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COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE

PAPER FOR BESSEMER.

Mr. C. F. Hunter, of Kings Mountain, to Publish . The Dispatch-Hail Does Some Damage-Personals and News Notes.

Correspondence of The Gazette. BESSEMER CITY, Feb. 22. -

This section was visited Wednesday afternoon by a young hurricane. There was a great downpour of rain and hail. The hail stones were large and did some little damage, breaking and blowing out glass from the windows of a few houses.

Mr. C. W. Fuller and son are running the City Cafe, which was run by Mr. D. H. Payne. Mr. Payne has taken a position in one of the mills.

Mr. John Fuller and wife went to Greensboro last Saturday to visit some of Mrs. Fuller's relatives. Mrs. Fuller left Greensboro Monday for Baltimore to purchase her millinery supplies for the spring and summer

Rev. B. Frank White, of Connetsville, Pa., is spending a day or so with Rev. R. R. Caldwell and family. Mr. J. M. Allen has just opened a photograph gallery and will be glad to see his friends call.

Bessemer City is to have a weekly paper edited by Mr. C. F. Hunter, of Kings Mountain. The name of his sheet will be The Dispatch and it will be issued each Friday. It is understood that a nice little subscription list has been gotten already.

Dallas, Route 1, News.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

DALLAS, R. F. D. 1, Feb. 21:-Wilbur, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Mauney, has been dangerously sick for the past week and is still in precarious condition. - Mrs. Joseph Gamble and sister, Miss Maggie, were guests at the home of Mrs. E. R. Pasour one day last week. Miss Sudie White is spending sometime at the home of Miss Elvira

The Costner school closes Friday. Saturday. The patrons are highly pleased with the successful term Rev M. Senter will close.

Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Clemmer spent Friday night as guests at the home of Mrs. Etta White.

Messrs, John Pasour and S. L. M. Pasour made a business trip to Lincolnton and other points up the Carolina and Northwestern railway the first of this week .- Mrs. Etta White visited her sister, Mrs. J. H. White, Tuesday.

SOUTH FORK BRIDGE READY.

Work on High Structure Across South Fork Finished.

Charlotte Observer, 22nd

The interurban bridge across the South Fork of the Catawba, a mile from McAdenville, has been finished and the work is being pushed in earnest in laving the remainder of the track and the stretching of the With good weather from now on there is no reason why the system should not be ready for the operation of cars by the middle of March, if not a little earlier. The rolling stock has been received and there is nothing to prevent the institution of a regular schedule save the roadbed. The line has been finished and is ready for service out almost to the river on the Mecklenburg side and there are stretches that have been finished in Gaston. This of course includes the trolley exten-The track has been laid from Gastonia out almost to the South Fork without interruption. are several places where the ballast has not been laid but this will be looked after shortly. The trolley extension is now the immediate bone of contention. It will be pushed rap-The completion of the South Fork bridge means that the interurban cars will shortly be in operation from Charlotte to Gastonia.

ENTERTAINMENT TO-NIGHT.

Pupils of Belmont High School to Give Entertainment To-Night in Celebration of Washington's Birthday-Spelling Match a Feature.

Correspondence of The Gazette. BELMONT, Feb. 23.-Tonight in the high school auditorium there will be an entertainment given by the boys and girls of the literary societies of the school. The affair will be somewhat in the nature of .a. Washington's birthday celebration and will consist of declamations by the boys, recitations, readings and songs by the girls. The program is varied and while termed a Washington birthday celebration, the majority of the selections are not, strictly speaking, appropriate to the occasion. At the conclusion of these exercises a spelling match between two picked teams from the school will

be a feature of the evening. The children of the primary grades under the leadership of Misses Hall. Stowe and Crawford will observe the day with appropriate exercises in their respective rooms this after-

Bessemer Route Two News.

Correspondence of The Gazette. BESSEMER CITY, R. F. D. 2. Feb. 21.—The wheat crop in this section looks very well for this time of year. The farmers are of the opinion that it is going to be a very good wheat year. The old farmers say that lots of snow in the winter is usually followed by a good wheat crop. The snow has killed a lot of the oats. It has been raining for the

last week and the farmers are get-

ting behind with their work. Many

of them haven't plowed a furrow as Mountain View school closes Saturday with exercises. The Hickory Grove school Also closes Saturday The exercises at both places promise to be interesting and will be well attended if the weather is favorable The Clio literary society of Sunny-

side school will give an entertainment the last day of school. Miss Pearl Harmon gave a party Saturday night and entertained large number of her friends.

CHERRYVILLE, ROUTE TWO.

Correspondence of The Gazette. CHERRYVILLE, R. F. D. 2, Feb. 21 .- Mr. Odell Tisdell, of Cowpens. S. C., is visiting at the home of Mr. John Stroup this week .- Rev. M. L. Pence, of Henry, spent Tuesday at the home of Mr. John T. Carpenter. - Misses Louie Houser and Madge Summit spent Sunday with Miss Eunlie Carpenter.—Mr. W. R. Carpenter and family spent Sunday with his father, Mr. John T. Carpenter. Miss Ferrie Froneberger visited

homelolks Saturday and Sunday. Miss Maggie Lee Carpenter spent last weel, with her sister, and other relatives in Kings Mountain and South arolina.

Misses Hall and Harrelson spent one day last week with Mr. and Mrs. Grier Dellinger .- Mr. R. C. Sheppard, of Grover, spent Sunday with friends in this neighborhood .-Misses Sallie Stroup and Jennett Thernburg spent Sunday with Mrs. Waiter Long-Mr. Augustus spent Sungay with homefolks.

MR, ROBT. M. DEWSTOE DEAD.

Prominent Mill Man Dies at His Home Near Mount Holly. Charlotte Observer, 22nd.

Mount Holly, Feb. 21.-Mr. Robert Martin Dewstoe, president of the Nims Manufacturing Company and leading citizen, died at his home. south of town, this morning at 3:45 o'clock. Mr. Dewstoe was a native of Dubuque, Iowa, but came South twenty-five years ago. He was one of the promoters of the Albion Manufacturing Company and later the Nims Company was organized under his direction.

Mr. Dewstoe was president of this company up to his death, though for the last three years he had not been the to attend actively to the duties of he office.

Mr. Dewstoe is survived by his devoted wife and four children. Mesdames L. D. Henderson and J. A. Conner, of Mount Holly. Messrs. R. M. Dewstoe, Jr., of Birmingham. Ala., and Eugene Dewstoe of the Southern Bell electrical department Charlotte.

Mr. Dewstoe was buried at 4 p. m. today. The service was conducted by Rev. S. L. Cathey from the late residence. The remains were followed by a large and sympathetic crowd of neighbors and friends to its last resting place

FLIRTING TABOOED.

Greensboro Youths Must Dispense

With Popular Form of Amusement Greensboro, Feb. 21-Special. An old city ordinance making it a misdemeanor to "flirt" in a certain latitude about the two girls' colleges in Greensboro has been amended so as to embrace the entire city. Commissioner Brown recalling the old and obsolete ordinance yesterday afternoon and suggesting that it not only be enforced but that it be made more stringent.

The action serves to bring to mind the fact that an old ordinance forbidding flirting about the colleges here was passed several years ago by the board of aldermen, though if any action has ever resulted from the law the police records fail to make account of same.

As things now stand, Greensboro's police must keep a "weather" out for flirting, not only about the colleges but on the streets and especially in the passenger station, where the amusement is said to be the regulation vocation of a certain class of young men who make this city home or headquarters.

-Miss Martha and Masters Durward and Moore Morrow spent the week-end here with their mother, Mrs. Mary Moore Morrow, returning Monday to South Fork Institute, Maiden. They had as their guest here Miss Gertrude Stevens, of Raieigh, who is a student at South Fork

CHERRYVILLE PROSPERING.

Cotton Mills Running on Full Time and Not a Vacant House.

Charlotte Observer, 21st. Cherryville, Feb. 20 .- Cherryville has again assumed her hustling spirit. The six cotton mills here are all running full time, two are running night and day and your correspondent interviewed the manager of the third mill and he says that they will begin night work next week.

There is not a vacant house Cherryville, something that has not been known for the last three years. Mr. Luther Mauney has in course of construction in South Cherryville a beautiful home and as soon as complete will move into it and run

modern dairy and truck farm. Mr. D. R. Rudisill will let the contract for a nice home in the southern part of town in the near future. Dr. L. F. Self has let the contract for a \$3,000 dwelling on Academy street and work will begin as soon as the weather will permit and be

pushed to speedy completion. Mr. Doras Witherspoon's dwelling near the academy is nearing completion and as soon as the painters have finished he will move into it. The Cherryville Lumber Company

is a new industry for our town and will in a few days be ready for business. We are reliably informed that this company has already contracted for several hundred thousand feet of This plant operates some three or four saw mills in this sec-Mr. George P. Webb of Shelby will

be present at a mass-meeting held here Friday night, the object of which is to organize a building and loan association for Cherryville, 'Mr. Webb is secretary and treasurer of the Shelby the Cleveland County association and is thoroughly familiar with the working of these associa-

There have been several parties COMMERCIAL CLUB'S here for the last few weeks prospecting for a location for a loan and trust company and it is very likely that one will be organized here in

The Thompson Brick Company has hought the plant of the Cherryville Brick Company and will put same in operation as soon as the weather permits. This plant will have an output of from twenty-five to forty thousand per day.

The town commissioners today nurchased seats for the new city hall auditorium to be shipped at once. Cherryville boasts of having the finest city hall of any town of its size in the State

In order to accommodate the ones wishing new lots on which to build the town has ordered a street opened up leading to the property of the Cherryville Manufacturing Company which will be offered for sale as building lots in the near future. Mr. J. M. Beam has opened up a

new hotel on Depot street. This gives Cherryville two up-to-date hos-

TAFT BITTERLY DENOUNCED.

Republican Senator from Oregon Charges President With Playing Politics-Flagrant Misuse of Power in Withdrawing North Carolina Nominations. Greensboro News

Washington, D. C., Feb. 20.-Insurgent Republicans were bitter today in their denunciations of the methods being practiced in the interest of President Taft's nomination. Senator Jonathan Bourne, of Oregon, head of the National Progressive Republican eague. has waxed wroth because of the President's action in withdrawing all North Carolina nominations yesterday.

"This flagrant misuse of tronage." says Mr. Bourne. misuse of pa-"must necessarily receive great credence throughout the country, especially in the minds of those remembering the famous Norton letter." Continuing Mr. Bourne says

'The presidential withdrawal ten nominations for the State of North Carolina, resulting in rumors that the cause was not the unfitness of the individual nominees, but to leave those offices open for trading purposes in the securing of delegates favorable to the renomination or President Taft, demonstrates the necessity for the earliest possible adoption by states of my presidential preference bill which, when generally adopted, will destroy the federal machine, so far as enabiling a President to renominate himself or designate his successor is concerned. making demonstrated efficiency in office the sole measure of the retention of the incumbent.

"This rumored flagrant misuse of patronage must necessarily receive great credence throughout the country, and especially in the minds of those remembering the famous Norton letter. The purchase of votes for money debauches but two individuals, the purchaser and the pur-The purchase of votes for chasee. federal patronage debauches not only the individual parties to the transaction, but the nation itself, which every thoughtful man must not only deprecate, but abhor."

IN SOCIETY.

STUDY CLUB WITH MRS. REID.

The meeting of the Study Club which was postponed from last Tuesday will be held next Tuesday. February 27th, with Mrs. J. P. Reid at her home on South Broad street. Works of several Southern authors will be studied, including James Lane Allen, Bret Harte, Cable, Eggleston and Craddock.

MUSIC CLUB

WITH MRS. HARDIN.

The regular monthly meeting of the Music Club was held at 3:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. L. L. Hardin, on East Third avenue. The program as previously published was carried out in full and the meeting was a most enthusiastic and delightful one.

U, C, CLUB

WITH MRS, WILSON,

Mrs. George W. Wilson was hostess to the U. C. Club yesterday afternoon at her home on Second avenue. The subject for study was "The Confederation of the Colonies" and papers were read as follows, namely Amsterdam Becomes New York" by Miss Cabaniss: "English in New York" by Miss Pursley; "Peter Steuyvesant" by Mrs. L. L. Hardin: "The Congress at Albany" Mrs. A. C. Jones: "Mason and Dix-on's Line" by Miss Mary Whitesides. In addition to club members there were present several invited guests A three-course luncheon was served.

SURPRISE WEDDING.

A wedding which came as a distinct surprise to the many friends of the contracting parties was solemnized at 8:45 o'clock Tuesday night at the home of Rev. A. S. Anderson, pastor of the Loray Presbyterian church, when Mr. Dean Rawlings and Miss Grace Gray were united in marriage. The ceremony was witnessed only by the officiating mintster and Mr. and Mrs. J. Flav Bess. Mr. Rawlings is the popular and efficient bookkeeper for the local plant of the Southern Cotton Oil Company, while the bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Gray. Both have a host of friends who extend to them their best wishes upon the occasion of their marriage.

ANNUAL RECEPTION.

The annual reception of the Gastonia Commercial Club held in the club rooms Tuesday night of the most brilliant and enjoyable social events of the season. ception this year was only for the members of the club and their friends, no tickets being sold. The riub rooms were beautifully decorated for the occasion, the first room being in the club colors, black and gold, while the decorations in the second room were all of Japanese

Upon entering the guests were presented to, the receiving line, which was constituted as follows: Mr and Mrs B. H. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Jones, Mr. E. N. Pegram and Miss Emma Salley, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Knby, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. J. W Timberlake, Mr. and Mrs. P. Woods Garland, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jones and Miss Latimer, Mr. Ed Adams and Miss Lowry.

'n a prettily decorated booth in the biliard room punch was served by Mrs. E. W. Gilliam, Miss Rebecca Adams and Miss Johnsie Adams. At other tables delicious refreshments were served in several courses. salad table was in charge of Mrs. Frost Torrence and Mrs. J. H. Kennedy, assisted by Mrs. A. M. Smyre. Mrs. Fred Smyre and Mrs. Mattie Pegram. At the ice cream table Mrs. D. A. Garrison presided, and had as her assistants Misses Louisa Reid, Burney Boyce, Madeline Thomson and Margaret Louise La-Madeline Far. Coffee was served by Mrs. W. L. Balthis and Miss Lottie Blake, assisted by Misses Olive Abernethy. Lillian Watson and Ruth Mason Assisting in various ways a number of other ladies contributed much to the success and pleasure of occasion. The recention, while private affair instead of function as it has been heretofore. was pronounced by all who attended as the most delightful social affair ever conducted under the auspices of the club. Music was furnished by Miss Atkins' orchestra. were present about one hundred and fifty guests.

FOR VISITING YOUNG LADIES.

Complimentary to their house guests, Miss Ethel Hamrick, of Gaffney, S. C., and Miss Susie Mathews, of Greenwood, S. C., and Miss Columbia Kelly, of Salem, Va., Misses Marie and Hallie Torrence delightfully entertained at their home on York street yesterday afternoon and night with a George Washington affair. In the afternoon from 3:30 to 5:30 they entertained their young lady friends. Progressive trail was played, the score cards being miniature hatchets tied with red, white and blue ribbons. The decorations were of red, white and blue with flags and the flowers used were red and white carnations. A salad course was served. Last night from 8:30 to 11 the Misses Torrence entertained a number of their young friends. present being Misses Hamrick, Matthews, Kelley, Ruth Boyce and Carrie Latimer and Messrs, E. N. Pegram, L. C. Jones, Robert McLean, Erskine Boyce, Averitt McLean, Stacy Boyce, Harry Shuford, Henry Boshamer, F. M. Valz, Ed Adams,



Death of Mrs. Jane Smith.

Information was received here this morning of the death of Mrs. Jane Smith, widow of the late Capt John I. Smith, which occurred at home in Clover, S. C., at 6 o'clock yesterday evening. The deceased is survived by one daughter, Mrs. E. W. Pressly, of Clover, and two sons. John M. Smith, of Clover, and Yes Smith, of Newport News. The funeral services were conducted at 3 o'clock this afternoon by Rev. H. R. Mills, pastor of the Clover Presbyterian church, of which Mrs. Smith was a devoted and faithful member.

Mr. John Wallace Dead.

At 2 o'clock Wednesday morning Mr. John Wallace died at his home on North Broad street after a lingering illness of some months, aged his widow and four children. Funeral services were conducted at the home yesterday afternoon at I o'clock by Rev. J. E. Abernethy, pastor of Main Street Methodist church. of which the deceased was a member and the body was laid to rest in Hollywood cemetery. Mr. Wallace had been making his home in Gastonia for many years, having been in the employ of the Gastonia Manufacturing Company as an engineer for a long period. He was a man of excellent character, and had a large number of friends who will learn of his death with much sorrow.

Union Commissioners Coming.

Mr. A. J. Smith, clerk of the board of county commissioners, received a letter this morning from Mr. J. E. Stewart, clerk of the board of commissioners of Union county, stating that the members of that body would arrive here next Wednesday to look over Gaston county's roads and our system of keeping records, etc. They will be accompanied, the letter stated, by a party of newspaper men. Mr. Stewart requested that the chairthem. Mr. Smith wrote Mr. Stewart delighted to have them visit The Union board is composed of Mr. T. J. Gordon, chairman; Mr. J. Stewart, clerk; Messrs, W. G. Long and J. C. Laney.

Roosevelt Club Organized. The chief feature of the gathering

of Gaston county Republicans at Dallas yesterday was the organization of a Roosevelt Club. The meeting was called as a special meeting of the Republican county executive committee but only one or two of them were present so no meeting of that body was held. The gathering resolved itself into a conference and from what can be learned most of the time was devoted to a discussion of national politics. Mr. S. S. Mc-Ninch, of Charlotte, was present and addressed the meeting in behalf of Mr. Roosevelt's candidacy for the Republican nomination for the presidency. It was evidenced Roosevelt was the favorite and Roosevelt Club was organized, 48 of the 52 present enrolling under the Roosevelt banner. Mr. John N. Hanna, of Gastonia, was chosen prestdent of the club, Mr. Walter B. Carson, of Gastonia, secretary and Mr. Joe Armstrong, of Belmont, vicepresident. It is understood that this central club will use its energies to bring about the organization of Roosevelt Clubs in every precinct of the county. So far as can be learned yesterday's meeting was characterized by almost complete harmony.

Ed and Claud Hanes, who broke jail at Kings Mountain several months ago, were arrested in Salisbury for hoboing and were sent back Kings Mountain Wednesday. While serving time for hoboing in Rowan county they overpowered a guard and escaped only to be recaptured. They were being held in

Kings Mountain for store-breaking. In a message to Congress yesterday President Taft said that he did not approve Postmaster General Hitchcock's recommendation that the government own and operate the telegraph lines. The country is not yet ready for this, - he stated. The President commended Mr. Hitchcock for his showing in the postoffice department.

A cyclone storm which swept over northern Louisiana and Mississippi Tuesday evening killed twenty people and severely injured several

Will Wetzell, Grady Rankin., A. G. Myers, W. H. Adams and Fred Wetzell. A George Washington guesscontest furnished considerable ing amusement and pleasure. A feature of the evening was the music. Miss Marie Torrence at the piano Messrs, Robert McLean and Erskine Boyce with violins rendered several selections. Miss Hamrick rendered several piano selections and Miss Matthews sang. All the selections were patriotic. Refreshments were served in two courses. Miss Kelley will entertain for the visiting young ladles next Monday night.

NOT TO SELL COLLEGE.

On the Other Hand President Lindsay Purchases More Land and Will Enlarge Linwood-Will be on the Interurban.

The Gazette last week reprinted from the Bessemer City correspondence of The Charlotte Observer an item containing the rumor that President A. T. Lindsay might sell Linwood College and devote his entire time to his duties as pastor of Pisgah Associate Reformed Presbyterian church. It is gratifying indeed to learn that such a rumor is without foundation.

Mr. Lindsay was in Charlotte Monday and the following is taken from The Observer of Tuesday morn-

"Rev. A. T. Lindsay, president of Linwood College located in Gaston county, spent vesterday in the city on business. Mr. Lindsay declared there was no foundation in the report that has become circulated in this community that he was preparing to sell the property of Linwood 'ollege and retire from connection with the institution. As a matter of fact. Mr. Lindsay has just recently made a large purchase of additional real estate adjoining that which he now owns. Linwood will be situated within a short distance 62 years. The deceased is survived of the interurban when it is extended from Castonia to Kings Mountain and Mr. Lindsay is preparing to build up the college along many lines of activity in the course of the

early future. The Gazette is informed that the Piedmont & Northern Railway Co., the interurban, after long deliberation and careful investigation into the two routes has finally fully decided to run the interurban electric line from Gastonia to Kings Mountain via Linwood College instead of by Bessemer City. This means great things for the college and the friends of that excellent institution here and elsewhere will be greatly pleased to learn of this decision of

the railroad company,
As stated above Mr. Lindsay has purchased considerable additional land in the vicinity of the college property. The Gazette has nothing authoritative on the subject and has been unable to interview Mr. Lindsay because of wrecked phone lines. but has it from a reliable source that there is a movement on foot to make All Healing an up-to-date summer resort, with ample new buildings and all provisions for furnishing man of the Gaston county board, and first-class accommodations to sumthe other members if possible, meet mer visitors. These buildings, it is said, would be used for college purtoday that Gaston county would be poses in the school season and for hotel purposes in the summer. There is no finer place for a summer resort this side of the Land of the Sky and with electric railway connections it would undoubtedly soon become very popular with people from all over the State. That it is the intention of the owners to adopt this plan is not known definitely but The Gazette has heard well-founded rumors to this effect and hopes that they are correct

Mr. Lindsay has built up an excellent school at Linwood and Gaston county and Gastonia would regret exceedingly to learn that he was even thinking of giving up his school work. It is very gratifying to know that the rumor set affoat from Bessemer was unfounded.

HOUSTON FIRE-SWEPT.

Texas City Visited by Most Destructive Blaze in Its History-Loss Will Run Into Millions- No Idves Lost.

Houston, Tex. Dispatch, 21st .--Driven before one of the coldest Texas "northers" of the winter, fire eartoday burned a huge irregular strip through the eastern residential and manufacturing section of Houston. It swept over million dollar plants and filmsy frame structures with equal ease until somewhere between \$6.000,000 and \$10,000,000 damage had been done. Although no lives were lost, more than a score of persons were injured while thousands were driven from their homes and suffered the sting of the freezing temperature.

The burned area by daylight was a mile and a half long and from a city block to a quarter of a mile in width.

The fire started in a two-story frame structure near Opelousas streets and jumped to a feed store. Then it jumped simultaneously to three more frame boarding houses and the roar of the flames on a 35-mile northeast wind began to be ominous. The Star and Crescent hotel, a brick structure, next caught.

From that moment the fire seemed beyond control. Driving ahead frightful rapidity it swayed from side to side and tongues of sparks, sometimes seeming to reach out three blocks ahead, all the time eating steadily toward the more thickly populated section of the city

across dufialo Bayou. Late this afternoon it was definitely ascertained that there had not only been no loss of life but few, if any serious injuries, despite a large num ber of minor bruises and much suffering from exposure.

The residents of the burned area were persons of moderate, some times of straightened means including clerks, laborers and mill and fac

tory workers. A total of 45,000 bales of cotton stored in the Cleveland Compress and the McFadden warehouses were destroyed with a total loss of approx imately \$2,250,000. The Standard warehouse was destroyed but th loss here was not heavy as very little cotton was destroyed.