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OVER GASTON COUNTY.

CHILDREN'S DAY.

Special Exercises at Plagah Sunday—Address by Rev. A. T. Lindsay—Other News Notes.

Correspondence of The Gazette. BESSEMER CITY, R. F. D. #2, Aug. 15.—Saturday afternoon we had a fine shower of rain, making the ground soft and pleasant and leaving no dust.—Misses Martha and Rachel Bigham, of Chester, are visiting in this section.—Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Carson, of Gastonia, visited J. R. Carson Sunday.

The Sabbath school of Plagah held a grand rally Sunday. Every little boy and girl did his or her part well. They had a very short time in which to prepare for such a grand day. It was an auspicious occasion, giving promise of a continuance of the doctrines and orthodox principles of the Holy Bible which are to be perpetuated from generation to generation. Unborn generations will rise and praise the Lord. Thirteen little children, each with a Roman letter, spelled the words of the beautiful phrase, "Praise the Lord," after which Rev. A. T. Lindsay addressed the congregation on the subject of "Seed Sowing." After the address of Mr. Lindsay, Miss Cathart talked to the little ones about the great proposition of the future and for all to work for the Lord. Words of wisdom fell from the lips of this veteran Christian worker. In a kind of valedictory she thanked the people of the neighborhood feelingly for the kindnesses shown her and took it as done for Jesus.

A telephone dispatch has been received in this community announcing the serious illness of Mr. R. M. Bell, of Blackstock, S. C. Mr. J. B. Carson will go down to see him.—Cotton is doing well, but corn is hurt from the dry weather.

A WINNING TEAM.

Bell's Park Defeats Both Begonia and Lowell Teams—Loses, However, to Belmont.

Correspondence of The Gazette. BELL'S PARK, Aug. 15.—Bell's Park defeated Begonia here last Wednesday by the decisive score of 20 to 10. The game was featureless except for the home runs of W. Price and Ratchford. Batteries: Bell's Park, J. Price and W. Price; Begonia, Allen, Meek and Johnson.

On Saturday afternoon Bell's Park lost to Belmont on the latter's grounds 12 to 9. The features of the game were the work of Groner, an ex-Belmont player who played on the Bell's Park team, making a home run, a triple and a single, also two sensational catches in deep left, which he turned into beautiful double plays. Batteries: Belmont, Bumgardner and Bumgardner; Bell's Park, Price and Price.

The Bell's Park second team defeated Lowell Friday by a score of 1 to nothing in one of the closest games ever played on the local diamond. Batteries: Lowell, Teague, Wilson and Hix; Bell's Park, Farrar and Stroup.

Bell's Park second team also defeated Long Creek last week, the score being 9 to 1. Batteries: Bell's Park, Farrar and Price; Long Creek, Jenkins, Clemmer and Rhyne.

Mount Holly Matters.

Correspondence of The Gazette. MOUNT HOLLY, Aug. 15.—Invitations have been issued which read: Mrs. Ella Cannon Rozzelle requests the honor of your presence at the marriage of her daughter Perrye to

Rev. William Adams Ramsey on Wednesday evening, August the twenty-first at half after seven o'clock at the Presbyterian church Huntersville, North Carolina.

The above will be of interest throughout the entire State, especially in the surrounding counties where Miss Rozzelle is known as a beautiful and accomplished young lady. She has been in Huntersville with her sister, Mrs. Alexander, for some time. Miss Rozzelle's pastor, Rev. J. A. Bowles, of Mount Holly, will officiate.

Mr. Ged Cannon, of Stanley and Miss Mary Perkins, of Mount Holly, were united in marriage on last Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr.

Henry Farrell, near old Goshen Presbyterian church, Rev. J. A. Bowles officiating.

Miss Johnnie Lineberger entertained a number of her friends in a very delightful manner last Friday evening. After a number of games the guests were ushered into the dining room where watermelons were served.

Messrs. Archie and Hargrove Bowles returned to Greensboro last Sunday evening after spending a week with their parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Bowles. Messrs. Cleo Davis and T. O. Walker, who were with them, returned on last Wednesday.

Miss Mary Shelton, of Charlotte, arrived in town Monday to spend a few days with Miss Essie Rankin.—The annual protracted meeting of River Bend Methodist church will begin next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.—Prof. and Mrs. J. B. Henson, Mrs. L. D. Henderson, Misses Ida Rankin, Jean Henderson, Sarah and Annie Rutledge left Monday to enter the summer school at All Healing Springs, near Gastonia.—Miss Essie Rankin, our popular telephone operator, has been granted a vacation. Miss Mary Bowles has charge of the office.—Mr. W. L. Holland attended the Republican State convention in Greensboro last week.

NEWS NOTES.

J. A. Crews, a well-to-do citizen of Winston-Salem, committed suicide at his home there last Thursday night by shooting himself through the heart. Ill health had resulted in mental derangement to which is attributed his reckless deed.

Col. William L. DeRosset, aged 78, a Confederate veteran and one of Wilmington's most prominent citizens, died Sunday morning. He was actively connected with the business life of Wilmington for more than 40 years.

In Wilkes court last Friday John A. Huffman was found guilty of the most horrible case of incest ever heard in that court and was given the maximum punishment, five years in the penitentiary. It is believed also that Huffman murdered his wife six years ago.

A despatch from Tokio under date of the 13th says that hundreds of persons were drowned and scores entombed under the debris of their houses and two million are facing starvation as the result of floods. Conditions everywhere are the most severe in recent Japanese history.

Sunday night fire swept the "White City" of the "world's fair," as the Belgians called their 1910 exposition, totally destroying the buildings and causing a loss of \$100,000,000. There were over 100,000 people in the grounds when the fire broke out and many were injured in the stampede to get out.

At Lake, near High Point, Sunday morning Vada Cook and Hazel Myers, both about 9 years of age, were run down and killed by Southern passenger train No. 44. The children, together with their mothers, had gone from High Point to Lake on No. 11 to visit. They were walking up the track some distance ahead of their mothers when the terrible accident occurred.

A despatch from Memphis, Tenn., sent out Sunday says that The Commercial-Appeal's Monday cotton crop summary will say that for three successive weeks cotton has improved in the States east of the Mississippi river and its promises now are fair to good. The crop is late and would be damaged greatly by an early frost. In Texas no rains have fallen and the crop has lost ground steadily. In Louisiana and Mississippi the boll-weevil is doing much damage.

Miss Virginia O. Wardlaw, one of the three sisters held in Newark, N. J., for the murder of their niece, Mrs. Oey M. Sneed, some months ago, died last week in a house of detention. Her death, it is stated, will not interfere in the least with the trial of the other two, Mrs. Caroline B. Martin and Mrs. Mary Sneed. Miss Wardlaw's death was peculiar, she having apparently starved herself to death. Miss Wardlaw and her sisters were from Virginia and, at the time of Mrs. Sneed's death, were living in New York where they were endeavoring to raise funds with which to establish a female college. Miss Wardlaw was for many years at the head of a female college in Tennessee.

FARMERS' PICNIC.

Mountain Local No. 78 Holds Annual Picnic at Mountain School House—Addresses by Mr. A. C. Stroup, Mr. P. W. W. Plyler, and Mr. J. Z. Green—Attendance Larger Than Usual.

There were five hundred or more people at Mountain school house, five miles south of Gastonia, Saturday to participate in the annual picnic of Mountain Local No. 78 of the Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union of America. The day was a pleasant one, from the standpoint of temperature, and in the afternoon a slight shower fell, not being sufficient, however, to dampen the ardor of the people gathered there.

As the crowd was assembling the Clara Concert Band, of Gastonia, dispensed excellent music as it did also at intervals during the day. This band is a splendid one and its music was a drawing card for the picnic.

At 10:30 Mr. A. Kennedy called the gathering to order and offered prayer. He then introduced Mr. A. C. Stroup, who spoke for a short time, devoting his attention largely to corn culture. Mr. Stroup has had charge of the co-operative farm demonstration work in the county and his information on agricultural topics, and more especially that of corn growing, is such as to enable him to hold the attention of a crowd most anywhere. He is enthusiastic on the subject and knows how to present the information he has in hand in such a manner as to make it appeal to his hearers.

Following Mr. Stroup, Mr. P. W. W. Plyler, of Union county, spoke on "The Cost of Ignorance." He applied the subject to the farmer and showed how the farmer's ignorance was a heavy drain on his resources. To be a successful farmer one must be thoroughly informed on the subject of farming. He must know what crops to plant, how to rotate them, what to use in the way of fertilizer and a thousand and one other things. Not only so, he must know how to market his products after he has produced them. Mr. Plyler made a most instructive and interesting speech and was heard with pleasure.

The last speaker was Mr. J. Z. Green, of Marshville, State organizer of the Farmers Union and editor of The Carolina Union Farmer, of Charlotte. Mr. Green is no stranger in Gaston, having spoken at a number of points in the county previously. He was the speaker at this place last year and the fact that he was to speak again this year was no doubt largely responsible for the increase in attendance. Mr. Green spoke first of the producing side of the farm question and then took up the marketing side, devoting considerable time to the latter. He told his hearers that, to be successful farmers, they must be business farmers. In order to be that they must use business methods in marketing their crops. The desired end in this line can only be accomplished by co-operation. He cited the case of the orange growers of California. Fifteen years ago, he said, the orange growers of that State found that, producing 4,000 cars of oranges, the market was apparently glutted and they could not realize enough from the sale of oranges to pay for the gathering of the crop. They saw ruin staring them in the face and got together to discuss the matter. Most of them were of the opinion that the trouble was over-production. One far-seeing man, however, did some figuring, as a result of which he discovered that, as the production stood at that time, there were only two oranges per year for each person in the United States. He told the other growers that it was not over-production; it was something else. They organized and placed men in the eastern markets to keep them posted as to when oranges were in demand. The next year they produced, instead of 4,000 cars, 31,000 and sold them at a profit. Ever since that time the orange business has been profitable. It was brought about by organization. So it must be with the farmers of the South.

"Our farmers," declared Mr. Green, "are affected with 'storeitis' and," he continued, "it's eatin' us." We do not live at home. Too many put all their land in cotton and buy a living at the stores. They can never do this and succeed as farmers, he declared. The great end and

"CHEAP CIGAR CANDIDATE".

McNinch Insults Cleveland County People—Savors of the Time When Radicals Voted Negroes With a Drink of Corn Liquor and "Two-fers."

Cleveland Star. The honorable Sunset McNinch who is the Ni-Republican candidate for Congress in this district, places an exceedingly poor estimate upon the citizenship of this district if he is to be judged by his methods of canvassing.

Last week he visited Cleveland. Piling his pockets with cigars he spent the greater part of the day distributing them promiscuously among those whom he chanced to meet on the street, with the announcement that he was the Republican candidate for Congress. Some took his smokes while others smiled and passed on.

It reminded us of the anti-white supremacy days when the Radicals voted niggers with a drink of corn liquor and a "twofer." Mr. McNinch will realize however that the electorate of Cleveland county both Republicans and Democrats are not for sale, and that the indiscriminate distribution of cheap cigars will not win many votes.

During his brief stay his cigar campaign method resolved itself into a burlesque, even though it was an insult to the intelligence and self-respect of our people.

Imagine, if you can, Yates Webb racking around with a pocketful of campaign cigars!

The voters will not hesitate long in making their choice, and will resent this presumptuous appraisal of their political virtue, and Mr. McNinch will go down into political oblivion as the "Cheap Cigar Candidate."

Illustrated Lecture.

Rev. G. Kubota, of Oita, Japan, delivered an interesting and instructive lecture, illustrated with stereopticon views, in the Methodist church at McAdenville last night. The lecture was on the life and customs of the Japanese and was heard by a large and enthusiastic audience, the church being crowded to its capacity. Rev. Mr. Kubota left this morning for Maiden, where he will lecture tonight. From Maiden he will go to Hickory and other points.

Three Scotland Yard officials, one man and two women, arrived Sunday at Quebec, Canada, to assist Chief Inspector Dew in carrying back to London Dr. Clippen and Ethel Clare Leneve, who are to be tried for the murder of Belle Elmore. They will sail at once.

aim of the farmers union—at least one of the great aims—is to get its members to live at home. They should raise everything they need to live on and put their surplus land and time to raise a money crop.

Another great trouble with the farmers, declared Mr. Green, is the credit system. No man can succeed as a farmer and do business on a credit. The speaker laid especial stress on the subject, which is one of vital import to the farmers.

Another matter which he brought to the attention of his hearers was that of hog-raising. Many farmers have to buy western meat at the stores for which they pay 16 cents. They can, he asserted, raise better meat at a cost of five to seven cents a pound. He told of one farmer in the eastern part of the State who actually raised meat at a cost of one cent a pound. You cannot, he said, raise hog meat at five cents a pound on corn but you can do it on alfalfa and peas. Southern farmers pay too little attention to the raising of hogs and their negligence in this line costs them thousands of dollars annually.

The speaker interspersed his serious remarks with humorous anecdotes and held the crowd for the entire length of his speech. His address was teeming with valuable common-sense advice to the farmers and if it was followed the country would be immensely better off than it is today.

Following the speeches dinner was served on long improvised tables. There was more music by the band and the crowd spent two or three hours in enjoyable social intercourse before dispersing to their homes. It was a success throughout.

MUST HAVE THE SHOPS.

Gastonia's Chances for Getting C. & N.W. Railroad Shops Seem Good But There Must be no Resting on Our Oars—Will Bring 500 People Here as Soon as Shops are Built—Final Mass Meeting at City Hall To-Night—Everybody Wanted There.

Today the committee of ten having in charge the soliciting of subscriptions to the fund being raised by Gastonia to proffer the Carolina & Northwestern Railway officials as a bid for that company's shops is on the home stretch. At the city hall tonight at 8 o'clock they will report to a citizens mass meeting and all will know just what Gastonia is going to offer. It is sincerely hoped that a large crowd will be present. Not in a long time has Gastonia had a chance to get such a valuable addition to its business enterprises and it behooves our citizens to make it so interesting for the road that they will be compelled to accept our offer.

Friday night there was a good sized crowd at the city hall but nothing was done inasmuch as the committee had not been able to complete its work. There was a brief discussion of the subject under consideration and it was announced by Chairman Craig that he had succeeded in getting the officials to defer final action in the matter until Wednesday, the 17th. Tonight's action will be put in the shape of a written offer and tendered the officials of the road when they open the offers of the other towns that are making propositions. It is understood that the road officials will meet tomorrow and open all the sealed bids and take immediate action.

There is considerable enthusiasm on the part of Gastonians in this matter but it is necessary that we make the very best offer that we possibly can. Every patriotic citizen should turn out tonight and take part in the final meeting.

Chairman Craig announced at Friday night's meeting that an official of the road informed him that the shops, as soon as built and opened, would bring to Gastonia no less than 500 people. It will eventually bring the officers of the road and their families; the head offices and many of the trainmen.

Yesterday's Chester (S. C.) Reporter has the following to say on the subject:

"At the request of the towns of Gastonia and Hickory the final limit for submitting bids for the C. & N.W. Rwy. shops has been postponed until tomorrow evening. All bids must be in by that time, however, and unless they are will not be considered."

"There are four towns in the contest for the shops—Hickory, Lincoln, Gastonia and Chester. Hudson, a small North Carolina town, submitted a very creditable proposition, but has been eliminated from further consideration by the railroad authorities, as the situation of the town is such as would not be favorable for the location of the shops."

"Gastonia had what was to be its final meeting Friday evening for the preparation of a proposition, but inspired by what the other towns in the contest are said to be doing, decided to hold another meeting to-night, at which a final effort will be made to boost the figures. Hickory will also meet tonight for the same purpose."

"Lincolnton has the temporary shops, and seems to be as sanguine as you please. The propositions as they come in will be sealed, and will not be opened until General Manager L. T. Nichols returns from the trip that he sets out on tomorrow morning. He expects to get back Thursday evening, and as soon as he reaches the city will go over the bids."

"What has been learned about the propositions that the different towns will have to offer is rumor pure and simple; but it is a safe bet that the three North Carolina towns will each and all make a good bid. Gastonia and Hickory will both offer real estate, exemption from taxes for a certain period, and a cash bonus, while Lincolnton is going to offer free office rent, a site with building for the shops, exemption from taxes, a sum of cash and free building lots to all of the employees that now own houses and lots in Chester."

"The citizens of Chester should realize the gravity of the situation

MANY AT LINWOOD.

County Teachers Institute Well Attended—More Expected to Arrive To-Day—Number of Boarders at All Healing Springs.

The county teachers institute began a two-weeks session at Linwood College yesterday with a good attendance. There were 86 teachers at the first session and quite a number of spectators. A phone message to The Gazette this morning stated that a number of other teachers are expected to arrive today. In addition to the Gaston county teachers there are in attendance a number from Mecklenburg and Cabarrus counties.

In addition to those who are attending the institute there are at present 69 summer boarders at the college and the number is increasing daily. As previously stated the Messrs. Lindsay, owners of the college, have this summer, for the first time in a number of years, thrown the college open to summer boarders. This was done in response to a popular demand which has never ceased since the old All Healing Springs Hotel, which was burned several years ago, drew hundreds of people each summer. The splendid water, the magnificent mountain scenery and an ideal location make this a splendid place for rest and recuperation during the hot summer months.

The teachers institute is under the supervision of Prof. Carmichael, of the Durham city schools, and Miss Graham, of the Charlotte city schools, who are assisted by a corps of able teachers, including Supt. Joe S. Wray, of the Gastonia city schools, and county superintendent F. P. Hall. The institute will last through Friday, the 26th. Music is being furnished during the institute by Miss L. J. Atkins' Orchestra, of Gastonia.

Picnic at Spencer's Mountain.

The students of Lenoir College of Gaston county will give a picnic at Spencer's Mountain on August 30th. At this picnic all the students of Lenoir College and their friends, together with the friends of the college, are requested to be present with well-filled baskets. There will also be a competent speaker for the day with us.

Off to Johnson City.

The annual excursion of the Broad Street and Belmont Sunday schools is being run today from Charlotte to Johnson City, Tenn., over the Seaboard and the C. C. & O. Among those from Gastonia and vicinity who went were Messrs. C. E. Huffstetter, Campbell Ratchford, J. L. Henderson, Marshall Robinson, Charles Costner, Dean Rawlings, Wis Adams, Ed Padgett, Tom Campbell, T. A. Henry and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hanna.

—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Myers, of Gallatin, Tenn., are the guests of their daughter, Mrs. H. M. Cleveland.

TAR HEEL VETS TO NORFOLK.

Annual State Reunion to be Held in Virginia Seaside City September 6, 7 and 8.

Raleigh Cor. Charlotte Chronicle.

A general order signed by General Julian S. Carr, major general, commanding the North Carolina division United Confederate Veterans, directs the attention of the Confederate veterans throughout the State to the fact that the invitation of the Norfolk board of trade for the annual reunion to be held in that city September 6, 7 and 8 has been formally accepted. The order declares that a most interesting programme is being prepared including side trips to the famous seaside resorts, and that every possible effort is being put forth by the people of Norfolk to make the reunion the grandest and most enjoyable ever held. The order directs those who expect to attend and are not able to defray their own expenses to write to J. A. Hall, secretary, at Norfolk, as to free entertainment which the city will provide in the way of meals and lodging.

and get busy. Let the meeting at the opera house this afternoon be well attended; and let everybody go with the determination to keep the shops here."