

NEWS FROM NEARBY TOWNS

IRON STATION NEWS.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
IRON STATION, Jan. 10. — Miss Eva Dellinger returned last week to Durham to resume her duties as teacher in the city schools. — Mr. Charlie Stroup moved his family from their country home to the village last week. — Mr. D. A. Troutman spent last Saturday in Charlotte. — Mr. E. I. Rhyne is in Lincolnton today on business. — Miss Edith Robinson and brother, Roso, spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives at Alexis. — Misses Agnes and Lena Dellinger, of Lincolnton, spent several days here last week visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Hovis. — Mr. Lee Howard, of Alexis, spent Saturday and Sunday with his brother, Mr. George Howard. — Friday the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Killian, who live on route one, and took from them their little daughter, Ruth, aged three and a half years. Ruth was a bright and intelligent little girl and was loved by every one who knew her. She was too pure for this world, so God called her home to be in the arms of Jesus who said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Little Ruth was only sick one week from scarlet fever. This is particularly sad in view of the fact that it was their only child. The funeral services were conducted Sunday at Asbury church by Rev. Mr. Robinson, of Lincolnton, and the body was laid to rest in the church cemetery nearby. The parents have the sympathy of all our people. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Dellinger, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Goode, Messrs. Luther Armstrong and D. A. Troutman attended the funeral. — Dr. Pressley, of Charlotte, was called to see Mrs. J. M. Rendleman last Thursday. — Mr. Jim Cansler, of Stanley, is spending some time with friends here. — Mr. Carl Rudisill has returned home from Florida. — Miss Minnie Friday, after spending some time with her parents, has returned to Charlotte. — Mr. Adren Lineberger, after spending some time with his grandmother, returned to his home in Lincolnton Sunday.

MILUS PARTLOW HERE.

Much Wanted and Talked-About Negro Charged With Attempt to Wreck C. & N.-W. Train Brought from Charlotte.—Mr. Johnson Pays \$50 Reward.

At last, Milus Partlow is here. This much wanted and much talked-about negro is now resting behind the bars of the county jail here awaiting trial on a charge of attempting to wreck northbound passenger train No. 10 on the Carolina & North-Western Railway at the Crowders Creek trestle September 19th last. Partlow was brought from Charlotte yesterday afternoon on No. 41 by Policeman Hord, of Gastonia, who was accompanied on the trip by Mr. S. N. Johnson, of York county.

Much has been said about Partlow and his being held by the city authorities of Charlotte but these details need not be gone over again here. Suffice it to say they refused to give him up to the Gaston county authorities, the supposition being that they hoped to get a good part of the rewards totalling \$400 or more for his arrest and conviction. Mr. Johnson yesterday paid them the sum of \$50, a reward which he offered for Partlow in connection with this case soon after the attempted crime. Mr. Johnson is the prosecuting witness in the case and swore out the warrant here for him a few days after the occurrence. He and his son, Constable H. L. Johnson, worked up the evidence against Partlow. Sheriff McLean this morning served the warrant on the negro and he will be tried at the next term of court.

It is understood that Mr. Johnson and the Gaston officials took the matter up with the Governor who referred it to the attorney general. He, in turn, referred it to Solicitor Wilson who instructed that he be turned over to the Gaston officials.

Thus endeth the first chapter in the Milus Partlow case.

The ladies of the Gastonia Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, have decided not to hold the usual celebration of Lee-Jackson Day this year. This decision was reached mainly on account of the fact that the inclement weather and extremely bad condition of the country roads would make it almost if not quite impossible for many veterans to attend, and others might unduly expose themselves in attending in spite of the bad weather. It is planned to make the celebration of the Tenth of May this year the best occasion of its kind the chapter has ever held. As announced elsewhere, however, the custodian of crosses of honor will be at the Library on next Friday, the 19th, to bestow crosses on any veterans who are entitled to them and wish to get them on that day.

AGED LADY DEAD.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Mitchell Passes at Bessemer City at Advanced Age—Personal Items.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
BESSEMER CITY, Jan. 11.—Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Mitchell, mother of our townsman, Mr. C. A. Mitchell, died at the home of her son here Saturday night about 6 o'clock. Mrs. Mitchell had been in an enfeebled condition for some months. She would have been 76 years of age the 24th of March. Her noble Christian life made her death but a peaceful sleep in Jesus. Her request was that she be buried in the old home church yard at Hagood, Sumpter county, S. C. This request was complied with and her son, Mr. C. A. Mitchell, accompanied the remains to Hagood Sabbath morning where interment took place Tuesday. It may well be said of her, "It is well with her soul."
Rev. J. F. Harrelson spent Wednesday afternoon in Cherryville. — Mr. Joseph J. Gamble and Miss Belle Clemmer were married at the A. R. P. manse January 7th by Rev. R. R. Caldwell. — A Mrs. Ross had the misfortune to fall on the ice Monday and break one of her lower limbs. — Mr. D. Lee Payne is happy over the safe arrival of a daughter Friday, the 5th inst.—Professor D. C. Johnson is expecting to be able to resume his classes in the school Monday. — Mr. R. C. Kennedy has purchased a fine young horse from Mr. W. P. Morrow. — Mr. C. A. Mitchell will at an early date give the running of his store here into the hands of his daughter, Miss Mattie, and he will likely travel for the Eagle Clothing Co., of Mooresville.

COURT GRINDS SLOWLY.

A Few Cases Go Off the Docket — Laura J. Featherstone Gets Verdict Against Lowell Cotton Mills for \$2,000—Other Cases Disposed of.

Gaston County Superior Court which convened Monday morning in special session for the trial of civil cases has been in regular session since with Judge B. F. Long, of Statesville, presiding. The term will continue through next week, though at the present rate there will be at that time still a number of cases untied. Progress is slow.

So far the following cases have been disposed of:

H. G. Link vs. H. S. Sellers, judgment for plaintiff for \$60.45.

Nannie Vetch vs. Zeb Hopper, defendant Zeb Hopper called and failed to appear and answer; judgment nisi for plaintiff and capias, nisi for issue for the sureties, W. B. Arthurs, W. L. Handzell and R. A. Love.

Foley & Co. vs. J. P. Allen; plaintiffs vs. defendant; judgment for plaintiff for \$200.00.

L. C. Lowe vs. T. E. Shuford, sheriff, and others, continued.

B. F. Leonhardt and Groves-Stowe Co. vs. Amos L. Smith, continued.

W. G. Rutledge vs. A. Mac Henderson, administrator of A. R. Henderson, deceased; judgment in favor of defendant.

Laura J. Featherstone vs. Lowell Cotton Mills; plaintiff awarded \$2,000 damages for injuries sustained in defendant company's mill.

J. L. Vandye vs. D. A. Garrison; adjudged by the court that plaintiff has been guilty of laches; judgment against plaintiff and his sureties for costs up to and including this term of court; continued upon payment of costs.

State of North Carolina and Lucy Braswell vs. Walker Faulkner; judgment against defendant.

L. A. Bangle vs. W. B. Mull; case continued out of court by counsel who are non-residents of this county and no orders heretofore made are modified.

Court opened this morning with argument in the case of Alfred O. Silver vs. North Carolina Railroad Company.

Bessemer Route Two News.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
BESSEMER CITY, R. F. D. 2, Jan. 10.—The snow and sleet which fell in this section Saturday night and Monday is melting some but very slowly. It has been rather slick on top and a lot of people have gotten some very hard falls.

The Young Men's Country Club was organized the 27th of December at Houser's old store, three miles west of Bessemer City with six members. The club met again Friday night and eight more members were taken in. We hope to be running in order before long.

Mr. S. L. Kiser was a business visitor in Gastonia Monday.—Mr. Jacob Harmon spent Saturday and Sunday with his cousin, Mr. Luther Kiser.—Miss Beulah Kiser spent yesterday with her aunt, Mrs. D. A. Stroup.—Mr. Jesse Caldwell, of Cherryville, spent yesterday with Miss Zona Stroup.—Mr. Columbus Harmon spent Saturday and Sunday with his uncle, Mr. Charles Harmon, at Bessemer City.

OUR HONOR ROLL.

A List of Recent New Subscriptions and Renewals to The Gazette — Our Special Premium Offer for Clubs of Ten Subscribers Proving Quite Popular.

Since our last list was published a few weeks ago a very large number of new subscriptions and renewals have come in, very many of them being turned in by persons who are working for the handsome dinner set which we are offering for ten yearly subscriptions or their equivalent. This offer is proving quite popular, and a number of contestants are actively at work to secure the necessary ten subscriptions, besides those who have already gotten them. The following have made payments on subscription since last report:

Rev. B. L. Stroup, N. G. Todd, R. V. Self, Dr. J. M. Caldwell, J. F. Pursley, Alfred Ferguson, L. H. Jackson, S. L. Parham, E. H. Adams, W. M. Crawford, J. A. Crawford, Mrs. L. J. Parham, R. A. Falls, Henry Ferguson, City Hospital, Mrs. M. L. Riddle, R. H. McCully, W. C. Petty, G. B. Petty, J. J. Wilson, J. L. Carroll, Miss Julia Carroll, J. W. Patrick, S. E. Ferguson, S. M. Wilson, S. J. Hand, C. J. Lineberger, Dr. H. M. Eddleman, Dr. D. E. McConnell, L. F. Wetzler, R. S. Harmon, E. S. Huffstetler, Mrs. L. A. Smith, J. L. Connell, J. M. Manor, Wright Torrence, T. L. Harrelson, R. A. Lynn, J. F. Starnes, B. G. Pearson, Mrs. G. T. Gamble, S. A. Lewis, Mrs. Ella Dixon, W. M. Nolan, A. C. Kiser, A. P. Deck, C. W. Service, Mrs. M. E. Wolfe, H. C. Fronberger, Jewett McArver, Mrs. J. S. Craig, Q. L. Rhyne, J. E. Mullen, R. C. Goode, Mrs. O. P. Rudisill, J. E. Crowland, J. S. Camp, T. M. Pearson, D. A. Jenkins, Mrs. B. L. Kendrick, R. Q. Howe, J. H. Dixon, J. G. Jenkins, Leslie B. Hoffman, Mrs. S. E. Mauney, Mrs. Wiley Hanna, J. L. Neill, Mrs. M. M. Neill, J. W. Culp, J. M. Best, R. H. Plyler, Mrs. Cynthia Johnson, F. S. Query, J. C. Harper, Geo. Bowen, Jerome Hagerity, Miss Mamie Stowe, W. S. Hanks, D. W. Wright, G. R. Groner, G. M. Gullick, G. W. Howell, S. T. Wilson, A. W. Wimerly, Mrs. H. L. Summit, W. D. Dameron, E. H. Rankin, J. L. Pettus, M. L. Stroup, J. W. Harrison, D. P. Hoffman, J. H. Carson, E. J. Rankin, R. A. Rankin, Chas. C. Hoffman, W. L. Voten, John P. Warren, Mrs. E. A. Rankin, C. B. Armstrong, Miss Emma Bowman, J. C. Morrow, Miss Floyd Morrow, L. C. Huffstetler, Miss Sallie Wilson, W. T. Torrence, Miss Mary Wilson, E. P. Brandon, S. L. Jenkins, J. R. Howe, B. L. Humphrey, C. Carpenter.

John J. Johnson, H. M. McAden, D. A. Lineberger, J. S. Jenkins, G. F. McLaughlin, T. P. Carson, Rev. B. A. Culin, W. F. Pearson, Mason McArvey, R. W. White, Lewis Glover, T. Wesley Bradley, A. E. Beam, S. E. Cornwell, J. P. Groves, Edna Killian, C. P. Robinson, Mrs. S. A. Crawford, J. Leroy Rhyne, Gilbert Broom, John M. Smith, P. L. Horsley, L. H. Kiser, Sam F. Adams, Mrs. Harriet Hanna, E. H. Clark, Mrs. M. M. Robinson, Mrs. D. R. LaFar, T. L. Clinton, The Efrid Co., W. S. Henry, R. S. Clinton, S. F. Glenn, P. R. Currence, T. A. Henry, J. N. Hanna, T. R. McArver, L. A. States, R. C. Ratchford, Amos Johnson, Abernethy-Shields Drug Co., Miss Stella Boyd, W. H. Dellinger, J. E. Wyatt, C. S. Brown, C. E. Huffstetler, W. B. Puett, S. P. Stowe, J. W. Stowe, R. L. Stowe, J. R. Gamble, F. P. Hall, W. B. Morris, Mrs. W. T. Falls, Mrs. T. G. Falls, Mrs. L. A. Rankin, R. C. Patrick, A. J. Smith, M. A. Carpenter, E. L. Wilson, B. W. Craig, R. C. McLean, Ed Whitesides, J. S. Walker, R. L. Garrison, J. B. Jackson, Oscar R. Rhyne, H. L. Rhyne, Dr. J. C. Gallows, A. R. Rankin, H. K. Roberts, G. S. Black, J. C. Warkman, J. L. Goodnight, Z. B. Smith, E. P. Rankin, Miss Ida Pursley, W. R. Rankin, W. C. Rarter, J. W. Pagan, C. W. Boyd, E. L. Lynch, E. D. Huffstetler, W. H. Howe, R. C. Robinson, E. B. Robinson, W. W. Mendenhall, J. Marshall Huffstetler, Mrs. E. B. Mendenhall, Miss Clara Glenn, G. R. Rhyne, H. D. Hanna, D. A. Stroup, A. F. Hoffman, J. S. Torrence, Thomas Pressly, L. S. Clemmer, J. A. Groves, Miss Ella Lewis, J. S. Whitefield, Miss Mattie Adams, Mrs. Hattie Lee, Wetzler Co., W. R. Turner, S. J. White, W. S. Grissom, George W. Green, S. W. Patrick, Leonard Henry, B. O. Shannon, Mrs. J. L. Rhodes, E. M. Pezram, E. L. Pegrum, W. R. Cannon, G. P. Caldwell, Mrs. J. H. Craig, Rev. John Hall, R. E. Johnson, W. L. Whitesides, C. P. Carpenter, Dr. W. H. Hoffman, Mrs. S. W. Hutchinson, Sam Ross, Bill Carothers, R. F. Glenn, Jim Lomax, Ellie Barber, Jim Barber, R. C. McGuirt, M. H. Hendrick, G. W. Smith, R. E. Caldwell, C. O. Long, J. H. Dover, J. F. Huffstetler, Joe S. Wray, Thos. S. Royster, W. H. Jenkins, Miss Josie Grissom, J. H. Pursley, M. P. Hoffman, J. W. Hill, R. Alexander, Dr. R. M. Reid, W. M. Little, W. T. Love, T. G. Rhyne, T. G. Hoffman, Robert L. Gardin, G. F. McKee, E. D. Kelly, R. A. Pearson, J. E. Lindsay, L. T. McLean, J. E. Huffstetler, J. M. Nolen, J. R. Henderson, N. A. Jenkins, J. R. Anderson, R. C. Kendrick, Miss Lena Wilson, B. W. C. Moore, L. L. Henderson, Mrs. R. P. Craig, J. J. Henry, T. L. Purdee, Jno M. Kendrick, S. E. Beam, J. L. Gaston, P. S. Carpenter, Rev. J. B. Pearson, T. P. Paris, S. M. Pearson, E. M. Miller.

ROSS SENTENCED TO DIE.

February 16th Date Set for Execution of John Ross, Self-Confessed Murderer of Mr. John Dixon.—Frank Gladden, White, on Trial for Murder of Mrs. Dixon.

Shelby special, 10th, to Charlotte Observer.

John Ross, confessed murderer of Mr. John Dixon on the night of December 12 at his home near Falls-ton, in the upper part of Cleveland county, was today sentenced by Judge James L. Webb, presiding over the special term of court ordered by Governor Kitchin to try the alleged murderers, to die in the electric chair at the State prison at Raleigh February 16. Frank Gladden, the white man who was implicated in John Ross' confession as the instigator of the diabolical crime, will be tried tomorrow, first on a charge of the murder of Mr. Dixon, in that he enticed him out of the house and to the barn for Ross to deal the death blow, and if the State fails to make out a case on this charge, he will be tried for the murder of Mrs. Dixon. Will Ross and Clifton Hoyle, who have been in jail the former charged with being a principal in the double murder and the latter held as a material witness, were this afternoon released from custody.

The jury was out just fifty minutes in the Ross case. They made up their verdict in the jury room, a few feet from the jury box, and while they deliberated, the crowded mass of people in the court house discussed the unexpected climax of the case, when Sheriff D. D. Wilkins went on the stand yesterday afternoon and told of John Ross' voluntary confession that "I killed John Dixon and Frank Gladden killed Miss Clayton."

As he faced the jurors, Mr. Carme Flam spoke the fatal word and his fellowmen gave their assent by a nod of the head. John Ross did not avert his eyes, nor did he flinch. He was perfectly calm and collected. After he had taken his seat he chatted and laughed with those who crowded about him. A low murmur went over the court room and the business of the day was resumed.

The condemned man did not change the least when death sentence was pronounced, but after he was taken to the cell at 5 o'clock and Deputy Whitworth gave him a cany of tobacco and bid him good-bye, Ross broke down and sobbed like a child. This is the first time he has shown the least realization of his awful fate. He maintained on the way to jail that he told Sheriff Wilkins the correct story and the story he would have told had his lawyers allowed him to go on the stand, as he wanted to do yesterday. "I killed Mr. Dixon and Frank Gladden killed Miss Clayton."

Will Ross and Clifton Hoyle were brought from the jail and Solicitor Wilson told the court that the State had been unable to find any evidence against them and ordered their dismissal. The grateful negroes repeated their innocence and thanked the court as they turned from the court room. They were stopped on the streets and questioned about various matters by curious people and in a short while left for their homes, near the scene of the tragedy.

Frank Gladden was brought into the court room by three officers and he showed signs of extreme nervousness. He is a tall, well-dressed man, about 30 years of age, but has a hard face and a reputation that will work against him in his defense. He was a painter and farmer by trade, but a few days after the tragedy his conduct was suspicious and he moved to Shelby, where he rented a barber shop and donned the best clothes he had. The State will contend that he knew something of the \$500 Mr. Dixon was to get that week and that his purpose in committing the deed was robbery. Mr. Dixon's purse containing \$25 or \$30 was missing from his dead body and John Ross says Gladden told him that he needed the money to move on, but that he would give him \$100, if he would lay the crime on Will and Hack Ross, whom they knew had unsatisfactory dealings with Mr. Dixon about a mule and a hog. Gladden is married and has three children. His father is a respectable citizen in that neighborhood, and he is fighting for the life of his son, even if it costs his little plantation.

Visitors From the West.

Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Settlemyer, of Neosho Falls, Kansas, and Mr. Monroe Settlemyer, of Yate Center, Kansas, who have been visiting relatives at Gaffney, are expected to arrive in Gastonia tomorrow on a week's visit to their brother, Mr. S. Settlemyer, the popular Loray merchant. The Messrs. Settlemyer went to Kansas from Catawba county forty-five years ago, and this is their first visit back to this State within that time. From here they will go to Troutman, in Iredell county, to spend a week with another brother, Mr. Julius Settlemyer, from there to Newton to visit a sister, Mrs. Cicero Klein, and then to Morraonton to spend a week with another sister, Mrs. Ellen Klein. These are the only remaining members of the immediate family in this section.

The Charlotte fire department has again proved itself equal to any emergency. During the recent sleet and ice-storm it called into requisition one of Barringer's huge Packard motor-cars which was temporarily transformed into a motor-truck. On the initial trip it did valiant service.

WORKED CLEVER RUSE.

Gastonia Officers Used Novel Plan in Case of Ross Negroes Whose Every Movement in Jail Was Detected—Scheme Devised by Mr. R. B. Babington Helped Largely to Solve Dixon Murder Case.

Though they did not know it—did not even dream of it—every word spoken and every move made by Will John and Hack Ross, the three Cleveland county negroes who were confined in the Gaston county jail awaiting trial for the murder of Mr. and Mrs. John Dixon at Shelby, was known to the local officers. The men having in charge these suspects were neither in sight nor hearing of the prisoners but nevertheless their words and movements were detected down to the minutest details.

It was all done by a simple device but one which, the newspaper man is informed, has never before been used except on one or two occasions by Detective Burns, the famous sleuth who ran down the McNamara's, who are now, as a result, safe behind the bars in San Quentin prison. The credit for hitting upon this plan, which resulted in securing valuable information in this murder case, is due Jailer Bob Rhyne, Mr. R. B. Babington, general manager of the Piedmont Telephone & Telegraph Co., Sheriff Wilkins, and Chief Carroll and his assistants at the city hall.

One of the three negroes, John Ross, has since been tried and sentenced to death, the other two, Will and Hack, have been given their liberty and Frank Gladden, a white man, is now being tried for his life on the same charge. Such, in brief, is the history of this trial which began Monday morning at Shelby with Judge James L. Webb presiding and Solicitor George Wilson, of Gastonia, prosecuting for the State.

The story of how much of the information leading to the conviction of one of the negroes, the release of the other two and the arrest and trial of Gladden was obtained in the story of the device referred to above and has been, until now, unwritten history. A little more preliminary and then to a description of the device. Immediately following the coroner's inquest at Shelby as a result of which the three Ross negroes were ordered to be held for trial for the brutal murder of Mr. and Mrs. John Dixon on the night of December 13, John and Will were brought to the county jail here and placed in separate cells so they could not communicate with each other and Hack was placed in the Mecklenburg county jail at Charlotte. By keeping them separated it was hoped that some of them would divulge the truth. Governor Kitchin had ordered a special error of Cleveland county court to begin January 8th for their trial. The evidence in hand was not very strong. The State was anxious, of course, to get as much and as strong evidence against them as possible before court convened. The first scheme of keeping them separated did not produce the expected results so the officers put their heads together, consulted Mr. Babington and as a result a plan was worked out which secured the desired end.

Transferring Will and John to the city jail for a day one of the new steel cells in the county jail was equipped with electric wires deftly concealed. At the top of the cell a large and very sensitive telephone transmitter, plate several times the size of those used on a telephone was attached to one of the electric wires. To allay any possible suspicion on the part of the prisoners, all the electric lights in the jail cells and corridors were equipped with shades and, it being Christmas day, holly and Christmas bells and festooning were happily worked in, apparently to give a festive air to the sombre prison cells but in reality to hide the device which was to prove the undoing of one of the negroes and save the necks of the innocent two, as later developed.

The next step in the plan was to bring Hack Ross to Gastonia from Charlotte. The three negroes were then placed in this cell with ears, the outside doors were locked and, so far as they knew, no human ears were close enough to hear what they said.

But they were mistaken. Across the street, upstairs in the city hall, sat a man with a telephone receiver at his ear hearing plainly every word spoken and every movement made by the three men. For three days and nights a man sat with his ear to that receiver—not the same man, of course, for it was a tiresome job but it was worked on a relay system by several men—taking notes of everything.

The words that were spoken, the things that were said and done in the cell during those three days and nights, need not be set down here. Suffice it to say that, by means of this clever device, sufficient was learned to convince the officers beyond a doubt that John Ross was guilty and that Will and Hack were innocent. A good part of the time, it is stated, Will and Hack spent in praying to the Lord to make John confess, if he was guilty (as they believed him to be) and so save them from the awful fate—undeserved—that seemed to stare them in the face of dying in the electric chair for a crime they did not commit. One of the most important pieces of information obtained through this device was that which implicated a white man, Frank Gladden, in the crime and resulted in his arrest and trial.

Had not this device been used it is possible that John Ross would not have confessed his guilt. As those

HOLD ANNUAL MEETINGS.

Stockholders and Directors of Gastonia's National Banks Held Their Annual Meetings Tuesday—Both in Splendid Condition—Trenton and Arlington Mill Meetings—Holland This Afternoon.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank was held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Only routine business was transacted. As previously noted the semi-annual dividend was declared at the quarterly meeting of the directors in December. Directors for the ensuing year were elected as follows: L. L. Jenkins, J. Lee Robinson, R. R. Ray, G. A. Gray, J. K. Dixon, J. O. White, O. F. Mason, A. A. McLean, S. N. Boyce and T. L. Craig. Immediately following the stockholders' meeting the directors met and re-elected all the old officers for the ensuing year as follows: President, L. L. Jenkins; first vice-president, J. Lee Robinson; second vice-president, R. R. Ray; cashier, S. N. Boyce; assistant cashiers, M. T. Wilson and M. A. Carpenter; bookkeeper, Mason Robinson. The reports of the officers showed the bank to be in splendid condition, the past year having been one of the best in its history.

CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK.

Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock the stockholders of the Citizens National Bank met in annual session. Only routine business was transacted. The same board of directors was re-elected, with the exception of Mr. W. T. Love, of Spencer Mountain, who having disposed of his stock in the bank during the past year was not eligible to re-election. The directors are Andrew E. Moore, T. E. Moore, H. M. Cleveland, G. M. Gullick, W. T. Rankin, J. M. Sloan, C. N. Evans and A. G. Myers. Following the stockholders' meeting the directors met in annual session and re-elected all the old officers as follows: President, Andrew E. Moore; vice-president, C. N. Evans; cashier, A. G. Myers; assistant cashier, W. H. Adams. At the quarterly meeting of the directors in December, as previously noted, the regular semi-annual dividend of three per cent was paid and a sum equal to 20 per cent of the capital stock was passed to the surplus and undivided profits account, making this account now \$40,000. The past year has been one of the best this bank has ever had.

ARLINGTON MILL MEETING.

Yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Arlington Cotton Mill was held in the up-town offices of the company. Mr. G. W. Ragan's formal resignation as treasurer was tendered and accepted. As noted last week in The Gazette Mr. Ragan has sold the larger part of his holdings in this mill with a view to retiring from its active management. In the election of directors three new men were chosen, namely, Messrs. L. F. Groves, H. M. Cleveland and J. Lee Robinson, the others being Messrs. L. L. Jenkins, L. L. Hardin, C. E. Adams and D. R. LaFar. The directors then elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: President, L. L. Jenkins; vice-president, J. Lee Robinson; treasurer, L. F. Groves; secretary, L. L. Hardin. The usual semi-annual dividend of five per cent was ordered paid. During the past year additional machinery has been installed including combers for making combed yarns. In the future Messrs. L. F. Groves, treasurer, and L. L. Hardin, secretary, will have charge of the active operation of the mill.

TRENTON MILLS.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Trenton Mills was held in the mill offices at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. The meeting was entirely harmonious and only business of a routine nature was transacted. The directors, Messrs. L. L. Jenkins, H. F. Forbes, Frost Torrence, E. N. Lineberger and J. K. Dixon, were unanimously re-elected. At a directors' meeting held immediately after the stockholders adjourned, the present officers were re-elected as follows: J. K. Dixon, president and treasurer; L. L. Jenkins, vice-president; E. N. Pegram, secretary. Mr. A. M. Dixon was appointed to succeed himself as superintendent.

HOLLAND MANUFACTURING CO.

The stockholders and directors of the Holland Manufacturing Company are holding their annual meetings this afternoon, beginning at 1:30 o'clock at the First National Bank.

—Mrs. H. F. Peterson, of Kings Mountain, who underwent an operation at the City Hospital a week ago, is getting along nicely.

—The southbound C. & N.-W. passenger train Wednesday was delayed three hours or more by a small wreck north of Dallas. Seven cars of a mixed train left the track and blocked traffic temporarily.

—Rock Hill Herald, 10th: Miss Bessie Adams arrived last night from Clover to take a position in the Rock Hill Buggy Company's offices. She is boarding with Mrs. R. H. Hope.

who have kept up with the case know, in his confession he alleged that Gladden hired him to kill Mr. Dixon and that Gladden himself killed Mrs. Dixon.

The Gaston officers together with Mr. Babington are to be highly commended for working out this very ingenious plan and also for the splendid assistance they rendered the State in securing important evidence in this now famous murder case.