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OVER GASTON COUNTY.

HENSON-LENTZ.

Miss Maude Estelle Lentz Becomes Bride of Prof. Joseph Bascom Henson in Pretty Church Wedding at Mount Holly—Other Matters of News.

Correspondence of The Gazette. MOUNT HOLLY, June 16.—A wedding of unusual interest was solemnized at the Lutheran church Wednesday evening, June 15th, at 8:30 o'clock, when Prof. Joseph Bascom Henson and Miss Maude Estelle Lentz were united in marriage. The church was beautifully decorated in potted plants and daisies, the color scheme being green and white. Six ivy-covered arches made the decorations much more attractive, three spanning the central aisle, one in front of the altar for the bride and groom and two to the right and left for little girls carrying a daisy chain.

The ushers, Messrs. Garrison, of Charlotte, and Gellig, of Rock Hill, S. C., entered first, followed by the ten little daisy girls, who were selected from Mrs. Lentz' former graded school class, as follows: Sarah Rankin, Madge Lentz, Kathleen Dunn, Gertrude Belk, Elizabeth Lineberger, Kathleen Lineberger, Mary West, Elizabeth Craige, Esther Davenport and Augusta Cannon. Next entered little Miss Louise Torrence bearing the ring on a beautiful white rose. Then entered the bride, leaning on the arm of the groom, advancing down the central aisle, passing under the three arches and taking their places under the overhanging arch where the officiating clergyman, Rev. W. J. Boger, pastor of the bride, awaited them. He pronounced the beautiful ceremony in a very impressive manner which made them man and wife.

During the ceremony Mrs. W. J. Boger at the organ played "Trauerrie," with violin accompaniment by Mrs. J. A. Costner, prior to which the electric lights were turned off and the church illuminated by numerous candles.

The bride was beautifully gowned in white satin with silver and pearl trimmings and wore a becoming white chiffon veil wreathed with orange blossoms and gracefully carried a white satin-bound prayer book covered with orange blossoms. The little flower girls were dressed in white empire gowns, while the ring-bearer wore white batiste.

The out-of-town visitors were Mr. Garrison, of Charlotte; Mr. Gellig, of Rock Hill, S. C.; Miss Potts, of Steele Creek; Miss Caldwell, of Yorkville, S. C., a former member of the school faculty here; Mrs. E. M. Asbury and Miss Marjorie Asbury, of Lowesville; Miss Janette Lentz, of Concord; Miss Della Nolen, of Gastonia; Miss Florence Rhyne, of Lincolnton, and Mrs. R. L. Stowe, of Belmont.

Prof. and Mrs. Henson will be at home here after July first. Miss Essie Rankin delightfully entertained at a dinner party Wednesday evening. The guests were Miss Potts, of Steele Creek; Miss Caldwell, of Yorkville; Miss Cotten, of Guilford College, and Misses Emma and Edith Holland, Mary and Eva Bowles, of Mt. Holly.

Misses Essie Rankin, Bess Grice, Eula Cotten, Mary and Eva Bowles spent Thursday in Gastonia on a pleasure outing. Miss Mary Henkle, of Lenoir, is on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Henry Rhyne.—Miss Mildred Jenkins has returned to her home in Charlotte after spending a few days here on a visit to Miss Mary Rhyne.

MRS. R. A. OSMENT DEAD. While on Visit to Daughter at Mt. Holly South Carolina Lady Becomes Suddenly Ill and Never Rallies.

Correspondence of The Gazette. MOUNT HOLLY, June 16.—Following an illness of less than ten days from catarrh of the stomach Mrs. Rebecca A. Osmont, of South Carolina, died Monday here at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. O. Gardner. Funeral services were held Wednesday at Mountain Island cemetery, Rev. S. L. Cathey officiating. The pall-bearers were W. T. Johnson, J. W. Tucker, J. H. Marley, W. A. Mariette, W. F. Holland, Jr., and Harry Mariette.

Mrs. Osmont, since the death

of her husband, the late Rev. John R. Osmont, a Baptist minister, two years ago, has resided with her children at Spartanburg and Gaffney, S. C. Ten days ago she came here to spend some time with her daughter, Mrs. W. O. Gardner. Shortly thereafter she became seriously ill and never rallied.

Surviving the deceased are two brothers and two sisters, viz: G. W. Tolleson, of Phoenix, Arizona; J. W. Tolleson, of Gaffney, S. C.; Mrs. M. P. Hamilton, of Gaffney, S. C., and Mrs. F. F. Littlejohn, of Spartanburg, S. C.; four children, viz: Mrs. R. L. Bulce, Mrs. W. O. Gardner, Mrs. J. A. Holt and J. E. Osmont.

Mrs. Osmont was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Tolleson, of Union county, South Carolina, and was born March 26, 1846.

Dallas Dots.

Correspondence of The Gazette. DALLAS, June 15.—Prof. S. G. Lindsay is in Asheville attending the State Teachers Association. Mrs. Lindsay is boarding at the Hoffman House during his absence.—Mr. Carl Wolfe is at home again. He has been for the past year at Newberry College, South Carolina.—Mr. and Mrs. Welch Galloway, of Brevard, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Webb.

A party of our young people went to Edgemont Saturday morning and returned Tuesday morning. They report a fine time, notwithstanding the dampness. Those in the party were Misses Emma and Edith Cornwell, Georgia Connelly, Fannie Little, May Durham, Tessie and Johnnie Deter, Marie Sasser and Mr. Shelley Barfield.—Mr. Lloyd Cannon, of Stanley, was a visitor in town Monday.—Miss Verana Durham, of Shelby, is the guest of her brother, Mr. R. J. Durham, this week.—Miss Fannie Davis, of Shelby, is visiting Misses May and Lois Durham.—Mr. and Mrs. Gus Webb, of McAdenville, visited Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Webb a few days ago.—Miss Stella Lewis has returned from Hickory where she visited Mrs. Claudia Henderson.—Miss Louise Mason, of Belmont, visited relatives in town Sunday and Monday.—Senator J. G. Carpenter is in Cherryville today on legal business.—Mr. Jim Darby, of Lowryville, S. C., visited friends in town this week.—Mr. J. L. Cooke, of Maiden, took charge of Mr. Barfield's work during his absence. Mr. Cooke returned to Maiden Tuesday.

NEW MACHINERY.

Armon Manufacturing Company Installing Twine Machines and Will Soon Be Running Full Time.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

MOUNTAIN ISLAND, June 15.—

Mr. C. E. Hutchinson has repainted and papered and has moved into the nice large cottage near the Mountain Island Mills.—The cotton mill is running almost full time and would run full time but for the fact that the W. J. Knox Net & Twine Co., which has been running the mill for the last five or six years, put in a large lot of new machinery and, when their time was out, sold the cards and spinning frames to the Armon Manufacturing Company. The best twine machinery they shipped to Baltimore. The Armon Manufacturing Company is now getting in twine machinery but has not enough yet to keep the carding and spinning going on full time, but the twine department is on full time, day and night.

Mr. Will Huffstetler has moved from Gastonia to this place.—Mr. Worth Autry went this week to Columbia on business.—Mr. George Grice went to Charlotte Saturday on business.—Miss Bertie Rankin is teaching a subscription school in the school house upon the road and has a nice little school of twenty-five or more scholars.—Mr. Jake Stafford and Mr. L. W. VanPelt, of McAdenville, were visitors here a few days ago. In the afternoon Mr. VanPelt and Miss Ashlen Lowe took a buggy ride up to Mr. W. C. Cansler's, and were married.

On last Wednesday night about 3 o'clock one of Farrar Brothers' tenant houses was burned down.

—Mr. G. R. Rhyne, of Dallas, was in Gastonia on business yesterday.

—Mr. N. B. Kendrick, of Cherryville, was a business visitor in Gastonia yesterday.

MASS MEETING HELD.

Citizens Discuss Matter of Granting Piedmont Traction Company an Extension of One Year on Its Franchise—City Council Hears Arguments and Takes Matter Under Advisement.

If there was one fact brought out more strongly than any other at the mass meeting held in the city hall last night, the object of which was to discuss the advisability of granting an extension of time to the Piedmont Traction Company on its franchise, it was that Gastonia wants this line to come through and that the citizens are by no means hostile to the project. It was the consensus of opinion that the city as a whole would not object to the extension of time provided the railroad promoters would agree to some minor changes in the wording of the franchise as it now stands.

Speaking for the railroad, of which he is a director and stockholder, Mr. Andrew E. Moore, of Gastonia, agreed to all the desired changes with the exception of one, which appeared to be the only feature of the franchise on which the railroad and the citizens are at variance to any great degree. This was in the matter of hauling through freights over Franklin avenue. There was strong opposition on the part of the citizens present, and especially those residing on Franklin avenue, to the council's granting an extension of time on the franchise unless the promoters were willing to agree to the elimination of the clause which, as it now stands, gives the company the privilege of hauling through freights over this avenue.

Mr. Moore stated that it was not the intention of the company to use Franklin avenue for hauling through freights but he did not believe the company would accept a charter containing a provision prohibiting such use of this thoroughfare because it would entail difficulties in financing the scheme.

Before the meeting adjourned a motion was passed to the effect that, provided the officials of the road would agree with the city council to incorporate in the franchise a provision agreeing not to use Franklin avenue for hauling through freight, it was the sense of the mass meeting that the city fathers grant the request for an extension of one-year's time without calling another mass meeting; the motion providing that, in case an agreement cannot be reached, another meeting be held for the purpose of further discussing the matter.

Last night's meeting was called to order at 8:30 o'clock by Mayor Craig. An organization was perfected by the election of Mr. Craig as chairman. The members of the city council were present to hear the discussion of the matter. The hall was full to overflowing by 9 o'clock and interest was manifested up to the hour of adjournment, about 10:45.

At the request of the chairman, Attorney G. W. Wilson read the franchise for the benefit of those who were not familiar with its provisions.

THE COMPANY'S SIDE.

To get the matter clearly before the meeting Mr. Andrew E. Moore, who is a director and stockholder of the traction company, made a brief speech in which he reviewed the history of the development of the idea of a local trolley line giving Gastonia freight connection with the Seaboard at Mount Holly into the larger system now forming to connect Anderson, S. C., and Durham, N. C., the distance between which points is 300 miles or more. He referred to the discrimination in freight rates against Gastonia by the Southern Railway and the Carolina & Northwestern, the latter, he claimed, being closely allied with the former.

Mr. Moore was the originator of the idea of building this line from Gastonia to Mount Holly and Charlotte and the present big project is an outgrowth of that scheme. The speaker reviewed the difficulties which had been encountered in securing financial backing and told how the vast Duke and Southern Power Company interests had been made to realize the possibilities of the plan and had agreed to finance it. It will require the outlay of something like \$20,000,000, he said, and he stressed the point that

financial interests were not willing to put their money into a thing of this kind where the people manifest a spirit of hostility by putting all sorts of conditions in the franchise they grant.

Taking up the franchise as it now stands, Mr. Moore acknowledged that there were some provisions in it which were put there unintentionally and which the company was willing to eliminate.

For instance: The franchise says that the company may use "electric or other motive power" and the public took this to mean that steam power could be used if the traction company so desired. Mr. Moore stated that they did not intend to use steam and that they would agree to eliminate that feature. The possible use of steam on this line was one of the grounds on which strong opposition to the granting of an extension of time had been made by many citizens.

The speaker also said that his company would agree to an amendment of the franchise binding them to give Gastonia a reasonable local passenger service. He reviewed at length the history of passenger trolley lines, showing that in nearly every town in the country they were money losers. From a financial standpoint the company did not care to operate a local passenger service but as a concession would agree to do so.

Mr. Moore made an eloquent plea in behalf of the company in its request for an extension of time and made a most favorable impression on the gathering. Gastonia has an opportunity, he said, that seldom comes to a small town even once in its career and he believed that we could not maintain our spirit of progressiveness and refuse to make the concessions necessary to secure the entrance into our town of this line of railroad.

Incidentally Mr. Moore stated that of all the towns which have granted franchises to this company, Gastonia was the only town to place upon it such binding restrictions.

THE OTHER SIDE.

Quite a number of citizens made speeches, among them being Mr. T. W. Wilson, Dr. H. F. Glenn, Mr. W. T. Rankin, Mr. I. R. McFadden, Rev. W. L. C. Killian, Mr. A. C. Jones, Mr. G. A. Gray, Mr. J. Lee Robinson, Mr. E. G. McLurd, Prof. J. P. Reid and a number of others. Every speaker agreed that Gastonia wanted this line of railway and that there was no spirit of hostility against its promoters on the part of the citizenship of the town. According to all of them the only matter at issue was as regards some of the privileges granted by the franchise which they believed to be too liberal for the good of the town.

It was generally agreed by all the speakers that we do not want steam locomotives used on the line; that we do not want through freight hauled over Franklin avenue; that a double track and switches on Franklin avenue are not desirable; that we do want a reasonable passenger service; that we do not want all the streets of the town forever closed to other traction companies that might desire to build lines that the town might at some future time need.

As stated above Mr. Moore, speaking as a representative of the company, stated that practically all of these provisions would be acceptable to his company with the possible exception of incorporating in the franchise an agreement not to use Franklin avenue as a line for hauling through freight. As a matter of fact, he said, it was not the intention of the company nor was it practical for them to haul through freight trains over the street because of the impossibility to obtain the necessary grade of one per cent. As to the exclusion of other companies from ever entering the town it was stated that, under the constitution of North Carolina, the town could not grant an exclusive franchise.

An Error.

In the McAdenville letter published in Tuesday's Gazette appeared an item to the effect that Dr. G. W. Taylor was called last Friday to North Wilkesboro on account of the death of his brother. Our correspondent asks us to state that this is an error. Dr. Taylor's brother is critically ill but the latest information from his bedside is to the effect that he is still living.

GOOD BASE-BALL.

Loray Tigers Defeat Rutherfordton Redlegs in Fastest Game Seen Here This Season—Score 2 to 0—Same Teams Play To-Day and To-Morrow.

Lovers of baseball in Gastonia turned out in large numbers yesterday to see the game between the newly re-organized Loray team, now designated as the "Tigers," and a strong team from Rutherfordton, and the high expectations which had been aroused were fully met. In a fast and snappy game, which only took an hour and ten minutes in the field, and the batting was unusually good, only four men being struck out during the game, one by Tramwell for the Loray, and three by Belue for Rutherfordton. The following is the score by innings:

Rutherfordton	000 000 000
Loray	001 010 00x

The game was interesting through out and was one of the best exhibitions of clean, fast playing ever seen on the Loray diamond. There were some pleasing features, among them being the all-round work of Rudisill, Loray's new second baseman, who did excellent fielding all the way from first to third. Tramwell, for Loray, made a pretty three-base hit. The line-up of the two teams was as follows:

Loray: Tramwell, p; Clary, c; Brownlee, 1b; Rudisill, 2b; Farris, 3b; Stephenson, ss; Padgett, rf; Miller, cf; Curry, lf—Rutherfordton: Belue, p; Lipscomb, c; Spainhour, 1b; Weaver, 2b; Blanton, 3b; Billings, ss; Roberts, rf; McDaniel, cf; Smith, lf; Umpire, Leslie McGinnis; time of game, 1:10.

The game this afternoon will be called again at 4 o'clock sharp, and on Saturday afternoon will be called at 3 o'clock to allow the Rutherfordton team to leave for home on the afternoon train.

PYTHIANS' BIG MEET.

Fortieth Annual Convention at Charlotte Great Success—Mr. S. A. Robinson, of Gastonia, One of the New Officers.

The Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of North Carolina held its fortieth annual convention in Charlotte this week, adjourning Wednesday afternoon. Asheville was chosen as the meeting place for next year.

A feature of Tuesday's session was the conferring of the Grand Lodge rank upon the largest class that ever assembled in North Carolina. Among the number were the following from Gaston county, viz: S. A. Robinson, Gastonia; W. P. Fulton, Kings Mountain; R. J. Morrison, Cherryville.

Officers for the ensuing year were chosen as follows:

Grand chancellor—A. E. McCausland, of Charlotte.

Vice grand chancellor—C. C. McLean, Greensboro.

Grand prelate—Rev. W. B. Dutera, Salisbury.

Grand keeper of records and seal—W. T. Hollowell, Goldsboro.

Grand master exchequer—J. C. Mills, Rutherfordton.

Grand master-at-arms—C. H. Baine, Raleigh.

Grand inner guard—H. T. Powell, Henderson.

Grand outer guard—S. A. Robinson, Gastonia.

Supreme representative—T. H. Webb, Durham.

Orphanage trustees—George L. Hackney, Asheville, and J. D. Pridgen, Durham.

When the reports of all the subordinate lodges were read in Pythian Castle hall, it was announced that North Carolina had passed the 10,000 mark in membership and was therefore entitled to a third supreme representative. The two present supreme representatives are Messrs. Thomas S. Franklin, of Charlotte, and J. L. Scott, Jr., of Graham. On motion to fill the office of third supreme representative Mr. Thomas H. Webb, past grand chancellor, was chosen.

—Squire I. F. Mabry, of McAdenville, was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

—O. F. Mason, Esq., and A. L. Bulwinkle, Esq., of Dallas, were in Gastonia yesterday.

CITY FATHERS MEET.

Hold Regular Session and Transact Small amount of business—Piedmont Traction Company Asks for More Time.

The city council held its regular monthly meeting for June at the city hall Tuesday night.

It was ordered that Rankin street be opened from Pryor street east two blocks to the branch or as far east as Morris street if necessary. It was also ordered that Morris street be extended to the corporate limits of the town on the north.

The matter of allowing the use of the fire hose and chemical engine to the school commissioners for use at the Central school was referred to the fire committee, Messrs. White and Dixon.

A license tax of \$25 was placed on box ball alleys. The rear portion of the government lot was declared to be a nuisance and it was ordered that the bill boards thereon be removed along with the rubbish which has accumulated there.

The city physician's report for the past month was received and accepted.

In the matter of extending the Fourth street sewer line, now being constructed, across the railroad for connections on Broad street the superintendent of water works was instructed to carry out the plans as previously ordered.

Bills amounting to \$2,158.88 were referred to the finance committee for payment.

Mr. Andrew E. Moore and Attorney A. G. Mangum appeared before the board in behalf of the Piedmont Traction Company which desires an extension of time beyond July 1st. No action was taken at this meeting on the matter.

At an adjourned session of the council Wednesday night the matter of the tax levy for the ensuing year was taken up and the amount levied is the same as for last year, viz: Poll \$2; on the \$100 worth of property, \$1.40, divided as follows, for general city purposes 65 cents, for interest on bonds 45 cents, for schools 30 cents.

An ordinance was passed allowing automobilists to run their machines within the corporate limits of the town, outside of the fire limits, at a maximum speed of twenty miles per hour. An ordinance was also passed making it a finable offense for an automobilist to leave his machine standing with the engine running, the fine being \$25 for each offense.

The cemetery committee was given one more week (of good weather) in which to have lots in the new cemetery ready to place on sale.

TRIED TO DESERT INFANT.

Woman Leaves Baby on Porch of Spartanburg Residence, But is Apprehended Before She Leaves the City—Permitted to Depart Without Prosecution.

Charlotte Observer. Spartanburg, S. C., June 15.—Members of a family living on North Church street were much surprised to walk out on their porch this morning and find a three-weeks-old infant carefully stored away in a corner of the porch. The baby was taken up and the police department notified. In a short time they had under arrest a woman who gave her name as Mrs. M. E. Scruggs, together with a boy about 10 years old, who was totally blind.

The woman and her blind boy were attempting to walk out of the city when placed under arrest. They were brought to police headquarters and the woman told of ill-treatment received at the hands of relatives and saying that she wanted work in order to support her family. There was no case made against her, but Mayor Lee instructed his officers to buy her a ticket to Kings Mountain, N. C., where she said she had relatives. She, with both children, left this afternoon for that town.

—Mrs. Robert C. Anderson, of Gastonia, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Gaither, this week. Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Anderson will accompany Mrs. Gaither on an extended trip North, leaving Charlotte about June 30.—Charlotte Observer, 16th.