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## OVER GASTON COUNTY.

### KILLED ON THE RAILS.

Young Roy Metcalf, of Bessemer City, Ground to Death Under Freight Train at Belmont—Capt. Robbins and Mr. Emanuel Mauney Critically Ill—Bessemer City Briefs.

Correspondence of The Gazette. BESSEMER CITY, April 11.—A distressingly sad accident occurred at Belmont Saturday night about 10 o'clock when Mr. Roy Metcalf, of this place, was instantly killed and his body horribly mangled by a southbound freight train. The exact circumstances of his death will never be known as there were, as far as known, no witnesses to the accident. Young Metcalf, in company with several others, caught a freight train northbound as it pulled out of the station here about dark. His companions, it seems, stopped in Gastonia while Metcalf went on to Belmont. After spending some time there it is supposed he was making an effort to "swing" No. 75 in order to come back here, when in some way he was thrown under the train. His father, Mr. Fletcher Metcalf, was notified and the body was brought here yesterday afternoon. The young man had excellent habits, never having been known to swear or drink intoxicants. After funeral services conducted by Rev. J. Frank Armstrong, the body was today interred in the Bessemer City cemetery. Much sympathy is felt for the family. The young man's mother was in Rutherfordton watching over the bedside of a sick grandchild when a telegram conveyed the shocking intelligence to her.

Rev. John Hall, of Gastonia, preached in the Lutheran church here last night instead of yesterday afternoon, his regular appointment. —Rev. E. F. Griffith, of the A. R. P. church here, exchanged pulpits yesterday with Rev. A. T. Lindsay, of Pisgah. —Rev. J. F. Armstrong had a strenuous day yesterday. He drove to Tate's Chapel and preached in the morning; baptizing four infants and administering the Holy Communion, and in the afternoon preached at the home of Misses Patterson, two miles south of the church, conducted sacramental service again, and drove into town and preached in the Methodist church at night.

Capt. C. G. Robbins remains critically ill at his home here, but little change in his condition having been noted for several days. —Mr. Emanuel Mauney, 91 years of age, is seriously ill at his home west of town. —Mr. J. E. Hornbuckle has accepted a fine position with the Irwin Mills, at Concord, and will move his family there next Monday. —Mr. Hornbuckle moved here from Concord four years ago and has had a good position with the Osage Mills here. Their many friends regret very much to see this excellent family moving away from Bessemer City.

Mrs. C. E. Whitney has returned from a Charlotte hospital considerably improved. —Mr. C. E. Whitney and Mr. J. A. Scott spent last week in northern cities on business. —Mr. Ralph Odell, of Concord, spent several days of last week here with the family of Mr. S. J. Durham. —Little Miss Lucile Anthony, of Greenville, S. C., has been spending some days here with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Thornburg. —Miss Candace Wolfe has been quite sick for the past few days but is well again at this writing. —Miss Fannie Thornburg who has been teaching a public school near McAdenville returned to her home Saturday. —Mr. and Mrs. Wade H. Holmes, of Lowell, spent Saturday night here with Mr. C. A. Thornburg's family. —Rev. J. Frank Armstrong is spending this afternoon in Kings Mountain.

### McAdenville Matters.

Correspondence of The Gazette. McADENVILLE, April 11.—Dr. G. W. Taylor and Mr. Ed C. Ray attended the smoker given by the Masonic lodge of Gastonia in the new Realty building last Tuesday night. —Mr. Thomas J. Hunt was a business visitor to Greenville, S. C., last week. —Mr. A. C. Kelly, the popular manager of the Catawba Store Company's stores here, attended the wedding of his brother, Mr. John R. Kelly, to Miss Annie Myrtle Cline, at Monroe last Wednesday night, acting as best man. —Mr. G. R. Rhyne,

of Dallas, candidate for the Democratic nomination for sheriff, was here last week shaking hands with his many friends. —Miss Katherine Ray visited friends in Charlotte last week. —Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Hooper were Gastonia shoppers Saturday afternoon. —Mrs. Carrie Latimer spent Saturday with friends in Charlotte. Among those who attended the Virginia-Carolina baseball game at Charlotte Saturday were Messrs. R. R. Ray, J. T. McAden, G. L. Webb, I. F. Mabry, W. P. McAteer, Ed C. Ray, J. T. Ingram and Dr. G. W. Taylor. —Miss Sallie Adcock returned Saturday from Fort Mills, S. C., where she has been visiting her brother, Mr. M. J. Adcock, for several weeks. —Mrs. R. R. Ray and Miss Mamie Ray were in Gastonia shopping Saturday afternoon. —Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Chandler, of the Flint Mill, spent Saturday and Sunday in McAdenville. —Mr. Gus Webb has resigned his position with the Taylor Drug Co., and is at work in the weave department. —Mr. F. M. Ward, of Charlotte, is spending a few days here on business.

### Lowell Locals.

Correspondence of The Gazette. LOWELL, April 11.—Rev. J. J. Kennedy, of Gastonia, preached in the Presbyterian church Sunday. The pastor preached at Lincolnton for Rev. W. R. Minter, who is now on a European trip. Kings Mountain Presbytery will meet in Shelby Tuesday night. The Presbyterian church here will be represented by the pastor and Elder W. T. Ford.

Mrs. Inez Hall, of Blacksburg, S. C., who has been visiting Mrs. Frank Campo, returned home Sunday. —Mrs. Mattie Adcock, of Gastonia, visited relatives here last week. —Mrs. Fildus Cox and Miss Bessie were Gastonia shoppers Saturday. —Miss Kate Miller left last Thursday to visit relatives at Pineville. —Mrs. Arthur Leonhardt and Miss Mabel Leonhardt were Gastonia shoppers Friday.

The following attended the ballgame in Charlotte Saturday, viz: Messrs. Cicero, Robert and Will Harris, Dr. James Reid, P. P. Murphy, W. O. Cashion and J. Linwood Robinson.

Mr. Will Huggins was a Charlotte visitor Thursday. —Mr. T. P. Rankin and Miss Frank Leonhardt were Gastonia visitors Thursday. —Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Robinson, of Charlotte, were the guests of Mrs. P. W. Hand Thursday.

The remains of Mr. Lark Lineberger who was buried in the Lutheran Chapel cemetery several years ago, were removed to Elmwood cemetery, Charlotte, to be buried by his wife.

Miss Mary Ragan, of Gastonia, was in town Friday visiting friends. —Mr. R. F. Leonhardt attended the sale at Mountain Island last week. —Mr. Henry Adams returned from Kings Mountain last Thursday. —Mr. Frank Phillips left Saturday night for Washington, D. C., and Baltimore on a business trip.

The mill school, taught by Miss Flossie Steele, of Mooresville, closed Friday. —Miss Steele left Saturday for Mooresville. —Miss Nellie Cashion, who has been visiting relatives in Charlotte returned home Sunday. —Mr. Holland Hand visited his brother, Dr. Hall Hand, at Pineville last week. —Mr. John Rhyne, Jr., has opened up a bicycle shop in the Groves building. —Mrs. Amos Smith and children, of Charlotte, are visiting friends here. —Mr. William Jenkins and Miss Alice Jenkins were Gastonia visitors Saturday. —Mr. L. E. Rankin was a Gastonia shopper Friday. —Messrs. W. B. Lay and H. M. Thornburg, of Gastonia, were business visitors here Monday.

### Meeting at West End.

Rev. W. O. Goode, of North Charlotte, arrived in the city yesterday afternoon and began a series of services at West End Methodist church, of which Rev. J. C. Harmon is pastor. The first service was held last night, and a service will be held every night this week, and both morning and night Sunday.

### Ice Cream Supper.

The members of the tenth grade of the Central school will give an ice cream supper in the "park" Friday from 5 to 10 p. m. The proceeds are for a laudable cause and they hope the public will patronize them liberally.

## PRIMARIES MAY 21ST.

Democratic Executive Committee Names Date for Nominating Candidates—The Primary Plan Chosen—In Case of no Nomination Two Highest Candidates Must Go Into Second Primary—The Poll Holders.

Pursuant to a call of Chairman C. B. Armstrong the Democratic Executive Committee of Gaston county met at Dallas Saturday. A majority of the precinct committeemen were present and, on roll call, a quorum was found to be present and the committee proceeded to the transaction of business.

Saturday, the 21st day of May, was chosen as the date for holding the county primaries, the hours being from 2 to 7 o'clock p. m. The county convention was scheduled to be held on Saturday, May 28th, at 10 a. m.

The committee adopted the primary plan of election as provided in section 26 to 37 inclusive of the Democratic plan of organization for the selection of Democratic nominees for the several county offices and State officers. For the benefit of Gaston county Democrats we reprint below the section's above referred to; they are as follows:

Section 26. If at the meeting of the County Democratic Executive Committee, provided for in this plan of organization, it shall be determined by a majority of the full committee, proxies not counted, to nominate candidates by direct primary election and select delegates to the County Convention, then the same shall be held under the following regulations:

Sec. 27. At all primary elections held under this plan the county shall be the unit, and the total vote cast throughout the county shall control the nomination, or the percentage of said county's vote in any State or District Convention.

Sec. 28. At least five days preceding such primary election every person desiring to become a candidate for any county or legislative office shall signify his intention, in writing, to the chairman of the County Democratic Executive Committee, and at the same time shall deposit such fee as the said chairman may determine to be his pro rata part of the expense of printing and distributing proper tickets; and every such person shall also subscribe to a pledge that he will abide by the result of the primary election and support the successful candidate or candidates chosen in said primary election.

Sec. 29. When a primary election under this plan shall be ordered, notice thereof, giving the date and the various balloting places, and the names of the persons appointed to hold the same, shall be published in the Democratic press of said county, and copies posted at three public places in each precinct or township, and such other notice given as the County Executive Committee may think proper, which notice shall not in any case be less than twenty days. In such primary election the County Executive Committee shall designate the places where voting shall be had, and they shall select, as far as practicable, the places provided by law for holding the general State elections. They may, however, select other places if the convenience of Democratic voters justifies such change, but there shall be at least one voting place in each precinct.

Sec. 30. For the purpose of holding such primary election, the said committee shall appoint three well-known Democratic electors of intelligence and reputation for honesty and fair dealing for each precinct or other voting district in the county, one of whom shall be secretary and record the names of all the persons voting, who shall conduct such election, receive the ballots, count them, declare the result and make a written statement thereof. If any person appointed to hold a primary election shall decline to serve, become incapacitated, or become a candidate before said primary, the chairman of the Executive Committee of that township or precinct shall have power to designate some qualified Democrat to fill such place; and if the chairman of the committee shall not be present, then the remaining poll-holders may designate some person to assist them in holding the same, and such substituted person shall have the same right and authority therein as if he had been originally

appointed by the County Executive Committee.

Sec. 31. The said poll-holders shall provide such boxes for the reception of ballots as may be necessary, but there shall be separate boxes for the following candidates, to-wit: Candidates for State, Congressional, and judicial offices shall be voted for in one box; candidates for General Assembly and all county offices in one box; all township officers in one box; the Township Executive Committee in one box; and the delegates to the County Convention in one box. The hours for holding such primary election shall be as follows: From 10 o'clock a. m. to 5 o'clock p. m.: Provided, that the County Executive Committee may designate other hours within which said primary election may be held; but in no case shall the time for holding said election be less than four hours.

Sec. 32. Any Democratic candidate who is voted for in said primary election may attend the same, in person or by representatives, and be present during the conduct of said election and counting the vote. Every Democratic elector shall have the right to vote at his proper polling place, and in case the vote of a man claiming to be a Democratic elector is challenged on the ground that he is not a Democrat, he shall not be denied the privilege of voting except by the judgment of a majority of the poll-holders. Every challenge shall be recorded, and any candidate or his representative dissatisfied with the result shall have the right to appeal to the County Convention, and the County Convention shall hear the same and allow or disallow the vote, and shall amend the returns from that precinct in accordance with its judgment.

Sec. 33. At the close of the voting it shall be the duty of the poll-holders, in the presence of such candidates or their representatives and any Democrat who wishes to attend, to proceed at once to count the ballots and make a list of all persons voted for and the offices for which they were voted, and the number of votes received by each, and they shall sign such list and send the same immediately to the chairman of the County Executive Committee, who shall transmit the same to the chairman of the County Convention. They shall give any candidate or his representative, upon his request, a copy of the said list, and they shall also give to the chairman of the County Executive Committee a statement of the number of challenges allowed or disallowed, and how said challenged voter voted or how he offered to vote when challenged. They shall also preserve the list of voters or poll-books, the tally sheets, and the tickets until after the County Convention.

Sec. 34. At the meeting of the County Convention following the holding of such primary election the said convention shall ascertain and declare the result of the said primary election. All candidates for county and legislative offices, and all delegates and committeemen receiving a majority of the votes cast in such primary election shall be declared the nominees of the party for said offices: Provided, that at the time the primary election is called the County Executive Committee shall prescribe the rules and regulations for a second primary election, if one shall be deemed necessary.

Sec. 35. It shall be the duty of the chairman of the County Democratic Executive Committee to prepare all tickets for county and legislative offices, and distribute them, as it is his duty to distribute tickets for State and district offices. All names voted for in the same box shall be printed on one ticket, and the ballot shall be checked with a cross mark opposite the name or names he wishes to vote for, or the names which he does not wish to vote for shall be stricken out. If more names are voted for than is proper for any office, the said ticket for such office shall not be counted.

Sec. 36. The County Democratic Executive Committee may, at its discretion, order a registration of all Democratic electors for each precinct in any town or city in said county having a population of 3,000 or over, by giving the same notice and complying with the regulations prescribed by law for the registration of voters at general elections, as nearly as may be practicable.

Sec. 37. The County Executive

## MRS. J. F. CURRENCE DEAD.

Mother of Mr. Robert E. Currence, of the First National Bank, of This City, Passed Away Saturday Night at Her Home in Clover—Election on Bond Issue Called for April 18. Correspondence of The Gazette.

CLOVER, S. C., April 11.—Mrs. James F. Currence died at her home on Kings Mountain street Saturday night after an illness dating from December 31, 1909. Mrs. Currence leaves a husband and three children to mourn her death; one son, Robert E., bookkeeper in the First National Bank of Gastonia, N. C., and Misses Emma and Jennie at home. Mrs. Currence had every attention that the loving hands of her two daughters, assisted by their friends and neighbors, could give her. While her illness has been long and tedious she bore it with that Christian fortitude, characteristic of her life and when the end came peacefully fell asleep. Funeral services were conducted at her residence yesterday at 11 o'clock by her pastor, Rev. H. J. Mills. The pall-bearers were Messrs. J. L. Stacy, M. L. Smith, W. N. Jackson, W. B. Moore, J. Walter Smith and F. E. Clinton. Interment was in Woodside cemetery.

Mr. F. E. Clinton has been commissioned census enumerator for Clover, including school district No. 37, and will begin this work next Friday, April 15.

At a congregational meeting held in the Presbyterian church here Sunday morning immediately after Sabbath school a resolution was passed that Clover Presbyterian church amend their call to the Rev. H. J. Mills so as to read for all of his time instead of one-half, as heretofore.

Contractor Sam McCall has begun the erection of a brick building for W. B. Stroup on the lot south of Mr. Stroup's present place of business.

Mr. H. L. Wright left Saturday for New Orleans, where he will spend a week or ten days. —The Piedmont Telephone Company has found it necessary in order to accommodate the growing patronage here to install a larger switch board, which is now being done under the supervision of Mr. Lester Lineberger. —An election has been called for April 18th to vote on the question of issuing \$10,000 in bonds for the purpose of erecting and equipping a new school building for Clover.

### Abernethy-Costner.

Handsomely engraved invitations reading as follows have been issued: "Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Alexander Costner request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Minnie Windle to

Mr. Joseph Theodore Abernethy Wednesday evening, April the twenty-seventh at nine o'clock First Presbyterian Church Gastonia, North Carolina M. C. M. X."

### Meeting at A. R. P. Church.

Beginning next Sabbath a series of meetings will be held at the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church, continuing through the following Sabbath. Rev. Dr. J. C. Galloway, the pastor, has secured the services of Rev. J. H. Pressley, pastor of the A. R. P. church at Statesville, to do the preaching. Services will be held daily at 4 and 7:45 p. m. Further announcements with reference to the meeting will be published in Friday's Gazette.

### Cleaning-Up Day a Success.

Last Wednesday, the 6th, was the day set aside by the Gastonia Woman's Betterment Association to be observed as "cleaning-up day." They had asked that everybody in town clean up their premises and pile the rubbish in boxes and barrels at points where they could be conveniently loaded into wagons. The city furnished wagons to haul the trash away. That part of the work was only completed yesterday. More than seventy-five wagon loads were hauled off. While, of course, this does not represent all the trash in town, the ladies are highly gratified at the response the public made to their request. The establishment of an annual "cleaning-up" day would be most beneficial to the town.

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## Personals and Locals.

—Mr. Chas Ford is spending the afternoon in Charlotte on business. —Mr. W. E. Todd is spending the day in Lincolnton on business.

—Gastonia's city schools will close about the middle of May.

—Mrs. J. H. Separk and Mrs. F. D. Barkley are spending the day with friends in Charlotte.

—Mrs. Ed Tuttle and children are at Lenor spending some time with relatives.

—The stockholders of the Ozark Mill are holding their annual meeting at the company's offices this afternoon.

—Mrs. J. H. Spencer, of Pineville, arrived in Gastonia last night on a visit to the family of Mr. B. H. Winget and other relatives.

—Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Bradley, of Charlotte, spent Sunday in Gastonia as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Winget.

—Miss Lollie Patterson, of Kings Mountain, spent yesterday in Gastonia as a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Shuford.

—Dr. F. S. Packard, of Greensboro, will be at the Falls House tomorrow, Wednesday, April 13th, one day only.

—Spencer Mountain is getting up a first-class ball team and the fans of that village expect to push some of the other ball-playing towns of Gaston for this season's laurels.

—Rev. G. R. Sparrow and Mr. J. W. Riddle leave today for Shelby, where they go to represent Union Presbyterian church at the meeting of Kings Mountain Presbytery.

—The many friends of Capt. C. M. Nolen, whose illness was mentioned in Friday's Gazette, will be delighted to learn that he is rapidly improving.

—Miss Fannie Clark, of Converse College, Spartanburg, S. C. is expected to arrive in Gastonia Thursday to spend several days here as the guest of her aunt, Mrs. M. H. Shuford.

—Dr. W. H. Wakefield, of Charlotte, announces elsewhere in our columns that he will be at the Falls House on Thursday, April 28th, one day only.

—Policeman T. N. Williams returned Saturday from a brief trip to Yorkville to see his mother, who has been quite ill. Her condition is still quite serious, though she is perhaps a little better.

—Dr. H. C. Jones who has been the guest of Dr. George Holland and Mr. Lucius Holland at Dallas, left yesterday for his home at Bluefield, W. Va. En route he will visit Richmond and Washington.

—Miss Prue Thomason returned home Saturday from Hamer, S. C. She was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. J. B. Meacham, and little J. B. Jr. Mr. Meacham will be here Saturday to spend a few days.

—A meeting of the stockholders of the Dowell Manufacturing Company will be held in the office of the company at Lowell, in this county, at 2 o'clock on Thursday afternoon, April 14th.

—Mr. S. R. Keesler was the guest yesterday of his sister, Mrs. C. K. Marshall. He left today for his home at Greenwood, Miss., via Spartanburg and Asheville. Mr. Keesler is a prominent cotton shipper of Greenwood.

—Mr. J. Lander Gray has had plans drawn for a handsome residence which he will erect on his lot adjoining the residence of Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Barkley on West Second avenue. Work will probably begin within a few days.

—Mrs. John W. Moore and two children, John W. Jr. and May, left yesterday morning for their home in Hendersonville after spending two or three weeks here with her mother, Mrs. L. C. Eury. Mrs. Cora Putnam, another daughter of Mrs. Eury, returned yesterday to Salisbury after spending a day or two here.

—Large crowds have been attending the revival services in progress at Bradley Hall, at the Lory Mill, conducted by Evangelist P. G. Elsom, of Raleigh. Sunday afternoon he preached a special sermon to men on the subject, "Your Chickens Will Come Home to Roost," and so large was the attendance that many were turned away for lack of room. There have been so far quite a number of conversions and reclamations. Services will be held at 7:45 each evening this week.

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