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OVER GASTON COUNTY.

McAdenville Matters.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
McADENVILLE, Aug. 18.—Miss Katherine Ray and sister, Mrs. F. P. Bollinger, of Savannah, Ga., visited relatives in Gastonia last week.—Rev. R. S. Howie was a business visitor in Gastonia last week.—Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Fox and daughter, Miss Helen, of Concord, were the guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Mabry.—Messrs. R. R. Ray and J. B. Reid spent a portion of last week in Mooresville.—Mr. and Mrs. William Cole, of Hickory, spent Sunday here.—Mr. W. A. Bentley, of the Greensboro baseball team, spent Sunday here with his family.—Mrs. J. F. Page, of Rock Hill, is visiting her mother, Mrs. M. R. Barber.—Mr. J. T. Thomason, of Filbert, S. C., is spending this week here.—Mr. Mr. R. F. Fisher visited in Concord Tuesday.—Mr. M. R. Wright spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Charlotte.—Miss Essie Leonard, of Lincolnton, is visiting here this week.—Mr. J. O. Donnell, of St. Louis, was one of our business visitors last week.—Mrs. J. Henry Thorp returned to her home in Elkin after a visit of one month here.

Mrs. W. B. Craig, of Belmont, is visiting in town this week.—Mrs. Sarah Scott is spending this week in Gastonia.—Mrs. J. C. Haynes, of China Grove, was the guest Saturday of Mrs. J. C. Walker.—Messrs. John Britton and John Reeves were Charlotte visitors Saturday.—Mr. Guss Webb and Miss Bertha Cloninger were Gastonia shoppers Saturday.—Mr. Dorus Eaker, of Cherryville and Miss Cora Pope, of Gastonia, were married here last Wednesday by I. F. Mabry, Esq.—Messrs. W. L. and Edgar Jenkins, of Charlotte, were in town last week.—Mrs. J. B. Reid spent Wednesday in Charlotte.—Messrs. R. S. Abernethy and Jake Stafford went to Rutherfordton today to play ball with Rube Jenkin's team against the Rutherfordton team.—Mr. G. M. Rumpfelt is spending today in Gastonia.—Mr. C. D. Rhyne is a Charlotte visitor today.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Barber, Friday, August 12, 1910, a son.

BESSEMER ROUTE ONE, NEWS.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
BESSEMER CITY, R. F. D. 1, Aug. 18.—There will be a picnic at Hepzibah church Saturday, August 27th. There will be exercises in the church and then the congregation will proceed to the grove for the speaking. Prominent speakers will be on hand to entertain the crowd. Everybody is invited to be present.

Miss Helen Pasour, of Bessemer City, left last Saturday for Maiden, where she will spend a few weeks with Misses Nera and Mittle Shrum.—Mrs. M. E. Hager, of Bessemer City, spent last Friday with her sister, Miss Joanna Stroup.—A large crowd attended the Stroup reunion at the home of Mr. J. Stroup, two miles east of Cherryville last Saturday. There were services in the morning and at the noon hour a large table was spread with all kinds of good things to eat. About three hundred people partook of this sumptuous meal. All report a most enjoyable time.

Mrs. J. C. Gore and little daughter, Christine, of Atlanta, Ga., spent a few days last week with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Pasour, of Bessemer City.—Mrs. Jim Carpenter and son, Arthur, visited relatives at Gastonia last Saturday and Sunday.—Misses Mary and Lucy Beam, of Gastonia, were the guests of their cousin, Miss Orrell Clark, last week.—Mr. Matthew Stroup and sister, Miss Lizzie, of Cherryville, spent last Saturday and Sunday with their cousins, Misses Cleo and Annie Pasour.—Miss Ada Eaker was the guest of Miss Fannie Mauney last Saturday.—Mr. Bryce Davis, of Bessemer City, is very low with fever.—Mr. T. S. Royster, the mail carrier on Bessemer route one, is very sick at this writing.—Mr. Clyde Carpenter, of Bessemer City, is also sick. Hope all will soon be out again.—Mr. John Baldwin was a business visitor to Bessemer City last Tuesday.—Mrs. George Long, of Dallas, spent last week with her brother, Mr. Marion Mads, at Cherryville.—Miss Alice Carpenter, of Gastonia, spent last week with her cousins, Misses Carrie and Annie Beam, at Cherryville.—Messrs.

GASTONIA'S OFFER IS IN.

Bid for C. & N.-W's. Shops Was Forwarded to Chester Yesterday—Offers of All the Towns Opened To-Day—Final Action of the Road May not Be Known for Some Weeks as All Proffered Sites Have to Be Surveyed—Gastonia Believes She's the Winner.

It is all over but the shouting. All the towns bidding for the location of the Carolina & Northwestern Railway's shops have sent in their offers and the same were opened by General Manager L. T. Nichols this morning.

Hickory, Lincolnton, Chester and Gastonia are on the anxious seat awaiting the announcement of the decision of the officials of the road. It may be several weeks before that decision is rendered.

In the meantime Gastonia is sitting steady in the boat, harboring a sure feeling that the shops will come to Gastonia.

General Manager Nichols was in Gastonia yesterday and at the request of the committee having in charge the formulation of an offer met with them and a body of representative citizens in the Commercial Club rooms. He was plying with questions and gave out what information of a non-committal nature he could. He stated that the propositions of the several towns would be opened today and that, so far as he was concerned, these propositions were final; in other words, there will be no chance to raise bids. He also stated that it would be necessary for the several sites to be surveyed before a decision could be made. When this has been done Mr. Nichols will lay the propositions before President W. A. Barber, of New York, and recommend the location of the shops at some one of the four contesting points.

As yet Gastonia does not know just what the other three towns have offered. Gastonia's offer includes, among other items, the following:

- A free site.
- Exemption from taxes for five years.
- Free water and lights for five years.
- Cheap electric power.
- A cash bonus of several thousand dollars.

In addition to the above Gastonia gives the road considerably more business than any other town on its line and has promise of larger developments in the future possibly than any other town on the road. From every standpoint it is believed that Gastonia is without doubt the place for the shops and our people feel confident that they will be located here.

Claud and Carl Long, of Dallas, spent last Friday and Saturday with their cousin, Mr. Charles Pasour.

IRON STATION NEWS.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
IRON STATION, Aug. 17.—Mrs. Ed Hefner is visiting in Lincolnton this week.—Mrs. Frank Armstrong and children, of Lincolnton, are spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Armstrong.—Messrs. Ren Armstrong and Dorsie Rhyne attended Rock Springs campmeeting.

Mr. Luther Long and Miss Dasie Jenkins started to preaching at Salem Baptist church last night, but on the way they decided not to go to church but to go to South Carolina and get married. They reached Bowling Green at 2 o'clock this morning and were made man and wife. The groom is a son of Mrs. Fannie Long and is a prosperous young farmer, while the bride, a lassie of fifteen summers, is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Miles Jenkins.

Messrs. S. S. Morris, of Gastonia, and Amos Morris, of Greenwood, S. C., spent Sunday night at Mr. Seby Summey's.—A number of our young people are attending the teachers institute which is in session at Lincolnton.—Quite a number of our people attended the Heptasophs picnic at High Shoals today.—Mr. Will Clemmer, of Stanley, spent Sunday with his parents.—Among those who went on the excursion to Johnson City yesterday were Mr. William Armstrong, Miss Leckie Goodson, Mrs. Lee Killian and Mrs. Matt Smith.—Mrs. R. A. Long is spending this week with her parents on route six of Lincolnton.

NEW GIN COMPLETED.

Gastonia Oil Mill's New Plant West of Town Ready for Operation—Has Capacity of Thirty-Five Bales Daily—Mr. W. S. Laughridge to Be in Charge—Equipped With Electric Power, Fire Protection and Other Conveniences.

In company with Manager R. M. Stevenson of the Gastonia Oil Mill The Gazette man had the pleasure this morning of taking a look at the company's new gin. It is just west of the corporate limits of the town and is located at the intersection of the Kings Mountain-Gastonia road and the Pisgah-Gastonia roads. The plant is now in complete readiness for use and will be put in operation about the middle of September or earlier if any cotton is ready for ginning before that date. Mr. W. S. Laughridge, of Gastonia, will be in charge of the gin and will have three assistants.

Early in the summer the Gastonia Oil Mill purchased the gin business of Messrs. Henry & Bradley, who had for several years past operated a ginning plant in connection with their lumber business on Main avenue. The company purchased about an acre of land west of town and had erected thereon a commodious two-story corrugated iron building together with seed house and other necessary buildings. There are two entrances to the plant, one on the west side and one on the south. Everything necessary for the comfort and convenience of the farmers has been provided. A well will provide a watering place for their stock, their seed will be bought or exchanged for cotton seed meal, a supply of which will be kept on hand, there are scales for weighing both cotton and seed and, in short, the equipment is equal in every respect to the company's downtown gin, which is operated in connection with the oil mill.

The plant is equipped with three 80-saw Pratt gins and has a capacity of 35 bales daily, only five less than the company's other gin, which is equipped with four 70-saw gins. The capacity of the two will be 75 bales per day. It is operated by electricity, power being furnished by the Southern Power Company through the medium of a 50-horsepower Westinghouse motor. The building is protected from fire by a chemical fire-extinguishing equipment.

The erection of this gin will prove a great convenience to all the cotton raisers west of town. It will save them at least a three-mile drive, it being at least a mile and a half west of the downtown gin. This is an item worth consideration on the part of the farmers.

Mr. Chess Abernethy, who has been with the company for several years, is superintendent of both gins and the oil mill. Mr. R. M. Stevenson is manager of the entire plant. Mr. J. Flay Bess is bookkeeper. Mr. W. B. Carson will again be in charge of the gin at the oil mill.

The oil mill, which has a capacity of 25 tons of seed daily, will begin operation about the 10th of October. Workmen are now engaged in rebuilding the cotton warehouse which was burned to the ground in the spring. It is a frame structure 20 x 50 feet, considerably larger than the old one. The oil mill itself has been put in running order and is now waiting for the seed. During the past few years the business done by the Gastonia Oil Mill has increased rapidly until now it is worked almost to its capacity.

In Business for Himself.

The following item from The Philadelphia North American of the 16th will be read with interest by many people in Gastonia and the county: "Miles P. Hoffman, for many years connected with the well-known Philadelphia firm of Charles J. Webb & Co., and for six years manager of its cotton yarn department, has resigned his position to engage independently in the cotton trade. Mr. Hoffman will continue to make this city his headquarters, though his business will keep him a large part of the time in the south, where he is largely acquainted." Mr. Hoffman is a Gastonian, being a son of Dr. W. H. Hoffman and has many friends here who will be pleased to learn that in the future he is to spend more time in the South.

AFTER FIFTY-FIVE YEARS.

Mr. George Ferguson Visits the Scenes of His Childhood in Old Gaston After an Absence of Over Half a Century—Is Eighty-One but Still Vigorous—Has Lived in Texas Since '79.

A welcome visitor in Gaston at this time is Mr. George Ferguson, of Hillsboro, Texas, who is spending some time with relatives and boyhood friends in this section. He arrived Tuesday from Laurens county, South Carolina, where he has been visiting since early in July. He expects to remain here for a month before returning to his home in the Lone Star State. At present Mr. Ferguson is the guest of Mr. J. J. Gamble's family in the western part of the county. On returning to Gastonia he will be the guest of Mr. Mac Wilson and other relatives and friends.

This is Mr. Ferguson's first visit to Gaston since he left the county in 1855, when this county was only nine years old. That was many years before the old Charlotte & Atlanta Airline Railroad, now the Southern, was built; before the town of Gastonia, now boasting a population of more than 10,000, was even thought of, before the day of cotton mills and macadam roads and before the great civil war from which we of the present day date most things.

Mr. Ferguson's father was the late Mr. George Ferguson who lived near Mr. Sam M. Wilson and Mr. Martin Lowrance near Kings Mountain. He was a cousin of the late Mr. Robert Ferguson, who died some months ago in Texas, and Mr. James Ferguson. He is the step-father of Messrs. Meek, Alex and John Crawford and Mrs. Ed Whitesides.

In 1855 he left Gaston and went to Laurens, S. C. When the war came on he enlisted in a South Carolina Regiment and served throughout the conflict, surrendering at Appomattox. He was several times wounded; in two instances his horse was shot from under him, each time falling on him and inflicting injuries. He says that now, 45 years after the war, his eighty-one years are not hurting him but that he feels the effects of the wounds sustained while battling for Dixie. At the close of the war he returned to Laurens and remained until the year 1879 when he moved to Texas, where he has since resided. He has never married.

Mr. Ferguson's recollections of the older families of Gaston county are very clear, his memory being practically unimpaired by advancing years. While he is here—The Gazette hopes to obtain from him some reminiscences of early days in Gaston, the publication of which will undoubtedly make interesting reading for our subscribers.

At Linwood.

The first week of the county teachers institute, in session at Linwood College, closes tomorrow. The session will close next Friday. New teachers have been arriving daily and the attendance is very gratifying, there being nearly a hundred enrolled up to this time. A feature of the institute which is most pleasing and profitable consists of lectures on live topics by well-known educators of the State. Yesterday Dr. Page, of Raleigh, lectured on the bookworm, a subject that is claiming the attention of physicians and health officers all over the South. Another lecture yesterday was by Prof. Bivens whose subject was "Education." At night there are round table discussions, contests and entertainments of a varied nature which furnish pleasure as well as profit to the teachers. The Gazette hopes to give in its Tuesday's issue a more detailed account of the work that is being done by this school.

New Pastor Chosen.

The congregation of the Baptist church of Cherryville, in conference Tuesday night, elected Rev. D. F. Putnam, of Spring Hope, a former pastor to serve them again as pastor. This church has been without a pastor since the early spring and are to be congratulated on electing Rev. Mr. Putnam to serve the church again. He is well and favorably known to these people and needs no introduction as to his efficiency and ability as a pastor and church worker.

WANTS THE PIEDMONT.

Traction Company Has Asked Charlotte City Fathers for Franchise—Greater Charlotte Club to Discuss Matter To-Night—Wants Shops Also, But Gastonia is Hoping to Get Them.

The Piedmont Traction Company has asked the city of Charlotte for a franchise and the Greater Charlotte Club has taken up the matter to secure the endorsement of the Charlotte people for the movement before action is taken.

Wednesday's Charlotte Chronicle says in part, regarding this matter: "The executive committee of the Greater Charlotte Club has called a meeting of the club for Friday night for the purpose of taking action looking toward securing for a certainty the entrance into Charlotte of the interurban lines of the Piedmont Traction Company and for taking steps to secure the shops of the company. A tremendous amount of interest has recently been aroused here in the proposed interurban trolley system and the meeting Friday night will be open, so that it is anticipated that there will be a large attendance. The meeting will be held in the assembly room of the Selwyn Hotel, instead of the club offices so that there will be plenty of room, and all citizens, whether members of the club or not, are urged to attend.

"The action of the executive committee in calling a general meeting is undoubtedly in accordance with the wishes of the people of the city, for the project of the Piedmont Traction Company to connect the cities and towns of the entire piedmont section of the two Carolinas is recognized as being probably greater in its possibilities and promises for the rapid and unprecedented development of this section than any actual or contemplated enterprise in the history of the section. Charlotte is especially interested because this city is the natural geographical center of the big system as contemplated and would naturally be the location of the headquarters, including the large shops that will have to be maintained, unless unforeseen circumstances arise."

In this connection it is not amiss to state that recently there have been well-founded rumors to the effect that, in case Gastonia secured the C. & N.-W. Railway shops, (which seems now very likely) the Piedmont Traction Company will cooperate with that road in building its shops in Gastonia. This is the place for them and a joint plant of this kind in Gastonia would be a much easier proposition financially for both roads. Gastonia would welcome the Piedmont Traction Company's shops as well as those of the C. & N.-W. There are many reasons why Gastonia would be a better location for the trolley company's shops than Charlotte and we believe the officials of the road, some of them at least, are of that opinion.

Certain it is that Gastonia would welcome with open arms either joint shops of the two systems or separate shops built by each.

Advertising the Picnic.

The chairman of the committees on entertainment from the Gaston County Farmers Union and the Gaston County Rural Letter Carriers Association are sending out over this and adjoining counties several thousand circulars and several hundred printed invitations to their joint celebration to be held in Gastonia Monday, September 5th. Indications point to a record-breaking picnic crowd for Gaston county. Ample provision will be made by the committee for the comfort and convenience of all who come. Water is being carried to the grounds in pipes from the city water mains and there will be plenty for the stock, with watering troughs; plenty of ice water for the people, benches to sit on in the shade of the trees and in fact everything that can be furnished to make a pleasant day for all. There will be good music and two good addresses by Mr. Shuford and Dr. Pratt. Everybody, both from the country and those who live in town as well, are requested to bring well-filled baskets. Gastonians will be expected to turn out en masse.

NEWS NOTES.

There are more than two hundred different religions in America, besides the foreign beliefs.

The Methodists of Durham are erecting a church which it is estimated will cost \$150,000.

Germany and France are at odds because a French aviator on last Thursday crossed the frontier line.

The request of the women of Louisiana to be permitted to vote on the constitutional amendment has been turned down.

Out of 97 children of the Odd Fellows' Orphanage at Goldsboro examined, 52 were found to be infected with the hookworm disease.

Thousands of sailors on vessels of all nations in our harbor have also been visited by the missionaries of the Society.

The directors of the Standard Oil Company declared a dividend of 6 per cent Monday, which calls for a distribution of \$6,000,000 to the stockholders.

Calvin Thorne, a Wilson county farmer, was murdered Monday afternoon by a neighbor, Dempsey Griffin, who struck him on the head with an axe.

The Georgia cotton crop it is estimated will be 65 per cent short of what it was last year. In some sections practically no cotton at all will be gathered.

The Shriners of South Carolina who met in annual convention on November 21-24 in Columbia, will present on a spectacular scale, Ben Hur.

Press reports say that the town of Lumberton in all probability will have a cigar factory. Two Spalnarids from Havana are at the head of the proposition.

The business portion of the town of Sparta, Tenn., was destroyed by fire Monday morning entailing a loss of \$120,000 which was well covered by insurance.

Thirty-nine lives were lost in the wreck of the Spanish steamer, Martos, which was at the entrance to the Straits of Gibraltar when she collided with the German steamer Elsa, Monday.

The twentieth annual meeting of the Junior Order United American Mechanics will be held at Wrightsville Beach next week. The indications are that there will be between 500 and 800 visitors in attendance.

The People's Bank of Chapel Hill has been reorganized and the receivership dismissed. No depositor was a loser. Mr. Southgate Jones, formerly with the First National Bank of Durham, is the new cashier.

William Jarvis, a Davie county farmer, killed his oldest son, a married man, last Sunday. The two quarreled and the father cut his son across the abdomen with a knife. The slayer escaped.

The Asheville School for Girls has been chartered by the Secretary of State with a capital stock of \$50,000 and \$5,000 paid in. The principal incorporators are Capt. W. T. Weaver, S. R. McKee and others.

Ebe Mack, aged 25, white, of Asheville, was arrested last Saturday by postoffice inspectors charged with blackmailing. He was trying to extort money from W. P. Black through letters.

Dr. Clarence Pickens, the Weaverville dentist who last Saturday night shot and killed Rome and Furman Capps, was Tuesday released from jail on a \$10,000 bond by Judge W. B. Council.

At Gouchery, Cherokee county, S. C., Tuesday G. W. Speer, candidate for probate judge, and W. K. Guthrie engaged in a free-for-all fight, both men being considerably bruised up. It was the opening day of the county campaign.

Miss Emma Lee Campbell, of Edgemont, aged 25, who was a student in a business college in Atlanta, died Monday night as a result of a dose of poison which she took with suicidal intent. She gave as a reason for her rash act that she and her teacher had quarreled.

In Federal Court at Asheville Tuesday Judge H. G. Connor overruled the decision of the special master in the Toxaway Hotel cases and held that neither the receiver nor his attorneys were entitled to any fees. The court, he said, had been used merely as a collecting agency. His decision was put in very plain words.