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NEWS FROM NEARBY TOWNS

Stanley Happenings.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

STANLEY, Feb. 20.—There was a good crowd present to witness the performance of "The Deacon" in the auditorium Saturday night, which made quite "a hit" with all present and proved quite a success from the theatrical as well as the financial view-point. Being under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society the proceeds went into the treasury of that society.

The many friends of Mr. Julius P. Shelton will regret to learn that on last Tuesday, the 14th, he suffered a stroke of paralysis which proved all but fatal, leaving him in almost a helpless and speechless condition. At that time he was in apparently very good health, although for years he has been a great sufferer from asthma.

Mrs. W. H. Sumner had as her guest last week, Tuesday and Wednesday, her sister, Miss Susan Bynum, of Lincolnton.—Mr. E. G. Mr. Lurd, of Gastonia, visited his mother the latter part of last week.—Mrs. J. M. Reinhardt and children and Miss Georgia Rendleman spent Sunday with their parents at Iron Station. Miss Rendleman is the stenographer for the Farmers and Merchants Bank here.—Mr. O. F. Smith, of Asheville, is spending several days with his daughter, Mrs. O. B. Carpenter.—Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sumner went to Lincolnton Saturday to visit relatives.—Senator J. G. Carpenter is at home from Raleigh for a couple of days.—Miss Ethel Hales, who has been teaching school at River Bend, arrived in town last week and is at home with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. S. Hales.

LONG SHOALS ITEMS.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

LONG SHOALS, Feb. 20.—We are having ideal weather now. Farmers are preparing for this year's crop.—Messrs. Hunter Strout and Clifford Carpenter have returned to their father's homes again.

On last Sunday morning at the home of the bride's father, Miss May Suthard and Mr. William Bollinger were joined together in the holy bonds of matrimony, Rev. M. L. Carpenter officiating. Their many friends wish them a long and happy life.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Rutledge are visiting their son, Mr. Edward Rutledge, of Hudson.—Mr. Lee Carpenter is erecting an addition to his already attractive residence.—Mr. Pender Withers and daughter, Miss Lockie, visited friends at Stanley last Saturday and Sunday.—Rev. R. M. Carpenter, of Claremont, spent a few days here with his father, Rev. M. L. Carpenter.—Miss Haynes Monday, who is teaching at this place, is preparing to have an entertainment at the close of her school. A nice time is expected.—The Misses Black, of Cherryville, visited Miss Ella Kiser last Sunday.—Miss Lucy Pasour is visiting her sister, Mrs. Martin Carpenter.—Miss Ada Ramsey, the efficient teacher of Kettle Shoals, spent Friday night with Misses Vina and Emma Lee Carpenter.—Mrs. John F. Carpenter is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Fayette Carpenter, this week.

NEWS FROM DALLAS, ROUTE 1.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

DALLAS, R. F. D. 1, Feb. 20.—Costner's school closes Friday, the 24th. There will be a box supper that night for the purpose of raising money to purchase patent desks for the school room. The public is cordially invited to be present. This is a worthy cause and it is hoped by teacher and pupils that the supper will be largely attended.

Mrs. J. N. Moore, R. L. Jenkins and Christie Jenkins were the guests Wednesday of Mrs. Joseph Holland.—Miss Laura Pasour is right sick at this writing.—Mr. Geo. Ratchford visited relatives south of Gastonia Saturday night.—Miss Mary Hager and brother, Mr. Sample Hager, of Bessemer, route two, were the guests Saturday night of the Misses Pasour.—Miss Sarah Anne

Thomas, of the Pisgah neighborhood, is spreading several weeks on route one, the guest of her niece, Mrs. G. E. C. Pasour.—Mrs. Robert Holland visited her daughter, Mrs. Robert Littlejohn, last week.—Mrs. J. A. Aderholdt was in Gastonia shopping last Monday.—Mrs. Sarah Pasour and daughter, Miss Etta, spent Monday very pleasantly with Mrs. Joseph Holland.—Mr. and Mrs. Miles Holland and children, of Iron Station, returned home Monday after a visit to relatives on route one.—Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Pasour spent Sunday at the home of Mr. J. O. Pasour.

Mrs. Lucy Caveny died Sunday at her home near Shelby, aged 85 years.

Mount Holly Matters.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

MT. HOLLY, Feb. 23.—Mr. J. R. Rhyne, of Waco, spent a few days in town this week with his brother Dr. R. E. Rhyne.—The Baptist congregation of this place are building a baptistry in the rear of their church edifice.—Mr. Frank Henderson, of Charlotte, came over Saturday to see his sister, Miss Emma Henderson, who has been quite ill, but at present is some better.

The book reception given by the Women's Betterment Association on George Washington's birthday proved quite a success. Delicious refreshments, consisting of sandwiches, pickles and coffee, were served by the ladies. About 75 volumes were contributed, besides a neat little sum in cash.

CHERRYVILLE CHAT.

The Eagle, 16th.
Mr. Wallace Dellinger, formerly of this county but now of Oklahoma, is visiting relatives in this section this week.

A bill allowing the town of Cherryville to issue bonds for \$8,000 for the purpose of building a town hall has passed the house.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Pinkney Black last Sunday, a boy.

Mr. David Cook and family moved to the farm near Belwood last Saturday.

The bill introduced in the legislature to tax dogs in Gaston county and make them subject to larceny has been ratified. This will greatly increase the revenue of the county and also pork.

Mr. J. L. Gates, who was confined to his room for several days from a light stroke of paralysis, is back at his post again as night watchman at the Melville Mill.

Messrs. John Delane, of Charlotte, and J. T. Delane, of Lincolnton, attended the funeral service last Friday of little Allene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Delane, at Bess' Chapel. Rev. J. C. Deitz, of this place, conducted the services.

Mr. William Lackey, of North Brook, reports that there is a hickory tree on the North Brook township that caught fire in the top from burning off a new ground, and has been burning for over three months, and was still burning last week.

DALLAS, ROUTE TWO ITEMS.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

DALLAS, R. F. D. 2, Feb. 23.—Mr. B. L. Smith visited Mr. Pinder Withers last Monday.—Misses Eupher and Ruth Grier visited their sister, Mrs. M. A. Lineberger, Tuesday night.—Mrs. Sarah Smith was the guest of Mrs. Lantra Robinson Wednesday night.—Mrs. H. P. McArver is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. B. Smith.

Mr. T. G. Hoffman met with a very painful accident Tuesday. He was talking with Mr. Lee Lineberger at Mr. Lineberger's saw-mill when a piece of the machinery flew off hitting him in the head and cutting a gash about two inches long. The wound, though not serious, is painful.

A very pleasant event was the marriage of Miss Gertrude Maxwell to Mr. Robert Lee Glemmer at 6:30 o'clock Wednesday evening. A large number of the friends and relatives were present to witness the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. P. D. Risinger, the pastor of the bride. The ceremony was performed in the

living room which had previously been decorated for the occasion, the decorations being green and white. The bride was dressed in a coat suit and immediately after the ceremony the bride and groom drove to the groom's home where a bountiful supper was served. A crowd of serenaders followed the wedding party and after all had become quiet furnished all the noise anyone could want. They have the best wishes of a large number of friends.

THE GRIM REAPER BUSY.

With His Sickle He Cuts Down Old and Young.—Mrs. Martha Elizabeth Leeper Passes at Her Home in South Point.—Mrs. Ella Cavis Dead at Spartanburg.—Mrs. J. H. Hoffman Also Called to Great Beyond.

At her home in South Point township, about five miles from Belmont, Mrs. Martha Elizabeth Leeper, widow of the late Mr. Andrew Leeper, died Wednesday at the age of 65, death resulting from an attack of measles. The funeral was held from the late home of the deceased at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, her pastor, Rev. J. A. Bowles, of Mount Holly, officiating. Interment was made in the graveyard at South Point Methodist church where she held her membership, having been a loyal and consistent communicant for many years. The funeral was attended by a large number of relatives and friends of the deceased. Surviving the deceased is one brother, Mr. Andrew Alexander Cathey, who lives on the adjoining farm, he being the only surviving member of the immediate family, and six children. Mrs. Leeper was a native of Mecklenburg county. Her husband, the late Andrew Leeper, died about two years ago and was buried at the South Point Methodist church, the family burying place. Mrs. Leeper was one of the most highly esteemed ladies of the South Point section and her death removes therefrom a beloved and valued resident.

The six surviving children of the deceased are Messrs. L. L. R. A. and Robert Leeper and Misses Sallie, Annie and Mary Leeper, all of Belmont.

MRS. ELLA CAVIS.

A phone message to Mrs. Frost Torrence yesterday afternoon from Mr. Charles H. Cavis brought the sad intelligence that his mother, Mrs. Ella Cavis, died yesterday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Richard Blowers, in Spartanburg. The funeral will be held from the late residence of the deceased at 4 o'clock this afternoon. Mrs. Cavis' death was due to diabetes from which she had suffered for some time. She had been seriously ill, however, for only a week or ten days. Surviving the deceased are two sons, Charles H. and Sam, and two daughters, Mrs. Nell McDowell and Mrs. Richard Blowers, all of Spartanburg. Her husband died a number of years ago. Mrs. Cavis has visited in Gastonia frequently during the past several years and has many friends here who will regret to learn of her death. Her son, Mr. Charles H. Cavis, was a resident of Gastonia for fifteen years or more until recently and has a wide circle of friends here who sympathize with him in his great bereavement.

MRS. JOHN H. HOFFMAN.

Mrs. John H. Hoffman died at 5 o'clock yesterday morning at her home in the Union neighborhood following an illness of some time. She was 66 years old. Surviving are her husband and three children, Mrs. Otis McGinnas, of South Carolina, and Messrs. Alonzo and Miles Hoffman. The latter lives in the West and was informed of his mother's death by wire at St. Louis. He left at once and has arrived here for the funeral which will be held today at Sandy Plains Baptist church of which deceased was a loyal and consistent member. Rev. J. J. Beach, the pastor will conduct the services. Mrs. Hoffman was a sister of Mr. J. T. Glenn and a half-sister of Mrs. Maggie Patrick, of Gastonia. Her death is a source of sorrow to many friends.

HOLLAND-BOYDEN.

In Brilliant Wedding at Hickory Miss Alice Bostwick Boyden Becomes Bride of Mr. John Mac Holland, of Gastonia—Bride and Groom on Bridal Trip to New York—Several Gastonians Present.

The marriage of Mr. John Mac Holland, of Gastonia, and Miss Alice Bostwick Boyden, the lovely and cultured daughter of Mrs. Margaret F. Boyden, of Hickory, which took place in the Church of the Ascension at that place Wednesday evening at 9 o'clock was one of the most brilliant social events of the season in Hickory. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Holland, of Gastonia, and is universally liked. He holds a responsible position with the Spencer Mountain Mills.

The Church of the Ascension, where the ceremony was celebrated, was beautifully decorated in palms, ferns and other green plants and white lilies.

As Mr. Hardie Turner, of Morganton, played Lohengrin's wedding march the wedding party entered the church in the following order, all proceeding down the centre aisle: Mr. Lamar C. Pegram, of Gastonia, and Mr. Council Boyden, of Hickory, followed by Mr. Ed Pegram, of Gastonia, and Mr. George Holland Anderson, of Greenville, S. C., the ushers; then came the bridesmaids in the following order, Miss Lillian Anderson, of Greenville, S. C., gowned in white marquisette; Miss Marie Hardin, of Gastonia, in white net over white satin; Miss Margaret Taylor, of Hickory, in yellow silk; Miss Gladys Reid, in yellow silk. These were followed by the two pretty little flower girls, Miss Margaret and Elizabeth Council, who in turn were followed by the ringbearer, Master Alan Council. Next came the matron of honor, Mrs. L. H. Lanier, of Memphis, Tenn., in yellow messaline. Then entered the groom accompanied by his best man, Mr. J. K. Dixon, Jr., of Gastonia. The bride, leaning on the arm of her uncle, Mr. I. H. Council, of Waynesville, came next. The bride and groom were met at the altar by Rev. W. H. Hardin, rector of St. Mark's Episcopal church here, who was assisted in performing the ceremony by Rev. J. S. Moody, rector of the Church of the Ascension. While the vows were being taken Mr. Turner played softly "Hearts and Flowers." The party left the church to the strains of Mendelssohn's march.

The bride, one of Hickory's most charming and attractive young ladies, was never more beautiful than she appeared on this occasion, gowned as she was in white satin with elaborate trimmings of pearls and Duchess lace. She wore a veil caught up with orange blossoms and carried a bouquet of white roses and white sweet peas. The bridesmaids, a bevy of most charming young ladies, carried gilded baskets of white roses tied with yellow tulle. The matron of honor carried a bouquet of yellow roses.

After the ceremony an informal reception was tendered the bride and groom at the home of Judge and Mrs. W. B. Council, uncle and aunt of the bride, which was attended by a hundred or more friends of the young people from Hickory and elsewhere. Mr. and Mrs. Holland left on No. 35 for New York where they will spend ten days. On their return they will make their home at Spencer Mountain. As Miss Boyden, the bride has visited in Gastonia and has many friends here. She will be a welcome acquisition to Gaston social circles.

The high regard in which they are held by a host of friends was attested by the large number of handsome presents of which they were the recipients. One of the handsomest of these was a chest of silver from the parents of the groom.

Among the out-of-town guests at the wedding were the following: Dr. and Mrs. Council and little daughter, Margaret, of Salisbury, Mr. I. H. Council, of Waynesville; Mrs. E. C. Oliver, of Statesboro, Ga.; Mrs. L. H. Lanier and little son, Allison, of Memphis, Tenn.; Miss Lillian Anderson and Mr. George Holland Anderson, of Greenville, S. C.; Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Holland, parents of the groom, and Master Joe Holland, Messrs. J. K. Dixon, Jr., Lamar C. and Ed Pegram, of Gastonia, and Mr. Donald Boyden, of Knoxville, Tenn.

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AGAINST LORAY BILL.

Large and Enthusiastic Mass Meeting Declares Against Proposition and Asks City Council to Take Action—Strong Sentiment Favoring Extension of City Limits—Bill to This Effect May be Drawn.

With only a few hours notice the public-spirited citizens of the town of Gastonia crowded the city hall Tuesday night to discuss the bill now pending before the General Assembly creating the Loray Mills as a separate municipality. Mayor Craig was chairman of the meeting and when he called the house to order there was only a little standing room available. Determination was written on the faces of all and it was apparent from the start that it was indeed and in truth a business meeting.

A number of speeches were made, the principal speakers being Solicitor George W. Wilson, City Attorney A. C. Jones, Mr. P. W. Garland, Mr. A. R. Anders, Dr. D. E. McConnell and others. The meaning of the bill was thoroughly discussed and each speaker emphasized the danger that lies in it for Gastonia.

After some discussion the following motion, made by Mr. R. B. Babbington, was passed unanimously by a rising vote:

That the citizens of Gastonia join the mayor and board of aldermen in petitioning the General Assembly to deny the charter of the Loray Mills creating the same a municipality and that the charter of the town of Gastonia be amended so as to extend the corporate limits to take in the Loray, Gray, and Arlington Mills on the West, the Holland on the North, the West and Dunn on the South and the Flint on the East and that the board be allowed to issue bonds sufficient to enable the town of Gastonia to give adequate police and fire protection, water works, etc., to this new territory, provided it be left to the board of aldermen as to whether they include the Arlington, Holland and Flint Mills in the extension after consulting the officers of these mills.

In response to a motion the chairman asked every man in the house who would agree to write at once to one or all of our representatives in the General Assembly to stand and there was a liberal response. Another motion was made and carried that the city council be asked to appoint a committee of representative citizens to go to Raleigh and fight the Loray bill till it is dead. As a result of this, several Gastonians are now at the State capital and will stay by the bill to the finish.

Following the mass meeting the city council held an executive session and were also in executive session Wednesday night. Their proceedings have not been made public but it is understood that the council, as a result of the mass meeting, requested the Senator and representatives to hold up the Loray bill for a few days until Gastonia's side could be properly presented to the General Assembly. It is also rumored that the council seriously discussed the proposition of extending the city limits and either took some action or will do so within the next day or so.

EXTENSION OF CITY LIMITS.

That there is a strong and growing sentiment in every quarter of the town favoring an immediate extension of the city limits so as to include the Loray and Gray on the West, the Holland on the North and the Clara and Dunn Mills on the South was apparent at Tuesday night's mass meeting. It seems to be unanimous. The fact is the movement on the part of the Loray Mills to incorporate as a separate municipality has simply served to arouse the people of Gastonia to a full realization of the fact that they have been sleeping on their rights by having failed to extend the limits long ago. The territory as outlined above is, as has been set forth time and again, really a part of the town of Gastonia. This contiguous territory is so closely allied geographically, physically, socially, commercially and every other way that it has been and still is a great mistake to allow it to continue outside the city limits.

It is generally understood that the managers and owners of these mills, with the exception of the Loray, fully realize the benefits that would accrue to them by being inside the city limits and are willing, some of them perhaps anxious, to have the corporate limits so extended as to take them in. The Gray Manufacturing Company, whose property is located just west of the Loray Mills, is favorable to the project and its secre-

IN SOCIETY.

At her home on West Main avenue yesterday afternoon from 3 to 6 Mrs. J. F. Thomson entertained the S. and O. Club and a number of invited guests most delightfully. The color scheme in the decorations and in the refreshments as well as red and white, and the occasion was a Washington's Birthday affair by several features of the decorations. Over the mantel in the parlor was draped a large American flag and a portrait of the "Father of his Country." The score cards for the game were miniature hatchets of cardboard, while the tables were numbered with small American flags. Delicious refreshments were served in two courses, the salads being served in red and white paper Washington hats, and the cream having cherries, to carry out the Washington idea. Progressive 42 was played and a most pleasant afternoon enjoyed by the large number present. Among the invited guests, besides the members of the club, were Mesdames D. A. Garrison, Stella Schofield, D. M. Jones, F. L. Smyre, R. C. Warren, H. M. Eddleman, S. N. Boyce, Gray Spencer, Fannie Morrow and Misses Mary Hildebran and Essie Lindsay.

On Thursday afternoon the following children were entertained at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Mc G. Anders in honor of their little daughter, Annie Blair: Alice Herman, Willard Jenkins, Martha Whitesides, Annie and Mabel Rankin, Jennie May and Mary Emma Henry, Blanche Dellinger, Marion Bryson and Ellen Morris. After playing various games they were shown into the dining room where refreshments were served. In the centre of the table was a centerpiece on which were seven lighted candles representing the age of the little hostess.

The Tuesday Afternoon Club held its meeting this week with Mrs. D. R. LaFar at her residence on Chester street. Only members of the club were present. The game of club two was played and delicious refreshments were served. Mrs. LaFar was assisted in entertaining by Mrs. A. A. McLean.

Mrs. Stella Schofield, who has been spending several weeks in Gastonia as the guest of her cousin, Mrs. D. A. Garrison, at her home on Dallas street, will leave tonight on a visit to friends at Nashville, Tenn. From there Mrs. Schofield will go to Kansas City and spend some time with friends before returning to her home at Los Angeles, Cal.

Mr. Charles Gray has been confined at the City Hospital for some days. His condition is improving satisfactorily.

Gastonia Lodge No. 369 A. F. and A. M. will hold a called meeting in its hall tonight and will confer the M. M. degree.

Rev. W. L. Sherrill, assistant editor of The North Carolina Christian Advocate, Greensboro, has been spending several days in Gastonia this week in the interest of that publication and has been quite successful in increasing the subscription list here.

Mr. J. H. Separk, stated at the mass meeting that they were ready to come in. Some have suggested that the limits be extended sufficiently to take in the Arlington on the West and the Flint on the East but it seems to be the general opinion that they are just a little too remote.

With the prospects for the future as bright as they are it is imperative that the town instead of allowing a mill on its very edge to set up a municipality of its own to block its growth on the West, should make all necessary preparations to spread out. With a \$75,000 court house just completed, plans in course of preparation for a \$50,000 federal building, strob prospects of having the interurban trolley line within a few months, a new passenger depot practically in sight, and many other future improvements contemplated, Gastonia has reached a critical period in her history and must prepare to take care of a large growth within the next few years. To do this she must extend her limits and there is no time like the present.

The Gazette has no official information on the subject but rumors are afloat to the effect that a bill to amend the charter of Gastonia will go to the legislature within the next day or two and every effort possible will be made to get it enacted into law at the present session.