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NEWS FROM NEARBY TOWNS

AGED LADY DEAD.

Miss Emeline Amanda Henderson Succumbs to Attack of Pneumonia Funeral and Burial at Mt. Holly Wednesday — Left Considerable Property — Was Life-Time Member of Presbyterian Church.

Miss Emeline Amanda Henderson, daughter of the late James A. Henderson and wife, died Tuesday, the 19th, at Mount Holly, from pneumonia. Deceased was in her 75th year, having been born October 5, 1837, near Rozelle's ferry in Riverbend township, this county. Surviving are one brother, Mr. Francis Augustus Henderson, of Charlotte, and one sister, Mrs. W. I. Friday, of Charlotte. In early life she joined the Presbyterian church and had remained a loyal and consistent member till death. Her membership was in the Mount Holly church. Funeral services were held Wednesday at noon, being conducted by her pastor, Rev. S. L. Cathey. Interment was made in the Mt. Holly cemetery. The pallbearers were Messrs. June Springs, Ed Dunn, John Tucker, John Hoover, John Holland and Willis Holland.

Miss Henderson was stricken with a severe case of pneumonia four weeks ago. During her illness her brother and sister and his niece, Mrs. Irene Lineberger, of Lincoln, were constantly at her bedside. Miss Henderson was possessed of considerable property which she inherited from her parents. It is known that she left a will disposing of this property but it has not become publicly known in what manner she disposed of it. Deceased was an excellent woman and was held in the highest esteem at Mount Holly where she had lived for many years.

The Christmas entertainment at Main Street Methodist church will be held tomorrow night at 7 o'clock. Besides the program of songs, recitations, etc., there will be a Christmas tree and Santa Claus will distribute presents to the Sunday school children.

AT THE CHURCHES.

The Christmas entertainment at St. Mark's Episcopal church will be held tomorrow night at 7 o'clock. A very attractive program of songs and recitations will be rendered, after which presents will be distributed from the Christmas tree. The regular Christmas communion service will be held at midnight Sunday night.

There will be services next Sunday morning at the Lutheran Chapel at 10:30, with an offering for the orphan's home at Salem, Va. Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock there will be services in the Gastonia Lutheran church and on the same day at 7 p. m. services will be held in the Bessemer City church. Christmas services will be held at the two last-named places.

TELEPHONE IN COURT HOUSE.

Piedmont Telephone & Telegraph Co. to Install Booth in Court House for Benefit of Subscribers Desiring Service to the Court House.

On January the 1st the Piedmont Telephone & Telegraph Company will install a telephone booth in the lobby of the Gaston county court house. The booth and equipment have been ordered and will be installed as soon as they arrive. This is an important move on the part of the local telephone company and one that will be appreciated by its patrons.

There are some regulations about the use of the phone. It is only for regular subscribers. The service for those desiring parties in the court house will be free, but for those in the court house desiring to phone anywhere in town the toll will be five cents. To out-of-town destinations the regular toll will be charged. It is desired that this distinction be noted by the townspeople.

In the following counties the P. T. & T. Co. has from one to four phones in the court house: Catawba, Cleveland, Mecklenburg, York, Cherokee, Lincoln, Rutherford, Gaston county's court house is the only one so far that has no phone. Before removal to Gastonia there were two phones in the court house.

This booth is being installed at a cost of from \$60 to \$75 and will prove a great convenience to persons desiring to speak to county officials in the court house. The manager of the local exchange says that there are at least 50 long-distance calls per month from out-of-town lawyers, business firms, etc., who do not know that Gaston county does not afford to her officials a telephone in their offices.

Left Out.

Because of a large amount of extra matter to handle for this issue our Mount Holly and Bessemer City letters, together with some local and general matter of interest, is carried over till our next issue.

The first northbound train since No. 12 yesterday passed through Gastonia this afternoon at 2:30. It was the first section of No. 44. The track is clear and others will follow shortly.

NOTICE TO CLUB-MAKERS.

All contestants who are at work for the 42-piece Dinner Set which The Gazette is offering as a premium for a club of ten subscribers, are urgently requested to send in subscriptions as they secure them. At least write us on a postal card, giving the names of subscribers who have renewed with you, for this reason: Quite a large number of subscriptions expire Jan. 1, and if these renewals do not reach us by that date the papers will be discontinued. New subscriptions sent in now will also be started at once.

GAZETTE PUBLISHING CO.

A Pretty Calendar.

Decidedly the prettiest nineteen-twelve calendar yet sent to The Gazette office by any local merchant is that being given out by Padgett Brothers, tailors. It is reproduced by color photography from an original painting by Mr. J. Ross Bryson, America's foremost artist in pastel. The subject being "Beatrice." It is an art study of very great beauty and will undoubtedly be preserved throughout the entire year by all to whom it is presented.

Mr. Faures to Aberdeen.

Mr. E. C. Faures, the efficient secretary and treasurer of the North Carolina Farmers' Union, will after January 15th have his offices in Aberdeen, Moore county, the change being necessitated by the fact that the larger part of the membership of the organization is located in the eastern part of the State. Mr. Faures has sold his farm near Kings Mountain and will move with his family shortly to his new home. Gaston county and this section of the State generally regret very much to lose this valuable citizen.

To Hold Banquet.

An event which promises to be very enjoyable is the banquet to be given Friday night, December 29th, by the Gaston county alumni of the University of North Carolina. There are quite a number of University men in Gastonia and Gaston county. Reply post cards have been sent to all U. N. C. men in the county urging each to attend. The local committee is as follows: George B. Mason, chairman; Carl G. Carpenter and F. L. Wetzel. The banquet will probably be held in the Commercial Club rooms and will be strictly informal, judging from the fact that "no ladies, outsiders or open-front suits will be allowed."

Found Dead in Woods.

Coroner R. L. Wilson and Squire W. Meek Adams were called late yesterday afternoon to a point about one and one-half miles South of Bessemer City to view the body of a colored man which had been found in the woods. It was found to be the body of Calvin McDowell, a negro who had no relatives and who made his home at various houses in the neighborhood. He was said to have been complaining for the past few days and probably froze to death Wednesday night while wandering in the woods. The coroner did not summon a jury, it being evident that the man came to his death from natural causes. The body was turned over to certain of the deceased's colored neighbors and was buried at Bessemer City today.

Christmas goods at Settlemeyers, Loray store.

Personal Mention.

—Mr. S. J. Durham, of Bessemer City, was among the visitors in town Wednesday.

—Miss Annie Glenn returned last night from the State Normal College at Greensboro to spend the holidays with homefolks.

—Mr. James Williams, of McConnellsville, S. C., passed through Gastonia yesterday en route to his home from Davidson College where he is a student.

—Misses Mildred and Susie Rankin, students at the Greensboro State Normal arrived home this morning to spend the holidays.

—Misses Carrie and Mabel Potts, teachers in the local schools left yesterday to spend the holidays at their home in Steele Creek, Mecklenburg county.

—Miss Myrtle Rusmissele arrived in Gastonia Wednesday night to spend a day or so with her sister, Miss Annie Rusmissele. Both leave today for Waynesboro, Md., to spend the holidays.

—Mr. Tom Abernethy, who holds a responsible position in the accounting department of the Appalachian Power Co., Bluefield, W. Va., will spend the holidays in Gastonia with homefolks.

—Misses Margaret Query, Maud and Fannie Stroup, and Rena Harrell, students at the Presbyterian College, Charlotte, passed through Gastonia Wednesday en route to their homes in Clover and Yorkville.

—Catawba County News, 19th: Mr. Walter Hatchford, of Dallas, has carried Mrs. Ratchford, a sister of Mr. Commodore Drum, to Baltimore for treatment. She had been in Charlotte for some time. Five physicians have failed to discover the nature of her illness.

—Mr. T. Wesley Bradley, who lives in West Gastonia, killed a hog Wednesday which weighed 683 pounds. It was two years, four months and eleven days old, and Mr. Bradley had intended to fatten it until it would weigh 700 pounds, but took advantage of the cold snap Wednesday to have his "hog-killing" and missed the mark by only a few pounds.

IN SOCIETY.

SECRET MARRIAGE AT MOUNT HOLLY.

News of a secret marriage performed at Mount Holly several weeks ago by Rev. S. L. Cathey, pastor of the Presbyterian church there, has just come to light. The contracting parties were Miss Anna McCall and Mr. Morris G. Lay, both of Lowell. The ceremony was performed Sunday, November 26th.

KIRBY-GILKIE ANNOUNCEMENT.

The following from yesterday's Charlotte Chronicle will be of interest to Gastonia society:

Invitations reading as follows are being sent out today:

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Kirby invite you to be present at the marriage of their daughter

Hattie to Mr. W. K. Marvin Gilkey on Thursday, the fourth of January at six o'clock

411 North Graham street Charlotte, North Carolina.

Miss Kirby is a sister of Mr. M. F. Kirby, Jr., of the Swan-Slater Co. at whose home she has visited frequently. A host of Gastonia friends will be interested in the above announcement.

MUSIC CLUB WITH MISS TORRENCE.

The Music Club held its regular December meeting Wednesday afternoon with Miss Marie Torrence. The subject for the afternoon was "Schubert," and a very delightful program from this famous master was carried out as follows: Vocal solo, Miss Jane Morris; "By the Sea"; Violin solo, Schubert's "Serenade," by Miss Lillian Atkins; vocal solo, "The Erl King," by Miss Marie Torrence; piano solo, March Militaire, by Mrs. A. C. Jones; Schubert's a biographical sketch by Miss Lowry Shuford.

Following the rendition of the above delicious refreshments were served after which a musical contest was held. Miss Lillian Atkins won the prize, a mandolin-shaped box of candy. The idea carried out in the distribution of favors was very unique, each guest being presented with a miniature instrument which in the eyes of the hostess was deemed most appropriate for her.

STEVENSON-MOFFATT MARRIAGE.

The following taken from The Chester Reporter will be read with interest in Gastonia: "A wedding of interest to a great many was solemnized at the A. R. P. parsonage on York street Tuesday evening, when Mr. R. M. Stevenson, Jr., of Charlotte, and Miss Josie Moffatt were quietly united in marriage. Rev. D. G. Phillips, D. D., performing the ceremony in the presence of a few friends and relatives.

"The groom is the son of Dr. R. M. Stevenson, of Due West, editor of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian and is in the employ of the Southern Cotton Oil Company with headquarters in Charlotte while the bride has often visited at the home of her guardian, Mr. Joseph B. Wiley in this city and has many friends here."

The groom, Mr. Stevenson, is a former Gastonian, having been connected with the local branch of the Southern Cotton Oil Company in the capacity of general manager. The Gazette joins with his host of friends here in extending to him heartiest congratulations.

LINEBERGER-RICHARDSON MARRIAGE AT MT. HOLLY.

The following from the Mount Holly correspondence of the Evening Chronicle will be of interest to Gazette readers:

Last evening at 8 o'clock a wedding of unusual interest was solemnized at the Lutheran church when Miss Johnnie Belle Lineberger became the wife of Mr. Robert Clinton Richardson.

Promptly at the hour the ushers, Messrs. Henry Lineberger and T. A. Dunn, entered to the strains of music most sweetly rendered by Mrs. W. J. Boger, at the organ and Mr. W. J. Holland with the violin. Then followed the bridesmaid, Miss Maggie Mitchell, of Charlotte, who wore blue messaline and carried white carnations and ferns, with the groomsmen, Mr. Guy Howard. The groom followed with his best man, Mr. E. H. Jones, of Charlotte. Beautiful little Margaret Martin, of Charlotte, as flower girl, preceded the bride with her maid of honor, Miss Bertha Jenkins. The maid of honor wore cream messaline and carried pink carnations. The bride was most beautifully dressed in an exquisite gown of white satin trimmed with pearls and real lace. She carried a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. B. Lineberger and has a wide circle of friends. The groom holds a position with Stewart & Jones. Rev. W. J. Boger performed the ceremony.

How about a watch for that son? Torrence-Morris Co. can assist you in the selection.

Holiday Regulations.

On Christmas day the postoffice will be open from 8 till 9 in the morning and from 5 till 6 in the afternoon. The regular collections for street boxes will be made about 4 p. m.

If in doubt as to what to give that beau see Torrence-Morris Co.

SENATOR SMITH IN CASTONIA

Senator from the State of Georgia in Gastonia—On Delayed Train No. 29 and Breakfast at Falls House—Interviewed by Gazette Man and Talks Interestingly on Divers and Sundry Matters.

Without doubt the most distinguished personage that has been within the limits of Gastonia in a long time was Senator Hoke Smith from the good State of Georgia who arrived on belated train No. 29 some time in the wee sma' hours of last night and consequently was held up here this morning till the wreck of train No. 38 could be cleared away. He breakfasted at the Falls House.

Getting an inkling that there was something stirring in the news line and hungry for a scoop The Gazette man hastily snatching pad, pencil and raincoat hurried to the local hostelry where the distinguished Senator was satisfying his inner man.

Taking his nerve, as well as his pad in his hand, the newspaper man accosted Mr. Smith at the table and made himself and his mission known. "You just wait a minute young man, till I finish these buckwheat cakes. Here, waiter, hurry up with that butter and syrup!" quoth the genial Senator, his large round face wreathed in smiles. Accordingly the reporter meekly took a seat at the same table and waited while Mr. Smith finished his hot cakes with apparent relish. Going from the dining room into the lobby of the hotel, the Senator separated himself from a dime in return for a Nureka. Proffering The Gazette man one which was as promptly accepted, he seated himself by the glowing, red-hot stove and calmly enjoyed his smoke for a few minutes.

In size Mr. Smith is a huge man being six feet tall or more and strongly built, big-boned and of large features. He looks to weigh 200 or 225 pounds. His face is large, round and full; his eyes blue and rather small with a merry twinkle lurking in the corners; his smooth, clean-shaven countenance is open, frank and genial.

On being asked for an interview the Senator replied: "Well, I am not in the habit of talking to newspaper men. The last time I was reported for the paper the reporter put me down all wrong. It was, for The Charlotte Observer, too."

Receiving the assurance that he would get full justice in The Gazette the Senator lapsed into a rambling mood.

"I am a native of North Carolina and am proud of my Tar Heel blood. I was born in Newton, Catawba county, moved from there at eighteen months of age to Chapel Hill and back to Lincolnton when 12 years old. My mother was a sister of Gen. R. F. Hoke and a first cousin to Judge W. A. Hoke. The latter and I were bed-fellows in school together. I used to visit Lincolnton often, but have not been back in a long time. What is the population of your town here?"

On hearing the figures Mr. Smith was very much surprised. However, his eyes opened wide with wonder and amazement when it was told him that there were eighteen cotton mills here and 65 in the county. He seemed very interested in the cotton mill business.

Reverting to politics, the reporter queried him for some Washington gossip concerning the Sherwood Pension bill, the tariff legislation, the chances for both Democratic and Republican nominations for the presidency in 1912.

He was loath to talk on this subject, but being a natural born politician and well informed on every detail, he let a few remarks slip which were eagerly gathered by the group of men sitting around.

"So the Southern newspapers are roasting the House for its stand on the Pension bill, are they? Well, I cannot explain their action. The Senate has not yet acted on this bill and I am unable to say how they will vote, but," he added with a mischievous twinkle and a broad smile, "I am dead sure of how one Senator is going to vote!"

This was all that he would say about the pension steal. A subject near and dear to every Democrat's heart—the question of who will be nominated for the presidency by the next Democratic national convention—being broached, Mr. Smith was reticent. However, he expressed himself on this wise:

"Personally I favor Woodrow Wilson for the nomination. But Governor Harmon has a strong following in Washington."

"What about the chances of Speaker Clark and Representative Underwood?" he was asked.

"Well, if there is to be a contention between these two men for the nomination, there will be less chance for strong cohesive work among the party leaders than if the nomination centered on one strong man like Wilson or Harmon. Clark, has however, injured himself in the South by his vote on the Pension bill. How does Harmon stand in North Carolina?" he asked. Receiving the reply that the Ohio governor had made many friends in this State on the occasion of his recent visit to Raleigh at the dedication of the auditorium, Senator Smith ventured the assertion that there was about an even draw between Wilson and Harmon.

"What does Washington say about Taft's chances for renomination?" he was asked.

"Well, the prevailing sentiment is that he will receive the nomination. But LaFollette from Wisconsin has his admirers and adherents also. But this question of the nominee for the

NO. 38 WRECKED

Washington, Atlanta and New Orleans Limited Goes in Ditch at Kings Mountain—Stray Brake-Beam the Cause—No One Injured —Traffic Badly Delayed.

Southern passenger train No. 38, known as the Washington, Atlanta and New Orleans Limited, north-bound was badly wrecked at Kings Mountain last night at 7:30 o'clock and as a consequence traffic on this division of the Southern was badly crippled last night and today.

Fortunately no one was injured, this being due to a combination of circumstances. The wreck occurred in a deep and narrow cut in the eastern limits of the town of Kings Mountain and the cars, instead of turning over entirely, leaped up against the banks. They were steel cars, which probably accounts more than anything else for the fact that no one was injured. Then the engineer, observing the laws of the town of Kings Mountain, was running only 20 miles an hour or less. Had the wreck occurred a couple of hundred yards further east the entire train would undoubtedly have gone down a steep embankment and the loss of life would have been heavy.

The train was in charge of Engineer Will Kizziah and Conductor Tom A. Rainey.

The wreck was caused by a stray brake-beam which is thought to have been left on the track by the crew of a freight train which went north a short while before No. 38. The engine passed over it and did not leave the track. The mail, baggage, dining and parlor cars together with three or four Pullman's left the track and the latter turned over against the embankment. The track was badly torn up for the length of the train.

Though no one was injured, all of the two hundred passengers were more or less shaken up and were badly frightened especially after they began to realize how narrow had been their escape from death.

A relief train from Charlotte bearing Traveling Passenger Agent R. H. DeButts, other train officials and a number of physicians from Charlotte and Gastonia was sent to the scene as quickly as possible. It passed Gastonia shortly after nine o'clock and there were a hundred or more men at the depot wanting to go to the wreck but were denied the privilege. A dozen or so Gastonians, including a couple of newspaper men, got on. At the scene of the wreck the passengers from No. 38 were transferred to this train and taken on to Charlotte. It reached Gastonia shortly after midnight.

A Christmas suggestion—a diamond ring or brooch from Torrence-Morris Co.'s jewelry store.

Report That Milas Partlow's Children Were Insured in Metropolitan Untrue—Rumor Had Gained Universal Credence.

Yesterday afternoon's Charlotte carried an interesting bit of news to the effect that Milas Partlow's children were not insured in the Charlotte branch of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. The statement that they were insured for \$2,000 had gained universal credence in this section and Partlow's desire for the insurance money has been assigned as the motive for the attempted dastardly crime last September.

Mr. Nichols, the division superintendent of the insurance company said, however, that frequently industrial life insurance policies were often held at the sub-offices, not being passed to the Charlotte branch. At any rate, no record of Partlow's alleged insurance could be found among the files in the Charlotte office.

The above facts are in the negro's favor and may be taken for what they are worth.

Church Social at Belmont.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church at Belmont will have a bazaar or supper next Friday night, December 29th, the proceeds to go to the funds of the Missionary Society. Oysters, salads, cake, coffee and other delicacies will be served. The supper will be held in the W. O. W. hall in the Gullick building.

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

presidency from both parties is an unknown quantity as yet. It will largely depend on what Congress does during the next two months and the biggest issue before the national legislative body after the re-convening in January will be the tariff legislation.

Here the Senator balked and refused to discuss politics any longer. He seemed particularly interested in Gaston county's growth for the past few years and especially along manufacturing lines. The long-staple cotton interested him, an editorial in today's Charlotte Observer on Gaston's cotton having caught his eye. He inquired diligently into the origin and development of it, the quality of yarn and cloth made from it and how it compared with other varieties of long staple.

The Senator's train was about ready to pull out and he began to make ready for his departure. He impressed very favorably, all those who heard him talk, as being a man of generous disposition, broad, liberal views and sound judgment.

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