

# THE GASTONIA GAZETTE.

PUBLISHED TWICE A WEEK—TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS.

SINGLE COPY 3 CENTS.

Devoted to the Protection of Home and the Interests of the County.

\$1.50 A YEAR IN ADVANCE.

VOL. XXXI.

GASTONIA, N. C. TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1910.

NO. 101.

## OVER GASTON COUNTY.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

**BESSEMER CITY, Dec. 19.**—Geraldine, the six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. McDowell, has been critically ill with diphtheria for several days. Dr. R. H. Garren, the family physician, called Drs. Wilson, of Gastonia, and Matheson, of Charlotte, for consultation. The little child is reported decidedly better today and it is hoped by her many friends that the crisis has been passed.

The Cherryville to Bessemer macadam road being built by a section of the Gaston convict force, is completed within 3 1-2 miles of town. Since the burning of the camp some weeks ago the force have been comfortably quartered in an unoccupied store building on Main street. Mr. McArver, the popular superintendent, has moved into the residence of Mr. H. N. Garrison, who several months ago moved to Corsicana, Texas. Mr. N. G. Todd, who has the contract to grade this road, has reached town with his work. He is occupying the Waller house.

Christmas exercises are to be rendered at the Sunnyside school house next Friday afternoon. A Christmas tree will be given by the Sunday school at the Davis school house Saturday morning. This is an annual observance and is always an interesting occasion. Mr. P. L. Hastings is the superintendent of the Sunday school.

Among the young people expected to arrive this week to spend the holidays with homefolks are Miss Pearl Thornburg and Mr. Carl Thornburg, of Weaverville College, Asheville; Miss Zoe Ormand, Asheville Normal; Misses Zona Stroup and Myrtle Kiser, Davenport College, Lenoir; Mr. Floyd Whitney, State University; John O. Durham, of Concord, and Miss Florence Mitchell, of the Greensboro Normal.

Miss Fannie Thornburg, the efficient teacher of the Mountain Island public school, is at home for Christmas. Miss Candace Wolfe, who is teaching in York county, South Carolina, will arrive the last of the week and Mr. Sam Hovis, of the Belmont graded school, will also spend a week or more in the community. Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Goodrum and little children, of Davidson, spent last Saturday and Sunday in town, the guests of Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Armstrong. Rev. L. B. Hobbs, the new pastor of the Baptist church, has moved his family here from Trio, S. C., and is occupying the house recently vacated by Mr. J. P. Jones, who moved to Kings Mountain.

Mr. Fletcher Smith and Miss Frankie Kiser were married at the home of Mr. W. W. Kiser Wednesday afternoon. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. Frank Armstrong.

Mr. W. A. Broadway, one of the convict guards, spent last Sunday with homefolks at Lucia. Prof. D. C. Johnson and family and Mrs. C. G. Robbins and Mrs. J. F. Armstrong spent Saturday shopping in Charlotte. Mesdames E. L. Fronberger, J. W. Scott, J. E. Wheeler, and Nellie Mason were also Charlotte shoppers one day recently. Mrs. Nellie Mason will spend a part of the holidays with relatives in Salisbury. Mr. J. A. Brown, Jr., will spend several days of next week in Asheville. Misses Tessie Hastings and Kate Wiley were Gastonia shoppers Saturday. All the teachers in our graded school will spend Christmas at home except Miss Hight, who will remain here. Mr. Joseph Cosby returned a few days ago from a five weeks visit to his daughter who lives at Roanoke Island.

**A Suggestion.**  
Postmaster E. G. Pasour suggests that merchants who sell small articles that are commonly sent by mail as Christmas gifts would do well to have small postal scales on their counters and keep stamps on hand, so their customers could prepare their packages for mailing when they are purchased. This would prevent the annoyance of waiting in line at the postoffice during the rush of the Christmas season.

Miss Mamie Beard is expected to return from Charlotte the last of the week to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Beard.



—Mr. W. P. McAteer, of McAdenville, was a business visitor in Gastonia Saturday.

—Mrs. J. H. Separk and Miss Blanche Gray spent yesterday in Charlotte.

—Mr. W. L. Kester, of route four, is a business visitor in Gastonia today.

—Mr. John M. Kendrick and family have moved from Gastonia, route two, to Lowell.

—Mr. M. L. Smith, of Clover, S. C., was in town on business yesterday.

—Mr. John F. Leeper, of Belmont, was among Saturday's business visitors in Gastonia.

—Mr. J. Alonzo Rhyne, of Dallas, was in the city Saturday and paid The Gazette office a pleasant call.

—Mr. John L. Smith, of Dallas, route two, was a business visitor in the city Saturday and paid The Gazette office a call.

—Prof. Hugh Query, principal of the Belmont graded schools, spent Sunday in town with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Adams.

—Mr. J. H. Brisen, one of the county's substantial citizens living on route one, Lowell, is among today's business visitors to Gastonia.

—Mr. J. J. Wilson, a prosperous and well-to-do farmer of Clover, route one, is a business visitor in Gastonia today.

—Miss Mildred Rankin will arrive Thursday from Greensboro, where she is attending the State Normal College to spend the holidays with homefolks.

—Mr. Wiley H. McGinnis, assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Kings Mountain, was a business visitor in Gastonia yesterday.

—Mr. Andrew J. Rankin, of Belmont, has qualified as executor of the estate of the late L. Monroe Lineberger and gives notice of the fact in today's Gazette.

—Mr. J. W. Kendrick went to Boiling Springs last Tuesday to be with his daughter, Miss Mattie, who has been ill but who is now able to resume her studies in school. —Cherryville Eagle, 15th.

—Messrs. Leonard and Thomas Lee Wilson are expected to return Thursday from Erskine College, Due West, S. C., to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Lee Wilson, of Dallas.

—Prof. George A. Gold and family, who have been living on route one, Bessemer City, left yesterday afternoon for Union Level, Va., where they will make their home in the future.

—Mr. W. S. Loughridge and family have moved from West Main avenue to the residence at 207 West Long avenue recently vacated by Mr. S. H. Robinson, who moved last week to Greenville, S. C.

—Mr. Sam Farris, who lives near Kings Mountain, will, says Friday's Cleveland Star, move to South Carolina this week, having purchased a good farm near Rock Hill. He has sold his farm near Kings Mountain.

—Mrs. Julius Black and daughter, Miss Ava, who have been visiting relatives and friends at Cherryville for some time, left last Wednesday for their home in Spokane, Wash., says the Cherryville Eagle of the 15th.

—Mr. O. E. Glenn, of Clover, S. C., route two, and Mr. Jonas Huffstetter, of Gastonia, route three, were among Saturday's visitors in Gastonia. Mr. Glenn has recently moved from Gastonia, route three, to Clover, route two.

—Mr. Robert W. Adams, who has been in Pittsburg, Pa., for the past year with the Westinghouse Electric Co., is expected to arrive home Saturday night to spend two weeks here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Adams.

—Miss Iva Pursley, of Bowling Green, route one, spent Sunday in Gastonia with the family of Mr. W. Y. Warren. She will leave next Monday for Plant City, Fla., to

spend the winter with her brother, Mr. Hugh Pursley.

—The Cherryville Eagle of the 15th says that Mrs. Susan Beam, wife of Mr. Luther Beam, died on Sunday, the 11th, at her home three miles east of Cherryville. She had been in feeble health for some time. The body was interred in the family burying ground.

—Mr. Charles Gray, who has been ill from typhoid fever since he returned home from Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va., several weeks ago, was able to be up town Saturday for the first time. His friends will be glad to learn of his recovery.

—Messrs. William and Ernest Hardin are expected to arrive in Gastonia tomorrow to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Hardin. The former is at Christ School, Arden, N. C., and the latter at the Patterson School, Yadkin Valley, N. C.

—Mr. S. H. Robinson, who has been engineer of the Southern Railway's shifting engine here for the past year or more, left with his family Saturday for Greenville, S. C., where he goes to accept a similar position. Mr. Robinson is succeeded by Mr. Lee Hanks, of Belmont.

—Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Sifford will leave in January for Richmond, Va., where they will reside in the future, Mr. Sifford's house having made a change in the territory he travels. Their many friends will regret to lose them from Gastonia but wish for them abundant happiness and success in their new home.

—Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Brown, of Beaufort, S. C., are expected to arrive in Gastonia today to spend a few days with the latter's sister, Mrs. J. M. Sloan. Mrs. Brown, who was recently married, will be most pleasantly remembered as Miss Emma Rose, of Wadesboro, and has frequently visited in Gastonia.

—"The Gastonia Holiday Messenger" is the title of a handsomely gotten-up and splendidly illustrated eight-page holiday paper gotten out by Mr. H. M. VanSleen, the jeweler. Besides jokes, proverbs, etc., it contains considerable information about the wares suitable for the Christmas season which will be found at Mr. VanSleen's store.

—In renewing his subscription to The Gazette Mr. J. R. Connell, a former Gastonian now living at Keota, Okla., says: "I must have The Gazette—can't get on without it." In this or the next issue of The Gazette we will give our readers an interesting letter about his Western home. We would be glad if more of our valued subscribers in distant States would occasionally send us letters for publication.

—At the Dorsett hotel, Clover, S. C., on Monday, December 12th, Mr. Knox Drum and Miss Susan Isaacs were married by Mr. F. E. Clinton, notary public. Both parties were from Hickory. At the residence of Mr. D. J. Forbes on route one, Clover, Mr. Frank Smith and Miss Mary Plume were united in marriage by Mr. Clinton, who also officiated, at the same time and place, at the marriage of Mr. Newman Lynn and Miss

—Mr. J. Columbus Rhyne, of Gastonia, left Saturday for Spencer to see his son, Sloan, who is employed in the Southern Railway shops at that place and who was severely burned a week ago. Young Rhyne had a green hand helping him and the latter dropped a wet dipper in a receptacle filled with molten brass. The hot brass flew in all directions and badly burned young Rhyne. His injuries, however, are not believed to be permanent.

—A prominent North Carolinian, one of the most popular and ablest editors in the State, spent Sunday in Gastonia, and before leaving for his home yesterday morning, was shown through Gaston county's new court house. He was greatly impressed with the architecture, arrangement and construction of the building and did not hesitate to say that it is the best court house in North Carolina. This gentleman has been in almost every county in the State and is consequently well qualified to pass judgment on this structure. His opinion coincides with that expressed by practically everybody who has seen our new hall of justice. It is certainly a thing of beauty and a public building that Gaston countians have just cause to be proud of.

## THE MESSRS. DUKE HERE.

**Prominent Business Men and Promoters of Big Trolley System Spend Few Hours in Gastonia Conferring With Manufacturers and Merchants.**

Messrs. J. B. and B. N. Duke and party paid Gastonia a flying visit last night, coming at the invitation of local manufacturers and merchants for an informal conference with reference to the Piedmont Traction Company's proposed interurban electric lines through this section. They arrived in their special car which was attached to train No. 41, reaching Gastonia at 5:35 p. m., and left on No. 40 at 9:48 p. m. for Charlotte. The party was composed of Mr. J. B. Duke, Mr. B. N. Duke, Mr. J. E. Stagg, Mr. Z. V. Taylor, Mr. A. Wilmore and Mr. W. S. Lee. Mr. C. E. Hutchinson, of Mount Holly, and Mr. Andrew E. Moore, of Gastonia, directors of the company, met the party here.

A representative delegation of local business men, composed largely of cotton manufacturers of the town together with several prominent manufacturers from nearby towns, were received by the party at their private car on the York street siding where a free and informal discussion of the projected line was had. Later the Messrs. Dukes and their associates were taken to the rooms of the Commercial Club where they were tendered an informal reception. A large number of the town's largest merchants and shippers were present and met these gentlemen.

While no definite statement was given out by the Messrs. Duke who, it is generally understood, are the prime movers and largest stockholders in the Piedmont Traction Company, it is known that they were very greatly pleased by the spirit manifested by Gastonia's business interests last night. They have the assurance that our citizens are friendly toward the road, that they are anxious to see it built and that they are ready and willing to lend all the encouragement they can to this enterprise. If other manufacturing towns in this section display towards the company the same spirit which Gastonia has exhibited with reference to it, there remains no doubt that the road will be promptly built.

That the construction of the Piedmont Traction Company's proposed line through this section will prove to be one of the greatest events in the industrial development of the Piedmont section of the Carolinas admits of no doubt. It will penetrate the heart of one of the richest fastest-growing and most progressive sections of the entire South the increased facilities it will afford for the handling of both freight and passenger traffic will make for more rapid and more complete development of our natural resources.

It is not necessary to go into details here with reference to the plans of this company, as the public has already been pretty well informed with regard to them. The proposed line is to run from Anderson, S. C., to Durham, N. C., a distance of 300 miles or more. Manufacturers and business men along the route are asked to take 25 per cent of the stock and on the South Carolina end of the road this has already been done and work is being pushed on the actual construction of the South Carolina division.

It was stated last night that, after work is commenced, the road will be completed from Kings Mountain to Charlotte in six months or less time.

## In Interest of Orphanage.

Mr. Archibald Johnson, editor of Charity and Children, the organ of the Baptist orphanage at Thomasville, spent Sunday in Gastonia and delivered three addresses in the interest of that institution, speaking in the morning at the First Baptist church, in the afternoon at the Lora Baptist church and at night at the East Baptist church. Despite the unfavorable weather he had good congregations at each place. Mr. Johnson is a splendid speaker and he made a strong plea for the orphanage. He was heard with intense interest by all and no doubt his visit here will bear fruit in the future.

## STRICKEN WITH PARALYSIS.

**Mr. C. C. Cornwell, Clerk of the Court, Suffers Slight Stroke But is Improving.**

Mr. Charles C. Cornwell, clerk of the Superior Court for Gaston county, suffered a stroke of paralysis at his home in Dallas about 6 o'clock Saturday morning. One side was affected and he partially lost the power of speech. Medical assistance was summoned and for a while grave apprehensions were felt by his family and friends.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. Cornwell's condition was reported as considerably improved. He was able to use his right arm and leg and had largely regained his speech. The improvement in his condition has been steady and there are strong grounds for the hope that he will, within a few days, be completely restored to health.

Mr. Cornwell has been clerk of the court for the past twelve or fifteen years and was re-elected in November without opposition. He is one of Gaston county's most popular citizens and his hundreds of friends all over the county hope for his speedy and entire restoration to health.

## Pension Checks Mailed Out.

Clerk of the Court C. C. Cornwell last week mailed out the annual pension checks to Gaston county's Confederate veterans and widows of veterans. The total amount was \$9,210 divided as follows: Seven of the second class at \$60 each, \$420.00; six of the third class at \$48 each, \$288.00; 193 of the fourth class at \$26 each, \$5,018.00; 134 widows at \$26.00 each, \$3,484.00. This represents Gaston's part of the State appropriation for Confederate veterans and their widows, which is sent out annually in December.

## Gaston's Cotton Crop.

Gaston county's cotton crop for the present season is, according to conservative figures, worth \$1,065,625.00 for lint and seed combined. This is based on the estimate made by one of the best posted and most conservative local brokers, one who has been in close touch with the Gaston markets for the past several years. He says the crop will be about 12,500 bales or 6,250,000 pounds, counting 500 pounds to the bale. At an average of 14 1-2 cents per pound the lint will bring a total of \$906,250.00. To every bale of cotton there are 30 bushels of seed or a total of 375,000 bushels. At an average of 42 1-2 cents per bushel the seed is worth \$159,375.00, making the total for both seed and lint \$1,065,625.00. This is by no means the largest crop Gaston has raised, the crop having, in several good years amounted to 14,000 or more bales. It would be interesting to know the size and value of this year's crop in Gaston but there is no way of making anything like an accurate estimate on that crop.

## Negro Killed at "Festibal."

A negro "festibal" at the home of Erwin Lindsay, a short distance west of the Arlington Mills, Saturday night reached its climax about 10 o'clock when Gus McKinney shot and instantly killed Otis Nixon, a sixteen-year-old negro boy employed by the Gastonia Livery Company and commonly called by his associates and employers "Monk." Two shots were fired into the boy's body, one piercing his heart and causing instant death and the other entering a short distance below the heart. McKinney escaped and so far no trace of him has been obtained. He probably fled to South Carolina, from which State, it is understood, he came. It is also reported that McKinney has killed another man at some time and place in the past. The police authorities were notified and investigated the affair. There were numbers of eyewitnesses, as the affair occurred while the festibal was at its height, and it was not deemed necessary to have an inquest. The authorities have taken the matter in hand and are making efforts to locate the murderer. Nixon's body was buried yesterday in the potter's field.

## Win Poultry Prizes.

At the poultry show held at Greensboro last week Mr. H. Rutter's White Orpingtons won first cockerel and first and second pullet; Mr. W. Grier Beattie, of Dallas, won second and third hens on his White Leghorns; Mr. P. D. Hopper, of Clover, S. C., won second cockerel on White Leghorns.

## Annual Statement.

The Gazette is today giving its readers, on pages six and seven, the annual report of the clerk of the court of Gaston county for the year ending November 30th, 1910. This report will be read with interest by many of our subscribers. We have in hand copy for the annual report of the county treasurer for the year ending November 30th, 1910, and will publish the same next week.

## Syrian Woman Dead.

At the Gaston Hospital Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock Mrs. Ranjos John Ferris, a native of Syria, died after an illness of several weeks. Death was due to typhoid fever with complications. She had been confined at the hospital for about two weeks. Deceased was about 33 years of age and was born at Mount Lebanon, Syria, the daughter of Moses Nesser. She came to America four years ago and had been living in Gastonia for the past two years. She leaves a husband and one child and a brother and sister here. Following funeral services Saturday afternoon conducted by Father Melchior, of St. Mary's College, Belmont, the body was interred in Hollywood cemetery.

## Fire Near Dallas.

Fire last Friday night totally destroyed a house on the Dallas-Harden road two miles from Dallas, belonging to Mr. Charles L. Pasour and occupied by Mr. Jack Carpenter and family. The occupants were away on a visit and all their household goods of every description went up in the flames. It was a five-room frame structure, built many years ago but in good condition. There was no insurance. It is not known how it caught fire but there is some suspicion that it was the work of an incendiary. Almost at the same time the Rhyne school house, only a quarter of a mile away, caught fire near the stove and a hole was burned through the floor. The damage there was small.

## Mr. and Mrs. Walters Bereaved.

Their many friends sympathize deeply with Mr. and Mrs. John W. Walters in the great sorrow which came to their home shortly after 3 o'clock this morning when the death angel came and took from them their oldest child, Minnie Bostic. Following an attack of measles pneumonia developed in the little sufferer last night, when she became desperately ill. Death followed quickly. Minnie would have been seven years old on New Year's day and she was the pride of her parents and the light of the household. She was greatly devoted to her Sunday school work, being a member of Mrs. W. H. Reddish's class. In September she entered the Central graded school where she made many friends. Of a most lovable disposition, she was a favorite with all who knew her. Quick and apt in her studies, her record at school was an excellent one. Her death has cast a gloom over the home to which she had brought so much gladness and to many hearts, among her playmates and friends. Rev. W. H. Reddish, pastor of the First Baptist church, assisted by Rev. Dr. J. C. Galloway, will conduct the funeral at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning at the home, 423 West Main avenue, after which the body will be laid to rest in Hollywood cemetery.

—Use The Gazette's advertising columns as a shopping guide. It will save you time, worry and money.

—We are glad to be able to report that Sheriff T. E. Shuford, who has been quite ill at his home in Dallas for the last two weeks, is considerably better than he was a few days ago, and his family and friends have strong hopes that he will be able to be up in a short time, though he is still quite weak from the effects of his illness.