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NEWS FROM NEARBY TOWNS

SMALLPOX AT BESSEMER.

Mr. James Caldwell, a Meat Dealer, Has a Severe Case—Small Railroad Wreck—Schools to Adjourn for Holidays—Breezy Briefs. Correspondence of The Gazette. BESSEMER, CITY, Dec. 18. There was a small wreck on the Southern Friday morning near the Harborough Mill. Several freight cars were derailed and, as there was a considerable fall, the cars turned over consequently it became necessary to call the wrecking train and traffic was suspended, causing the delay of No. 43 and 29. No one was injured.

The Betterment Association had a small audience to enjoy the music and readings in the opera house last Friday night. The entertainment, was excellent and because of the small patronage, which was due to the inclement weather, the association desires to have the ladies back in the near future. We welcome such things because they are educating and therefore uplifting.

The town is very much stirred up over a case of smallpox that was discovered Friday afternoon. The patient is Mr. Jim Caldwell, a meat cutter by trade. It is rumored that he has a very severe case and so is under strict quarantine. It is also reported that there is a case in the country near her. We are very sorry that disease has made its appearance in these parts.

Miss Barbara Deck, of route one, visited a day or so with the family of Mr. S. S. Clemmer last week.—Mr. Wheeler, brother to our genial depot agent, Mr. Paul Wheeler, spent several days in town as the guest of his brother and wife.

There will be a Christmas entertainment in the Presbyterian church Saturday night consisting of songs and recitations by the members of the Sabbath school. At the same hour also a treat will be given the school.

The public school will close Friday for the Christmas holidays resuming work in two weeks. The out-of-town teachers will, most likely, spend the season with homefolks. We wish for them a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Mr. E. L. Froneberger was somewhat indisposed yesterday but is at his post of duty today.—Mrs. J. F. Harrelson's little brother at Cherryville, who had typhoid fever, is not doing well at all.—Rev. Mr. Patton, of Elon College, preached in the Methodist church last Sabbath night to an appreciative audience.

Eiford's Spreading Out.

Mr. P. T. Heath, of Atlanta, owner of the Heath building on West Main avenue occupied by the Eiford Company, yesterday let a contract to Mr. J. E. McAllister, of Gastonia, for the construction of an addition to this building, 30 by 45 feet, two stories. It is to be of brick to correspond with the older building. The work is to be completed as early in January as possible. While here Mr. Heath also signed a new five-year lease with this firm for this building. A continually increasing business

SMITH WORSTED IN FIGHT.

Recorder of Bessemer City, Former Candidate for Congress and Republican Politician Severely Pummelled by Cotton Mill Operative Yesterday in Front of City Hall.

Information reached Gastonia last night from reliable sources at Bessemer City that Mr. John A. Smith, recorder of that town for the past few weeks, ex-mayor, erstwhile Republican candidate for Congress in opposition to Congressman E. Yates Webb and well-known local Republican politician, received a severe drubbing about 6 o'clock yesterday evening at the hands of Mr. Willis Woodel, an employe of the Harborough Company, operators of the old Mascot Mills.

When the battle was over Woodel had a scratch or two and Smith, so the reporter was informed, had his face beaten almost into a pulp. To use a common phrase, he was as bloody as a hog and the services of a physician were required to dress his wounds.

When the report reached the paper Woodel had not been arrested. From the best information obtainable it seems that Smith owed Woodel an account. The latter met Smith in front of the city hall and asked him for the money, whereupon Smith, it is stated, denied owing Woodel anything, called him a liar and struck at him. Woodel, said to be a very peaceable man and a quiet, industrious citizen and property owner, lit in and gave Smith a genuinely thorough whipping.

WILSON-WILCOX ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Invitations reading as follows have been received in Gastonia: Mr. and Mrs. Eugene W. Wilcox request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter

Bess to Mr. R. Boyce Wilson on Monday the first of January One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twelve at high noon Eight hundred and one Pierce Street Sioux City, Iowa.

The groom-elect is a prominent young Gastonian and has a large number of friends who will be interested to learn of his approaching marriage and who will welcome him and his bride back to Gastonia.

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rendered it necessary for Eiford's to have more space, hence the enlargement of their present quarters. This firm has been doing business in Gastonia for the past two years and is making a splendid success. The same firm has wholesale and retail stores in Concord and Charlotte. Mr. Heath left last night for Atlanta to spend the holidays with homefolks before going back on the road.

Personals and Locals.

—Sunday night the execution of stockings will take place.

—Mr. C. A. Eury left yesterday for Monroe on business.

—Mr. and Mrs. James Adams, of Bowling Green, were here yesterday.

—Mr. J. H. Rutledge, of Dallas, route two, was in Gastonia on business Saturday.

—Mr. C. S. Carson, of Bessemer City, was in Gastonia on business Saturday.

—Mr. George B. Mason is at home from the University of North Carolina for the Christmas holidays.

—Mr. Hugh B. Pursley, of the Swan-Slater Company, spent Sunday with friends at High Shoals.

—Mr. John W. Gaston, of Belmont, was a Gastonia visitor Saturday.

—Miss Clara Patrick, of Dallas, was among yesterday's holiday shoppers in Gastonia.

—Mrs. R. R. Ray and Miss Mamie Ray, of McAdenville, were shopping in town yesterday.

—This from the Orange (Va.) Observer applies to Gastonia: "The price of eggs is entirely too high for them to go down—the throat."

—Mr. H. C. Miller, one of the Piedmont & Northern Railway Co.'s attorneys, was here from Charlotte on business yesterday.

—Mr. J. W. Clay, of the Clay Printing Co., Hickory, was in town between trains yesterday afternoon en route to Charlotte.

—All the city schools will close tomorrow afternoon for the Christmas holidays and will re-open on Thursday morning, January 4th.

—Mr. William Carroll, son of Mr. J. L. Carroll, of Clover, route one, who has been quite sick for some time, is now much better.

—Mr. J. H. Separk, secretary of the Gray Manufacturing Company, is out of the city on business. He will return about the last of the week.

—Mrs. W. J. Schreest, Miss Sarah Hoffman and Dr. Bessie Puett, all of Dallas, are spending the day in Charlotte shopping.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Cooke and little child, of Mooresville, returned home this morning after a visit of several days to Mrs. Cooke's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Davis.

—Mr. Charles Parker has opened up a stock of groceries and general merchandise in the store at the Clara Mill formerly occupied by R. F. Parker, his father.

—Mr. L. D. Hartsell, father of Mrs. B. F. S. Austin, who has been undergoing treatment at the City Hospital for the past six weeks, is very much improved.

—Dr. and Mrs. C. E. McLean, of Belmont, route one, spent the weekend in Gastonia as the guests of Dr. McLean's parents, Sheriff and Mrs. J. D. B. McLean.

—Misses Bessie and Emily Lawrence, students of the Piedmont High School, at Lawndale, will arrive in Gastonia Thursday to spend the holidays with their aunt, Mrs. J. O. White.

—Mr. J. A. Capps, who is a student at the Piedmont High School, Lawndale, Cleveland county, arrived in Gastonia yesterday to spend the holidays with homefolks. The school adjourns tomorrow for the holidays.

—Mr. John A. Gerhart, a prominent manufacturer of Perkaspie, Pa., arrived in Gastonia Saturday to spend several days here as the guest of Mr. R. L. White and family. Mr. Gerhart is the father of Mr. White's son-in-law, Mr. Clarence Gerhart.

—In a card asking us to change his address from Lakeland to Miami, Florida, Dr. W. H. Hoffman says: "Grand climate down here. Straw hats and white dresses all the go. Summer time in full blast."

—Rev. W. L. C. Killian preached at South Point Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock and at Belmont Sunday night at 7 o'clock for the pastor of the Mount Holly and Belmont work, Rev. J. Archie Bowles.

—On Saturday night, December 23rd, there will be a Christmas entertainment at the Ozark Methodist church. A program consisting of songs, recitations and dialogues will be rendered, followed by the distribution of presents from the Christmas tree.

—Sheriff J. D. B. McLean is in Belmont today collecting taxes. He will be at Parham's store near Crowders Creek tomorrow, after which he will be at his office in the court house for the remainder of this month.

—Prof. H. A. Query, the efficient principal of the Belmont high school which was suspended last week till the first of January because of several cases of scarlet fever, will spend the remainder of the week and perhaps next week in Gastonia with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Adams. While here Mr. Query will assist The Gazette in local work, at which he is an adept.

MILAS PARTLOW CAUGHT

Negro Suspected of Attempting to Wreck C. & N.-W. Passenger Train at Crowders Creek Trestle in September in Toils at Charlotte—Rewards Aggregating \$400 or More Out for Him—May be Brought Here.

Milas Partlow, a negro much wanted in York, Gaston and Mecklenburg counties for various crimes but principally for an attempt to wreck north-bound passenger train No. 10 on the Carolina & North-Western Railway at Crowders Creek trestle, this county, on September 19th, is at last in the toils and rests at present behind the jail bars at Charlotte.

Sailing under the alias of John Balck, he was arrested there Saturday on a warrant charging him with the theft of a mule, harness and buggy from a party at Tirzah. S. C. Charlotte officers suspected that he was Partlow, some persons there having identified him. Sunday afternoon Chief of Police J. W. Carroll, of Gastonia, and Constable H. E. Johnson, of York county, went to Charlotte and positively identified the negro as Partlow. The negro then acknowledged his identity and did not deny that there were warrants out for him in Gaston and York counties for disposing of mortgaged property but denied that he was connected in any way with the dastardly attempt to wreck the C. & N.-W. train at Crowders Creek trestle. Chief Carroll was armed with the warrant for Partlow for this crime but the officers at Charlotte declined to let their prisoner go until they made some satisfactory arrangements as to the rewards outstanding for his capture and conviction.

Rewards aggregating \$400 or more are outstanding for Partlow's arrest and conviction. The C. & N.-W. Railway Co. offers a \$250 reward, Governor Kitchin \$100, York county \$50 and perhaps there are others which have not as yet come to light. Partlow is wanted here also for disposing of mortgaged property belonging to Messrs. Craig & Wilson, of this city.

As soon as the matter of a division of the rewards can be agreed upon between the officers of the several counties involved it is probable that Partlow will be brought to Gastonia first to be put on trial for the attempted train wrecking. There is strong circumstantial evidence against him in this case. If convicted of this crime he will doubtless get a long sentence. If he is finally convicted of all the offenses with which he is charged it would seem likely that the remainder of his natural life he will be spent behind prison bars. He bears a bad reputation and if half true that is said about him he would richly deserve such a fate.

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ANTI-SALOON MEETING.

Rev. Dr. S. B. Turrentine Talks Interestingly of Fourteenth Annual Meeting of Anti-Saloon League of Last Week.

Rev. Dr. S. B. Turrentine, presiding elder of the Shelby district, arrived in Gastonia Saturday morning from Washington where he spent most of last week in attendance on the fourteenth annual convention of the Anti-Saloon League of America. Together with Hon. Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby, Dr. Turrentine represented the Western North Carolina Conference of the Southern Methodist church, these two gentlemen having been chosen as delegates at the recent session of conference in Statesville. Dr. Turrentine reports that the meeting was largely attended by prominent men from every State of the Union.

One of the most interesting features of the meeting was the banquet on Thursday night at which there were present Governors, Senators, Representatives and many other men prominent in the political and business life of the nation. A number of strong addresses were made at this banquet, one of the very best being by Congressman Yates Webb, of this district, who is one of the strong champions of prohibition. Mr. Webb's address, says Dr. Turrentine, was one of the finest made during the whole meeting and attracted the attention of delegates from all sections of the country.

One of the chief objects the league now has in view is the bringing about of some national legislation preventing the shipping of whiskey into "dry" States. Dr. Turrentine believes that Congress is ready to take decisive action along this line whenever they are satisfied beyond a doubt they have the backing of the majority of the people of the nation. Whether anything is accomplished along this line at the present session of Congress or not, the league is very hopeful of bringing about legislation on this point before a great while.

The whiskey trust, says Dr. Turrentine, is the biggest trust in America. A few years ago the brewers, the wine makers and the whiskey manufacturers were fighting each other. When the leaders in these separate but closely allied trades realized that sentiment was crystallizing against the whole iniquitous business they united their forces and are now engaged in a common warfare against the prohibition forces.

Residents on rural routes should use return envelopes. Get them for any route in the county at 30 cents per 100 at The Gazette office.

LOCAL GLEANINGS

Hovis-Crumpton.

On Friday evening December 15th, at 8 o'clock, Mr. J. B. Hovis, of Stanley, and Miss Mattie Crumpton of Gastonia, were united in marriage by Esquire Thomas S. White at his home on East Main avenue.

Stockholders to Meet.

Notices were mailed out yesterday morning by Secretary and Treasurer E. G. McLurd of the Gastonia Mutual Building & Loan Association giving notice of the annual stockholders meeting which will be held in the city hall on Thursday, January 4, 1912, at 3:30 o'clock p. m.

Rifle Shoot in May.

It will be of interest to our readers to know that the annual rifle shoot of the North Carolina National Guard for this section of the State will be held in Gastonia again next May. The meet held here last May was in every way a most pleasant and successful one and it is gratifying to know that Gastonia was again selected as the place for the meet.

Military Inspection.

Capt. A. J. Daughtery, U. S. A., who has been detailed by the War Department to the inspection and instruction of the North Carolina National Guard, will spend the last week of January with Company "B", First N. C. Infantry, known as the "Gaston Guards." There will be special drills in the armory in the Adams building every night, and special instruction in military tactics.

Death at Old Mill.

Mrs. George D. Harmon died yesterday morning at 10 o'clock at her home, No. 412 North Mill street, near the Old Mill, death resulting from blood poison. Deceased was about 20 years old and is survived by her husband. Funeral services were conducted at the home this morning at 10 o'clock by Rev. W. C. Barrett, pastor of the First Baptist church, following which interment was made in Hollywood cemetery. Mr. Harmon is an operative at the Old Mill.

Mrs. Nathan Jenkins Dead.

At 8 o'clock last night at her home at the Dunn Mill Mrs. Martha Jane Jenkins, wife of Mr. Nathan D. Jenkins, died after an illness of several months with cancer. Mrs. Jenkins was born January 11, 1851, and was hence nearly 62 years of age. She is survived by her husband and one daughter, Mrs. Nannie Dover, by five brothers and one half-brother, all of whom live in the county. The funeral was held at the home at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon, followed by interment at Long Creek Baptist church, of which the deceased had been a member for many years.

Sells His Cotton Crop.

Mr. E. Perry Lewis, of route two, the originator of the now widely-known Lewis Long Staple Cotton, last week disposed of the remainder of his 1911 crop. He raised this year only 14 bales, the crop being small on account of the very dry weather experienced. He sold this cotton at from 18 1-2 to 22 cents per lb. to Mr. R. L. Stowe, of the Imperial Mill at Belmont, and Mr. L. F. Groves, of the Flint Manufacturing Company, Gastonia. Elsewhere in today's Gazette Mr. Lewis advertises a limited amount of seed for sale. In Friday's issue of The Gazette we will have some interesting facts to give our readers about this well-known and popular cotton. Lack of time and space prevents its publication today.

Issues a New Directory.

Decidedly the handsomest and most convenient telephone directory ever issued by the Piedmont Telephone & Telegraph Co. is the one dated December 15th, now being distributed from the general offices of the company here. In issuing this directory the company made some radical departures from former customs. It is printed on cardboard instead of paper which makes the pages easier to turn and the book more durable. A very valuable feature is the addition in this issue of the street numbers to all the names. The names are in light face type and the numbers in black face. The physicians' names are in bold-face type. Another new and serviceable feature is a page devoted to a list of tolls from Gastonia to various points on this and other systems. Besides Gastonia this directory contains the lists for Bessemer City, Bowling Green, Dallas, High Shoals, Harden, Lowell, Mayesworth, McAdenville, Stanley and Spencer Mountain. This directory furnishes quite a lot of information very valuable to business men, traveling men and others who desire to learn who the city officials, physicians, etc. are and where they may be found. Here are the names and addresses of the mayor, aldermen and all other city officials, secretaries of the clubs, etc. It was very carefully compiled and the information it contains is reliable. This directory was gotten out by the Gazette Publishing Company, of Gastonia.

ROSS NEGROES HERE

John and Will Ross, Two of the Negroes Suspected of Murder of Mr. and Mrs. John Dixon, Brought to County Jail Here—Hack Ross in Charlotte Jail—Witnesses Held at Shelby—Developments in Sensational Murder Case.

John and Will Ross, who together with Hack Ross, all negroes, are suspected of being the murderers of Mr. and Mrs. John Dixon near Lawndale, Cleveland county, last Tuesday night, were brought from Charlotte to Gastonia on No. 11 Saturday and placed for safe keeping in the county jail here. They were put in separate cells where they could not communicate with each other. Though it was known that they were to be brought here on that train there was no large crowd to see them and no demonstration was made. Hack Ross was left in the Mecklenburg county jail at Charlotte, the three having been removed from Shelby Friday to prevent the possibility of lynching.

Though there was some talk on the streets Saturday regarding the possibility of a mob dealing out summary penalty to these negroes, no attempt was made along that line. Into the wee sm' hours of Sunday morning there were small bunches of men here and there but the mob spirit was absent.

Before the men were spirited away from Shelby to avert a lynching, John Ross made a confession to Sheriff Wilkins in which he stated that Will Ross had confessed to him that he, Will, committed the crime and telling how it was done. That they have the guilty person or persons in the five or six negroes now in jail in Gastonia, Charlotte and Shelby the officers feel confident. The work of securing the evidence to unravel the mystery is now being prosecuted with strong hopes of success in being able to put the guilt where it belongs. The latest arrest in the case is that of Bert Gardner, a Cleveland county negro arrested and placed in the Shelby jail Sunday as a witness. Gardner claims to have overheard John and Hack Ross planning the murder at a corn-shucking at Mark Beam's three or four weeks beforehand. Gardner is an old negro and is well thought of in Cleveland county.

There does not seem to be much doubt that the crime was committed by one or more of the Ross negroes. Governor Kitchin has called a special term of Cleveland Superior court to convene January 8th for the trial of these negroes and the public hopes that the guilty one or ones will be speedily convicted and sent to the electric chair.

An Oyster Supper.

There will be an oyster supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Falls near Crowders Creek on Christmas night. This is an annual event given by the Young Peoples Christian Union of the Crowders Creek Associate Reformed Presbyterian church. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

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Largest stock of Christmas toys in town at O'Neil's.

Marriage Licenses.

Since Friday the following marriage licenses have been issued. Jerome Allison, of Mt. Holly, and Ada Joy, of Stanley; Elzy Kendrick and Georgia Potts, of High Shoals; Alexander McConnell, of Stanley, and Mazie Rankin, of Mount Holly; Oscar Pearson and Artie May Plyler, of Gastonia; R. C. Richardson, of South Carolina, and Johnnie Lineberger, of Mount Holly.

If it's for Christmas you'll find it at O'Neil's.

Ends Winter's Troubles.

To many, winter is a season of trouble. The frost-bitten toes and fingers, chapped hands and lips, chilblains, cold-sores, red and rough skins, prove this. But such troubles fly before Bucklen's Arnica Salve. A trial convinces. Greatest healer of Burns, Bolls, Piles, Cuts, Sores, Bruises, Eczema and Sprains. Only 25c at J. H. Kennedy & Co's.

Santa Claus has headquarters at O'Neil's. The place to get your holiday goods.

New Money for Holidays.

The Citizens National Bank has a lot of bright new money for the holiday seasons, in gold, silver and currency. The gold is in \$2.50 pieces up. At Christmas time there are always numbers of persons who want new money to give as presents and to accommodate them, the Citizens Bank every year lays in a supply at this season. If you want new money see this bank.

O'Neil's is the children's store. Everything in Christmas toys and goods.

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