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NEWS FROM NEARBY TOWNS

DIES SUDDENLY.

Mr. Phillip Kiser Succumbs to Heart Failure—Mr. Moses Stroup to Celebrate Seventy-Third Birthday Saturday—Breezy Bessemer Briefs
Correspondence of The Gazette.
BESSEMER CITY, Feb. 28.—Mr. Moses Stroup, one of the best-known and most successful farmers in this section of the county, announces a birthday occasion at his home for next Saturday, March 4th, which will be read with the greatest pleasure by his many friends. Mr. Stroup on that day will celebrate his 73rd birthday. All of his neighbors and friends are invited to come to his home Saturday bringing with them a basket.

The Mascot Mill has begun night work and is turning out a very superior quality of cloth. It is rumored again that the Vermont Mill will resume work in the near future after having been idle for more than three years.

Mesdames George D. Herman, W. L. C. Killian and Oliver Davis, of Gastonia, spent last Wednesday here, the guest of Mrs. J. F. Armstrong.—Mrs. S. J. Williams, who about a month ago moved to Spencer, came back yesterday to make Bessemer City her home in the future.—Mr. Tom Simpson, of Concord, was a business visitor here Saturday.

The entire community was shocked beyond measure to learn last Thursday of the sudden death of Mr. Phillip Kiser, a prosperous farmer on route one, four miles west of here. Mr. Kiser went into the woods to cut wood and had been there but a short time when two other men working nearby observed him lay down his axe and stand as if dazed for a minute and then make his way toward his home, which was but a short distance from where he was stricken. Believing him to be sick, they followed him and found before he reached the house that he had completely lost the power of speech. Dr. R. E. Garren was summoned hastily from here, gave him some medicine assuring the family that he would be better in a short time, but perhaps seized with heart failure he was dead before his family realized what was happening. He was about 45 years old and the son of Mr. Zimri Kiser, one of the oldest men of the county. He was buried at Bethel Lutheran church, of which he was a member, funeral services being conducted by his pastor, Rev. Mr. Senter. Mr. S. J. Durham spent three days of last week in Raleigh on business.—Miss Annie Rendleman spent the week-end with homefolks at Iron Station.—Mr. Lee Clemmer will leave today for Newnan, Ga., where he will enter the Southern School of Telegraphy.—Mr. J. K. Collins has moved his family here from Mooresville to make his home.

LINWOOD COLLEGE NEWS.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
LINWOOD COLLEGE, Feb. 22.—Linwood is being visited quite frequently by strangers. Rev. J. A. Smith and Mr. S. W. Dandridge, of Charlotte, spent a couple of hours here Wednesday. They were accompanied by Mr. T. M. Shaw, of Matthews.

Miss Lillie Lawson was summoned to Gastonia Wednesday on account of the illness of her sister, Mrs. A. J. Kirby.—Miss Barnette Miller went home Friday to spend a few days with her parents.—Miss Cora Suther received news Saturday of the illness of her mother and that for her to come home. We wish a speedy recovery for Mrs. Suther and that Cora will get to be with us for she is an excellent lady.—Miss Nan Alexander spent a few days with her parents the past week at Huntersville.—Miss Kate Jackson, of Yorkville, spent the holiday with her parents.—Miss Annie Wilson spent Saturday and Sabbath with her parents at Belmont.—Miss Lola Boyd spent Sabbath with her parents in Gastonia.—Miss Ada Davis is spending a few days with her mother in Clover.—Miss Callie Withers is visiting her parents in Gastonia.—Miss Laura Plonk spent Sabbath with her mother.—Mrs. M. M. Plonk, of Kings

Mountain, Misses Lillie Usher and Pearl Hicks were the guests of Miss Plonk while at home.—Miss Della Johnston went home to attend the wedding reception of her sister.—Miss Nora Allgood visited her mother Sabbath in Gastonia.—Miss Lillie Plonk, of Cherokee Falls, S. C., who has been visiting in Kings Mountain, returned Monday to resume her work.—Rev. A. T. Lindsay spent a couple of hours in Charlotte Monday on business.—Mr. Motley Plonk spent Sabbath with his parents in Kings Mountain.—Miss Sadie Smith spent Sunday and Monday with her parents in Charlotte.—Misses Maeie Pursley and Wilma Adams visited their parents at Bowling Green, Sabbath.—Miss Janie Ratterree spent Saturday with her old class mate, Miss Ethel Fuller, who is now Mrs. Payne.—Miss Hattie Taylor spent Saturday and Sabbath with friends in Gastonia.

Saturday evening, February 18th, the Adelpian Literary Society entertained the faculty, matrons and Calathenian Society. An interesting program was rendered consisting of music, readings, recitations, debates, original stories, essays and a prophecy of the senior class, after which refreshments were served. Each one present seemed to enjoy themselves.

Miss Mae McLaughlin, who has been at home for a few days on account of her health, has returned to resume her studies.

A reception was given at Linwood Wednesday night and every one present seemed to enjoy themselves. After having a nice chat with each other, refreshments were served which was a dainty salad course.

Mr. A. G. Davis, of Gaffney, S. C., spent Wednesday here with his daughter, Miss Josie.

IRON STATION NEWS.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
IRON STATION, Feb. 27.—Miss Addie Rendleman, of Bessemer City, and Miss Fannie Rendleman, of Charlotte, are spending a few days with homefolks.—Misses Florence Carson and Edith Robinson spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Carson's mother near Gastonia.—Mr. Polie Armstrong and sister, Miss Flossie, visited in Lincolnton last week.—Mr. and Mrs. Dory Derr, of Stanley, spent the week-end with relatives here.—Messrs. George Howard and Wilbur Rhyne spent Saturday and Sunday at Alexis.—Mr. and Mrs. John Bradshaw and children are visiting friends near Hickory.—Miss Ada Smith, of Reepsville, is spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. J. B. Smith.—Rev. and Mrs. Sechrist, of Cherryville, are visiting friends here.—Mr. Berlie Stroup, of Monroe, spent Sunday with his parents here.—Miss Josephine Mullen, of Lincolnton, is visiting Mrs. J. A. Arndt.—Mr. Ed Reinhardt, Jr., of Newton is visiting his parents here.

CHERRYVILLE CHAT.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
CHERRYVILLE, Feb. 27.—Mrs. Lizzie Caldwell Harrelson, wife of Mr. H. C. Harrelson, of the firm of the Hendrick-Harrelson Co., died Friday at her home here, following an illness of three years or more from tuberculosis. She is survived by her husband and one child, Angelita, aged about four years. Deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Caldwell, of this place, and was about thirty years of age. Before her marriage to Mr. Harrelson about six years ago she was for quite a while a saleslady in the store of Stamey Brothers at Fallston. She was universally liked and had many friends who will regret to hear of her death. She was a loyal and consistent member of the Baptist church.

McAdenville Matters.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
McADENVILLE, Feb. 27.—Saturday the ladies of the Methodist church at McAdenville reorganized the Ladies Aid Society with the following officers: President, Mrs. Hattie Mabry; vice president, Mrs. J. Frank Harrelson; secretary and

treasurer, Miss Meta McGee. The society is planning to do quite a good deal of work during the next few months, including re-carpeting the church and re-papering and otherwise fixing up some of the rooms in the parsonage.

A good many of our people are attending court at Gastonia this week, some on business and others to swap horses and take a good look at the new court house while the first session of court is being held.

There is already considerable interest in the approaching municipal election which does not come off till May. It is already certain that there will be two tickets in the field, the division being on the question of liquor or no liquor.

NEWS FROM CROUSE.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
CROUSE, Feb. 25.—Mr. Luther Carpenter, of this section, underwent an operation at the Lincoln Hospital for appendicitis Tuesday. The patient is now on the road to recovery. Also little Willie Lutz, the adopted son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Rudisill, was operated on for the same disease on the same day.

Landers Chapel school closes Friday the 3rd. Long Shoals school closes Friday night with an entertainment. A large crowd is expected.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Alexander are all smiles. It's a girl.—Mrs. Sylvanus Pasour and daughter, Miss Lucy Bryte, were at Crouse Tuesday shopping.—Mr. Phillip Kiser, of the Concord neighborhood, was buried at Bethel Lutheran church Thursday evening at 3 o'clock. Acute stomach trouble was the cause of his death.—Mr. Joy Carpenter and sister, Miss Lizzie, were among the Crouse shoppers Tuesday.—Born, to Mr. and Mrs. William Kiser on last Saturday a fine girl.—Mr. Sidney Kiser's baby has been right sick with bronchitis but is some better at this writing.

NEWS FROM DALLAS, ROUTE 1.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
DALLAS, ROUTE 1, Feb. 27.—Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Pasour spent Saturday and Sunday in the Hoyle's Creek neighborhood, visiting at the home of Mr. J. C. Friday.—Miss Kate Thornburg, of Claremont, is in this section visiting homefolks.—Messrs. J. J. O. Pasour and S. L. M. Pasour spent Sunday with relatives in Lincoln county.—Mr. J. A. Hovis, of Gastonia, spent the week-end in this section visiting relatives.—Mr. and Mrs. John C. Pasour spent Sunday at the home of George Pasour.

The Costner school closed Friday. The box supper Friday night was largely attended. One box brought the neat sum of \$3.

Miss Bessie Costner, who is teaching near Cherryville, visited homefolks Saturday and Sunday.—Mrs. C. S. Wells and children spent Saturday night and Sunday with relatives near Bessemer.—Misses Olive Senter and Sparkie Hays were the guests Friday of the Misses Pasour.—Mr. and Mrs. William Harmon visited in Gastonia Saturday and Sunday.—Mr. Jasper Ratchford, of Gastonia, spent Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Ratchford.—Mrs. Fannie Reinhardt, of Lincolnton, is visiting Mrs. W. S. Thornburg on route one.—Mrs. R. L. Jenkins spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Grier Jenkins.—Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Pasour spent Sunday at the home of A. M. Pasour.—Mr. X. N. Ratchford spent Saturday with Calvin Hovis.—Mr. and Mrs. Grover C. Pasour visited relatives near Bessemer Saturday.

Bandits Hold Up Woman.

Pittsburg, Kan., Feb. 25.—Mrs. Gus Joseph, postmistress at Fuller, a coal camp near here, was held up by two highwaymen last night and robbed of \$10,000, which she had just received by express. The money was to have been used to pay off employees of the Sheridan Coal Company today.

Two other packages containing \$10,000 each were not found by the robbers.

MRS. WAGSTAFF DEAD.

Wife of Mr. A. A. Wagstaff and Mother of Mrs. J. O. White Died Saturday and Was Buried at Hollywood Sunday—Was Sixty Years Old.

Mrs. Martha Horton Wagstaff, wife of Mr. Alexander Andrew Wagstaff, died at 1:40 o'clock Saturday afternoon at her home in East Gastonia, following an illness of seven or eight months. Death was due to tuberculosis, which was superinduced by a complication of diseases. Following funeral services at the late residence Sunday afternoon at two o'clock interment was made in Hollywood cemetery.

Mrs. Wagstaff was a daughter of Richard and Martha Horton and was born in Gaston county, August 3, 1851, and was hence in her sixtieth year. She was married to Mr. Wagstaff in 1870. Surviving are her husband and the following children: Mrs. Alice Lowrance, of Charlotte; Mrs. J. O. White, of Gastonia; Mrs. J. W. Kaner, Vass; O. L. Wagstaff, of Thomasville; Terrence A. Wagstaff, of Gastonia; and two sisters, Mrs. John Boyd, of Yorkville, S. C. and Mrs. S. R. Laney, of Bessemer City. All of these, except Mrs. Boyd, were here for the funeral.

Though not a member of any church Mrs. Wagstaff was a Christian woman, and died in the faith. She had many friends to whom the announcement of her death brought sorrow. The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of a host of friends here and elsewhere.

AGRICULTURAL TRAINS.

Southern Will Have Two in Operation Next Week, One in Virginia, the Other in Kentucky—Men of Scientific and Practical Experience to be in Charge.

Special to The Gazette.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 25.—During the week beginning Monday, March 6, the Southern Railway Co., in line with its policy of doing everything possible for the betterment of agricultural conditions in the territory traversed by its lines, will run two special agricultural educational trains. One of these trains will be operated in co-operation with the Virginia department of Agriculture and Immigration and will spend the entire week on the Richmond division, embracing the lines between Richmond and Danville and Richmond and West Point. Meetings have been arranged at twelve points at which the train will stop. The other will be run over the lines of the Southern Railway and the Queen and Crescent route in Kentucky in co-operation with the Department of Agriculture and the College of Agriculture of that State. Twenty-four stops will be made by this train.

Each of these trains will be in charge of parties made up of men of scientific knowledge and practical experience who will be able to give information of the greatest value. Subjects will be arranged to meet the most pressing needs of the different sections visited. Bad weather will not be allowed to interfere with the meetings as all will be held in the passenger coaches which the trains will carry.

The Southern Railway in connection with other lines is furnishing absolutely free of charge a train with which the State College of Agriculture of Georgia is making a forty-seven day tour of that State. The great expense entailed by the running of these trains is borne by the Southern in the belief that its interests are identical with those of the farmers of the South and that it will eventually be repaid by the improvement in conditions that will result from an increasing adoption of better methods of agriculture.

Ex-Sheriff Abernethy Robbed.

Ex-Sheriff W. C. Abernethy, of Gastonia, who is spending some time in Charlotte as the representative of a Gastonia firm, was robbed Friday night by a negro woman, Eunice Perry, who snatched his purse, containing \$137 in money and a check for \$100, and got away. She was later arrested in Greensboro and brought back to Charlotte where she was placed under a \$200 bond to appear at the next term of Superior Court for trial. Mr. Abernethy states that he was on a dark street and had his purse out to get car fare therefrom when the negroess snatched it from him. He identified the money found on the woman when she was arrested.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

SUPERIOR COURT.

February Term of Gaston Superior Court Convened Yesterday in New Court House—Large Attendance and Full Docket—Judge J. Crawford Biggs Presiding.

The February term of Gaston Superior Court was regularly convened yesterday morning at ten o'clock in the new county court house here, with Judge J. Crawford Biggs, of Durham, presiding and Solicitor G. W. Wilson, of Gastonia, looking after the interests of the State in criminal prosecutions. Judge Biggs entered at once upon the work of the term in a business-like way. The jurors who had been summoned were called and all answered. Mr. W. O. Elmore was excused upon the ground of sickness in his family as certified to by a physician. Mr. A. G. Myers was excused upon the ground of his being a contributing member of the local company of the State Guard. The grand jury was then selected by lot, as usual, and Mr. S. S. Shuford was appointed by the judge as foreman. A list of the members of the grand jury is given elsewhere in this issue, and a more intelligent and representative body of men was never chosen in the county to perform the important duties of a grand jury.

Before beginning his charge to the grand jury Judge Biggs took occasion in a few words to congratulate the people of the county upon the attractiveness and convenience of the new county buildings, which he declared were not surpassed in these respects by those of any county in the State. His charge, while not going deeply into technical definitions such as are usual in a charge to the grand jury, covered thoroughly the duties and responsibilities of that body, especially emphasizing the obligations which each juror had taken to pass honestly and fearlessly upon every matter brought to his attention in his official capacity.

THIS MORNING'S SESSION.

When court adjourned at 1 o'clock the trial of Joshua Lea on a charge of assault with intent to commit rape was in progress. The witnesses had been heard and the case was ready to go to the jury. Immediately on the reconvening of court at 2:30 o'clock Judge Biggs charged the jury in this case.

State vs. Mary McGill, assault with deadly weapon, four months in jail.

State vs. Oliver Parker, assault with deadly weapon; guilty, sentence not yet passed.

State vs. Walter Bryant, retailing, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

State vs. B. W. Spratt, keeping disorderly house, defendant pleads guilty and judgment was suspended on payment of the costs and the defendant surrendering his license. Mr. Spratt operated a near-beer saloon in East Gastonia until recently.

State vs. Walter Deaton and Martin Kainpe, assault and battery, fined \$10 and one-half the costs each.

State vs. Will Hayes and Kirk Hoffman, gambling, fined \$25 each and the costs.

State vs. Green McLee, gambling, guilty.

State vs. Bub Rhyne, gambling, guilty.

The following cases were disposed of yesterday:

State vs. Claude Mills, abandonment, defendant called and failed; judgment nisi and capias.

State vs. G. Summerlin, retailing, nol pros with leave.

State vs. Beeler Hanna, carrying concealed weapons, nol pros with leave.

State vs. Dovie Eaves, larceny, nol pros with leave.

State vs. Sam Hetherington, carrying concealed weapons, not guilty.

State vs. G. A. Howell, assault and battery, appealed from magistrate's court; judgment of justice of the peace affirmed and costs of docketing added.

State vs. Conley Mitchell, larceny, nol pros with leave.

State vs. Daisy Skinner, larceny, nol pros with leave.

State vs. Craig Best and Mrs. Dock Holland, f and a, judgment nisi and

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BILLS FOR GASTON.

Act Authorizing Bond Issue for Gastonia Passes House—The Long Creek and Crowders Creek Drainage Bills—Colonial Club Chartered—Other Matters in State Legislature.

Several bills of great interest to Gaston people are now pending in the General Assembly. For lack of space The Gazette is unable to give details regarding these bills today but expects to give the important ones in full at the earliest day possible.

The bill authorizing the town of Gastonia to issue bonds for municipal improvements passed the House Saturday and was sent to the Senate. It will undoubtedly pass that body within a day or two. This act will enable the town to make some very much needed improvements. The text of the bill will appear later.

Saturday the bill establishing the Long Creek drainage district was passed and ordered enrolled. On the same day the bill authorizing the drainage of the lowlands on Crowders Creek was ratified by the House. These two bills are of great importance to a large number of people in the county.

The Colonial Club has been chartered by the Legislature. This is a hunting club which a hunting preserve on Crowders and Kings Mountain.

At present there are pending in the General Assembly the following bills which are being watched with interest: To place Gaston county officers on salaries; to incorporate the Loray Mills as a municipality; to levy a special school tax of 12 cents on the \$100 worth of property and 36 cents on the poll.

It seems to be an assured fact that the Loray incorporation bill will be killed. In fact so strong is the opposition to it that it is considered already as good as dead.

The Gazette hears it rumored, though no official information is obtainable on this point, that the city council is seriously considering having the bill introduced extending the city limits. There is a strong sentiment in favor of such a bill and the time is ripe for its introduction. It is true that the session is drawing to a close but present indications are that the Legislature has such a vast amount of work to do that it cannot complete it this week according to schedule and will probably hold over into next week. In that event it would be altogether possible to get this bill through without difficulty.

IN SOCIETY.

A wedding of interest to not a few Gastonians took place at Spartanburg, S. C., on Thursday, February 23rd, when Miss Bessie Logan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Logan, formerly residents of Gastonia, was married to Mr. Charles C. Pettit. Engraved announcement cards were received here by friends after the wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Pettit will reside at Biltmore.

The following from Sunday's issue of The Atlanta Constitution will be read with interest here:

"Miss Agnes Houseal, of Cedartown, and her guests, Miss Florence Munnerlyn, of Albany, and Miss Nell McLean, of Gastonia, N. C., returned to Agnes Scott Wednesday night.

"While in Cedartown Miss Houseal and her guests were extensively entertained. On Saturday night Miss Houseal introduced her guests at a large party. On Monday night Mr. G. W. Houseal entertained for his sister and her guests at a dance followed by a luncheon. On Tuesday afternoon the party enjoyed an auto ride to Rome. At noon Wednesday Mr. Edgar Henderson gave a luncheon for the party at the Boon house. Covers were laid for six. On Wednesday afternoon an auto party was given to Cave Springs."

Engaged in Fisticuff.

At the jockey lot yesterday afternoon Mr. Frank Smith and Mr. J. P. King, a visiting horse-trader, engaged in a lively fist fight, in the course of which several blows were exchanged with telling effect. They were before Mayor Craig this morning on a charge of an affray. Mr. Smith was fined \$2.50 and the costs and Mr. King \$5 and the costs.

—Mr. Flave Davis and sister, Miss Lola, went to Rock Hill, S. C., Saturday to spend several days as the guests of Misses Lula and Mamie Parrah.