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NEWS FROM NEARBY TOWNS

High Shoals News.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
HIGH SHOALS, Oct. 9.—Mr. Ransom Carpenter who has been assisting the depot agent here for the last year, went to Lenoir Thursday to accept the position of night operator there.—Miss Elva Hall spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents at Belmont.—Prof. F. P. Hall was in town last Thursday visiting the High Shoals graded school.—Mr. John Lynn, who has had charge of the spinning room at night for some time, has accepted a position in Shelby. Mr. Charles Fry, of Lenoir, has taken his place.—Dr. Gamble took in the celebration at Kings Mountain Saturday.—Mr. Paul Hoover spent Sunday in Lincoln with his mother.

The parochial and public schools are crowded with pupils. One hundred and twenty-one pupils have been enrolled. This is the best enrollment we have ever had for the first month. We are glad to notice that all the schools are opening with a larger enrollment than last year. Parents, keep your children in school every day that you possibly can, and make this the banner school year for our county.

The grading on the sand-clay road is progressing nicely.—Mr. D. A. Tompkins, of Charlotte, is spending a few days in town. Mr. Tompkins spent the summer at Blowing Rock and is on his way home. Mr. G. M. Smyly and Miss Mildred Abernethy of Charlotte, accompanied him here from Blowing Rock.—The Misses McNichols, Miss Froneberger and Miss Jones, of Charlotte, have been spending the past week with Mr. J. W. Daniels.

State and County Fairs.

The Western North Carolina Fair opened at Asheville today and will continue through Friday.

The Central Carolina Fair opened at Greensboro today and will continue through Friday.

The Virginia State Fair is in progress this week at Richmond, having opened yesterday. It will continue through the entire week, closing Saturday night. The fair has been much more extensively advertised this year than ever before, and an unusually large attendance is expected.

Next week is the week of the North Carolina State Fair at Raleigh, the dates being October 17th to 21st. Many improvements have been made at the fair grounds, and this year's exhibitions in every line will be bigger than ever. The Mecklenburg Fair at Charlotte will occupy the following week, beginning October 23rd.

Cornelius Bliss, Secretary of the Interior under President McKinley, and a prominent Republican politician, died at his home in New York last night of heart disease, aged 78 years.

In a speech at Philadelphia, Wash., yesterday, President Taft predicted that the Panama canal would be open for traffic by July 1, 1913.

The trial of the McNamara brothers on the charge of having blown up the building of the Los Angeles Times on October 1, 1910, was begun yesterday. There being no session of court today on account of a State election, the trial will be resumed tomorrow.

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Betterment Association will be held in the Central school auditorium Friday afternoon, October 13th, at 3.30 o'clock. This will be the last regular meeting before the Floral Fair and it is especially important therefore that every member be present.

At a negro picnic held at Clover, S. C., Saturday Son Miller, colored, is said to have shot another negro named Bob Miller and to have cut still another negro quite seriously. All were drinking. Miller has not been caught, although the officers are on the lookout for him.

To Reverse Woman.
The inexplicable, inherent and in eradicable habit of women of slighting backward from a car is expected by a Colorado trolley manager to be cured by the placing of mirrors on car doors so that the fair passengers will feel impelled to face forward to see if their hat is on straight before they alight. As a device for delaying traffic this will be a conspicuous success.

Where He Was Safe.
"So you have adopted a baby to raise?" we asked of our friend. "Well, it may turn out all right, but don't you think you are taking chances?" "Not a chance," he answers. "No matter how many bad traits the child may develop, my wife can't say he inherits any of them from my side of the house."—Life.

NEWS FROM DUE WEST.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
DUE WEST, S. C., Oct. 7.—The music and expression recital given by the members of the faculty of the Woman's College of Due West was attended by a large number of enthusiastic friends. The recital was given Friday evening in the chapel of the college and those taking part were Misses Sewell, Brownlee, Palmer and Long. Mrs. D. Y. Bonner, a member of the faculty, was on the program for an aria from Gounod, but was unable to perform her part. Miss Louise Brownlee charmed the audience with a selection from Chopin and a march from Hollaender, while Miss Sewell rendered very happily two Chopin selections and Potpourri in E from Liszt. These ladies were members of the faculty last year and are, to the delight of their friends, back at their posts this session.

Miss Lenore Neville Long, head of the department of vocal music, was at her best in the Aria "Rejoice Greatly" from Handel's The Messiah and in "Judicabit," and "De Torrente" from Millard's Vesperae. Miss Long sang with sweetness and power and fully sustained the enviable reputation which she made when she was in the college session before last. She was encored heartily.

Quite an enjoyable feature of the evening was the reading of Miss Palmer, of the department of expression. This is Miss Palmer's first year at the college, but she is by no means a novice. In her humorous selections and in her dramatic rendition of a part of Henry Van Dyke's "The House of Rimmon" she was so well received that she was encored repeatedly. Miss Palmer is a graceful reader, possessed of a keen interpretative sense and of a good voice.

The ushers at the recital were Misses Louise Allen, Agnes Devlin, Mary Boyce and Helen Galloway. Miss Agnes Devlin, of Due West, has been selected as assistant in Latin at the Woman's College. Miss Devlin is a niece of Dr. J. C. Galloway, of Gastonia.

Mr. C. B. Williams, student in the theological seminary, is Prof. Reid's assistant in the chemical laboratory in Erskine College for the coming term. Prof. McMill, assistant in the laboratory last year, is instructor in Freshman mathematics this year.

Basketball is being revived in Erskine College. Mr. Ernest Bell and helpers have recently installed a basketball plant on the baseball grounds and play will be begun next week. Several new tennis courts are being built on Erskine campus this week in order to meet the needs of the unprecedented amount of play. This will give the tennis club eight courts. Messrs. Moore, Gettys, Wallace, Grier, W. P. Roddey and others are showing unusually good form this year.

Triumph for Sandy

Sandy and his master drove up to the small station as the train approached. "Here's my train, sir," said Sandy. "That is not my train," replied the master, who had his own ideas about correct speech, but it's the train I am going by. But it happened to be a special train and didn't stop at the station whereupon Sandy exclaimed: "We're both wrong for it's neither your train nor the one you're man by, but it's the one that's gone by you."

THE HALL OF FAME.

ANDREW JACKSON—Celebrated general and seventh president of the United States. Born Waxhaw Settlement, N. C., March 15, 1767; died at the Hermitage, Tenn., June 8, 1845. Prisoner in the Revolution. Studied law and removed to Tennessee, where he was successively public prosecutor, member of congress, United States senator and justice of the state supreme court. Defeated the Creeks in three battles, took Pensacola from the English and repulsed Sir Edward Pakenham in a signal victory at New Orleans in 1815. Jackson was then governor of Florida and again senator from Tennessee. Defeated for president in 1824, he was elected in 1829 and again in 1832. As president he brought in the spoils system, put the United States bank out of business and quelled nullification in the south.



BESSEMER BRIEFS.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

BESSEMER CITY, Oct. 9.—Last Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock Mr. D. P. Froneberger, of this place, and Mrs. Sallie Botts, of Waco, Cleveland county, were happily married at the home of the bride's father, Mr. James Hord, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Mr. Suttle, of Shelby. Immediately following this Mr. and Mrs. Froneberger were driven to Kings Mountain in time to board the afternoon train for Unadilla, where they spent the night and left on an early train for Jacksonville, Fla. After a ten days visit they will return here to make their home. Mr. Froneberger is one of the best known men in this part of the county and is the father of two of the town's leading business men, Messrs. Henry C. and Ernest L. Froneberger, the former a member of the firm of Froneberger & Co., and the latter of the Bessemer City Mercantile Co. Mrs. Froneberger is a woman of attractions and accomplishments. She is the sister of Mrs. W. G. Caldwell, of this place, and is well known here. Mrs. E. L. Froneberger and Messrs. S. S. Wells, T. R. Oates, and Melvin Shetley accompanied the groom from here.

Two holiness preachers struck the town about ten days ago and for several days talked from the street in front of the postoffice, but last Monday they having received some encouragement put up a tent opposite the Mascot Cotton Mill where they have been holding meetings since. They have not failed to read out of the kingdom the pastors of the various churches and practically all the town's citizenship. Their abuse of the preachers and the physicians has been particularly violent. The town woke this morning to find that sometime between the close of the night services and the dawn one of these saints had stolen from his companion in the gospel, the sum of \$40 and had hurriedly departed. Notwithstanding crowds of people will continue to hear and support them.

The town of Bessemer City is to vote on the issuance of bonds for a system of waterworks next Monday. But little interest has been manifested and unless the people open their eyes to the opportunity the proposition will be defeated.

Quite a good contingent from Bessemer City helped Kings Mountain to celebrate the anniversary of the decisive battle of the same name, last Saturday. The Bessemer City Band dispensed some fine music for the crowd.

A revival meeting has been in progress at the Methodist Protestant church for a week. The meeting under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. B. A. Lay, of Gastonia, will close tonight.

Mrs. T. M. Hovis, of route one, having spent some days visiting relatives in and around Blackstock, S. C., came up to Charlotte to spend the week-end with her sister, Mrs. C. A. Boyd. Mr. Hovis went over to Charlotte Saturday night and both returned here today at noon.—Messrs. Marvin Brown and Gray Sloop, of Mooresville, spent yesterday here with friends.—Rev. John Hall, of Gastonia, is spending the day here the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Froneberger.

Word has been received here today to the effect that Mr. Jonsson Lingerfelt, living three or four miles west of here, had been bitten by a pilot snake and that some anxiety was being felt for him.—Miss Annie Thorne spent the week-end with her brother, Mr. J. A. Thorne, in Gastonia.

A Losing Game.

Gramercy—We can't afford to give a dinner in the house. Besides, we haven't the things Mrs. Gramercy—Pshaw! We can borrow the silver. Gramercy—Yes, and have the guests carry most of it away as souvenirs.—Judge

No More Silk Hat Heroes.

The hero who wears an immaculate top hat is getting rare in novels. Perhaps this decline has some relation to the lessening popularity of the hat in real life. Certainly "Ouida" would never have dreamed of turning out a hero without his being silk-hatted or unformed to the last degree.—Book Monthly

Pride in the Family.

Tip heard one dark-skinned citizen call another a liar, and looked around to see where one might hide when the razor began to fly. But there was no carving. Instead came his prompt answer: "Deng! I is a liar, but I see de onliest liar in mah family, and yore whole family is liars." Right there the argument ended.

Troubles Never Lasting.

There is no trouble which is with out its end. Keep this in mind and the end will be quicker in coming.

FAREWELL SERVICE HELD

Associate Reformed Presbyterian, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches Hold Union Meeting Complimentary to Rev. R. C. Anderson—Large Congregation Present.

Several hundred members of the First Presbyterian, Loray Presbyterian, Associate Reformed Presbyterian, Methodist and Lutheran churches gathered Sunday night at the First Presbyterian church to engage in a union farewell service complimentary to Rev. R. C. Anderson, the retiring pastor. The main auditorium, which seats several hundred, was filled to its capacity and the Sunday school rooms adjoining were brought into requisition.

Rev. G. D. Herman, pastor of Main Street Methodist church, presided over the exercises. He read two appropriate passages of Scripture, the 133rd Psalm and the latter part of the 20th chapter of Acts. He then made a short address in which he discussed briefly the relation of pastor and people. He said there were no faultless preachers and no ideal churches. If the church members would live up to the standard of religion preached by their pastors they would be better church members and better people than they usually are. No pastor can do his duty and preach the truth without being unpopular with at least a portion of his congregation. Christ, the world's greatest preacher, was rewarded with a crown of thorns and was exhibited upon a Roman Cross. John the Baptist and Paul, the world's two greatest preachers after Christ, were unpopular, the former being rewarded by being beheaded and the latter with stonings and other persecutions. It is the preacher's duty to preach the truth regardless of popularity or unpopularity.

Rev. Dr. J. C. Galloway, pastor of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church, was the next speaker, his subject being "Fraternalism Among the Churches." There are many reasons, said Dr. Galloway, why the various denominations should be on the closest terms of friendship and should practice fraternalism in their dealings with each other. He did not attempt to give them all but confined himself to a discussion of a few of these. Fraternalism should prevail between the denominations because they all have a common peril and a common enemy. The devil and his angels are squarely opposed to them all and hence they should stand shoulder to shoulder in their fight against the evil one. Another reason advanced was because in eternity they have a common destination. All denominations must fraternize in eternity and so should be on close terms of friendship here. Still another reason is that we all serve a common Lord and Master.

Twenty-five years ago, said the speaker, a meeting like this would have been impossible in Gastonia or anywhere else almost. But the world moves on. Denominations, realizing that they are working in a common cause, have largely put away the petty denominational prejudices of the past and are working in harmony toward a common end.

Rev. A. S. Anderson, pastor of the Loray Presbyterian church, was the next speaker. He said the subject assigned him was the history of the church during the past six years. He had decided to change the subject, however, as to follow it would be largely to indulge in an eulogy of the retiring pastor and his people. Hence, instead, he devoted his time to looking ahead for six years. Every stone in a structure, said the speaker, is but the foundation for another stone. The past six years' work of this church is but the foundation upon which that of the next six is to be built. He referred to the fact that during the pastorate of Rev. R. C. Anderson nearly 500 people had been received into the church. These, he said, are not full grown Christians. Part of the work of the coming six years will be to bring about the development and advancement in Christian living of these newly acquired members. This church, he recalled, has had a great deal to do with the building up of Westminster School and has in this line much to accomplish in the next six years. Much missionary work, both local and foreign, has been undertaken and this must be carried on. The congregation has given quite a number of young men to the ministry, some of them now at work, others to be looked after. Mr. Anderson's address was heard with no small degree of interest.

Following these addresses Rev. R. C. Anderson, the retiring pastor of the First church, responded in a very happy manner. He referred feelingly to his six years' pastorate here and said that Gastonia and Gastonians had become strongly enshrined in his heart. He does not expect to sever himself entirely from the town and church but expects to return as often as his labors will permit. He had reached his decision to resign, he said, only after serious consideration and prayer. In the call to his new position as president of the Mountain Retreat Association he saw a great opportunity for doing a great work for the church and for the cause of Christ. He believed it his duty to make the change.

Rev. John Hall, pastor of the Lutheran church, was to have been present but was unavoidably detained.

A delightful feature of the services was a duet by Mrs. Harry Rutler and Miss Marie Torrence.

At the conclusion of the services many friends, of all denominations,

BIG CELEBRATION

The 131st Anniversary of Battle of Kings Mountain Fittingly Celebrated—Orations by Senator F. M. Simmons and Congressman E. Y. Webb—Sham Battle by Gastonia and Shelby Companies of State Guard.

With flags and bunting everywhere in evidence, with patriotic emotions permeating her every nook and corner and with a glad hand extended to welcome each and every one of the several thousand visitors who came to help her celebrate one of the greatest battles of the Revolution, the historic town of Kings Mountain on Saturday commemorated the one hundred and thirty-first anniversary of the famous battle of Kings Mountain. While hundreds of the descendants of the brave "mountain men," who defeated the British under General Ferguson October 7, 1780, together with thousands of others, listened to martial music, to matchless orations, to the noise of sham-battle guns and gazed at "Old Glory" as she waved in the mountain breezes, it did not require a far stretch of the imagination for one to conjure a smile of approval even upon the face of old Kings Mountain herself, the noble peak but a short distance away when the American patriots, the Shelys, Seviers, Campbells, McDowells and others fought and died and successfully so for the freedom of their adopted land. There was hardly one among the thousands present who did not feel a tinge of pride as he reverted to the part the pioneer men of the Carolinas, Virginia and Tennessee played in this decisive battle in the struggle for American independence.

For weeks the good people of the town of Kings Mountain had been making elaborate preparations for this event. They did not plan in vain. Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln, York, Cherokee and many other counties in this section of the Carolinas were well represented. Special rates were given by the railroads and all incoming trains Friday night and Saturday morning brought large crowds of people. In the early morning hours wagons, buggies and automobiles began pouring in from all directions.

Promptly at 10 o'clock the procession formed in front of the Mountain View hotel the line of march being from there to the new public school building. It was headed by two bands and was composed of Confederate veterans, two companies of State Guards, the Gaston and Cleveland companies, and many citizens.

Arriving at the school house the formal program was opened with prayer following which Hon. O. F. Mason, of Gastonia, in a short speech which brought forth prolonged applause, introduced Senator F. M. Simmons. The speaking was begun in the open, the speaker standing on the porch so that as many as possible of the vast crowd could hear. The intense heat and glare, however, soon drove the speakers and as many of the hearers as could be accommodated, into the auditorium. Senator Simmons reviewed the battle of Kings Mountain comprehensively, speaking from manuscript which he had evidently prepared with great care and historical accuracy. Passing briefly over the events which preceded and led up to the battle he described minutely the struggle which took place on the mountain height nearby where the British met defeat after a hard fight at the hands of the determined Americans.

The closing part of his speech the Senator devoted to a general review of the long and eventful struggle of the colonists for freedom from oppression by the mother country. He told of the barriers surmounted, of the difficulties overcome, of the indomitable spirit born of a love for liberty and fostered in the broad free expanse of the American frontiers which would not admit of defeat. His address was a magnificent one both for its historical value and for the manner in which it was delivered. The auditorium, which seats about seven hundred, was filled and everybody heard Mr. Simmons with pleasure and profit.

When Congressman Yates Webb was presented to the audience he was given an ovation. There were mighty waves if any in all the crowd who had not heard the brilliant young congressman before but they were all anxious to hear him again. He was on his native heath and the demonstrative welcome accorded him proved the fallacy of the saying that a prophet is "not without honor save in his own country." No man is nearer the hearts of his people than Yates Webb. He has represented them for eight years in the lower house of congress and the manner in which he has done so has won for him the love and esteem of the biggest part of all the people in the ninth district.

Mr. Webb's address dealt with the problems which have arisen since the thirteen colonies won their independence. Many and varied problems undreamed of then have arisen to be solved and it develops upon the people of this present day to solve them and solve them right. His speech was largely a plea to the people not to let the passion for money and power and honor blind them to their duty in these times of political and social unrest. He was applauded repeatedly and vociferously and his hearers gave him all the attention any speaker could wish.

At the conclusion of the speaking

shook hands with the retiring pastor and wished for him all the success he could possibly hope for in his new field of labor.

SIX YEARS OF SUCCESS

Membership of Presbyterian Church Has About Doubled Under Pastorate of Mr. Anderson—A Resume of Work Done Under His Direction—His Farewell Sermon. (Reported for The Gazette.)

Rev. R. C. Anderson, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Gastonia, in the course of his farewell sermon Sunday morning, October 8th, preached from the text, "But I am among you as he that serveth." Luke 23:27.

He held up Christ in his great mission of service and then stated that in all of his ministerial labors he had taken this as his ideal model for a preacher. The ambition of every true preacher is the ambition to serve his church, his community and all to the limit of his power. In all of his ministry he had never asked his church to do anything for him personally but had striven to serve as much as possible those with whom he had been associated. He was painfully aware of his short-comings in realizing the ideal, yet God's blessing had attended his efforts.

When he came to Gastonia about six years ago, he found something less than four hundred names on the roll of the Presbyterian church in the town. Since that time 528 have been received into the church, 199 on profession of faith, the others by letter. He has baptized 189.

The Loray church, which is really the Second church of Gastonia, of which Rev. A. S. Anderson is the efficient pastor, was organized and the building erected by the First church, and in the two churches today there are something over 800 names on the roll, 640 of these belonging to the First church. In other words the membership of the Presbyterian church in Gastonia is a little over double what it was six years ago.

A beautiful manse has been erected at a cost of about \$5,000.

The average annual contribution of the church for the last six years has been between \$7,000 and \$8,000 nearly double the annual contribution immediately preceding the closing pastorate.

Two young men have graduated at Union Theological Seminary and are now doing efficient work in the ministry. Four other promising young men, members of this church, are candidates for the ministry and two young ladies have volunteered for the foreign mission work.

A men's Bible class with a membership of about 75 was organized and taught by the pastor during the last five years, and a women's Bible class of about 50 was organized and taught for the last two years by Mrs. Anderson. There was one Presbyterian Sabbath school in the town six years ago; there are six well organized and live Sabbath schools in the town today, five of which are conducted under the direction of the First church.

Through the instrumentality of the pastor, an evangelistic tent work was inaugurated which was later adopted by Presbytery out of which four churches have been organized, and three attractive church buildings have been erected besides the vast amount of good done within the bounds of other churches.

With the pastor a committee of one, appointed by Presbyterial Home Mission Committee, a church at Cliffside has been organized and a church building erected, the total cost of which is approximately \$2,000. But perhaps the best and most lasting service rendered to the Presbytery and church at large, was the service rendered to Westminster School, which has made great progress and today is in most excellent condition. This school would do credit to any Presbytery.

The First church today is left in a most harmonious and thoroughly organized condition. The pastor does not claim the credit for these things, for the work has been done by the church through the blessing of God, and it is the prayer of the retiring under-shepherd that the church may continue the good work which the Lord has enabled it to do in the past.

Influence of Clothes

Clothes have a most surprising influence on the mind. If you don't believe it, son—day when you are tired or perhaps one or even cross, take a bath out of something dainty and fresh from the top to toe and your bust goes to meeting, down and you'll feel as if a fairy wand had suddenly touched you with some wonderful transforming power. You'll find yourself looking at the world through a rosy mist instead of clouds of gray. It will be easy to smile.—Suburban Life

A splendid dinner was served on the school grounds to the Confederate veterans in attendance. This was provided by the good people of Kings Mountain who had omitted no detail in planning the occasion.

In the afternoon a sham battle was fought on the outskirts of the town by the Gaston and Cleveland companies of the North Carolina National Guards. This was an interesting feature of the day's events and was witnessed by several thousand people.

All in all this was perhaps the biggest day the town of Kings Mountain has experienced in its long history. So great was its success that it is possible it may be repeated every year or at least every four or five years.

Gastonia sent several hundred representatives to the celebration and all were highly pleased with the day's events.