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NEWS FROM NEARBY TOWNS

LIVE LORAY LOCALS.

Much Coming and Going Among West Gastonians—A Marriage—Lawn Party To-Morrow Night.

Correspondence of The Gazette. WEST GASTONIA, June 22.—Mr. W. M. Boyce and family spent a few days with Mrs. Violet Faulkner near Clover, S. C., last week, returning home Monday.—Miss Nellie Steigel, of Gaffney, S. C., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. James Miller.—Mr. J. F. Lutz is in Catawba county this week looking after some business affairs.—Mrs. Mary Camp and family, of Caroleen, have recently moved to the Lory, Miss Mamie Dalton, of Salisbury, is spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Dalton.—Mr. Stacy Boyce, of the Lory office, spent the week-end with Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Garrett, at Gaffney, S. C.—Miss Nettie Bradley, entertained a number of her friends at a lawn party given at her home in West Gastonia on the evening of the 16th.—Miss Nell White, who has held a position as milliner with the H. W. Counts Co. for the past several months, has returned to her home in Bessemer City.

Mr. H. W. Counts spent Sunday with relatives in Cherryville.—Mr. Spencer, the boy orator of Durham, gave lectures in the Lory park Wednesday and Thursday evenings of this week, using as his subjects "Hell Traps" and "The Devil in Robes." He is a forceful speaker and a large number of people enjoyed his discourses very much.—Misses Artie and Odessa Plyler entertained a large number of young people at a lawn party Saturday evening.—Miss Bessie Gaines has returned home after spending a fortnight with relatives in Tryon and Campbello, S. C.—Mrs. J. L. Boyter, of High Shoals, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Barber.—Mr. S. M. Brandon and family, of Yorkville, S. C., moved here Wednesday.—Messrs. S. L. Robinson, Henry Stephenson, Paris Lytle, and Ben Douglas were present at an evening social given at the home of Miss Bessie McAlpine, No. 417 North Broad street.

Mr. J. M. Robertson, of Mayesworth, and Miss Cora Showers, of the Gray Mill, were married by Rev. C. M. Robinson at his home Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. James Hicks died here Monday morning.—In a wading contest held in Lory Park Wednesday evening Miss Bertha Johnson was declared the most popular young lady, Mr. Robert Rheinhardt the latest, and Mr. John Aycock the ugliest man in the Lory village.—Don't forget to come out to the lawn party to be given in Lory park Saturday evening, June 24th. Everybody else will be there.

High Shoals News.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

HIGH SHOALS, June 22.—Miss Jane Wilkes, of Washington, D. C., spent several days here visiting Miss Armstrong and friends. Miss Wilkes lived here a number of years while she was young and has taken a great interest in the place ever since. We are always delighted to have Miss Wilkes with us and hope she will be able to visit us many more times. She returned home yesterday.

Mr. J. W. Daniels and family returned home yesterday from Forest City where they had been the last week at the bedside of his mother.—Mrs. A. K. Loftin, of Alta Vista, Va., spent Monday with her daughter, Miss Lettie.—An automobile party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Thompson, of Charlotte, Mr. and Mrs. Liles, and three children, of Atlanta, spent Tuesday and Wednesday at High Shoals Hotel.—Mr. William Ballard went to Gastonia today on business.—The High Shoals Cornet Band have sold their old instruments and bought the York instruments.—Mr. Lee Medlin went to Charlotte yesterday to spend a few days with his brother, A. C. Medlin.—Mr. Robert Caldwell, of Lincolnton, came down today to do some painting for the High Shoals Company.

The High Shoals ball team will go to Spencer Mountain to play with the Spencer team Saturday afternoon. Our boys have been lucky so far this year, having lost but one in eight games.—Mr. A. C. Foy has a new visitor at his home, a fine boy.—Mr. C. P. Ballard spent yesterday in Lincolnton.—Mrs. J. C. Lazenby went to Gastonia today.

Stanley Happenings.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

STANLEY, June 22.—The members of the Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist church gave a very enjoyable ice cream supper Saturday evening, which enabled them to place a nice little sum of money in the treasury.

Misses Allie and Edith Mason spent Saturday in Charlotte returning home Saturday evening, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Mason and son, and Miss Lillian Peterson, who had spent several weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Mason.—Miss Annie Rutledge, of Mount Holly, was the

guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Thompson for the ice cream supper, returning home Sunday.—Among those who spent Sunday at home were Messrs. T. F. Cannon and Lester Gaston, of Charlotte, and O. O. Rhyne, of Hamlet.—Miss Heaster Summey, of Iron Station, arrived Saturday to be the guest of Miss Bessie Morris who delightfully entertained a number of her friends Monday evening in honor of her guest.—Miss Summey returned to her home Tuesday.—Messrs. S. J. Black, A. C. Taylor, A. White and Miss Kate Whiten were Charlotte visitors Tuesday.—Miss Letha Hamilton, of Unionville, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. C. J. McCombs.—Dr. C. J. McCombs attended the North Carolina Medical Society Wednesday which is in session at Charlotte.—Rumor has it that Stanley is soon to have another doctor, but just who he will be, is as yet unknown, although it is thought that it will be Dr. T. W. Carmichael, of Rowland, or Dr. J. H. Gambol, of Crumpler, both having passed the State board examination at Charlotte this week.

Mr. Carl Carpenter returned from Fairview Monday where he was the guest of Mr. Carroll Spencer for two weeks, and is now at Gastonia.—Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Carpenter, of Gastonia are visiting homefolks.—Mrs. J. M. Archer and children expect to leave today for Shelby to spend a few days with relatives.—Mrs. David Eddleman and Mrs. John Beatty spent Wednesday with the former's sister, Mrs. A. E. McLurd.—Dr. and Mrs. C. D. Thompson and children have been the guests of relatives for several days, returning to their home at Lincolnton today.

Lowell Locals.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

LOWELL, June 22.—Dry weather still prevails around Lowell and the farmers' prospects are growing gloomy. But then perhaps there are better times ahead.

Miss Margaret Hudson returned to her home near Providence Tuesday after spending several days with Mrs. S. M. Robinson here.—Mr. James Webb is teaching a singing school at the academy here.

The sound of the thrasher is all around. The wheat crop in this section was generally good.—Mrs. C. V. Fite is spending a while with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Adams, here.—Mr. P. F. Murphy went to Wilmington yesterday in answer to a telegram stating that one of his uncles had died suddenly.

The Sunday school picnic which was to have been Saturday has been postponed until Saturday, July 8th, on account of the sickness of the pastor, Rev. E. N. Crowder, and for the accommodation of the operatives of the Ozark and Flint Mills.

Mr. Jasper Hand, of Charlotte, is in town on business.—Mrs. Frank Robinson will leave today for a visit to her parents at Monroe.

BESSEMER ROUTE ONE NEWS.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

BESSEMER CITY, Route 1, June 21.—The farmers of this section were made to feel good last Monday by a good rain falling. Crops were suffering very much for want of rain.—A good many farmers have their wheat in their barns waiting for the thrasher.—Miss Bunes Biggestaff, of Belwood, is spending some time with her brother, Mr. Edgar Biggestaff. Mrs. Biggestaff is very sick. They are expecting to take her to the hospital at Gastonia some time this week.—Miss Maggie Lee Carpenter, of Cherryville, spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Ferrie Froneberger.—Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Pasour were Cherryville visitors last Tuesday.—Mr. and Mrs. Lee Mitchem spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hager.—There was a singing at Bethel Lutheran church last Sunday afternoon.—Miss Ferrie Froneberger and Mr. Luther Kiser gave an ice cream supper last Saturday night. A large crowd was present.—Mr. Henderson Clark and sister, Miss Orebelle, attended the singing at Bethel last Sunday evening.—Cherryville is contemplating another big day some time in August. And look out for the big celebration at Sunnyside the Fourth. Everybody must come and let folks know that the country can have something to entertain a large crowd as well as the town.—Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Rudisil are both very sick with fever.

Dallas, Route 1, News.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

DALLAS, Route 1, June 22.—Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Aderholdt and daughter, Miss Suddie, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Rucker.—Mrs. Elmina Pinner spent Sunday with Miss Elvira Heron.—Misses Nellie and Ocie Pasour, of Dallas, were the guests of Miss Suddie White Sunday.—Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Moore and son, Reuben, were the guests of Mr. Tolle Cloninger Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. David Best, of Bessemer City, route one, gave to a number of their friends Saturday

night a party.

Miss Callie Hall spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Ferrie Jenkins.—Mr. Augustus Rector was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Tritt Saturday.—Mrs. Robert Littlejohn spent Wednesday with Mrs. Joseph Holland.—Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hoffman, a son.—Mrs. Arthur Jenkins is very ill at this writing.—Mrs. Richard Jenkins visited the home of Mrs. William Rhyne Sunday.—Mrs. Robert Littlejohn visited at the home of her parents Tuesday.

Dallas, Route Two Items.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

DALLAS, Route 2, June 22.—Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Smith visited relatives in Mount Holly Saturday and Sunday.—Misses Eva and Esther Lineberger visited their uncle, Mr. John L. Smith Saturday and Sunday.—Mr. Chronister, of Maiden, was the guest Saturday of Mr. T. G. Hoffman.—Miss Myrtle Robinson visited Miss Lathie Smith Saturday and Sunday.—Mr. R. C. Nantz visited Mr. Jim Grier Saturday.—Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Lineberger and family, and Mrs. Laura Lineberger were among those who attended the funeral of James Lonny, the infant of Mr. and Mrs. Gratt Smith, who was buried at Stanley Monday.—Mrs. T. L. Setzer and children who have been spending some time here with Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Setzer left yesterday for their home in Durham.—Mrs. Laura Lineberger and sons, Ernest and John, visited Mrs. M. A. Lineberger one day this week.—Mr. W. B. Smith was a business visitor to Gastonia yesterday.—The crops in this section are still suffering for rain.—Several agents for the Home Comfort Stove Co. have been traveling through this section. They are selling ranges at almost every house.

IRON STATION NEWS.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

IRON STATION, June 20.—Mr. and Mrs. James Hallman and children visited relatives near Lincolnton last week.—Miss Heaster Summey returned home yesterday from a visit of several days at Stanley.—Mrs. E. V. Senter, of Alexis, is spending this week with her daughter, Mrs. D. O. Lon.—Miss Pary Hallman, of Lincolnton, is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Lou Hallman.—Mr. Berlie Stroup, who has a position with the Seaboard Air Line Company, spent Sunday with homefolks.—Mr. and Mrs. James Edwards are visiting relatives near Stanley.—Mrs. Ida Abernethy and children, of Alexis, spent the week-end with Mrs. Fannie Long.

Presiding Elder S. B. Turrentine, of Shelby, held quarterly conference here last Saturday. He also preached two able sermons here Sunday.—Mr. E. J. Rhyne made a business trip to Lincolnton last Saturday.—Miss Ida Long, whose illness we noted sometime ago remains quite ill.—Mrs. A. F. Harris went to Mt. Holly last Saturday to see her mother, Mrs. Mary Edwards.—Mr. Rufus Self, who lived near here, died last Friday morning at Gastonia and the remains were brought Saturday to Asbury church near here and interred beside his wife who died about a year ago. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. F. W. Bradley, of Gastonia, and Rev. T. J. Rodgers, of Lincolnton. Mr. Self was 67 years of age and is survived by three children, Mr. John Self, Mrs. Pink Fisher, of Gastonia, and Mrs. John Reynolds, of High Shoals.

Crouse Route One News.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

CROUSE, Route 1, June 20.—The home of Mr. and Mrs. Jpnah Smith was saddened Sunday evening, by the death of their little babe, which was due to brain fever. The little body was tenderly laid to rest in the cemetery at Antioch M. E. church Monday afternoon. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Borlings.

Sorry to note that Mr. Christy Smith is very ill with typhoid fever.—Mr. and Mrs. Noah Carpenter spent Sunday with Rev. M. L. Carpenter.—Mr. Edward Queen and family spent Sunday with Mr. John Abernethy.—Mrs. John Ross spent the week-end at Belmont among relatives.

Former Gastonian Dies.

Mr. J. W. Atwater, a former resident of Gastonia and well known by many Gastonians, died Wednesday afternoon at the home of his father-in-law, Dr. Gus Smith, near Lincolnton. Mr. Atwater came to Gastonia several years ago to learn the mill business, being employed at the Trenton Mill. He was the son of the late Congressman Atwater from some district in the eastern part of the State. Mr. Atwater's death was due to tuberculosis. He had spent some time in the mountains of Western North Carolina in the hope of regaining his health. He is survived by a wife.

CITIZENS ARE AROUSED.

Prospect of Permanent Freight Line on Franklin Avenue not Pleasing to Property Owners—Alderman Separk Confers With Railway Officials—Conference Will Probably be Held Soon—Expressions from Many Sources on Subject.

Gastonia citizens and property owners are not pleased with the prospect of having freight trains hauled indefinitely and probably permanently over Franklin avenue. Since such a possibility was hinted at in an editorial in Tuesday's Gazette the subject has been one of general discussion and the consensus of opinion seems to be that, unless the city fathers take time by the forelock and forestall it, there is not only a possibility but a strong probability that the Piedmont & North-eastern Railway will at least endeavor to maintain on Franklin avenue its main through freight line as a permanent thing. That this would be an irreparable calamity to the town seems to be conceded.

This supposition is based on circumstantial evidence—which is often the strongest and best kind of evidence—but it is of such a nature that one can hardly doubt that the railroad people really have this purpose in mind. It is easy to see why they should desire to establish the Franklin avenue line as a permanent freight line. It would mean a saving of many thousands of dollars to them in the purchase of a right of way and many other thousands in the grading and building of a separate freight line south of Franklin avenue. To take for granted that the stipulation of the city council that freight hauling will be allowed on Franklin avenue for three years only is a dangerous proposition. Possession is nine points of the law is an old saying that is full of truth. Let the railroad grade this thoroughfare to suit itself and haul freight over it for three years and the chances are 99 to 1 that some scheme could be easily manipulated through litigation or otherwise, to enable the railroad to continue to use this thoroughfare for its own. Such instances in the history of railroad building have not been infrequent in the past. They are possibilities of the future.

As suggested in Tuesday's Gazette the fact that the P. & N. has let its options on the other right of way practically all expire, the further fact that not a dollar has been spent for right of way for that route and the still further fact that preparations are being made to spend thousands of dollars grading Franklin avenue to an easy grade are some of the things which point strongly to the contention that the purpose is to construct the Franklin avenue line with a view to keeping it as a permanent freight line.

Expressions on this subject have been heard within the past few days from quite a number of prominent citizens and property owners. An able attorney was heard to remark yesterday that he believed if the P. & N. graded Franklin avenue as they now propose and began to haul freight over that avenue they would keep it up indefinitely and permanently. He was not being consulted by a prospective client but the statement was made in a general conversation.

A railroad contractor who happened to be in the city a few days ago made the statement that it would be foolish for a railroad company to grade Franklin avenue to the grade as now proposed and shown by markers if they only intended to use it for hauling freight for three years and at the expiration of that time intended to construct another freight line. He has had much experience in this line of work and stated that he knew places where freight was hauled, not temporarily but permanently, on grades but little less easy than the natural grade which Franklin avenue now shows.

A feature of the discussion of this subject during the past few days has been speculation as to just how the city, having already granted the franchise, may relieve the situation. There is a general feeling that the time remaining before actual work is commenced, might in a number of ways bring the railroad folks to terms and secure from them the desired concessions as to grades, etc. While the franchise has been granted, it would be an easy matter to throw such restrictions around the operation of the lines within the city as to make it burdensome for the railroad people if they fail to exhibit a willingness to do that which is necessary for the protection of the best interests of the town. There does not seem to be any doubt in the minds of the people that the city council has it in its power to adjust the matter and the people of the town believe that the board is going to do everything in its power to protect Gastonia's interests.

A favorite lever used by railroad companies, when any town through which they propose to go fails to fall over itself in an effort to concede everything asked by the railroad in question, is to threaten to skip your town, go around it, leave it high and dry. In the case of the P. & N. this method was tried on Spartanburg and Kings Mountain, both of which towns, we are informed, failed to grant anything like all the company asked for. To think for a moment, however, that a railroad company would let differences as to street concessions, grades, etc., keep it out of a good town is not to be thought of for a moment. A railroad has to have the towns to

STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY.

Officers for Coming Year Chosen Yesterday—State Health Officers Association Organized—Dr. L. N. Glenn Vice President.

Charlotte has been the mecca this week for the physicians from all sections of North Carolina. The fifty-eighth annual session of the North Carolina Medical Society convened there Tuesday and continued in session through yesterday. Several hundred medical men were in attendance and the meeting was a pleasant and profitable one. An elaborate program had been arranged and many topics of interest to the profession were discussed.

Yesterday officers for the ensuing year were chosen as follows: President, A. A. Kent, of Lenoir; first vice president, Dr. J. P. Munroe, of Charlotte; second vice president, Dr. W. P. Horton, of North Wilkesboro; third vice president, Dr. J. G. Murphy, of Wilmington; essayist, Dr. R. N. Duffey, of Newbern; orator, Dr. John H. Tucker, of Charlotte; leader of debate, Dr. M. E. Street, of Glendale.

A matter of especial interest disposed of Wednesday was the adoption of a joint resolution by the medical society and the State board of Health designating a scheme of fees for county health officers which is deemed reasonable and equitable. The scheme is as follows:

For examination for commitment in lunacy, \$5; for post-mortems, \$10; for monthly inspections of the county jail, home and convict camp or camps, \$4 each; for visits to the jail, and other county institutions just enumerated, the regular fee charged in that community for such a visit in private practice plus 50 cents for each mile where said institution is more than one mile from the court house; provided also that where upon such visitations other patients than the one for whom the visit was made are attended, 50 cents additional be charged for each person so attended; for sanitary examination of public school houses, \$2.50 each; for medical examination of school children, 40 cents—as is already provided by law; for obstetrical service, \$10; for surgical service, two-thirds of the regular fee obtaining in the community.

Another section of the same resolution recommended that the board of county commissioners of every county in the State employ a health officer for his entire time and pay him a salary equal to the sheriff's salary.

It was also resolved that the county superintendents of health in each county call the attention of the county commissioners to the needs for hospital facilities for indigent consumptives and secure appropriations for suitable hospital rooms in connection with the county homes.

HEALTH OFFICERS ORGANIZE.

The North Carolina Public Health Officers Association was organized Tuesday night with Dr. L. B. McBrayer, of Asheville, as president; Dr. L. N. Glenn, of Gastonia, as vice president, and Dr. W. S. Rankin, of the State Board of Health, as secretary-treasurer. A constitution and set of by-laws were adopted. Membership in this organization is limited to members of State, county and municipal health boards and their employers.

Death of Infant.

Bertha May Poindexter, aged one year and six months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Poindexter, of the Lory Mill, died yesterday afternoon. Death was due to whooping cough. The funeral was held from the house today at 1 o'clock.

Picnic Date Changer.

Rev. E. N. Crowder requests The Gazette to state that the date of the picnic to be participated in by the Sunday schools of Ozark, Bethesda and Lowell Methodist churches and which was announced for tomorrow, Saturday, June 24th, has been postponed until Saturday, July 8th. All interested will please take notice.

Gaston Well Represented.

Gaston county furnished four of the 101 successful applicants licensed this week by the State board to practice medicine. They were Dr. W. B. Hunter, of Gastonia; Dr. J. E. Anthony, of Gastonia; Dr. E. L. Dameron, of Bessemer City, and Dr. B. G. Taylor, of Stanley. Dr. Anthony is a graduate of the medical department of the University of Tennessee at Nashville.

Mrs. Hildreth H. Smith, mother of former Governor Hoke Smith, of Georgia, died Wednesday in Atlanta, aged 76 years. She was Miss Mary Brent Hoke, of Lincolnton, this State, and was a sister of General Robert F. Hoke. She at one time resided at Chapel Hill where her husband was a member of the University faculty.

get the business necessary to make it a paying proposition. The railroad cannot get along without the towns. Already the P. & N. has enough business promised to it on contract, we believe, to make its business here profitable.

Tuesday night the city council held a session and discussed the situation though as yet no definite action has been taken. Alderman Separk was commissioned to go to Charlotte to confer with the railroad officials and spent Wednesday there. Since then no meeting has been held, though it is probable that the next few days will see some important developments in this matter.

FOURTH OF JULY PICNIC.

To be Held at Sunnyside School

House—Noted Speakers to be Present—Great Day in Store—Everybody Urged to Come.

Tuesday, July 4th will be a great day for Gaston county and for the people of the Sunnyside section in particular. On that date will be held the joint annual picnic and celebration of the Gaston County Farmers' Union and the Gaston County Rural Letter Carriers' Association. This is an annual affair and last year's picnic was held at Gastonia in Hanna's grove. It will be remembered that this was a mammoth celebration, a great crowd being present from all over Gaston. The Sunnyside people are counting on an even larger crowd than was in Gastonia. They want to let the people know that the country can pull off as big an affair as the town. So far as known there is no other picnic scheduled for that date, and this should insure a large crowd.

Sunnyside school house is two and one-half miles north of Bessemer City on the famous Bessemer City-Cherryville macadam road which has the name of being the finest stretch of road in Gaston county. This section of the country is one of the most prosperous and up-to-date communities in the whole county. As examples of this, their fine roads are cited, good crops and fertile lands. In addition a special school tax has been levied and the Sunnyside school enjoys the distinction of being the only country graded school in the county.

Mr. Thomas S. Royster, proprietor of "Peachbloom" farm and the oldest rural letter carrier in point of service in Gaston county, is chairman of the picnic committee and has general management of all arrangements. This fact itself is enough to guarantee a good time to all. He promises that there will be plenty of good hitching places, an abundance of good water to drink, and last in the order of writing, but by no means least, plenty of fried chicken, cakes, custards, pies and other appetizing delicacies such as the good women of Sunnyside only know how to prepare.

In addition to all these attractions which are sufficient in themselves, there will be an address by Prof. M. C. Brooks, of Trinity College, professor of pedagogy and education, and editor of North Carolina Education, a monthly journal devoted to the best interests of education in the State. Prof. Brooks is well-known throughout North Carolina for his literary attainments and oratorical ability and a fine address is assured.

Not satisfied with this, Mr. Royster has secured another speaker in the person of Mr. J. Z. Green, of Marshville, State organizer and lecturer for the Farmers' Union in North Carolina. "Zeb" Green, as he is familiarly known, needs no introduction to the farmers of Gaston county. Music will be furnished by the Farmers' Union Band.

With this varied list of attractions it is hard to understand how any one can afford to miss this big celebration. Everybody in the county is urged to come and bring the whole family and show the people of Sunnyside that they know how to appreciate their efforts to make this a great day for the farmers and letter carriers.

Death of James Nolen.

James, the 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Nolen died this morning at 10:30 o'clock at the City Hospital. The little fellow had been an intense sufferer for several days with a severe bowel complaint. Last night he was removed to the hospital where an operation was performed in the hope of saving his life, but in vain. The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the stricken parents in this their sad bereavement. The funeral and interment will be at Olney church tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, services to be conducted by Rev. G. A. Sparrow.

Railroad Officials in Gastonia.

Mr. H. W. Miller, assistant to President W. W. Finley, of the Southern Railway, together with several other railroad officials arrived in Gastonia this morning in their private car attached to train No. 11. Mr. Miller is here for the purpose of conferring with the city officials, relative to a satisfactory adjustment of the depot matter. Mr. Miller is a North Carolinian, a native of Raleigh and familiar with conditions and affairs in this State and says he sees no reason why the railroad officials and the town representatives should not get together so as to arrange matters amicably.

Mr. Miles Smyre, a prominent business man of Newton, spent last night here with relatives, returning to his home this morning.

Dr. A. W. Howell and Mr. W. D. Gates, of Cherryville, were business visitors in Gastonia yesterday.—Attorneys D. P. Dellinger and P. Woods Gariand, Jr., were at Granite Falls Wednesday on professional business. They were there to dispose of the property of Dr. J. B. Wright, bankrupt.

Ernest Finney, of Alleghany county, whose appointment as a page in Congress was secured by Representative Doughton, went to Washington and held his job for two days. But the unnatural life at Washington did not suit him. He returned home to the call of the mountain air, bubbling springs and cold buttermilk of his native heath.