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OVER GASTON COUNTY.

BESSEMER ROUTE ONE, NEWS.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
BESSEMER CITY, Route 1, Nov. 29.—Mrs. Wm Carpenter and little son, Webb, spent the week-end at Mrs. Carpenter's mothers, Mrs. C. A. Clark.—Miss Zona Stroup, who is in school at Davenport College, visited homefolks last Saturday and Sunday.—Miss Lula Bridges, of Kings Mountain, is teaching school at Carolina school house this winter.—Misses Jessie and Mattie Mullen, of Lincolnton, visited Misses Cleo, Helen and Annie Pasour for a few days last week.—Mr. Sam Hovis, who is teaching school at Belmont this year, visited homefolks last Saturday and Sunday.—Messrs. John and Sidney Mitchem, of Lincolnton, visited at the home of their aunt, Mrs. C. A. Clark, near Bessemer City, last Saturday and Sunday.—Miss Lizzie Farris, of Cherryville, spent a few days last week with her sister, Mrs. Barbara Hager.—Mr. Jesse Carroll, of Cherryville, has gone to Florida where he will spend the winter.—Mr. William Pasour, of Savannah, Ga., will spend the winter with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Pasour.—Mr. John Baldwin and sons, Messrs. James and Oscar, have just returned from a trip to the mountains.—Miss Orbell Clark spent last Sunday with the Misses Pasour.—Misses Ada and Lucy Eaker visited Misses Florence and Barbara Snead last Saturday and Sunday.—Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Pasour were in Gastonia shopping last Tuesday.

HICKORY GROVE NEWS.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
HICKORY GROVE, Nov. 30.—Hickory Grove school started Monday morning with Mr. Sid Brown teaching. We hope he will get along nicely.—Mrs. Bertie Beal is spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bost, at Claremont.—Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Pasour and little boys spent Saturday at Long Shoals with Mr. and Mrs. Kiser.—Mr. and Mrs. George Howey are all smiles—it's a boy.—Misses Venia and Emma Lee Carpenter and Ada Ramsey visited Misses Lucy, Bryte and Marietta Pasour Saturday.—Paul, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Carpenter, spent Saturday with his aunt, Lucy Bryte Pasour.

An approaching marriage of interest to many Gastonians will be that of Miss Georgia Smith and Mr. R. H. Plyler which will take place December 22nd at the residence of Mrs. L. C. Torrence, No. 201 West Third avenue. Miss Smith has for the past five or six years held a position in the millinery department at Thomson's. Mr. Plyler is connected with the Spencer Lumber Company, formerly the Page Company.

Poultry Show a Success.

The Gaston Poultry Association's fifth annual show, which began Tuesday morning, comes to a close today. It has been by far the largest and best exhibition in the association's history. There were 521 fowls listed and almost every breed of chicken is represented. Mr. F. J. Marshall, of College Park, Atlanta, Ga., one of the best-known poultry judges in the South, judged the fowls and awarded the prizes. This was quite a difficult job and the task was only completed yesterday afternoon. The Gazette will publish, probably Tuesday, a list of the prize winners. The attendance has been good, though the cold weather for the past few days probably prevented some from attending who would otherwise have been on hand. The Gaston poultry show has reached a point where it compares most favorably with the largest and best shows in the South. It is a credit to the town, the county and the men who have, through persistent effort, built it up.

New Bridge Completed.

The new iron bridge which the county is having built across Indian creek on the Shoals road, four miles above Cherryville, will be completed this week. It is one of the best bridges of its kind in the county. This road is also now in fine shape, the work of grading having been done under the supervision of Mr. S. S. Harrelson.

DR. COOK HEARD FROM.

Arctic Explorer Confesses That He Doesn't Know Whether He Reached Pole or Not—May Have Been Insane—Makes Statement.

An Associated Press dispatch from New York dated November 30 contains an interesting statement from Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the Arctic explorer who claimed to have reached the North Pole but who, since his claims were disproved by Explorer Peary to the satisfaction of the majority of the people, has been in hiding. Dr. Cook has written an article for Hampton's magazine which is in the nature of a confession and from which some paragraphs have been made public through the Associated Press.

Dr. Cook says: "Did I get to the North Pole? Perhaps I made a mistake in thinking that I did. Perhaps I did not make a mistake. After mature thought I confess that I do not know absolutely whether I reached the pole or not. This may come as an amazing statement, but I am willing to startle the world if, by so doing I can get an opportunity to present my case. By my case I mean not my case as a geographical discoverer, but my case as a man. Much as the attainment of the North Pole once meant to me, the sympathy and confidence of my fellow men mean more."

The publishers of the article issued a statement tonight saying that nowhere in his narrative does Dr. Cook either cast any reflections on Peary or question Peary's claims. Dr. Cook, who has been in hiding for over a year, has informed the editors of the magazine publishing his story that he will return to the United States with his wife and spend Christmas here.

Continuing Dr. Cook says: "Fully, freely and frankly I shall tell you everything. Tell you everything—and leave the decision with you. If, after reading my story, you say, 'Cook is sincere and honest, half crazed by months of isolation and hunger, he believed that he reached the pole, he is not a faker,' then I shall be satisfied."

Dr. Cook tells the story of his life, and pictures what he calls the overpowering ambition for exploration that beset him until it finally culminated in his effort to reach the pole.

Dr. Cook declares that at the time he convinced himself that he had discovered the pole he was half mad. He spent two years in his quest, and during that time endured hunger and privation that, he says, would unbalance any mind.

The explorer states that it would be impossible for any man to demonstrate beyond question that he had been to the North Pole. He characterized the region as a region of insanity, where one cannot believe the evidences gathered by one's own eyes.

Dr. Cook and his wife are now in Europe and the children are in a convent in France. Most of the time during his exile Dr. Cook has been in London.

"I have been called the greatest liar in the world, the most monumental impostor in history," says Dr. Cook. "I believe that in every undesirable way I stand unique, viti object of such suspicion and vituperation as have assailed few men."

Placed in Hollywood Cemetery.

Following a brief ceremony conducted at the grave by Rev. G. D. Herman yesterday morning the bodies of the late Prof. B. E. Atkins and of his oldest daughter, Mary Fowler Atkins, were committed to their final resting place in a cement vault in Hollywood Cemetery. Prof. Atkins died at Russellville, Ky., in February, 1909, and his body was placed in a vault in Maple Grove Cemetery there. Mr. J. W. Atkins, who went to Russellville last week returned with the remains yesterday morning on No. 36. The casket was removed to the rooms of the Ford Undertaking Company and remained there until the body of his daughter was disinterred in Oakwood Cemetery. Both were then taken to the new burying ground. Miss Atkins died in July, 1909. The pall-bearers yesterday were Messrs. B. T. Morris, W. B. Morris, S. S. Shuford, J. L. Beal, H. S. Seppark, W. H. Jenkins, W. D. Beam and Otto O. Baber.

COLD WAVE OVER SOUTH.

Freezing Weather as Far South as the Gulf States Marked the Entry of December 1—Snow Flurries Reported in Kentucky and Tennessee.

Louisville, Dec. 1.—Freezing weather as far south as the Gulf States marked the entry of the first day of December. Snow flurries are reported from many points in Kentucky and Tennessee and low temperatures prevail in practically all sections. Points in the Mississippi valley as far south as Arkansas reported temperatures ranging from 15 to 20 degrees, but the weather at these points as balmy compared with the conditions throughout the Middle West and Northwest, where snows and blizzards drove the mercury down to a point twelve degrees below zero.

Cold weather is predicted for practically the entire South tonight, with indications of a freeze in northern Florida and frost in the central portions of that State.

MILLION A DAY.

Red Cross Has Sent Out 60,000,000 Christmas Seals—Warns Against Misuse of Stickers.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 1.—Announcement comes from the headquarters of the American National Red Cross that Christmas Seals are being printed at the rate of a million a day and that already over 60,000,000 have been given out to agents in all parts of the United States. The demand for these holiday seals is greater this year than ever before.

At the same time the Red Cross issues a warning calling attention of all users of Christmas Seals to the ruling of the Postoffice Department that these stickers must be placed on the backs of letters and packages. To avoid the possibility of the misuse of holiday seals, warning cards are being posted in every booth where Red Cross Seals are sold, telling that the stickers are not good for postage and must be used only as seals.

Already several million seals have been sold to large manufacturing concerns and other business houses in all parts of the United States, and orders are coming in hourly. The outlook for selling 100,000,000 seals and thereby making good the slogan of the campaign, "A Million for Tuberculosis", are very bright.

Child Badly Burned.

Maston, the little three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Parham, was quite badly burned Wednesday afternoon when his clothing caught fire from the grate at the house of a neighbor, Mr. Sam Grigg. Mrs. Grigg had stepped over to Mrs. Parham's, leaving the children in the yard. They went into the house to the fire, where the little fellows clothes caught and he at once started home. He was met by Mrs. Parham, who extinguished the flames, but not before the child was pretty badly burned. He is reported this morning as still in a critical condition, but there is hope that he will recover.

She Outwitted the Officers.

Lexington Dispatch.
Mrs. Josephine O'Neal, of Rocky Mount, N. C., has the whole department of justice of the United States backed off and beaten to a frazzle. She is charged with sending obscene letters through the mails and when officers sought to arrest her, she barricaded her doors, loosed two ferocious bull dogs in the yard and handed two big revolvers with fearful carelessness. The officer went back with five assistants and the wily woman, knowing that the six men would be able to storm and take her castle, lay down upon her bed and feigned illness, declaring that she was totally unable to move. The officers tried to move her, but found it impossible. She tips the scales at 250 pounds and is not easily carried around. She has not yet been brought to justice.

The Winston-Salem Journal says that eighteen citizens of Waughtown killed twenty-five hogs on Thanksgiving Day whose total weight was 10,062 pounds. What community can beat this record.

OUR HONOR ROLL.

List of New Subscribers and Renewals During Past Ten Days—Our Special Premium Offer Still in Force.

During the past ten days, or since our last list was published on November 22nd, the following persons have made payments on subscription: Miss Bertha Johnson, C. J. Lineberger, William Holland, R. A. Rankin, R. J. W. Moss, J. H. White, Rupert Clemmer, J. E. Dameron, H. D. Roberts, D. M. Arrowood, G. M. Shives, Matt R. Jenkins, S. E. Foy, Mrs. Nannie E. Rhyne, D. A. Lineberger, Dr. W. H. Hoffman, E. B. Ware, G. A. Morrow, Ed Whitesides, Rev. G. D. Herman, T. M. Pearson, W. L. Lineberger, J. E. Russell, Dr. D. E. McConnell, W. D. Robinson, J. Y. Miller, H. N. Garrison, J. M. Hampton, Mrs. R. N. Wilson, J. W. Blackwood, S. M. Pearson, E. L. Shelton, R. L. Gobie, J. G. Jenkins, B. G. Bradley, J. S. Jenkins, A. W. Neill, Samuel Hurley, Thomas E. Hovis, G. H. Sherer, Mrs. K. J. Kennedy, J. M. Nolen, C. P. Carpenter, Mrs. Minerva Puett, Rev. John Hall, Marshall Robinson, E. B. Robinson, W. M. Boyd, A. A. McLean, Pearl Gillespie, Sallie Brown, J. R. Anderson, W. D. Dameron, R. O. Howe, D. B. Glover, A. J. Rankin, J. P. Stowe, A. A. Armstrong, J. W. Stowe, H. R. Elmore, G. P. Caldwell, J. A. Capps, J. K. Bowen, G. A. Howell, R. T. Barnes, M. W. Sanford, Miss Edith Lineberger, J. L. McCann, J. M. Sloan, J. L. Brandon, S. L. Jenkins, J. W. Bradley, H. F. Oakley, A. R. Rankin, Mrs. Ann Stowe, E. J. Rankin, E. H. Rankin, M. A. Rutledge, T. L. Clinton, J. W. Millen, J. Play Bess, O. M. Boyd, A. W. Wimberly, H. D. Hanna, J. R. Henderson, H. M. Lineberger, S. E. Ferguson, R. C. Kendrick, J. M. Gaston, Mrs. M. M. Robinson, R. C. Robinson, Mrs. H. F. Gash, E. D. Huffstetler, C. L. Spencer, Oscar Pasour, E. E. Ratchford, Mason McArver, W. H. Moten, J. C. Pasour, M. L. Kendrick, W. C. Petty, J. Lee Robinson, D. A. Garrison, W. D. Anthony, Frank Hewitt, Grigg & Alexander, R. A. Caldwell, Perry Wright, R. E. Long, J. W. Clanton, Susan Kennedy, J. M. Craig, J. L. Stowe, L. F. Ewing, H. C. Johnson, F. P. Hall, T. A. Henry, W. G. Beattie, J. L. Kendrick, G. F. Wright, F. A. Cathey, G. A. Gold, Frazier-Wetzell Co., Swan-Slater Co., W. Y. Warren, Rev. J. W. Carson, J. N. Moore, J. W. Patrick, J. L. Gaston, J. W. McKee, P. J. Ineberger, Mrs. Harriet Hanna, E. P. Clark, H. W. Allran, Cherryville Hardware Co., J. W. Kendrick, A. W. Howell, B. S. Summit, A. M. Anthony, J. H. Dellinger, Guy Dellinger, C. P. Beam, P. S. Eaker, J. C. Ballard, J. E. Wyatt, C. L. White, R. E. Wyatt, Henry Craig, J. T. Wylie, L. C. Small, C. E. Wright, Joseph Holland, L. Thompson & Son, Chas. B. Boyd, Mecklenburg Marble & Granite Co., W. F. Lewis, J. L. Lewis, J. N. Roberts, K. M. McKee, J. F. Dilling.

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New Presiding Elder.

Rev. Dr. S. B. Turrentine, the newly appointed Presiding Elder of the Shelby District, Western North Carolina Conference, will preach at Main Street Methodist church next Sunday Morning, December 4th, and at West End Methodist church Sunday evening. Dr. Turrentine is well known as one of the most excellent preachers of the Conference and his appointment as Presiding Elder of this district at the recent conference at Winston-Salem met with general approval. He will doubtless be heard by good congregations at both services next Sunday.

A dispatch from Albany, N. Y., says that the late David B. Hill's estate is valued at \$62,000.

A FAMOUS PICTURE

Rosa Bonheur's Stirring Masterpiece, "The Horse Fair."

A PRIZE THAT FRANCE LOST.

The Artist's Native Land Permitted the Great Canvas to Find a Home in This Country—The Story of the Painting and Its Replicas.

One of the chief glories of the Metropolitan museum in New York is Rosa Bonheur's stirring masterpiece, "The Horse Fair," a picture which for its irresistible movement and living portrayal of man's most useful friend holds a unique position in the annals of art and the affections of lovers of paintings.

Few, however, are acquainted with the intimate history of that notable canvas, and fewer still are aware that there are no less than five horse fair pictures in existence. The one in New York is the original and, it will be remembered, was first the property of A. T. Stewart and then purchased for the Metropolitan by Cornelius Vanderbilt for 250,000 francs.

It was painted in Paris, the models used being the horses of the Paris Omnibus company and a few animals studied at the horse market of the French capital. It was first exhibited at the salon of 1853, but went back to the artist unsold.

A part of the further history of the famous painting is recorded by Ernest Gambart in his manuscript memoirs, which have been freely drawn upon for the "Reminiscences of Rosa Bonheur."

"After the closing of the 1853 Paris Salon 'The Horse Fair' was intrusted to the Society of Artists of Ghent for exhibition in that town, where it had a great success, but whence it also came back unsold. In the spring of 1854 I expressed to Mlle. Bonheur the desire to buy it from her. At that time it was in Bordeaux, her native town.

"Her preference was that the municipality should purchase it for the city museum, and a price of 12,000 francs had been mentioned at which the town authorities might acquire it. But she said to me that if the canvas came back to her again she would let me have it. However, she could not let it go to England for less than 40,000 francs.

"I unhesitatingly accepted the bargain, and it was agreed that the picture should be mine unless sold to Bordeaux. As the picture was back in her studio again in the following year, I told Mlle. Bonheur that I wished to take it at once in order to have it in my 1855 exhibition and that I should like to have it engraved by Thomas Landseer, the celebrated engraver and brother to the painter.

"She was delighted at the idea of the picture being engraved and said to me: 'I have asked you 40,000 francs for my picture, although in France I cannot get 12,000, and I am pleased at your consenting to my terms. On the other hand, I don't mean to take undue advantage of your liberality. How can we arrange matters? Let us see. Well, the picture is very large, and it will be difficult to find a place for it in an engraver's studio. Besides, you want to exhibit it. Wouldn't it be better for me to paint you a smaller copy?'"

"That suggestion she carried out and explains how the second canvas came into existence. That smaller copy was the one from which Landseer's well known steel engraving was made and is the picture which is in the British National gallery.

When she heard that it had become the property of the British nation Mlle. Bonheur decided to make a third copy, thinking the second was not good enough for the London collection; hence "The Horse Fair" No. 3. But the National gallery authorities were not able to accept the substitute, as the painting which it was designed to replace had been given to them as trustees.

Besides these three, Mlle. Bonheur executed a water color replica and a drawing based on a large photograph. Of all these, however, the picture in the Metropolitan is by far the finest work, which is only as it should be in view of the fact that the artist always found her best public in America.

This was recalled to her detriment when the rosette of the Legion of Honor was requested in her behalf. "She has ceased exhibiting at the salon," objected the president, "and sells in America everything she paints." The complete answer to that was that the French government had had the opportunity to buy "The Horse Fair," but had neglected it.—Argonaut.

—Miss Susie Hoffman arrived from Charlotte a few days ago and is spending a short while at the home of Mrs. E. C. Wilson. On next Wednesday she will leave for Philadelphia and New York, where she will spend the winter.

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IN CLUB CIRCLES

At her beautiful home on South Oakland street Mrs. John F. Love entertained the S. and O. Club and a number of invited guests yesterday afternoon from 3 to 6. The house was most tastefully decorated for the occasion in potted plants and flowers. The afternoon was pleasantly spent in playing games and delicious refreshments were served in two courses.

At her home on South Marietta street yesterday afternoon Mrs. W. J. Clifford delightfully entertained the Friendly Matrons Club and the following invited guests: Messdames D. A. Cline, George A. Jenkins, I. A. Campbell and W. H. Reddish. The club members and guests engaged in fancy work and social converse. Refreshments were served in two courses. Music was furnished by Miss Annie Clifford.

SOCIAL.

Mrs. Robert A. Love returned last night from Cliffside, where she attended the marriage of her brother, Mr. Grover C. Haynes, to Miss Irma Fortune, which took place at the bride's home there on Wednesday afternoon. It was a quiet home wedding, only a few special guests being present besides the relatives and near friends of the bride and groom.

Handsomely engraved invitations reading as follows were received in Gastonia yesterday:

Mrs. Anna E. Brunson invites you to be present at the marriage of her daughter Nancy Elizabeth

to Mr. John Graham Carpenter Wednesday evening, December the fourteenth

Nineteen hundred and ten at six o'clock Methodist Church Florence, South Carolina.

Announcement of the approaching marriage of Miss Brunson and Mr. Carpenter was made some days ago. The event will be one of especial interest to the many Gaston friends of the contracting parties.

ORPHAN BOY CLIMBS HIGH.

Worthen, New Western Union Superintendent, Is But 34 Years Old—Native of Shelby, Atlanta Journal.

H. C. Worthen, whose appointment to the position of general superintendent of the Southern division of the Western Union Telegraph Company, with headquarters in Atlanta, to succeed the late B. F. Dillon, as reported in The Georgian Tuesday, will not assume his new duties for several days.

Practically all of Mr. Worthen's services with the telegraph company have been in the office of the general manager, with headquarters in New York city, and his duties have carried him all over the United States. His only visit to Atlanta was in September, when he was on an inspection tour of the Southern division.

Mr. Worthen, while only 34 years old, has had a rapid rise. Born in Shelby, N. C., his parents died when he was quite young, and he was placed in the Oxford Orphan asylum, where he was reared and educated. While quite young he learned telegraphy and at the age of thirteen secured a position with the Seaboard Air Line as telegraph operator. In 1898 he joined the Western Union forces and has been steadily promoted until today he occupies one of the best positions in the gift of the company.

A Good Newspaper Creed.

Louisville Courier Journal.
To print nothing of a man which we would not say to his face; to print nothing of a man in malice; to look well and think twice before consigning a suspect to the ruin of printers' ink; to respect the old and defend the weak; and lastly, at work and at play, day time and night to be good to the girls and square with the boys, for hath it not been written "Of such is the kingdom of heaven."