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MET PECULIAR DEATH.

Bessemer City Man Dies From Injuries Received While Plowing — A Runaway Marriage — A Remarkably Small Infant — Breezy Briefs From Bessemer.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

BESSEMER CITY, July 18.—Mr. Hampton Black and Miss Maud Bigerstaff surprised their friends here when they drove over to Gastonia Sunday afternoon and were married. They are both well-known and popular young people. It is their purpose to reside here in the future.

Mr. Simpson George, a hard-working man of about 65 years, was the victim last Wednesday afternoon of a peculiar accident which resulted in his death Thursday night. He was plowing in one of the lots near the Lutheran church when the plow, striking a root, hit him violently in the stomach injuring him internally. He suffered intensely till death relieved him about 30 hours later. His body was interred in the town cemetery Saturday. He leaves a wife and several children.

Mr. John Watts is critically ill at his home near the Mascot Mills. He has been quite sick for a long time.

One of the smallest, if not the very smallest infant, ever seen here is that of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Barrett. It is two weeks old and while it has not been weighed it is estimated that it will not now weigh over a pound. It seems to be in good health and some hopes are entertained that it may be safely started on life's road.

The debate at the Sunnyside school house attracted a large crowd though the weather was threatening and the boys acquitted themselves surprisingly well.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Durham and Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Armstrong attended the Statesville district conference at Maiden last Friday, going through the country in Mr. Durham's automobile via Cherryville. Crouse and Lincolnton.

Mr. H. B. Tate has been quite sick since last Friday but is some better today.

Mr. A. J. Rankin, of Belmont, spent Sunday here with Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Chandler.—Mr. Carl Thorneburg, who has spent some months in Western Louisiana, is at home for a short visit.—Miss Iva Thorneburg is spending a week with her sister, Mrs. W. H. Holmes, at Lowell.

Senator O. F. Mason, of Gastonia, spent Friday night here, the guest of Willis Mason.—Mr. George Dettner and daughters, Misses John and Tessie Dettner, spent yesterday here, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Dettner.—Miss Bertha Goodrum, of Davidson, came over some days ago to spend several weeks with Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Armstrong, but was taken ill and was compelled to return to her home.

A meeting was in progress at the Mountain View school house this week conducted by Rev. M. L. Carpenter and Rev. J. F. Armstrong.

Miss Lizzie Kennedy is having erected on a fine lot near the graded school building what will be, when completed, one of the best residences in town.

Miss Iva McIntosh, of Lucia, was the guest Friday and Saturday of Mrs. J. F. Armstrong. Miss McIntosh graduated from Davenport College, Lenoir, a few months ago and has accepted a position in the college for the approaching year.

A great occasion is being planned by the Concord Sunday school for Sunday, July 30th. It is the date for the annual Children's Day exercises. In addition to the children's program, inspirational addresses will be made by President Olin S. Dean, of Weaverville College; Rev. W. L. Sherrill, of The North Carolina Christian Advocate, and probably by Rev. G. D. Herman, of Gastonia. The exercises will embrace the entire day and dinner will be served on the church grounds.

Mrs. S. W. James, of Rembert, S. C., is visiting her brother, Mr. C. S. Mitchell.—Miss Mattie Mitchell left this morning for Sharon, S. C., where she will visit friends for several weeks.—Miss Florence Mitchell, of High Point, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Mitchell.—Mr. Floyd Whitney is spending some days in Raleigh on business.—Mr. Breward Fronberger, of Charleston, S. C., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Will Ormand.—Mr. David Louderdale, of Winston-Salem, S. C., traveling among the alumni of Erskine College in the interest of a new society hall, spent last night here, the guest of Rev. R. R. Caldwell.

The most brutal crime in the history of Richmond county was committed early Sunday morning when an unknown man entered the cottage of Mrs. M. E. Beck, a widow 60 years old, and criminally assaulted her. The only clue to the perpetrator of this horrible deed is a blue cap which he dropped in his flight. The town of Rockingham has offered a reward of \$500 for his capture, which has been augmented by an offer of \$400 reward made by Governor Kitchin. The man's victim is in a critical condition.

GAIETIES AT HIDDENITE.

Guests at Davis White Sulphur Springs Enjoy Many Pleasant Divisions—Many Arrivals During the Week.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

HIDDENITE, July 14.—The past week at Davis White Sulphur Springs has been a very jolly one for the guests. The crowd has been changing very rapidly, but always remains near 100. The amusements for the week have been bowling contests, tennis tournaments, skating, mountain trips, walking and riding parties. A great many have visited the noted Rocky Face Mountain and the beautiful Bubbling Spring.

Thursday night there was a bowling contest in which a large number of the guests took part. The opposing sides were known as the Patriots and the Insurgents. The Insurgents won the series. A nice prize was offered for the highest score made by any lady. Miss Lucy Rice, of Statesville, won the prize. Her score was 97. The insurgents were Miss Maud Hoyle, Miss Lucy Rice, Miss Kate Renn, Mrs. J. B. Peebles, Mr. C. Gentry, Mr. Alex Copeland, Mr. Clyde Davis, Mr. Howard Early, and Mr. J. W. Matthews. The Patriots were Misses Helen Hoyle, Kate Nichols, Hilma Lang, Kate Graham, Eunice Elliott, Odessa Hart, Messrs. J. B. Peebles, Harlan Ryder and James Davis. There were several handsome scores made and the evening was very pleasantly spent.

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