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COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE

CUPID GETS BUSY.

The Little God Invades High Shoals—Presbyterians to Organize Sunday School—Personal Mention Correspondence of The Gazette.

HIGH SHOALS, Sept. 26.—Cupid has been very busy in our town the last week and has succeeded in getting three of our young men to break the command, "thou shalt not steal." Last Sunday Merl Hartsoe went over to Mr. I. A. Jarret's, near here, and slipped his charming daughter and hid away with her to South Carolina where he could get the ceremony performed that would make his lover his own loving bride.

Two other of our young men, Messrs. John Queen and James Cowles, hearing of Merle's success, decided they would try their luck. Saturday in the afternoon Misses Iren Keever and Suda Long told their parents they were going down to Worth to do some shopping, but on the way were overtaken by their lovers. Mr. Queen took Miss Keever into his buggy and Mr. Cowles took Miss Long; and instead of going out to Worth they turned and fled in all haste to Bowling Green. They too came back rejoicing, saying in the language of the poet: "Oh my love's like a red, red rose, That's newly sprung in June, Oh my love's like a melodie, That's sweetly played in tune."

We wish those merry couples a long, happy life.

The Presbyterians will organize a Sunday school at their church next Sunday at 3 o'clock. This will make four Sunday schools in our place. Our people take a great interest in Sunday school work; all the schools are well attended and run all the year.

Rev. H. B. Cronister, of Maiden, Mr. G. W. Abernethy and family, of Stanley, and Mr. and Mrs. John Skidmore, of Mount Holly, were here yesterday to see Mrs. Cronister who is very sick.—Quite a number of our people were on the sick list last week.—Pearl, the little daughter of Mr. R. J. Dellinger, who has been very sick with pneumonia, we are glad to learn is getting along nicely.—Mr. W. G. Wiggins went to Gastonia Saturday on business.—Mr. G. M. Haynes spent several days last week in Dallas.—Misses Gertrude Bennett and Della Kendrick spent Saturday night with Miss Lillian Carpenter.—Miss Carrie Beam, of Cherryville, is visiting Mrs. Emma Robinson.—Miss Lula Fox, of Lincoln, is spending a few days with Mr. Clarence Fox.

DOTS FROM DALLAS R. F. D. 1.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

DALLAS, R. F. D. 1, Sept. 26.—Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Clemmer spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. S. S. White.—Mrs. G. E. C. Pasour has been on the sick list for the past week, but we are glad to note she is improving.—Mr. J. H. White, of Gastonia, was in this section Sunday.—Miss Florence Pasour returned home Wednesday from a most pleasant visit to relatives in Catawba county.—Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Best were the guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Pasour.—Misses Belle and May Clemmer spent Sunday with Miss Edna Clemmer.—Miss Callie Holland gave a singing to a number of her young friends Saturday night.—Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Best and children were guests Sunday at the home of Mr. Lester Cloninger.—Mrs. J. L. Clemmer and daughter, Miss Lila, visited at Mr. George Pasour's Sunday afternoon.—Mr. J. J. O. Pasour and Master Ernest visited relatives in Lincoln county Sunday night.—The school at Mountain View closed Friday. The teacher, Miss Beulah Carpenter, returned to her home near Long Shoals.

Charlotte has furnished another victim to pellagra, which is claiming many persons. Willie Etheridge, aged 17, died at his home there yesterday of this disease.

A French aviator named Pofflot was killed Sunday at Charles while making a flight with a passenger. The passenger was only slightly injured.

BUSINESS AT BELMONT.

It is Good Say the Merchants—Some Reflections on the Near-Beer Business and the Court Records—Other Items, Correspondence of The Gazette.

BELMONT, Sept. 26.—It is very dry and dusty around here now, but I guess it suits the farmer who has cotton to pick.—Messrs. Lewis & Leeper are ginning right along now. They have already ginned between two and three hundred bales.—Cotton seed is selling at 56 cents per bushel, the seed in a bale of cotton selling for almost what a bale of cotton sold for not so very long ago and yet some people are crying hard times. All had better be careful for it might get worse. Let us be satisfied.—Mr. Sprat Hanks, who is clerking for Stowe Bros., is reported to have the fever but we hope this is not so as Mr. Hanks is one of our best citizens.—Miss Flossie Lee is right sick and it is feared she has fever.—All the sick are improving very nicely, which is good news.

Mr. Brown Lee Hall is reported to be doing all right since he went to the hospital in Charlotte some time ago.

The schools all started here last Monday with a good attendance. Belmont has a good school building and of course, like everything else, here, Belmont has a good school. Some time a little later on I will give you a full account of our good school, its principal, teachers and enrollment, if through the kindness of some one in charge I can get them.

Grannie Harris, who took sick while on a visit to Cooleemee, is better and back at Belmont. While sick I thought if she did not get well who could take mother's place for mother's place is hard to fill in a home.

Mrs. Dora Harris, who has been right sick, is better. She has been sick about five weeks.—Mr. R. A. Freeze and little son, who have been sick for several weeks, are reported as being better, which will be good news to his many friends.—Mr. Jno. C. Rankin, of Spencer Mountain, was a welcome visitor in Belmont last Sunday, coming over in his auto.

A man asked me the other day if I had a letter in The Gazette this week, and I told him no. Give me the news, gentlemen, and I will do the rest.

Your stand on the near-beer business is all right, for if we are going to have prohibition in North Carolina let's have it right. Prohibition and near-beer will not work together any more than oil and water will mix. I think near-beer in club houses and whiskey in drug stores are poor signs of prohibition if I know what that word means and I think I do.

Our good merchants all report trade good but where there are good men in business like here at Belmont business is obliged to be good. Do you see the point?

There were more cases in court at Dallas which is just ended than I ever saw before. More went to the roads I believe, too. Now what's the trouble or where is the trouble? There is something wrong some where. Some times we pick up a paper and about the first thing we see is something like this, "The world is getting better all around, people are getting better, getting more religion, better morals" and it seems after reading awhile that the time had come for the lion and the lamb to lie down together, but this court business seems to show us that somebody is wrong. Some one is not doing their duty. Everybody getting better and more cases in court and more people sent to the roads. It don't sound right. Something is bad wrong and it may be we had better look into the matter and see if we can't find the wrong and also a remedy. The good book says we must obey the law or suffer as a result of this disobedience.

Six persons were killed Saturday in a head-on collision between a freight car and a passenger car on an interurban electric line near Tip-ton, Indiana.

A UNIQUE CITY.

Some Interesting Facts About Our State Capital—Streets and Parks Owned by the State—Wonderful Progress Being Made.

—By Col. F. A. Olds.—

A very attractive leaflet is issued by the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce and Industry concerning the Capital City of North Carolina, containing much information of interest to the entire State. Raleigh, like Washington, is publicly owned; that is the streets and parks are the property of the State. This is because the State, through a commission, selected the site and bought the land, laid out the streets and parks and sold building lots; in two or three cases the same family having held the property since the original sale, 118 years ago. Raleigh in this respect is the most unique of all the State Capitals. The value of State buildings and their contents is \$2,500,000, exclusive of land, which is worth more than a half million.

The leaflet shows the capital is growing rapidly, the value of building and street improvements in progress totaling \$1,115,000. The value of city property has in three years increased 25 per cent, and now amounts to \$12,000,000. The \$125,000 municipal building and auditorium, the latter to seat 4,500 persons, will be done January 1. The street railway and power company is expending \$250,000 in doubling the capacity of its plant. The Country Club, with hundreds of acres of land and very attractive buildings, is a notable new feature.

Raleigh is the educational centre of the State, having 28 schools, and a larger school population in proportion to the entire population than any other place in this country. It has two hospitals and a third one, for the negroes, is being built. Here is the largest school for negro blind and deaf-mutes in the world, and the largest Baptist and Episcopalian schools for negroes. The Raleigh postoffice pays the 1283 R. F. D. carriers in the State \$1,111,000, which is \$487,000 more than four years ago. The money order division handled \$1,360,000 this year.

A Sermon on Honesty.

"Provide Things Honest in the Sight of All Men" was the subject from which Rev. G. D. Herman preached a powerful and telling sermon at Main Street Methodist church Sunday morning to a good congregation. Instead of reading a lesson from the Scriptures as usual Mr. Herman read a paper in which he stated clearly his position on a number of matters of local interest, such as worldly amusements, near-beer, etc., and in which he took a severe rap at those persons who have seen fit to criticize him for his course of action. It was perhaps the most straightforward and unequivocal document ever read from a Gastonia pulpit and the sermon which followed, which dealt mainly with "debt-paying" was perhaps the plainest in point of statement of great but cutting truths ever delivered by a Gastonia pastor. His discourse was logical throughout and was listened to with almost breathless interest by the congregation. It is impossible to give a synopsis of the sermon in a brief paragraph and we shall not attempt it here but hope to be able to present a pretty full synopsis in Friday's issue. Mr. Herman is fearless in his denunciation of evils and the series of sermons which he is now preaching promises to result in great good to our town. His sermon on "debt-paying" was most timely. If there is one criticism heard of Gastonia oftener than any other it is that this town has more than its quota of deadbeats, men who make no effort to pay their honest debts. It is high time somebody was making war on this worst form of dishonesty and it is up to the good people of the town, the honest citizens, to support the man, whoever he be, who has the courage to fight this evil. Mr. Herman will continue this series of sermons for some time yet.

His Last Year.

Mr. Augustus A. McLean returned last week to Richmond, Va., to resume his studies at the Union Theological Seminary. This is his senior year at that institution and he will be graduated next June. Mr. McLean has spent a considerable part of the summer here to the delight of a host of friends.

ROOSEVELT DEFEATED.

Vice President Sherman Wins Out Against Ex-President in New York—The Colonel, However, Declares That Everything is Coming His Way—Convention To-Day.

An Associated Press dispatch in this morning's papers from Saratoga, N. Y., says:

Theodore Roosevelt suffered defeat again tonight at the hands of the old guard of the Republican party in this State. In the first skirmish on the eve of the State convention which opens tomorrow the State committee at a special meeting by a vote of 20 to 15 re-affirmed its action of August 16 last in selecting Vice President Sherman over Colonel Roosevelt as temporary chairman of the convention. The vote at the August meeting was 15 to 20.

This action, a victory for the old guard, was taken after Vice President Sherman had created a sensation with a letter asking that the committee investigate the charge that his selection as temporary chairman was brought about through trickery, and stating that if the charges were substantiated he would not serve.

After a heated argument in which the leaders of both the old guard and the progressives gave such a representative expression of their convictions, the committee by a vote of 22 to 15 resolved "that Mr. Sherman be informed that his selection was made without misrepresentation," as an answer to his letter.

At times the arguments waxed so bitter and acrimonious that to save what appeared to threaten an unfortunate situation Representative J. S. Fassett moved that the whole matter be laid on the table. But this was voted down, the old guard leaders declaring it to be an attempt to gag them and prevent those members who voted for Vice President Sherman from explaining their votes.

The committee had scarce gone into session when Chairman Woodruff announced that he had a letter from Mr. Sherman, which he read.

Miss Johnnie Adams Entertains.

Miss Johnnie Adams entertained a large number of her young friends most delightfully Friday night from 8:30 to 11 with a porch party. The guests were greeted at the front door by Mrs. J. Lean Adams, and Misses Annie McLean and Mamie Ray presided gracefully at the punch bowl in the hall. The evening was most pleasantly spent playing trail at sixteen tables arranged on the spacious porches, which were brilliant with electric lights and tastefully decorated in golden red, roses and potted plants. During the evening Miss Marie Torrence sang to the delight of the guests, while Misses Annie Latimer and Bertha Long rendered pleasing piano selections. After the game a delicious ice course was served, the hostess being assisted in serving by Misses Jennie Steadman Culp, Hazeline Love and Ruth Knight. About sixty-five guests enjoyed Miss Adams' charming hospitality.

Crippen Guilty, Says Coroner's Jury.

A London dispatch dated Monday says that the coroner's jury, after one hour's deliberation, returned a verdict that Mrs. Cora Crippen, known as Belle Elmore, the American actress, was wilfully murdered by her husband, Dr. Hawley Crippen. The trial will take place at the next session of criminal court, October 11th. Crippen and his typist, Ethel Leneve, were captured at Quebec, Canada, some weeks ago after one of the longest and most sensational chases in modern criminal history. The body of a person, supposed to be that of his wife, was found in the cellar of his home in London.

Ten Years for Vestal.

In Guilford Superior Court Saturday Dr. W. L. Vestal, charged with performing a criminal operation on Bessie Thomason at High Point July 1st, which caused her death, plead guilty to a charge of manslaughter and Judge Lyon gave him the maximum punishment, ten years at hard labor in the penitentiary. Judge Lyon said it was the worst case he had ever known of. Mrs. Vestal, who was indicted jointly with her husband, was found not guilty. A capias was issued for Levi Maynard, the man in the case, who has so far

STATE AUDITOR B. F. DIXON DEAD

SUCCUMBS TO ATTACK OF ANGINA PECTORIS.

Popular State Official Answers the Final Summons in Rex Hospital, Raleigh, Where He Had Been for Some Days—Was Apparently Recovering Satisfactorily From Recent Attack When Relapse Came—Native of Cleveland County and Man of Varied Talents—Served in Civil and Spanish-American Wars—Was Soldier, Physician, Minister, Statesman—Funeral and Burial at Raleigh To-Morrow.

Hundreds of Gastonians heard with profound sorrow and regret this morning of the sudden death of State Auditor B. F. Dixon which occurred at 11:30 o'clock last night in Rex Hospital, Raleigh. The news came with shocking suddenness in view of the fact that for the past several days the most favorable reports had come from his bedside and it was generally believed that he was being rapidly restored to health.

Dr. Dixon was stricken suddenly ten days ago, on Saturday, the 17th, with angina pectoris while working in his office at the capitol building. He was immediately taken to Rex Hospital and had improved steadily up to last night when a second attack of this disease came upon him.

His daughter, Mrs. W. L. Balthis, and Mr. Balthis left Gastonia for Raleigh on No. 44 this morning, having received a message late last night bearing the sad intelligence of Dr. Dixon's death.

Benjamin Franklin Dixon was born in the El Bethel section of Cleveland county, not far from the town of Kings Mountain, in the year 1845. He was the son of Thomas and Mary Ann Dixon. At the outbreak of the civil war he was sixteen years old, too young to enlist in the army according to the rules for enlistment, but the spirit of the fighter was in him and he ran away to join the boys in grey. He went with the Cleveland Blues, of which company his brother, Edward Dixon, was captain. His enlistment was for one year and when that expired he returned home and taught school until he was eighteen when he immediately re-enlisted in the Cleveland Tigers, of which Mr. C. H. Dixon, father of Mr. J. K. Dixon, of Gastonia, was captain. He was made third lieutenant and, on the death of Capt. C. H. Dixon, who was killed in battle, the subject of this sketch was promoted to Captain of the Tigers, which office he held till the close of the war. Dr. Dixon's war record was that of a valiant soldier and he worked bravely and untiringly for the Southern cause.

More than thirty years after the close of the civil war the spirit of the born fighter still remained with him and he went to the Spanish-American war as major in the Second Regiment of North Carolina Volunteers.

Dr. Dixon was a man of varied attainments and was successful in every line in which he made endeavor. As a physician he practiced with success for several years. As a minister of the gospel in the Southern Methodist Church he held high rank and his sermons have delighted thousands in many sections of the State. He was a preacher of power and ability. As a soldier he did great service for his country. As an educator he took high rank, having for several years been president of Greensboro Female College. There was no more popular speaker in North Carolina than Dr. Dixon and his services in this line were always in demand. As a State official he had made an enviable record. He was first elected State auditor in 1900 and was serving his third term, of which two years remains.

Surviving Dr. Dixon are his widow who was, prior to her first marriage, a Miss Tracy. She was the widow of Capt. Plato Durham, whose sons, Mr. Robert L. Durham, of Centenary College, Cleveland, Tenn.; Mr. Stonewall J. Durham, of Gastonia, and Rev. Plato T. Durham, of Concord, are all well known here. Dr. Dixon is also survived by one daughter, Mrs. W. L. Balthis, of Gastonia, and two sons, Messrs. Ben

and Wright Dixon of Raleigh. He leaves a large connection throughout this section, together with thousands of close friends who mourn his departure from this life.

A telegram to Mr. J. K. Dixon this afternoon states that the funeral will take place at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon followed by interment in Raleigh.

NEED OF FRESH AIR.

Ben Franklin Understood the Subject as Well as Any Man.

Benjamin Franklin's "Art of Securing Pleasant Dreams," written in 1798.

Another means of preserving health to be attended to is the having a constant supply of fresh air in your bed chamber. It has been a great mistake, the sleeping in rooms exactly closed and the beds surrounded by curtains. No outward air that may come to you is so unwholesome as the unchanged air, often breathed, of a close chamber. As boiling water does not grow hotter by long boiling if the particles that receive greater heat can escape, so living bodies do not putrefy, if the particles, so fast as they become putrid, can be thrown off. Nature expels them by the pores of the skin and the lungs, and in a free open air they are carried off, but in a close room we receive them again and again, though they become more and more corrupt. A number of persons crowded into a small room thus spoil the air in a few minutes, and even render it mortal as the Black Hole at Calcutta.

A single person is said to spoil only a gallon of air a minute, and, therefore, requires longer time to spoil a chamberful; but it is done, however, in proportion, and many putrid disorders hence have their origin. It is recorded of Methuselah, who, being the longest liver, may be supposed to have best preserved his health, that he always slept in the open air; for when he had lived 500 years, an angel said to him: "Arise, Methuselah, and build thee a house, for thou shalt live yet 500 years longer." and Methuselah answered and said: "If I am to live but 500 years longer, it is not worth while to build me an house; I will sleep in the air as I have been used to do."

Physicians, after having for ages contended that the sick should be indulged with fresh air, have at length discovered that it may do them good. It is, therefore, to be hoped that they may in time discover likewise, that is not hurtful to those that are in health, and that we may then be cured of the aerophobia that at present distresses weak minds and makes them choose to be stifled and poisoned, rather than leave open the window of a bed chamber or put down the glass of a coach. Confined air, when saturated with perspirable matter, will not receive more, and that matter must remain in our bodies and occasion diseases.

Ex-Governor Aycock Sees Success for the Democrats.

Raleigh Cor. Charlotte Observer, 23. Ex-Governor Charles B. Aycock, just back from a campaigning trip that included Statesville, Mooresville and Winston-Salem and Durham says he finds conditions very good from a Democratic viewpoint. He says that for his speech at Winston-Salem there was the biggest and most enthusiastic crowd he has had there in ten years and he believes Forsyth will be redeemed for Democracy this time by a substantial majority. He says that at Durham he found conditions encouraging, although he found something of a scare among some Democrats with absolutely nothing that he could observe to warrant the fright. He believes Durham is securely moored to the Democratic ship and will give an increased majority.

GASTONIA COTTON MARKET.

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Good middling 13
Strict middling 12 7-8
Cotton seed 45c

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