

COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE

AN INTERESTING CHARACTER.

Mr. Wiley Mauney Lives Where His Forefathers Settled Century and a Half Ago—Equire Kiser in His New Home—Mr. Bess Goes to Kansas—A Live Bunch of News from Bessemer City.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

BESSEMER CITY, Jan. 30.—One of the most interesting characters in this part of Gaston is Mr. Wiley Mauney, who makes his home with his son, Mr. Sylvanus Mauney, five miles west of here on the Bessemer City and Cherryville road. Mr. Mauney is 75 years of age and lives within a few hundred yards of the spot where his grandfather, Christy Mauney, settled when he came to this country from Germany about 150 years ago, being at least fifteen years before the Revolutionary war. At the breaking out of the war and for years afterward he was one of the largest land-holders who ever lived in this section. He was the father of a large family of children and his descendants are among the prosperous farmers and business men of this and adjoining counties.

Equire Jacob Kiser, of route two, whose home with practically all of its contents was burned some months ago, has completed and moved into a new house erected on the same site.

Mr. B. C. Bess, who lives just out of town on the Gastonia road, has arranged to move to the State of Kansas. He expects to leave here with his family tomorrow. Mr. Bess about six weeks ago returned from an extended business trip to the West and is most enthusiastic in speaking of the possibilities of that country.

Flora, the little two-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Alexander, who live on the Ephriam Holland farm near town, was found dead in bed about 6 o'clock Wednesday morning. She was playful and seemingly in good health when the family retired. The funeral was conducted from the home by Rev. J. F. Armstrong and interment was in the Olivet church cemetery Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Warlick, of the Mary's Grove community six or seven miles west of here, the wife of Mr. L. R. Warlick, died Friday morning after a brief illness and was buried at St. Mark's Lutheran church Saturday in the presence of a large congregation. Mrs. Moss was a most estimable woman, a consistent member of the Methodist church. She was the mother of twelve children, eight of whom, with the husband survive. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. J. F. Armstrong, of this place.

An oyster supper was given at the Fairview school house on the Cherryville road Saturday night. Miss Essie Brown is the efficient teacher of this school and is endeavoring to place some needed furniture in the building.

A social was given here by the Methodist people and others interested on Saturday night. Oysters and ice cream and cake were served. The Lutheran pastor, Rev. John Hall, administered the Holy communion to his members here yesterday at the morning service. The Epworth League had charge of the service in the Methodist church last night, with Miss Kate Wiley as the leader. There were readings by Miss Wiley and Miss Addie Rendleman and short talks were made by Prof. D. C. Johnson, Mr. S. J. Durham and the pastor. The occasion was thoroughly enjoyable and helpful.

Pastor Armstrong of the Methodist church announces the following changes in his appointments beginning next Sunday:

Bessemer City, 2nd and 4th Sundays 11 a. m. and every Sunday night; Concord, 3rd Sunday 11 a. m.; Tate's Chapel, 1st Sunday 11 a. m.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hayes, of route two, were in town a short time Saturday returning from Gastonia where they had been shopping. Mrs. J. F. Armstrong and Miss Iva Thornburg are Gastonia visitors today.

NEWS FROM DALLAS, ROUTE 1.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

DALLAS, R. F. D. 1, Jan. 30.—Messrs. W. R. Turner, J. J. O. Pasour, Joseph Holland and William Harmon went to Catawba county during the past week horse trading. Mrs. Christie Jenkins spent several days last week visiting relatives and friends at Dallas. Mrs. Venie Payne and daughter, Miss Cloe, of Dallas, spent Saturday night and Sunday at the home of Mrs. Etta White. Mr. and Mrs. Rose Pasour gave an old-time singing at their home Saturday night. Quite a number of young people were present and all enjoyed the occasion very much. Miss Clara Hoffman spent Friday at the home of Mrs. Mattie Jenkins at Dallas. Mesdames Christie Jenkins, Richard Jenkins, Sarah Pasour spent Friday with Mrs. Etta White. Mr. and Mrs. David Harmon, of Bessemer City, spent one night last week at the home of Mr. William Harmon. Misses Nellie and Ocie Pasour, of Dallas, were the guests of Misses Etta White and Mary Foy Sunday. Mr. Jasper Ratchford, of Gastonia, spent the weekend with homefolks in this section.

Miss Etta Pasour visited Mrs. Ed Mauney Saturday. Miss Ella Jenkins, of Dallas, was the guest Saturday of Miss Clara Hoffman. Misses Mabel and Carrie Dixon, of Gastonia, returned home last Monday from a visit at the home of their uncle, Mr. Rose Pasour. Misses Cora and Bertha Best were the guests Saturday night and Sunday of their sister, Mrs. C. P. Ratchford. Mrs. L. L. Clemmer went to Gastonia last Monday to make her home with her daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Quinn. Mr. Clemmer went before the holidays.

Mrs. W. R. Turner spent one day last week with Miss Elvira Herron.

IRON STATION NEWS.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

IRON STATION, Jan. 30.—Mrs. O. P. Rudisill and little daughter, Gladys, have returned home from a several days visit to relatives near Dallas. Messrs. John Carson, Clyde Wood and Lawrence Laine, of near Gastonia, were the guests a few days ago of Miss Florence Carson. Messrs. R. C. Goode and D. A. Troutman each made a business trip to Charlotte last week. Mr. Beive Garrison, of Harden, spent Sunday afternoon in this section. Mr. W. M. Atwater has returned home from a business trip to New York. Mrs. Will Senter and mother, Mrs. John Sherrill, spent several days with relatives in Lincolnton last week. Mr. and Mrs. Luther Long visited in Gastonia last week.

A large crowd attended the box supper last Friday night and all reported a pleasant time. The sum of \$24 was raised which will go to repair the school building.

Mr. Thomas Quinn, of Dallas, route one, is spending some time with relatives here. Messrs. Paul Hoover and James Setzer, of High Shoals, June Rhine and Kelley Summey, of Dallas, attended the box supper Friday night. Miss Ferrie Hallman, of Lincolnton, is spending some time with her grandmother. Mrs. Will Link and Miss Sallie Link were shopping in Lincolnton last Friday.

NEWS FROM ROUTE THREE.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

GASTONIA, ROUTE 3, Jan. 28.—Bertha Ann Moton, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Moton, has been right sick. Mr. Jesse Costner is critically ill at his home on route two. Little Jesse Adams Warren, the four-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Warren, has been right sick but is much improved, to the delight of their many friends. The epidemic of measles which prevailed in this community has about subsided. Mrs. W. H. Moton, of route two, spent Thursday with Mrs. Will Moton. Messrs. Robinson Brothers, of Lenoir, are cutting and shipping quite a good deal of lumber from this section.

McAdenville Matters.

Correspondence of The Gazette. **MCADENVILLE, Jan. 31.**—Mrs. A. P. Earney, of Charlotte, spent Sun-

\$30,000 RAISED.

Good Start Made Last Night Toward Raising Gastonia's Part of Stock in Piedmont Interurban Lines—Mr. W. S. Lee Explains Proposition to Local Business Men—Gastonia Allotted \$60,000 Worth of Stock.

In a few minutes last night, in a mass meeting at the city hall, Gastonia business men subscribed for nearly \$30,000 worth of stock in the Piedmont Traction Company, the exact amount being \$28,360. The entire amount of stock which Gastonia is asked to take is \$60,000 worth and there is no doubt at all that the entire amount will be subscribed within a few days. There was a very good crowd present last night but many representative business men were not out because the meeting had not been advertised.

The largest subscribers at last night's meeting were the following: Loray Mills, \$15,000; A. E. Moore, \$5,000; C. B. Armstrong, \$3,000; Gray Manufacturing Co., \$2,500; Flint Manufacturing Co., \$1,800.

The meeting was called to order at 8 o'clock by Mayor T. L. Craig and Mr. Andrew E. Moore was made chairman. Mr. D. M. Jones acted as secretary. Mr. Moore made a short speech in which he outlined in a general way the benefits to be derived by this section from the interurban line and urging the business men of Gastonia to subscribe liberally to the stock of the company. It is, he stated, the greatest and most far reaching opportunity which has ever knocked at our doors. Mr. Moore's remarks were very impressive and he was heard with unusual interest by the crowd.

Concluding his remarks, Mr. Moore introduced Mr. W. S. Lee, of Charlotte, who however is by no means a stranger to Gastonians. Mr. Lee is vice-president and general manager of the Southern Power Company and one of the six directors of the Piedmont syndicate, the holding corporation for the several lines and companies which go to make up the Piedmont interurban system.

Mr. Lee reviewed briefly the history of the development of the idea to build a great trolley system connecting Anderson, S. C., and Durham, N. C. He told of the steps by which his company has secured control of the Anderson, S. C., Greenville, S. C., and Charlotte, N. C., traction lines. He told his hearers that his company had, just recently, perfected freight traffic arrangements with one of the large steam trunk line railroads which would give them an outlet to all sections. This, he said, was something which no electric road had heretofore been able to do. The best expert engineers in America had gone over the territory and do not hesitate to say that the scheme to build this road is not only feasible but that, with the Southern Power Company's stations already located at the proper places along the route, it can be operated perhaps more successfully and more economically than any similar road in any other section of the country. He further stated that the road had been financed, which means that the capitalists have already put up three-fourths of the amount required to finance the road and it only remains for the manufacturers and business men along the route to raise the remaining one-fourth. When that has been done

day here with her son, Mr. Frank Earney. Messrs. J. H. Crowley and H. M. McAden, of Charlotte, spent Friday here. Mr. J. I. Hammett spent several days last week in Charlotte. Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Branch, of Charlotte, spent Sunday here with Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Fisher. Prof. J. L. Webb is teaching a twenty-days singing school at the Hoskins Mills, Charlotte, where he has a class of 73. Miss Meta McGee, who has been indisposed for several days, is able to take her position in school here as teacher again. Miss Mary Jones, of Charlotte, visited relatives here Sunday. Mr. George W. Rumlert was a Charlotte visitor Friday. Mrs. Carrie Latimer visited relatives and friends in Charlotte Sunday.

Mr. J. T. Ingram was a Charlotte visitor last week. Miss Bertha Cloninger and Mr. Frank Simmons and daughter, Miss Retta, were Gastonia shoppers Saturday. Among those who went to Charlotte last week to see "The White Sister," were Dr. James A. Anderson, Joseph L. Webber and Mrs. J. B. Reid.

work will commence immediately.

Less than two weeks ago the company began its efforts to raise the required one-fourth of the stock along the line of the road. Charlotte's part of \$300,000 has been oversubscribed. Anderson, Greenwood, Greenville, Spartanburg and other South Carolina towns have all subscribed, most if not all of them having already taken the full amount allotted to them. Greenwood, S. C., a town not as large as Gastonia, was assessed \$100,000 and has raised the entire amount. The amount to be raised on the line from Charlotte to Kings Mountain, a distance of about 35 miles, is \$125,000. Of this amount Gastonia is asked to subscribe \$60,000, Mount Holly \$15,000 (of which \$12,000 was raised in a few minutes yesterday afternoon), Bessemer City \$10,000, Kings Mountain \$25,000, Lowell and other points, \$15,000.

That Gastonia will come up with her share promptly, is the belief of everybody.

At last night's meeting Chairman Moore was instructed to appoint a committee to make a canvass for the remaining part of the amount to be secured and they will doubtless do this within the next few days. According to Mr. Lee's statement they are ready to go to work on actual construction the moment the entire one-fourth stock is subscribed by the manufacturers and other business men along the route. From the manner in which the several towns have been raising their allotted amounts it would seem that work will commence within a few weeks. The cost of constructing this road, will be something like \$7,000,000.

It was made plain by the speaker that the company asks for this stock to be subscribed not because of inability on their part to raise the necessary funds but because they desire to have the interest and good will of the shippers and business men generally to whom they must look for business. They do not specially care for large subscriptions, preferring, where it can be done, that the stock be taken by a large number of people in small blocks.

As soon as the \$125,000 is raised by the citizens between Charlotte and Kings Mountain work will be begun and the line connecting these towns will be built, regardless of whether the balance is built or not. However, there is no doubt at all that the whole line will be constructed as planned.

In addition to subscribing for stock the shippers along the route are being asked to sign contracts agreeing to give the Piedmont lines fifty per cent of their freight, rates and service being equal, of course, to those offered by the steam roads. The first contracts of this kind secured by the road were in Gastonia and were secured just before Christmas when the Messrs. Duke, Taylor, Lee and other representatives of the road were here. Since that time the work of securing these contracts has gone on steadily and in this matter there has been no limit to the interest and friendliness shown by the people along the proposed road.

Mr. Lee stated that the board of managers of the Piedmont syndicate were Messrs. J. B. and B. N. Duke, Capt. Ellison A. Smythe and Mr. Lewis W. Parker, of South Carolina, Mr. W. S. Lee and the president of the National City Bank, of New York.

Two Interesting Addresses.

Sunday two interesting addresses were delivered at the First Presbyterian church by Rev. Dr. J. O. Reavis, of Nashville, Tenn. At the morning hour Dr. Reavis spoke on "Africa" and his address contained a great fund of interesting and instructive information on the progress of missions in that continent. The Presbyterian church now has more than 8,000 members in Africa and Dr. Reavis told of one church which supports fifty native missionary workers. At night there was a large audience present, the service being in the nature of a union service for the First Presbyterian church, the Loray Presbyterian church, the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church and Main Street Methodist church. Dr. Reavis dwelt upon the great revivals which have spread over Africa, Korea, China and India, seemingly as a result of the wonderful revival which had its origin in Wales a few years ago. Both of Dr. Reavis' addresses were heard with great interest by large audiences and were of an unusually high order.

MR. R. L. GLENN DEAD.

Son of Mrs. J. P. Glenn Passes Away After Lingered Illness—Was Proofreader on the Washington Post—Body Brought Here on No. 39 To-Day for Burial—Funeral This Afternoon.

Mr. Robert Lee Glenn, son of Mrs. Mr. Robert Lee Glenn, son of died at his home in Washington, D. C., Sunday, the 29th, following an illness of several months from heart trouble. The body, accompanied by his widow, Mrs. Edna Hilburn Glenn, their two children, Robert and Edward, Mrs. Glenn's sister, Mrs. Eva Condon, of Birmingham, Ala., and his sister, Mrs. Stella McElhannon, arrived in Gastonia on No. 39 this morning and was taken to the home of his mother, No. 422 West Main avenue. During the day many friends of the deceased called at the residence to view the body and pay their last respects to his memory.

Funeral services were held at the residence at 2 o'clock this afternoon, Rev. W. H. Hardin, rector of St. Mark's Episcopal church, and Rev. R. C. Anderson, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, officiating. There was present a large number of relatives and friends. Interment followed in the family plot in Oakwood cemetery.

The funeral was conducted with Masonic honors, the pall-bearers being members of Gastonia Lodge No. 369 as follows, viz: Messrs. J. W. Carroll, J. F. McArver, J. E. Falls, E. G. McLurd, L. F. Groves and W. N. Davis.

Mr. Glenn was a native of Gaston county, being a son of the late J. P. Glenn and Mrs. Martha Glenn, and was born October 1, 1867, and was hence in his forty-third year. For the past twelve years he had been a resident of Washington, D. C., where he held a responsible position as proofreader on The Washington Post. He had been in declining health for the past year and had been unable to work for some months.

Surviving the deceased are his widow and two children, his mother and two sisters, Mrs. Stella McElhannon, of Washington, and Mrs. S. A. Kindley, of Gastonia.

Deceased was a member of the Episcopal church. He was a dutiful son, a tender husband and father and a loyal friend. He was known and liked by many people here, in his old home town, and the sorrowing mother, wife, children and sisters have the sympathy of a large number of friends.

It is a striking coincidence that just one year ago today deceased left for Savannah, Ga., to be with his brother, the late William W. Glenn, who died there on February 2nd.

Among the out-of-town attendants at the funeral were Messrs. J. C. and J. B. Glenn, of Charlotte, uncles of deceased.

League Social Meeting.

The Epworth League of Main Street Methodist church held an interesting social meeting last night and also installed officers. The officers for the ensuing year are as follows, viz: President Frank R. Anders; first vice president, Susie Rawlings; second vice president, Mabel Herman; third vice president, Zoe Porter; secretary and treasurer, Grady Rankin; agent for Epworth Era, Pearl Faulkner. An interesting feature of the evening was a contest, entitled "A Trip to Paris." Music and refreshments in the shape of hot chocolate added to the pleasure of the occasion. The league room was comfortably and neatly fixed up for the occasion. The committee having the event in charge was composed of Miss Della Nolen, chairman, Misses Janie and Carrie Morris, Willie Jenkins and Bertha Long.

Improved Mail Service.

On account of the increase of business at the postoffice and because of the fact that later night service is given, Mr. George L. Rawlings has been appointed a clerk in the office. Mail deposited in the office as late as 8:45 p. m. is now dispatched on night trains Nos. 43 and 30. Mr. Rawlings has had quite a good deal of experience in the postoffice and his addition to the force of clerks will mean an increase in the rapidity and dispatch of business.

Mr. W. T. Rankin, of the Gastonia Insurance and Realty Co., is out of town for a few days on business.

Personals and Locals.

—Mr. John A. Smith, of Bessemer City, was a business visitor in Gastonia yesterday.

—Mr. R. R. Ray, of McAdenville, was in Gastonia on business yesterday.

—Mr. John R. Rankin and Mr. A. J. Smith were visitors to Belmont yesterday.

—Mr. P. Woods Garland, Jr., has returned from Raleigh, where he spent several days on business.

—Miss Mary Lou Patrick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reece Patrick, of the Union neighborhood, is quite ill from pneumonia.

—Miss Eliza Lindsay returned Saturday from Kingsree, S. C., where she spent ten days with relatives and friends.

—Thursday is groundhog day. We'll know then just what kind of weather we are to have for the following forty days.

—Mrs. C. H. Anderson, of Charlottesville, Va., arrived Saturday to visit her son, Rev. A. S. Anderson, pastor of the Loray Presbyterian church.

—Mr. A. J. Kirby has recently purchased several lots in South Gastonia, near the Dunn Mill, from Mr. R. P. Parker and is erecting thereon several cottages.

—Mr. Charlie Craig, a former Gastonian but for the past several years a resident of Charlotte, has accepted a position with Messrs. Craig & Head, harness makers, here.

—Mr. Claire Henderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Henderson, of the Union neighborhood, has accepted a position with the Abernethy-Shields Drug Company and entered upon his new duties this morning.

—License to marry was issued yesterday by Register of Deeds A. J. Smith to Mr. W. C. Teague, of Tampa, Fla., and Miss Clarence K. Stevens, of Henderson, Ky. Mr. Teague is a native of Gaston and has relatives in the county so they met here to plight their troth.

—Mr. J. C. Stonebraker, of Hagerstown, Md., author of a work entitled "The Unwritten South," is a visitor in the city today. Mr. Stonebraker's book deals with facts and incidents in regard to the civil war which are not to be found recorded in the ordinary text-books of history.

—Mr. W. C. Davis, the popular liveryman, had the misfortune to lose one of his fine horses Sunday night, the animal having died of colic supposed to have been caused by eating spoiled corn. Mr. Davis had been offered \$200 for the horse only two or three days before its death.

—W. D. Gurley, who was bound over to Superior Court some time ago under a \$200 bond on a charge of seduction and has since been in jail here awaiting trial, succeeded yesterday in securing bond and was released from custody. The case against Gurley will probably come up for trial at the next term of court which convenes here on Monday, February 27th.

—N. A. Morris, an employe of the Mayes Manufacturing Company at Mayesworth, reported to the Gastonia police department yesterday morning that his wife, Mary Morris, had deserted him. She left home Friday and it is known that she went to Charlotte, as she was seen there. The supposition is that she eloped with one Pink Penley, with whom they boarded and who has also disappeared, leaving a wife and five children in a very destitute condition. Efforts will be made to locate the elopers and bring them to book.

—Since the appearance of an item in last Friday's Gazette mentioning the many complaints that are being made by the public because of the fact that the county officers have not installed telephones in their offices in the new court house, many readers of The Gazette have taken occasion to mention the matter to the newspaper men. They all agree that the county officers should install telephones at once. While it may mean some extra work for the officers, they are looked upon as public servants and the public expects them to have everything that can be had for the convenience of the public. We do not see the justice in subjecting the public to the great inconvenience of having to go to the court house always when the business, which by the way might be of interest to the officers themselves, could be easily transacted over the phone.