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CARRIERS ARE COMING

DISTRICT MEETING HERE SEPTEMBER 1.

Rural Mail Carriers of Ninth Congressional District Called to Meet in Gastonia on Labor Day, September First—Effort Will be Made to Perfect a Regular Working Organization for the District.

On Monday, September 1st, which is Labor Day and a holiday with post-office employees over the country, the rural letter carriers of the Ninth Congressional District will gather in Gastonia for the purpose of discussing matters of interest to the men and also to take steps looking toward the organization of a district body to meet annually hereafter.

The following call has been issued for this meeting by Mr. J. M. Ballard, of Newton, district organizer.

"The rural carriers of the Ninth Congressional District are hereby called to meet in the city of Gastonia, N. C., Monday September 1, 1913. This call is made for the purpose of discussing subjects pertaining to the service and to take steps to more thoroughly organize the carriers of the district. The organization is based on fraternal principles. It is for the study and adoption of the best methods of performing the rural service. We desire a large attendance, therefore every carrier and substitute, whether members of the association or not, are urged to be present. We owe it to the service, we owe it to the department officials, we owe it to ourselves as up-to-date, progressive carriers to attend these conventions whenever and wherever opportunities and circumstances will permit.

"Take a day off, my brother, and meet us at Gastonia and let us become acquainted and exchange ideas, thereby enjoying the day together."

Fraternally and faithfully yours,

J. M. BALLARD

Dist. Organizer.

There are eleven counties in this congressional district with 150 or more rural carriers within their bounds. Just how many of these will attend is not known but it is believed that a goodly delegation will be on hand from practically every county in the district.

In addition to the district meeting the Gastonia County Rural Letter Carriers Association will hold its semi-annual meeting for the election of officers and the transaction of other business, most of which will be of a routine nature. This meeting will likely be held in the afternoon. It is probable that The Gazette may be able to give the program for this forthcoming district meeting in an early issue.

Gastonia will welcome these visitors and there is no doubt that they will receive royal entertainment at the hands of the local carriers and their friends.

Loray Defeats Spencer Mountain.

The Loray Tigers shut out Spencer Mountain Saturday evening, the score being 5 to 0. The game was a pitcher's battle between Dagenhardt and Costner. If Costner had been given the support which Dagenhardt received, neither team would have scored. The features of the game were the pitching of Dagenhardt and Costner and the double steal of Jenkins, A., and Willis. This was the first double steal pulled off here this season. Batteries: Loray—Dagenhardt and Willis; Spencer Mountain—Costner and Ferguson. Struck out by Dagenhardt 11, Costner 13.

Score: R. H. E.
Loray 5 0 3
Spencer Mountain 0 0 0

—Mr. and Mrs. Fred M. Howell returned yesterday from York county where they have been spending a vacation with friends and relatives

SUICIDE AT THE LORAY

LOVE-SICK HARVEY MANOR SHOT HIMSELF

Well-Known and Industrious Young Man of Good Family at Loray Mill Shoots Himself Through Heart With .22 Rifle—Said to Have Been Disappointed in Love Affair—Tragedy Occurred at 6:30 A. M. Monday.

Harvey Manor, a young man 18 years old living in the Loray Mill settlement, committed suicide yesterday morning about 6:30 o'clock by shooting himself through the heart with a .22 rifle. Disappointment in his love affairs seems to have been the cause of the tragedy.

It seems that some time last week young Manor called at the office of the Registrar of Deeds for a marriage license, but was held up by Mr. Smith who was doubtful as to the age of the parties concerned. Manor had the promise of his sweetheart, Miss Padgett, to marry him, and when the license was refused him, he took up the notion that the girl's parents had been instrumental in blocking the marriage. It was testified after the suicide by friends of the girl that Manor had come to the girl while at work early Monday morning and had asked her what objections her father had to him and why he had prevented their marriage. The girl, so it is reported, became somewhat incensed at his accusation and replied that her father had done nothing, but that if he wanted to thus falsely accuse her father, she would have nothing more to do with him. Grieving over this fancied and imaginary affront, Manor went to his home, gave his mother some money to pay certain debts owed by him and went to his room. In a few moments Mrs. Manor heard a shot and rushing in found her son with a bullet through his heart.

From the powder burns on his shirt he had evidently held the rifle close to his breast. Dr. C. J. McCombs was instantly summoned, but life was extinct when he arrived. A coroner's inquest was not deemed necessary.

Young Manor was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Manor and was universally esteemed by those who knew him. He was a faithful and industrious worker in the Loray Mill and was held in high esteem by his employers.

HIGH-SCHOOL TEACHERS HERE.

Meeting of Superintendents and Principals of Gaston County High Schools for Next Year Held Yesterday in Superintendent Hall's Office.

There was held yesterday a meeting in County Superintendent P. P. Hall's office, of the high school principals and superintendents in Gaston county. Many important matters were taken up and discussed, chief among which were the compulsory school law, the course of study for the ensuing year and the various contests to be held next winter and spring. In addition to the three contests in debating, reciting and declaiming there will probably be contests in story writing.

The following men were present yesterday: Messrs. S. B. Hovis, Joe Nixon, R. H. Cline, John James, H. A. Query, J. B. Henson, Ray Funderburk, A. A. Armstrong, Joe S. Wray and J. H. Ramseur.

Saturday Night R. Flept Smathers,

a prominent Haywood county farmer living near Canton, was killed by John Waldrop. The slayer was captured Sunday morning near Sunburst by two men, after having been chased all night by a posse of 200 men.

SHOT TO DEATH BY MOB

CHARLOTTE HAS A LYNCHING BEE

Joe McNeely, Negro Who Shot Policeman Wilson, Taken From Hospital Early This Morning and Riddled With Bullets—Slim Chance to Recover—Policeman's Condition Improved Somewhat.

What will in all probability prove to be the first lynching in the history of Mecklenburg county occurred at 2:15 this morning when a mob of about 35 men stormed the Good Samaritan Hospital and took there from the negro Joe McNeely, who last week shot Policeman Wilson. The crowd threw him in the street in front of the door and riddled him with bullets. The crowd then dispersed on the instant.

At 3:30 this morning the negro seemed barely alive at police headquarters. Half a dozen bullets were in his abdomen.

The negro, who had been chained to prevent the possibility of his escape, was in an upstairs room, guarded by two policemen, Officers Tarleton and Everett Earnhardt.

About 1 o'clock this morning it was noted that groups of men were standing about on back streets. But the first real intimation given the public that anything unusual had occurred was the detonation of 15 or 20 pistols as they hurled their leaden missiles into the prostrate form of Joe McNeely.

Only a few seconds, if at all, before the arrival of the mob, it seems, did the authorities at the hospital suspect anything untoward. When the crowd arrived, having pursued their way through the darkened streets of the negro settlement, they found the hospital door shut and locked.

One man advanced to the door, banged on it and called for Policeman Earnhardt.

"You'll not get in this house tonight," replied one of the colored women nurses sharply.

For answer the man hurled his weight against the door which yielded and the crowd thronged in and up the stairs. Those on the outside say they heard them demand, "Which is the right one?" "Show us the right one." The women shrieked in terror. Never in the history of Charlotte had just such a scene been enacted.

The two policemen on guard leveled their revolvers at the crowd and ordered them to stand back, but the vengeance seekers leaped upon them and tore the pistols from their grasp.

"Then," said a spectator on the outside, narrating his experience afterward, "we heard the clinking of the chains as they brought him down the stairs."

The rest must have happened in a very few seconds. A score of pistols flashed in the faint gas light and from the helpless form on the ground came no even a moan.

The swiftness with which the mob dispersed, according to those who saw the occurrence, indicates their confidence that their aim had been deadly and that the object of their fury had been accomplished. But when the police station was notified, the patrol sent down and the negro's body examined it was found that life was not extinct. He was taken to police headquarters.

At 3:30 this morning McNeely was conscious and able to talk. He asked that the old bandage across his neck be pulled away so that he could pray.

It was said that his chance to recover was very slim.

AFTER THE LYNCHERS.

A phone message from Charlotte to The Gazette this afternoon states that Solicitor George W. Wilson, who is representing the State at the present term of Mecklenburg Superior Court, has turned his docket over to former Solicitor Heriot Clarkson and has taken personal charge of the search for the lynchers. Up to 2 o'clock this afternoon none of the mob had been taken, though all of the city and county officers are engaged in the hunt. A called meeting of the Charlotte city council is being held this afternoon for the purpose of considering the situation and Solicitor Wilson is conferring with them. Reports this morning state that Policeman Wilson's condition is somewhat improved.

MR. MILES J. RHYNE DEAD.

Prominent Citizen of Lincoln County Passes—Survived by Large Connection in Gaston County.

Mr. Miles J. Rhyme whose home was across the line in Lincoln county about five miles from Stanley died early this morning. Death was not unexpected for deceased had been in failing health for some time. He was about 60 years of age. Mr. Rhyme was a prominent farmer. He is survived by the following brothers and sisters, Messrs. A. P. Rhyme, of Mt. Holly; Laban and D. E. Rhyme, of Lincolnton, and Messrs. Alonzo Abernethy and R. C. G. Love, of Lincolnton, and by the following half-brothers, Messrs. Arthur and Bert Rhyme, of Mt. Holly, and one half-sister whose name could not be learned. Mr. Rhyme was twice married. His first wife was a Miss Bolinger and from this union there are surviving Miss Mary and Messrs. Jake, Robert and Wirt Rhyme, and one other son. His second wife was Mrs. Annie Kennedy and there are three or four younger children whose names are not available.

SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

THE MOVEMENTS OF GASTON PEOPLE

Personal Items About Gaston Folks and their Friends—Short Items About People and Things That Are of Interest to Gazette Readers Condensed for Their Convenience.

—Attorney D. P. Dellinger made a business trip to Grover yesterday.

—Mr. L. F. Groves and Mr. D. M. Jones spent the week-end at Wrightsville Beach.

—Lenoir News, 22nd: Miss Kate Deal returned last week from a visit to Gastonia.

—Mr. R. Q. Ford, of Lowell, was a business visitor in Gastonia yesterday.

—Miss Mary Spencer, of Pineville, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Guy C. Killian.

—Misses Edith Robinson and Irma Reid, of Lowell, were among yesterday's visitors in the city.

—Mr. F. D. Phillips, of McAdenville, was in the city on business yesterday.

—Dr. J. W. McConnell, of Davidson, was a visitor in the city yesterday a short while between trains.

—Dr. N. A. Orr, of Belmont, is in Baltimore attending clinics at one of the larger hospitals there.

—Mr. and Mrs. Watt Nichols, of Chester, spent Sunday here with Sheriff and Mrs. J. D. R. McLean.

—Dr. L. Neale Patrick has returned from Montreal where he spent the greater part of the summer.

—Mr. O. J. Rhyme, of Dallas, route two, was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

—Mr. J. M. Sloan, of Belmont, route one, was in the city on business Saturday.

—Raleigh Times: Mrs. Locke Craig, who has been the guest of Mrs. Thomas L. Craig at Blowing Rock, has returned to the city.

—Mr. W. W. Clary and family left Saturday for Norfolk, Va., where they will spend several days with relatives.

—Miss Ethel Pierce is spending a few days in Charlotte as the guest of Miss Louise Orr and Miss Rachel Ross.

—Misses Lillis and Ione Ashe, of McConellsville, S. C., arrive today to visit Misses Mildred and Ruby Falls.

—Misses Lenora Patterson, of Huntersville and Sarah Harry, of Harrisburg, are the guests of Miss Sarah Rutledge in Mount Holly.

—Mrs. R. C. Houser returned yesterday to her home in Shelby after a visit to her sister, Mrs. R. C. Warren.

—Little Miss Mabel Ormand, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Ormand, has as her guest this week little Miss Elizabeth White, of Bessemer City.

—Master Theodor Ormand and Miss Elizabeth Ormand spent Saturday and Sunday in Charlotte as the guests of their aunt, Mrs. H. F. Ramsey.

—Misses Mary Hicks, of Spencer, and Alma Fronberger, of Bessemer City, are visiting Miss Lena Lineberger at her home on West Airline avenue.

—Mrs. G. F. Hovis and little daughter, Kitty Frances, left yesterday for Blacksburg, S. C., to spend a few days with the former's mother, Mrs. R. M. Randall.

—Misses Vernie Arthurs and Susie Rawlins, teachers in Main Street Sunday school, took their classes to Linwood College on a picnic this morning.

—Col. and Mrs. T. L. Craig returned home Saturday night from Blowing Rock where they spent a couple of weeks at the Green Park Hotel.

—Mr. J. P. Chandler, of Bessemer City, was in Gastonia Saturday. Mr. Chandler intends to move to this city as soon as his residence on South York street can be completed.

—Misses Verdie and Alice Carpenter left last Thursday on a visit to their brother, Mr. G. E. Carpenter, of Richburg, S. C., and their uncle, Mr. J. P. Carpenter, of Smith's Turnout, S. C.

—Mrs. Bessie McLeod, who has been the guest for the past two weeks of her father, Mr. J. L. Grice, at his home on Modena street, returned Saturday to her home at Timmons ville, S. C.

—Mr. Ross Forbes returned to his home at Crowder's Creek yesterday after spending a week very pleasantly at Granite Falls with his brother, Mr. M. C. Forbes and family.

—Messrs. O. B. Robinson, Eli and Lee Lineberger, M. L. Rudisill, of Cherryville, and R. C. Robinson left yesterday for Raleigh to attend the Farmers' Convention and Round-Up meeting.

—The Shuford Company, whose sale grocers, moved Saturday from the Craig & Wilson building to the new Rankin building on West York avenue, the same location which they occupied before the old building was damaged by fire several months ago.

—At the regular meeting of Gastonia Lodge No. 188, I. O. O. F., to be held on Thursday night of this week delegates will be elected to the district meeting to be held in Lincolnton on September 17th and 18th. All members are especially requested to be present.

WAS STABBED TO DEATH

FRANK MAUNEY KILLED BY W. S. DAVIS

In Drunken Brawl at Harden Saturday Afternoon Mr. Frank Mauney is Stabbed to the Heart by Knife in Hands of W. S. Davis—Mauney Was Acting Role of Peace-maker—Davis Crazy Drunk and Irresponsible—Preliminary Hearing.

As the result of a drunken brawl at Harden last Saturday afternoon, one man, Frank Mauney, is dead from a knife wound which severed his heart in twain and two others, W. S. Davis and Bev Hoover, are locked in the Gaston county jail, the former accused of the crime. The affair happened about 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon and from the evidence gathered by Solicitor Wilson, Sheriff McLean and Deputy G. R. Rhyme and J. Madison Kendrick who went to Harden Saturday night after the prisoner the terrible tragedy resulted in this manner.

It seems that some one was holding a shoe on a match a short distance up the river from Harden and these men together with several others were present. Some one in the crowd had an abundance of whiskey and several in the crowd drank rather freely. Mr. Bob Grice testifying before Solicitor Wilson said that about 2 o'clock he and Mauney and a Mr. Herman were leaving the place and had gotten a short distance away when they noticed that Davis and one Bev Hoover seemed to be fighting and that Hoover's face was bloody. With the remark that they should go back and separate the belligerents, Mauney turned and went toward the two as if to pull them apart. At this point it is said that Davis applied a vile epithet to Mauney and slashed his arm to the bone from above the elbow to the wrist. This wound, it was said afterwards, was enough to cause death from bleeding. Mauney stooped to pick up a fence rail with which to defend himself when Davis cut him again, once in the stomach and again just below the left nipple. A thrust ranging in and upward, a powerful blow with a strong knife said that a rib was cut in two and the heart severed. The wounded man never spoke and died before medical aid could reach him.

After the trouble it is reported that Davis went to his home, procured a pistol and threatened to shoot anybody who dared to arrest him. It is said that he had the whole community terrorized until arrested by Deputy Sheriff Lore, of Dallas. Before being arrested by this official, Sheriff McLean and Deputies Rhyme and Kendrick were summoned from Gastonia. They went to Harden and brought the prisoner back to Gastonia where he was lodged in the county jail along with Bev Hoover who is being retained as the principal witness.

Mauney was about 30 years of age and was unmarried. He is a brother of a Mr. Mauney who was killed several years ago at a baseball game by one Cloninger, within a hundred yards of where the deceased met his tragic end. Davis is married and is the father of nine children. He is originally from Caldwell county. Both were operatives in the cotton mill at Harden.

When seen by a Gazette representative yesterday morning at the jail, Davis talked freely. From all appearances he is well-nigh heartbroken over the affair.

"I don't remember a thing," he said to the reporter, "after taking three or four drinks of whiskey up there at the shooting match till the sheriff had me coming to the jail. I was just crazy drunk and did not know what I was doing. Frank Mauney was one of the best friends I had. While I did not know him so intimately, he and I were good friends. How on earth I ever came to do what they all say I did, I don't know."

Mr. Davis was very much broken up over the tragedy. Hoover, the man with whom he was having the difficulty when the tragedy occurred is not inclined to talk much. He, too, says that he was drinking and that he does not remember anything that happened.

Davis is a small, light man apparently not weighing more than 125 or 130 pounds and not much more than 5 feet and three or four inches in height. Mauney, it is said, was a man of powerful frame, being over six feet tall and weighing 180 pounds.

—Mrs. W. B. Puett, of Belmont, is the guest for a day or so of her sister, Mrs. E. J. Rankin.

—Charlotte Observer, 26th: Miss Lucy Boyce has returned to her home in Gastonia after spending a week here as the guest of Miss Miriam Parker, at her home on Central avenue, Piedmont Park.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. B. O'Neil are expected to return to Gastonia tomorrow for a ten days business trip to New York, where they purchased the fall and winter stock of goods for O'Neil's Variety Store. While away they also visited Atlantic City.

—Mrs. G. W. Ragan had as her guests last Friday Miss Euna Nichols, of Wild Wood, Fla., and Miss Maggie Faulkner, of Clover, S. C. Saturday Mrs. Ragan had as her guests Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Hardin, of Columbia, S. C., who are spending some time with relatives at Clover.

NEWS OF THE COUNTY

LATEST FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

Newsy Letters from Gazette Correspondents Here and There Over Good Old Gaston—What Our Neighbors Are Doing in the Various Sections of the County—Personal Mention of People You Know and Some You Don't Know.

Mount Holly Matters.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

MT. HOLLY, Aug. 25.—The town authorities have removed the guard house down on Riverside which is very suggestive. "The chief" will not have far to take 'em.

Prof. E. A. Thompson left Friday for Gatesville to resume work as superintendent of Gatesville High School.

Margaret Rhyme, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Rhyme celebrated her sixth anniversary Thursday, August 21st, from 4 to 6 p. m. The invited guests were Sarah Rhyme, Helen West, Yates and Pauline Lentz, Mary Nancy Cathey, James and Houston Ware, Mary Joe and Christine Rhyme, Wade Charles and Annie Mae Bowles, Marian Hoffman, Eunice and Mae Springs, Garnell, Dorothy and Mozell Harris, Ruth, Sarah and George Kohn, and Thomas Springs, Jr. Ice cream and cake were served and Miss Margaret received many beautiful presents.

Miss Fannie Hollis, of Martinsburg, West Va., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. T. A. Dunn.

Mrs. Grier, of Kings Mountain, has been on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Leo Grice.

Miss Lollie Rankin, after an extended visit to her sister, Mrs. John Welch, at Kings Mountain, has returned home.

Mr. C. E. Hutchison and family have returned from Blowing Rock where they have been spending a few weeks.

Mr. Turner Johnson has gone North to purchase fall stock of goods for Hutchison & Davenport.

A few of our younger set were charmingly entertained Friday evening from 8 to 11 by Miss Mary Lentz at her home near Academy Place. A novel contest for a prize was won by Miss Grace Kohn and David Bowles. Those present were Misses Gertrude and Grace Kohn, Georgia Abernethy, Edith Holland, Edna Lentz, Sadie Springs and Messrs. Will Springs, Richard Davenport, Will Rhyme, David Bowles and Edwin Hutchison.

Rev. J. A. Bowles is absent this week conducting a meeting at Belmont. He is being assisted by Rev. E. E. Williamson, pastor Central Methodist church, Shelby.

Rev. E. H. Kohn filled the Methodist pulpit last Sunday night and preached an able and instructive sermon.

The Methodist Sunday school gave a picnic at Riverside Park Tuesday. This is an ideal place for occasions like this. The Lutheran Sunday school will picnic there Wednesday.

Lowell Locals.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

LOWELL, Aug. 25.—The dry spell seems to be broken now as we near the end of dog days. Showers seem to be more frequent.

Rev. N. M. Collins has been preaching at Bethesda for the past week. Presiding Elder Hoyle held quarterly conference there Saturday for this circuit.

Rev. G. A. Sparrow held a series of meetings at the Presbyterian church here last week from Friday to Sunday night.

Miss Winnie, of Clo, S. C., stopped over on her return trip to Atlanta and spent the week-end with Mr. J. L. Thompson and sister, Miss Bessie, at Lowell.

Rev. E. M. Hoyle preached at the Methodist church Sunday night, closing on to Shelby Monday morning.

Mr. L. E. Rankin and family moved from here to Gastonia last Thursday. Lowell folks were sorry to give up this family, but such is life. Mr. F. D. Phillips and family will occupy the house Mr. Rankin vacated.

Mrs. Alex Eigger is sick with fever at her father's, Mr. D. W. Vitchem.

Mr. S. M. Robinson has been lingering around home for over two weeks with a case of malaria, but is slightly improved today.

Gilmer C. Leonard has gone to Welford to do telegraph work for a while. Mr. Allison, of Kings Mountain, is holding down the keys here on second trick.

Mrs. W. H. Holmes and children arrived home from a trip to Greenville, S. C. last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Coit M. Robinson motored down from Dallas Sunday afternoon and spent a few hours at the home of Mr. S. M. Robinson.

Play at Mountain School.

On Friday night of next week, September 5th, at 8 o'clock, a play entitled "Jumbo Jim" will be given at Mountain school house by the young people of the school. There will be no charge for admission and everybody is cordially invited to attend. After the play refreshments will be served, the proceeds from which will be for the benefit of the school library. Miss Bessie Biggs, staff, of Bessemer City, has been engaged as teacher for the fall term at Mountain school house, the school to begin later in the fall.

The Cotton Mills Are Sufferers

The Railroads By Their Freight Rate Discrimination Are Injuring The Enterprises of North Carolina. Raleigh News & Observer.

To show how the North Carolina cotton mills are discriminated against here are a few comparative rates to some of the principal trade centers:

To	From Danville, Va.	From Greensboro and Raleigh
New York City	32	41
Baltimore	28	37
Boston, Mass.	37	46
Pittsburgh, Pa.	41	55
St. Louis, Mo.	55	60
Minneapolis, Minn.	87	97
Chicago, Ill.	61	65

Concerning this state of affairs a cotton manufacturer who has studied the situation, says: "You will observe that Danville is only 48 miles from Greensboro, and that Raleigh is about the same distance from the Virginia line as Greensboro.

"The discrimination in favor of the Virginia mills figures roughly about ONE PER CENT PROFIT on a mill's total capitalization, and we think the average cotton mill's dividend is about 5 per cent covering a period of say ten years, this freight discrimination places the Virginia mills in position of being able to earn one per cent profit more than a North Carolina mill, or 20 per cent more dividends."

North Carolina indeed needs relief from the injustice heaped on it by the railroads.