

NEWS FROM NEARBY TOWNS

NEWS OF THE LORAY.

New Cafe Opened—Drug Store in New Quarters—People Who Come and Go.

Correspondence of The Gazette. LORAY MILLS, Feb. 13.—The Loray Cafe, a new and up-to-date restaurant, was opened for business last week by Mr. R. M. Hunsucker. This is something that we have been badly in need of for some time and as Mr. Hunsucker has had quite a lot of experience in this line we feel sure that he will be successful.

Among the many improvements recently added to our village, the two of most importance are the new headquarters of the Loray Drug Co. and the new barber shop on the opposite side of the street. Dr. Morrow carries a complete line of drugs, candies and cigars, both hot and cold drinks. Everything is very neatly arranged, with water and electric lights in the building. He has a large and growing trade. Mr. Brooks has a first-class barber shop in every respect, fitted with modern equipments, and is doing his work to the satisfaction of his many customers.

Miss Rebecca Blackwell has resigned her position as stenographer and has returned to her home in South Carolina. She will be succeeded by Miss Ethel Crawford, of Spartanburg, S. C.—Miss Dollie Thompson, after spending several weeks with her sister, Mrs. T. M. McEntire, has returned to her home in Greenville, S. C.—Mrs. C. L. Chandler, who has been visiting her parents near Spartanburg, has returned home.—Messrs. G. O. Goble and Joe Hearn, of Greensboro, paid the mill a pleasant call last week.—Mr. K. C. Eppers, overseer of weaving for the Great Falls Manufacturing Co., spent last Saturday and Sunday with friends and relatives here.—Mr. Charles Barkley has accepted a position in the machine shop.—Mr. W. L. Gregory has accepted a position in the weave shop.—Mr. John White has returned home after spending a few days in Easley, S. C.—Mrs. Lillie Killian and family have moved to Gaffney, S. C.—Mr. D. B. Brooks went to Spartanburg on business Thursday.

The members of West End and Franklin Avenue Methodist churches are highly pleased with their new pastor, Rev. J. A. Peeler. He is preaching some excellent sermons, and is also doing some good personal work among the people.

Messrs. T. E. and A. E. Moore left on Nov. 28 Sunday on a business trip to New York and other northern points.

HOME-TALENT PLAY.

"The Deacon" Will be Presented at Stanley Saturday Night—Personal and Local Items.

Correspondence of The Gazette. STANLEY, Feb. 13.—"The Deacon," an original comedy drama in five acts, will be played by home-talent in the high school auditorium Saturday night, February 18th, and promises two hours and a half of good entertainment. Below is the cast of characters and synopsis of the play:

Cast of Characters: Deacon Thornton, Dr. M. E. Hoffman; George Grauf, Leon Smith; George Darrah (alias Matt Wheeler) H. R. Thompson; James Reed and Pedro, Fred Cloninger; Parson Brownlow, Guy Derr; Pete (servant) Clyde Bass; Billy (Deacon's boy), James Halter; Mrs. Thornton, Bessie Morris; Helen Thornton, Bettie Gaston; Miss Amelia Fawcett, Willye Summerrow; Mrs. Darrah, Lucile Moore; Nellie Darrah, Mary Lou Rutledge; Daisy (servant), Kethey Cannon.

Synopsis: Act I, scene Hotel garden; act II, scene, Mrs. Thornton's sitting room; act III, scene 1, a street; scene 2, George Grauf's lodgings; scene 3, a street; scene 4, a wood; acts IV and V, scene, Mrs. Thornton's sitting room.

The curtain rises at 8 o'clock. The admission is 15 and 25 cents.

Miss Bertha Jenkins, who has been visiting relatives here since Saturday, returned to her home at Mount Holly this morning.—Mr. and

Mrs. T. E. Summerrow and Master Thomas Edward, Jr., of Gastonia, spent Sunday with their parents.—Mrs. John G. Carpenter returned Thursday from Raleigh, where she has been with Senator Carpenter for the past several weeks.—Mr. O. B. Carpenter, who since the first of the year has been traveling for Adolph Ginsberg Tailoring Co., of Baltimore, Md., spent Sunday at home.—Mrs. M. B. Peterson and Miss Lillian spent Saturday and Sunday at Charlotte with her daughter, Mrs. W. L. Mason.—Mr. S. J. Black made a business trip to Gastonia Saturday.—Mrs. O. B. Carpenter returned Sunday from Charlotte after spending several weeks with her aunt, Mrs. C. C. Kennedy.

LANDERS CHAPEL NEWS.

Correspondence of The Gazette. LANDERS CHAPEL, Feb. 11.—We have had some rain in this section but we can't grumble as the farmers have had some nice weather in which to break their ground. Hunter Stroup, son of J. A. Stroup, and Clifford Carpenter, son of S. L. Carpenter, two boys about sixteen years old, ran away from home Sunday. They walked to Bessemer City where they bought tickets to Atlanta. Telegrams have been sent to Atlanta but so far no trace of the boys has been found. Their disappearance has caused the parents of these boys much anxiety. We hope they will soon find the boys.

Messrs. J. P. Alexander, L. H. Gritt, J. G. Paysour, William Cash, E. M. Abernethy and S. L. Carpenter are delegates from this local to the meeting of the Gaston County Farmers Union to be held at Gastonia.—Mrs. Frances Kiser has returned home after a week's visit to her daughter, Mrs. M. A. Carpenter.—Mrs. Lavina Gritt is confined to her bed, old age being the cause of her infirmities.

Landers Chapel school and Friday's school had agreed on Friday night for a spelling "bee" but it was postponed on account of the rain.—Mr. S. L. Carpenter is remodeling his house by putting a second story on it.

NEWS FROM SELLERS' STORE.

Correspondence of The Gazette. KINGS MOUNTAIN, ROUTE 1, Feb. 11.—Mr. Charles Neal, of Cherryville, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Neal.—Mr. J. L. Vandyke has returned from Gastonia where he has been putting down a well.—Mr. J. P. Vandyke left for Gastonia today.—The many friends of Miss Lena Blalock will be glad to know she is out again after a severe attack of pneumonia.—Misses Pearl Spee, Frances Vandyke and Iva Eaker spent Sunday with Miss Amasha Warlick.—Albert and Blaine Sellers returned home Saturday from Virginia where they had been working in the coal mines.—Mr. Edgar Eaker, of Cherryville, spent Sunday at Mr. M. R. Eaker's.

The Sunnyside graded school is making much progress under the management of Mr. Jesse Caldwell, of Cherryville.—Misses Hallie and Etta Farms attended church at Smyrna Saturday.—Mrs. J. L. Vandyke spent Friday in Cherryville.—Mr. W. C. Ford made a trip to Bessemer City Thursday.—The Fairview school will close March 10th with Miss Fannie Brown, of Rock Hill, S. C., as teacher.—Misses May and Maude Hartman spent last Sunday with Mrs. Frances Vandyke.—Mr. Albert Mauney is erecting a nice new dwelling where his old house burned down some time ago.—Miss Mamie Bess spent Sunday with her cousin near Gastonia.—Mr. Will Lingerfelt, of Dallas, spent last Saturday and Sunday at the home of Mr. J. L. Vandyke.—The young people of this section gave Mr. Bert Parier a surprise party one night last week.

NEWS FROM DALLAS, ROUTE 1.

Correspondence of The Gazette. DALLAS, ROUTE 1, Feb. 13.—Mr. and Mrs. R. L. White and sister, Miss Rulia, spent Saturday at Dallas, the guests of Mr. Miles Pasour

and family.—Messrs. Rupert Clemmer, William Harmon, J. J. O. Pasour and W. L. Pasour went to Hickory on business last Tuesday, returning Friday.—Mrs. Eliza White has been on the sick list during the past week.—Misses Oia, Estelle, Ruth and Mildred Jones were the guests Saturday and Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Cloninger.—Mrs. Grier Jenkins, of Gastonia, route 4, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. Christie Jenkins.—Mr. John Ramsey, of Bessemer City, route two, spent Sunday with Calvin Hovis.—Mrs. G. E. C. Pasour and little daughter, Evelyn, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. W. A. Thomas in the Pisgah section.

Miss Lola Cloninger is spending several days with Miss Mattie Best.—Mrs. J. C. Friday, of Dallas, route two, spent several days last week in this section with her daughter, Mrs. L. C. Pasour. She will visit another daughter, Mrs. Costner, at Kings Mountain before returning home.—Miss Florence Pasour was the guest Sunday of Misses Etta White and Mary Foy.—Mr. C. L. Hovis spent Saturday at the home of Mr. Ephraim Ramsey.—Mrs. Rupert Clemmer spent last Wednesday with her mother, Mrs. Etta White.—Mrs. Emanuel Cloninger spent Friday with her daughter, Mrs. J. J. O. Pasour.—Mr. and Mrs. Marion Cloninger and children were the guests Sunday at the home of Mrs. Sarah Pasour.

Masons to Give Smoker.

The following invitations are being issued by Gastonia Lodge No. 369, A. F. and A. M., for a smoker to be given on Tuesday night, February 28th:

You are cordially invited to be present at a called communication of Gastonia Lodge, No. 369, A. F. & A. M. Tuesday night, February 28th Eight o'clock the Master Mason's Degree Will be conferred followed by a smoker.

All Master Masons in good standing in the county are to be invited to attend this occasion, and quite a number of visiting Masons from other counties will probably be present, which will make the event one of unusual interest in Masonic circles.

An Excellent Attraction.

A rather small but thoroughly appreciative audience heard Mr. Hannibal A. Williams, of New York, at the Central school auditorium last Friday night read Shakespeare's King Henry IV, Part I. His interpretation and impersonation of the characters of the play was splendid and showed that Mr. Williams is thoroughly imbued with the spirit of the greatest of all writers and that he reads with understanding. His characterization of Falstaff was exceedingly good. The reader was listened to throughout with intense interest and all who heard him were glad for having such an opportunity. Prof. Wray, who secured Mr. Williams for this occasion, deserves the thanks of the town for bringing here such a high-class literary entertainment. If Gastonia is so fortunate as to secure Mr. Williams next season it should give him a full house.

Didn't Want to Take His Own Medicine.

Madison County Record. Representative Marshall, of Surry county, has introduced a bill to provide free school books in North Carolina. Mr. Marshall is a Republican and said that he was following out his party platform in his effort to give the children of the State free books. The Democrats thought that Mr. Marshall was playing politics, and they offered an amendment to his bill providing that his county should pay for the books for his schools. When the bill came up for passage with this amendment the gentleman from Surry took backwater and asked for his bill to lay over indefinitely. He wanted free books provided that the State would pay for them, but not if his own county had to pay, and that is the way of most of the "free business" they all want it if the other fellow pays for it.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

COUNTY BUSINESS.

At Adjourned Meeting of Commissioners Yesterday Amendment to Salary Act is Recommended—No Action on Recorder's Court.

An adjourned meeting of the board of county commissioners was held at the court house yesterday, all members being present and Chairman John F. Leeper presiding.

W. L. Farmington was relieved of tax on one dog, erroneously charged. L. C. Hord was released of \$1.56 taxes on account of East Kings Mountain Graded School.

Messrs. John F. Leeper and R. K. Davenport were appointed a committee to inspect the wheeled stockades used in Mecklenburg county and determine whether they can be constructed at less cost than the kind of stockade now used in Gaston. The committee was empowered after investigation to build the kind of stockades they consider best for the use of the county chain gangs.

Superintendent of Roads T. L. Ware was instructed to have a new floor placed on the Crowders Creek bridge. Dr. O. G. Falls was appointed a committee to confer with a like committee from the county Board of Education and adjust the proportional part of the County Board of Education and other county funds in the payment of the Treasurer's salary and other county expenses.

A contract was awarded to the Spencer Lumber Co. to place five hat and coat racks in the various rooms of the court house at a contract price of \$21.50.

A resolution was passed recommending that the bill now pending before the General Assembly to place county officers on a salary basis be so amended as to provide for the office of township tax collector in all the townships of the county except Gastonia, said tax collectors to receive the fees allowed for collecting taxes. The sheriff to collect taxes in Gastonia township and all certified taxes from the State Corporation Commission and to receive no compensation other than the salary as fixed by law. It was further recommended that the sheriff be allowed a salary of \$2,000 per annum.

The following accounts were audited and ordered paid: Milburn-Helster & Co., balance as architects of court house and jail, \$757.04.

Gastonia Hardware Co., wheelbarrow, automatic spring and door-check, \$7.75. Spencer Lumber Co., work on court house and jail, \$28.45.

The matter of petitioning the General Assembly to establish a recorder's court for the county came up for consideration and was discussed at some length but no official action was taken on the matter. There was evidently not sufficient favorable sentiment in regard to the matter on the part of the members of the board to secure a vote in favor of establishing such a court for the entire county. This attitude of the board, however, is in regard to a recorder's court for the entire county, and has no bearing on the proposed establishment of such a court for the town of Gastonia.

COST OF COURT HOUSE AND JAIL.

The following table shows the total cost of the new court house and jail, now complete:

G. W. Waring, contract	\$51,747.00
Everett-Waddy Co., furniture	3,235.75
Wahle, Phillips & Co., light fixtures	1,696.00
Art Metal Construction Co., metal fixtures	2,500.00
American Machine & Mfg. Co., heating plant	2,185.00
	\$61,363.75
Milburn, Helster & Co., architects, 5 per cent on above	3,068.18
Cost of lot	10,000.00
Total	\$74,431.93

A few miscellaneous items, not included in the above contracts, bring the total to a little less than \$75,000.

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IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

What the State's Solons Are Doing—Number of New Bills of Interest Introduced.

Last Thursday the House passed the joint resolution for the ratification of the amendment to the Federal constitution for the income tax by a large majority and it was ordered enrolled for ratification.

Senator Greene offered a bill to permit the sale of pure beer and wines in the State. It is asserted that this bill will die. Dr. Kent's State-wide near-beer measure has received a favorable report from the Senate committee and will in all probability be enacted into law.

There seems to be considerable division among the legislators as to the advisability of a bond issue of a million dollars for a new State building. In the Senate Thursday this matter was the subject for a lengthy discussion and many amendments were offered, putting the amount all the way from a million down to \$150,000. The prevailing opinion seems to be that there are greater needs than that for a new State building.

Friday Senator Cotten's bill to provide the Torrens land title system was reported favorably by the committee on agriculture and was sent to the committee on judiciary. This bill is generally conceded to be one of the most important of this session. The State needs the system and it has many things to recommend it. It is understood that the main opposition to it comes from the lawyers. Just what will be its fate cannot be foretold.

Senator Gardner has introduced a bill to provide medals after fifteen years service in the State militia and exempting military men from civil or criminal liability for acts committed under orders.

Senator Boyden has introduced a bill to provide for the medical inspection of school children in town's having a population of 4000 or over.

Some other bills introduced in the House are the following: To fix salaries of Supreme Court Justices at \$4,500; to appropriate \$400,000 additional to the public schools; to assist farmers by co-operation field experiments; to prevent carrying of revolvers and sale of them except to officers of the law.

Saturday Senator Sykes introduced a bill to increase the county tax for schools the State over from 18 to 25 cents on the \$100 valuation.

YESTERDAY'S SESSION.

The Senate, after prolonged debate today, passed Senator Hick's bill prohibiting throwing saw dust in any rivers or streams in North Carolina. All amendments exempting counties were voted down and the bill is to stop endless expressly local legislation.

Senator Graham introduced a bill authorizing the Governor to appoint a State tax commissioner to investigate and report to the next General Assembly a scheme for equalizing the valuation of lands and other property assessment and collection of taxes and such further measures in regard to taxation as they deem proper for the best interest of the State.

A bill by Koonce would increase the pension fund for old soldiers \$1,000,000.

A bill pending for some time to make the purchase of votes and similar offenses against the purity of elections in this State felonies instead of misdemeanors is to have favorable report. Rather, a substitute bill to this effect is to be reported by judiciary committee No. 1 for the Ewart Bill. Other sections of the Ewart Bill, including payment of poll tax and granting immunity to witnesses for prosecution, are stricken out and the substitute made to simply amend Revisal of 1905, section 3,386.

The bill to prevent detention of women in questionable houses for debt or other cause got favorable report from the Senate judiciary committee, which decides to report unfavorably the bill heretofore passed by the House putting husband and wife on the same footing in suits for divorce for Biblical cause, one offense being ground for divorce by either party. There will be a minority favorable report.

—Mr. W. W. Glenn, who has been spending several days here, left on No. 27 this morning for his home at McComb City, Miss. He was accompanied by Miss Susie Love, who will spend some time with Mr. and Mrs. Glenn.

Personals and Locals.

—Mr. J. M. Hoover, of Mount Holly, was a business visitor in Gastonia yesterday.

—Mr. J. A. Murray, of Bessemer City, was a business visitor in the city Saturday afternoon.

—Several Gastonians went to Charlotte last night to see "The Yankee Girl" at the Academy of Music.

—Mr. W. M. Pasour, of Bessemer City, route one, was in Gastonia on Saturday and paid The Gazette office a pleasant call.

—The Stud Club will meet with Mrs. D. A. Garrison at her home on Dallas street this afternoon at 8 o'clock.

—Miss Kate Cooper, of Spartanburg, S. C., will arrive today to be the guest of Mrs. Andrew E. Moore on West Franklin avenue.

—Mr. Fred Stowe and Miss Ella Stowe, of Dallas, went to Charlotte Saturday night to hear Creators at the Academy of Music.

—Messrs. L. A. and Alfred Smith and Ed Handsell and their families expect to leave this week for Florida to live.

—Mrs. R. D. Atkins and Miss Lillian J. Atkins spent Saturday and Sunday in Charlotte. Miss Atkins went to hear Creators at the Academy of Music Saturday night.

—Drs. D. E. McConnell, P. R. Falls, T. A. Wilkins and Frank R. Anders will leave Thursday for Winston-Salem to attend a meeting of the Cleveland District Dental Society. They will return Saturday.

—Dr. T. A. Wilkins spent Sunday with homefolks at Rutherfordton. Mrs. T. K. Barnett, Mrs. Wilkins' mother, of Shelby, returned to Gastonia with him Sunday night and will spend some time here with them.

—Yesterday The Gazette put an even twenty new names on its subscription list—and it was just an ordinary day; nothing special going on, simply giving the people the best and biggest paper in the county at a ridiculously small price.

—Mr. Hugh A. Rankin, who recently moved from Mount Holly to Jackson Springs, Moore county, arrived here Saturday to spend a few days on business. Mr. Rankin is engaged in the saw-mill business in Moore county and was here to procure hands to run his machinery.

—Miss Nellie Hicklin, of Lancaster, S. C., has purchased, through Mr. John J. George, the W. P. Bumgardner property in Bessemer City. She expects to move there soon. Mr. Bumgardner is going to Alabama where he will visit for awhile. On his return he expects to purchase a farm.

—Mr. and Mrs. John I. Green and Mr. Perry Dover and family expect to leave the latter part of the week for Hampton, Bradford county, Florida, where they expect to reside in the future. Their many Gastonian friends regret to see them go but wish for them prosperity and happiness in the land of flowers.

—From now until the first of April the library will be open daily from 3 to 6 and also from 7 to 9 p. m. every night except Wednesday, and Saturdays, with Miss I. C. Blake in charge. After April first the library will be open seven hours each day with Miss Blake regularly in charge, provided the soliciting committee raises the funds it is now engaged in procuring.

—Had you noticed the large increase in the amount of country correspondence which The Gazette is giving its readers now. This is a department on which we have spent considerable time and work and count it one of our most valuable features. We furnish you the best available means of keeping up with what is going on over Gaston.

—Mr. and Mrs. Sam Patrick, who live in the Bethel section, expect to move to Gastonia at an early date and will occupy their residence on East Franklin avenue where Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Myers are now living. Mr. and Mrs. Myers and their daughter, Mrs. S. S. Pittman, expect to leave soon for Montana to live.

—Horace Lane, a young white man wanted here on a charge of seduction, was brought to Gastonia yesterday morning from Shelby by Sheriff Wilkins, of Cleveland County, and placed in jail to await trial at the next term of Gaston Superior Court. Lane formerly worked at one of the mills here and has been wanted by the officers since last September.