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## NEWS FROM NEARBY TOWNS

### HEAD OF BIG MILL.

**Mr. C. E. Bean, of Belmont, Becomes Superintendent of Drayton Mills at Spartanburg—Belmont Briefs.**

Correspondence of The Gazette.

**BELMONT, March 6.**—Among those from Belmont who saw "The Lyman Twins" in Gastonia Friday night we note the following: Miss Mabel Patrick and Messrs. J. R. Ratchford and S. B. Hovis.

Among those attending court in Gastonia today are Messrs. G. M. Gullick and R. L. Stowe. Drs. Orr and Davis are also present, being witnesses in a very important case. However, the ones not called on account of business, court proceedings and the crowds that usually collect around a court house have a great attraction, judging from the throngs that attend from this place every day.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bean will regret to learn that they have moved to Spartanburg, S. C., Mr. Bean having accepted the position of superintendent of the Drayton Mills in that city, one of the largest in South Carolina. The best wishes of many friends in and around Belmont go with them to their new home. Mr. Bean was formerly superintendent of the Majestic Mill here. Mr. Pore, of Tuxedo, succeeds Mr. Bean in this position. Mr. Pore and family expect to be here at an early date.

Mr. A. A. Armstrong was a business visitor to Gastonia Thursday. Mr. W. D. Crawford, assistant cashier of the bank, returned today from a pleasant visit to friends in Rock Hill.—Mr. A. J. Sanders was a Charlotte visitor Sunday.—Messrs. John F. Leeper and F. P. Hall are spending the day in Gastonia.—Mr. D. P. Stowe, the popular and efficient "first-trick" operator here, accompanied by his wife has gone on a vacation trip to points in Florida.—Rev. R. C. Deal, whose illness has been noted in these columns, left Friday for his mother's home in Greenville, S. C. Here he hopes to recuperate.—Rev. J. L. Shinn, the popular pastor of the Baptist church here, has resigned to take up work in Tennessee.

### IRON STATION NEWS.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

**IRON STATION, March 7.**—Mr. Sidney Hallman, of Hickory, visited his brother, Mr. J. M. Hallman, last week.—Mr. Dory Friday and sister, Miss Minnie, spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives near Harden.—Mr. and Mrs. Clint Moore moved to Stanley today. They have been staying with Mrs. Moore's mother since their marriage Christmas.—Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hines, of Indianapolis, Ind., are spending some time with relatives here.—Prof. Horne, of Henry, spent last Wednesday night in the village en route to Denver.—Mr. J. M. Hallman went to Lenoir today to attend the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Mary Montgomery. Mrs. Montgomery has many friends here who learn with sorrow of her death, she having spent part of last year here with Mr. and Mrs. Hallman.

Mrs. Robert Hovis and children are spending some time with Mrs. John Sherrill.—Misses Ethel and Joanna Stroup, of Alexis, visited the Misses Rudisill Saturday and Sunday.—Miss Effie Harris, of Lincoln, spent Sunday with homefolks.—Miss Hester Summey, a member of the faculty of Waco graded school spent Sunday with her parents.—Mr. and Mrs. Plato Miller and daughter, Virginia, of Lincoln, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Goode.—Mrs. George Pasour, of Dallas, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. John Hovis.—Mr. E. I. Rhyne was in Lincoln one day last week on business.

### Mount Holly Matters.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

**MOUNT HOLLY, March 9.**—One of the most attractive social features of recent occurrence was a musical given by Mrs. J. A. Costner at her elegant home from 3 to 6. Inspiring instrumental and vocal solos and duets were delightfully rendered by

those who play and sing.

Miss Eva Bowles left Tuesday for Greensboro on a visit to her brothers, Archie and Hargrove Bowles, and other relatives and friends.—Mrs. S. F. Cathey has gone to Rutherfordton to spend a while with her father, who is in failing health.—Rev. D. E. Vipperman, our Baptist pastor, has announced a special meeting to begin at his church next Sunday. He will be assisted by Rev. J. F. Black, of Dallas, Tex. Services each day at 3 and 7:30 p. m.

Addresses in the interest of the Laymen's Missionary movement will be delivered next Sunday night in the Methodist church by Dr. S. B. Turrentine, presiding elder of the Shelby district, and Rev. H. K. Boyer, conference missionary secretary. They will be at Mountain Island on Sunday at 11 a. m. and at River Bend at 3 p. m. Monday they will be at Moore's Chapel at 11 a. m.

Misses Julia and Nannie Ramsey, of Huntersville, spent Sabbath in town with Mrs. Perrye Ramsey and returned home Monday.—Mrs. David Kelley, of Charlotte, is spending the week at her sister's, Mrs. J. C. Cannon.—Mr. Cliff Spence is arranging to erect in the near future a five-room bungalow on a lot adjoining Mr. George Jenkins.

### POPULAR COUPLE WED.

**Miss Eula Sloop Married to Mr. S. W. Ennels at Salisbury—Mr. McEntire Attends Commercial Congress at Atlanta—Live Locals From the Lory.**

Correspondence of The Gazette.

**LORAY MILLS, March 9.**—A wedding of unusual interest to the people here was that of Miss Eula Sloop to Mr. S. W. Ennels at the home of the bride's parents in Salisbury Wednesday evening, March 8th, at 8 o'clock. The ceremony was performed by Rev. T. E. Morgan, pastor of Haven Lutheran church, in the presence of many friends and relatives. Among the out-of-town guests present were Messrs. A. B. McAllister and J. E. Williams, of the Lory. After the wedding a most delicious supper was served to the guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Ennels, accompanied by her sister, Miss Amy Sloop, came to Gastonia on No. 35 and will spend the remainder of the week with Mr. and Mrs. A. B. McAllister. Mr. Ennels is a prominent young business man of Salisbury. Mrs. Ennels is a sister of Mrs. A. B. McAllister, of this place, and is one of Salisbury's prettiest and most accomplished young ladies. We extend to them a hearty welcome while they remain in our midst and wish them a pleasant journey as they travel together over life's pathway.

Mr. T. M. McEntire will leave for Atlanta on No. 35 tonight where he goes to attend the Southern Commercial Conference.—Mrs. J. R. Young, Jr., and children are visiting relatives in Rutherfordton and Forest City this week.—Dr. Norman Morrow went to Yorkville, S. C., Wednesday and came back with a new motorcycle.—Mr. W. C. Robinson, of Salisbury, spent Saturday and Sunday with his brothers and aunt here.—Mr. W. A. Crawley and family, of Rhodhiss, have moved to the Lory.—Miss Clara Pierce, of Greenville, S. C., is spending the week with Mrs. T. M. McEntire.—Mr. Jack Spratt had the misfortune of getting the end of his finger cut off in a folder Wednesday.

Mr. A. B. McAllister has had a telephone put in his residence this week. His number is 317.—Miss Bertha Johnson is spending the week with her parents near Dallas.—Miss Bell Miller is spending the week with relatives at Spencer Mountain.—Mr. J. W. White will return to his home near Glendale, S. C., Saturday.—Mrs. C. J. Moss, who has been in ill health for some time, has gone to spend the summer with her parents near Glendale, S. C.—Miss Hattie Ponder will entertain a number of her friends at a pound supper to be given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Waldrop Saturday evening March 11th.

Some one said that some one told

them that some one said that some one was to be married here next week. We'll hear about it later.

This beautiful spring-time weather looks awful good to those who have been suffering from the effects of coughs, colds, grip, pneumonia and a few other things.

We went to sleep the other night a way out in the country, and woke up the next morning in the city of Gastonia. Wasn't that sleeping some?

Mr. B. W. Boyd, who is attending school at Catawba College, Newton, spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Boyd.

### OLD MILL NEWS.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

**OLD MILL, March 9.**—Mr. J. L. Hoover has accepted a position at the Old Mill as overseer of spinning. He was formerly overseer of spinning at the Avon Mill. Mr. Hoover is an experienced mill man and we are glad to have him with us.—Mr. G. G. Davis and family have moved here from Bessemer City.—Mr. R. L. Davis, of this place, and Miss Lulu Hicks, of the Avon Mill, were happily married Wednesday, the 8th, at the bride's home on Franklin avenue, Rev. J. J. Beach officiating. It was a quiet home affair and only a few of their intimate friends were invited.

### GRADING AT STANLEY.

**Force of Thirty-Seven Convicts Grading for Macadam—New Livery Stable and Cotton Gin—Personal Mention.**

Correspondence of The Gazette.

**STANLEY, March 9.**—Grading has begun on the macadamized road through town. Thirteen new convicts were brought over from Gastonia and placed in the camp here this week, making a total of thirty-seven convicts.

The livery stable on Main street owned by L. L. Smith has been torn down, preparatory to erecting a new stable presumably on the same site or to replace one which was burned last August.

Mr. Miles Jenkins is erecting a cotton gin in connection with the grist mill and sawmill which have already been completed.

There will be a missionary institute held in the Methodist church Friday conducted by Drs. S. B. Turrentine, of Shelby, and H. K. Boyer, formerly of Charlotte.

Senator J. F. Reinhardt spent Wednesday in town on his return from Raleigh.—Mr. Hall Morrison, of Mariposa, is in town this week taking instructions in the cotton mill business.—Mr. R. B. Babington, of Gastonia, was in town the latter part of last week on business.—Dr. M. C. Hunter made a business trip to Charlotte Monday.

### A SURPRISE MARRIAGE.

**Miss Sadye Oates and Mr. David Harrison Wed at New Hope Manse.**

Correspondence of The Gazette.

**NEW HOPE, March 9.**—Tuesday evening at 6:30 o'clock at the Presbyterian manse of New Hope, Miss Sadye Oates, daughter of Mr. J. T. Oates, of Bessemer City, became the bride of Mr. David Harrison. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. S. Burwell, pastor of the groom, and was witnessed by a few friends and relatives. The groom is an industrious and prosperous farmer of the New Hope section.

The marriage of this couple was quite a surprise to their many friends who wish for them much success and happiness in life.

The special trains bearing United States troops to San Antonio, which passed through Gastonia yesterday attracted much attention and called forth much comment by those who saw them.

One of the heaviest frosts of the winter was seen here yesterday morning. Seems like Mr. G. Hog, Esq., is doing business at the old stand. Well, he only has a few more days in which to operate.

### GASTONIA HEADQUARTERS.

**Messrs. Stewart & Jones, Contractors for Grading of Interurban, Secure Offices Here—Three Squads of Men to be Put to Work Next Week—Surveying Route Between Gastonia and Kings Mountain.**

Mr. Stewart, of the firm of Stewart & Jones, of Baltimore, to whom was awarded Monday evening the contract for grading the 35 miles of road between Charlotte and Kings Mountain for the Piedmont & Northern Railway Co., was in Gastonia yesterday and rented offices on the second floor of the new Lebovitz building on Main avenue. While the work is going on the firm's headquarters will be here.

The Gazette learns from reliable sources that at least three squads of men will be put to work early next week grading the line between Gastonia and Charlotte. One squad will start near the Clara Mill in Gastonia and work toward the South Fork river, another will work between the South Fork and Mount Holly and the third will work between Mount Holly and the Hoskins Mills on the outskirts of Charlotte. Possibly additional forces will be put on later. There will be at least 150 men in these three squads to start with, besides numerous teams and wagons.

The contractors have ordered two large steam shovels shipped to Gastonia and they will probably reach here inside of the next ten days. In the meantime, however, work will go right ahead. Gastonians may expect to see dirt beginning to fly about next Monday or Tuesday near the Clara Mill. The Gazette learns from an unofficial source, that it is not the intention of the road to grade Franklin avenue to a one-per cent grade, as the contracts call for, to be used as a freight line, but that it will be graded only with a view to using it as a passenger line. This, as The Gazette has all along contended, is the proper thing to do. To attempt to grade Franklin avenue to a one-per cent grade would damage much property on that thoroughfare and would doubtless entail no end of long and expensive litigation. The line to be used for carrying freight will go by the way of the Clara Mill and on West to the Lory.

As yet the rights-of-way between Gastonia and Kings Mountain have not been secured but, it is stated, the surveyors went to work yesterday and are now engaged in laying off the line between these two points. It is understood that the surveys will be made and the rights-of-way secured so that the grading forces can get to work within a few weeks.

Tuesday's Charlotte Chronicle contains the following interesting information with regard to the contract:

Stewart & Jones, of Baltimore, were awarded the contract for the construction of the interurban railway line from Charlotte to Kings Mountain, a distance of 34 miles, the contract being signed Monday afternoon between 5 and 6 o'clock by Mr. W. S. Lee, representing the building syndicate of the Piedmont Company. The price named in the contract is \$400,000.

As was anticipated in The Chronicle the contract stipulates that construction work is to begin "at once," which means at the earliest moment possible and that the work shall be completed within 120 working days. The work will include the grading of the proposed line, the building of stone and concrete culverts and everything except the actual placing of the track. A tremendous amount of excavating and filling will be necessary for only a one per cent grade will be allowed and every mile of the line will be handled according to the estimates and specifications of the engineers for the project. According to the estimates of the engineers, 1,000,000 square yards of dirt will have to be excavated and moved to the "fills."

It may be presumed of course that with only 120 working days during which to complete the work that the contracting firm will begin moving dirt just as soon as the machinery and construction forces can be gotten on the ground and it is believed that only the remaining days of this week will be necessary for this. Already five large steam shovels have been ordered to Charlotte, along with scores of teams, scrapers, scoops, wagons and carts, etc. A large force of working men will also

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### BILL IS RATIFIED.

**Greater Gastonia is a Reality—Some Gossip About Important Measure—Gaston's Representatives Return from Raleigh.**

When The Gazette went to press Tuesday the Greater Gastonia bill had not been ratified. As the matter stood at that time it had passed both houses of the General Assembly and had been enrolled for ratification. However a stiff fight was made on it on the floor of the House and no stone was left unturned by its opponents with influential support from a number of members of that body, to kill it. There was some misgiving on the part of a few of weak faith as to the final outcome but the general feeling was one of confidence in the ability of our representatives and the able support they had from home to secure the enactment into law of this just and wise measure.

Messrs. Stroup and Kendrick, Gaston's representatives in the House, were not left in the dark as to the attitude of Gastonians with reference to the bill. All during the forenoon Wednesday telegrams from the score poured into their hands from the leading business men of the town urging them to push the bill through. They "rolled up their sleeves" and worked unceasingly and long in its behalf and won a signal victory.

On the third reading in the House five or six protests were entered against the ratification of the bill on technical grounds, none of which, it is believed, would have stood the test before the Supreme Court. Before the representatives left Raleigh for home, however, these protests had been withdrawn in writing and the bill was ratified, thus becoming a law. As a consequence the territory described in the bill, which was published in The Gazette Tuesday, is now part and parcel of the town of Gastonia.

As previously stated this extension of the city limits adds something like 4,000 people to the population of the town, bringing it up to practically 10,000. This means, of course, an increased burden on the town officials. Police and fire protection, school facilities, etc., must be extended to the new territory. At the same time a considerable amount of taxable property is annexed. To adjust ourselves to the new order of things will be a matter of but a short time.

Representatives Stroup and Kendrick and Senator Carpenter have returned to their homes. Mr. Stroup and Mr. Carpenter were in Gastonia yesterday.

Among the important acts of legislation affecting Gaston county passed by this session of the General Assembly were the following: Drainage acts for the Crowders Creek section, the Long Creek section and Dutchman's creek; to protect quail in Gaston; placing county officers on a salary basis; amending the charter of Gastonia so as to extend the city limits; fixing time for meeting and compensation for county commissioners; authorizing a bond election for Gastonia.

### Ballinger Leaves Cabinet.

An Associated Press dispatch from Washington appearing in the afternoon papers of Tuesday carries the information that Richard A. Ballinger's resignation as Secretary of the Interior, dated January 19th was on that date, March 7th, accepted by President Taft very reluctantly. Walter L. Fisher, of Chicago, was immediately commissioned as his successor. The dispatch gives in full the correspondence passing between Mr. Ballinger and the President, a reading of which acquaints the public with the fact that Mr. Taft believes Ballinger entirely innocent of the charges made against him and asserts that the Secretary was the victim of a great conspiracy. Ballinger's ground for resigning was ill health; the same dispatch quotes him as saying that he never felt better in his life. During the recent session of Congress an investigating committee by a partisan vote, exonerated Ballinger of the charges made against him as an official. Public opinion held him guilty.

### Preliminary Contest.

The Gazette is requested to announce that next Friday night in the auditorium of the central graded school there will be held the contest of the Gastonia High School boys for places in the contest for the S. N. Boyce declamation prize.

### DISTRICT CONVENTION.

**Twelfth District Odd Fellows Will Hold Semi-Annual Convention Here Next Wednesday and Thursday, March 15th and 16th—The Program in Full.**

The semi-annual convention of the Twelfth District Odd Fellows will be held with Gastonia Lodge No. 188, I. O. O. F. next Wednesday and Thursday March 15th and 16th. The district is comprised of four counties, Cabarrus, Union, Mecklenburg and Gaston, and there will be two delegates from each of the eleven lodges in the district as follows: Monroe, No. 210; Mecklenburg Declaration, No. 9; Charlotte No. 88; Huntersville No. 276; Cornelius No. 265; Cold Water No. 62; Concord; Kannapolis No. 348; Mount Island No. 20, Mount Holly; McInnis No. 220, Bessemer City; Riverside No. 200, McAdenville; Gastonia No. 188.

The convention will begin with a business session Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 and will close with a regular meeting of Gastonia Lodge No. 188 Thursday night at which the first degree will be conferred by the crack degree team of Charlotte Lodge No. 88.

Following is the program in full: WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Convention called to order at 2:30 o'clock. Opening, Song and Prayer. Roll Call of Officers. Roll Call of Delegates. Reading of Minutes of Last Session. Reports From Lodges. Appointment of Committees. Bills Read and Referred. Report of Treasurer. Unfinished Business.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

Public meeting at 8 o'clock. Address of welcome on behalf of Gastonia Lodge No. 188 by Prof. Joe S. Wray. Address of Welcome on behalf of the City of Gastonia by City Attorney Arthur C. Jones. Response to addresses of welcome by R. W. Lemmonds, Esq., of the Monroe bar. Address by Mr. S. J. Durham, of Bessemer City.

This will be a public meeting to which all Ancient Odd Fellows as well as members in good standing are cordially invited and are expected to bring their wives, daughters and sisters. Any of the general public who care to hear the addresses will also be welcomed. Music for the occasion will be furnished by Miss Lillian Atkins' Orchestra, and refreshments will be served during a social half hour which is to follow the addresses.

### THURSDAY MORNING.

Address—The Strength of Unity, by W. S. Ralph, of Charlotte Lodge No. 88.

Address—The Central Purpose of Odd Fellowship, by James E. Huneycutt, of Mecklenburg Declaration Lodge No. 9.

General Discussion—The Duties of Odd Fellowship to the Public, lead by E. D. Atkins, of Gastonia Lodge No. 188.

Lodge Problems—Delegates are urged to present any problem which may confront their lodges for discussion.

### THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Reports of Committees. Next Business. Election of Officers. Next Place of Meeting. Miscellaneous.

### THURSDAY EVENING.

Work in the first degree will be exemplified by the degree team of Charlotte Lodge No. 88.

All the regular sessions of the convention will be presided over by Prof. L. P. Wilson, principal of the city schools at Monroe, the president. Other officers are E. D. Atkins, of Gastonia, vice president, and C. W. Russell, of Charlotte, secretary. The delegates will be entertained in the homes of various members of the local lodge, and the occasion promises to be one of unusual pleasure and profit to the members of the order.

Fire in the business district of Rutherfordton last night destroyed property to the value of \$100,000.

President Taft, who went South to Atlanta last night, gave to the Associated Press a statement in which was set forth the real meaning of the concentration of United States troops on the Texas frontier. The American troops have been sent to form a solid military wall along the Rio Grande to stop filibustering and see that there is no further smuggling of arms and ammunition and men across the international boundary. Twenty thousand troops are being mobilized at San Antonio.