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NEWS FROM NEARBY TOWNS

UNDERGOES OPERATION.

Mrs. T. S. Royster Recovering From Attack of Appendicitis—Higs Schools to Debate—Henry Blount Lectures at Bessemer—Breezy Briefs.

Correspondence of The Gazette. BESSEMER CITY, Feb. 20.—Mrs. T. S. Royster, of route one, whose serious illness was noted last week, was Wednesday operated on for appendicitis in the Shelby hospital. Since that time her condition has been most satisfactory. Mr. T. S. Royster spent yesterday in Shelby with Mrs. Royster.

Miss Evelyn Lewis, of Blackstock, S. C., is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. T. M. Hovis, on route two.—Mrs. Lizzie Pasour and little child of Rutherfordton, are on a visit to Mrs. Pasour's mother, Mrs. Sallie Hovis.—Mr. S. B. Hovis, of the Belmont graded school faculty, spent the week-end with homefolks, returning to his work last night.

An occasion of considerable interest out on route one is the debate next Friday night between Sunnyside and Cherryville high schools. The debate, the first of a series of three, will be held at Cherryville.

Miss Mary Hager is substituting for Miss Bessie McKeown in the Sunnyside school.—Miss Lizzie Kennedy gave a most delightful Valentine social at her home last Tuesday night.

Under the auspices of the Ladies Society of the A. R. P. church an ice cream supper was given in the opera hall last Saturday night.—Miss Amelabel Crawford, of our graded school faculty, was called to her home at Belmont last Tuesday on account of the critical illness of her sister. Mrs. J. E. Wheeler is substituting for Miss Crawford.—Mrs. C. A. Thornburg spent several days of last week with her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Holmes, at Lowell.—Mr. J. P. Shinn, of Norwood, was a business visitor here the latter part of last week.—Mr. John F. Scott, of Gastonia, spent Friday night and Saturday with his family.

Henry Blount, the mimic, gave a humorous lecture before a fair-sized crowd in the opera hall Wednesday night.

The stockholders of the Bessemer City ginny had an important meeting in the town hall Saturday afternoon. The ginny did an extraordinary season's work and is in a fine financial condition.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. William Thornburg died Friday and was buried Saturday.

Lowell Locals.

Correspondence of The Gazette. LOWELL, Feb. 20.—Mr. Abram Titman, an aged and venerable citizen, is now in very feeble health.—Mrs. Amanda Sams is ill at her home near Spencer Mountain, having been confined to her bed for several weeks.—Mrs. T. P. Rankin and Miss Mabel Leonard were Charlotte visitors Saturday.—Mr. Alfred B. Mitchell, the piano tuner of Gastonia, was in town Thursday.—Miss Allen, of Catawba county, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Lee Ford.—Mr. Ray Teague, a student at the South Fork Baptist Institute, Maiden, is at home carrying a sore arm.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hall, of Belmont, visited Mr. and Mrs. John Lowry Friday.—Miss Virginia Robinson spent last week with Mrs. R. P. Rankin in Gastonia.—Mr. P. P. Murphy and Dr. James Reid were the guests of Miss Mary Ragan Thursday night.

Thursday afternoon Mrs. Sloan Springs had an old-time quilting "bee" at her beautiful country home. The following ladies enjoyed the occasion: Mesdames Fildis Cox, J. R. Reid, S. M. Robinson, J. R. Titman, W. A. Titman, P. W. Hand, John Rhyne, Bert Rhyne and R. A. Miller. The ladies did good work and the quilt was finished in a few hours. After the guests had spent some time in social intercourse, the hostess invited them into the dining room where an elegant lucheon was served. Mrs. Springs proved herself as is her custom, an accomplished hostess. In the gloaming all wended

their way home with pleasant memories of a delightful afternoon. Rev. R. A. Miller preached at Rutherfordton Sunday.

LANDERS CHAPEL NEWS.

Correspondence of The Gazette. CROUSE, Feb. 18.—Hunter Stroup and Clifford Carpenter, the two boys who ran away from home the 5th instant, as related in this correspondence, are back at home. They were located at Baldwin, Ga., where they were working in a peach orchard. Boys, there's no place like home.—Mr. William Witherspoon has moved his saw mill to Mr. Will Elam's place. He has a large outfit and is prepared to do fine work.

Mr. William Bollinger and Miss May Souther were happily married at the home of the bride last Sunday. Rev. M. L. Carpenter officiating.—Mrs. Julius Alexander visited her daughter, Mrs. H. C. Kiser, last Wednesday.—Mrs. Frances Kiser visited at the home of Mr. F. P. Pasour Saturday.—Mr. J. P. Alexander had the misfortune to mash his finger while engaged at the saw mill of Mr. William Witherspoon Friday morning.—Wheat in this section is looking fine.—Little Miss Audrey Kiser visited her cousin, Miss Mary Lee Pasour, last Saturday.—Mr. Sylvanus Carpenter and bride visited his father, Mr. M. L. Carpenter, last Sunday.

IRON STATION NEWS.

Correspondence of The Gazette. IRON STATION, Feb. 20.—Miss Florence Carson spent Friday and Saturday with Misses Myrtle and Willie Stroup.—Miss Hattie Armstrong, of Kildaville, spent from Friday till today with homefolks.—Mrs. J. M. Reinhardt and sister, Miss Georgia Rendleman, of Stanley, were the guests Saturday and Sunday of their parents, Capt. and Mrs. J. M. Rendleman.—Misses Mattie and Birtie Goodson, of Machpelah, are visiting their grandmother.—Mr. Wilber Rhyne spent the week-end with relatives on route two, Dallas.—Rev. Mr. Hale preached two able sermons here Sunday.—Mrs. Ed McGee and little son, of Lincoln, visited at Mrs. Fannie Long's last week.—Mr. E. I. Rhyne spent several days with his brother, Mr. William Rhyne, near Reepsville last week.

Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Long visited in Stanley last week.—Some of our people attended the box supper at Salem school house last Saturday night.—Mr. J. M. Hallman and son, Blair, made a business trip to Maiden last week.—Mr. and Mrs. Noah Lineberger entertained a number of their young friends last Saturday night.—Misses Corrie and Effie Harris, of Lincoln, visited homefolks last week.

LORAY LOCALS.

Correspondence of The Gazette. LORAY MILLS, Feb. 20.—The members of the Loray Baptist church have put out a row of hedging on the front side of the church yard, which will help out the appearance of the place very much.—Messrs. C. L. and W. C. Chandler were called to Greenville, S. C., last Friday to attend the funeral of their uncle, Mr. O. S. Gunnels, who was killed by a burglar Thursday night while discharging his duties as policeman.—Mrs. A. C. Little spent Saturday and Sunday with friends and relatives in Mooresville.—Mrs. J. L. Boyter spent a part of last week here and returned to her home at High Shoals Saturday.—Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Boyter spent the week-end with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Barbee.—Mr. R. M. Davis and family have moved to Crowders Mountain.—Mr. Will Howard has moved to a farm near Clover, S. C.—Mr. J. R. Young, Sr., has moved to the Loray.—Mrs. A. B. McAllister has been suffering with neuralgia for the past week.—Mr. T. M. McEntire went over to Spartanburg on business Saturday.—Messrs. W. F. Riddle and P. L. Plyler made a business trip to Gaffney, S. C., Saturday.—Mr. Geo. Harrison is in Greensboro this week on business.—Mr. Henry Dilling, of

Whitnel, spent a few days with friends and relatives here last week. Owing to the changeable condition of the weather quite a number of our people are suffering with grip.—Miss Bertha Johnson entertained a number of friends at a Valentine party on the 14th. There was an apron hemming contest in which the boys hemmed the aprons for the girls, and now the Loray girls are displaying some very fancy needle work on the hems of their aprons.

SOCIAL.

An event of interest to many Gastonians will be the marriage at Hickory tomorrow of Mr. John Mac Holland and Miss Alice Bostwick Boyden. Among those from Gastonia who will attend the wedding will be Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Holland, parents of the groom, and Master Joe Holland, Mr. J. K. Dixon, Jr., Messrs. Lamar C. Pegram and Ed Pegram and perhaps others.

Miss Marie Torrence gave a musical at her home on York street yesterday afternoon, there being present about a dozen invited guests. Selections were rendered by Mrs. H. B. Moore, Mrs. F. D. Barkley, Miss Annie Latimer, Miss Bertha Long and Miss Torrence. At the close of the event Miss Torrence presented to her guests the matter of organizing a musical club and the subject was discussed, action being deferred to a later time.

The first literary meeting of the Epworth League of Main Street Methodist church for 1911 was held last night in the league rooms, Dr. Frank R. Anders presiding. There was a good attendance. Following prayer by Rev. G. D. Herman and a song, the twenty-third Psalm was repeated. Miss Susie Rawlings then read the program for the next literary meeting. The literary department, under the supervision of Miss Zoe Porter, third vice-president, then took charge of the meeting and carried out an interesting program, the subject being "Burns." A sketch of the poet's life was read by Miss Ethel Baker. Mrs. Pollock read some paragraphs from his works and Mr. J. H. Separk read "A Cotter's Saturday Night." Miss Jane Morris sang a solo, "My Ain Sweet Mary." Miss Eunice Bryan read "To a Mountain Daisy." A book-title contest was then held which proved interesting and instructive. Miss Bertha Long was the winner in this contest. Following another song the benediction was pronounced. The league literary meetings form one of the most interesting features of the organization.

A big exhibition of Kimball pianos is being made this week at the sales rooms of A. J. Kirby & Co., in the Davis block. This firm has on exhibition 21 different styles of the famous Kimball piano. Admission is free, souvenirs are free. On page six you will find an attractive half-page ad of this company, showing the immense plant and the office building in Chicago. Read this ad, it may interest you.

Drs. D. E. McConnell, P. R. Falls and T. A. Wilkins attended the sessions of the Cleveland Dental Society at Winston-Salem Thursday and Friday. Dr. McConnell returned home Friday night. Drs. Falls and Wilkins remained over till Saturday night. There were thirty or more dentists in attendance and the meeting was a profitable and enjoyable one. Dr. Falls was the retiring president. Dr. Wilkins was elected treasurer for the ensuing year and Dr. L. P. Baker, of Kings Mountain, was chosen a member of the committee on arrangements.

Dr. James H. Kirkland, Chancellor of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., was Wednesday chosen as president of the Religious Education Association to succeed Bishop William Lawrence. The annual meeting of the association is being held in Providence, R. I., this week. The next annual meeting will be held in St. Louis.

FUNDS MUST BE RAISED.

Only This Week Left in Which Towns Along Proposed Piedmont Trolley Line May Raise Their Subscriptions to Stock—Plans to be Decided Upon Next Monday—Gastonia Lacks About \$30,000 of Having Up Her Part. Does Gastonia want to be on the Piedmont trolley line?

If so, it will be necessary for her people to take prompt action to raise the remainder of Gastonia's pro rata part of the stock subscription allotted to the section between Charlotte and Kings Mountain. The entire amount is \$125,000, of which Gastonia is expected to raise \$60,000. Of this amount only about half has as yet been raised, leaving something like \$30,000 to be secured. A meeting of the directors of the road is to be held in New York next Monday at which time the plans will be definitely mapped out for this road.

In this connection the following from Sunday's Charlotte Observer should be of very great interest to Gazette readers:

"If the cities and towns along the route of the proposed interurban are in earnest as to their efforts to secure the new electric railway, then some definite and final action will have to be taken during the coming week on the proposition of completing pro rata subscriptions to stock in the company to construct the line and also the even more important matter of securing freight contracts and having them validated.

This was the news that President W. S. Lee of the Piedmont Traction Company brought back with him yesterday morning from New York where he has been in conference on the great undertaking during the past week. A meeting of the managers of the Piedmont syndicate consisting of Messrs. J. B. and B. N. Duke, Ellison A. Smyth, Lewis W. Parker, Samuel McRoberts and W. S. Lee, has been called for Monday of next week in New York and at this time the whole undertaking will be thoroughly gone over, 'the kinks ironed out' and decisive action taken as to whether or not the road shall be built in its entirety as originally planned and if so where the work shall be commenced and under what circumstances. As is well known, it is the idea of the promoters of this electric railway to start construction work at a half-dozen points, building out from these centers until all are connected and the system is finished. It is needless to say at this meeting Monday of next week will be one of the greatest importance to all this section.

President Lee is very anxious for all the cities and towns interested in this movement to get busy at once, particularly those that have not yet finished their allotments of stock subscriptions and their freight contracts. Practically all of these cities are within easy striking distance of the goal and can complete their work with a few days' effort. The very fact that the goal has been in sight has had the effect of causing some to delay so much so that the time has been allowed to slip by. It is absolutely essential that all these matters be finished this week and that full data be furnished him at once in order that he may have full information to proceed on at this meeting next Monday. If this data is not in his possession at that time it will doubtless result in confusion as the plans of those in charge are systematized and everything is in readiness for active operations.

A fact of interest brought back by Mr. Lee from the North is that all financial arrangements have been perfected in New York for the handling of the bonds, etc., and there is now no reason whatever for delay. According to the plan so often referred to the cities and towns along the route of the proposed road are to take stock in the company to the extent of one-fourth of the cost necessary to construct the road in their immediate locality, Mr. Duke and associates to take one-fourth and then the road is to be bonded for the remaining one-half, Mr. Duke and associates guaranteeing the sale of these bonds.

In all of the cities and towns along the way committees have been appointed to see to the raising of funds and the signing of the freight contracts. All of these committees should investigate immediately, find out just where they stand and then make strenuous effort to finish up the work at once.

"The name of the road is to be the Piedmont & Northern Railway Com-

DARING TRAIN ROBBERY.

Five Men Hold Up No. 36 Near Gainesville, Ga., Saturday and Dynamite Express Car—May Have Gotten \$14,000 or More—Escaped in Automobile and Are Still at Large.

Southern Railway train No. 36, the fast mail running between New Orleans and New York, was held up by five masked men at 3:15 o'clock Saturday morning at White Sulphur Springs, Ga. They bound and gagged the depot agent at the station and flagged the train.

The robbers dynamited the small safe in the express car but failed to crack the large safe, which is said to have contained \$65,000. First reports stated that they secured \$100,000. Later it was given as \$700 and this morning's papers state that it is believed they got about \$14,000. The express people have never given out any figures. No one was hurt.

Detectives and posses of armed men have been searching for the robbers, who escaped in an automobile but as yet they are at liberty. Large rewards have been offered for their capture.

The express car was badly damaged. When the train reached Gastonia there was a large crowd at the depot to take a look at it and the train crew. This is the first hold-up in many years in this section of the country if not the first at all.

Martha Washington Reception.

The young ladies of the Confederacy or the J. D. Moore Chapter Children of the Confederacy will entertain at a Martha Washington party Friday evening, February 24th, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Sloan, on York street from 8 to 11 o'clock. The entire public is cordially invited to attend and everybody is requested to come in Colonial costume. If you prefer not to do this, come anyhow, for a warm welcome and delicious refreshments await you, all for the small amount of 25 cents. Attractive cherry trees filled with candy will also be on sale at 25 cents each. Come one, come all and help the ladies and children of the Confederacy build the Confederate monument.

Death of Mrs. R. A. Harrison.

Mrs. Julia Harrison, wife of Mr. R. A. Harrison, died at her home near Lowell Sunday night, aged about 55 years. Mrs. Harrison had been an invalid ever since suffering a severe stroke of paralysis about two years ago, and her death was not unexpected. The deceased was before her marriage to Mr. Harrison about ten years ago Miss Julia Stroup, a daughter of Max and Emily Stroup. She is survived by her husband and one brother, Mr. Luther Stroup. Funeral services were conducted at the home at 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon by Rev. R. S. Burwell, pastor of New Hope Presbyterian church, of which the deceased was a member, and the remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Chapel Lutheran church, near Gastonia, beside the graves of her parents.

Special Tax Election Bill.

A bill authorizing the holding of an election in Gaston county on the subject of levying a special school tax of 12 cents on the \$100 worth of property and 36 cents on the poll has been passed by the lower house of the General Assembly, having been introduced by Representative Stroup. It will, it is understood, pass the Senate without opposition. The full facts regarding this bill and setting forth the great additional educational advantages which would accrue to Gaston county by its enactment were set forth in a communication from the officers of the county board of education which appeared in The Gazette of the 20th of January. It is the general belief that, when submitted to a vote of the people, this proposition will be promptly and willingly ratified. It means progress in the educational affairs of the county.

Its lines will extend from Greenwood, S. C., through Greenville, Spartanburg and on to Charlotte and beyond. Work will be started on it within a few weeks if the meeting in New York next Monday results as it is believed that it will. The building of the interurban will unquestionably be the greatest factor in the development of the piedmont section of the Carolinas that the country has ever known."

THE LORAY BILL.

Full Text of Act to Incorporate Town of Loray Mills—Appoints A. E. Moore Mayor and Places Election of His Successors in Hands of County Commissioners—The Boundaries of Proposed Town.

Below The Gazette gives the public the full text of the bill introduced last week in the House of Representatives by Representative A. C. Stroup to incorporate the town of Loray Mills, this being the first time it has been put before the public. It is an interesting document. It names Mr. A. E. Moore as mayor and Messrs. Cleveland, McIntire and Boyce as commissioners to serve until December, 1913, and places the election of their successors in the hands of the county commissioners.

Since The Gazette appeared last Friday carrying an article which gave the citizens of the town the first news they had of this effort to incorporate the Loray as a municipality little else has been talked on the streets. Gastonians are aroused as they have not been in a long time and indications point to some speedy action. A meeting of the city council will be held tonight at which the city fathers will discuss the matter and perhaps take some action.

A bill to be entitled An Act to incorporate the Town of Loray Mills in Gaston County. The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That the town of Loray Mills in Gaston county be and the same is hereby incorporated under the name and style of "Loray Mills," and that it shall have the benefit of the laws of, and be subject to, Chapter 73 of the Revision of 1905.

Sec. 2. That the corporate limits of said town shall be as follows: Beginning at an iron stake in center of the track of the Atlanta and Charlotte Air Line Railway Company and runs thence north 82 degrees, west 793 degrees to an iron stake; thence south 73 1-4 degrees, west 2860 minutes to an iron stake; thence south 6 1-4 degrees east, 2268 minutes to an iron stake; thence south 29 1-2 degrees, east 1369 minutes to an iron stake; thence south 85 1-2 degrees east, 1762 minutes to an iron stake; thence north 68 1-2 degrees, east 400 minutes to an iron stake, thence north 44 1-4 degrees, east 852 minutes to an iron stake; thence north 12 1-4 degrees, east 364 minutes to an iron stake; thence north 3 1-4 degrees, west 914 minutes to an iron stake; thence north 2 degrees, west 1461 minutes to an iron stake at north side of Franklin Avenue; thence north 6 degrees, west 798 minutes to the point of the beginning.

Sec. 3. That the officers of said corporation shall consist of a mayor and three commissioners and a constable; and the following named persons shall fill said offices until the first Monday of December 1913, namely: Andrew E. Moore, Mayor; T. E. McIntire, Henry M. Cleveland, and W. Meek Boyce, Commissioners, who shall hold their offices until their successors are appointed as hereinafter set out.

Sec. 4. That on the first Monday of December, 1913, the county commissioners of Gaston county shall elect the mayor and three commissioners, who shall hold their office for one year, and annually thereafter said commissioners shall appoint the said mayor and commissioners.

Sec. 5. That at the first meeting of the mayor and commissioners of the said town herein incorporated as Loray Mills, the said commissioners hereinafter set out shall elect a town constable, who shall hold his office for one year from the date of said election, provided, however, that the said commissioners shall have the authority and power in their discretion to remove the said town constable and appoint another in his stead.

Sec. 6. That said commissioners shall have power to pass all ordinances, by-laws, rules and regulations for the good government of the town not inconsistent with the laws of the State or the United States, and shall have the power to levy and collect taxes and impose fines and penalties for violation of town ordinances, as provided in Chapter 73 of the Revision of 1905.

Sec. 7. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 8. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.