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COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE

BESSEMER BRIEFS.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
BESSEMER CITY, Feb. 8.—One Mr. Mitchem had the misfortune to get his arm almost torn from his body Monday afternoon in the Harborough Mill.—Mr. Scott is no longer superintendent at the Atlas Mill and Mr. C. P. Cabel has assumed the work of Mr. Scott.—Mr. John Durbin is visiting relatives in Concord this week.—Mr. Grover C. Wylie spent Tuesday in Charlotte.—Rev. J. F. Harrelson is having trouble with his eyes and spent several days in Charlotte this week where he is having them treated by a specialist.—Miss Etta Baker, of Lowell, spent the first of the week with her friend, Miss Abbie Hall, of the teaching force and also visited Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Harrelson.—Mrs. J. P. Chandler has been quite sick for several days.—Mr. C. W. Fuller has sold to Mr. Murray Jenkins his house and lot on Maryland avenue.—Mrs. Paul Wheeler has been confined to her bed for several days but is much improved at this writing.
The great evangelist Rev. W. W. Orr, D. D., is coming to Bessemer City in July. His plans are now to be here the 14th of that month. A tent or tabernacle will be erected and all the churches are expected to cooperate in this work. A religious census will be taken of the entire town and everything possible will be done for the good of men, the success of the campaign and the glory of God.

IRON STATION NEWS.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
IRON STATION, Feb. 7.—Miss Hattie Armstrong spent the weekend with relatives at Stanley.—Mrs. Lawson Dellinger, who has been quite ill, is much better, we are glad to note.—Mr. Emrid Quinn, of Dallas, was in this section today on business.—Miss Ethel Mauney, of Crouse, spent Tuesday with her sister, Mrs. Otto Flack.—Mrs. Claude Goode, of Macon, Ga., is visiting relatives here.—Miss Mary Mason, of Linwood College, has been visiting Miss Verna Rhyne.—Mr. J. M. Hallman spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Luther Finger, of Lincoln.—Mr. and Mrs. John Hamrick will entertain the young people of the village tonight.—A box supper will be given at the school building Saturday night, February 10th. There will be two contests in which a cake will be given to the prettiest girl and a cake of soap to the ugliest man. The proceeds will go for the school. The public is most cordially invited to attend.

Mount Holly Matters.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
MOUNT HOLLY, Feb. 8.—Mrs. Mary Broom, wife of James Broom, died last Friday and was buried the day following in the new, cozy cemetery, her funeral being conducted by Rev. J. A. Bowles. Besides her husband, she is survived by five small children. She was a Miss West before her marriage and a native of South Carolina. She was a good woman, and a member of the Baptist church.
The death of Mr. Ural G. Johnston on last Monday was a great shock to his many friends. His serious illness was not known to many until a few hours before his death for he was seen on the streets a few days before in what was supposed to be his usual health. He was buried at Snow Hill, near Lucia, in the presence of a large gathering of sympathizing friends and relatives, the funeral exercises being conducted by the family pastor, Rev. J. A. Bowles. It is a source of great pleasure to know that he left his good family in splendid circumstances.
Mr. Rush Torrence, a member of the firm of Cannon-Torrence & Co., has disposed of his interest in this establishment and has accepted a position with a mercantile establishment in Greenville, S. C.
Dr. T. M. McCoy will leave in a few days to attend medical lectures North and will be gone for several weeks. During his absence Mrs. McCoy will visit her parents who reside in Gulf Port, Miss. On their return they will remove to their beautiful cottage home on River View avenue.
Mr. T. A. Dunn is wearing unusually broad smiles these days. Why, it is bouncing twins, Hollis and Lydia. Watch Mount Holly grow.
Mr. Guy B. Howard has purchased a cottage home from Mr. R. G. Rhyne which he claims was a good investment, but it is rumored that he may occupy it in the sweet by and by.
Mr. Sam Beatty, of Mecklenburg county, has removed to a farm one mile west of here. Mr. Beatty recently married a Miss McCorkle, of Paw Creek.
—Permission was received by Postmaster E. Grant Pasour this morning over the wire from Assistant Postmaster General C. P. Grandfield to close the local postoffice tomorrow during the hour of Mr. George A. Gray's funeral.

Bessemer Route Two News.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
BESSEMER CITY, R. F. D. 2.—Miss Mary Lizzie Moore gave a birthday party Saturday night and entertained a number of her friends.—Misses Mabel and Shirlee Kincaid, of Bessemer City, spent Saturday and Sunday with their grand mother, Mrs. Barbara Kiser.—Mr. Lewis Ramsay is in Gastonia with his son, Mr. Lee G. Ramsey, who lost his house and its contents by fire Tuesday.—Miss Lizzie Lingerfelt is shopping in Bessemer City today.—Miss Pearl Huffstetler and Mr. Fair Huffstetler spent Sunday with Miss Myrtle Kiser.—Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Royster and children spent Sunday with Mrs. M. E. Hager.

Dallas, Route 1, News.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
DALLAS, R. F. D. 1, Feb. 8.—Miss Callie Holland gave a birthday party at her home last Saturday night. The guests present numbered fifty or more. She received many tokens of remembrance on this happy occasion.—Misses Etta White and Florence Pasour were the guests of Mrs. R. B. Lineberger Monday.—Mrs. Julia Pasour is spending a few days this week visiting relatives in Dallas and Gastonia.—Miss Annie Jenkins spent last week at the home of Mr. Blaine Jenkins.—Mrs. E. M. Rhyne and little child and Miss Galtner McAllister, of Dallas, visited their sister, Mrs. Beeler Lineberger, for a few days this week.—Miss Edna Holland spent Wednesday with Miss Ruth Pasour.—Messdames Ernest M. Rhyne and R. B. Lineberger and children were the guests at the home of Mrs. Sarah Pasour Thursday.

LINCOLN LOCALS.

Lincoln County News, 6th.
Capt. A. C. Hartzog, of Cherryville, spent several hours here Sunday.
Miss Annie Cornwell, of Gastonia, is visiting relatives here this week.
Miss Emma McGinnis, of High Shoals, was a Lincolnton shopper on last Friday.
Gen. R. F. Hoke arrived in the city Saturday and is now at the Lincoln Lithia Club.
Mrs. W. P. Rudisill, of Gastonia, is a visitor here for a few days, the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Fox.
Mrs. J. S. P. Carpenter and children, of Cherryville, spent a few days in town last week, the guests of Mrs. D. L. Garrison.
Miss Maude Brotherton, of High Shoals, was a Lincolnton visitor Saturday.
Mrs. Hugh Jenkins, of High Shoals, visited friends here last Saturday.
Mr. Dick Ford, of Statesville, spent a few days in town last week in business. He will be engaged in the harness business here.
Miss Delyta Weir, who is one of the popular teachers at the Crouse high school, passed through here Saturday on her way to Kings Mountain where her mother is quite sick.

Cleveland Cullings.

The Star, 6th.
Prof. B. M. Weir, teacher in the Graded Schools of Gastonia, spent week-end in Shelby.
Mr. Thomas Allen Robeson, of New York is here visiting his aunt, Mrs. Clyde R. Hoey. He has just recovered from an attack of fever and came here to recuperate.
Mr. A. W. Jones of Bloomington, Indiana, formerly of this county is visiting his brothers, Messrs. W. C. A. B. and A. W. Jones at Lattimore and Lattimore Route 1.
Mr. John L. Wells who has leased the Hotel Waverly and changed its name to Cleveland Hotel has a number of men at work renovating and repairing the rooms.
Mr. Chancey Wortman, a former citizen of Cleveland who has been in Memphis, Tenn. ten years and has made good there came in Saturday to visit relatives near Cleveland Mills.
Friends of Miss Margaret McIver who taught at Fallston High School two years ago will be sorry to learn that her father, Ex-Judge James D. McIver died at Carthage last Thursday. He was prominent in politics represented his county in the Legislature several times and was superior court judge.
The piano pupils of Miss Myrtle Doan will give a recital in the auditorium of the Central graded school this evening at 8 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend. An excellent program has been arranged and the occasion promises to be a most delightful one to the music lovers of the city.
—Miss Luvina Turner, of Grover, who has been visiting friends here for several days, will return home this afternoon.

IVERY-STOWE WEDDING.

Miss Ella Stowe, of Dallas, Becomes Bride of Rev. E. S. Ivery, of New London, in Pretty Ceremony—Reception to Bridal Party Followed Ceremony.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
DALLAS, Feb. 8.—One of the most beautiful weddings of the season was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Stowe, near Dallas, Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock, the contracting parties being Rev. E. S. Ivery, of New London, and Miss Ella Stowe, Rev. J. J. Beach officiating.
Promptly at 7 o'clock the bridal party entered the parlor to the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march, skillfully rendered by Miss Sarah Hoffman at the piano. First came Rev. J. J. Beach, pastor of East Baptist church, Gastonia, and took his stand in front of a bank of ferns and potted plants. Next came Miss Maggie Rudisill as bridesmaid and Mr. Benjamin Brown, an uncle of the bride, as groomsmen. Then came the groom with Mr. Fred Stowe as best man followed by the bride with Miss Helen Durham as maid of honor. While the ceremony was being impressively performed, Miss Sarah Hoffman softly played "Traumerel." After the ceremony the bridal party left the parlor to the strains of Mendelssohn's and entered the library, where they received the congratulations of a host of friends. The bride was handsomely gowned in a lovely traveling suit of tan broadcloth with hat to match. The maid of honor and the bridesmaid wore white lingerie dresses. The decorations were simple, but attractive, the color scheme being green and white. The long, graceful festoon of ivy and white lilies, the ferns and potted plants in the pale light of the chandelier, rendered the scene beautiful indeed.
After the couple had received the hearty congratulations of many friends, the guests repaired to the spacious dining-room, where delicious refreshments were served.
The groom is a young minister of excellent qualities with promises of a brilliant future, whose field of work is now in Stanley county. The bride is the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Stowe.
The out-of-town guests were Mr. Benjamin Brown, of Yadkin county; Messrs. Kelly Simmons, and John Austin, of McAdenville; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Shuford, Miss Lillian Atkins, and Mr. Kenneth Todd, of Gastonia, and Mr. Kenneth Todd, of Gastonia, and Mr. Kenneth Todd, of Gastonia.

The happy couple left immediately for their home at New London carrying with them the best wishes of their many friends.

Cherryville Chat.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
CHERRYVILLE, Feb. 8.—Mr. E. L. Webb and family spent Saturday and Sunday in Shelby.—Mr. Will Beam, of Muskogee, Okla., is spending some time with friends and relatives in and around Cherryville.—Messrs. N. B. Kendrick and J. H. Rudisill were Charlotte visitors yesterday.—Mr. Darius Beam visited in Shelby Monday.—Miss Helen Pasour, of Bessemer City, is spending a few days at the home of Mr. Sam Black.—Mrs. Jethro Beam, of Waco, is in town shopping Tuesday.—Miss Vera Schrum, of Lincolnton, is a guest at the home of Mr. C. P. Rudisill, is spending the week with her son, Mr. E. L. Webb.—Mrs. Charles Osborne, of Mount Croghan, S. C., is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. A. Stroup.—Mr. M. C. Mauney is visiting in Salisbury.—Miss Maggie Hall visited friends at Iron Station Sunday.—Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Mauney visited relatives in Hickory Sunday and Monday.—Mr. Charles Carroll, of Virginia, visited homefolks Saturday to Monday.—Messrs. S. S. Mauney, D. A. Rudisill and D. P. McClelland, attended the Spinners' Association in Gastonia Tuesday.—Mr. Ben Sisk and Miss Viola Vandyke, both of the Gaston Mill, were married Saturday night, Esquire A. B. Peeler, officiating.

Long Stable Cotton.

Mr. Moses Stroup, of Bessemer City, route one, was in town yesterday to bring three bales of long staple cotton, which he sold to the Arlington Mills at 19 cents per pound. The three bales weighed 1318 pounds and were raised from two bushels of Lewis Long Staple seed which Mr. Stroup bought last year from Mr. E. P. Lewis, the originator of the Lewis long staple. This transaction is a good example of what could be accomplished by Gaston farmers if more attention were given to the long staple cotton. Local mills use thousands of bales of Mississippi long staple cotton every year for the reason that only a small quantity is raised in the county. The local mills could easily use all the long staple the farmers of the county could raise, and it usually sells at 9 or 10 cents above the price of short staple.

MR. GEO. A. GRAY DEAD

REMARKABLE CAREER CLOSES

One of the Pioneer Cotton Manufacturers of the Carolinas Answers Final Summons—Death Comes as Great Blow to the Town—Started Life as an Unlettered Doffer Boy, Masses a Fortune and Attains Signal Success—The Story of His Life—Funeral and Burial To-Morrow Afternoon.



Mr. George A. Gray.

Mr. Gray was a son of George Alexander Gray and was born in Crab Orchard township, Mecklenburg county. When just a boy his parents moved to the old Stowe cotton mill, at Pinhook on the South Fork river near Mountain Island. At the age of eight years he began work in this mill at ten cents a day. At the age of eighteen he was made overseer of weaving and carding in this mill at a salary of seventy-five cents per day. In addition to overseeing these departments he was required to fix looms and grind cards. His first important work and the one which offered him his first real opportunity to show his ability and attract the attention of mill men was when he superintended the erection of the Oates cotton mill in Charlotte in which he also installed the machinery. At this time he made his first trip North, going to Providence, R. I. to buy machinery for the Oates mill. After this he went to McAdenville and superintended the erection of the first McAden group of mills, returning then to the Stowe mill at Pinhook. His first real savings on which was based a considerable fortune made in later years was made during the next two or three years at Pinhook. He saved \$1,000. This was in 1884-5-6. In 1886 he was called for a couple of years to superintend the cotton mill at Randleman, which had gone down. He soon put it on its feet again. In 1888 Mr. Gray came to Gastonia, having saved \$3,000 which he invested in the Old mill, built largely by himself and the late Capt. R. C. G. Love.

Mr. Gray's life story reads like romance, to use a trite expression. In his case, however, the statement is literally true. He rose from the bottom of the ladder of life to a high and exalted position in the business, religious and social life of his town, county and State, and did it through the agency of an unconquerable will and a limitless energy. One of a large family of children, whose parents were poor, he was forced to commence working for a living at a very tender age. When only eight years of age he began life in one of the older cotton mills of the county as a doffer boy at the small wage of ten cents a day. He could neither read nor write. The future apparently held out but little promise for him. Had it not been for an accident of which he fell the victim a few months after starting life in the cotton mill, he might never have reached the position in life that he did, according to a story which his friends tell. One day he accidentally had one of his arms caught in some belting and suffered a compound fracture of the bones. The physician wanted to amputate the arm, but young Gray insisted that he try to save it. The wound was dressed and the arm saved. The process of healing, however, incapacitated the youth for work for several months. Unwilling to be idle, he took advantage of the opportunity to attend a country school, and it was here he first learned to read and write and here received his first incentive to do something in the world. From that time on he rose, step by step, learning the cotton mill business thoroughly in all its branches, until at the time of his death he was undoubtedly one of the best-posted men on the manufacture and marketing of cotton yarns in the piedmont country or the South. Altogether Mr. Gray went to school eight months and four days, practically his only text-book being Webster's Blue-Back speller.

A SELF-MADE MAN.

Mr. Gray was a self-made man in the truest sense of the word. With tireless energy and a determination that knew no such word as can't he learned the cotton goods manufacturing business in all its branches. Mr. Gray was, withal, a very modest man. He lived the simple life, going at 5:30 or 6 o'clock daily to his mill and there spending the day in superintending its operations. Busy as he was, he found considerable time to read, however, and was well posted on matters of current interest as well as on literary subjects. As a citizen, he was public-spirited and vitally interested in everything pertaining to the public welfare. He was a very active and loyal member of Main Street Methodist church, having been a member of the board of stewards for a number of years. He was exceedingly liberal towards his church and all other worthy objects. His wise counsel was invaluable to the church, and it will feel the loss of his guiding hand heavily.

Among the very strongest traits of character of the deceased were his great love for home, for his church and for his business. He was happiest when surrounded by the members of his family, where he was the central figure, always cheerful and jovial and exhibiting a keen sense of joy in living. His literary tastes were excellent and he found great delight in reading classic literature. He was especially fond of the plays of Shakespeare, with which he was familiar, and was an ardent admirer of Robert Burns, knowing a large number of the Scottish bard's poems by heart.

During his busy life Mr. Gray had accumulated a considerable fortune, though no approximate estimate of the value of his estate can be given. Surviving are his widow and eight children, namely: Mrs. Joseph H. Separk, Mrs. Fred D. Barkley, Jr., Charles Gray, and Misses Blanche, Maude and Myrtle Gray, all of Gastonia, together with one brother, Mr. Robert W. Gray, and four sisters, for the purpose of making fine yarns, and since it began operations, numbers of other mills in this section have abandoned the manufacture of low numbers for the higher ones.

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DISTRICT MEETING.

Annual Meeting of Cleveland District Dental Society to be Held Here Next Thursday and Friday, February 15th and 16th—Large Attendance Expected.

Gastonia is rapidly becoming a "convention" city. This week we have had the meeting of the Hard Yarn Spinners Association of the South. Next week, on Thursday and Friday, February 15th and 16th, the Cleveland District Dental Society, whose membership includes a large number of dentists from quite a large territory in the Western part of the State, will hold its annual meeting here in the Masonic hall.

The officers of the society are as follows: Dr. A. M. Berryhill, of Charlotte, president; Dr. L. R. Self, of Lincolnton, vice-president; Dr. J. R. Osborne, of Shelby, secretary; Dr. T. A. Wilkins, of Gastonia, treasurer; Dr. R. O. Apple, of Winston-Salem, essayist; Dr. F. R. Anders, of Gastonia, superintendent of clinics. The program committee consists of Dr. I. W. Jameison, Dr. D. E. McConnell, Dr. P. R. Falls and Dr. T. A. Wilkins.

The program for the meetings, which will be held Thursday night and Friday morning and afternoon, is as follows:

THURSDAY, FEB. 15th, 8 P. M.
Essayist, Dr. R. O. Apple, of Winston-Salem. Subject: The Business Side of Dentistry. Discussion opened by Dr. A. E. Frazier, of High Point.
Paper, Dr. D. E. McConnell, of Gastonia. Subject: The Hygienic Condition of Fixed Bridges Work. Discussion opened by Dr. J. C. Watkins, of Winston-Salem.

FRIDAY, FEB. 16th, 9 A. M.

Open address at Central school auditorium by Dr. J. C. Watkins Subject: A Dentist's Instructions to his Patients.
10 A. M. CLINICS.
Dr. William Parker, of Charlotte: Administration of Somnifrom.
Dr. I. W. Jameison, of Charlotte: Procelain Inlay. (Mayfield's Pointe)
Dr. R. H. McLaughlin, of Charlotte: Cast Gold Inlay.
Dr. T. A. Wilkins, of Gastonia: Gold Inlay. (Matrix)
Dr. I. R. Self, of Lincolnton: Gold Inlay. (Alexander Method.) Cast Gold Inlay. (Jameison Method.)
Dr. H. C. Henderson, of Charlotte: Moss Fiber Gold Filling.
Dr. P. R. Falls, of Gastonia: Collective Gold Filling.
Dr. A. M. Berryhill, of Charlotte: Hoed Abutment.
Dr. L. G. Coble, of Greensboro: Bridge Work. (Burgas Method.)
Dr. J. R. Osborne, of Charlotte: Interchangeable Crown and Bridge Teeth. (GosLee.)
Dr. J. A. Roach, of Madison: Morrison Crown.
Dr. J. G. Reid, of Marion: Replacing Broken Facing.

A SPLENDID ADDRESS.

Hon. John G. Wooley, of Philadelphia, Delivered Strong Temperance Address Tuesday Night—An Interesting and Instructive Speaker.

At Main Street Methodist church Tuesday night a large representative audience of Gastonians, including also many persons from other parts of the county, gathered to hear Hon. John G. Wooley, of Philadelphia, the noted temperance lecturer and editor of the New Voice, the organ of the national Prohibition party. Mr. Wooley was accompanied by Rev. R. L. Davis, secretary of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League, with whom he is making a fifteen days tour of the State.

Mr. Wooley's address, which was listened to with perfect attention and close interest by the large audience, was especially marked by a conservative tone, and by the entire absence of any bitterness or invective. Unlike the ordinary reformer or agitator, he does not berate the men who are engaged in the traffic which he so earnestly opposes, but presents in a forceful, convincing manner, the most potent arguments showing that the Christian people of the land must unite in their efforts to wipe out the traffic in intoxicating drinks.

The address was enlivened by illustrations and anecdotes which were extremely effective in driving home to the minds of his hearers the truths which the speaker advanced. At the conclusion of Mr. Wooley's address, Rev. Mr. Davis made a short talk in reference to the Anti-Saloon League in the State, and took subscriptions toward the expenses of the organization.

BEN GREET PLAYERS COMING.

The appearance of Frank McEntee and Millicent Evison and their splendid company of players at the auditorium Thursday evening, February 15th in one of Shakespeare's greatest works, "The Merchant of Venice," promises to be an event of unusual interest to Gastonia's lovers of those choice gems of English literature.

This company is said to be the strongest all-found organization producing Shakespeare exclusively before the public, every member having been chosen from amongst the best organizations of this kind in England and America.

Seats are now on sale at Kennedy's drug store. Prices 50 cents and \$1.00.

Mrs. J. Laban Smith and Misses Narcissa and Mary Gray, of Gastonia, and Mrs. William Dunn, of Mecklenburg county.