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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 Biggerstaff 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 Lincoln.

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 Thornburg, who has spent some months in Western Louisiana, is at home for a short visit.—Miss Iva Thornburg 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 Willie Mason.—Mr. George Dettler and daughters, Misses John and Tessie Dettler, spent yesterday here, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Dettler.—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. T. 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. Bernard Fronberger, of Charleston, S. C., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Will Ormand.—Mr. David Londerdale, of Willsboro, 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 69 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.

## GAETIES AT HIDDENITE.

**Guests at Davis White Sulphur Springs Enjoy Many Pleasant Diversions—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. 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 Gryder and James Davis. There were several handsome scores made and the evening was very pleasantly spent.

The following have registered during the past week: J. Howard Early, Miss Odessa Hart, Miss Loraine Culler, Miss Ada Culler, Burrill H. Marsh, Winston-Salem; Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Williams, Kirtrell; Miss Hester C. Linney, Miss Rubie Deal, Taylorville; Mrs. M. H. Hoyle, Miss Maud Hoyle, Miss Helen Hoyle, Miss Kate Finley, Mrs. M. J. Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin, J. L. Snyder, Miss Kate Graham, Miss Eugenia Withers, J. M. Matthews, Miss Aleen Porter, Miss Eunice Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Withers, Master Billie Withers, Charlotte; Mrs. D. Mat Thompson, Miss Lucy Rice, Messrs. R. R. Clark, Eugene Morrison, H. H. Yount, R. F. Armfield, Miss Mary Glover, "Pig" Turner, J. D. Ramsey, William Tomlin, E. A. Herritage, J. M. Johnson, Statesville; E. M. Snow, C. W. Miller, Miss Kate Renn, Miss Hilma Lang, Greensboro, J. R. White, Julius Fisher, Concord; J. D. Dorsett, Spencer; Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Meacham and two daughters, Fort Mill, S. C.; Mrs. J. Wash Bizzell and two children, Goldsboro; Mrs. E. B. Nichols, Miss Kate Nichols, Alex Copeland, Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Gallman and two children, C. C. Gentry, Spartanburg, S. C.; E. D. Hoffman, Morganton; Hayne S. Blackmer, Clifton Quinn, R. F. Thompson, Mrs. F. M. Thompson, C. T. Bernhart, Mrs. P. K. Bernhart, Salisbury; Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Patrick, Wrens, Ga.; Mrs. F. Meek Smith and son, Miss Jessie Niell, Miss Emma Niell, Miss Anna Niell, Clover, S. C.; Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Callahan, Honea Path, S. C.; Mrs. T. J. Tice, Miss Ella Tice, Wadesboro; E. C. Huey, Bartow, Fla.; Mrs. R. M. Matheson and two children, McColl, S. C.

## BELMONT BUDGET.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

BELMONT, July 18.—Mrs. J. C. Sanders, of Spartanburg, S. C., visited her sister, Mrs. Pegram Hanks, last week.—Miss Edna Rankin spent several days with Miss Ruth Patrick, of Union; this week.—Mr. George Sandifer spent Monday in town.—Mr. A. Q. Kale and Miss Lettie Loftin, of High Shoals, spent Sunday at Mr. J. D. Halls.—Misses Annie Fite and Vivian Douglass and Mr. J. B. Hall were Charlotte visitors Monday.—Miss Ethel Stowe is spending a few weeks with her brother, Mr. J. F. Stowe, at Charlotte.—Mrs. Mollie Watson, of Fort Mill, S. C., is visiting her niece, Mrs. W. B. Gouger.—Mrs. June Springs, of Mt. Holly, is spending several days with her mother, Mrs. Tucker.—Mrs. John Tate spent Monday with her daughter, Mrs. Claude Albright, of Kings Mountain.

Martin McLean was brought before Squire G. B. Stowe Monday on the charge of shooting Frank Bradshaw. Both were bound over to court on a \$75 bond.

Senator Terrell, of Georgia, has ceased to be a member of the United States Senate. Acting upon his telegraphic request to Vice President Sherman the Senate ordered that Mr. Terrell's name be stricken from the roll of the Senate, leaving his seat vacant until Governor Hoke Smith qualifies as his successor.

Mrs. Luke Lea, wife of the Senator from Tennessee, has just finished a 3,000-mile race for life across the continent. She is at her family's summer home in Denver. After the transfusion of blood from her husband's veins, she appeared to gather strength. The physicians said, however, that she must have rarer air.

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—Mr. A. E. Beam was at Cherryville Friday on business.

—Mr. A. C. Kelly, of McAdenville, is a business visitor in town today.

—Mr. David P. Dellinger was a business visitor to Cherryville yesterday.

—Miss Madge Wilkins, of Rutherfordton, is the guest of her brother, Dr. T. A. Wilkins.

—Mr. J. H. Separk arrived in town this morning on No. 37 from a business trip North.

—See the "Coronation of King George" at Lumina Theatre Friday and Saturday of this week.

—Mrs. Chas Ford underwent a very serious operation yesterday at the City Hospital. She is resting well today.

—Mrs. J. D. Rankin and children, of Statesville, are visiting Mrs. Rankin's sisters, Mesdames D. P. Dellinger and Mc. G. Anders.

—Mr. G. W. Ragan arrived in town last night from Brevard where he and his family are spending the summer. He returns in a few days.

—Misses Grace Brown, of Concord, and Estelle Love, of Selma, Ala., are the guests of Mrs. F. D. Barkley.

—Mr. Wright Dixon, of Raleigh, is spending some time in town, the guest of his sister, Mrs. W. L. Balthis.

—Mrs. B. F. Dixon, of Raleigh, who has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. W. L. Balthis, left this morning for Asheville for a visit of several days.

—Mr. G. M. Dixon has qualified as executor of the estate of the late Mrs. Margaret E. Howe and gives notice of same in the advertising columns of The Gazette.

—Mesdames R. C. Warren, of Gastonia, and L. M. Hull, of Shelby, and Misses Agnes McBrayer, Ava Aycock and Louie Anderson, of Shelby, were guests of Mrs. Clyde R. Hoye the past week in a house party.—Shelby Highlander, 14th.

—In our "Schools and Colleges" department will be found an advertisement of the Southern Conservatory of Music at Durham. Any Gaston county young ladies who expect to go off this fall to study music would do well to investigate the merits of this institution.

—Handsome mahogany furniture and fixtures are being installed by the Torrence-Morris Co. New show-cases and display windows, plate glass and plate mirrors are also being put in. The glass in the show cases are all cemented, no clamps or screws being used.

—There was a rumor being circulated on the streets yesterday afternoon to the effect that a convict belonging to the gang west of town had been shot while attempting to escape, but so far as The Gazette was able to establish there was no truth in it.

—Sunday night's rain was the best which has fallen in this section for several months. It began raining about 11 o'clock Sunday night and continued till daylight Monday morning. As a consequence the earth was greatly refreshed. A few more rains of the same kind would be most acceptable.

—Mrs. W. H. Reddish left this morning for Morganton where she will spend some time with relatives before going to her new home at Wadesboro. Mr. Reddish will remain in Gastonia over Sunday, conducting his last service at the First Baptist church Sunday morning. Their household goods were shipped to Wadesboro yesterday.

—Thousands of people from America and other countries spent vast sums of money to witness the coronation scenes in London last month. Gastonia people will have an opportunity Friday and Saturday of this week to witness these same scenes in moving pictures at Lumina Theatre. This is an opportunity that should not be lost.

—The county board of equalization was in session yesterday. The men constituting this are having a busy time. No figures as to the increase in taxable property are as yet available from the officials, but it is generally understood that the increase for Gaston county will be about \$1,500,000. As soon as official figures can be procured they will be made known through The Gazette.

—Mr. R. A. McArver, who has for the past two or three years been connected with the management of the county convict forces as superintendent of Camp No. 2, which is now building roads just west of Gastonia, resigned his position last week. His successor has not yet been appointed. Supt. of Roads T. L. Ware is looking after this camp temporarily. Mr. McArver has not decided just what he will do but will probably devote his time to farming.

George Harper, a contractor of Benton, Polk county, Tennessee, was shot and almost instantly killed Sunday by John Horbison, proprietor of a pool room and near-beer saloon. Harper leaves a wife and six children and belonged to a prominent family.

## IN SOCIETY.

### MISS ROBINSON ENTERTAINS.

The following from Saturday's issue of The Charlotte Observer will be read with interest here. "Miss Geane Robinson will entertain at her home on Elizabeth avenue Monday evening in honor of Misses Violet Rankin and Clara Armstrong, of Gastonia, who will be her guests for several days, Miss Janie Simpson, of Lynchburg, Va., who is visiting Misses Mattie and Julia McNinch, and Miss Lora Ferrell of Winston-Salem, whos is visiting Miss Beatrice Blake."

### ENTERTAINED FOR MISS EDNA SHUFORD.

This from The Chester, S. C., Reporter: "One of the most delightful social affairs of the season was a reception given by Miss Walter Isaacs at her home on College street yesterday evening in honor of Misses Edna Shuford, of Dallas, N. C.; Johnnie Brown, of Columbia, and Frank Hoover, of Richmond, Va. The reception room and parlor were beautifully decorated with potted plants, while the color scheme, red and green, was beautifully carried out in the decorations. The lawn was aglow with Japanese lanterns, and the scene was one of striking beauty."

### HOUSE PARTY IN SPARTANBURG.

The following from Friday's issue of The Spartanburg, S. C., Herald will be of interest in Gastonia: "Among the delightful social diversions that have added no little to the pleasures of the summer are the house parties which are being entertained at the various summer resorts. One that promises to be particularly enjoyable will be given next week at Toxaway Inn, Lake Toxaway. The hostess will be Miss Lena Collins, of this city, and numbered among her guests will be several classmates at the Presbyterian College for Women in Charlotte. The house party begins Thursday, July 20, and continues for ten days. A round of social gaieties is being planned. Miss Collins' guests will include: Miss Corinne Crews, of Spartanburg, Miss Irene Wheat, of Gaffney, Miss Marie Torrence, of Gastonia, N. C.; Miss Octavia Walker, of Johnson City, Tenn.; Messrs. George Hays, of Gaffney, O. P. Richardson, of Charlotte, and Kyle Davidson, of Gaffney."

### SLOGANS ARE SUGGESTED.

It is the Prevailing Opinion That Gastonia Should Have One—Some Outsiders Suggest Slogans—Several From Gastonia Citizens.

From Shelby, Mr. George C. Dedmond, a former Gastonian, submits the following, which are good: "Gastonia, N. C., Always Room for One More." "Gastonia, N. C., The Latch String Hangs Outside."

Former Gastonians who return after an absence of four or five years or even less invariably remark, when they reach "home" on the progress that has been made since they left. This fact is noted by Mrs. S. A. Robinson, who suggests this slogan, "How Gastonia Has Grown." The Gazette wishes more of its lady readers would let us have their suggestions.

Mr. Charles C. Johnson suggests "See Gastonia Swell." Rev. R. S. Abernethy, one of The Gazette's valued subscribers at Rutherford College, suggests the following, "Gastonia, Surcharged With Energy, is a Hummer" and "Energetic Gastonia is a Hummer."

A few days ago The Gazette received a letter from one of its good lady readers in the far Northwest suggesting several excellent slogans but in some mysterious manner the letter disappeared from the editor's desk and cannot be located. We are hoping, however, that it will turn up so we can offer her suggestions.

Charles L. Bushnell, a well-known traveling man of Reidsville, died yesterday in a hospital at Spartanburg, S. C., after an illness of ten days.

Yesterday's Concord Times says that there are no new developments in the case of Robert S. Young, of that town, the ensign on the torpedo boat Perkins who mysteriously disappeared from the New York navy yard some days ago. The young man's father is still in New York and will exhaust every resource to determine what fate his son met. The suicide theory, scouted at first by many, is gaining ground among the young man's friends, especially since it is learned that the young woman whom he was to marry was recently in New York. It is thought that, rather than face a court martial and have her name connected with it, he suicided. His ship sailed without him.

Last March Miss Ola Thaxton, a pretty Raleigh girl and daughter of a Raleigh contractor, died in a Richmond, Va., hospital. She had gone there to work in a tobacco factory, took sick and died before any of her people could be notified. For many weeks the family heard nothing from her. Yesterday her brother, Mr. Lee Thaxton, of Raleigh, went to Richmond to investigate a supposition that the young girl's body was turned over to a medical college there for dissection. The undertakers say it was buried in the potters field while another record says it was turned over to the medical college. He promises to make things lively for some officials if the latter is found to be true.



## Sunday School Picnic.

The Gazette is requested to say that there will be a Sunday school picnic at Bethesda Methodist church near Lowell, Saturday, July 22nd. Everybody is cordially invited to come and bring well-filled baskets.

## Death at Clara Mill.

Mr. Charles Elmore, aged 42 years, died at his home at the Clara Mill Sunday night after a protracted illness with typhoid fever. His death however, was rather sudden. The remains were taken yesterday to Crouse for burial.

## Picnic at New Hope.

The annual picnic of New Hope Presbyterian church will be held Tuesday, July 25th. A pleasant time is anticipated and a big reunion. The meeting at New Hope will begin on Sunday, August 6th (the 1st Sunday and continue through the following week. The pastor, Rev. R. S. Burwell, will be assisted by Rev. A. S. Anderson, of Gastonia. You are heartily invited by the pastor and people to attend these services.

## A Farewell Service.

Next Sunday night the pastors of the Methodist, Associate Reformed Presbyterian, Presbyterian and Lutheran churches will hold a joint service at the First Baptist church at which the representatives of these several denominations of the town will take occasion to express their appreciation of the labors here of Rev. W. H. Reddish, who leaves soon for his new field of labor at Wadesboro after a faithful service here of seven and a half years as pastor of the First Baptist church. There will be no services on that night at any of these churches except the Baptist.

## Married Sunday.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Craig on Willow street Sunday morning, Miss Cora Craig and Mr. Claude Porter were married, Rev. J. J. Beach performing the ceremony. The bride is a young lady well-known for her personal charm and attainments. For some time she has been connected with The Progress Publishing Company. The groom is a son of Mr. J. R. Porter, foreman of the mechanical department of the Progress Co., and is himself employed as pressman in the same establishment. He is a young man of sterling worth and rare business qualities. The congratulations of their hosts of friends are being extended to them.

## Three Boys in Trouble.

Some time ago Mr. W. J. M. Finger, of Charlotte, sent to the Torrence-Morris Co. for repairs a solid gold watch valued at about \$150. The watch was duly fixed up and returned to its owner. It was an old watch and certain peculiarities about it were noted. This morning a watch was brought into the store by Mr. McArver, of Lowell, who said that it had been offered him by some boys for \$5. It was immediately recognized as Mr. Finger's watch which had recently been stolen from him. The local police were put on the job and with the assistance of Mr. McArver, Claude and Will Hicks and Earl Crayton were arrested. One, Luther Earnhardt, escaped, but will soon be taken. The boys are confined in the city hall awaiting the mayor's court tomorrow.

## Saturday's Ball Games.

The strong team of Lowell found no difficulty in defeating the Lory aggregation at Lory park Saturday by a score of 9 to 5. Price on the mound for Lowell worked in fine form, while the Lory southpaw was easy for the Lowell bunch. The game was featured occasionally by Miller's sensational one-hand stabs in center and Hamphill's line drive over left field fence scoring three men. Lowell will cross bats with Belmont Thursday on the latter's diamond and a good game is promised.

Bell's Park ball team defeated the Clara Mill team Saturday afternoon by the score of 15 to 2. Farrar for Bell's Park pitched a wonderful game, allowing only two scratch hits. The visiting team batted Parker freely. D. Parker relieved him in the sixth.

## To Celebrate 20th Anniversary.

The congregation of Tate's Chapel Methodist church, seven miles south of Bessemer City, is preparing to observe the twentieth anniversary of its organization by a series of services beginning next Sunday night, July 23rd, and to continue through the week.

Just twenty years ago the society was organized with seven members by Rev. C. M. Campbell, then pastor at Gastonia. The following is the schedule of appointments: Sunday night, preaching by Rev. Charlie Harmon, of Bessemer City; Monday night by Rev. A. T. Lindsay, president of Linwood College; Tuesday night by Rev. Mark B. Clegg, of Kings Mountain; Wednesday night by Rev. J. A. Poeler, of Gastonia; Thursday night, Friday night and Saturday at 11 a. m. by Rev. S. B. Turrentine, D. D., of Shelby.

## MR. W. D. ROBERTS HERE.

Head of "Back Home" Movement in Gastonia in Interest of Special Edition of Magazine Which C. & N. W. Railway Will Issue—Ten Thousand Copies to be Distributed, Mostly Among Southerners in the West—Thousands Want to Come Back Home.

An interesting visitor in Gastonia yesterday and today is Mr. W. D. Roberts, secretary of the Back Home Association. He has been engaged by the Carolina & Northwestern Railway Co. to get up a special edition of the Back Home Magazine covering the towns and sections along its lines. It is expected that the business interests of Gastonia will arrange to have this city advertised in this special railroad number. Since all the towns along the C. & N. W. will have space in this edition it is not conceivable that "the only city" shall be left out. Ten thousand copies of this magazine will be circulated, a great many of them going to former Southern people now in the West who are asking for literature about the good old country "back home."

In conversation with The Gazette man Mr. Roberts said that he is receiving thousands of inquiries from these people and from others who are lead to inquire about the South by the coming back of Southerners. He says a great majority of them want farm lands. He says further that railroads in the South receive three or four times the number of inquiries about farm lands as for any other class of investments.

The Carolina & Northwestern is to be congratulated on its enterprise in pushing the "Back Home" movement and the Piedmont country of North Carolina will undoubtedly profit by it.

Mr. Roberts is himself a native Tar Heel and is greatly interested in this movement which has as its object the bringing back to the Old North State people who have been lured to the West, a section of country which has advertised its advantages more extensively perhaps than any other in the world. We need these people here and every patriotic Tar Heel will wish Mr. Roberts and his co-workers success in their efforts.

## NEWS NOTES.

Under the new local option law, Montgomery, Ala., yesterday voted "wet" by a majority of about 1700.

The first automobile ambulance in North Carolina, probably was run on the streets of Winston-Salem last Friday. The ambulance is snow white with a luxuriously furnished interior.

The imprint of a man's thumb on a whitewashed board is the clue by which the police of Bellville, N. J., expect to trace the assailant of Jas. Buckalew, an aged hermit who was beaten into unconsciousness and left in the kitchen of his tiny cottage.

Mr. E. A. McDonald, of Winston-Salem, has invented a new self-filling inkstand and has had it patented. Several manufacturing concerns are anxious to secure contracts for its manufacture. A write-up of it will appear in The Scientific American.

While trying to dynamite fish in a river near Newport, Tenn., Monday James Wiggins, foreman of a lumbercamp was almost instantly killed when a stick of dynamite exploded in his hands. His neck was broken and a gash torn in his breast through which his heart could be seen. His body was taken to Ely, N. C.

New York city is threatened with cholera. Already six deaths have occurred at the immigrant station in the New York harbor and there are fifteen or more other cases under treatment. All of the 248 passengers who arrived a few days ago on the steamer Moltke from Naples, Italy, are under surveillance.

"Railroad Jim Smith," the St. Louis evangelist, has been engaged by the Spencer Railroad Y. M. C. A. for a ten day meeting to begin July 20. A large tent has been secured and crowds from North and South Carolina points are expected to come to Spencer to hear this noted evangelist.

The State Council of Junior Order United American Mechanics will hold their meeting in Asheville August 22. It is expected that there will be 800 visitors in attendance. Arrangements are being made to give the delegates the best time of their lives.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Clover, S. C., Cotton Manufacturing Co. last Thursday afternoon the usual dividend of ten per cent was declared. Mr. G. H. O'Leary was re-elected president and Mr. M. L. Smith secretary and treasurer.

There are said to be 121 cases of typhoid fever in Little Rock, Ark. Government experts have been summoned to help fight the epidemic. Dr. Hoffman, chairman of the board of health of the city, says the epidemic is due to a lack of sanitary precautions.

In ten years the centre of population of the United States has moved 30 miles westward. An announcement made yesterday by the census bureau at Washington discloses this fact. The centre now is four and a quarter miles south of Unionville, Monroe county, Indiana. The geographical centre of the United States is in Northern Kansas, therefore the centre of population is about 550 miles east of the geographical centre.