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NEWS FROM NEARBY TOWNS

IRON STATION NEWS.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
IRON STATION, Aug. 21.—Misses Pearl and Lucy Harelson, of Cherryville, have been visiting Miss Hester Summey.—Miss Alpha Goode, of Lincolnton, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. Bob Goode.—Misses Beulah O'Bryant and Lela Rudisill, of Gastonia, are visiting Misses Fannie and Maggie Dorrie.
The ladies of the Methodist church gave an ice cream supper at the school building last Saturday night. A large crowd was present and all reported a good time.
Misses Ines and Ruth Rudisill, of route one, spent Sunday with the Misses Armstrong.—Quite a number of our people attended the big meeting at Salem Baptist church yesterday. Also a number went to Mt. Zion.—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Armstrong and children, of Lincolnton, spent Saturday with Mrs. Armstrong's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Dellinger.—Messrs Quince Rhyne and Belve Garrison, of Wofford, attended the ice cream supper Saturday night.—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Friday and children, of Taylorsville, and Misses Minnie, Bessie and Ethel Friday, of Charlotte, have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Friday.—Mrs. Fannie Long returned home Saturday from a three-weeks visit to her daughter, Mrs. Ed McGee, of Lincolnton.—A number of our people will go to High Shoals tomorrow to attend the picnic of Miss Florence Carson's Sunday school class of Pisgah A. R. P. church near Gastonia. Miss Carson was principal of our school last year and her many friends from here will be delighted to join her in a picnic tomorrow.
Mr. John Stroup and family, of Crouse, have been visiting Mr. Chas. Stroup.
Mr. Walter Black, of Charlotte, and Miss Grlie Sherrill, of this place, were married last Sunday a week ago at the home of the bride's parents. Miss Sherrill is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sherrill and is a young lady whose winning personality has won for her wide popularity, while the groom is a popular young business man of Charlotte. We extend congratulations and good wishes for a long and happy wedded life.
Mr. and Mrs. Lee Lineberger, of Dallas, have been visiting Mrs. Lineberger's brother, Mr. James Edwards.—Miss Fannie Mauney, of Gastonia, spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Noah Lineberger.—Mrs. James Mullen and baby had a narrow escape from what might have been serious injury last Thursday evening. While out driving with Mr. Mullen they stopped at the post-office and while Mr. Mullen had gone in the office the horse became frightened and ran away throwing Mrs. Mullen and baby out of the buggy breaking Mrs. Mullen's arm and bruising the baby's face in several places. Both are doing well at present.

DALLAS DOTS.

The Advocate, 18th.
Miss Essie Wilson returned home Tuesday from an extended visit to Chattanooga Tenn., Mammoth Cave, Niagara Falls and Canada.
Mr. L. A. Hartsoe carried his little six-year-old son to Gastonia Tuesday for an operation on his foot. He has been deformed since birth.
The farmers west of Dallas suffered a great deal Monday afternoon on account of a most severe storm. The crops in many places are almost ruined. A cow belonging to Mr. George Pasour was killed by lightning during the storm.

YORK AND YORKVILLE.

The Enquirer, 18th.
Mr. Joseph G. Dickson has purchased the O'Farrell place on Kings Mountain street and expects to build a residence there.
Miss Fannie Morrow, of Gastonia, and Misses Floss and Fan Ahler, of Pauls Valley, Okla., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Woods in Yorkville.
Dr. and Mrs. Paul T. Gordon and children left for their home at Eagle Lake, Tex., yesterday, after a visit of several weeks to Mrs. Margaret Johnson and other relatives in Yorkville.
Dr. Will McGill, of Clover, spent several days this week with the family of Mr. Jeff D. Whiteside, near Hickory Grove.
Messrs. A. M. Barnett, Quinn Wallace, C. W. Carroll, C. A. Berry and B. F. Smith left Wednesday for a few days stay in Washington and New York.
The first straight-out Socialist lecture that Yorkville has ever heard, so far as the records go, was delivered in the court house yard last Tuesday afternoon by J. L. Pitts, a national organizer of the Socialist party, and although the speaker received fairly good attention from twenty-five or thirty more or less curious listeners, if he made any impression at all it was certainly not very marked.

MT. OLIVET CELEBRATES.

Farmers Union Local No. 486 Gives a Big Ice Cream Supper and Incidentally Takes in About Twenty New Members.—The Ladies Interested—Watch Mount Olive Grow.
To the Editor of The Gazette.
Please allow me space in your valuable paper to state that Mount Olive Local of the Farmers Union pulled off an ice cream sociable that was good to behold. A few weeks ago we had our county talker, spokesman, lecturer—not Senator Sagebrush but Organizer Eli Lineberger—with us. He told us how to raise hog and hominy and a lot more we are going to do out in the suburbs. Then we enrolled eleven new members on our list and decided that on Saturday, August 19th, we would have a sociable and we, that is the band of farmers and other people of the school district, came out in full bloom in number over one hundred to eat, drink and be merry and talk and plan. And we took in nine more members while some were busy preparing the feast.
After we got through with business we adjourned to the yard and my, my, how the cake and cream did fly—yes, good rich cream made from cow's milk and eggs and sugar a plenty. And there was cake of all kinds, pound cake, layer cake and all other kinds, red and blue striped and other colors. We kept ten or fifteen freezers busy all the time. Everybody ate to his heart's content then I took up seven baskets full of cake (plates) spoons, etc. All seemed to have a good time, that is sure.
So, watch Mount Olive grow. Twenty-four for August does fine in the way of taking in new members. The most of them were ladies. They want to form a betterment association or something of the kind in connection with the local, we think. So let's all pull together for our good as tillers of the soil and for the uplift of our district. Watch Mount Olive grow. It is three miles west of your city and one-half a mile north of the Southern Railway.
PRESIDENT Mt. Olivet Local No. 486 Farmers Union.

NEWS FROM ROUTE FOUR.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
GASTONIA, Route 4, Aug. 21.—Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Clemmer and children spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Clemmer.—Miss Myrtle Willis, of Bennettsville, S. C., is spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Pearson.—Miss Ida Clemmer and brother, Sloan, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. G. E. C. Pasour.—Mrs. J. W. Puckett and children spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Thomas.—Mr. and Mrs. G. E. C. Pasour and children spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Clemmer.—Misses Pauline and Carrie Pearson spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Thomas.—Mr. and Mrs. John Payne and children spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Clemmer.

BELMONT BUDGET.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
BELMONT, Aug. 22.—Misses Mary and Dorothy Moore left Saturday for their home in Lancaster, S. C., after a two-weeks visit to their aunt, Mrs. Annie Hall. They were accompanied home by Misses Annie and Alice Hall.—Dr. N. A. Orr left Monday for a short visit in Richmond.—Mr. J. W. Stowe left last night for Baltimore and New York. He will be gone about ten days.—Misses Mellabel Crawford and Margaret Hall are the guests of Miss Janie Lee Grier at Matthews this week.—Mr. Palmer Williams, of McConnellsville, S. C., spent the week-end with his cousin, Mr. William Crawford.—Mrs. P. B. Hall is spending the week with her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Sandifer, in Charlotte.—Misses Della and Ethel Saunders, of Spartanburg, S. C., spent a few days with their brother, Mr. Jeff Saunders, last week.—Mrs. T. P. Hall left Sunday night for Washington to be with her aunt, who is very ill.

Spareribs and Backbone for All.

Sallsbury Post.
While many people are predicting hard times and imagine starvation is staring them in the face on account of the drought, this from the Raleigh News and Observer is most refreshing: "There are more new flour mills being put up in North Carolina this year than in the previous half dozen years. This means that the State is growing more wheat and the people are going more and more to live at home and board at the same place." It is always better to look on the bright side, let come what will, but many people prefer to look upon and magnify too quickly the dark side of every picture. Look on the bright side! There'll be spareribs and backbones for everybody during the coming winter—and then some.

RATCHFORD FAMILY REUNION.

Descendants of Late John A. Ratchford Hold Reunion at the Home of Joseph F. Ratchford—Rev. J. J. Kennedy, for Fifteen Years the Family Pastor, Four Generations and Many Invited Guests Present—A Most Pleasant and Enjoyable Day to All—Splendid Music by Lewisford Band.
The second reunion of the children of the late John A. and Elizabeth A. Ratchford was held at the home of Joseph F. Ratchford, who lives on the old Ratchford home place about two miles southeast of Gastonia, on Saturday, August 19th. Besides the members of the family and their children, many invited guests and relatives were present to renew old friendships, to meet old acquaintances and to enjoy the day in social intercourse. Among the vited guests were Rev. J. J. Kennedy and Mrs. A. S. Anderson, of Gastonia, and Rev. G. W. Hanna, of Charlotte. It is interesting to note that from this large family of ten children, nine are now living and enjoying the best of health.
Rev. J. J. Kennedy, who was for 15 years pastor of the New Hope Presbyterian church in which the Ratchford family was reared, made a few remarks about the high moral standard of living and stable character imbued in their fathers and grandfathers. He laid emphasis upon the Godly heritage handed down to them by their forefathers and expressed the hope that this family might leave such a heritage to their coming generations.
After Mr. Kennedy had concluded, he called upon Rev. G. W. Hanna for a few remarks. Mr. Hanna in his usual impressive manner left the impression with his hearers that he came not to speak but to partake of the bountiful dinner that would soon be spread and to enjoy himself to the fullest extent.
At noon a bountiful and sumptuous dinner was spread in the spacious grove facing the Ratchford home. Free lemonade was also served in the grove.
If the hearing of the writer be not awry, he enjoyed the melodious strains of one of the best bands of the county in the person of the Lewisford Band. This band, though only two years of age, now ranks with the best in the county.
To John A. and Elizabeth A. Ratchford were born ten children, of whom nine survive as follows: E. E. Ratchford, Gastonia, route two; Rev. M. M. Ratchford, Gastonia; L. M. Ratchford, Gastonia, route three; J. F. Ratchford, Gastonia, route two; Mrs. J. M. Hanna, Gastonia, route three; Mrs. M. J. Holland, Gastonia, route three; Mrs. J. B. Brown, Doswell, Va.; Mrs. E. D. Pettus, Gastonia, and Mrs. Robert Leeper, Belmont. Only one member of this large family, Mr. A. W. Ratchford, of Dallas, has passed away.

DIED OF BROKEN HEART.

David Castleman Died Because Wife Wanted Divorce.
Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 17.—Major David Castleman, son of Brigadier General John Breckinridge Castleman, of Louisville, Ky., died here yesterday from a broken heart, following the receipt of a telegram from Louisville telling him that his beautiful wife had filed suit for divorce.
He was deeply in love with his wife and could not be brought to believe that she sought to divorce him. David Castleman, often called the handsomest man in Kentucky, married a Miss Railey, ten years ago.

Survey for Central Highway Complete.

Raleigh dispatch, 19th.
State Geologist Joseph Hyde Pratt says the surveys for the entire line of the proposed great Central Highway from Beaufort and Morehead the length of the State to Asheville and the Tennessee line will be completed this week and that work is being pushed along many sections of the road. He estimates that about 25 per cent of the highway will be new road courses for the reason that sections of the road had to be relocated. He has just completed a trip over the greater portion of the road from Carteret county east and in the Black Mountain and the Caldwell county sections. A number of monied men and corporations have obligated themselves to build and donate a number of one mile sections of the road through the west. In a number of counties the convicts are being used for the work and private subscriptions are being used to provide for the maintenance of the road. Much the greater part of this road highway will be sand clay, though there will be considerable stretches of macadam, more especially in the Piedmont section—Durham, Alamance and other counties.

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IN HANDS OF RECEIVER.

Dallas Cotton Mill Goes to the Wall—Liabilities About \$60,000—Has Been in Straightened Circumstances for Some Time—Mr. S. N. Boyce Appointed Receiver.
The Dallas Cotton Mill, located at Dallas, this county, was Saturday placed in the hands of Mr. S. N. Boyce, of Gastonia, as receiver. The failure did not become generally known here till yesterday. Mr. Boyce is out of the city today on business and hence The Gazette is unable to ascertain the facts regarding the matter from an authoritative source. From the best information obtainable, however, from stockholders it appears that this action was the result of pressure brought to bear on the management by certain creditors and was involuntary. It is stated that the liabilities are about \$60,000. Mr. J. R. Lewis is president and Mr. R. S. Lewis secretary and treasurer.
To those more or less in touch with the mill the failure did not come as a surprise. It was known that it had been operating at a loss for some time. Last year it stood idle for six months or more. The first of the year it resumed operations and ran for about six months, closing down some weeks ago.
The Dallas Cotton Mill was the pioneer cotton manufacturing plant of Dallas and was organized in 1891 with a paid-up capital of \$50,000. This was later increased to \$67,500. The mill is equipped with 7,000 spindles and 100 looms and manufactured warps Nos. 30 2-ply and a light sheeting. It employed about 125 operatives. The plant was operated partly by steam and partly by electrical power secured from the Southern Power Company.

NEW BAGGAGE RULING.

Will Be in Effect September 1—Other Changes in Department Commencing July 1, 1912.
The Southern Railway has posted important notices in its passenger stations in regard to checking baggage. The notices contain recent rulings, which will govern the baggage department of the road in the future, and read as follows: If passengers value their baggage at more than \$100, on and after Sept. 1, 1911, before baggage will be checked the value thereof must be declared to the agent and tariff charges paid on such value in excess of \$100. Baggage exceeding \$250 in value will not be accepted from any one passenger for transportation in the baggage car.
The size of the piece of baggage to be accepted is to be limited, as the following will show: Up to and including June 30, 1912, no single piece of baggage exceeding 40 cubic feet in size will be accepted for transportation. Commencing July 1, 1912, for any piece of baggage, except immigrant baggage checked at port of landing, the greatest dimension of which exceeds 45 inches, there will be an additional charge for each additional inch equal to the charge for 10 pounds of excess baggage.
Commencing July 1, 1912, no piece of baggage the greatest dimension of which exceeds 70 inches, excepting immigrant baggage checked at port of landing, will be transported in baggage cars.

The Value of Our Cotton Mill Products.

The value of the cotton products of the mills of North Carolina is over \$72,000,000 annually on a capital investment of nearly \$100,000,000, according to a preliminary statement issued Tuesday by Director of the Census Durand, based on the thirteenth census.
The announcement shows that in five years the value of the cotton goods manufactures of the State increased \$25,426,000, or 54 per cent.

For Completion of "Joyland."

State Superintendent William B. Streeter, of the North Carolina Children's Home society, Greensboro, is appealing to supporters the State over for additional contributions for the completion of Joyland, the receiving home that the society is erecting in which to place children until suitable homes are provided. The society has a site of fifteen acres near Durham and on this suitable fireproof buildings are to be erected, there being in hand about one-third of the fund necessary for the building. The society in less than eight years has cared for 1,161 children at a cost of \$55,210, which is \$47.57 per capita. During June and July of this year 81 new cases have been handled, this being fifty per cent larger than for any similar period of the society's work.

Boosting and Boasting.

Greensboro Telegram.
The Henderson Gold Leaf realizes that there is a difference between town boosting and boasting about a town, and urges that the boosters be converted into boosters. Every citizen should be familiar with its resources and business and its strong points in every particular and should always be ready to talk about these things intelligently and convincingly; but boosting often degenerates into empty boasting and this injures instead of helping a town or city. Be a genuine booster: have the facts and figures at your command, and when you boost do so effectively.

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GASTON TAX VALUES.

Register of Deeds Smith Completes Abstract—Total Real Estate and Personal Property Values, Exclusive of Public Service Corporations, is Nearly Eleven Million Dollars.
Register of Deeds A. J. Smith has completed the task of making an abstract of the new valuation placed on all real and personal property in the county with the exception of public service corporations, this latter to be done by the State Corporation Commission. Its figures on these corporations are not yet available.
Following are the values by townships:
Crowders Mountain township: Number acres 24,553, value \$719,411, number lots 4,599, value \$208,324; personal property \$235,659; total \$1,163,394.
Cherryville township: Number acres 40,813, value \$710,057, number lots 267, value \$119,005; personal property \$332,683; total \$1,161,739.
Dallas township: Number acres 36,826, value \$754,059, number lots 222, value \$59,935; personal property \$344,184; total \$1,158,178.
Gastonia township, outside: Number of acres 36,817, value \$685,145, number lots 20, value \$2,970; personal property \$362,631; total \$1,050,746.
Gastonia township, inside: Number lots 1284, value \$2,308,475; personal property \$745,051; total \$3,053,526.
South Point township: Number acres 41,592, value \$1,254,225, number lots 282, value \$101,085; personal property \$535,126; total \$1,890,436.
River Bend township: Number acres 36,336, value \$693,619, number lots 320, value \$121,732; personal property \$400,591; total \$1,215,942.
Totals: Number of Townships, six; number acres 216,937; total value acres \$4,816,516; number lots 6,994; total value lots \$3,121,526; total value personal property \$2,955,925; total value of real and personal property \$10,693,961.

DISTRICT MEETING.

Program of Shelby District Meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society at Cherryville, August 25th to 27th.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Shelby District, M. E. Church, South, will be held this year at Cherryville, beginning at 3 p. m. Friday of this week and closing with the annual sermon by Rev. H. K. Boyer, Missionary Secretary of the W. N. C. Conference, next Sunday morning. The meetings will be presided over by Mrs. B. T. Morris, of Gastonia, who is District Secretary. The program is as follows:
Friday, August 25th, 3 p. m. Preliminary Meeting. Roll of Delegates taken and committees appointed.
8 p. m. Missionary Address by Rev. J. F. Armstrong, of Bessemer City.
Saturday, August 26th, 9 a. m. Devotional Exercises. Papers and talks touching every phase of the woman's work. Reports from auxiliaries.
3 p. m. Reports continued. Round table discussion. Reports of committees.
8 p. m. "The Call to Christian America," given by nine young ladies in costumes representing foreign countries. Reception to delegates and visitors at the home of Mrs. T. B. Leonard.
Sunday, August 27th, 11 a. m. Sermon by Rev. Dr. H. K. Boyer, Missionary Secretary of the W. N. C. Conference.
The missionary societies of Main Street Methodist church will be represented by Mrs. J. H. Separk, Miss Blanche McArthur and Miss Ruby Spencer as delegates at the Cherryville meeting.

IN SOCIETY.

DELIGHTFUL LAWN PARTY.

On last Thursday evening from 8:30 to 11 o'clock Mrs. Eli P. Lineberger entertained at her beautiful suburban home a number of her friends with a lawn party. She was assisted by Mrs. Wylie Hanna and Mrs. Will Lineberger. After some time had been spent on the lawn chatting, the guests were then invited on the porch where various games were played. Music was furnished by the Farmers Union Band.

Meanders of the Farm.

Dahlonoga, Ga., Nugget.
A city girl writes: "It is a fond dream of mine to become a farmer's wife and meander with him down life's pathway." Ah, yes, that is a nice thing! But when your husband meanders off and leaves you without any wood and you have to meander up and down the lane pulling splinters off the fence to cook dinner, and when you meander along in the wet grass in search of the cows till your shoes are the color of cowhide and your stockings soaked, and when you meander out across 20 acres of plowed ground with a club to drive the hogs out of the cornfield and tear your dress on the barb wire fence, when you meander back home to the house, and find that a Billy goat has butted the stuff out of your child and find the old hen, with 40 chickens, in the parlor, you'll put your hands on your hips and realize that meandering is not what it is cracked up to be.

CONVENTION THIS WEEK.

Sabbath Schools and Young People's Christian Unions of First Presbyterian Will Send Delegates to Meeting Here This Week—Excellent Program Prepared for Occasion.
Gastonia will entertain a large number of prominent Associate Reformed Presbyterians this week, the occasion being the annual convention of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Christian Unions of the First Presbyterian which will be held Thursday and Friday, the 24th and 25th, in the Gastonia A. R. P. church. The local committee of young people has made all the necessary arrangements for the entertainment and comfort of the delegates who attend.
Among the speakers on the program are the following, viz: Rev. Dr. J. G. Kennedy, pastor of East Avenue Tabernacle, Charlotte, and superintendent of the teachers training classes in the Mecklenburg County Sunday School Association; Rev. R. E. Hough, pastor of Chalmers Memorial church, Charlotte; Miss Julia Alexander, of Mecklenburg county; Rev. E. N. Orr, of St. Louis, general secretary of the Young People's Societies of the United Presbyterian Church; Rev. E. N. Collins, of Asheville, an expert Sunday school evangelist who is devoting all of his time to this work; Mrs. G. W. Witsatt, of Greensboro, who is at the head of the missionary department of the North Carolina State Sunday School Association; Mr. Eugene Morrison, a prominent business man of Statesville, and others.
The program is as follows:
THURSDAY, SABBATH SCHOOL DAY.
9:30, Worship—Rev. R. E. Hough Appointment of Committees. Spiritual Life in the Sunday School—Rev. Jefferson Hood.
The Home and the Sunday School—Mr. J. H. Ross.
Graded Work in the Sunday School—Mr. Eugene Morrison.
Organized Adult Classes—Rev. Lewis Collins.
2:00, Worship—Rev. R. E. Hough. Election of Officers.
The Sunday School and Missions—Rev. Lewis Collins.
Elementary Department—Miss Julia Alexander.
Round Table Sunday School Problems—Rev. Lewis Collins.
8:00, Worship—Rev. R. E. Hough. Organized Sabbath School Work—Rev. Lewis Collins.
FRIDAY, YOUNG PEOPLE'S DAY.
9:30, Worship, Rev. R. E. Hough. The Investment of Youth—Rev. E. N. Orr.
Junior and Intermediate Work—Mrs. J. G. Kennedy.
A Message from Mexico—Miss Mae Stevenson.
Address—Rev. R. A. Lummus.
2:00, Worship—Rev. R. E. Hough. Conference, Plans and Methods—Rev. E. N. Orr.
A Soul, An Hour, An Eternity—Dr. J. G. Kennedy.
Our Obligations to the Unsaved—Dr. W. W. Orr.
CARD FROM DR. GALLOWAY.
The presbyterian convention of the Sabbath schools and young people's societies of the First Presbyterian of the A. R. P. church holds its annual session in the A. R. P. church, Gastonia, on Thursday and Friday of this week. This convention is in the nature of a training school for all who are members of or interested in the young people's work and Sabbath school methods. Most of the speakers are experts in their special lines and are moreover of unusual ability. I take this method of inviting all who are interested in the above lines of church work to meet with us during the sessions of this convention, no matter to what branch of the Christian church you may belong. The program published above gives the range of subjects which will be handled by the various speakers.
J. C. GALLOWAY.

WANT GASTONIAN AT HEAD.

Rev. R. C. Anderson, of Gastonia, Offered Presidency of the Montreat Association—Will Erect New Hotel and New Auditorium.
Charlotte Observer.
The friends in Charlotte of Rev. R. C. Anderson, of Gastonia, will be interested to learn he has been tendered the presidency of the Montreat Association and that he now has the matter of its acceptance under advisement. It is the plan of the directors of the Montreat Association to erect another large hotel and another auditorium before next summer and to this end \$50,000 will be raised. Already some \$10,000 or \$12,000 has been secured. The association is out of debt and its finances were never in better shape than today. Little serious difficulty is apprehended in raising the amount necessary for the erection of the new buildings. The season that is just now at its height is the best that the association has ever known, in point of attendance as well as in general satisfaction. The friends of the association sincerely trust that Mr. Anderson will accept the presidency offered him by the directors.

The Goldsboro police and detectives have just recovered a mass of valuable jewelry and wearing apparel stolen from trunks by baggage masters on the Norfolk Southern, who were recently arrested.

John D. Byrd, a farmer living near Benson, suicided Saturday by drinking carbolic acid. He had been on a heavy spree. A wife and several children survive.