

## NEWS FROM NEARBY TOWNS

### TO STUDY ARITHMETIC.

Mr. James Eury Organizes Class at Lora—Lora Locals and News Items.

Correspondence of The Gazette.  
**LORAY MILLS, Feb. 2.**—The young men have organized an arithmetic class with Mr. James Eury as teacher. The class will meet Tuesday and Friday evenings and will be of special value to the boys as a good number of them are enrolled with the International Correspondence School.

The local camp Woodmen of the World has recently moved from Mc. Bradley's hall to the rooms over the superintendent's office. There are about thirty members here at present and new members are being added to the ranks.

Messrs. Ben, Sam and E. C. Robinson went to Salisbury Monday to attend the funeral of their brother's wife, Mrs. Lillie Robinson, who died at her home in Salisbury Sunday night. Mr. Cleveland Welch, of Mayesworth, was a welcome visitor here Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Riddle went to Ellenboro Saturday where they were called to the bedside of Mrs. Riddle's mother who is critically ill. Mrs. C. L. Chandler is visiting her parents near Spartanburg this week. Mrs. A. E. Beam is recovering from a severe attack of pneumonia. Mr. W. V. West had a tumor removed from his side Monday afternoon.

Mr. G. R. Mills entertained the people of the village with his moving picture show in Mc. Bradley's hall Friday and Saturday evening. The attendance was very good. Miss Sallie Smith entertained a number of her friends at an evening party at her home Friday evening, January 28th.

Mr. George Harrison spent Saturday in Spartanburg on business. Misses Bertha Johnson and Beasie Gaines spent the week-end with the latter's parents near Dallas. Mr. T. H. Baxter, one of the machinists will move to Great Falls, S. C., this week where he has accepted a similar position with the Great Falls Manufacturing Co. Mr. J. R. Young had a telephone put in his residence Monday.

Quite a number of the boys have taken a fancy for fox hunting recently, but judging from the number of bruises, scratches, broken noses and bandaged heads, it looks as if the hunters were getting the worst end of the bargain.

### MRS. REUBEN REEVES DEAD.

Young Wife and Mother Succumbs to Dread Disease—Interment at Lowell—Live McAdenville Items.

Correspondence of The Gazette.  
**McADENVILLE, Feb. 6.**—Mrs. Reiley Ann Reeves, wife of Mr. Reuben Reeves, died at her home here yesterday following a long illness from tuberculosis, aged 27. Funeral services were held at the residence today, Rev. J. Frank Harrelson officiating. Interment followed in the cemetery at Lowell. Mrs. Reeves had been a member of the Methodist church since she was ten years old and was a loyal and consistent member. She was held in the very highest esteem by all who knew her. Surviving are her husband and a three-month-old child and the following brothers and sisters, viz: Messrs. H. J. Forest, Grady and Charlie Wilkerson; Mrs. J. L. M. Bell, of Lowell; Mrs. Gus Webb, of McAdenville; Miss Laura Wilkerson, of McAdenville; Mrs. J. F. Hoke and Mrs. R. A. Browning, of Charlotte. She was a daughter of Mrs. S. J. Wilkerson, of McAdenville, and was born at this place. Her sorrowing relatives have the sympathy of many friends in their bereavement.

Mr. R. R. Ray spent Friday in Greensboro on business. Mrs. L. N. Glenn and son, Master Robert Ray, of Gastonia, spent Sunday here with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Ray, Mr. John I. Hammett spent a few days in Charlotte last week on business. Rev. and Mrs. J. Frank Harrelson visited relatives in Cherryville last week. Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Taylor, of Charlotte, spent Sun-

day here as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Ray. Mrs. Taylor will remain over a week while Mr. Taylor goes on a business trip to Washington, Philadelphia and New York. Misses Nora and Della Bogus, of Mayesworth, were McAdenville visitors Saturday. Mr. Lawrence Jenkins spent Sunday in Greensboro with friends.

### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT.

Betterment Association Active at Bessemer—A Lover of Fine Poultry—A Bunch of Broody Briefs.

Correspondence of The Gazette.  
**BESSEMER CITY, Feb. 6.**—The Woman's Betterment Association held an interesting meeting in the graded school building Saturday afternoon. Miss Mabel Bulwinkle, of Dallas, had been engaged to address the association but was detained at home for some reason. Mrs. John H. McDowell, the president; Mrs. D. A. Garrison, of Gastonia, and Supt. D. C. Johnson, of Bessemer City made short, helpful talks. The association gave a box supper in the opera hall Saturday night. The sale of boxes and ice cream netted a good sum which will be used to buy books for the library.

Misses Mary Hall and Etta Baker, the former of Belmont, and the latter of McAdenville, were the guests Saturday and Sunday of Miss Abbie Hall. Misses Maggie Hall, Annie Grier and Robbie Miller, of Kings Mountain, were guests Saturday night of Miss Lizette Kennedy. Norman Lynch, of Charlotte, has been spending several days here with his mother, Mrs. Sarah Lynch, who has been quite sick. Dr. R. E. Garren has just remodeled and enlarged his house, installing new furniture and electric lights. The improvement in appearance and convenience is most decided.

A lover of fine poultry is Mr. J. Wiley Millen, conducting the farm of Mrs. R. P. Rankin just out of town on the Gastonia road. Mr. Millen has been selling large numbers of Chickens and eggs recently. In fact the demand is much greater than he can supply. He keeps the barred Plymouth Rocks and barred Minorcas. The last named are the only ones of this breed in this part of the State so far as he is aware. He ordered them a short time ago from Georgia. Mr. J. H. McDowell, superintendent of the Huss Manufacturing Company, also has some very fine chickens. Mr. Hope McKnight, of the Tate's Chapel section, left today for Oklahoma where he will reside for the next year. He spent most of last year in the hustling new State of the West, but declares North Carolina a more desirable place to live. Miss Iva Thornburg left Saturday for Greenville, S. C., where she will spend some time with her sister, Mrs. Anthony. Messrs. Raymond and Carl Thornburg left a few days ago for Fuego, Texas. The first named has spent several years in Louisiana and Texas. After visiting his parents here for some months he felt, irresistably, the call of the West again. Mrs. J. E. Wheeler returned last week from a three weeks visit to her parents in Madison, Ga. Messrs. Junius Philfer, John Rollins and Regben Ross were among those who went to Gastonia this morning. Hunter Stroup and Lee Carpenter, two lads about fifteen years of age living some miles out in the direction of Crouse, secretly left home yesterday morning, coming into town at noon and boarded south-bound passenger train No. 11. When Mr. Jack Stroup, father of the first-named was apprised of the fact, he came here and upon inquiry found that the boys had bought tickets to Atlanta. The chief of police in that city has been notified by wire and Mr. Stroup left on the noon train today in search of them. Mr. Alfred Shrum and family, of Gastonia, spent Saturday and yesterday here the guests of Mrs. J. O. Murry.

### NEWS FROM DALLAS, ROUTE 1.

Correspondence of The Gazette.  
**DALLAS, ROUTE 1, Feb. 6.**—Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Moore were Gastonia visitors Saturday. Miss Mattie Best was the guest Saturday of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Pasour. Mrs. J. L. Clemmer spent Tuesday with Mrs. Robert Cloniger. Misses Laura and Florence Pasour were visitors to Gastonia Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Rhyne, of Dallas, were the guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Clemmer. Messrs. L. A. Thornburg and son, W. S. Thornburg, are on a visit to Claremont. They went to visit Mr. L. A. Thornburg's daughters, Mrs. R. M. Carpenter, and Miss Kate Thornburg. Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Cloniger spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. J. J. O. Pasour. Mr. Crown Ratchford visited relatives south of Gastonia Saturday and Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Moore and Master Reuben were the guests Sunday at the home of Mrs. Sarah Pasour. Mr. Richard Jenkins has been sick for the past week. He is suffering from an attack of grip. Mrs. William Harmon and little daughter spent Thursday with Mrs. Joseph Holland. Mr. and Mrs. D. L. White spent Sunday at Mr. Ed Mauney's. Mrs. Rupert Clemmer and Miss Lila Clemmer were the guests Wednesday at the home of Mr. Philip Pasour. Messdames J. H. White, Larkin White and children spent Thursday with Mrs. Etta White. Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Ratchford spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. J. J. O. Pasour. Rev. P. D. Rieinger preached a most excellent sermon at Antioch Sunday morning. There will be services at Antioch next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mr. W. A. Mason, of Bessemer City, visited friends in this section Sunday. Mrs. G. E. C. Pasour visited her folks in the Pisgah neighborhood Wednesday.

### CHEERYVILLE CHAT.

The Eagle, 2nd.  
Misses Circe Coble, Leitha Lancaster and Mrs. T. B. Leonhardt spent Saturday in Gastonia. Mr. Lohr Sellers, who lives with his grandmother near the Howell Mill, is very low with typhoid fever. Messrs. Rudisill & Aderholdt are having the dwelling on their lot in front of the Ivory stable moved back some 100 feet or more, which will leave a fine lot for another building.

The many friends of Miss Alice McCoy will be glad to learn that she has recovered from an operation performed in the Charlotte hospital for appendicitis, and is now at home. Mrs. A. W. Howell, who underwent an operation in the Charlotte hospital returned home Monday, and is, we are glad to say, getting along nicely.

A bank was organized in the bustling little town of Waco last week with an authorized capital of \$15,000. Mr. W. A. Black was elected president and Mr. Ed Smith cashier. We have not yet learned the particulars of the organization.

Mrs. Viktor Falls, who was on a visit here at her father-in-law's, Mr. S. S. Falls, was taken seriously ill with appendicitis this week and was taken to the hospital at Rutherfordton Tuesday afternoon where an operation was performed. She is now getting along well.

Last Wednesday night while at his work as night watchman at the Melville Manufacturing Company, Mr. J. L. Gates was stricken on the left side with paralysis, affecting principally his left arm. Not knowing the cause of his arm becoming numb and helpless, he remained at his post until morning before going home. A physician was then summoned and he is now getting along nicely.

Mr. William Biggerstaff, who lives on the Max-Wilson place near Belwood, sustained a heavy loss by fire last Sunday morning about 4 o'clock. A large barn, together with three mules, one horse, five thousand bundles of fodder, fourteen wagon loads of hay, straw, shucks, two buggies, harness and other property were consumed by the flames.

Mrs. Rubertus Warlock died at her home four miles south of Cherryville last Friday morning and was buried at St. Marks Lutheran church

### GASTONIA'S NEW DEPOT.

Should Cost Not Less Than \$20,000—Other Specifications as Outlined by Joint Committee—Conference Held With Railroad Officials.

Thursday night the joint committee from the city council and the Commercial Club held a conference with Messrs. Lemons and Hungerford, officials of the Southern Railway, with reference to the proposed new passenger depot for Gastonia. The committee is composed of Messrs. T. L. Craig, A. M. Dixon and J. H. Separk, representing the council, and Messrs. W. T. Rankin and S. A. Robinson representing the Commercial Club.

At this conference the committee presented to the railroad officials a copy of the resolutions drawn up by this committee and which was officially adopted by the city council at its meeting January 20th, setting forth in brief, plain language just what Gastonia wants in the shape of a passenger depot; rather, it should perhaps more correctly be put this way: Embodying specifications for the building showing the very least with which the town will be at all satisfied. The general opinion is that the requests embodied in this resolution are most reasonable and are such that the company should not hesitate a moment to go ahead and build according to them.

It is set forth in this resolution that the new depot should be of brick, with pressed brick face; with 1,500 square feet of space in the white waiting room and 1,000 square feet of space in the colored waiting room; steam heat or hot water, ample toilet facilities, electric lights and water, height of story 15 or 16 feet. As to the location, it is suggested that the new structure be erected just west of the site of the present depot and that the baggage room be located just east of the depot. It calls for wide sheds on all sides of the building, the sheds to extend from South street on the West to Marietta street on the east with tile covering and concrete walks under all sheds.

It was further stipulated that the cost of said structure shall not be less than \$20,000.

The third week of the deadlock in the New York general assembly over the election of a United States Senator to succeed Chauncey M. Depew ended Saturday with no apparent prospect of a break. William F. Sheehan, the organization candidate, has held his own with the insurgents scattering their votes between eight other candidates, of which Edward M. Shepard is still in the lead.

### County Farmers' Union.

The regular monthly meeting of the County Farmers' Union for February, will be held at the court house next Saturday, February 11th. Delegates from all the local unions in the county are expected and strongly urged to attend, as business of especial importance is to be considered at this meeting.

### Services at the Jail.

Rev. Dr. J. C. Galloway, pastor of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church, conducted religious services at the jail Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock for the benefit of the inmates. The choir of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church furnished music and Dr. Galloway made an interesting and helpful talk. There are now fourteen prisoners in the jail. Arrangements have been made by the pastors of the various city churches to hold such services at the jail every Sunday afternoon. The service next Sunday will be conducted by Rev. W. H. Reddish, pastor of the First Baptist church.

Saturday. She leaves a husband and several children to mourn their loss. Deceased before her marriage was a Miss Kiser.

Out of seventeen exchanges belonging to the Piedmont Telephone Company, Cherryville, under the efficient management of our townsman, Mr. L. P. Dellinger, has outstripped them all in the number of phones installed during the last year, making a gain of 71. Mr. Dellinger won the prize offered by Mr. Babington, general manager of the company, for putting in the most phones during the three months ending December 31, having put in 25 phones during that time. A town's growth and prosperity are measured to some extent by the number of telephones in the surrounding community.

## COURT HOUSE NEWS

### COUNTY BUSINESS.

Proceedings of February Commissioner's Meeting—Board Takes Favorable Action on Sloan's Ferry Bridge Matter—Accounts Audited and Paid.

At the regular February meeting of the county commissioners held at the court house yesterday all members were present and Chairman John F. Leeper presided. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

W. E. Clemmer was released of tax on one dog erroneously charged and the sheriff was ordered to refund one dollar.

Henry Callahan was released of poll tax on account of physical infirmities.

The monthly report of the county treasurer was accepted, approved and ordered to be recorded.

John S. Kiser was allowed to make return and pay single tax on \$300 worth of real estate and \$85 personal property in Cherryville township.

E. B. Bridges was ordered to be charged with a poll tax in Crowders Mountain township.

James T. McAden was allowed to make return and pay single tax on property in South Point township.

William Rhyne was released of poll tax erroneously charged in South Point township.

Chester A. Black, county surveyor-elect, appeared before the board, made bond and took the oath of office as surveyor.

M. E. Plonk was released of poll tax on account of being exempt.

Rev. R. A. Miller was released of tax on corporate excess, bank stock. E. S. Costner was released of tax on \$2,273 cash in hand, erroneously charged.

W. C. Thompson, Jr., was released of poll tax on account of being exempt.

W. B. Best was released of taxes in Dallas township.

Chesley Huss was released from poll tax in Cherryville township on account of being exempt and sheriff ordered to refund \$2.75.

It was ordered that the public road leading from Kiser's mill to the covered bridge, as petitioned for by sundry parties, be opened up, and that the public road leading from the bridge to Thomas S. Royster's be discontinued whenever the new road is completed and ready for use, provided, that no damage is asked against the county.

On motion it was ordered that a bridge be built across the Catawba river at Sloan's Ferry, according to petitions this day presented to the board, provided that the county of Mecklenburg will pay its proportional part of the cost of erecting said bridge.

Archie Wilkes was released of taxes for 1910 and exempted from paying poll tax on account of physical infirmities.

W. B. Goodson was exempted from poll tax on account of physical infirmities and released from paying poll tax for 1910.

J. A. Kelly was released of taxes on \$650 worth of real estate erroneously charged in Lucia school district and the sheriff was ordered to refund the tax of \$1.30.

The contract for building the Duhart's Creek bridge was awarded to the York Bridge Company for \$1,500 said company to have the old bridge at Mount Holly.

### ROAD SUPERVISORS.

The following persons were appointed as road supervisors in the several townships for the year 1911:

Gastonia Township: E. Hope Adams, W. H. Crawford, J. Ed Crawford, J. Madison Kendrick.

River Bend Township: J. F. Abernathy, E. D. Kelly, J. R. Rogers, R. Z. Robinson, Houston Hoover.

Cherryville Township: J. S. Murray, John S. Black, Van Paysour, L. H. Kiser.

Dallas Township: E. S. Ratchford, E. S. Costner, P. J. Maxwell, Samuel Lutz.

Crowders Mountain Township: Eugene Elliott, Jim Carson, J. T. Oates, C. C. Kiser.

South Point Township: Sloan

### NOTED READER COMING.

Mr. Hannibal Williams, of New York, Well-Known Shakespearean Reader Will Render Henry IV at School Auditorium Friday Night—A Rare Opportunity.

In the school auditorium Friday night Mr. Hannibal Williams, of New York, will recite from memory Shakespeare's King Henry IV, Part One. Mr. Williams has not been engaged as a money making scheme but on account of the educational value of his entertainment. The colleges of the country are getting him as a part of the liberal education of their students. The college students are paying 50 and 75 cents for the privilege of hearing him. By special arrangement Gastonians are to have the same privilege for 25 cents. A family taking as many as two tickets will be given a third ticket.

There are those who constantly ask why Gastonia does not get some high class attractions. There are those who think that Gastonia does not have her share of clean, uplifting, educative entertainments. These are now given a chance to show what can be done with something first-class. The ministers, clubs, and all interested in the betterment of the community should lend a hand in making this kind of entertainment a sufficient success to bring more of the kind to the city.

Superintendent Wray has heard Mr. Williams and he deems him an artist, and a rare one, in reciting and interpreting Shakespeare. Mr. Williams is worth the price as an example to the boys and girls of Gastonia. He shows the value of doing a thing well, even reading which so many boys and girls think of little importance.

Mr. Williams was recently at a college from which a report of his entertainment came to Rev. John Hall, saying that it was so good that Mr. Hall says he is going to hear him.

Mr. Williams was at Wofford College February 2nd. This was in the college Lyceum course. The college got out a card reading thus:

Commendation by President Snyder: "I have heard Mr. Hannibal Williams in Shakespeare's Henry IV. His interpretation was all that could be asked from every standpoint. Particularly sympathetic and effective was his impersonation of Sir John Falstaff, the prince of humorists."

Dr. Edwin M. Potest, president of Furman University, where Mr. Williams gave three recitals, had this to say of them: "I was greatly pleased with your recitals, and felt that so pure and high a pleasure ought to be within the reach of all. I can best convey to you my impression of your work by saying that I constantly found myself wondering at the marvelous power of Shakespeare. My attention was fixed upon the reader only when, in looking back upon the entertainment, I remembered that I was really indebted to him for my new delight in the myriad-minded poet."

Countless expressions of appreciation like these could be cited. There is every evidence that Mr. Williams is going to do his part. Now it remains for those who appreciate and enjoy such things to encourage the undertaking by a liberal patronage. Those who once took pleasure in such elevating and instructive work should renew their interest and allegiance. Those who are patriotic and believe in the uplift of the community, but who have never cared for this type of entertainment, should begin now to acquire the taste and to lend their influence for the support of every effort for the improvement of the minds of the youth of the community.

Friday night in the school auditorium let Gastonians give an audience that will be worthy of the city and indicative of the interest they have in things artistic and things literary.

### Tree Worth \$30,000.

Youths Companion.  
How should you like to own an apple-tree worth thirty thousand dollars? That sum was recently refused by a nursery company in Washington which is producing a new and exceedingly promising variety of fruit, having marvelous keeping properties. Like most valuable varieties of the apple, the tree is a natural—it might be called an accidental—product, having grown, it is said, from one of a handful of seeds carelessly planted by an Indian 20 years ago.