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OVER GASTON COUNTY.

CHANGES AT MT. HOLLY.

Mr. Edwards Resigns as Depot Agent and is Succeeded by Mr. James Holland—Graded School Closed—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Gazette: MOUNT HOLLY, April 30.—D. M. Edwards, for some time depot agent and telegraph operator for the Seaboard Railway at this place, has resigned to accept a more lucrative position with the railway company and Mr. James Holland has been appointed agent with Mr. Guy Howard as telegraph operator. The change will go into effect May the 1st.

Mr. C. E. Hutchinson is having his summer cottage torn down to be replaced by a magnificent edifice of brick of the latest modern style.

Mrs. J. A. Bowles entertained Misses Ida Rankin, Ola Caldwell and Carrie Potts at a luncheon Thursday evening.

Mrs. Thomas Springs and brother spent one day this week at Paw Creek on a visit to friends and relatives.—Miss Emma Holland visited in Charlotte during the week, spending a night with her aunt.

The Mount Holly graded school closed last Friday with public exercises at night in the Rhyne Hall. Prof. M. H. Stacy, of the faculty of the University of North Carolina, delivered a splendid address.

The Gastonia baseball team crossed bats with the Mount Holly team in the afternoon, the home team winning.

One of the twin babies of Mr. and Mrs. Alex West died Friday night and was buried at Stanley Creek Sunday at 11 a. m. The other twin is very ill and is not expected to live.

Friends of Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Bowles have installed electric lights in the Methodist parsonage as an additional evidence of their esteem and regard for them.

Miss Mildred Babington was called to Sunshine this week to attend the burial of her grandfather, Mr. J. W. Biggerstaff.

Miss Ola Caldwell left Monday for her home in Yorkville, and Miss Carrie Potts for the Steele Creek section near Charlotte. These young ladies have successfully taught in our graded school for the past year, and our people give them up with regret but hope to have them with us again another year.

The Methodist congregation at this place will observe Laymen's Missionary day next (2d) Sunday, J. S. Martin of Shelby, district leader, will speak in the morning with sermon by pastor J. A. Bowles. In the afternoon addresses will be delivered by J. H. Separk and George W. Wilson, of Gastonia.

McAdenville Matters.

Correspondence of The Gazette. M'ADENVILLE, May 2.—Our town deserves the credit for raising the largest Irish potatoes in the county. Mr. Noah F. Pence brought one of this season's potatoes to the store here last Thursday and it tipped the scale at seven ounces. It came out of Mr. Pence's regular patch and was not a prize potato at all. Mr. Pence advises that he has larger ones than this.

Mrs. Almer returned to Charlotte Friday after being the guest here several days of Miss Lottie Albee.

H. L. Roberts and brother H. D. Roberts have purchased the store and meat market of I. F. Mabry and Company. The new firm will be run under the name of H. L. Roberts & Co., instead of I. F. Mabry & Co. Mr. Mabry will engage in other business.

Mrs. M. R. Wright and daughter Miss Jennie were Gastonia shoppers Thursday.—The little attractive Master Robert Ray Glenn, son of Dr. and Mrs. L. N. Glenn of Gastonia spent last week here with his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Ray.—Prof. Andy Armstrong, of Belmont was here last week.—Miss Stella Deaton was a Gastonia shopper Friday afternoon.—Mr. M. B. Albee and daughter Miss Lottie were Charlotte visitors Friday.—Miss Mabel Abernethy of Stanley was the guest last week of Miss Blanche Ruffelt.—Mr. W. A. Bentley of the Greensboro baseball league spent Sunday here with his family.—Mr. J. F. Leonard of Lincolnton spent some time here last week with relatives.

Mr. R. H. Smith returned to Spar-

tanburg after spending several days here repairing the spinning in mill No. 2.

Attorney A. L. Bulwinkle of Dallas was a McAdenville visitor Thursday.—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Austin April 28th, 1910, a son.—Mrs. J. W. Chandler of the Flint Mill, Gastonia, visited relatives here last week, Prof. J. L. Webb is teaching a ten days singing school at Spencer Mountain.—Mr. S. R. Nichols and children were Gastonia visitors Saturday.—Mr. J. T. Ingram, bookkeeper for the McAden Mills was a Charlotte visitor Saturday.—Mr. M. B. Albee and I. W. Shields were New Hope visitors Saturday afternoon.—Mr. and Mrs. Morris of Gastonia spent Friday here.—Miss Maggie Wagstaff of Greensboro is visiting her brother James H. Wagstaff.—Miss Blanch Armstrong left Sunday to visit her aunt Mrs. G. W. Norman in Charlotte.—R. R. Ray, J. F. McAden, E. C. Ray, G. W. Taylor, G. W. Ruffelt and G. L. Webb attended the McAdenville-Gastonia baseball game in Gastonia Saturday.

Mr. David McGee who has been conducting a barber shop in the I. F. Mabry building has moved his shop to the east and of the post office.

Mr. T. J. Hunter who has been master machinist here has returned to Spartanburg.—Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Shields of Lowell spent Sunday in town.—Mr. Frank Phillips was a Charlotte visitor Friday.—Mrs. C. F. Stowe and children of King's Mountain were visitors here last week.—Mrs. K. P. Britton returned to her home here after spending several days with relatives in Lincolnton.

SURPRISE WEDDING.

Mr. Cadmus Stroup and Miss Maud McGinnis Married at Cherryville—Brief Local Items.

Correspondence of The Gazette. CHERRYVILLE, April 30.—Mr. Cadmus Stroup and Miss Maud McGinnis, both of this place, were happily married Wednesday evening at the residence of Esq. J. B. Houser. The contracting parties have kept the event a secret and much surprise was occasioned when it was reported Mr. Stroup is the son of Mr. C. P. Stroup and is well known in and around Cherryville. Mrs. Stroup is the daughter of Mr. E. L. McGinnis and has a host of friends throughout this section of the country.

Attorney D. P. Dellinger was in Dallas Wednesday on business.—The Lincolnton and Cherryville ball teams will cross bats here this evening.—Messrs. D. R. and Kohn Mauney and Misses Lura Perry and Lethia Lancaster are pic-nicing at Cleveland Springs to-day.—Quite a large crowd of our young people are attending the commencement at Ridge Academy to-day.—Mrs. Theresa Costner, of King's Mountain, died at her home in that place Tuesday and was buried here Wednesday.—Mrs. Jack Osborne, of Lawndale, is spending some time in town.—An election will be held here Monday to elect a mayor and seven commissioners for an ensuing term of two years. There are two tickets in the field and a hotly contested election is looked for.

BESSEMER ROUTE ONE.

Correspondence of The Gazette. BESSEMER CITY, R. F. D. 1.—May 2.—Rev. Mr. Caldwell was last Sunday called to the pastorate of Shady Grove Baptist church. Miss Vernie Beam, the youngest daughter of Mr. Sylvanus Beam, was carried to the Lincolnton Hospital last Saturday morning to be operated on for appendicitis.—Mrs. S. S. Black is spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Putnam, of Shelby.—Misses Cleo and Helen Paysour spent last Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Orabell Clark.—Mrs. Gordon, of Clover, is visiting her mother, Mrs. C. A. Clark, near Bessemer City.—Rev. J. J. Paysour, of Seattle, Wash., and brother, Mr. M. F. Paysour, of Bessemer City, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Paysour, of Alexis, last Tuesday.—Mr. Hubert Beam was a visitor to Lincolnton last Sunday.—Mrs. Will Carpenter and little son, Webb, of High Shoals, spent last Sunday with her mother, Mrs. C. A. Clark.—Mrs. Ibbie Black has been very sick but we are glad to note that she is improving very fast.—Mr. Hart Spencer was a business visitor to Gastonia last Friday.

The farmers of this section are about through planting and are getting ready to work their crops.

GASTON 24 YEARS AGO.

The Gaston Current, Published at Dallas, Contained Items of Interest From Over the County—Some of the Things That Were Happening at That Time.

The Gazette is indebted to Mr. R. W. Carson for a copy of The Gaston Current of January 14, 1886. It was published every Thursday at Dallas by B. F. Tipton and L. E. Quinn, at \$1 per year. In glancing over this copy, which is Volume 1, No. 37, we find some interesting items of local news, a few of which are reproduced below, for instance:

Mr. R. M. Jenkins had a pig frozen to death last Sunday night.

Mr. Craig Lewis will not start for school until the weather moderates.

The bridge across South Fork near Lincolnton was swept away by the late freshet.

The Catawba river at Mount Holly was fourteen feet above low water; nearly last week.

Mr. T. L. Craig, of Gastonia, brought all of Dallas to the front door on Friday by driving the "boss team of four horses" attached to a sleigh through the town.

Mr. Henry Rhine was in to see his mortary. He reports the South Fork as being frozen entirely across, even under Hoyle's bridge, where the water is swift.

This has been the coldest snap we have ever experienced so far south. The thermometer at Matthews' Hotel stood 13 degrees below zero on last Tuesday morning at daybreak.

No train on the Western road last Tuesday owing to the Swannanoah tunnel being frozen up. We learn the track, the water dripping from the walls having frozen over it.

On Monday, while out rabbit hunting, Jenks McLaughlin in the face. The dog, Legare Carson accidentally shot and being loaded with bird shot and the young men being some distance apart no great damage was done.

TO DANIEL BOONE.

Memorial Erected at Boone's Cave Saturday—Thousands Witness Dedication of Huge Marble Shaft to Honor Pioneer's Memory.

SPENCER, April 30.—With a vast throng of interested visitors in attendance the first memorial in honor of Daniel Boone, the noted pioneer, was held at Boone's Cave, Davidson county, near Spencer to-day, the address of the occasion being delivered by United States District Judge Jeter C. Pritchard. The crowd which was estimated at from six thousand to eight thousand people, came from Winston-Salem, Greensboro, High Point, Lexington, Salisbury, Charlotte, Asheville and Davidson and some from other states.

Roads in all directions were overcrowded for miles with carriages and automobiles. Under the auspices of the Daniel Boone Memorial Association, chartered by the General Assembly of North Carolina in 1909, Judge Pritchard spoke in splendid style, captivating the immense crowd of listeners. He was introduced by ex-Congressman John S. Henderson, of Salisbury, who also made a brief speech. Judge Pritchard's address which was decidedly scholarly was an elaborate discourse upon the life of Boone, his work as a pioneer in North Carolina, and the northwest, making special mention of his connection with the State of Frankland at one time a part of Tennessee as opposed to the federal government. Representative Robert N. Page, of the sixth district, delivered a historical address of much interest giving many facts in connection with the work of Boone, his experience in North Carolina and what he did. Col. A. H. Boyden, of Salisbury, spoke in behalf of Rowan county, thanking the ladies of the D. A. R. many of whom were present for their interest in the celebration. Mr. J. R. McCrary, of Lexington, one of the leading workers in the memorial association acted as master of ceremonies and in the course of his remarks gave much information relative to the accomplishments of Boone and explained the work of the association to which Mr. Phillip Sowers has donated a valuable tract of land adjoining the old cave.

The monument, a huge marble shaft erected to the memory of Boone as a donation from Rowan citizens, was viewed with great interest by the thousands of visitors.

PRESBYTERY IN SESSION.

Eighty or More Seceders in City to Attend Spring Session of First Presbyterian—Conference Yesterday on Scarcity of Ministers as Result of Heavy Inroads of Death—Will Close To-Night.

With eighty or more delegates in attendance and especial interest manifested on the part of local members of the denomination, the regular spring session of the First Presbyterian of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church convened in Gastonia yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The sessions will close probably with to-night's meeting.

The first session was in the nature of a conference for prayer and consultation on the unparalleled condition of affairs existing in the ranks of the ministry of the denomination, which have been greatly depleted within the past two years by the large number of deaths. Rev. K. J. Miller, pastor of Sardis church, Mecklenburg county, presided at this meeting and brief, appropriate talks were made by some eight or ten members of the Presbytery. As a result of this conference a committee was appointed to draft resolutions and present them to the Presbytery to-day calling upon all the members of the denomination to observe a day which will be set apart as one of fasting and prayer that a body of strong and vigorous young men will be raised up in the ranks of the ministry to take the places of those who have been called to the Church Above. A large congregation was present at this service, which was most solemn and impressive.

Last night Rev. R. M. Stevenson, D. D., preached the opening sermon, selecting as his text the whole of the 133 Psalm. The three verses formed the three leading thoughts in the discourse. Dr. Stevenson is one of the leading preachers of the denomination and his sermon last evening was greatly appreciated by the brethren attending the Presbytery. A large audience was present at this opening session. The singing of the choir was a feature of the service.

After Dr. Stevenson's sermon Dr. J. C. Galloway, retiring moderator of the Presbytery announced that the First Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Synod would now come to order and be constituted with prayer. After this Dr. R. M. Stevenson, began the calling of the roll. This showed that an unusually large number of ministers is present, and that a large delegation of elders is also here. Dr. Galloway then announced that he would turn over the moderator's chair to Rev. J. H. Pressly, of Statesville.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting of the Presbytery, so far as they related to unfinished business was then entered upon. Practically all of the orders and recommendations had been fulfilled. Pastorate had been established at Sharon and Tizrah, Hickory Grove and Smyrna, First church of Charlotte and Columbia. Calls had been moderated at East Avenue Tabernacle, Charlotte, Back Creek and Prosperity, and at Pisgah. Rev. William Duncan had been granted a letter of ministerial standing. Dr. W. W. Orr, who is serving in the general evangelistic work was highly commended to all Protestant denominations in a resolution introduced by Rev. A. S. Rogers, of Rock Hill. All of this came up and was dispatched as unfinished business.

The reports of the different congregations and sessional records were handed in to be placed in the hands of the proper committees. The names of Mr. W. W. Boyce, of Rock Hill, and that of Mr. C. B. Betts, of the Neelys Creek congregation, were presented as students of Theology and candidates for membership in the Presbytery. Rev. Oliver Johnson, of Winnsboro; Rev. A. S. Rogers, of Rock Hill; and Elder John Sharpe, of Statesville, were appointed a committee to examine these young men.

The moderator appointed the different committees and Dr. Galloway, chairman of the committee on devotions, suggested that Presbytery convene at 9 o'clock this morning and regular business be discussed till 10 o'clock, when trial discourses be heard from two of the students of Theology, and that adjournment be made at 12 o'clock. The closing prayer of the evening was made by Rev. Jno. A. Smith, of Charlotte.

At 9 o'clock this morning Presbytery again convened and was opened

with devotional exercises, conducted by the moderator.

Some of the committees were ready for report. Rev. A. S. Rogers reported for the committee on supplies. Rev. J. W. Bigham reported for the committee on minutes of synod. The committee to which the report of Mr. F. R. Cates, the secretary of the Presbytery, was referred was read, amended and adopted. Mr. Cates was asked to continue in as title secretary, and that the deficit was ordered paid out of the fund of the Presbytery. The zeal of the secretary was highly commended in short talks by Rev. J. A. Smith, Dr. J. C. Galloway, Rev. J. P. Knox and Rev. J. M. Bigham.

The special hour for hearing two young men having arrived, Rev. A. S. Rogers ascended the pulpit with Messrs. W. W. Boyce and C. B. Betts. The later presented the first discourse, taking as his text Matt. 12:42, and the former had as his text Heb. 2:1. Owing to the fact that Mr. Betts has an appointment in Due West on to-morrow, these two discourses were at once criticized.

Elder J. C. Reid of Sardis read a resolution which grew out of the conference held yesterday afternoon. This resolution was adopted as a whole. It provided for the appointment of the 3d Sabbath of June as a day of fasting and prayer. This special day is set apart owing to the heavy mortality among the ministers of the church, and the great need in the ranks of the ministry. All congregations were called upon to observe this day and pay the claims of the ministry before the young.

During the morning a letter was read from Rev. J. H. Simpson, a member of the Presbytery who is now sojourning in the State of Kansas, accounting for his absence at this meeting. This letter of brother Simpson is a feature of every meeting of Presbytery.

The moderator named Revs. J. P. Knox and Oliver Johnson for next moderator. Rev. J. P. Knox was chosen, and New Sterling, near Statesville, as the place of next meeting.

Presbytery is still in session. It will close with the session this afternoon. These young men are yet to preach trial sermons, viz., Mr. W. O. Orr of King's Mountain, who will also be licensed; Mr. R. N. Hunter and Mr. S. J. Hood of Mecklenburg county. Presbytery will meet again at 2 o'clock. At 3 o'clock a memorial service in honor of Rev. Jas. Boyce will be held.

Rev. J. S. Kennedy, D. D., was received into the membership of the Presbytery from the Allegheny Presbytery of the United Presbyterian church. He becomes pastor of East Avenue Tabernacle, Charlotte. Rev. J. B. Hood was received from the Tennessee and Alabama Presbytery, to become pastor of Back Creek and Prosperity. Rev. R. R. Caldwell was received from the Second Presbytery to become pastor of Steele Creek.

Rev. W. H. Miller, of Spartanburg; Prof. G. G. Parkinson, of Erskine Theological Seminary, and Mr. G. S. Galloway, business manager of the Associate Reformed Presbytery, are among the visiting brethren at Presbytery.

Mrs. J. S. Kennedy and daughter are among the interested visitors upon the session of Presbytery. Dr. Kennedy supplied Dr. Galloway's pulpit for a month or more a few years ago.

Rev. J. H. Pressly has made an excellent presiding officer. He held a protracted meeting here a little more than a week ago.

U. C. Club Entertained.

The U. C. Club, together with other guests, met with Mrs. George W. Wilson Friday afternoon and enjoyed an interesting game of forty-two. The score cards were pretty hand-painted butterflies. The parlor and halls were profusely decorated with roses. Mrs. Wilson was assisted in entertaining by Miss Lowry Shuford and Miss Aline Reid, who served a delicious salad course followed by tea and wagers. Besides the club members the guests were Messdames Reid, Page, Separk, Morris, Clifford, McConnell, McLean, Parker, Garrison, Marshall, Wray, Wilkins, Adams, Robinson, Moore and Johnson. Later a business meeting of the club was held when it was decided to take a vacation during the hot summer months and to take up literary studies in the fall. Miss Lowry Shuford was elected president and Miss Laura Page secretary of the club.

Personals and Locals.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. Grier Love are spending the day in Charlotte.

—Mr. A. J. Rankin, of Belmont, is a business visitor in Gastonia to-day.

—Mr. Charles Cavis is spending some time with home folks at Spartanburg, S. C.

—Misses Ola and Minnie Herman, of Lowell route 2, were in the city shopping Saturday.

—Mrs. Mattie Groves, of Olin, N. C., arrived in Gastonia last Friday and will spend the summer here with her father, Rev. F. W. Bradley.

—Rev. J. J. Beach, pastor of the East Baptist church, left yesterday afternoon for McAdenville where he is holding a protracted meeting.

—Mr. James H. Walters reports to The Gazette that he had new Irish Potatoes from his own garden for dinner Friday. These are the first we had reported.

—Mr. L. E. Elsemann, of Greensboro, S. C., has accepted a position with the Gastonia Furniture Company as salesman to succeed Mr. A. M. Ballard.

—Remember the baseball game on Loray Park to-morrow afternoon between married men and the single men. The proceeds of the game go to the Woman's Betterment Association.

—Spencer Mt. lost to Bessemer City in Saturday's game of baseball by a score of 12 to 1. The Spencer Mountain boys were in bad trim and the game was a poor one throughout, without any redeeming features.

—Mr. J. A. Settlemyer, who has been here for some time on a visit to his brother, Mr. S. Settlemyer, at the Loray, left this morning for Charlotte, where he will spend a few days with his daughter, Mrs. Jennie Edwards, before returning to his home at Troutman, Iredell county.

—Among those attending the meeting of the First Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church here this week are Messrs. W. E. Gettys, of Tizrah and G. A. Gettys, of Rock Hill, uncles of Mr. R. W. Edwards. The former is an elder in the Tizrah church and the latter is an elder in the Neelys Creek church.

—Elsewhere in this issue we present with pleasure to our readers Mr. J. Frank McArver's formal announcement for county commissioner from Gastonia township. Mr. McArver in making his announcement is simply yielding to the insistent demands of a large number of the best citizens and taxpayers of the township, who recognize his special qualification for the office and will use their votes and influence to secure his nomination.

OFF TO WASHINGTON.

Ten Representative Citizens Left Last Night For Capital City to Appear This Morning Before Southern Railway Officials and Present Matter of New Passenger Depot For Town.

If Gastonia does not secure from President Finley and the other officials of the Southern Railway a definite and unequivocal promise of an early move to give this town a decent and modern passenger station it will certainly not be because Gastonians are lacking in zeal, enthusiasm and determination. A committee of representative business and professional men, including representatives of the Commercial Club, city council and the citizens generally left Gastonia on No. 38 last night for Washington where at 10 o'clock this morning they appeared before President W. W. Finley, of the Southern Railway, according to appointment made some days ago through Congressman Webb, to present the claims of the town for a new and up-to-date passenger depot.

The delegation was composed of Mayor T. L. Craig and Col. C. B. Armstrong, who were already in Washington, having gone ahead on other business; Mr. S. A. Robinson, Dr. R. M. Reid, Mr. R. H. Separk, Mr. J. Flem Johnson, Mr. W. T. Rankin, Mr. J. K. Dixon, Sr., Mr. Frost Torrence and Mr. J. O. White.

The delegation went fully prepared to present to the railway officials facts and figures that are incontrovertible as showing the demand for a new and modern depot at this point.