

# THE GASTONIA GAZETTE

PUBLISHED TWICE A WEEK—TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS.

SINGLE COPY 3 CENTS.

GASTONIA IS A BUSY TOWN.

\$1.50 A YEAR IN ADVANCE.

VOL. XXXIII.

GASTONIA, N. C. FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1912.

NO. 14.

## COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE

### Crouse Route One News.

Correspondence of The Gazette.  
CROUSE, R. F. D. 1, Feb. 10. — Mrs. Sidney Tritt is right sick, suffering from typhoid fever; also the little daughter of Mr. L. L. Carpenter is sick, suffering from bronchial pneumonia. — Mr. W. B. Carpenter has moved his saw mill on to Mr. Samuel Murphy's place near Crouse. — Mr. John A. Kiser and family are visiting Mrs. Kiser's father, Mr. John Huss. — Mr. Sylvanus Carpenter and wife spent Sunday at Mr. Pleas Fosters. — Mr. F. B. Carpenter and children spent Friday with Mrs. Omar Satterwood. — Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Carpenter and children spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. Clay Kiser's family. — The Lander Ginning Company has erected a saw mill at their place and will begin operations Monday.

Mr. Anderson Kiser and sister, Miss Ella, spent Saturday with Rev. J. M. Senter's family. Mr. Senter has accepted a call to a church near Hickory and will move his family to that place in the near future. — Misses Cleus Pasour and Pearl Carpenter spent Wednesday at Mr. J. A. Kiser's. — Masters James and Amos Kiser spent Sunday with their grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Alexander. — Miss Zella Carpenter spent Saturday with Miss Annie May Alexander. — Mr. John Kiser and mother made a business trip to Gastonia Monday. — Misses Zackie Withers and Pearl Carpenter spent Thursday with Mr. Christy Kiser's family.

### BESSEMER BRIEFS.

Correspondence of The Gazette.  
BESSEMER CITY, Feb. 15. — Again the earth is covered with a mantle of snow. This is the fourth snow for this section this winter and it reminds one of the winters of 29 years ago. This year should be a good crop year if snow and cold weather are any indication. — Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Robinson, of Clayton, have been spending a few days with their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Smith. — Mr. John Fuller was in Gastonia last Wednesday on business. — Rev. J. P. Harrelson has been assisting Mr. J. P. Chandler in the postoffice for several days. — Rev. and Mrs. Harrelson were the victims of a merciless "pounding" Wednesday. The day was "dark and dreary" for mankind generally but the hearts and lives of these servants of the Master were brightened and gladdened by their Bessemer City congregation. — There is a report out that Bessemer City is to have a newspaper. Nothing definite can be stated as yet about the enterprise.

### Dallas, Route 1, News.

Correspondence of The Gazette.  
DALLAS, R. F. D. 1, Feb. 14. — Miss Eunice Allen returned to the home of her sister, Mrs. W. B. Furber Sunday, after spending a month visiting relatives in Rutherfordton and vicinity. — Misses Hester and Gertrude Best were the guests Saturday and Sunday of Miss Annie Myrtle near Bessemer City. — Mrs. Webb, of Morganton, came down last week to spend some time at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Eliza White, and visit other relatives in this section. — Mr. C. L. Hovis spent the week-end at Bessemer City, the guest of relatives. — The school at Costner's was suspended Tuesday on account of the teacher, Rev. J. M. Senter, being called to Gastonia on business. — Mr. Emanuel Clark was a guest at the home of Mr. G. L. Best Saturday.

### WORK TO BEGIN SOON.

Prospects for Early Construction of Electric Line from Gastonia to Asheville Bright—Work on One Section May Begin Within Sixty Days—Mr. McKay to be here Tonight.

The affairs of the North Carolina Interurban Railway Company have now assumed such satisfactory shape that the directors feel certain of the success of the enterprise. Various propositions from large corporations with ample money have been submitted for the consideration of the board and one has practically been accepted.

It is planned to begin the actual construction of the first section of the road as soon as grade stakes can be set and the necessary preliminaries adjusted, which will probably take about thirty to sixty days. Gastonia is to be the eastern terminal of this line and the citizens of the town are therefore greatly interested. There are certain phases of the situation here that are, as yet, unsettled and for the purpose of discussing these necessary matters the company has sent Mr. George L. McKay to Gastonia to discuss them with the business men and others interested. He will meet the people tonight at 7:30 o'clock at the city hall. Every one interested in the construction of the new railway is courteously invited to be present.

### DIES AWAY FROM HOME.

Mr. Loy Hovis, of Iron Station, Dies at Asheville Farm School—Body Brought Home for Burial—Box Supper a Success—Personal and News Items.

Correspondence of The Gazette.  
IRON STATION, Feb. 12. — The box supper was pronounced a success by those present Saturday night. The crowd was not as large as had been expected, owing to the weather being so unfavorable. The young people took great interest in the two contests, especially the cake contest, for the prettiest girl. There were a number of young ladies in the contest. Miss Myrtle Stroup received the largest number of votes, 1025. Miss Flora Mullen received the next largest number, 1010. The other young ladies all together received only 47 votes. Miss Stroup received the cake.

In the soap contest for the ugliest man D. A. Troutman received 10 votes, R. C. Goode 10 and D. B. Rhyme 27. Mr. Rhyme getting the soap. He is much worried over the fact, not that he is the ugliest man, but that two of his best "sports," as he calls them, voted for him and they were the cause of him getting the soap. The boxes and contests amounted to \$28.37.

Mr. Carl Pinger, of Stanley, spent Sunday in town. — Mrs. Tom Edwards and children, of Alexis, spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives here. — Miss Bertie Bynum, of South Fork Institute, Maiden, is spending a few days with homefolks here. — Mrs. Belye Garrison, of Worth, is visiting her parents. — Mrs. O. P. Rudisill and little daughter spent from Friday till Sunday with Mrs. Mary Rhyme, near Dallas.

News reached here yesterday of the death of Mr. Loy Hovis, a student at the Asheville Farm School. Loy was a bright and promising young man, a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hovis, of this place. He being sick only a short while and away from home makes his death particularly sad. His parents are prostrated with grief and a wide circle of friends sympathize with them in this deep affliction. The body will be brought home today. The funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

### CHERRYVILLE CHAT.

The Eagle.  
Mr. William Beam, formerly of this place, but who has been in Oklahoma for the past several years, was a visitor in town Tuesday and Wednesday. He came home to see his father, Mr. D. Frank Beam, who has been in feeble health for some time.

Mr. Junius Beam, of Mount Holly, was a Cherryville visitor last Sunday, the guest of Mr. J. S. Nell. Mr. Beam has been with the well-known mercantile firm of Cannon-Torrence Co., of Mount Holly, two and one-half years and has now been promoted to general manager of the firm.

At a council meeting held in the city hall last Friday night Mr. A. H. Huss tendered his resignation as mayor of the town on account of his business making it necessary for his absence from the town. Mr. D. P. McClure was elected mayor and T. B. Leonhardt mayor pro tem.

The real estate of the late Allen Baker was sold a few days ago by Mr. W. L. Baker, commissioner. The estate consisted of about 203 acres, and was sold in four tracts. Messrs. E. C. Baker, G. L. Beam, Calvin Carpenter, and D. M. Baker being the purchasers. The highest price paid was about \$33 per acre, the average price of the whole being about \$18 per acre. The bids stand open for 20 days subject to a raise.

### LEFT LARGE ESTATE.

Will of Late G. A. Gray Appoints His Widow, J. H. Separk and J. L. Gray Executors—Net Value About \$200,000—To be Probated Tomorrow.

The last will and testament of the late George A. Gray, president and treasurer of the Gray Manufacturing Company, who died last week, was opened and read Wednesday and will be probated tomorrow afternoon.

Until the will is properly probated its contents and details are not available for publication. According to the terms of the will his widow, Mrs. C. Jennie Gray, is named as executrix and Mr. J. H. Separk, his son-in-law, and Mr. J. L. Gray, his son, are named as executors.

After all the indebtedness is paid it is estimated that the estate will be worth approximately \$175,000 to \$200,000. This is largely in real estate, stocks and bonds. Of the amount between \$40,000 and \$45,000 is in life insurance.

Mr. Clarence H. Poe, editor of The Progressive Farmer, is to be married on May 29th to Miss Alice Aycock, eldest daughter of ex-Governor Charles B. Aycock.

### DALLAS MILLS RESOLD.

At Re-Sale Yesterday Property Was Bid in by Mr. T. L. Craig for \$37,500—Bidding Started at \$22,000—Real Estate Bought by Mr. A. E. Moore and Mr. J. C. Puett.

At 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon Receiver S. N. Boyce sold the Dallas Cotton Mills and equipment at public auction under an order of Superior Court in a civil action entitled L. L. Jenkins vs. Dallas Cotton Mills. The sale was conducted in the lobby of the court house by Attorney O. F. Mason and was attended by a pretty good sized crowd of cotton mill men from Gastonia, Charlotte and other nearby towns.

This being a re-sale bidding commenced at \$22,000, which was a ten per cent raise over the price for which the property was knocked down at the first sale. At that time Col. C. B. Armstrong was the successful bidder, at \$20,000. At yesterday's sale the property was bid in by Mayor Thomas L. Craig for \$37,500. Unless this bid is bettered by ten per cent within twenty days the sale will be confirmed by the court.

Bidding yesterday was quite spirited at times. Among the out-of-town mill men here for the sale were Mr. R. R. Ray, of McAdenville, Mr. C. W. Johnson, of Charlotte; Mr. C. E. Mason, of Charlotte; Mr. L. L. Jenkins, of Asheville, and several others.

In addition to the mill and its equipment two tracts of land belonging to the company were sold separately. The first, consisting of 22 acres lying on the Dallas-Cherryville macadam road, was bid in by Mr. John C. Puett, of Dallas, for \$2,900. The second, consisting of 184 acres, more or less, was bid in by Mr. Andrew E. Moore, of Gastonia, for \$1,793.00.

### DENTISTS HERE.

Attendance Small on Account of Bad Weather—Program Carried Out—Dr. Watkins Lectured at City Schools This Morning—Final Session This Afternoon.

Thirty-odd members of the Cleveland District Dental Society are here in attendance on the annual meeting, which will adjourn following this afternoon's session which began at 2 o'clock. But for the almost unprecedented weather conditions the attendance would undoubtedly have reached the hundred mark. Despite these drawbacks the program as published was carried out and the sessions have proved both pleasant and profitable to the dentists.

The first session was held last night at 8 o'clock in the Masonic hall at which Dr. R. O. Apple, of Winston-Salem, read an essay on "The Business Side of Dentistry," which was followed by a discussion opened by Dr. A. E. Frazier, of High Point. Dr. D. E. McConnell, of Gastonia, read a paper on "The Hygienic condition of Fixed Bridge Work" and this was followed by a general discussion lead by Dr. J. C. Watkins, of Winston-Salem.

This morning at 10 o'clock Dr. Watkins delivered a public lecture at the Central graded school on the subject "A Dentist's Instructions to His Patients" which was highly interesting and instructive to all who heard it.

In the office of Dr. T. A. Wilkins this morning clinics were held participated in by a number of dentists. The final session is being held this afternoon when officers for the ensuing year will be elected and the meeting place for next year chosen. It is likely that next year's meeting will go to High Point or Marion.

It is a saying with The Progressive Farmer that a good farmer ought to have something from his garden every day in the year. There is no excuse in the common practice of planting one sowing of vegetables in the spring and then doing without all the rest of the year after these get out of the way. There should be several plantings of each favorite vegetable in order that there may be the proper succession to last through the whole season. A suitable variety of vegetables not only makes a more healthful and appetizing diet than is afforded by the excessive use of meat so common in Southern farm homes, but the vegetables are also very much cheaper. But while setting out to have this proper succession of vegetables don't expect your wife to do all the work in the garden necessary to produce it. Let the farmer and his field workers understand that there is a duty for them in the garden, as well as in the cotton and corn fields. — Progressive Farmer.

Former Governor Joseph W. Folk announced Saturday that he had withdrawn from the race for the Democratic nomination for the presidency.

### GREAT CONVENTION

Second Gathering of Presbyterian Laymen at Chattanooga Last Week a Great One from Many Viewpoints—Some Interesting Facts About the Meeting and Its Results.

Last Sunday night's service at the First Presbyterian church was turned over to the laymen who represented that congregation at the second General Convention of the Laymen's Missionary Movement of the Presbyterian church in the United States (the Southern Presbyterians) which was held in Chattanooga, Tenn., February 6-8, namely Messrs. J. H. Kennedy, J. W. Timberlake and Arthur K. Winget, who returned to Gastonia Saturday night and were present during the entire two-days sessions of the convention.

As a representative of the church in an official capacity Mr. Kennedy made a report embodying a general resume of the convention. The Gastonia party, he stated, left Gastonia on No. 35 Monday night, the 5th, on a special car with the Charlotte delegation, going by way of Atlanta. Between Atlanta and Chattanooga a special service was held on the car, consisting of addresses, prayers, songs, etc., which was greatly enjoyed by the party. The convention opened Tuesday afternoon and there were eight sessions, closing Thursday evening. There were present during the sessions over 2,000 registered delegates, 500 more than were registered at the first convention held in Birmingham, Ala., three years ago. The sessions were held in the Chattanooga auditorium which seats about 3,500 and which was filled at almost every session.

The address of welcome was delivered Tuesday afternoon by Mayor T. C. Thompson, of Chattanooga, who extended to the delegates a very warm and cordial welcome to the city. A business man speaking to business men he made a strong plea for civic righteousness. He insisted that this gathering, composed as it was of prominent business men and representative citizens, had it in their power to see that civic righteousness is made stronger.

The response to the address of welcome was made by Hon. A. M. Scales, of Greensboro, this State, who was honored by being made the presiding officer of the convention. Fraternal greetings were brought from the southern Baptists by Prof. J. T. Henderson, of Bristol, Tenn.; from the Southern Methodists by Mr. Jno. R. Pepper, of Memphis, Tenn., and from the Episcopal church by Rev. R. W. Patton.

Mr. Kennedy stated that to even mention all of the addresses delivered and topics discussed during the two days would require more time than he had at his command. He made special mention, however, of several of the best of these. The first address mentioned was one made by Rev. James I. Vance, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church at Nashville, Tenn., who is also chairman of the executive committee on foreign missions, his subject being "The Missionary History of the Presbyterian Church in the United States—the Past and the Present." This address was said to have been one of the strongest and most powerful heard during the entire convention. He told his hearers that as much had been given by his denomination for foreign missions in the past ten years as had been given in the previous forty years and as much in the last five years as had been given in the previous thirty. One-third of the money contributed for foreign missions in the past fifty years was given during the past five years. He reviewed the history of foreign mission work. Though it was first begun a hundred years ago the first active forward movement had its beginning just fifty years ago this month in Augusta, Ga. Dr. Vance's address was an inspiration to the gathering.

Mr. George Innis, a wealthy and prominent business man of Philadelphia, made another inspiring address Wednesday morning. His subject was "A Business Man's Opportunity to Influence the Whole World." Mr. Innis told his hearers that, in starting out in life, he took up a certain line of business but soon found it had its limitations. He tried another and found it had its limitations. And so with another and another. He finally became interested in foreign mission work. He found it had no limitations at all, reaching this conclusion after he had made a trip around the world and personally investigated the conditions as they really existed in the various mission fields of the world. Mr. Innis contributes a large sum annually toward foreign mission work.

Other inspiring addresses were by Robert E. Speer, who spoke two or three times, his leading address being on the subject "Life and Leadership"; by Rev. Robert E. Vinson, D. D. of Austin, Texas; Rev. W. R. Dobyns, D. D., of St. Joseph, Mo.; Mr. J. Campbell White, of New York; Rev. J. F. Preston and others. Perhaps the most inspiring scene of the entire convention came at the last session on Thursday night. The presiding officer asked Rev. J. F. Preston, of Korea, to introduce to the convention the fifteen young men who had volunteered to go to Korea as missionaries. As he introduced each one he stated to what station he would be sent to work. There was a demonstration of feeling and applause which was productive of a glow of feeling of inspiration to all who witnessed the scene. The support of these fifteen men has already been provided for, Mr. Preston and Mr. Charles H. Pratt, of Richmond, Va., having secured the funds by

### TO AUDIT CITY BOOKS

Council Takes Step Looking to Installation of Modern Book-keeping System—Wages of Day Laborers Limited to \$1 Per Day—Matters of Lowering C. & N.W. Tracks and Putting Wires Underground to be Taken Up—Treasurer's Quarterly Report Made—Other Business Transacted.

The city council met in regular monthly session for February at the city hall Tuesday night with Mayor T. L. Craig presiding and all members present.

The matter of placing a culvert or bridge at the west end of Main avenue was referred to the street committee with power to act.

Henry Benton, colored, was released of poll tax on account of old age. H. G. Winget was released of tax on \$100 worth of real estate, account excessive valuation.

Charles McNeill, colored, was released of town tax. The matter of placing a hydrant at East Second and Church streets and a light in the alley above the jail was referred to the water and light committee with power to act.

The finance committee was instructed to secure the services of a competent auditor to audit the city's accounts with a view to installing a modern and up-to-date system of bookkeeping.

It was ordered that the town in the future pay only \$1 per day for regular day laborers and not over \$1.25 for drivers.

The mayor and city attorney were authorized to take up the matter of having the C. & N.W. switch tower wires put under ground and also the matter of having the C. & N.W. tracks lowered to conform to the established street grades.

The report of the city physician for January was read and accepted. The treasurer's report for the quarter ending January 31st was read and adopted, ordered spread on the minutes of the council and the clerk instructed to have same published in a local paper.

Bills amounting to \$1,963.51 were referred to the finance committee for payment.

### An Enjoyable Recital.

At the Central school auditorium last Friday night the piano and voice pupils of Miss Myrtle Dodson gave a most enjoyable public recital. The hall was well filled with an appreciative audience, all of whom greatly enjoyed the entire program, which was varied and interesting. The performers all showed the result of careful and expert training in the rendition of their several numbers. Especially excellent were the choruses and the numbers rendered by a quartet consisting of Misses Nell McAllister, Ruth Mason, Lillian Watson and Ruby Spencer. Since coming to Gastonia last fall Miss Dodson has built up a large class and has had eminent success with her work.

—Mrs. E. C. Wilson has as her guest this week her niece, Miss Bess White Rankin, of Mount Holly.

—Mr. Ed F. Wilson recently sold, through Halthcock, real estate agent, to Miss Emily Adams two vacant lots on Willow street.

permission from the Southern Presbyterian General Assembly.

Even a more inspiring scene took place when the presiding officer introduced Mr. J. Campbell White, of New York, who was to speak on Africa. Mr. White first asked how many volunteers for work in Africa were present and when all had come forward and taken their places on the platform there were twenty-nine of them. Handkerchiefs were waved, songs of praise were sung and a feeling of joy and inspiration pervaded the entire house. He then presented these 29 men to the audience and asked where the money was coming from to send them, since they had signified their willingness and readiness to go. In less than thirty minutes \$43,000 was subscribed for the coming year for this purpose, a sum sufficient to send and support eleven of the twenty-nine. Mr. G. W. Watts, of Durham, gave \$10,000, numbers gave \$1,000 and others from that on down to \$100, no subscription being for less than \$100. Many of those subscribing paid their subscriptions on the spot.

There were present in a body all of the professors and students of the Louisville Theological Seminary, their entire expenses being borne by one of the Louisville churches. Music was furnished by a quartet of ministerial students from Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., which was pronounced very excellent. Besides having rich voices they sang with the spirit and with understanding.

A very pleasant social feature of the convention was a banquet given by the congregation of the First Presbyterian church of Chattanooga to the visiting delegates Tuesday evening.

Following Mr. Kennedy's report Mr. Timberlake spoke on some of the principal addresses and gave his impressions of the convention as did also Mr. Winget. Rev. A. A. McLean, of Gotebo, Okla., who attended and came on here to visit relatives for a few days, spoke briefly also giving his impressions of the convention from the viewpoint of a minister.

The congregation heard all of these with great pleasure and interest and the service did much to stimulate local interest in the foreign missionary work of the church.

### WEATHER WAS FIERCE

Sleet, Ice and Wind Play Havoc With Light and Phone Wires—Worst Wreckage Wrought in Single Day in History of Town—Power Off All Day and Business Was Paralyzed—One Horse Killed and Others Shocked—Young Man Injured—A Day of Distress in City and County.

A hard north wind, accompanied by freezing rain and heavy sleet Wednesday night and yesterday played havoc with the telephone and electric light lines over the city and throughout the county. Every establishment in the city using electric power from the city lines was paralyzed all day yesterday and there were no lights from yesterday morning until about dark last night. The southern and western sections of the city were again in darkness last night, though a large force of hands has been hard at work today and has most of the lines in working order, so there will be light for all tonight. The power current was on in the business part of town last night but was off again this morning for a while up to shortly after 9 o'clock, this being rendered necessary by the falling of more wires last night.

One of the heaviest sufferers in yesterday's storm was the Piedmont Telephone & Telegraph Co. General Manager Babington stated this morning that this was the most destructive sleet and ice storm his company has had to contend with since it was organized. A fifty-foot pole line with five cross arms on West Airline avenue, extending from Dr. Frank Wilson's residence to a point west of Mr. S. M. Morris' residence, went down in toto about 7:30 o'clock yesterday morning. As it crashed to the ground for a distance of two blocks or more it carried with it the city's light pole line on the opposite side of the street for the same distance. The two together completely blocked traffic on that street for several hours. The work of clearing the wreckage was rendered exceedingly difficult and slow because of the beating rain which fell all during the day. Mr. Babington informed The Gazette this morning that his company would rebuild this line at once by installing a cable in place of the open wire system, the cable having been ordered yesterday by wire. This company as well as the city has many other broken poles and wires in all sections of the city, though the wreckage on West Air Line avenue was the worst. The telephone company has between 200 and 250 poles down in the county. Between McAdenville and the Lowell every pole was down early yesterday morning.

For the first time in the history of the telephone company all of the long distance wires were down, this being the first time the company has ever been cut entirely out of every circuit. The combined elements of wind, rain, sleet and ice made it exceedingly disastrous and repair work necessarily proceeded slowly. There has not been a long distance connection out of the city since midnight Wednesday night.

Early yesterday morning a horse belonging to McLean Brothers, grocers, and hitched to one of the firm's delivery wagons was killed instantly by a live wire on East Air Line avenue near Mr. J. O. White's residence. Reports from other sections of the city told of horses shocked more or less in the same manner though no others were killed. At the Avon Mill a young man named Watters was badly shocked by a live wire. He was brought uptown, given medical attention and returned to his home, having suffered no permanent injury.

About 10 o'clock the fire company was called out to extinguish a blaze in the big establishment of Long Brothers on Main avenue. Luckily those in the store succeeded in putting out the blaze before the company arrived and no damage was done.

During the entire day yesterday very few people ventured out unless it was imperative. Business was practically at a standstill. The city schools were in operation but the attendance, of course, was small. It was the general opinion that it was without question the severest weather, taken as a whole, which has been experienced here in many years.

### WILL SELL COLLEGE.

Reported That Rev. A. T. Lindsay Will Dispose of Linwood. Charlotte Observer.

Bessemer City, Feb. 14.—It is rumored that on account of a superabundance of work, Rev. A. T. Lindsay will sell his Linwood College property. Mr. Lindsay is pastor of Pisgah Associate Reformed Presbyterian church and the parish is a large one, demanding a great deal of his time. Under the present management the college has improved greatly and now ranks among the first of educational institutions for girls.

An attempt was made by The Gazette this morning to get into communication with President Lindsay for the purpose of making inquiry concerning the truth of the above rumor, but the telephone line was out of commission on account of yesterday's heavy sleet and we were unable to reach him. It is greatly to be hoped that the rumor chronicled above by The Observer's Bessemer City correspondent is entirely unfounded.