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## OVER GASTON COUNTY.

### ARLINGTON NEWS.

Correspondence of The Gazette.  
ARLINGTON MILL, April 13.—We are expecting an opportunity to shake hands with some nice men. We enjoy this honor as it occurs only every two years, and as there is quite a list of those cheerful friends and only two have honored us with a call yet, we will not be surprised to see them coming with the "Bible Possessum smile" and an outstretched hand at any time.

Born, Sunday, April 10, to Mr. and Mrs. Hence Caldwell, of this place, a son.

Mr. William Eason, employed in cotton mill work at Shelby, spent Sunday with his family at this place.  
Evangelist P. G. Elsom, of Raleigh, preached a very interesting sermon at the Bradley Hall, Loray, last Sunday evening, to a large audience. His subject was, "Your Chickens Will Come Home to Roost," a very familiar subject to many people. His sermon in explanation was logical to the effect that any crime or wrong treatment one toward another would come home to the offending party; that is, a like effect would be the result of all sinful ways.

Mr. Iven Tidwell, of Kings Mountain, spent Sunday with his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. Hence Caldwell, of this place.—Mr. R. L. Davis and a Mr. Rhyme, living near the Old Mill, entertained friends of this place last Sunday.

Some rain Tuesday night moistened the surface some and encouraged farm work. Conditions are favorable for more rain during the next two or three days.

Tongue-exorting on the streets of Gastonia and at Arlington Mill takes place occasionally. Christian people would take more interest in these efforts if they would preach the truths as found in the Scripture and if would have more confidence in them if they would not persuade men's wives and children away from them to drag around with them a delusion; using such minds to a purpose in their false claims; and hypnotizing others for the same purpose, claiming that they are possessors of gifts of the Holy Ghost, etc., that they have become saints, that they can heal the sick and can do as the Apostles did. But as yet we fail to see any evidence that anyone of those making such claim are able to do more than hypnotize and lead men's wives astray and encourage their followers to conceal their victims should their husbands try to find them and persuade them back home to the grieving family.

### Mount Holly Matters.

Correspondence of The Gazette.  
MOUNT HOLLY, April 13.—Mr. Robert F. Rankin, the contractor, is making rapid progress on the erection of Mr. J. A. Costner's residence.  
Mrs. J. A. Bowles and two little children are on a visit to her parents in Greensboro.—Mrs. J. J. Stewart and Miss Cora Joy spent last Monday in Charlotte, shopping.—Mr. James Archer is moving his family to Stanley Creek where he has a position as superintendent of the cotton mill there.—Rev. J. A. Bowles preached for the convict force at their camp last Sunday at 6 p. m.—Rev. David Vipperman, pastor of the Baptist church, has been conducting a series of meetings for ten days. He has been assisted in his pulpit work by Rev. Mr. Hogan, of Pineville.—Mr. Houston Johnson is making preparations to enlarge his residence and otherwise beautify it.  
Death of Mrs. J. E. Halthcock.  
On Tuesday night, April 5th, Mrs. E. Halthcock, mother of Mr. G. E. Halthcock, of this city, passed away at her home in Hickory, having suffered a stroke of paralysis on the preceding Sunday from which she never recovered. Mr. Halthcock was at his mother's bedside from Sunday night until the time of her death, having been summoned by telephone and only returned to Gastonia on Tuesday of this week.

### Lowell Locals.

Correspondence of The Gazette.  
LOWELL, April 14.—Prof. Clarence Lineberger attended the ball game between Lenoir College and St. Mary's last Monday at Belmont.  
Mr. John C. Rankin left several days ago for McComb City, Miss., on business trip.—Mr. and Mrs. J. K.

## WANT HITCHING LOT.

Farmers Union Appoints Committee to Ask City for More Adequate Hitching Facilities—Parcels Post Measure Endorsed at Quarterly Meeting.

At the quarterly meeting of the Gaston County Farmers Union at Dallas last Saturday Mr. J. E. Falls and Mr. T. R. McArver were appointed a committee to go before the city council of Gastonia and present, in behalf of the union, the matter of more adequate hitching lots in town. As mentioned in The Gazette some time ago there are often days when the three or four hitching lots in town are not adequate for the accommodation of all the farmers. It is this condition that the union would like to have remedied.

A resolution was passed at this meeting to the effect that our Congressmen and Senators be asked to use their influence to bring about the passage of the parcels post bill. There was a good attendance at the meeting.

The latest addition to the county union is Spencer Local, which was organized about three weeks ago at Spencer school house west of Gastonia with 19 members.

### DAILIES ON CASH BASIS.

Iowa Associated Daily Papers Inaugurate the Strictly Cash-in-Advance System—Other Reforms.

Newspaperdom.

Foreign advertisers and agencies are much interested in the recent move of the Iowa Associated Dailies in signing a written agreement that on and after April 15, 1910, they will put their mail circulation on a strictly cash-in-advance basis. The Iowa dailies are the first as a State association to take action on this matter, and it follows along the line of the postoffice ruling which does not allow daily newspapers to extend credit beyond three months to subscribers going by mail. The Iowa dailies, at their recent meeting in Des Moines, decided to adopt an innovation among small daily newspapers by agreeing to go to a "strictly cash in advance and stop the paper when the time is out" basis beginning with April 15.

This move will probably result in the Iowa papers securing a large amount of foreign advertising, because it is definitely known, with this plan in use, that an advertiser buys no waste circulation. Foreign advertisers beginning an experimental campaign by States will undoubtedly choose Iowa on account of this fact.

The Iowa dailies, since their organization a year ago, have done much creative work of benefit to themselves and the fraternity. Their stand last year in refusing to run free reading notices for circuses in exchange for tickets and requiring them to pay cash for both display and reading notices created a sensation among smaller dailies. The plan worked out well and will be much more strongly enforced this year.

### Meeting at West End.

The meeting which has been in progress at West End Methodist church for several days is making good progress. Rev. W. O. Goode, of North Charlotte, who is conducting the services, is preaching strong and helpful sermons, and the attendance has been excellent. On Sunday morning there will be a children's service at 10 o'clock, followed by preaching at 11. At 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon a special service will be held for men only, and regular preaching service at 7:45 Sunday night. The public is cordially invited to these services.

Hand, of Charlotte, returned home Monday after a visit of several days to relatives here.—Mrs. Tom Ford and Misses Annie and Mabel Ford were Gastonia shoppers Monday.—Mr. J. H. Robinson, of Charlotte, was a business visitor here Monday.—Miss Mabel Leonhardt was a Gastonia shopper Friday.—Mr. J. T. Horner, a former student of Lenoir College, stopped over here Monday to visit friends.—Miss Lucile Anthony, of Greenville, S. C., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. H. Holmes.—Mr. W. T. Ford left Tuesday to attend Kings Mountain Presbytery at Shelby.—Miss Kate Miller returned from Pineville Tuesday.

## CITY COUNCIL.

Several Matters of Importance Passed Upon Tuesday Night—Matter of New Union Depot Taken Up.

The regular meeting of the city council for April was held at the city hall Tuesday night with all members present except Alderman J. O. White. Mayor T. L. Craig presided.

The matter of laying a sewer on Broad street between Third and Fourth avenues was referred to the Water and Light committee for investigation, while the matter of placing a light at the intersection of Third avenue and South street was referred to the same committee with power to act.

The matter of opening up North Falls street from Page avenue to the city limits was referred to the street commissioner for investigation.

W. S. Hanna was released of taxes on \$200 excessive valuation on one lot.

George W. Wilson was released of taxes on \$900 personal property erroneously charged.

A resolution was passed authorizing the mayor and city clerk to make deed to that part of the site for the government building which is the property of the city, upon receipt from the United States Government of the amount of the purchase price agreed upon, \$7,500.

Probably the most important act of the council at its meeting Tuesday night was the passing of a strong resolution providing for immediate action in the matter of demanding from the railway companies a larger and better passenger station for Gastonia. The resolution sets forth at length the reasons which make imperative the erection of a new station, and provides for a committee to obtain and prepare figures showing the amount and volume of passenger business originating at Gastonia annually. A motion was passed requesting Mayor Craig to act on this committee and Messrs. J. H. Separk and J. O. White were appointed as the remaining two members. This committee is to report to an adjourned meeting of the council next Tuesday night, so that plans for definite action may be ready for the May meeting. It is set forth in the resolution as the purpose of the council to place the matter at once directly before the highest officials of the Southern Railway at Washington City. If necessary a delegation will be sent to Washington for this purpose.

The report of city physician, Dr. Mc. G. Anders, was read and accepted. This report shows health conditions in the city to be excellent, there being absolutely no cases of contagious diseases reported during the month of March.

Mr. S. B. Brymer, formerly chief of police of McAdenville, was elected night policeman to succeed Mr. Clarence C. Johnson, who was at this meeting elected foreman of the street force.

Bills to the amount of \$1,449.69 were referred to the finance committee for payment and the council adjourned to meet on Tuesday night, April 19th.

### New Switch-Board at Clover.

The construction force of the Piedmont Telephone & Telegraph Company completed work Wednesday on the installation at Clover, S. C., of a new 100-drop latest model Western Electric switch-board. This places the equipment of the Clover exchange on an equality with all the company's other exchanges, and was necessitated by the rapid growth of the company's business at that point.

### Political News.

The Gazette is today publishing two interesting bits of political news. One is a card from Mr. Clyde C. Craig, of Dallas, announcing his withdrawal from the race for county treasurer. This leaves only two candidates for the nomination for that office, Capt. J. Q. Holland, of Gastonia, and Mr. Carl Finger, of Stanley. The other is a card signed by quite a number of citizens of Crowders Mountain township putting forward Mr. W. S. Mauney for county commissioner from that township. Another card we are publishing today is one from Mr. J. Madison Kendrick denying the rumor that he is out of the race for sheriff. He says he is in the race to the very end.

## COL. COOPER PARDONED.

Slayers of Senator E. W. Carmack Go Free, Young Robin Cooper by Reversal of Lower Court's Decision by Supreme Court and Colonel Cooper by Governor Patterson's Pardon—Great Excitement Prevails and Political Situation is Tense.

Nashville, Tenn., April 13.—A sensation, equalling that which inflamed Tennessee in November 1908 when former United States Senator Edward Ward Carmack was shot and killed on Nashville's streets, was the pardoning by Governor M. R. Patterson today of Col. Duncan B. Cooper, who, with his son, Robin J. Cooper, was convicted of the murder of Carmack.

The issuance of the pardon on the Governor's own initiative, without a formal petition before him, followed quickly the reading of the opinion of the Tennessee Supreme Court affirming the verdict of guilty in the case of Colonel Cooper, under the sentence of 20 years in the penitentiary, and reversing the lower court in the case of Robin Cooper.

The news of the court's action and that of the Governor in pardoning Colonel Cooper spread quickly through the city, causing intense excitement and heated discussions by numerous groups of partisans.

### GOVERNORS HASTY ACTION.

Governor Patterson wrote the full pardon for Colonel Cooper and filed it with the Secretary of State while Chief Justice Beard was yet reading a dissenting opinion in the case of Colonel Cooper. In a statement given to the press the Governor said:

"In my opinion neither of the defendants is guilty and they have not had a fair and impartial trial, but were convicted contrary to the law and the evidence."

The conviction and sentence of Colonel Cooper was affirmed by a divided court. In an entirely different line-up of the justices the court split as to the guilt of Robin Cooper, by a vote of 3 to 2, the lower court being reversed and the case remanded for a new trial.

### GROUND OF REVERSAL.

The reversal in the case of Robin Cooper is based on assignment of error in the trial judge's failing to charge separately as to Robin Cooper's theory of self-defense, linking the defense of the two defendants together; excluding testimony of Governor Patterson as to talk with defendant Robin Cooper and advice given him as to Colonel Cooper before the tragedy; and the admission on cross examination of Robin Cooper as to intent of certain State's witnesses in testifying as to certain incidents.

Colonel Cooper was still at the Capitol when the pardon was filed in the Secretary of State's office. He was at once surrounded by a crowd of friends seeking to congratulate him. The reversal in his son's case seemed to interest and please him to the exclusion of his own fate.

### EFFECT ON POLITICS.

As to the result politically in Tennessee of the State Supreme Court's decision today in the Cooper case and the pardon of Col. Duncan B. Cooper by Governor Patterson, opinion seems general that the old factional lines—Patterson and anti-Patterson, the latter representing the prohibition or State-wide element of the State Democracy—are unchanged. In fact they are more taut if that be possible.

The Governor's friends claim that his action has served to cement more closely than ever his following; that it has given them a rallying cry to battle. On the other hand it has embittered to an even more intense degree the hostility to him on the part of his political enemies. Carmack was the leader and idol of the State-widens. His friends, charging that his killing was the outcome of a political scheme, made it the chief issue in a bitter war that has since been relentlessly waged against Patterson and the Cooper case has colored the entire political atmosphere of Tennessee.

### THE ELECTION SOON.

A Governor and State judiciary are soon to be elected. The State Democratic committee, dominated by Patterson men, recently called a blanket primary for June 4 to make nominations. Enemies of Patterson freely charged the inclusion of the judiciary as an attempt to wield a club over the Supreme court which had the Cooper case under advise-

## TERSE TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

The United States Building and Loan League meets in Charlotte May 25-26.

Thomas F. Walsh, the millionaire mine owner, died at his home in Washington Saturday night.

Seven stores in the town of Middlesex, on the Norfolk and Southern Railroad, were burned Tuesday night entailing a loss of \$33,000.

Thomas Garfield, a brother of the martyred President, died Tuesday at Jamestown, Mich., where he had lived for forty-three years.

J. F. Van Reusselaer, general agent of the Harriman railroad lines, has resigned to become president of the railway service equipment company.

Dan Trinks, a painter of Atlanta, and employed by the Marion Hotel Company, fell from the fourth story of the hotel building Wednesday, sustaining injuries that may prove fatal.

James alias "Reddy" Gallagher, a notorious burglar with a long prison record, was killed in Philadelphia Sunday morning with a club by a householder, whose home he had attempted to enter.

After 22 years separation Mrs. Shelly Franklin, who was kidnapped when 18 months old, is soon to be restored to her mother. Mrs. Franklin lives in Kentucky, and her mother, who she thought was dead lives in Texas.

Prof. F. H. Curtis, superintendent for the past eight years of the Burlington graded schools, has resigned.

The Thomas G. Smith Schooner, bound from Philadelphia to Charleston, went ashore near Beaufort Sunday, and will probably be a total loss. The crew were taken off by the life guardsman.

It was officially stated in New York yesterday that there would be a substantial increase in the wages of 225,000 employees of the subsidiary companies of the United States Steel Corporation, effective May 1st. The annual pay roll of the corporation will be thus increased by about \$9,000,000.

Chairman Jake F. Newell has called a convention of the ninth district Republicans to be held at Shelby May 18th for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Congress. Among the possible nominees are Mr. L. L. Jenkins, of Gastonia; Mr. S. S. McNinch, and Mr. Jake F. Newell, of Charlotte.

The annual conference of the educators of the south held at Little Rock, Ark., last week, adjourned Friday night to meet in Jacksonville, Fla., next year. Among the notable addresses delivered was one by the North Carolina superintendent, Dr. J. Y. Joyner, who spoke of teaching farming in the schools. Several others spoke on the subject and the discussion was wound up by a vigorous speech attacking the farm schools, delivered by the president of the Farmers' Union, C. S. Barrett, who declared that too much attention was paid to book learning and practical farming was neglected. He said most of the southern agricultural schools turned the farmer boy from the country to the town. Dr. Joyner was re-elected president of southern state superintendents.

ment and every member of which was a candidate for re-election.

Matters were complicated by the refusal of Chief Justice Beard and Justices Shields and Neill to enter the primary. They will run independently and now that their attitude on the "cause celebre" is known, the question is what will the alignment be? It is most complex if the attitude of individual members of the court is to be taken into the analysis.

### TO FIGHT PATTERSON.

Meanwhile Patterson, serving his second term as Governor, has not announced his candidacy for a third term. Many of his friends are insistently urging him to be, while equally strong pressure is being used to induce him to run for United States Senator against Senator James B. Frazier. Incidentally, Mr. Frazier, a candidate to succeed himself, has refused to enter the June primary.

The State-wide faction is well organized and prepared to fight Patterson wherever he lands. But they have not as yet put forward a man in the gubernatorial race. The campaign, when it opens, is expected to be heated.

## Personals and Locals.

—Mrs. L. L. Hardin left this morning for Spartanburg, S. C., to attend the Spring Musical Festival.

—Miss Lillian Atkins went to Spartanburg, S. C., yesterday, to attend the Spring Music Festival.

—Hon. W. T. Love, of Spencer Mountain, was in the city on business Wednesday.

—Mr. J. C. Walker, of McAdenville, was a business visitor in Gastonia Wednesday.

—Miss Honoree Banks left yesterday for Charlotte to spend several days with friends.

—Miss Emily Dulin, of Bethel, was the guest Wednesday of Mrs. H. F. Glenn.

—Mrs. James F. Thomson left this morning for Spartanburg, S. C., to attend the May Musical Festival.

—Mr. J. W. Lowry, of Lowell, route one, spent yesterday in Gastonia.

—At Belmont Monday afternoon the St. Mary's baseball team defeated the strong Lenoir team by a score of 8 to 4.

—Mr. M. Luther Hampton returned Wednesday to Laurens, S. C., after a pleasant visit to homefolks here.

—The baseball team of St. Mary's College, at Belmont, defeated the Elon College team Wednesday by a score of 3 to 2, in a very close game played on the St. Mary's diamond.

—Mr. J. P. McSwain, one of the bosses at the Avon Mill, left yesterday for Spartanburg, S. C., where he will spend a week with Mrs. McSwain, who is on a visit to relatives there.

—Messrs. G. Floyd Beam and Thomas Ballard, of Cherryville, were visitors in the city last Saturday. Mr. Beam is the new local editor of The Cherryville Eagle, succeeding Mr. Evon L. Houser.

—A good deal of paint is being used in Gastonia this spring, as a result of which many business houses and residences have taken on a fresher and more attractive appearance.

—Photographer J. I. Green this week made a photograph of Main avenue, showing the bitulithic paving, from which the South Atlantic Bitulithic Company, which did this work, will have a cut made for use as one of the illustrations in their new catalogue to be issued soon.

—Work progresses steadily on the new court house and jail. The walls of both are nearly up to the second story. Should nothing occur to delay work it would seem that the brick work on the two structures may be about finished within a couple of months.

—Mr. W. L. Balthis is on a business trip South. While away he will visit New Orleans, Vicksburg, Yazoo City and Memphis. He is expected to return to Gastonia some time next week. While he is away Mrs. Balthis is visiting her parents, Major and Mrs. B. F. Dixon, in Raleigh.

—The Woodleaf correspondent of The Salisbury Post says that Rev. Cornelius Miller, who has been in poor health for some time, has entered a hospital in Winston for treatment. An operation may be necessary. Mr. Miller was formerly pastor of the Presbyterian church at Dallas.

—The first rain which has fallen in this section in six weeks or more came Tuesday night and was a welcome visitor. It was sufficient to lay the dust well and refreshed all growing things but was not a "soaking" rain. The farmers and gardeners are hoping for more at an early date.

—Spring "house-cleaning" time is here—the time to clean carpets, take down and put away stoves, put in the screens and do a thousand and one other things. To the mere man it seems but yesterday that he put up that old stove, lost his temper and thought, if he did not say, words not altogether of a Sunday school nature.

—Among other new advertisements which The Gazette carries in this issue is one of Crystal Domino sugar, a product of the American Sugar Refining Company and an article that is widely advertised in magazines and other high-class publications. This is a popular article with up-to-date housewives all over the country, being the acme of the sugar manufacturer's art.