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OVER GASTON COUNTY.

McAdenville Matters.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

McADENVILLE, April 18.—Mr. J. L. Webber spent Sunday at Lowesville with Dr. J. A. Anderson.—Mr. Henry Eddy and Mr. Spratt, of Charlotte, spent some time here Friday on business.—Miss Elizabeth Jenkins and Miss Bessie Champion, of Charlotte, were the guests Sunday of Mrs. Carrie Latimer.—Dr. Ben Taylor, of Charlotte, was the guest Sunday of his brother, Dr. G. W. Taylor.—Mr. R. H. Smith, of Spartanburg, spent some time here last week on business.—Mr. T. J. Hunt was a Charlotte visitor Saturday.—Miss Annie Hooper is visiting relatives in Charlotte this week.—Mrs. Mary Teague, of Lowell, is visiting friends here this week.—Mrs. Alice Gates and two daughters, were Gastonia shoppers Saturday afternoon.—Mrs. Nora Costner was a Gastonia shopper Saturday.—Mrs. Ruby Reeves is at the City Hospital, Gastonia, for a few days treatment.—Mr. G. G. Abernethy, of Gastonia, was a McAdenville visitor Saturday.—Mrs. H. D. Roberts was a Gastonia visitor Saturday.—Mrs. Mamie Davis, of Baltimore, was the guest here Saturday of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Ray.—Mr. W. L. Pierce, of Charlotte, was a business visitor in McAdenville Saturday.—Mr. J. C. Walker was a Salisbury visitor Friday.—Mr. A. C. Kelly was a Charlotte visitor Friday.—Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Dixon, of Gastonia, were the guests Saturday and Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Ray.—Dr. James A. Anderson, of Lowesville, was shaking hands here Saturday with his many friends.—Mr. F. A. Coley was a Gastonia visitor Saturday.—Miss Irene Hooper was a Charlotte visitor Saturday.—Mrs. Harriet Simmons and daughter, Miss Reathia, were Gastonia shoppers Saturday.—Dr. C. A. Bland and Mr. H. M. McAden, of Charlotte, were McAdenville visitors Thursday.

Mr. Lawrence W. Jenkins, who has been connected with the Taylor Drug Co. here for the past eighteen months, has resigned his position and gone to Elizabeth City, where he is engaged in similar work. During Mr. Jenkins' stay here he made many warm friends.—Mr. W. R. Hooper was a Gastonia visitor Saturday.—Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Britton spent Sunday with relatives at Lincolnton. Mrs. Britton will remain at Lincolnton for several days.—Mrs. James Moose, of Charlotte, is spending some time here with her mother, Mrs. Harriet Simmons.

Rev. R. S. Howie, pastor of the Methodist church, has been conducting a protracted meeting for the past week, from which much good will doubtless result.

Saturday afternoon opened the baseball season here in an exhibition game between the Charlotte league team and the home team. All of our boys got a chance to slug at the professional pitchers and made a decidedly creditable showing. Stafford found Bauswine for a three-bagger first time up and connected with Big Humphreys for a double in the sixth. The other boys all hit the ball, showing that they have their eyes on the sphere this year. Rousseau, who pitched two innings for us, was a complete enigma to the big boys of Lave Cross. Brittain, a young pitcher, held them down nicely. After the first two innings, especially the second, our boys played a nice close game.

We were sorry to hear that Mountain Island defeated the Lory team, as we had expected some close games from them. Well, we lost 12 to 3, but were proud of the way our boys showed up and with more practice we expect to give some teams around the neighborhood some interesting games.

BESSEMER, ROUTE 2.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

BESSEMER CITY, R. F. D. 2, April 19.—The home of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Pasour, of Alexis, was destroyed by fire last Tuesday morning about two o'clock. It is thought the rats carried matches and in some way the house caught fire. Mr. and Mrs. Pasour are both very old people and were unable to save anything.

Sunday school at Shady Grove Baptist church started last Sunday. There was a good attendance.—Rev. Mark Carpenter preached at Carolina

school house last Sunday evening. A large crowd gathered to hear Mr. Carpenter and all seemed to enjoy his sermon very much.

Miss Joanna Stroup, of Bessemer City, spent a few days visiting in Gastonia last week.—Misses Orabell Clark and Bryte Farris, of Bessemer City, have returned from a two weeks visit to their sister, Mrs. J. Gordon, of Clover, S. C.—Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Pasour were shopping in Cherryville last Saturday.—Mr. and Mrs. John Pasour, of Dallas, visited at the home of Mr. C. Stroup last Sunday.—Mrs. M. E. Hager visited her sister, Mrs. Nora Rayfield, last Sunday.—Miss Orebelle Clark spent last Saturday and Sunday with the Misses Pasour.—Miss Pearl Sipes, of Cherryville, has been visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Rudisill, for the past week.—Miss Mary Hager spent last Sunday with Miss Joanna Stroup.—Misses Cleo and Annie Pasour were in Cherryville shopping last Monday.

We had a good rain last Saturday night which was appreciated by all, especially the farmers.—Mrs. M. A. Clark has been right sick for some time, but I am glad to say she is improving very fast.—Mrs. Pearl Farris, of Cherryville, who has been at the Lincolnton Hospital for some time, has come home much improved.—Mrs. S. S. Black, of Cherryville, spent a few days last week with her sister, Mrs. M. F. Pasour.—Everybody has been looking for the comet but I don't think they have ever saw it yet.

Mount Holly Matters.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

MOUNT HOLLY, April 19.—Mrs. R. E. Rhyne is spending the week at Lincolnton with her father, Dr. R. A. Yoder. While there she will attend the marriage of her friend, Miss Georgia Rhodes.—Mrs. Labe Smith, of Gastonia, spent the Sabbath in our town on a visit to her sister, Mrs. James F. Dunn.—Capt. Jake Wilson with his convict force has about completed work on the road leading into town from the west, and will remove the camp to Spencer Mountain in a few days.

The new addition to the old school building is being torn down and will be converted into cottage homes at the Woodlawn Mills. The work is being done under the supervision of Capt. M. L. Fisher, contractor. He also has a contract to build two new houses for Mr. R. G. Rhyne, on 5th street, near the S. A. L. depot.

Lowell Locals.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

LOWELL, April 21.—The fifteen-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Gunnells, died Friday and was buried at Spencer Mountain Wednesday. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. R. A. Miller at the home.

Mr. Jack Mauney, a piano tuner, of Spartanburg, S. C., was in town Tuesday.—Mrs. A. R. Leonhardt delightfully entertained a few friends at tea Monday evening, viz: Misses Lella Baker, Nina Patrick, Bessie Cox and Mabel Leonhardt.—Mr. J. W. Lowry was in town Tuesday to meet Rev. R. S. Burwell who is to take charge of New Hope church.—Rev. and Mrs. V. W. Honeycutt, a former pastor of the M. E. Church, visited friends in town this week.—Mrs. J. R. Titman and Miss Lyde were Gastonia shoppers Wednesday.—Mrs. Fidus Cox and Mrs. J. L. Thompson were Charlotte visitors Wednesday.—Attorney A. L. Bulwinkle, of Dallas, was a business visitor here Wednesday.—Misses Mabel Leonhardt and Lella Baker were Gastonia shoppers Wednesday.—Mrs. S. M. Robinson and Miss Kate were Charlotte visitors Tuesday.—Mr. Tom Stewart, of Charlotte, was a business visitor here last week.—Messrs. S. J. Hand and Holland Hand were business visitors to Gastonia Thursday.

Graduating Recital.

Handsome engraved invitations reading as follows have been received here: "Miss Marie Torrence, graduate in voice, requests the honor of your presence at her recital Friday evening, April twenty-ninth, 1910, at half after eight o'clock, Presbyterian College auditorium, Charlotte, N. C." Miss Torrence is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frost Torrence and is a popular and much admired member of Gastonia's younger social set.

NO. 29 WRECKED.

Southern Railway's Fast Train Left Track Three Miles South of Gastonia Early Yesterday Morning—No One Seriously Injured.

The Southern Railway's fast mail and passenger train No. 29; which is due to pass here going south about 4:20 a. m., was badly wrecked three miles south of Gastonia yesterday morning about 5:15 o'clock. It passed Gastonia shortly after five o'clock running nearly an hour late, and at a crossing near Mr. J. R. Shannon's, three miles south of town, the four rear cars, including a day coach, two Pullman sleepers, and the private car "Atlanta," of the Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic Railroad, were derailed, the derailment being caused by a broken rail.

Fortunately the cars went off the rails at a point where there was a bank which prevented their being completely overturned, hence no one was seriously injured. So far as could be learned a short while after the wreck, only one person, a lady passenger, sustained any injury at all, being somewhat badly bruised about the face and head. The engine, baggage and mail cars proceeded at once to Bessemer City, the next station below the wreck, where the news of the wreck was wired to headquarters. Trains No. 44 and 39 were run to the scene of the wreck, where passengers were transferred, so that there was only a slight delay in passenger traffic. A large force of hands was put to work on the track, which was badly torn up for some distance, and by noon the track was clear for the passage of trains.

Quite a large number of people from Gastonia, Bessemer City, Kings Mountain and the surrounding country gathered at the scene of the wreck while the work of restoring the track was in progress and watched the proceedings with great interest. All who viewed the wreck were impressed with the fact that it was indeed fortunate that in so bad a wreck there was no one seriously injured.

The train was in charge of Engineer J. Ed Smith and Conductor Ed Roseboro.

MARK TWAIN DEAD.

America's Greatest Humorist Passed Away Last Night at His Home in Redding, Conn.—End of Remarkable Career.

Samuel Langhorn Clemens, known to the public as Mark Twain, died at his home in Redding, Connecticut, at 6:30 o'clock last night of angina pectoris, after an illness of many weeks. Mr. Clemens had sought restoration of health by a trip to the Bermuda Islands, but had returned some weeks ago unimproved. The famous humorist was born in Hannibal, Missouri, on November 30, 1835, and was therefore in the 75th year of his age. His body will be laid to rest in the family plot at Elmira, N. Y., where are buried his two daughters, Susan and Jean, and his infant son, Langhorne. The only near relative surviving is one daughter, Mrs. Clara Gabriellowitch, who was at Mr. Clemens' bedside when death came.

The latter half of the nineteenth century knew no more unique and interesting literary character in America than Mark Twain. Reared among the uncouth environment that characterized the frontier country in which his boyhood was spent, he developed a style which has made his writing popular with all classes of American readers since he first became generally known as a writer.

The latter years of the great humorist's life were beset with many reverses and misfortunes. Financial losses fell heavily upon him at various times during a long term of years, while death robbed him of two daughters in succession, each of whom was particularly beloved by the father. The tragic death of his daughter Jean last fall was a blow from which the aged man, now broken by misfortune and ill health, could scarcely recover. It might almost be said that the greatest humorist which America ever produced died of a broken heart.

James Jackson, of Indianapolis, Ind., and president of the Eclipse Coal Co., has been lodged in jail under charge of selling short weight coal.

REV. MR. PRESSLY HERE.

Statesville Pastor Being Heard by Large and Interested Congregations at A. R. P. Church—Meeting to Continue Through Coming Sabbath.

Much interest is being manifested in the meeting that is in progress at the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church. Rev. James H. Pressly, pastor of the First A. R. P. church of Statesville, is doing the preaching and has been speaking to a well-filled house each afternoon and night. In fact the meeting is the most largely attended of any that has been held under the pastorate of Rev. Dr. Galloway, a period of some fifteen years or more.

Mr. Pressly is a preacher of much power and magnetism and every sermon he delivers is heard with the closest attention. He is one of the denomination's strong and vigorous ministers. It is not surprising, therefore, that a preacher who possesses such force and vigor as Mr. Pressly and whose words are accompanied by so much earnestness and feeling should attract large congregations and that he is able to make many see the error of their ways.

A special feature of the meeting is the music which delights the congregation at every service.

The meeting will continue through Sabbath night and possibly longer. Definite notice as to this will be given by announcement at the church. The public is cordially invited to attend.

SPARTAN INN BURNED.

Early Morning Fire Destroys Well-Known Spartanburg Hostelry—Entire Block Burned, Including Number of Stores—Loss \$200,000 or More.

Fire which originated in the tip shop of a Mr. Perkins in the northwest corner of the Spartan Inn building at Spartanburg, S. C., early this morning completely destroyed that well-known hostelry together with a number of stores which occupied quarters on the ground floor. Details regarding the fire were meagre but it is understood here that all the guests escaped safely from the burning building and that, barring a few minor accidents, no one was injured. The flames were discovered about 3:30 o'clock and by 6:30 the entire block was in ashes, not a wall being left standing.

Several buildings across the street were slightly damaged. The windows in the stores of Floyd L. Liles, just opposite, all cracked and fell out. The Blewery livery stable, also on the opposite side of the street, caught fire but was saved from serious damage. The proprietor of this establishment, Mr. Blowers, is a brother-in-law of Mr. Charles Cavis, of Gastonia.

The Spartan Inn was built about thirty years ago at a cost of something like \$200,000. It was a popular hotel and the manager, Mr. Johnson, is well known and liked by the traveling public. The structure was built by a stock company, the principal member of which was Mr. J. B. Cleveland, father of Mr. Henry M. Cleveland, of Gastonia.

It is understood here that the loss is probably very largely covered by insurance.

The Spartan Inn was located in the heart of the business section of the town, covering an entire block. It contained more than 100 rooms.

Shower for Miss Costner.

A unique stocking shower was given yesterday afternoon by Miss Clarice Knight, at her home on Broad street, for Miss Minnie Costner who is soon to become the bride of Mr. Joseph T. Abernethy. The guests were met at the front door by Miss Louie Fry and were ushered into the parlor where progressive hearts was played, after which a delicious salad course was served. After the refreshments were served the guests were shown into the hall where Miss Mary Gordon Fry, dressed as a French maid, hung the stockings on an improvised clothes line.

The ninth annual session of the Summer School of the South for teachers from all the Southern States will be held in Knoxville, Tenn., June 21st to July 29th, inclusive.

TERSE TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

Judge Owen H. Gulon, of the third district, has sent in his resignation to Governor Kitchin to take effect April 30th.

The Kentucky wool growers met in Louisville Tuesday to fix a scale of prices for the present year. No sharp advances are anticipated.

Seven convicts, two white and five colored, escaped from the Alameda chain gang some time Wednesday night.

The board of examiners of trained nurses for North Carolina will meet at Wrightsville Beach June 21st, and will be in session three days.

Governor Kitchin offers a reward of \$100 for the capture of Sylvester Parham, wanted in Pender county for the murder of Preston Johnson February 23rd.

The South Carolina Cotton Manufacturer's Association have selected Hendersonville, N. C., as the place for holding their annual convention, June 10th.

Mrs. Bessie Dickerson, of Durham, died Wednesday morning as a result of ptomaine poisoning, which she received last week from eating canned kraut.

Col. Paul B. Means, of Concord, died Wednesday evening in the Presbyterian Hospital, Charlotte, from an attack of grip and paralysis.

R. J. W. Redfern, a prominent citizen of Wadesboro and a blind tiger operator, was convicted in five cases in Anson Superior Court and suspended in another on account of bad health.

The Charlotte Chronicle asks this question: "Why are the women so willing to take off their hats in the theatre and so stubborn about it when it comes to taking them off in the church?"

Robert de Colmar, a French youth, is missing from his mother in Bakersfield, Cal., and his mother fears foul play has befallen him. The family claims kinship with the King of Saxony.

That Senators Simmons and Overman are always alive to the interests of their people is evidenced by the fact that they have introduced measures to stop discriminating freight rates.

Bill Smith, a colored employe of the Southern Railway bridge force, was badly injured yesterday while at work on a trestle over Bear creek near Lancaster, by a falling beam striking him in the head.

Troy Crawford, 18 years of age, was drowned near Goldsboro Wednesday while he and his friend Charles Williams were fishing in a boat. They had just hooked a large fish and in their excitement overturned the boat.

The spot cotton firm of Knight, Yancey and Company, with offices in several of the principal cities in Alabama, and the largest dealers in the south have filed bankruptcy proceedings, with liabilities upward of \$4,000,000.

The Mecklenburg negro, Caleb Withers, who was to have paid the death penalty the 21st instant has been granted a reprieve until May 27th by Governor Kitchin, in order that he may look fully into the merits of an application for commutation to life imprisonment.

Mrs. E. L. Shuford, of Hickory, received news Monday that her only brother, Mr. E. R. Shuford, had been killed in a railroad accident between Chattanooga and Atlanta. The only particulars given was that Mr. Shuford's head was severed from his body.

Lever and Legare, representatives from South Carolina, are allowed to retain their seats in Congress, as a result of the committee election in the house. The contestants, R. H. Richardson and George Prioleau, both negroes, did not receive sufficient votes.

There has just been equipped at the State prison a library of 447 volumes for the use of the prisoners. It is conveniently located and has writing and reading room adjacent. The convicts are allowed certain hours for the library conditioned on good behavior. The central prison now has eighty prisoners in the regular convict department and fifty-four in the criminal insane department. There are about 600 convicts out on contract work and at work on the farm.

Personals and Locals.

—Mr. Luther Snyder, of Charlotte, spent yesterday in town.

—Miss Laura Spencer left Monday on a visit to friends in Monroe.

—Mr. R. A. McArver, of Kings Mountain, was a business visitor in Gastonia yesterday.

—Mr. T. R. E. Oates, of Bessemer City, route two, was in Gastonia on business yesterday and paid The Gazette office a call.

—Mr. and Mrs. Foy Quickle passed through Gastonia yesterday en route from Calhoun, S. C., to Lincolnton on a visit to friends.

—Mrs. J. S. Crim, of Winston-Salem, arrived in the city yesterday afternoon and is a guest at the home of her brother, Mr. W. J. Clifford.

—The stockholders and directors of the Gaston Loan & Trust Co. are holding their annual meeting at the bank this afternoon.

—Dr. W. H. Wakefield, of Charlotte, will be at the Falls House on Thursday of next week, April 28th, one day only.

—St. Mary's College baseball team will play Mount Pleasant on the St. Mary's diamond tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon at 2 o'clock.

—Mr. R. W. White expects to leave the first of next week on a business trip to Hendersonville and Asheville.

—Miss Kate White, of Bessemer City, and Miss Josie Bumgardner, of Kings Mountain, are guests at the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Beach on East Airline avenue.

—Rev. J. C. Harmon left yesterday morning for Apex, Wake county, to join Mrs. Harmon and little son, J. C., Jr., who are there visiting her relatives.

—Mr. Oscar J. Houser, of Cherryville, formerly manager of Houser's jewelry establishment at this place, was here Monday on a short visit.—Rutherfordton Sun, 20th.

—Dr. R. G. Miller, of Charlotte, is holding a protracted meeting in the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church at Clover for the pastor, Rev. R. M. Stephenson. The meeting began last night.

—Mr. Mac Bradley will give an old-time singing at the Bradley Hall, Lory Mill, next Saturday night, the 23rd. Everybody is invited to come and bring their American Tune Books.

—The Harden Manufacturing Co. has placed an order with J. H. Mayes, of Charlotte, for 5,000 spindle equipment of Fales & Jenks spinning; also Potter & Johnson lappers.—Textile Excelsior.

—Mr. Arthur C. Jones and Mr. A. G. Mangum, of Gastonia, were in town Friday. The former in attendance upon the Kings Mountain Presbytery and the latter one of the popular candidates for solicitor.—Cleveland Star, 18th.

—Elsewhere in this issue Dr. J. C. Galloway, president of the board of directors of the Gastonia Library Association, gives notice of a very important meeting to be held in the Y. M. C. A. hall next Tuesday evening, the 26th, at 8 o'clock.

—The protracted meeting which is being held this week at the East Baptist church is having most gratifying results. There have been one or more conversions at every service. The services will continue throughout this week and at least a part of next week.

—Mr. Tarrance Wagstaff has gone to Lynchburg, Va., where he has a position. Mr. Wagstaff was a student at the Piedmont High School, Cleveland county, which was destroyed by fire some weeks ago, as a result of which school work was discontinued until next fall.

—Mr. W. Meek Faulkner, an extensive land owner of Kings Creek, spent yesterday in the city. He reports that corn in his section is ready to work. Up in that section, which is the extreme northern portion of the county, the farmers do not plant their cotton until about the 25th of April.—Rock Hill, S. C., Record, 19th.

—Mr. A. J. Kirby returned yesterday from Rock Hill, S. C., where he went Wednesday on a short visit to his kinsman, Mr. Melton Sims, who was seriously wounded last Saturday in an unfortunate difficulty with Samuel H. White. Mr. Sims is now rapidly recovering from his injury.