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RUNAWAY ACCIDENT.

Mr. Fletcher Cosby Severely Injured at Bessemer City—Home Talent Play Pleases—Breezy Briefs.

Correspondence of the Gazette. BESSEMER CITY, March 28. — At the opera hall Friday night a large and delighted crowd witnessed "The Woven Web," a love story of the civil war, played by the Kings Mountain young people under the auspices of the Daughters of the Confederacy for the benefit of the Betterment Association here. The Association has been quite active recently and, in addition to the work already accomplished, a number of other things are planned for the near future. A number of out-of-town visitors were here to see the play.

What came very near being a fatal and horrible runaway accident occurred in the heart of town Saturday afternoon when a horse driven by Mr. Fletcher Cosby became frightened and overturned the buggy, pinning Mr. Cosby under it. Only the quick work of some by-standers saved his life. As it was he suffered severe bruises about the head and had four ribs broken. His condition is satisfactory today.

Rev. Dr. H. K. Boyer, of Statesville, delivered a forceful and eloquent missionary sermon in the Methodist church here last Sunday.

Rev. L. B. Hobbs, of the Baptist church, has accepted a call to the Belmont Baptist church for half-time. Mr. Hobbs preached in Belmont Sunday morning and night.

Rev. R. P. Caldwell, of Groveton A. R. P. church, Charlotte, has moved his family here and will serve the A. R. P. congregation as pastor. Mr. Caldwell is occupying the house recently vacated by Mr. Cicero Moore.

Mr. S. J. Durham has been in demand the past week for educational addresses in the county. He also addressed the people of Lincoln on the subject of Odd Fellowship.

Mr. Tom Simpson and Mr. Ed Reel, formerly of this place but for the past year of Concord, have moved their families here and accepted positions in the Vermont Mill. Mr. Travers Moore has also accepted a position here and will in the near future move his family from Concord. Mr. R. C. Kennedy and Rev. J. F. Armstrong took a day off last Wednesday which they spent on Kings Mountain and at Sparrow Springs.

Lowell Locals.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

LOWELL, March 28.—Postmaster M. A. Teague fell off a wagon and broke his right arm last Wednesday, but is getting along fairly well, though still confined to his home.—Mr. D. W. Meacham has bought the J. M. Lineberger house and lot from the heirs. This gives Mr. Meacham considerable holdings in town property.—Mrs. C. W. Nipper and children returned last Friday from Columbia, S. C., after a two weeks visit to relatives.—Miss Edith Robinson is visiting homefolks here for a few days and will return to Converse College, Spartanburg, S. C., Wednesday.—Prof. John Ramseur visited homefolks near Bessemer City Friday of last week; ran down to Charlotte to see the Fall game Saturday and spent the night in the city.—Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Thompson returned today from a visit of several days to Mrs. Thompson's old home at Williamston, S. C.

A new bridge has just been finished across Duham creek at the old ford near Mr. S. J. Gaston's.—The McAden Mills has about succeeded in getting a gasoline engine to run the flat cars between Lowell and McAdenville.—Mr. McCurry, railroad contractor for this section of the new interurban line, has about gotten all his equipment here. Also Messrs. Ford & Cornelius, concrete contractors are getting in men and material and will be ready in a few days to begin work and they things will begin to look lively. It's been a long time since old Gaston has had any railroading done and perhaps it will be a long time before we have another as this gives us four and all unsofited, I understand.—Mrs. Mattie Groves, of Gastonia, visited her father-in-law, Mr. R. A. Groves, Saturday, returning Monday to her home.—We are not sure who the Iron Station correspondent was that sent in the picadings for old Lincoln county to be spared the slicing by the new county advocates, but like him we feel a little interest in the

LODGE REORGANIZED.

Bessemer City Pythians Take on New Life—Officers Elected and Installed by Grand Chancellor McCausland.

Several members of Gastonia Lodge No. 53 Knights of Pythias went to Bessemer City Friday afternoon on No. 41 to attend a conference between Grand Chancellor A. E. McCausland and the members of Whetstone Lodge No. 104 with reference to the advisability of re-organizing that lodge, which has been inactive for the past year or more. The party returned to Gastonia Friday night on No. 40. It was composed of Messrs. J. H. Kennedy, S. A. Robinson, J. W. Culp, Chas. Ford, T. A. Wilkins, D. A. Garrison, W. H. Hardin, J. W. Atkins, G. H. Marvin.

The Bessemer City Pythians treated the Gastonians to a sumptuous supper at the boarding house of Mrs. Williams after which the party met with the members of Whetstone Lodge room. Grand Chancellor McCausland was present and presented the matter of re-organization in a plain business talk to the members. At the conclusion of his talk the Grand Chancellor asked for an expression of opinion from the members and it was unanimously agreed that the time was ripe for re-organization.

This was at once effected by the election of the following officers for the ensuing term: Chancellor Commander, R. C. Kennedy; Vice Chancellor, W. L. Ormand; Prelate, D. K. Tate; Master at Arms, T. S. Clark; Master of Finance, H. S. Young; Keeper of Records and Seal, J. J. Ormand; Master of Exchequer, E. L. Froneberger; Master of Work, E. P. Reel.

Immediately after the election, the officers were installed by Grand Chancellor McCausland. The lodge starts off with 23 active members and will hold its first regular meeting next Monday night.

IN SOCIETY.

A wedding of interest to many Gastonians took place at Laurens, S. C., Saturday morning, the 25th instant, when Miss Rebecca Jessie Blackwell became the bride of Mr. Hugh Langford Moore, of Gastonia. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Legare Bell Blackwell and is a young lady of many personal charms and accomplishments. She has for the past three years, until recently, held a position as stenographer in the offices of the Loray Mill. The groom has been connected with the Loray Mill offices here for the past five or six years and has many friends in Gastonia. Mr. and Mrs. Moore will be at home at Mayesworth, where the groom is connected, with the Mayesworth Mill, having recently been transferred to that point from Gastonia.

The coming of twenty or twenty-five officers of the North Carolina National Guards the first week in May will probably be the occasion for several social functions in their honor. They will be here for three days when the teams from the twelve companies of the First Regiment will assemble here for target practice. The dates are May 3, 4 and 5. There will be about 150 men here for the target shoot.

Things Doing in the South.

Salisbury Post.

If you don't believe the South is attracting much attention at the present time, just read this squib from The Cleveland Leader and perhaps you'll change your mind: "The South now has a third of the army, a section of the navy, Col. Roosevelt, Secretary Knox, President Taft, the major league baseball clubs, 'Fingy' Conners, and a revolution at its back door. Is there anything else it wants?"

The will be a business meeting of the congregation of the First Baptist church tomorrow night. All members are urged to attend.

Miss Evelyn Johnston, of Charlotte, is spending the week here with her brother, Mr. Rufus Johnston.

old county's welfare and therefore we say, "Sic him."—Mr. T. P. Rankin has accepted a position with Messrs. G. M. Gullick & Co., of Belmont, but spends the nights at home.

GASTONIA MAY LOSE.

Lack of Interest on Part of Local Business Men May Result in North Carolina Interurban Railway Company Pushing on to Charlotte as Terminal Point—An Interview With Vice-President Babington.

The following story anent the North Carolina Interurban Railway Company's plans from Sunday's Charlotte Observer will be of interest to The Gazette's readers:

Mr. George L. McKay, financial agent of the North Carolina Interurban Electric Railway, which it is proposed to build between Asheville and Charlotte, states that work will begin the middle of May on the construction of this road. The following from The Asheville Citizen in regard to the project will be of great interest here owing to the fact that Charlotte will be the eastern terminal of the road:

"By the 15th of May dirt will be flying in the construction of the North Carolina Interurban Electric Railway from Asheville to Charlotte. Such was the statement yesterday afternoon to a Citizen reporter by Mr. George L. McKay, the financial agent of the company, who is here in the interest of the franchise for the company into Asheville, which was asked for some months ago.

"The statement that actual construction would be in progress within the next two months was based by Mr. McKay on the fact that arrangements for the financing of the road have been practically completed. That is the money has been promised, and the deal for it has been closed, but the capital is to be furnished by French capitalists, and there are yet certain details to be consummated before everything will be in readiness.

"In speaking of the equipment of the road, Mr. McKay yesterday stated that the plan was to have eighteen sixty-foot double compartment cars for the local service, these to make an average of twenty-five miles an hour, and to be operated for sixteen hours a day. There are to be six sixty-five foot double compartment express cars for express service, these to be operated at an average rate of forty miles an hour. These will be through cars, and will operate at intervals through the day and night. At night when the passenger traffic is out of the way the freight will be handled. For this there will be forty-eight flat and box cars drawn by electric locomotives, four of the latter being provided. For switching purposes at the terminals there will be steam locomotives.

"The electric power is expected to be generated to a large extent from the waters of Broad river and its tributaries, but there are several other waterpowers along the route which are held under option. The power which can be generated from Broad river is estimated at seven thousand horsepower.

"That Charlotte will be the eastern terminal of the road is practically assured. Gastonia, which was the point tentatively selected, is thought to be inadequate for the purpose of the road, and that it will be extended the short distance on to the largest city in the State is now being planned."

Yesterday a Gazette reporter called at the office of Mr. R. B. Babington, general manager and treasurer of the Piedmont Telephone & Telegraph Co., who is vice-president and chairman of the executive committee of the North Carolina Interurban Railway Company, to interview him with regard to The Observer's story as re-printed above.

Asked as to the probability of the road being constructed Mr. Babington said: Mr. McKay is in a position to know what is going to be the outcome of the interurban. He believes the line will be built but as to when work will actually be commenced he is not in a position to say. However, the prospects look encouraging for an early beginning of actual dirt-moving and when the road is ready for the cars it will be operated very nearly along the lines as given above.

Regarding the statement as to the eastern terminal being Charlotte instead of Gastonia, Mr. Babington says that Gastonia has always been considered by the promoters to be the proper point for the terminal and transfer point with the Southern Railway and the Piedmont Traction Company, until very recently. He says that his associates do not feel like the business interests of the

MR. T. L. HOWE DEAD.

Confederate Veteran Passes Away at Advanced Age at Home of Mr. W. F. Bradley on Route One—Burial This Afternoon at Olney.

Mr. Thomas L. Howe died at 11:30 o'clock last night at the home of his son-in-law, Mr. W. F. Bradley, on route one, a mile and a half west of Gastonia. Death was due to dropsy from which he had suffered for some time. Mr. Howe had been in feeble health for a year or more and had been confined to his bed for the past six or eight weeks. Up till the past two or three months he was able to do some work.

Mr. Howe was a son of the late Mr. James Howe and was born in York county, South Carolina, near Clover, October 18, 1834, being in his 77th year at the time of his death. When a young man he moved to Alabama where he married a Miss Green. As a result of that union three children survive, viz: Mrs. W. F. Bradley, of Gastonia, route one; Calvin B. Howe, of Taylor, S. C., and Lewis M. Howe, of Anniston, Ala. At the outbreak of the civil war he volunteered and went with an Alabama regiment to the front. At the close of the war he returned to Alabama where he remained till about 60 years ago when he moved back to Gaston. His second wife, who survives, was a Miss McAllister.

Mr. Howe was the last member of his immediate family. His only brother, David Howe, died at Pleasant Ridge some two or three years ago.

Deceased was a member of the Loray Presbyterian church. His pastor, Rev. A. S. Anderson, conducted the funeral services at Olney this afternoon. Mr. Howe was a good citizen and a hard-working, industrious farmer. He was well liked by all who knew him and had many friends who will learn with regret of his passing.

Mr. Jenkins Better.

Reports from the bedside of Mr. George A. Jenkins, who has been confined at the City Hospital since Monday night, the 20th, suffering from a gunshot wound sustained at the hands of Spate Elmore, are most encouraging. His wound is doing nicely and he is resting well. His physicians now hold out strong hopes for his recovery, which fact brings rejoicing to his wide circle of friends.

Missionary Meeting.

At the First Presbyterian church tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock the Daughters of the King will give their annual missionary entertainment. There will be an interesting program of songs and recitations, and a missionary address. A free-will offering for missions will be taken. The public is cordially invited to attend. The meeting will close in ample time for all who wish to attend the Wofford Glee Club-concert at the auditorium.

In their page advertisement on page six the J. M. Belk Company announce their Spring millinery opening for Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week.

Mr. Charles Coble, of Forest Hill, Cabarrus county has moved to Bessemer City, where he has a position with the Hus Manufacturing Company.

Mr. J. Lee Robinson, treasurer of the First Presbyterian church, has received and forwarded \$129.52 for the Chinese relief fund.

town have given the matter any consideration whatever and that, despite all his efforts to the contrary, the general offices and terminals may go to Charlotte, which town, he added, goes after and generally gets anything in sight, in this part of North Carolina to say the least. If Gastonia's business men would get busy and see that we do our part by this line, like the other towns through which it will run are doing, she will then have some grounds for a claim. If she stands still and will not move, nor even consider the probability of the line being built, you may rest assured that our neighbor town over the river, which is getting busy, will land the road and continue to be "the largest city in the State," while Gastonia and other towns stand idly by, taking what is left or is thrust upon us.

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GASTON'S TAXABLE PROPERTY.

Books Show a Total of \$11,361,492.16, Including Privilege Taxes, Marriage License Taxes, Double Taxes, Etc.—The Figures.

Below are given figures taken from the 1910 tax books, or rather from the abstracts furnished by Register of Deeds Smith to the State. These figures are quite interesting. As shown therein the total valuation of all real estate, including town lots, is \$6,761,080.00. The total valuation of all taxable property, including real estate, personal property, corporation excess, privilege taxes, double taxes, marriage license fees, etc., is \$11,361,492.16.

Following are the figures in detail:

REAL ESTATE.	
FARM LANDS—WHITE OWNERS.	
Crowders Mountain Township.	20,915 acres \$685,303.00
Cherryville Township.	39,919 acres 612,383.00
Dallas Township.	35,253 acres 611,464.00
Gastonia Township (city.)	473 acres 509,655.00
Gastonia T. (outside.)	37,119 acres 1,419,330.00
River Bend Township.	33,776 acres 547,747.00
South Point Township.	41,113 acres 1,130,172.00
Total	\$5,516,054.00

FARM LANDS—COLORED OWNERS.	
Crowders Mountain Township.	1,835 acres 14,281.00
Cherryville Township.	919 acres 7,355.00
Dallas Township.	1,259 acres 11,890.00
Gastonia Township (outside.)	701 acres 6,318.00
River Bend Township.	1,321 acres 13,483.00
South Point Township.	1,394 acres 11,983.00
Total	\$65,310.00

TOWN LOTS—WHITE OWNERS.	
Crowders Mtn. Township.	1,111 lots \$159,490.00
Cherryville Township.	261 lots 85,447.00
Dallas Township.	174 lots 67,180.00
Gastonia Township (city.)	810 lots 624,810.00
Gastonia Township (outside.)	216 lots 40,140.00
River Bend Township.	270 lots 93,118.00
South Point Township.	267 lots 70,755.00
Total	\$1,140,940.00

TOWN LOTS—COLORED OWNERS	
Crowders Mtn. Township.	85 lots 4,710.00
Cherryville Township.	9 lots 1,310.00
Dallas Township.	56 lots 8,250.00
Gastonia T. (city.)	106 lots 19,905.00
Gastonia T. (outside.)	7 lots 1,135.00
River Bend Township.	16 lots 1,155.00
South Point Township.	22 lots 1,915.00
Total	\$38,380.00

AGGREGATE VALUE OF REAL ESTATE—WHITE.

Crowders Mountain Township	\$844,793.00
Cherryville T.	697,830.00
Dallas T.	678,644.00
Gastonia (city)	1,134,465.00
Gastonia (outside)	1,459,470.00
River Bend T.	640,865.00
South Point T.	1,200,927.00
Total	\$6,656,994.00

AGGREGATE VALUE OF REAL ESTATE—COLORED.

Crowders Mtn. T.	18,991.00
Cherryville T.	8,665.00
Dallas T.	20,140.00
Gastonia T. (city)	19,905.00
Gastonia T. (outside)	7,453.00
River Bend T.	15,034.00
South Point T.	13,898.00
Total	\$104,086.00

Grand total value of all real estate

\$6,761,080.00

MISCELLANEOUS.

1986 Horses	\$140,568.00
2960 Mules	234,372.00
7 Jacks and Jennets	395.00
23 Goats	24.00
7,419 Cattle	102,839.00
7,248 Hogs	37,311.00
457 Sheep	596.00
58 Dogs	1,208.00
222 Bicycles	2,318.00
Farming Utensils	46,600.00
Tools of Mechanics	6,610.00

ROCK NEEDED.

Work on Gastonia-Bessemer City Macadam Road Nearing Completion—Much Rock Needed to Finish Macadamizing.

The road-grading force under Capt. N. G. Todd is now making fine progress on the road between Bessemer City and Gastonia, having reached Mr. J. R. Shannon's farm, probably a little more than half way. The convict force has begun the laying of rock on the Bessemer City end. This six mile stretch of road, when completed, will be the final link in a continuous line of macadam road extending from Union church near the York county line through Gastonia to Cherryville and the Lincoln county line. The road from Gastonia into the Union section is already known as one of the best roads in the county and we are told that the road from Bessemer City to Cherryville is an excellent one. Hence the imperative necessity of keeping the standard of the part now under construction up to that already finished.

The Gazette regrets to learn, however, that there is a grave likelihood that the county authorities will go to some other part of the county and leave about half of the road from Bessemer to Gastonia un-macadamized, all because the citizens along the road for two or three miles out of Gastonia have failed to place sufficient rock for the work of macadamizing the road. There are other roads in the county along which the rock has already been in place several years and it is the fixed policy of the county commissioners to work where the citizens have shown sufficient interest in obtaining a road to place plenty of rock along the line.

The county pays for this rock, we understand, at the rate of fifty cents per cubic yard, which is sufficient to cover the cost of placing it in most localities. It would seem however, that even if there were some slight loss in placing the rock at this price, the citizens along the route of a proposed macadam road should be sufficiently interested to get the rock placed promptly. There is need, we are told, of 8,000 or 10,000 yards to complete the Bessemer City-Gastonia road and this amount could be placed by citizens along the route within two or three weeks without any great neglect of their regular farm work.

We are informed that the Bessemer City people are thoroughly aroused to the importance of this matter and have raised a fund, which up to yesterday had reached the sum of \$200, to supplement the money which the county pays for rock. We hope that Gastonia citizens will take the matter up at once so that the early completion of this important road may be assured.

Born

To Mr. and Mrs. J. William Moore, of Spencer Mountain, Sunday, March 26th, 1911, a daughter.

Carnegie has given \$1,000 toward the purchase of a pipe organ for the Baptist church at Fayetteville. The congregation raised a similar amount.

Household Goods	167,070.00
Provisions	24,587.00
Fire Arms	9,101.00
Scientific Instruments	1,798.00
Money on Hand	61,261.00
Solvent Credits	727,826.00
Money Investments, etc.	1,980.00
Value of Cotton in Seed and Lint	348,627.00
Musical Instruments	55,027.00
Plated and Silverware	3,372.00
Watches and Jewelry	21,351.00
Goods, Wares, Mdse., etc.	248,178.00
Private Banks, Money, Credits, Stock, etc.	2,500.00
All other Personal Property	340,588.00
Total	\$2,586,111.00

Real Estate \$6,761,080.00
Personal Property 2,586,111.00
Bank Stock 191,941.47
Railroads, Telegraph Co's., etc. 1,373,324.86
Corporation Excess 532,430.00
Total \$11,494,887.33
The total amount of taxes for this year on the property so shown above, together with double tax amounting to \$7,032.33; privilege taxes, discoveries, etc., amounting to \$1,895.78 and marriage taxes amounting to \$498.00 is \$119,350.11.