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OVER GASTON COUNTY.

IRON STATION NEWS.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
IRON STATION, Oct. 31. — Mr. and Mrs. James Mullen have the sympathy of many friends in the bereavement which came to them last Thursday when their little daughter, Mary Ellen, aged two years and three months died after an illness of several days. The funeral services were conducted at the home Friday afternoon and the little body was taken to Amity church near Macpelah for burial. Mary Ellen was a bright and beautiful little child, the ideal of her fond parents. But today the tiny bud that was withered by the blasts of this world blossoms anew in Paradise. This was particularly sad in view of the fact that it was their only child.
Mr. and Mrs. John Summey and children, of Hoyle's Creek section, spent the week end with relatives here.—Among those who attended the Mecklenburg fair were Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Goode, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Long, Misses Ada and Leckie Goodson, Hattie and Flossie Armstrong and Georgia Hallman, Messrs. John Hambrick, George Howard, Ed Bynum, Ode Long, Doris Rhyne, Luther and Ben Armstrong.—Quite a number attended the South Fork Baptist Association at Mt. Zion church near Alexis last week.—Mrs. D. C. Horton is visiting in Gastonia this week.—Mr. and Mrs. Dave Brindill, of Cherryville, spent Sunday at Mr. P. C. Miller's.—The graded school opened today with Miss Florence Carson, of Bessemer City, and Miss Sallie Hambrick as teachers.

MOUNTAIN ISLAND NEWS.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
MOUNTAIN ISLAND, Oct. 27. — Mr. L. P. Rankin, Mr. O. S. Gryder, Mr. James and Mr. Ed Lawing and Miss Fannie Thornburg were all visitors to Gastonia Wednesday and also Mr. Frank Rankin.—Mr. C. C. Costner, of Columbia, S. C., is visiting friends here this week.—Miss Hettie Bumgardner and Miss Fannie Thornburg go to Charlotte today on business.—The little child of Mr. George Hunter died last evening and will be buried at Flat Rock today.

An Appreciation of Mr. Meek Faulkner.

Editorial in Yorkville Enquirer, 28.
News of the death of Mr. W. Meek Faulkner, which occurred at his home at Kings Creek last Wednesday morning, has been received with genuine grief by the hundreds of friends and acquaintances of that most estimable gentleman. In all that the word implies in its best acceptation, Mr. Faulkner was a man. He measured up to every duty and responsibility as a Christian gentleman in his family, his church and his country. He was broad and liberal in his general views, but pitched his personal conduct to the measure of high standards of civic and religious duty, and although he may have at times failed in his own modest estimation, it is generally conceded by those with whom he came in frequent contact that there were few who more closely followed the straight and narrow path. Mr. Faulkner will be sorely missed by his family, his neighbors and his business associates, and as long as any of them live his many noble qualities will continue a sweet and precious memory.

Board of Home Missions Meets.

Charlotte Observer 29th.
The board of home missions of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church met here yesterday for the purpose of looking into a number of matters relative to the home church extension work of the synod, preparatory to a measure to the general church council which will meet with the Chalmers Memorial congregation in Dilworth the second week in November. Present at the meeting were: Chairman J. C. Galloway, of Gastonia; Rev. Dr. R. G. Miller, corresponding secretary; Rev. Dr. G. R. White, treasurer; Hon. A. G. Brice, of Chester, S. C., and Rev. R. E. Hough.

—Friday's Cleveland Star says that Mr. Ben Kendrick, of Cherryville, has purchased a lot in Shelby from Mr. R. F. Campbell, it being a part of the M. L. Carroll property, and that he will erect thereon a handsome dwelling.

RESENT BUTLER'S ADVENT.

Business Men of the State Say That Success of Republican Party Under His Leadership Would Mean Business Disturbances and Social Degradation — People Indignant That He Should Dare to Show His Face in the State.

Sunday's edition of The Raleigh News and Observer contained several pages of letters from prominent business men from every section of the State voicing a protest of indignation against the return of Marion Butler to North Carolina Republican politics. The general tenor of these letters, the authors of most of which are known over the entire State, is that the success of the Republican party under the leadership of this traitor and demagogue would mean an era of business disturbances and social degradation. It is the voicing of a mighty protest that "Beast Butler," who betrayed his State and who has turned traitor to every man who has ever trusted him should have the effrontery to show his face in the borders of his native State again. Among the many letters printed is one from Mr. R. R. Ray, of McAdenville, this county, one of Gaston's most successful and prominent business men and one of the best cotton mill men in North Carolina.

He says: "I should regard as extremely unfortunate a return to power of Marion Butler which would doubtless be followed by a repetition of that class of legislation which disturbed business and brought about turmoil when he and his satellites were in political control of the State. I do not believe, however, that any such calamity is in sight, for this, in my opinion, is a Democratic year."

ROBT. R. RAY,

Sec and Treas. McAden Mills, McAdenville, N. C."

STORES TO CLOSE.

Many Business Houses will Close Tomorrow Out of Respect to Memory of Late Mr. R. P. Rankin.

We, the undersigned do hereby agree to close our places of business from 11:00 to 12:00 on the morning of November 2, during the funeral services of Mr. R. P. Rankin:

First National Bank.
Citizens National Bank.
The Gaston Loan & Trust Co.
Thomson Mercantile Co.
The Love Co.
Morris Brothers.
Swan-Slater Co.
L. Thompson & Son.
McLean Bros.
Robinson Shoe Co.
Long Bros.
Torrence-Morris Co.
Elite Grocery.
J. M. Belk Co.
Craig & Wilson.
Armstrong Furniture Co.
Ideal Grocery Co.
H. Schneider.
Gastonia Furniture Co.
Rankin Furniture Co.
Myers & Tate.
R. T. Padgett.
Frazier-Wetzell Co.
North State Cotton Co.
Gastonia Hardware Co.
Frost Torrence & Co.
B. H. Parker & Co.
Jno. F. Love.
J. Flem Johnson & Co.
D. M. Jones & Co.
W. L. Bathis & Co.
Coca-Cola Bottling Co.
Best & Grady.
J. A. Hunter.
Gastonia Insurance & Realty Co.
Abernethy-Shields Drug Co.
Lebovitz Department Stores.
Standard Hardware Co.
Albion Grocery Co.
The Shuford Co.
Adams Drug Co.
F. D. Barkley & Co.
J. H. Kennedy & Co.
Gazette Publishing Co.

Broke Jail.

Jim Stirling, a negro under bond for trial at the next term of court for selling cocaine, and Curley Mitchell, white, one of the pickpockets caught here on circus day, escaped from the Dallas jail last Thursday night and succeeded in getting away. Up to the present both are still at liberty. They succeeded in making a hole in the brick wall through which they crawled. There are now no cells in the Dallas jail, they having been removed to the new jail here.

FLORAL FAIR PRIZES.

List of the Prizes to be Given at the Floral Fair Next Friday and Saturday.

The social event of this week will be the Floral Fair which is to be held in the Lebovitz building Friday and Saturday of this week. It is expected that there will be in attendance a large number of ladies from Yorkville, Kings Mountain, Clover, and the nearby towns in this county. The ladies of Gastonia have worked hard for the past several months preparing for this event and it promises to be a most enjoyable as well as profitable event. They expect to make it an annual affair. Owing to their inability to procure a building in which to have the fair, it is held about a week later than was originally intended. As this was the case many chrysanthemums were killed by the heavy frost of Saturday and Sunday nights, notwithstanding which fact there will be an excellent showing.

List of prizes to be awarded at the Floral Fair:

1. First best collection—Hand-painted cake plate, by Mrs. P. T. Heath, of Atlanta.
2. Second best collection—Gold-headed umbrella, by Mr. W. C. Holland, salesman for Ades Bros., of Baltimore.
3. Third best collection—Cut glass bowl, by Torrence-Morris Co.
4. Fourth best collection—Winter laprobe, by Craig & Wilson.
5. The three best white blooms of one variety—Rocking chair, by Best & Grady.
6. The three best cream blooms of one variety—Hand-painted picture, by Mrs. R. C. Anderson.
7. The three best yellow blooms of one variety—Hand-painted salad bowl, by J. A. Hunter.
8. The three best pink blooms of one variety—Hand-painted picture, by Mrs. G. A. Sparrow.
9. The three best bronze blooms of one variety—Rug, by Rankin Furniture Co.
10. The three best red blooms of one variety—Two dollar bill, by First National Bank.
11. The three best ostrich plume blooms of one variety—A Tabourette, by Armstrong Furniture Co.
12. The three best variegated blooms of one variety—Cluny Centertepie, by J. M. Belk Co.
13. The three best lavender blooms of one variety—Rug, by Thomson Mercantile Co.
14. Best single bloom of any variety—Sugar and Cream Set, by McLean Bros.
15. Second best single bloom of any variety—Bed room Slippers, by Robinson Shoe Co.
16. Best single bloom of odd variety—Two dollar bill, by Citizens National Bank.
17. Best palm—Jardiniere, by The Love Co.
18. Second best palm—Jardiniere, by Elite Grocery.
19. Best Plumosa Fern—Keen Kutter Scissors, by Gastonia Hardware Co.
20. Best ostrich plume fern—Coffee pot, by Long Bros.
21. Best sprengerli fern—Bottle of Spiehler's perfume, by J. H. Kennedy & Co.
22. Best maidenhair fern—Bottle of perfume, by Abernethy-Shields Drug Co.
23. Best Begonia—Lady's Handbag, by H. Schneider.
24. Second best Begonia—Door Panel, by D. Lebovitz.
25. Best potted plant of any variety—Counterpane, by Morris Bros.
26. Boston Sword Fern—Bottle of Hudnut's Violet Water, by Adams Drug Co.
27. Best vase of white roses—Comb and Brush, by Frost Torrence Drug Co.
28. Best vase of pink roses—Cream pitcher, by Meyers & Tate.
29. Best Baby's Breath Fern: Cake plate, by J. D. Morton & Co.
30. Best Norfolk Island Pine: Hand-painted picture, by Miss Lowry Shuford.

GENERAL INFORMATION.

The Floral Fair will open in Lebovitz' new store building on Main avenue Friday morning, November 4th, at 10:30 o'clock. The prizes will be awarded at 3:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon. The ladies in Gastonia and vicinity are earnestly requested to enter chrysanthemums, roses, ferns, palms, begonias and any potted plants. All potted plants, such as the

FIRE AT SPENCER MOUNTAIN.

Early Sunday Morning Blaze Destroys Store Building of Spencer Mountain Mills Causing Loss of About \$7,500 — Partially Covered by Insurance—Will Rebuild—Origin of Fire a Mystery.

Fire at Spencer Mountain in the early hours of Sunday morning gutted the store building of the Spencer Mountain Mills Company, entailing a total loss on the building and stock of \$7,500, with total insurance of \$5,500, of which amount \$4,000 was on the stock and \$1,500 on the building.

It is not known how the flames originated. They were first discovered about 1 o'clock Sunday morning and had gained considerable headway before the fire-fighting began as it was difficult, because of the hour, to arouse the operatives of the village. Mr. William Hill and family lived on the second floor of the building which also contained a barber shop and the junior's hall. Mr. Hill operates the company's power plant down the river from the village and the members of his family were there with him Saturday night, hence the house had no occupants. The store was closed as usual at 8 o'clock Saturday night and no one was in the building after that hour.

The flames apparently originated in the frame wall on the upper story and may have been caused by rats and matches. The mill management has no theory as to the origin but does not think it was set afire.

With the exception of the mill office which was located in the rear of the building, the structure is a total loss. The books and records of the mill were all saved. The goods in the store which were not burned were damaged by water. The weave shop of the mill is located within fifteen feet of the burned building and there are a number of the mill tenant houses close by but none of these were injured.

It was stated yesterday that the management of the mill would rebuild at once. Temporary quarters for the store and office are being arranged today.

Congressman Webb's Speeches.

Charlotte Observer, 26th.
Congressman E. Yates Webb is being agreeably surprised at the size of the crowds that are greeting him every night this week at various places in the city. And those who have listened to his campaign utterances declare that the genial young Congressman is making a grand impression upon the voters. He is addressing nightly gatherings of Charlotte people under the auspices of the district committee and is being accompanied by a number of county candidates who are also being heard eagerly. The people of Charlotte seem to be alive politically.

ferns, palms, begonias, etc., will be carefully cared for during the fair.

Only cut flowers, such as chrysanthemums and roses, will be sold, unless some one wishes to donate a potted plant to be sold for the benefit of the Betterment Association.

All ladies will have their flowers at the building early Thursday afternoon, November 3rd, and are requested to arrange them. The committee will be glad to assist or offer any suggestions.

All ladies will please furnish jars, vases or something in which to put their flowers.

For any desired information phone either Mrs. W. J. Clifford, Mrs. T. W. Wilson or Mrs. D. E. McConnell.

Ladies contributing eatables for the fair will be notified when to send them.

Please send all dressed dolls to Mrs. T. W. Wilson as soon as possible.

Buy your Christmas dolls at the Floral Fair.

Best flowers will be seen Friday. Business men can get a wholesome dinner at the Floral Fair Friday and Saturday.

BUSINESS MEN'S MENE.

Meals will be served from 12 to 2 and from 6 to 8 o'clock.

Ice cream five cents, cake five cents, served at all hours.

Menu No. 1—Baked chicken, ham, rice, gravy, cranberry sauce, pickles, bread, butter, coffee.

Menu No. 2—Chicken salad, ham, cranberry sauce, pickles, bread, butter, coffee.

MR. R. P. RANKIN DEAD.

Well Known Citizen and Business Man Succumbed to Long Illness This Morning—Organized Ozark Mills and Was Until Recently President and Treasurer—Was President of Citizens National Bank—Funeral and Burial To-Morrow Morning—A Brief Sketch.

After a long and determined struggle to overcome the ravages of a wasting disease Mr. Rufus Pinkney Rankin, one of Gastonia's best-known citizen and business men, passed away peacefully at 2 o'clock this morning at his residence on Long avenue. He was conscious up to the last breath and summoned the members of his family to his bedside to bid them farewell. Since last Friday his life had hung in the balance and his physicians and family expected the end, which fact did not, however, lessen the shock and grief which his passing out from the walks of life occasioned.

Seven years ago Mr. Rankin suffered a severe attack of typhoid fever from which developed tuberculosis, the disease affecting his knee-joints. Though in feeble and failing health for all these years he was able to look after his many business interests and was actively engaged in attending to his work until about four months ago, since which time he had been confined to his home. About two months ago he resigned his position as president and treasurer of the Ozark Mills and president of the Citizens National Bank. In the former position he was succeeded by Mr. W. T. Rankin and in the latter by Mr. Andrew E. Moore. Though conscious that the end was approaching and though suffering much he was cheerful and uncomplaining.

Rufus Pinkney Rankin was born February 16, 1862, and hence was in his forty-ninth year. He was a son of the late William Rufus Rankin and was born and reared near the town of Belmont, the home place being a short distance from the present location of the Sacred Heart College. For a number of years he was engaged in the mercantile business at Belmont, McAdenville and Lowell. About eleven years ago he came to Gastonia and organized and built the Ozark Mills, in which he was a large stockholder and the management of which had been in his hands continuously until failing health rendered it necessary recently for him to relinquish those duties. He was for a number of years treasurer but for the past year or two had held the position of president and treasurer. Under his management the Ozark Mill has been one of the best-managed and best-paying cotton factories in the county. He was a director of the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Co., of Raleigh.

On October 20, 1887, he married Miss Zoe Hand, daughter of Mr. S. J. Hand, of Lowell, who survives, together with five children, viz: Grady, Violet, Henry, Lawrence and Pink. He is also survived by six brothers and one sister, viz: W. R. and A. J. Rankin, of Belmont; L. E. Rankin, of Lowell; A. R. and E. P. Rankin, of Gastonia; Robert F. Rankin, of Mount Holly, and Mrs. Jane Armstrong, of Belmont. He was a half-uncle of Messrs. W. T., E. J., Ralph and Rufus Rankin and had a large connection throughout the county.

Since early childhood Mr. Rankin had been a member of the M. E. Church, South, to which he was ever faithful and loyal, being a regular attendant upon its services as long as his health would permit. He was a man of the highest Christian character and was closely identified with every movement for the upbuilding of the church and every good thing. He was of a sunny and cheerful disposition and the good influence of his life will live. He was indeed a man of the character which any community can ill afford to lose. He was held in the very highest esteem by everyone who came in contact with him.

The funeral services will be held tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock in Main Street Methodist church, conducted by Rev. E. L. Bain, formerly pastor of this church and now presiding elder of the Statesville district, assisted by Rev. George D. Herman, the present pastor, and Rev. Dr. J. C. Galloway, pastor of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian

MISS HUTCHINGS TO WED.

Her Approaching Marriage to Mr. W. G. Pace, of Oxford, Announced as Unique Party Given Friday by Mrs. D. A. Garrison—November 3rd the Date.

At her home on Dallas street Friday afternoon Mrs. D. A. Garrison entertained the Tuesday Afternoon Club and a few invited guests with a farewell party in honor of Miss Marie Hutchings, the occasion also serving to announce the approaching marriage of Miss Hutchings to Mr. W. G. Pace, a prominent tobacco man of Oxford. Miss Hutchings has been spending the summer and fall with Mrs. Garrison and during her stay in Gastonia has made a large number of friends, who will be interested in this announcement.

The afternoon's event was in the nature of a "travel party," the imaginary trip being from Gastonia to Oxford, where the bride and groom will make their home, via Washington. Mrs. Frost Torrence greeted the guests at the front door and delivered to them tickets for the trip. On the back of each ticket appeared the date, October 28, 1910, and they were punched with the date November 3, 1910, the day for the wedding. Mrs. P. R. Falls gave to the guests the baggage, in the shape of small suit cases. On one side appeared the name of the bride-to-be, Miss Marie Hutchings, Gastonia, N. C., while on the reverse side appeared the address Mr. W. G. Pace, Oxford, N. C. The tables, at which the game of "travel dice" was played, instead of being numbered, were designated by the names of the towns through which the couple will pass on their bridal trip to Washington and on to Oxford. The first table was "Gastonia," the starting point, and the last "Oxford," the destination. Instead of punching score cards for the games the scores were designated by tags attached to the suit cases. Through the rooms of the house were scattered signs such as one sees in depots and on trains, such as, for instance, "Fares paid on trains are at a higher rate than tickets purchased from agents," "Passengers are not allowed to stand on the platform," etc.

The marriage of Mr. Pace and Miss Hutchings will take place at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Garrison Thursday evening, November 3, at 6 o'clock and will be a quiet home affair. Only close relatives and friends will witness the ceremony which will be performed by Rev. Dr. J. C. Galloway, pastor of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church. Mr. and Mrs. Pace will leave on No. 38 Thursday evening for Washington and will later go to the groom's home at Oxford where they will reside. The bride-to-be is a daughter of Mrs. M. J. Hutchings of Charlotte and is a young lady of many personal charms. Her brother, Mr. Thomas Hutchings, of Chattanooga, Tenn., arrived Saturday and will remain until after the wedding. Her mother, Mrs. M. J. Hutchings, and sister, Miss Bertie Hutchings, of Charlotte, will be here also. The groom will be accompanied by his friend, Mr. Hunt, a prominent business man of Oxford.

Woodmen Organize at Union.

There was a large gathering of people at Union school house Friday night, the 21st, to hear an address by District Deputy W. S. Charles, of Charlotte, on the plans and principles of the Woodmen of the World, one of the leading fraternal beneficiary orders. At the close of the address a camp of the order was organized, and the following officers elected: W. C. Wilson, consul commander; W. A. Harper, adviser lieutenant; E. L. Hudspeth, clerk; M. D. Ratchford, banker; J. C. Brandon escort; T. P. Glenn, watchman; R. R. Craig, sentry; A. M. Suggs, manager; J. W. Harrison, manager; T. T. Craig, manager. The camp was named "W. S. Charles" in honor of Mr. Charles, who is also head consul of the Woodmen of the World in North Carolina, which is known as Jurisdiction "W." The camp starts with a large membership, all enthusiastic "choppers".

church. Interment will follow in Oakwood cemetery.

The bereaved family have the deepest sympathy of hundreds of friends all over Gaston county in their bereavement.