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OVER GASTON COUNTY.

DUNN-HOLLIS.

Prominent Young Mount Holly Business Man Weds West Virginia Girl—Round of Holiday Social Affairs—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of the Gazette.
MOUNT HOLLY, Jan. 2.—The holiday season at Mount Holly this year was the most pleasant one in the history of the town. The little folks enjoyed the usual Christmas tree celebration in each of the four churches. Quite a number of visitors were here. The weather was perfect, and on the streets not a single arrest was made during the entire week.

A decided surprise was sprung on our folks last Thursday morning when the news flashed from one to another that Mr. Tom Dunn was married. The particulars are as follows: Mr. Dunn boarded No. 12 at Belmont Wednesday afternoon where he joined his bride-to-be, Miss Louise Hollis, of Martinsville, W. Va. In the meantime, all arrangements for the marriage in Charlotte had been made. The couple were driven from the station to the Methodist parsonage and there, in the presence of the friends of the groom, were united in marriage by Rev. Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe. They came to Mount Holly over the Seaboard Thursday morning and were greeted at the station by the entire brigade of young folks who waded to them the head of welcome (and each hand was full of rice).

The bride is an accomplished little woman and was very attractive and is most pleasantly remembered by the friends she made during her stay here two years ago. The groom is one of our successful young business men and is widely popular among a large circle of friends here, and throughout the State. Mr. and Mrs. Dunn will make their home at Mount Holly for the present with the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dunn.

Miss Jay Davenport entertained at an elegant supper at her pretty suburban home last Friday evening. Those enjoying Miss Davenport's hospitality were Misses Mary and Eva Bowles.

The younger social set enjoyed an informal party with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Costner last Thursday evening. "The Old Maid's Convention" given last Saturday evening in Rhyme's hall by the Betterment Association was a great success, and thoroughly enjoyed. A nice sum was realized from the effort.

Among our holiday visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Moore, of Statesville, Messrs. Archer and Hargrove Bowles, of Greensboro, Mr. and Mrs. Armistead Burwell, of Charlotte, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Setzer, of Hickory, Mrs. N. Ramsey, of Stanley, Mr. John Tipton, of Charlotte, Miss Bessie Hoffman and Mr. William Hoffman, of Lincolnton, Mr. H. B. Babington and Mr. Kenneth Babington, of Gastonia, and Misses Nellie Tucker and Ella Armstrong, of Belmont.

STANLEY YOUTH KILLED.

Mr. Marvin Allen, Aged Sixteen, Accidentally Shot and Killed by His Uncle, Mr. John Armstrong, While Out Hunting—Lucia News Items.

Correspondence of the Gazette.
LUCIA, Dec. 31.—Mr. Marvin Edgar Allen, aged 16 years, a student of the Lucia graded school, was shot and almost instantly killed Tuesday afternoon while out hunting, in company with his father, Mr. William Allen, of this place, and two uncles. Young Allen died in fifteen minutes as the result of the shotgun wound which he sustained at the hands of Mr. John Armstrong, who shot at a squirrel in the top of a tree. Young Allen ran under the tree to get the squirrel, when the other barrel of the gun was accidentally discharged, the entire load entering the boy's body. A physician was immediately summoned, but nothing could be done to save the life of the young lad. Funeral services were held Thursday at Snow Hill Methodist church, Rev. Mr. McLane the pastor of the Baptist church here, officiating. The death of Mr. Allen is exceedingly sad. The bereaved parents have the deepest sympathy of the entire community. Mr. Allen, a student of King's

Business College, Charlotte, is visiting his aunt, Mrs. N. A. McIntosh.—Miss Iver McIntosh, a senior of Davidson College, is spending the holidays with her folks.—Miss Joannah Stroup, of Alexis, is visiting at the home of her brother, Mr. A. U. Stroup.—Misses Friscilla and Jennie Childs, of Deaver, are visiting at the home of their sister, Mrs. W. A. Broadway.—Mrs. Conrad Dellinger and children are visiting relatives here.—Mr. Sidney Hart and Miss Mae Kale, of Mount Holly, were quietly married at the home of the bride. Only a few relatives and friends were present.

WORTH NEWS.

Two Aged Sisters Pass Away—New Seats for School House—Personal News Notes.

Correspondence of the Gazette.
WORTH, Jan. 2.—Something very remarkable occurred near here last Thursday and Friday, when Mrs. Ann Huffstetler died at her home on Thursday, and her sister, Mrs. Rebecca Cloninger, died at her home only one hundred yards away, on Friday. Mrs. Huffstetler lacked only one day of being 91 years old, while Mrs. Cloninger was nearly 88 years old.

Mrs. Huffstetler was the widow of Eli Huffstetler, who died during the Civil War, and was the mother of six sons and two daughters, only four of whom, Messrs. David, Jacob and Anderson Huffstetler and Mrs. Ed Terris, are now living. She was a member of the Lutheran church, and was widely known as a good Christian woman. She was buried Friday at the Bethel graveyard, the funeral being conducted by Rev. J. M. Senter.

About two hours before her death a pension of \$35 was handed to Mrs. Huffstetler for her signature, but she was too weak to sign the receipt, hence the pension will be returned.

Mrs. Cloninger, who died on Friday morning at 10 o'clock, was a member of the Episcopal church, and her funeral was conducted Saturday, by Rev. W. H. Hardin, of Gastonia, and the burial took place at the Cloninger graveyard near here. Mrs. Cloninger was a good woman and her death is greatly mourned by her children and her many friends.

Mr. Sidney Garrison is at home from Wake Forest College to spend the holidays.—Mr. O. D. Carpenter has recently sold to Messrs. E. W. and Junius Costner a nice tract of land about two miles west of here.—Mr. Miles Stroup, a former resident of this community but now of Stanley, was a pleasant visitor here Monday.—The public school authorities of this place have received a set of new desks for the convenience of the pupils. This is a step in the right direction, as the pupils can make better progress in their studies when they are comfortably seated.

Mr. A. E. Moore and J. L. Boyter are doing some nice farming on the Lory Farm near Pasour Mountain. We are glad to have these gentlemen interested in our part of the county. They are good business men and do good wherever they go.

Public Installation of Officers.

At the regular meeting of Gastonia Lodge No. 53 Knight of Pythias last night it was decided to have a public installation of officers on Monday night, January 16th. A committee of three was appointed to make all arrangements therefor and, if it succeeds in carrying out the contemplated plans, the occasion will be a delightful one. It is expected that Grand Chancellor A. E. McCausland, of Charlotte, and several other prominent Pythians will be present. An invitation to be present will be extended to all the lodges in the county and the local Knights will be accompanied by friends. Each member will be asked to bring one person, either wife, sister or friend and there will probably be a large number of ladies present. This event will be somewhat in the nature of a "house-warming" as the lodge has just settled in its new and handsomely furnished hall in the Realty building. Details of the occasion will be published later.

—Mr. John Huster has accepted a position as one of the bookkeepers at the Citizens National Bank and entered upon his new duties today.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

OLD COURT HOUSE SOLD.

Auctioneer W. Meek Adams Knocks Down County's Property at Dallas for \$7,000—No Other Bid—County Commissioners in Session—Coroner to be Elected To-Day—Other Business.

At high noon yesterday, following an order previously made by the board of county commissioners and properly advertised, Mr. W. Meek Adams as auctioneer knocked down the old court house and grounds and the old jail and grounds at Dallas to a company composed of Gastonia business men for the sum of \$7,000. There were no other bids. Mr. Adams read the bond which was given by the gentlemen in question during the last removal campaign to start the bidding for this property at \$7,000 and asked if there were other bids. There was nothing but silence. It was simply a matter of form and "going once, going twice, going three times—gone" and the historic property, used by Gaston for 63 years, passed into the hands of individuals.

When the board of county commissioners, with all the members present, convened yesterday for their first meeting in the new court house, their large room on the first floor of the building was comfortably crowded. It was interesting from the fact that it was the first meeting and further interesting from the fact that there were present a number of Dallas people who had come to present to the board a request, backed by some 800 or more citizens, asking that the sale of the county property at Dallas be postponed until March. The petition did not state but it was generally understood that the purpose in asking this delay was that the Legislature might be asked to pass a bill either donating this property to the town of Dallas or authorizing the county to continue to hold it as county property. Mr. E. Lee Wilson, Mr. A. L. Bulwinkle and Mr. A. R. Anders spoke in favor of the petition and some time was devoted to discussing it and looking over the petitions. When the matter was put to a vote, however, it was decided by the board that the request should not be granted and, as a consequence, the property was sold at noon as recorded above.

DECLINES TO SERVE.

Mr. C. L. Chandler, of the Lory Mill, Gastonia, who was chosen at the November election as coroner for Gaston county for the next two years, appeared before the board and served notice that he declined to serve. The board declared the office vacant and will today appoint a coroner to fill out the term in Mr. Chandler's place.

A similar case came up when Mr. John Murphy declined to serve as constable for Dallas township. The board declared the place vacant and appointed Mr. J. V. Stroup to the place, giving him till the first Monday in February to qualify.

JURY LIST.

An important item of business transacted yesterday was the drawing of the jury for the February term of Superior Court. It is as follows:

First Week.

L. C. Arrowood, Bessemer City.
Charles E. Rhyme, Dallas.
Thomas Putnam, Lory.
W. R. Rankin, Belmont.
W. H. Braswell, McAdenville.
J. T. R. Dameron, Bessemer City.
J. L. Roper, Belmont.
M. A. Rutledge, Dallas.
A. P. H. Rhyne, Dallas.
J. L. Henderson, Lowell, route 1.
Peter C. Beam, Cherryville.
George P. Self, Cherryville.
John F. Bradley, Gastonia.
R. C. Ormand, Bessemer City.
S. S. Shaford, Gastonia.
W. O. Elmore, Lowell, route 1.
A. G. Myers, Gastonia.
M. S. Garrison, Belmont.
P. M. Rhyne, Dallas.
M. A. Friday, Dallas.
J. M. Lynn, Gastonia, route 1.

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MR. SILAS SMYRE DEAD.

Only Brother of Mr. A. M. Smyre Passes Away at Old Home Near Newton—Funeral and Burial this Afternoon.

In response to a telegram announcing the critical illness of his only brother, Mr. Silas Smyre, at the latter's home two miles from Newton, Mr. A. M. Smyre left for that place on the morning C. & N.-W. train yesterday. In the afternoon a telephone message from Mr. Smyre to his family here conveyed the sad intelligence that his brother died about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Relatives here did not know he was ill until yesterday and it is presumed that his fatal illness developed rather suddenly.

This morning Mrs. A. M. Smyre, Mrs. D. M. Jones and Mr. Fred Smyre went to Newton to attend the funeral and burial services which take place at 2 o'clock. Interment will be at the St. James Lutheran church, near his home, of which he had been long a prominent and active member.

Mr. Smyre lived at the old Smyre homeplace where he was born and reared. He resided with his son, Mr. C. Ed Smyre, and a little granddaughter, Sallie Fisher, daughter of his only other child, Mrs. Sallie Fisher, who died about 14 years ago. His death leaves Mr. A. M. Smyre the only surviving member of a large family. His wife died four years ago.

Flags Presented.

The Gastonia Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, has contributed to the Gastonia Library five beautiful flags, including a North Carolina State flag, a United States flag, and the three different flags of the Confederacy. This gift is greatly appreciated by the management of the library and is a most appropriate one.

An Excellent Sermon.

At St. Mark's Episcopal church Sunday night Rev. John S. Moody, of Hickory, preached a most excellent sermon on the theme "The Working Man, or the Man on the Street: Why the Church Falls to Grip Him." Rev. Dr. Moody was heard by a large audience in spite of the inclement weather, and his discourse was extremely forceful and convincing.

KINDERGARTEN CLOSES.

Wes Tots Under Tutelage of Miss LaFar Give Public Exercises for Christmas and Greatly Delight Audience.

The closing exercises of Miss LaFar's kindergarten took place at 10 o'clock last Friday morning. Owing to the inclemency of the weather some were unable to attend but a goodly number of those interested in the welfare of the kindergarten were present.

The first number on the program was the Christmas song which the children sang merrily. Next was a recitation by little Elizabeth Love, who softly and sweetly declared she was going to have such a good time and was glad that Santa was near. Then came a recitation by all the children, which was followed by little Henry Franklin Glenn, one of the youngest pupils, who told of the antics of Jack Frost and how we must treat him. The audience followed the tiny speaker throughout with sympathy and delight.

Softly and sweetly then was sung the hymn telling about the star that shed its wondrous light. This selection was sung by Sarah Love, Elizabeth Love and Burke Herbert Parker.

Then followed a recitation by Gertrude Montague Clinard and this little girl of seven years was equal to the occasion as she told with beaming eyes of the wonderful Santa Claus.

Little Miss Daisy was next in line and this piece was sung by Louise Wilson and Elizabeth Love. Well did these little singers carry out their parts as they nodded their heads to and fro.

Last of all was given "Ring, Ring, Happy Bells of Christmas" by Burke Herbert Parker, Sarah Love, Elizabeth Love and Gertrude Clinard, in which the children, as they waved their crimson bells to and fro, sang the words and repeated the message the angels brought to earth long ago.

These exercises closed the kindergarten for the period and it will re-open again in February, the date to be announced later.

Pays Five Per Cent Dividend.

A meeting of the board of directors of the Arlington Cotton Mills was held Saturday, December 31st. At this meeting the usual semi-annual dividend of five per cent, was declared and it was paid to the stockholders yesterday.

DEATH OF AGED LADY.

Mrs. Rebecca Cloninger, Oldest Communicant of Episcopal Church in County Died Friday at Advanced Age—Burial at Cloninger Graveyard Saturday.

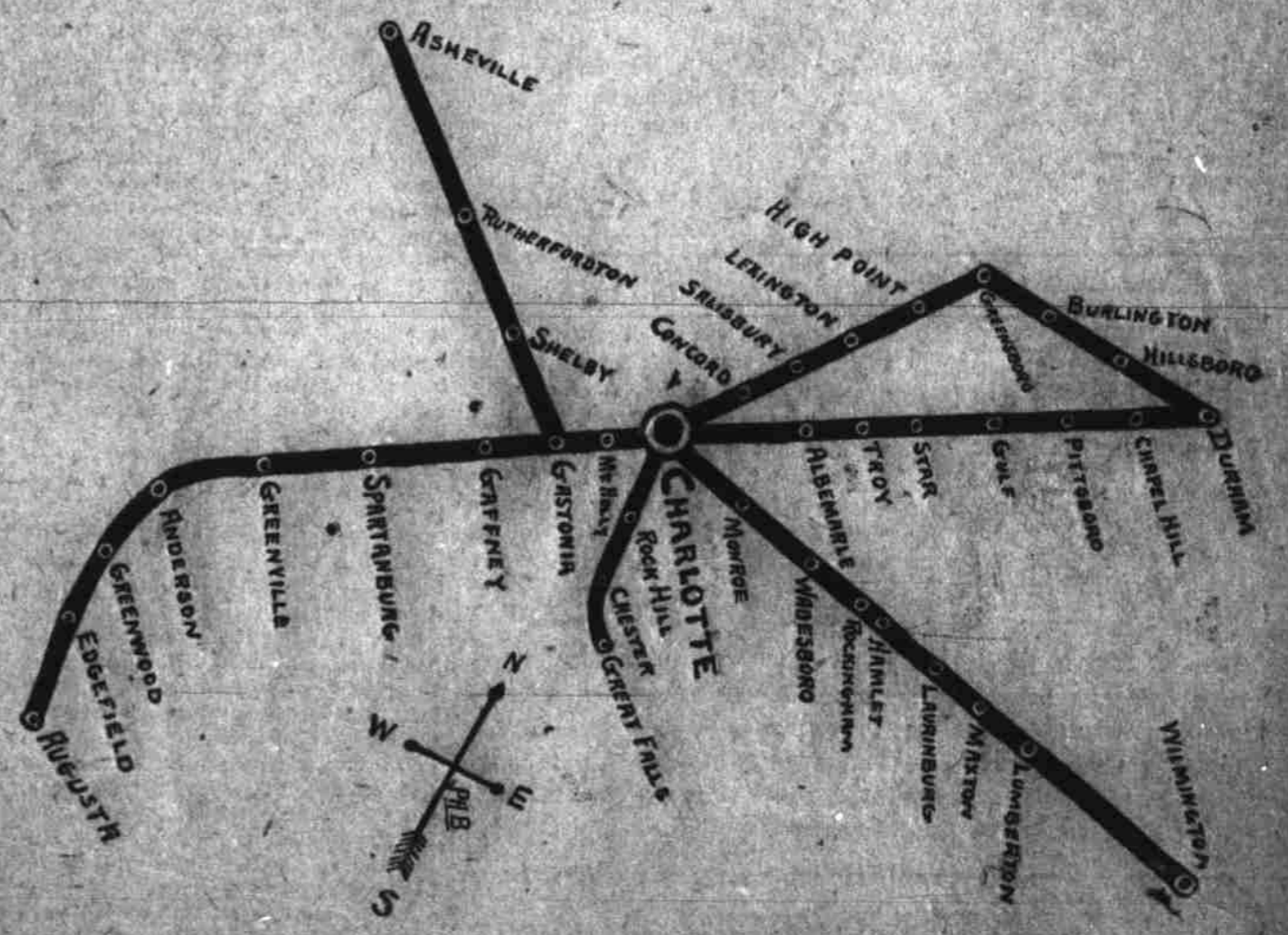
Rev. W. H. Hardin, rector of St. Mark's Episcopal church, of this city, was called to High Shoals Saturday to conduct the funeral of Mrs. Rebecca Cloninger, who died at her home near that place Friday morning at 10 o'clock. Mrs. Cloninger was before her marriage to David Cloninger Miss Rebecca Passour, and was born in this county Feb. 1, 1823, being nearly 88 years of age at her death.

Mrs. Cloninger was the oldest communicant of the Episcopal church living in Gaston county, having been a member of St. John's church at High Shoals for more than 40 years. An interesting incident is told in connection with her zeal and loyalty for the church. Many years ago a prominent Episcopal minister was to preach at High Shoals and Mrs. Cloninger determined to attend the service in spite of the heavy rain. Coming to the Sulphur Springs branch, which it was necessary to cross to reach the church, the water was found to be considerably above the foot-bridge. Determined not to be kept back by a little high water, it is related that Mrs. Cloninger removed her shoes and stockings and waded across on the submerged foot-bridge while others not so zealous or determined remained away from the service on account of the high water.

Mrs. Cloninger was the mother of seven children, five of whom are still living. These are four daughters, Emeline, Nancy, Martha and Julia, and one son, Mr. Moses Cloninger. One brother, Mr. Phillip Passour, also survives. An account of the death of Mrs. Huffstetler, a sister of Mrs. Cloninger, will be found in our Worth letter in this issue. Following the funeral service held at the home Saturday morning by Rev. Mr. Hardin, the remains were laid to rest in the Cloninger graveyard near Harden station.

A dispatch from Washington states that the coming of a new year finds the United States Treasury in better shape than it did twelve months ago. The difference is about \$20,000,000 in favor of the present showing.

THE INTERURBAN TROLLEY SYSTEM



This map will show some idea of the interurban trolley system contemplated by the Dukes as it may ultimately appear years hence when it has reached a stage of partial perfection in the Carolinas.

The avowed scheme now calls for a line, or lines, running from Greenwood, S. C., to Durham, this State, and embracing such cities as Anderson, Greenville, Spartanburg, Gaffney and intervening points in South Carolina and Gastonia, Charlotte, Concord, Salisbury, Lexington, Wm.sville, High Point, Greensboro,

Burlington, Graham, Hillsboro, and Durham in North Carolina.

As soon as this line is finished it will undoubtedly be extended south to Augusta, or some other city, the object being to reach the coast for service when the Panama canal is finished and ready for operation.

It will also be extended probably to Raleigh and other centers north and possibly into Virginia.

It has been suggested, too, that a line radiating from Charlotte to Wilmington and Southport would not be amiss, particularly if the

Blewitt's Falls plant of the Rockingham Power Company is acquired. This would give another connection with the ocean trade.

The line is shown running down to Great Falls, S. C., the power center of the Southern Power Company which may be built in time as the company's interest in this location grows.

This map is designed to give some graphic idea of what the interurban trolley system may become in the course of a few years.