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NEWS FROM NEARBY TOWNS

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY.

Mr. Moses Stroup Observes His Seventy-Third Anniversary by Having Many Friends for Dinner—Some Interesting History—Live News Notes and Personals from Bessemer City.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

BESSEMER CITY, March 7.—

About a hundred and fifty men, women and children from this section of Gaston and from Lincoln county gathered Saturday at the hospitable home of Mr. Moses Stroup, five miles west of here, to celebrate with him his 73rd birthday.

Mr. Stroup was enjoying good health and was in an interesting, reminiscent mood. With his comrades of the Civil war he talked over those stirring times. But Mr. Stroup does not live wholly in the past by any means. He is interested in the more modern way of farming and has a full equipment of the improved farming implements.

Mr. Stroup was a member of the lower house of the State legislature in 1890-'91 and at that time introduced the first prohibition bill ever framed for Gaston county. At that time there were forty-three government distilleries in the county and the whiskey sentiment was very strong. A member from one of the transmountain counties, who proved to be a prophet, told Mr. Stroup if he pressed his bill it would defeat him for re-election, but nothing daunted at the prospect of one term in office, he did all he could to rid his county of conditions well-nigh intolerable.

In the campaign following he found considerable opposition and, failing to satisfy his constituents, as he thought, he withdrew from the race. However, he has always been proud of the firm stand he took, in the interest of his constituents.

Among those outside the community attending the celebration were Mrs. W. A. Kiser, Miss Annie Smith and Miss Mary Hahn, of Reepsville; Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Howell and Mrs. and Mrs. Hoke Huss, of Cherryville; Mr. and Mrs. Junius Beam, of Mount Holly; Mr. D. H. Coon, of Lincolnton, Mr. and Mrs. Sylvanus Mauney, of Kings Mountain; Misses Zona Stroup, Knoxville Kiser and Myrtle Kiser, of Davenport College, Lenoir. The dinner was elaborate and the entire day was enjoyed to the utmost.

The first of a series of three debates to be held between sunnyside public school and Cherryville graded school was heard in the school building at Cherryville last Friday night. The query was, on the subject of compulsory education for North Carolina. Cherryville's debaters were Messrs. Vernon Harrelson and William Black. The speakers for Sunnyside were Messrs. sample Hager and Walden Weaver. All the young men acquitted themselves in a surprising manner and the full house that greeted them was highly entertained. Cherryville won the decision from the farmer boys but the latter are already making preparations to meet their antagonists again.

The Red Men were here in large numbers Saturday night to attend the district meeting of the order. Mr. Phummer Stewart, of Charlotte, was expected to make a public address in the opera hall in the interest of Redmembership but could not be present. Mr. L. R. Pordeus, of Gastonia, addressed the people in an entertaining manner, which was followed by a banquet in honor of the visitors and a business meeting presided over by the District Deputy Sachem L. A. Reynolds, of Gastonia.

Miss Madge Paylor, for five seasons with Ivey's at Charlotte, and last season with one of the leading millinery stores of Raleigh, has rented the Robbins building and will open one of the completest lines of millinery to be seen in this section. Miss Carrie Mauney, of this place, will be associated with her in the business. Their formal opening will be held March 30th and 31st.

For the third time in the last few years the home of Attorney Charles E. Whitney was found to be on fire early Sunday morning. Mrs. J. F. Scott, just across the street, first observed it and aroused Mr. Whitney and the neighborhood. After heroic

work, the quickly organized bucket brigade was able to extinguish the blaze before much damage was done.

Mr. Julius Payne is quite ill with appendicitis at the home of his father, Mr. Zach Payne, living just out side of town. He was stricken suddenly last Sunday.

An infant child of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Metcalfe was buried last Monday.

Miss Mary McKeown, of Blackstock, S. C., is spending some time with the family of Mr. T. S. Royster. Mrs. Royster, who is in the Shelby hospital, is improving satisfactorily after a second operation for appendicitis.

Arrangements have been made for holding services for the county convicts here every two weeks. Rev. J. F. Armstrong conducted services for them the fourth Sunday afternoon and Rev. John Hall, of Gastonia, will preach the third Sunday afternoon in this month.

Miss Greene, of Thomasville, who takes the place in the graded school faculty made vacant by the resignation of Miss Crawford, is starting off with her work in a most satisfactory manner.—Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Perdue, of Gastonia, were the guests Saturday night of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Scott.—Mr. J. E. Hornbuckle, of Burlington, is here on business.

UNION NEWS.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

UNION, March 6.—An interesting meeting has just closed at Union. Rev. C. H. Little, of Charlotte, had been asked to be with Rev. George A. Sparrow, in holding the meeting, but at a late date found he was unable to be present. So all of the services were conducted by the pastor alone. On Friday morning the subject of the sermon was, "The Cross, the Source of Life;" Friday evening, "Praising God;" Saturday morning, "Why Church Members Should Attend Church;" Saturday evening, "Covetousness, and Its Evils;" Sunday morning Mr. Sparrow's sermon was an eloquent description of Heaven. It was divided into five sections. Will man need any Heaven, what proof is there of its existence, where it is, what it is and what we shall do there. This was followed by the communion service. Sunday evening, notwithstanding the inclement weather, there were a number present. The subject was, "The Grace of God." This closed the meeting.

The neighborhood has been quite gay this week. Misses Clara, Ethel and Mabel Patrick have been at home. Miss Pearl Henderson has also been at home.

Rev. George A. Sparrow will be absent part of this coming week. He will be at Rutherfordton where he will have part of the program of a home mission conference.

CROUSE ROUTE ONE NEWS.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

CROUSE, ROUTE 1, Mch. 4.—Mr. Luther Carpenter, who was operated on for appendicitis, is getting along fairly well.—Misses Venia and Maggie Lea Carpenter visited Mrs. Clay Kiser Thursday.—Mr. L. J. S. Carpenter and family have moved from Shelby to Crouse.—Mrs. M. L. Carpenter received a painful though not serious injury Monday by falling from the second story of the barn.—Messrs. J. A. and H. C. Kiser went to Maiden Friday on business.—Mrs. C. D. Tate and children are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Alexander, this week.

A goodly number of our people attended court this week and all report an up-to-date court house and jail.

Miss Maggie Lee Carpenter is visiting Misses Venia and Emma Lea Carpenter this week.—Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Withers gave the young people a party Saturday night and all report a nice time.—Miss Vivian Carpenter is clerking in Mr. Monroe Heafner's store.—Mr. Anderson Carpenter visited homefolks Saturday and Sunday.—Mr. Henry Kiser, the road overseer, is on the road again. He knows how to make a good road.—Mr. Alex Kiser and family visited at the home of Mr. B. F. Carpenter Saturday and Sunday.

SCHOOL CLOSING.

Session at Mountain View Ends With Spelling Match—Mr. Gus White Injured—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

DALLAS, ROUTE 1, March 6.—

Mr. Gus White met with a painful accident Friday morning while riding on a lumber wagon. His foot caught between a stump and the brakes spraining it badly. As a result he is laid up with a very sore foot.—Mr. and Mrs. Mike Kiser, of the Beaver Dam section, spent Saturday at the home of Mr. Ed Mauney.—Miss Laura Pasour was the guest Saturday of Misses Mattie and Cora Best.—Miss Etta White spent several days last week in Bessemer City, the guest of Mrs. J. W. Clemmer.

The school at Mountain View closed Friday afternoon. There was a spelling bee Friday night which was attended by representatives from many sections of the county. The pupils of the school spelled well. The teacher, Miss Olive Senter, returned to her home at Harden Saturday.

Mr. Emanuel Cloninger is seriously ill at this writing.—Mr. William Harmon made a business trip to Maiden last week.—Mrs. G. E. C. Pasour spent Saturday at the home of Mr. J. L. Clemmer.—Mrs. J. C. Friday, of Hoyle's Creek, spent Saturday with her daughter, Mrs. L. C. Pasour. Mrs. Friday was returning home from a three-weeks visit to her daughters, Mrs. Costner, of Kings Mountain.

Miss Sudie White spent Saturday at the home of Miss Elvira Herron.—Mr. Miles Rhyne, of Bessemer City, was the guest Saturday at the home of Mr. W. C. Best.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Moore entertained at dinner Sunday in honor of Miss Sudie Aderholdt's birthday. The guests who enjoyed their charming hospitality were Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Aderholdt, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Rucker, Miss Sudie Aderholdt and Mr. D. E. G. Pasour.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Ratchford were guests Saturday at the home of Mr. G. L. Best.—Mrs. L. A. Thornburg and Miss Kate Thornburg spent Saturday with Mrs. E. S. Ratchford.—Mr. Andrew Cloninger spent several days last week the guest at the home of her son, Mr. Oscar Cloninger.—Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Thomas, Miss Ethel Thomas and Master Mott Thomas, of the Pisgah neighborhood, visited in this section one day last week.—Mrs. W. R. Turner and children spent Saturday at the home of Mr. Ed Turner.

Death of Mrs. Williams.

Mrs. Maggie Caldwell Williams died at her home near Yorkville, S. C., yesterday morning after an illness of only a few days, aged about 38 years. She is survived by her husband, Mr. H. T. Williams and two small children. She also leaves four sisters, Mrs. Eunice Thompson, Mrs. E. Hope Adams, Mrs. W. B. Flanagan and Mrs. G. D. Flanagan, and two brothers, Messrs. Ed and Charles Caldwell. The funeral and burial took place today at Sharon. The deceased was a niece of Mrs. John H. Adams, of Gastonia, who attended the funeral today.

—Mayor T. L. Craig, Col. C. B. Armstrong, Prof. J. H. Separk, Mr. A. E. Moore and Mr. A. G. Mangum have been in Raleigh the past day or two on business.

—The Crescent Theatre has leased the store room in the new Long building, West Main avenue, formerly occupied by O. M. Boyd & Co., bankrupts, and is having it fitted up nicely for their moving picture business. They expect to move from the old building which they have occupied for a year or two about Saturday.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. Mack Holland returned on No. 35 last night from their bridal trip north. They visited Washington, New York and other northern points. Mrs. Holland will spend a week here as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Holland, after which they will go to housekeeping at Spencer Mountain. Mr. Holland went to Spencer Mountain this morning.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

LANE GETS FOUR YEARS.

Young White Man Convicted of Two Serious Crimes—Criminal Court Adjourns—Civil Docket Taken Up This morning—May Adjourn Tomorrow.

Horace Lane, a young white man, was yesterday convicted in two cases, one for seduction and the other for abortion, and was given a sentence of two years in each case. His trial consumed practically the entire day. Criminal court adjourned yesterday evening after being in session for seven days. The civil docket was taken up this morning, the session so far today having been taken up with the trial of the case of Rankin vs. Seaboard Air Line Railway. It is understood that court will probably adjourn some time tomorrow, as Judge Biggs is called to Durham on an important mission.

Other criminal cases disposed of since Friday are as follows:

O. E. Hallman, illicit distilling, 15 months on the roads.

Forest Elmore, affray, fined \$10 and costs.

John Hoyle, removing crop, to pay Henry Williams \$6 and one-half the costs.

Henry Patten, carrying concealed weapons, four months on the roads.

Amos Whitaker, gambling, fined \$10 and costs.

Labe Wilson, assault with deadly weapon, fined \$75 and costs.

Ernest Lineberger, gambling, fined \$10 and costs.

Ernie Walls, retailing, fined \$25 and costs.

George Torrence, assault, fined \$10 and costs.

Harry Merrill, larceny, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

J. R. Deaton, disposing of mortgaged property, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Will Stowe, convicted several days previous of larceny, was given six months on the roads.

COUNTY FATHERS MEET.

Tax Books in Hands of Late Ex-Sheriff Shuford Placed in Hands of His Bondsmen and Time for Settlement Extended—Large Number of Bills Ordered Paid—Other Business Transacted.

The board of commissioners of Gaston county met in regular monthly session for March Monday and transacted business as follows:

Frank Medlock was released of double tax as charged in South Point township. He was charged with single tax on same.

Ether Rankin was declared a pauper and allowed to go to the county home.

Hettie Carpenter was declared an outside pauper and allowed \$4 per quarter with G. P. Stroup agent.

Alexis Mfg. Co. was relieved of paying tax on \$475 on account of reduction in valuation of plant.

The petition of Fred Carpenter and others for road was referred to County Superintendent of Roads T. L. Ware for his inspection with instructions to report on same.

The reports of John F. Leeper and A. G. Myers, finance committee, were accepted, approved and recorded in the records of official reports.

The monthly report of County Treasurer J. Q. Holland was accepted, approved and ordered recorded in the records of official records.

Fred H. Lay was exempted from paying poll tax on account of physical infirmities.

Five dollars was appropriated to pay for coffin of John McCoullough, pauper.

It was ordered that the county of Gaston execute its note to O. P. Rhodes in the sum of \$1000 payable six months after date at six per cent interest per annum.

J. A. Plonk was relieved of paying poll tax on account of being exempt. Stella Abernethy and children were declared paupers and allowed to go to the county home.

George Wilson, colored, was released of double tax as charged and charged with single tax.

M. A. Spencer was allowed to make

GREATER GASTONIA BILL PASSES

Wins Out by Small Majority Over Strong Opposition

General Assembly Last Night Passed on Act Extending City Limits of Gastonia—New Boundaries Take in Loray and Gray Mills on West, Clara and Dunn on South and Holland on North—Bill Enrolled for Ratification and Governor Expected to Affix His Signature to it To-day—A Great Forward Movement.

It is Greater Gastonia.

The bill to extend the city limits of the town of Gastonia passed the lower house of the General Assembly about 11:30 last night and was enrolled for ratification. Only the Governor's signature was necessary to make it of full force and effect. This, it was expected, would be affixed today.

Below is given the full text of the bill. This act extends the limits about one mile on the west, taking in all of the Loray and Gray Mills properties together with much other individual property; and about one-quarter of a mile on the South, East and North, taking in those portions of the Clara, Dunn and Holland Mill settlements which have been outside. A reading of the text of the bill will furnish detailed information to the reader.

By the enactment of this law Gastonia's population is increased something like 4,000, perhaps a little less, probably a little more. This gives Gastonia now a population of just about 10,000.

This is perhaps the greatest forward step the town has taken in ten years. It means great things for the town's future. At the same time it imposes larger and increased responsibilities but there is no doubt but that our people will be equal to any emergency which the new order of things may bring about.

There is universal rejoicing in Gastonia over the success of this bill. Every inch of ground was warmly contested and it required a very strenuous fight to put it through. Senator Carpenter and Representatives Stroup and Kendrick were loyal to Gastonia and the county in fighting for its passage. Mayor Craig, Col. Armstrong, Alderman Separk and others left no stone unturned to win success and they won it. It only remains for every citizen to rally to his town and work for its future welfare.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF GASTONIA.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do Enact:

Section 1. That chapter one hundred and forty-eight (148) of the Private Laws of one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one be amended as set out herein, to-wit:

Sec. 2. That section two (2) of chapter one hundred and forty-eight (148) of the Private Laws of one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one be stricken out and in lieu thereof the following be inserted, to-wit:

That Thomas L. Craig, Mayor; J. O. White, S. M. Morris, A. M. Dixon, J. H. Separk and John O. Rankin, Aldermen elected on the first Monday in May, 1909, shall continue to hold their office until the regular election for Mayor and aldermen as provided by law, and that in addition thereunto C. L. Chandler and A. B. Elliott be appointed aldermen, and shall hold their office until their successors are elected on the first Monday in May, 1911, and until said successors have duly qualified.

B. F. S. Austin, A. M. Smyre, S. N. Boyce, D. E. McConnell and J. P. Reid, School Commissioners, elected on the first Monday in May, 1909, shall continue to hold their office un-

til the regular election for mayor, aldermen and school commissioners on the first Monday in May, 1911, as is provided by law; and in addition thereunto T. M. McIntire and S. Settlemyer shall be appointed school commissioners and shall hold their office until their successors are elected on the first Monday in May, 1911, and until said successors have duly qualified.

Sec. 3. That section three (3) of chapter one hundred and forty-eight (148) of the Private Laws of one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one be stricken out and in lieu thereof the following be inserted, to-wit:

"That the corporate limits of the town of Gastonia shall be as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a stone three-fourths (3/4) of a mile due north of the crossing of the Southern Railroad and the Carolina and North-Western Railroad in the present town of Gastonia, running due East twenty-eight hundred and forty (2840) feet to a stone; thence South fifty-three (53) degrees East three hundred and ten (310) feet to a stone; thence North sixty-six (66) degrees West six hundred (600) feet to a stone in the line of the present corporate limits; thence with the old line of the corporate limits South fifty-three hundred and sixty-four (5364) feet to a stone; thence West thirty-eight hundred and twenty (3820) feet to a stone; thence South thirteen hundred and twenty (1320) feet to a stone; thence West twelve thousand and twenty (12020) feet to a stone; thence North fifty-three (53) degrees and thirty (30) minutes East sixty-six hundred (6600) feet to a stone; thence East one (1) mile to the beginning."

Sec. 4. That section four of chapter one hundred and forty-eight of the Private Laws of one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one be stricken out and in lieu thereof the following be inserted, to-wit: "That the said town shall be divided into seven wards, to be known as follows, to-wit:

"That portion of the town bounded on the north by the line of the corporate limits, on the east by the corporate limits, on the south by the Southern Railroad, on the west by Marietta street and the extension of Marietta street to the corporate limits, shall be known as ward number one; that portion of the said town bounded on the north by the line of the corporate limits, on the east by Marietta street and the extension of Marietta street to the line of the corporate limits, on the south by the Southern Railroad, and on the west by the line of the corporate limits, shall be known as ward number two; that portion of the said town bounded on the north by the Southern Railroad, on the west by the line of the corporate limits, on the south by the street just east of Settlemyer's store and MacKee Bradley's store and residence, and from the Railroad crossing to the corporate limits shall be known as ward number three; that portion of the town bounded on the north by the old limits of the town (chapter 148 of the Private Laws of 1899) on the south by the corporate limits, on the west by the street east of Settlemyer's and MacKee Bradley's store and residence, shall be known as ward number four; that portion of the town bounded on the north by the Southern Railroad, on the east by York street, on the south by the line of the corporate limits, on the west by the line of the old corporate limits, shall be known as ward number five; that portion of the town bounded on the north by the Southern Railroad and on the east by Oakland street and the extension of Oakland street to the corporate limits, on the south by the corporate limits, on the west by York street and the extension of York street, shall be known as ward number six; that portion of the town bounded on the north by the Southern Railroad, on the east by the corporate limits, on the south by the line of the corporate limits, and on the west by Oakland street, shall be known as ward number seven."

Sec. 5. That section five of chap-

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