville visitor Saturday.—Mrs. Emley Britton and Miss Pearl Johnson were Gastonia visitors Sunday.—Miss Lillie McGuire was the guest Saturday of Mrs. John Britton before her departure for Clover, S. C., where she will spend several days with friends.—Messrs. George L. Webb and M. J. Ray were Gastonia visitors Saturday.—Jettie Walker, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Walker, who has been with her grandmother, Mrs. J. J. Johnson, returned to her home in Coolee Sunday.—Mr. Charlie Ward, of Fort Mill, S. C., and Miss Arlie Whitner, of Gastonia, were married at the residence of Esquire I. F. Mabry here Sunday night at 8 o'clock.

Lowell Locals.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
LOWELL, April 7.—Mr. Will Beatty and family moved from Gastonia here recently.—Mrs. J. K. Hand, of Charlotte, is visiting relatives and friends here this week.—Miss Charity Nipper and Mr. Paul Nipper were in Charlotte, the guests of Miss Edna Hannon, Tuesday.—Mr. L. E. Rankin was a Dallas visitor Monday.—Mr. Sam Craig, of the Point section, was a business visitor here Monday.—Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis, of Belmont, visited Mr. and Mrs. Neely Dixon Wednesday.—Miss Nellie Cashion is visiting relatives in Charlotte this week.—Misses Mabel and Frank Leonard were Gastonia shoppers Tuesday.—Mr. T. P. Rankin was a business visitor to Charlotte Tuesday.—Miss Nancy Lambert, of Gastonia, who has been visiting Mrs. Robert Johnson, returned home this week.—Miss Mena Hand, who was quite ill for a few days, is very much improved.—Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Groves were in Gastonia Wednesday.—Mrs. Rob Leeper, of Belmont, visited Mrs. T. P. Rankin Wednesday.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

LOWELL, April 4.—Mrs. L. E. Rankin and Mrs. Tom Ford were Gastonia shoppers Thursday.—Misses Bertha and Ella Harris, of Belmont, spent the week-end with relatives.—Miss Nancy Lambert, of Gastonia, is visiting Mrs. Robert Johnston.—Mrs. D. P. Stowe, of Belmont, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Hand.—Mrs. C. W. Nipper and Miss Alice Jenkins were Gastonia shoppers Thursday.—Miss Pearl Robinson, of Pineville, visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday.—Miss Nina Patrick spent the week-end with homefolks.—Mr. John Hoffman, Sr., Mrs. John Hoffman, Jr., and children and Mrs. Lafayette Hoffman and children, of Coolee, are visiting relatives this week.—Miss Sadie Hansel was a Gastonia visitor Saturday.—Mr. Coit Robinson, of Davidson, spent the week-end with relatives.—Messrs. L. E. Rankin and D. W. Mitchem were Gastonia visitors last Saturday.—Mr. J. C. Rankin was a Charlotte visitor Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Rankin spent Sunday with relatives at Belmont.—Mr. W. T. Love, of Spencer Mountain, was in town Saturday.—Mr. Robert Shields, who is working in Charlotte, spent Sunday with homefolks.

DOTS FROM DALLAS R. F. D. 1.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

DALLAS, R. F. D. 1, April 7.—Misses Corlie and Ha Ratchford, of Gastonia, were the guests Saturday night of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Ratchford.—Mr. and Mrs. S. L. M. Pasour and children visited at Mrs. Sarah

FIRE AT OIL MILL.

Cotton Warehouse and Supply Room Destroyed Wednesday Morning—Over Fifty Bales of Cotton Damaged—Loss May Reach Four Thousand Dollars.

Fire of unknown origin broke out in the warehouse of the Gastonia Oil Mill, a branch of the Southern Cotton Oil Company, shortly after 3 o'clock Wednesday morning and was extinguished only after a stubborn fight by the fire department. As yet the officers of the mill are not able to give any accurate estimate as to the probable loss, though it will likely be between \$3,000 and \$4,000.

The warehouse, which stands on East Main street between the large oil tank and the gin house, contained eleven bales of first class cotton, worth \$800 or more; 40 bales of lint, worth \$1200 or more and a quantity of new bagging and other material. This cotton was very badly damaged and just how much of it can be saved cannot be known until it is opened and worked over. The supply house, just east of the warehouse, caught fire and the explosion of a tank of kerosene oil stored in it caused this building to burn rapidly. A quantity of supplies stored in this house was destroyed.

Night Watchman Lay discovered the fire shortly after 3 o'clock. He was unable for some cause to get the fire station by phone and raised an alarm by firing his pistol a number of times. The flames developed rapidly and reached the scene. The nature of the contents of the buildings and they had gained considerable headway by the time the fire fully because of the very inflammable cause of the close proximity of the other buildings on the grounds it required strenuous work to prevent a spread of the flames. Manager Rogers and his force were early on the grounds and worked valiantly to save the property.

During the progress of the fire there was very little air stirring. Just about the time the firemen had the flames well under control, however a stiff wind blew in from the southwest. Had it struck ten minutes earlier it is altogether possible that the fire would have spread to other buildings in the immediate neighborhood and caused much heavier damage.

The origin of the fire remains a mystery. It is possible that a spark of fire from some source blew through a crack in the building though this is merely supposition.

Death of a Child.

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Bowen, of McAdenville, have the heartfelt sympathy of a large number of friends in the bereavement which came to them on Thursday, March 31st, when the death angel came and carried away their little three-year-old son, Lucius Taylor. The little one was born January 20, 1907. Its death was due to an attack of pneumonia and measles. The funeral was held at the home on the following day, Rev. R. S. Howie conducting the services. The little body was laid to rest in the cemetery at Ebenezer.

Pasour's Sunday.—Misses Etta White and Mary Foy spent Friday most pleasantly with Misses Belle and May Clemmer.

The farmers are planting corn and putting in fertilizer for cotton this fine weather. Some are expecting to plant cotton right soon.

Mrs. W. S. Thornburg and Miss Kate Thornburg were the guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Cloninger, Jr.—Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pasour spent Saturday night at Mr. Doris Rhyne's.—Misses Nannie Rhyne and Mattie Best visited Miss Edna Best Sunday.—Miss Edna Clemmer was the guest of the Misses Pasour.—Mr. and Mrs. Will Harmon spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. David Harmon at Bessemer.—Miss Bessie Costner spent several days of last week visiting Miss Ira Rudisill.—Messdames Christie Jenkins and William Rhyne were the guests Thursday of Mrs. Sarah Pasour.

There was a singing at Mr. Robert Holland's Sunday afternoon.—Mrs. Sarah Clemmer, of Dallas, spent one day last week with Mrs. William Rhyne.—There will be a pound supper at Mr. William Harmon's Saturday night.

COUNTY BUSINESS.

Record of Transactions at March Meeting of Gaston's Board of Commissioners.

The board of county commissioners met in Dallas Monday and transacted business as follows:

W. G. Johnson was released from paying tax on \$4,200 on account Mount Holly graded school.

John Foster was released of tax on poll and was exempted from paying \$2.75 high school tax.

Virginia Lingerfelt was declared a pauper and allowed to go to the county home.

George W. Wilson was released from paying \$8.25 tax on \$900 personal property tax erroneously charged.

L. P. Cloninger was charged with tax on \$50 personal property in South Point township.

Mrs. Eliza Padgett was released from paying tax on real estate. The sheriff was ordered to refund \$1.16.

E. C. Benfield was declared an outside pauper and allowed \$5 per quarter with W. T. Love as agent.

Ike Carpenter was declared an outside pauper and allowed \$5 per quarter with J. H. Beatty as agent.

It was ordered that a special school election be held in district No. —, Cherryville township, on the 21st day of May.

A. R. Anders was directed to sell the lame mule belonging to the county.

T. L. Ware was instructed to do whatever necessary in regard to building bridges across Beaver Dam creek as per petition of W. R. Crouse and others.

J. M. Mauney was released of \$1 tax on dog erroneously charged.

The Gastonia Insurance & Realty Co. was released of \$12 school, road and county tax on \$1800 erroneously returned.

N. G. Todd's grading force and chain gang camp No. 2 were instructed to begin work of grading on the Cherryville-Bessemer City road when work is completed where they are.

The report of the jury to assess damage done to the lands of J. A. Allran and others in Cherryville township was accepted.

The report of commissioners to locate Mayesworth road was accepted and the superintendent of roads was ordered to open up same.

John Jackson was declared an outside pauper and allowed \$10 per quarter with J. W. Kendrick as agent.

Julia Combest was declared a pauper and allowed \$10 per quarter with R. R. Ray as agent.

The survey of the Spencer Mountain road was ordered to be made as near as may be to the old road.

The chairman and J. W. Kendrick were appointed a committee to let the contract for building a bridge across Indian creek.

The reports of sheriff, superintendent of roads, and county treasurer were accepted.

It was ordered that I. W. Shields be allowed to peddle without license being an ex-Confederate soldier.

J. E. Hope was exempted from tax for the year 1910 and also allowed to peddle without license on account of physical infirmities.

The following accounts were ordered paid:

Charles Ford, coffin for pauper, \$5.
J. M. Shuford, salary for March, \$100.

J. M. Shuford, treasurer, interest on 4 per cent road bonds, \$6,000.

J. M. Shuford, commission on road bonds, \$10.

George W. Waring, estimate of work done on court house and jail, \$2,400.30.

McLean Bros., supplies for smallpox patients, \$14.85.

N. G. Todd, work on Spencer Mountain road, \$625.71.

L. N. Glenn, salary and smallpox expense, \$304.37.

C. C. Cornwell, stationery and court expense, \$68.40.

J. E. Sarvice, work on road, Gastonia township, \$99.65.

S. S. Harrelson, work on roads, Cherryville township, \$38.55.

J. E. Cloninger, work on roads, River Bend township, \$36.55.

I. S. Murray, work on roads, Cherryville township, \$36.50.

Sloan Springs, work on roads, South Point township, \$69.00.

W. R. Crouse, work on roads, Cherryville township, \$59.91.

W. H. Crawford, work on roads

SITE IS ACCEPTED.

Government Will Take Over Park Space for Federal Building—Davis heirs and Southern Railway Will Contend in Courts for the \$7,500 Which Uncle Sam Will Pay for the Section in Dispute.

Gastonia's Federal building will stand on the property generally referred to as "the park," being the open space between Main avenue and the depot and fronting also on South street. This matter was practically settled Wednesday by an agreement reached in the Federal Court now sitting in Charlotte, Judge Boyd, presiding. The determination reached at that time was that the government would pay the price asked for that portion of the park held by the Southern Railway, namely \$7,500. The total cost of the site will then be \$15,000, the city's part of the park having already been accepted at the same price, \$7,500.

The total appropriation for purchase of site and construction of building is \$65,000.

There is a dispute as to who is entitled to the \$7,500 which the government will pay for that part of the ground now held by the Southern Railway and the matter will, it is understood, be fought out in the courts. The heirs of the late Mr. O. W. Davis, the original owner of the property, claim that he deeded it to the railroad only to be held by it so long as the land was used for railroad purposes and that it should revert to his estate when it passes to other uses. This claim will be contested by the Southern and lengthy litigation will probably be the result.

S. and O. Club.

The S. and O. Club was most pleasantly entertained yesterday afternoon from 3:30 to 6 by Mrs. John F. Love. Besides the members of the club there were many invited guests, including several ladies from out of town. In lieu of the usual games two interesting contests were greatly enjoyed, an "Art Catalog" contest, and a "Penny" contest. Miss Annie Latimer rendered several piano selections which added greatly to the pleasure of the occasion. Delicious refreshments were served in two courses.

Gastonia township, \$84.12.

M. A. Rhyne, work on roads Gastonia township, \$63.99.

L. H. Kiser, work on roads Cherryville township, \$35.28.

C. C. Cornwell, court costs February term, \$543.13.

York Bridge Co., building Spencer Mountain bridge, \$2,501.00.

Gastonia Livery Co., feed for mule and treatment, \$21.

J. F. Abernethy, work on roads River Bend township, \$25.50.

J. R. Carson, lumber for bridge Crowders Mountain township, \$20.

J. P. Hoffman, board for jurors February term, \$26.00.

A. J. Smith, service as clerk to board commissioners for February and March, \$52.55.

Edwards & Broughton Printing Co., for printing records, \$60.75.

C. C. Craig, salary and expenses county home, \$180.97.

J. F. Dunn, repairs on plow, \$15.

E. D. Kelly work on roads River Bend township, \$43.10.

R. P. Rollins, expense for arrest of Roby Slides and Roscoe Metcalf, \$9.70.

P. J. Maxwell, work on roads Dallas township, \$33.90.

E. S. Ratchford, work on roads Dallas township, \$155.40.

T. L. Ware, tools for township supervisors, \$48.26.

T. L. Ware, chaingang expense camp No. 2, \$1,084.48.

T. L. Ware, chaingang expense camp No. 1, \$980.98.

Ed Williams, rent for smallpox patients, \$3.

T. L. Ware, stone for upper Stanley road, \$57.

T. L. Ware, stone for Dallas-Vestal road, \$154.94.

T. L. Ware, stone for Linwood College road, \$227.23.

T. L. Ware, stone for Kings Mountain road, \$137.72.

T. L. Ware, stone for Cherryville-Bessemer road, \$177.02.

T. E. Shuford, jail fees, etc., for March, \$143.62.

T. E. Shuford, expense of jury and summoning parties to assess damages of Cherryville road, \$21.30.

Spencer Mountain Mills note and interest to date, \$2,069.

T. L. Ware, salary for March, \$95.

TERSE TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

Governor Haskell has vetoed the bill abolishing the dispensaries in Oklahoma.

Fire yesterday destroyed ten houses in Dulstown, a negro section of Charlotte.

Judge George H. Williams, the last member of president Grant's cabinet, died in Portland, Oregon, Monday at the age of 87.

By a majority of 290, out of a total vote of 736, Manchester, Va., has decided to become a part of the municipality of Richmond.

Three boys were bitten last Friday at Wilson by a rabid dog. Jeffrey Teacher, Willie Rice and Willie Launa were the victims.

Twenty-three arrests of persons indicted in connection with bucket shop operations in the District of Columbia were made last Saturday.

Dr. J. Y. Crawford, the only Southern man who was ever president of the American Dental Association, died in Nashville, Tenn., April 5th, at the age of 65.

In convention assembled in Atlanta April 4th the Anti-Saloon League makes a call upon the churches and congress to aid in bringing about national prohibition.

Governor Kitchin has commissioned H. H. Grainger, of Kinston, a director of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad to succeed his father, the late J. W. Grainger.

North Coolee Hosiery Company having \$100,000 capital authorized for general knitting purposes at Coolee, has been chartered by the Secretary of State.

The trial of Prof. J. D. Harris, of Warrenton, Va., charged with the murder of W. A. Thompson, editor of the Warrenton Virginian, has been continued till the 25th inst.

At a meeting of the trustees of Catawba College in Newton on Friday, Prof. John F. Buchelt, of New Bloomfield, Pa., was elected president of the college.

Mrs. Mary E. Ardrey, widow of the late Capt. W. E. Ardrey, of Fort Mill, S. C., died yesterday in the Presbyterian Hospital, Charlotte. She had been in failing health for the past three years.

The people of Bluefield, W. Va., are much frightened over the appearance of a man-eating panther, which according to advices boldly lacerated two children at Mining Gulf and killed thirty-six sheep and six calves belonging to a farmer near Bramwell.

Returns from the local option election held in Illinois Tuesday showed the "wets" in the majority. The figures show that 32 towns changed from "dry" to "wet," and 13 towns changed from "wet" to "dry." Of 93 towns 48 voted "wet."

Ex-Sheriff Aman, of Anson county, was welcomed home Monday, being pardoned after serving one year of a four year sentence for embezzling about \$20,000 of the county funds. Pardon was obtained on the ground that Aman would have to have one leg amputated, being diseased.

Because two of the deacons advertised a prize fight in the pulpit of Western Heights Baptist church, Atlanta, the pastor, Rev. Allen G. Shuler, has resigned. The deacons say they did so to draw a crowd, and the pastor contends that the announcement was not in keeping with a church, and was also a fake and not honest.

Mr. John B. Sherrill, well-known throughout the State as editor of The Concord Times and secretary and treasurer of the North Carolina Press Association, Tuesday night became editor and owner of The Concord Tribune, having purchased that plant, including the daily and semi-weekly papers. The Tribune will be continued as heretofore, but the semi-weekly will be consolidated with The Times.

Officers Installed.

The public installation of officers held Tuesday night in the new Realty building by Gastonia Chapter No. 66, Royal Arch Masons, was a most pleasant and successful occasion. Nearly every lodge of Masons in the county was represented by one or more visitors. The installation was followed by refreshments and a smoker.

Personals and Locals.

—Rev. C. M. Pickens, pastor of the Methodist church in Lenoir, passed through the city Thursday.

—Messrs. Forest Gibson and Marcus Houser, of Cherryville, were on our streets Wednesday.

—Have you seen Halley's comet? It is said to be visible in the east at about 5 o'clock in the morning.

—Gastonia will be well represented at the Virginia-Carolina ball game in Charlotte tomorrow.

—Mr. David P. Dellinger and Mr. J. C. Ballard, of Cherryville, were visitors in Gastonia yesterday.

—Mr. J. D. Lineberger, of Shelby, was in the city a short while Thursday morning.

—Messrs. A. G. Myers, W. H. Adams and A. M. Dixon went to Charlotte Wednesday night to attend the Shriners' meeting.

—The Gazette is requested to state that Rev. R. C. Anderson will preach at Union Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

—An election will be held in the town of Cherryville on Monday, May 2nd, for the purpose of electing a mayor and seven aldermen.

—Messrs. W. P. and Charles Howell, of Lincoln county, were among the business visitors in the city this week.

—We are carrying today the jury list for the May term of Gaston Superior Court. It will be found on page six.

—In the absence of Rev. R. A. Miller, the pastor, the pulpit of the Presbyterian church at Lowell will be occupied next Sunday morning by Rev. J. J. Kennedy, of Gastonia.

—Mr. Thomas Etters and Miss Hattie Shuford were married at Cherryville last Saturday afternoon, the ceremony being performed by Squire J. B. Houser.

—Mr. H. J. Allison, of Kings Mountain, was in town the first of the week, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Dixon. Mr. Allison represents the Queen City Marble & Granite Works, of Charlotte.

—Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hendrick, of Cleveland county, have moved to Gastonia and are occupying rooms on York street. Mr. Hendrick is a carpenter and will pursue his trade here.

—March came in like a lamb and went out like a lamb, contrary to the old rule. The month of winds was conspicuous because it brought no winds. In this respect April is taking the place of March to some extent. Maybe the April showers will come along in May.

—Next Friday, the 15th, the census enumerators will start out on their rounds. Be ready to answer their questions. As emphasized in an advertisement in today's Gazette they are required to treat as strictly confidential all information that comes to them in the discharge of their official duties.

—Marriage license have been issued by Register of Deeds A. J. Smith, to the following persons: Thomas Etters and Hattie Shuford, Cherryville; Lester Ferguson and Ella Clark, McAdenville; B. F. Ross and Maggie Thomas, Mount Holly; Grady Smith and Minnie Grier, Stanley; Clifton Tutherford and Maudie Wyant, Cherryville; Charlie K. Ward and Artie May Whitener, Gastonia.

—Recently several Gastonia ladies have been swindled out of handsome umbrellas by traveling umbrella menders. These itinerant menders call at the homes of the people, get umbrellas to fix and never return with them. This, of course, is not true of all umbrella menders but is true of some that have been operating in and around Gastonia recently. The moral is that it is cheaper in the long run to have your mending done by local people.

—Rev. G. D. Herman went to Charlotte yesterday to attend a meeting of a committee, of which he is chairman, which was appointed at the last session of the Western North Carolina Conference to formulate a home missionary policy for the conference, especially with reference to the remote rural sections and the cotton mill districts. The other members of this committee are Mr. J. F. Craven, of Ramseur; Rev. W. M. Robbins, of Winston-Salem, and Rev. W. O. Goode, of North Charlotte. This committee will make its report to the mission board of the conference at Asheville May 10th.