

OVER GASTON COUNTY.

PROF. HENSON TO WED.

Announcement Made of Approaching Marriage of Supt. J. B. Henson and Miss Maude Lantz at Mount Holly—Three Infants die—Other News.

Correspondence of The Gazette. MOUNT HOLLY, May 3.—Our town election was pulled off Monday, May 2d, and resulted in the election of Henry P. Rhyme as Mayor and John W. Holland, Alex West, W. B. Rutledge and Rush Torrence, aldermen.

The infant child, of Rev. and Mrs. Auten, night boss of the Nims Mills, died May 2d, and was buried at Snow Hill church, Lucia. Rev. J. A. Bowles conducted the funeral services.

The sympathy of our entire community goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Alex West in the death of their twin boys. The first to die was buried at Stanley Creek last Sunday and the funeral party had scarcely returned before the other one passed away. It was buried Monday at the same place, Rev. W. J. Boger officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Shelton, of Charlotte, and two daughters, Miss Mary Shelton and Mrs. Fink, spent Sabbath in town on a visit to Mrs. Mattie A. Rankin, Mrs. Shelton's sister.

At a beautifully appointed luncheon given by Mrs. Minnie Lantz last Monday afternoon from 4 to 6, announcement was made of the approaching marriage of her daughter, Miss Maud S., to Prof. J. B. Henson. The date of the marriage was not made known. Tongues are busy guessing. This announcement will be received with genuine interest among the many friends of this popular couple both here and elsewhere. Miss Lantz has been a member of the faculty of our graded school, while Prof. Henson has been principal for the past three years and has been re-elected for another year.

THE SILK SPECIAL.

Fast Train that Carries the Raw Material Across the Continent.

When a fast mail steamer from Yokohama, Shanghai or Canton, the great silk ports of the Orient, docks at Vancouver, Tacoma, Seattle or San Francisco a special train stands ready on the pier awaiting her arrival. It is not the private conveyance of some transportation king or multimillionaire or of any of the passengers who throng the decks, nor does it tarry for the sacks of letters from the far east. Its coaches do not shine with the refuging of varnish and plate glass. Their paint is dull, and they are windowless, like express cars. The side doors toward the ship are open. This special is the emperor of trains. It is reserved for the costliest of all freight—raw silk. When it starts eastward its going will be worth a fortune—a million and a half, perhaps two millions, of dollars.

A giant locomotive, built for speed, with driving wheels greater in diameter than the height of a tall man, backs down and is coupled on to the cars, now seated and locked and ready. With clanging bell and hissing steam the train glides out and, with a burst of speed that seems almost exultant, takes the main line rails for the long journey. The silk must be landed in New York in five days. Even the United States mails will not travel faster across the continent. Day and night the silk train rushes eastward over mountains and plains, across deserts and through great cities. It never stops except to change engines. Then it halts only for a moment. Another giant locomotive, oiled and groomed and fit, is always waiting to take up the race.

The silk train is run as a special. It is limited in time and gets in the way the limited has to fret on a siding while the silk train roars by in a whirlwind of dust. The silk special runs on no schedule except that of the greatest speed consistent with safety. The chief dispatcher of each division listens watchfully to the news of its progress coming in over the wires from one signal tower and station after another. While the silk train is yet a thousand miles away it is being prepared for. The capabilities of engineers and engines are thoughtfully discussed by division dispatchers and trainmasters, and the men and machines with the highest capacity for speed are picked. Tracks are cleared and a thousand details arranged so that there shall be no delay in burring this huge projectile across the continent.—Harper's Weekly.

WEDDING WAS ROMANTIC.

Mr. J. Grier Love Had Seen His Bride But Once Before Their Marriage—Had Planned to Elope in Automobile—Details of Interesting Love Affair.

The following from The Chattanooga Evening News of Monday will be read with interest by Gastonians: "Don't it seem funny? Goodby, mamma."

With this parting and a farewell kiss Mrs. J. Grier Love, a bride of thirty minutes, jumped into a taxicab with her husband at 119 McCalle avenue, Sunday afternoon, and ten minutes later was aboard a train at the Union depot, bound for Gastonia, N. C. where she will make her home. Sunday afternoon at two o'clock she was Miss Alma Cora Simpson, 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Simpson, of 115 McCalle avenue. At 2:15 o'clock she was Mrs. J. Grier Love, of Gastonia, N. C., wife of the 22-year-old son of a wealthy cotton mill man of that city. It was 2:30 o'clock when Mrs. Simpson learned that her daughter was married. Twenty minutes later mother and daughter had parted. The bride's father, who is a traveling salesman, was not at home at the time and did not learn of his daughter's marriage until later, when informed by Mrs. Simpson.

The marriage was an elopement, with an ample amount of romance to make it exceedingly interesting to the little party that witnessed it. The exchange of a few letters and a photograph brought the groom to Chattanooga recently, followed by another visit Saturday night and the wedding Sunday. The ceremony was performed in the main parlor at Hotel Patten Sunday afternoon, Rev. J. W. Bachman, D. D., officiating. The witnesses were a friend of the groom from Gastonia, two attaches of the hotel and a reporter for The News.

As at first planned the elopement would have been even more romantic than it was, the groom intending to steal his bride away in an automobile and journey through the country on their honeymoon. However, an accident to his machine last week prevented this. Wednesday of this week was the day they had planned for the elopement, but after the auto accident, Mr. Love hurried on to Chattanooga by rail and arranged with his sweetheart to have the wedding at once. The trousseau that she had been quietly arranging, ostensibly a spring outfit for a visit to relatives in Gadsden, Ala., was to be delivered Tuesday. This she left behind to be expressed to Gastonia this week.

In February a mutual friend gave Mr. Love a letter of introduction to Miss Simpson. He wrote to her, enclosing this letter. She replied; other letters were exchanged and then she sent him her photograph. He immediately fell desperately in love with the young woman. Five weeks ago he accepted an invitation to visit Chattanooga and met her then for the first and only time till he came back to marry her. She reciprocated his affection, and following his visit here agreed to elope with him this week. Mr. Love owns an automobile. He planned to drive his car from Gastonia to Chattanooga, get his bride and then spend their honeymoon in an auto trip to Indianapolis. However, the day before Mr. Love was to leave Gastonia his machine caught fire and was too badly damaged to make a trip to Chattanooga.

Friday Mr. Love boarded a train and ran down to Atlanta, where on Saturday he met H. M. Boshamer, a Gastonia friend. He told him he was going to marry Sunday and wanted Mr. Boshamer to accompany him to Chattanooga, which he did. They arrived Saturday night, stopping at Hotel Patten. A telegram in advance had informed Miss Simpson of their coming. Mr. Love called that night and again Sunday morning. She acquiesced in his suggestion that they marry Sunday. They arranged to lunch at the hotel. As Miss Simpson left home she told her mother she would be married when she returned, but her mother took it only as a frivolous joke. In the meantime a messenger had been dispatched for W. P. Hays, county court clerk, who prepared the license, while Dr. Bachman was secured for the ceremony. At 2 o'clock all was in readiness and the ceremony was said. Then they went home to

NEW DEPOT ASSURED.

Committee of Gastonians Confer With President Finley of Southern Railway and Secure Promise of Early Move Toward Building Passenger Station Here—Representative Will be Sent at Once to Look Over Ground and Investigate With Reference to Site.

Gastonia's need of a larger and better passenger depot will be met and, it is believed, met promptly. At the conference held between President W. W. Finley, of the Southern Railway, and the committee of ten Gastonians in Washington Tuesday morning the railroad, speaking through its president, assured the committee that the road would build a depot here with as little delay as possible and that it would give us the very best structure possible within the limits of an expenditure that is reasonable, as viewed from the amount of business at this point. He further promised to send at once a representative of the road to Gastonia to investigate conditions especially with reference to location and to obtain other information considered necessary as preliminary to the preparation of plans and specifications. It is understood that the representative will be on the ground within the next thirty days.

The committee was composed of Mayor T. L. Craig, Col. C. B. Armstrong, Dr. R. M. Reid, and Messrs. S. A. Robinson, J. O. White, J. K. Dixon, Sr., W. T. Rankin, J. F. Johnson, J. H. Separk and Frost Torrence all of whom left here Monday evening on No. 38 except the two first named who were already in Washington on other business. They were introduced to President Finley by Congressman E. Y. Webb, who extended them many courtesies and did much to add to the pleasure of their stay in the capital city.

At the offices of President Finley Congressman Webb made a short but very appropriate introductory speech following which one of the committee read the document previously prepared setting forth the facts and figures relative to the amount of business transacted by the railroad at this point, the present inadequate facilities for handling passengers, what will be required to give the town the proper facilities, etc. Several members of the committee followed with short speeches. President Finley then made a reply in a fifteen or twenty minute speech in which he exhibited familiarity with conditions here. He did not hesitate to acknowledge that the facilities here were not what they should be and concluded by promising that the railroad would send a representative at once to investigate the situation thoroughly and make an early report, following which plans and specifications will be prepared by the company's architects. These plans and specifications will then be submitted to the committee for inspection.

Of the committee, Col. Armstrong, Mr. Robinson and Mr. Rankin have returned. Mr. Torrence and Mr. Johnson went to Baltimore on business and Mr. Dixon, Mr. White and Dr. Reid went to Philadelphia.

Dallas Goes Dry.

Dallas, the county seat of Gaston county, is dry for the first time, so far as our information goes, since it was established nearly seventy years ago. This is the result of an ordinance passed at a session of the Dallas town council Tuesday night prohibiting absolutely the handling of whiskey by drug stores or anybody else on prescription. No license fee was mentioned; the town council simply decided that "booze" was good out it went; the town council simply decided that "booze" must go and out it went, by a unanimous vote. The new ordinance goes into effect the first day of June. This leaves only one or two towns in the county where it is sold on prescription.

break the news, while Mr. Boshamer looked after Mr. Love's baggage, secured tickets, etc., meeting them later at the depot.

When Mrs. Simpson had recovered from her surprise on hearing of the wedding she hurriedly packed a grip with a few necessary articles for her daughter, promising to send her trousseau when it was received Tuesday.

BABY SHOW WAS A SUCCESS.

Ninety-One Handsome Young Americans Exhibited Yesterday—Hall Was Crowded and Receipts Were Good—The Prize Winners—Committee's Job a Hard One.

The baby show is over. It was a decided success from beginning to end and the ladies of the betterment association were greatly pleased with the manner in which it came off. The only regret is that the hall where it was held was entirely too small and there were many who wanted to attend who could not gain entrance, hence cutting down the gate receipts. As it was the sum of \$82.65 was taken in at the door and for refreshments served.

There were ninety-one babies, ranging from three months to four years, and they came from Gastonia and nearby towns. It was as pretty a lot of youngsters as could have been assembled anywhere and the judges, Mrs. B. D. Heath, of Charlotte, and Mesdames M. I. Sholar and Scott, of Bessemer City, had a difficult task in naming the winners. They stated that those they picked as prize winners were among the prettiest in the lot they couldn't assert that they were by any means the only pretty ones on exhibition. The show passed off pleasantly and everybody seemed to enjoy it thoroughly. It began at 3 and lasted till about 5:30. While it was in progress music was dispensed by Miss Atkins' orchestra and refreshments in the shape of cream and cake were served.

Following is a list of the prize winners:

First prize for the finest allround baby, both as to looks and size, Robert Carpenter, aged between three and four years, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Carpenter.

Class A, ages three months to one year: Prettiest baby, John Millen Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Brown, prize a pair of slippers given by Robinson Brothers; largest baby, J. C. Harmon, Jr., son of Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Harmon, pair of slippers given by Morris Brothers.

Class B, ages one to two years: Prettiest baby, Alberta Rankin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Rankin, prize a cap given by the J. M. Belk Co.; largest baby, child of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Carpenter, prize comb and brush given by the Adams Drug Co.

Class C, ages two to three years: Prettiest baby, Estelle Jenkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Jenkins, prize a jewelry case given by the Abernethy-Shields Drug Co.; largest baby, Charles Nolen Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Williams, prize a set of pins given by the Thomson Mercantile Company.

Class D, ages three to four years: Prettiest baby, Mildred Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Turner Williams, prize a handbag given by Schneider's Greater Store; largest baby, Henry F. Glenn, Jr., son of Dr. and Mrs. H. F. Glenn; prize a case of cologne from J. H. Kennedy & Co's.

Bishops Visitation.

On last Sunday and Monday, May 1st and 2nd, Bishop Horner made his annual visitation to the Gaston county Missions, preaching Sunday morning at St. Andrew's Episcopal church, Bessemer City, Sunday night at St. Mark's, Gastonia, and Monday night at St. John's mission at High Shoals. At all these services the bishop was heard by the largest congregations which have ever greeted him on any visit to these places, the churches being crowded to their utmost capacity. At St. Mark's a class of twelve were confirmed, while at St. John's there was a class of nine. The bishop's sermon at St. Mark's from the text "If then ye be risen with Christ, seek those things that are above," was a most excellent and edifying discourse. All of the above charges are under the care of Rev. W. H. Hardin, who is to be congratulated on the splendid growth shown by his work during the past year.

—Mr. C. N. Evans, vice president of the Citizens National Bank of Gastonia, who has been for some time cashier of the Southern Bank of Wilmington, was on Tuesday elected to the Presidency of both the Southern and the Atlantic Trust & Banking Company, to succeed Mr. Matt J. Heyer, who resigned on account of ill health.

MARRIED MEN WON.

Defeated Single Men by Score of 6 to 5 in Game at Loray Park Wednesday—Small Crowd Saw Good Game—First of Series of Three for Benefit of Betterment Association.

Possibly because of threatening weather, with the added reason that many Gastonia ladies were preparing for the baby show yesterday, the crowd which assembled at Loray Park Wednesday afternoon to witness the first of a series of three games between the married and single men was small. Those present however, witnessed a pretty interesting game and there is promise that the next two games will draw larger crowds. Wednesday's contest resulted in a score of 6 to 5 in favor of the married men.

The line-up was as follows: Married Men—Pearson, F., p; McLean, c; Lineberger, Eli, 1b; Moore, J. D., 2b; Spencer, Elmer, ss; Parker, B. H., 3; Gardner, B. B., rf; Moore, J. C., cf; Beal, J. L. lf; Single Men—Gray, Chas., p; Jenkins, A., c; Page Grover, 1b; Dunn, Rufe, 2b; Rankin, Grady, ss; Vandyke, 3b; Laughridge, Scott, rf; Hicks, George, cf; Stovall, lf.

Batteries: Married Men—Pearson and McLean; Single Men—Gray and Jenkins; struck out by Pearson 7, by Gray 5; Umpire, Charles Moore.

The second game of the series will be played Wednesday, May 18th. Wednesday's game netted the ladies about \$25. They hope for larger crowds at the next two games.

GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Highest Law-Making Body of Southern Methodist Church Convened in Asheville Wednesday.

The sixteenth quadrennial session of the General Conference of the M. E. Church, South, opened at nine o'clock Wednesday morning in the auditorium at Asheville, with Bishop Alpheus W. Wilson, the senior bishop, presiding. All the bishops were present with the exception of Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald, whose feeble health would not permit of the journey to Asheville from his home in Nashville, Tenn.

The conference is composed of 310 delegates, half of whom are laymen and half clergymen, and with few exceptions all were in their seats for the first session. Dr. A. F. Watkins, of the Mississippi Conference, was elected secretary of the General Conference. The first day's session was given almost entirely to the reading of the episcopal address, reviewing the general state of the church, by Bishop E. R. Hendrix. This address showed that the membership of the M. E. Church, South, has increased to nearly two million; recommended the election of five new bishops; opposed the movement to confer upon women the full rights of the laity, and also opposed the movement to remove the four-year time limit as to the pastorate. During the four years just closing the church admitted 331 new ministers into the traveling connection, which is especially gratifying in view of the threatened dearth of ministerial material in many denominations.

Wednesday night a mass-meeting was held for the formal welcoming of the delegates. Bishop James Atkins, of Waynesville, presided. Capt. W. T. Weaver extended the welcome of the citizens of Asheville and the responses were by Dr. T. N. Ivey and Bishop Candier.

On Thursday morning the general conference took up routine business and started earnestly upon the work, which will probably keep the body busy for at least three weeks. The episcopal address was referred to the several committees, many petitions were received and referred, and a regular order of business adopted. The conference will be in business session each day from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. and the afternoons will be devoted to committee work. There is some probability that the conference will decide to elect as many as eight new bishops instead of only five as recommended by the college of bishops.

—A quantity of local matter is necessarily omitted from this issue because of trouble with our linotype machine, which renders it impossible to put all the matter into type.

Personals and Locals.

—Gastonia Lodge No. 369 A. F. and A. M. will do work in the M. M. degree tonight.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Abernethy have returned to Gastonia from their bridal trip to the mountains.

—Mr. J. A. Stroup, a merchant of Bessemer City, route one, was in the city Tuesday.

—Miss May Withers, of the graded school faculty, has as her guest for a few days her mother.

—Dr. Packard, of Greensboro announces that he will be at the Falls House on Wednesday, May 11th, one day only.

—Mrs. J. B. Bigham, of Chester, S. C., arrived in Gastonia this morning on a visit to her brother, Mr. J. Y. Miller, and other relatives.

—The second game of the series between Loray and McAdenville will be played at McAdenville tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon.

—Miss Susie Bryant, of Yorkville, S. C., spent several days here last week with Miss Bessie Thomasson.

—Miss Eunice Craig, of Yorkville, S. C., route eight, has returned to her home after a visit to her cousins, Misses Mary and Violet McLean.

—Mrs. Titman arrived a few days ago from High Point and is at Mrs. Robert Ford's. She is a daughter of Mr. Myers of the firm of Myers, Gurley & Co.

—We are requested to announce that Rev. Augustus A. McLean will preach at the Belmont Presbyterian church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and Sunday night at 8.

—Mrs. T. M. Benton returned Wednesday to her home in Winston-Salem after spending some time here as the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Walter C. Davis.

—At the Central graded school auditorium tonight at 8 o'clock the ninth grade will present "Miss Topsey Turvey," a farce in three acts. There will be an admission fee of 25 cents.

—Judge George P. Pell, recently appointed by Governor Kitchin to succeed Judge E. B. Jones, resigned, will preside over the May term of Gaston Superior Court, which will convene in Dallas on Monday, May 23rd.

—Mrs. J. B. Meacham and little son, J. B., Jr., left Saturday for their home at Hamer, S. C., after a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Thomasson, here. They were accompanied as far as Charlotte by Miss Prue Thomasson.

—Rev. J. L. Shinn, pastor of the Dallas and Belmont Baptist churches, left Wednesday for Rowan county, where he delivered an address before an educational rally held yesterday at Unity Baptist church.

—Mrs. E. O. Dewese and little daughter, Mildred, have returned to their home in Gastonia after having spent several days in the city with relatives. Miss Daisy Yandle went home with them and will stay a week or ten days.—Charlotte News, 4th.

—The Belmont high school closes its session today without formal commencement exercises. Prof. W. W. Pharr, of Mecklenburg county, who has been the principal this year, will not return as he has decided to enter the Union Theological Seminary at Richmond this fall. The year has been a satisfactory one.

—Mr. J. J. Payseur and three sons, of Seattle, Wash., were guests in the city yesterday en route to Alexis, Gaston county, to visit Mr. Payseur's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. I. Payseur. The elder Mr. Payseur has been ill for some time and hence his son's visit.—Charlotte Observer, 4th.

—The Gazette is under obligations to Mr. Kenneth Babington for an invitation to the commencement exercises of the A. and M. College, Raleigh, May 29-31. Mr. Babington is a member of the senior class which numbers 58. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Babington, of Gastonia.

—Dr. R. M. Reid, who left on No. 38 last Monday night as a member of the delegation which went to Washington to present the passenger depot matter to the Southern Railway officials, will go from there to Philadelphia where he will spend two or three weeks taking a special course of medical lectures.