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\$5,000 TRIBUTE YEARLY SHORT LOCAL ITEMS TRAGEDY AT MT. HOLLY WILL DEMAND 15 CENTS STORM SWEEPS STATE NEWS OF THE COUNTY

GASTONIANS ROBBED BY RATES ON COAL THE MOVEMENTS OF GASTON PEOPLE INTERURBAN CAR STRIKES PICNIC CROWD COTTON CROP TO BE HELD FOR THAT? MUCH CROP DAMAGE IS THE RESULT LATEST FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

Freight Rate on Coal from West | Virginia to Gastonia is \$2.55 Per Ton, Twenty Cents More Than to Chester, Rock Hill, Charlotte and Columbia—People of Gastonia Pay Every Year to the Railroads a Tribute of \$5,000 on Coal-How

We Suffer on This One Article. Gastonia pays a tribute of \$5,000 every year to the railroads for the

privilege of getting coal. This is one instance where a discrimination in freight rates hits every man, woman and child in town. We all use coal, directly or indirectly, at some time in the year.

Over 600 car loads of coal, averaging 40 tons to the car, are shipped into Gastonia every twelve months for local consumption. The rate is \$2.55 per ton as against \$2.35 for Lowell, Belmont, Charlotte, Rock Hill, Chester, and Columbia. same amount of coal shipped to Lowell, six miles east of Gastonia, or to Belmont, 12 miles east, would cost the users in those towns at least \$5,000 less than it costs Gastonia.

Not only so but this same coal is shipped from the West Virginia mines right through Gastonia to Blacksburg, S. C., 22 miles further west, for the same rate as is charged in Gastonia, namely \$2.55; for the same freight this coal is carried 56 miles further west than Gastonia,

to Spartanburg, S. C. In the matter of coal this discrimination in freight rates hits the manufactures hardest, of course. About half the mills in Gastonia use steam power and consequently a very large quantity of coal. In addition to this enormous burden of \$8 tribute to the railroads per car on coal pail by the manufacturers, the average family is burdened also. It does not hit the average family to such an extent that they feel the burden much but nevertheless it is outrageous that every family in the town snouin be compelled to pay a tribute of \$1 to \$2 per year to the

necessity. The facts given above were not guessed at, by any means. They are facts according to a very conservative estimate of a very conservative man who deals in coal and who knows just about how much coal is shipped into Gastonia every year. As the town grows, which It it doing constantly, the amount of coal shipped in increases and the consequent tribute to the railroads increases also for the town.

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Doesn't this interest you, Mr. Manufacturer and Mr. Average Man? If so, join the Gaston County Just Freight Rate Association and put your shoulder to the wheel in this fight for justice which the bustness men of the State from Murphy to Manteo are making with a determination that will brook no deniat. Membership cards are in the hands of all of the wholesale men of the town and of the officers of the association. See some one of these and show your colors by signing one of New names are being added to the list daily and prospects point to a total membership of 1,000 or more in this county by the time the Legislature meets on September 24th.

Was Wounded When Stonewall Jackson Fell.

Alexandria, Va., Sept. 4. - Noah D. Rittenour an alde to "Stonewall" Jackson during the Civil War is dead here at the age of 68. Mr. Rittenour died yesterday and the funeral will be held today. For 40 years he was a clerk and interpreter in the office of the audittor of the Navy Department in Washington. In the fighting at Chancellorsville, in which General Jackson received his mortal wounds, Mr. Rittenour was beside the noted Confederate and likewise was badly wounded.

The most manifest sign of wisdom is continued cheerfulness. -Montaigne.

Personal Items About Gaston Folks and their Friends - Short Items About People and Things That Arof Interest to Gazette Readers Condensed for Their Convenience

-Dr. R. H. Rowe, of Bessemer ity, was in Gastonia on business Wednesday.

Miss Pear Gallant is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Walter McEachin, in Laurinburg.

—Jailer G. R. Rhyne returned yesterday from Maiden where he spent several days with friends. -Mr. J. B. Beard will go next

week to Charlotte where he will be

connected with the Princess theatre. Howell.

-Mrs. N. E. Jenkins and Miss Mary Jenkins have returned from a visit to Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Wilkinson at Asheville.

-Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Gullick and family, of Belmont, have returned from a motor trip to Asheville and other mountain points.

-Mr. George R. Patrick, of the Union section, is at home on a brief vacation from Baltimore where he has been working in one of the hospitals.

-Mr. E. D. Long has gone into opened up a market on East Airline avenue opposite the Avon Mill office

of Mrs. S. W. Patrick.

Gastonia Lodge No. 36 t. A. F and A. M., will hold regular comdone in the second degree. Business of importance is to be trans-

Mrs. Ferrie Pegram, of Steele Creek, is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. L. Gallant, for a few days en route to York county to visit her daughters Mesdames Walter Biggers and Meek Williams.

Masters Frank, Davidson and Walter | too late to stop or turn back the car Hall and Mrs. J. B. Hall, of Bel- bore down on them with the fearful mont, return today from Lancaster, results as given. After striking the where they have been visiting the family of Judge Ernest Moore. mer into kindling wood and hurling They made the trip in Prof. Hall's the latter into the air as high as the

Rev. and Mrs. R. S. Abernethy and family and Prof. E. J. Abernethy, of Caroleen, and Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Rankin, of Morrisville, Mo., who have been the guests of the families of Dr. Mc. G. Anders and Mr. D. P. Dellinger for several weeks left yesterday morning for their respective homes.

Mr. Harold Shields, of Greensboro, a former Gastonian, is spending a few days in town en route to his home after spending the summer in Edgemont and Mortimer. Mr. Shields returns this fall to Union Seminary, Richmond, where he

Mr. E. L. Coon, of the Tenth U S. Infantry, spent Wednesday night here with his brother, Mr. 'oon, and left yesterday for New York whence he will sail for Pana-Mr. Coon has been at the home of his father, Mr. A. S. Coon, in Lincoln county on a furlough. He has been in the regular army for the past five years, and his regiment has been stationed at the Culebra cut for two years.

-Mrs. Frank Whitesides. Chicota, Texas, who is spending some time with relatives in the Hickory Grove section, is spending a few days with friends In Gastonia. Mr. John Love and Mrs. John Whitesides, who came in from Texas with her a month or more ago. returned a few days ago to their respective homes in the Lone Star

Miss Emma Sanford, Aged 20, and Isaac Brymer, 19 Years Old, of South Point, Dashed to Death by P. & N. Double-Header - Misses Cora Sanford and Jennie Howell and Mr. Lloyd Sanford Injured-Was Part of Sunday School Picnte Party From Belmont to Riverside

One of the most horrible accidents in the history of Gaston county occurred last Tuesday afternoon at 230 at the Costner crossing in Mt. Holly when northbound P. & N. car No. 16, in charge of Motorman Johnson and Conductor Griswold, crash--Misses Lena and Lila Howell, ed into a wagon load of Sunday of the Bethany section, are the school picnickers bound from Bet-guests of their brother, Mr. F. M. mont to Riverside Park, killing two, mont to Riverside Park, killing two, Miss Emma Sanford and Ike Brymer and injuring three others. The injured are Miss Cora Sanford, Mr. Lloyd Sanford and Miss Jennie Howell, of Charlotte, sister, brother and cousin respectively of the dead girt. The horse and the mule hitched to the wagon were also killed.

The Sunday schools of the Methodist and Baptist churches in Betmont and from the South Point Methodist church had united in a joint picnic to Riverside Park, and were making the trip in wagons and buggies. Between 150 and 200 people, were in the crowd. The majorthe meat market business, having ity of the people had reached the park and the ill-fated wagon in charge of Mr. Jerome Hagerty was the third from the last in the pro-- Miss Mamie Henderson, of the cession and was about 150 yards to Union section, and guest Miss Mag- advance of the next one behind. gie Morris, of Marion, were the There were in this wagon those guests last night and this morning named and one other. Mr. James Hagerty, a brother of the driver. He was sitting in the back of the wagon and escaped injury by a backward nunication tonight and work vill be jump from the rear end. Eyewitnesses in the wagon to the rear and those living nearby as well as those in the party say that on nearing the car tracks, the Brymer boy stood up in the wagon to watch for a car. Those in the wagon say that the parties were discussing the chances of being hit by a car and were therefore on the lookout. Mr. Brymer neither seeing nor hearing a car instruct-- Prof. and Mrs. F. P. Hall and ed the driver to go ahead. When wagon and team, converting the for trolley wire, the car ran 393 feet before being brought to a stop. A man living near the scene of the accident measured the distance from the crossing to where the car was brought to a standstill and found it to be a distance of 11 rails, or 393 feet. This will serve to give an idea of how fast the car was running. and with the brakes applied. Optnions differ as to the rate at which the car was going, from the 12 miles an hour in the published account of The Charlotte Observer to the miles an hour rate of the excited eve-witnesses. The most likely theory is that the train, a double-header, running a few minutes late and will be a second year ministerial with another car waiting to pass in the yards at Mt. Holly, was running at from 25 to 30 miles an hour, not an unusual and a regular rate of run-

ning for the Interurban. A few moments after the accident a crowd of 200 or 300 persons had assembled at the scene. The injured were removed to the home of Mr. W. H. B. Lineberger just a short distance away and their wounds dressed. Drs. McCoy, Rhyne, Orr and Davis being the first physicians to reach the spot. Wednesday morning the Misses Sanford and Howell were taken to the hospital in Charlotte where they are getting along nicely. Neither is seriously injured. The boy, Lloyd Sanford, was able to return to his home

The bodies of the dead were pre pared for burial in Mt. Holly and taken to their homes in the South Point section, four or five miles South of Belmont Tuesday afternoon. Their funerals were held Wednesday morning, Rev. J. A. Bowles conduct ing the services of Miss Sanford with interment following at Moore's chapel cemetery in Mecklenburg county Rev. W. S. Lacy conducted the funeral of young Brymer and the body was interred in Goshen graveyard. The parents of both the deceased are well nigh prostrated with grief over their tragic death, as is also young Jerome Hagerty, the driver of

Charlotte Observer. A farmer was arrested and fined the other morning for selling some adulterated milk, adulterated with a little harmless water. He wore at the same time a suit of all wool (?) clothes badly adulterated with shoddy materials, and boots whose sotes were adulterated with paper, or wood shavings. For breakfast drank adulterated coffee, his mear was spiced with adulterated pepper, his cakes powder, his pickels soured with adulterated vinegar, his pie was seasoned with adulterated spice, his wife was out of sorts because she could not make bread out of adulerated flour that had been run in on her for the "best." In fact he saw and felt the effects of adulteration which ever way he looked, and had never heard of the adulterators being arrested and fined. Yet there are those who blame the farmer for complaining of being discontented. has placed within it .- Landor.

National Farmers Union, in Convention at Salina, Kan., Binds Its Members to Hold Cotton This Year for Fifteen Cents-Yield Estimated at 14,074,500 Bales -Union Favors Longer School Terms and Compulsory Education.

An Associated Press dispaten from Salina, Kan., dated yesterday and appearing in this morning's pa-The high cost of living will be

higher as a result of the action of the National Farmers' Union here today in fixing the price at which members will sell this year's crop of cotton at 15 cents a pound. The present price is approximately 12

The action of the convention binds every member of the union to hold his cotton until the market reaches the figures set. Although in the past repeated efforts have been made to have a similar resolution passed by the convention, the advocates of the proposal always failed to muster the necessary votes. This year there was no opposition to

the plan. Several of the leading cotton growers wanted minimum figures fixed at 17 cents or 18 cents pointed out that owing to the lightness of the money market and the unsettled conditions in Europe and this country prices of all products would soar and cotton would bring that price if the members of the union held out. Experts employed by the union estimate this year's yield at 14,074,500 bales. Last year it was 14, 200,000 bales and the price averaged twelve

There are nearly 2,000,000 mem bers of the union who are cotton growers and leaders in the movement say their neighbors who are not members of the union will join in holding the crop until it can be marketed at 15 cents a pound. The minimum price at which cottonseed will be sold was \$30 a ton and members were pledged to hold out for that figure. Last year's price ranged around \$26 which is approxymately the present market figure. Consolidation of rural schools as the best method of improving the

educational system in rural COIIImunities and thus make farm more attractive, was endorsed in a resolution which also called for an increase in the length of the rurar school term and compulsory attend-Other resolutions urged greater protection for animals and birds and a chair of marketing in the agriculture departments of State universities. Education through improved schools, lectures and the press was endorsed as the foremost factors in the advancement of the

NEW PAPER AT SALISBURY.

Will be Published Under the Salisbury Date Line Soon, the First Issue to Appear About the First of October-A Semi-Weekly Pitched on Broad Basis is the Ambition of

Special to The Gazette.

Salisbury, N. C., Sept. 1 .- The Yadkin Valley Herald is the name of a new paper to be launched under the Salisbury date line some ttime very soon. The Yadkin Valley Heraid will be published twice-a-week and will take over the Semi-Weekly POST, a paper with several thousand subscribe; s. It will be under the direct management of Mr. C. D. Rose, as business manager, and under the editorial direction of Mr. J. F. Hurley, and these will be aided by several contributing editors.

The paper will be pitched on a broad basis and boas to become a paper of more than local circulation and influence. It will be independent and in no way associated with any other publication. It will seek to give a full and complete news service, and in addition give special attention to the most important issues of our present day living especially those issues and problems which have most to do with the rural advance of North Carolina.

In promoting this publication Mr. urley said: "The Semi-Weekly Hurley said: Post, by reason of the fact that it is largely an output of the daily Post, a not meeting the needs for a semiweekly paper in this immediate sec-This has been due to the fact that it has never been made a paper of single purpose and identity. Its rersonality, so to speak, has been lost in the Daily Post. Yet there is a field for such a paper as we hope to make of the Yadkin Valley Herald. Rowan and sections of adjoining counties need just such a paper as we have in mind, and we belive that in a few years our publication will be meeting with a generous support and be serving a splendid purpose. Its coming will be slow, as a matter of ourse. It must prove itself, and show to the people of this Yadkin Vailey that it is worthy of their consideration. It is undertaken in full onfidence in the field and in the reople upon a hoin we must rely for support. Time will test what can be cone with such a paper, but but as

Life is a casket not precious in itself, but valuable in proportion to what fortune, or industry, or virtue

Coastal Storm Does Much Damage In Eastern Section of State-Washing and New Bern Flooden -Bridge Over Tar River Washed A. way-Thousands of Dollars Worth of Damage Done to Crops.

A terrific storm of hurricane like proportions swept over the eastern section of North Carolina Wednesday afternoon and night continuing till yesterday. Dispatches from Raleigh and other cities in the arflicted section say:

Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 4. Heavy damage to growing crops, resulted from the severe rain and wind storm which yesterday swept eastern North Carolina, according to reports which reached here today. Wire communtcation with the affected section is still badly crippled. No loss of life has been reported.

Flood warnings for districts along the Neuse and Tar rivers were issued by the local weather bureau today upon compilation of rainfall reports from the sections above.

A coastal storm that crossed the country and swept the eastern section of North Carolina yesterday, flattened crops near maturity and wrought a damage in North Carolina that may never be entirely known.

The tract of the wind, which was an uncommon rain accompaniment. was over the northeastern section of the State, and broke in the interior The sweep was wide and furtous. Old inhabitants have not witnessed longer fury, and rarely have they seen such a rainfall. Lucky were the mainlines of the Seaboard, Southern, and Norfolk Southern, but he floods are expected to stop trafhe it, more places than the Norfolk southern's branch lines.

The damage in Rarelai lies largely in the return to me hevailsm in a Pine knots, candles, firemondent. place cooking and the like trailed in the take of the storm, and mother's friend, the Senegambian messenger boy, did old time busness yesterday

The track of the storm was from the northeast. It was so wide that the weatther bureau could not tell what it was. Few old timers ever saw such opportunity for destruction. The wind blew at a furious gait but never went over 36 miles an hour, according to the bureau. Many times and for long periods it went at a 30-mile clip, twisting tops of trees off and scattering them over town. On the Capitol lawn these small branches cover the green earth but no big trees fell.

They were expected, and many stood and watched to see the oaks of fifty and more years topple over on the roof or on the lawn. A blocks away a great maple did fall on McDowell street and in its wake electric wires and telephone cables went, but all houses were missed. Very little of such destruction locally is reported.

PHONES ARE SILENT.

The mouths of twelve hundred telephones are hushed this morning. Until night, the number had not gone beyond a thousand, so far as The Bell seems to have known. suffered a thousand silences and the Raleigh two hundred by estimate. These are not accurate. They may be more or less.

Secretary of State Grimes received advices today from his plantaton near Grimesland, Pitt county, to the effect that his place was the center of the storm area and suffered great-There were 130 splendid oak trees in the yard and adjoining groves at the Grimes estate blown down. Crops are also badly damag-Col. Grimes left this afternoon to take a look at the situaton.

DEVELOPMENTS EXPECTED.

William Bayard Hale Discusses Mexican Situation With President -Gives Description of Conditions as He Saw Them.

Washington, Sept. 4.-William Bayard Hale, who spent the fast three months studying political conditions in Mexico, laid before President Wilson today information he gathered about the Huerta government and also conferred with Sec-

He declined to discuss his vistt with the administration officials but it is understood gave them an intimate description of the negotiations conducted by John Lind and the officials of the provisional President up to a week ago today, when he left Mexico City. So far as is known Mr. Hale's connection with those negotiations was unofficial and in-

Dispatches from Mexico City saying prominent Mexicans believed Huerta would resign in favor of Geronimo Trevino and thus make himself an eligible candidate for the presidency, lacked confirmation here but the news was not surprising to administration officials. While they are still hoping for a definite assurance that Huerta will not be a candidate, they realize that a plan to install him in the presidency has been under way for some time.

No indication has been given as to the administration's future policy should Mr. Lind's efforts to obtain a definite assurance of Huerta's elimination prove fruitless, but developments of either an affirmative or negative character are pected soon which will affect United States Government's policy materially.

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

Bessemer Route Two News.

'orrespondence of The Gazette.

CHERRYVILLE, Route 2, Sept. 1. -Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Garrett, of Kings Mountain, spent Thursday with Mrs. Garrett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Carpenter.

Misses Maggie Lee and Eunice 'arpenter spent a few days last week with Misses Mamie and Carrie Beam near Grover.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Farris and children spent a few days last week in Kings Mountain.

Mrs. R. L. Carroll returned home Tuesday from Virginia where she has been spending a few weeks with her son, Mr. Charlie Carroll. Mrs. John S. Stroup returned

home last Monday from visiting her grandmother in Iredell county. Mrs. J. P. Lackey spent Friday with her sister, Mrs. John Carpen-Misses Ferrie Froneberger and

Maggie Lee Carpenter spent Sunday with Misses Maggie and Louisa Deck near Bessemer City. Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Carpenter

spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mr. Walter Long spent last week with his sister, Mrs. Claud Peeler,

near Gaffney, S. C. Miss Sallie Stroup returned home Monday from her visit to Cowpens,

Hickory Grove News.

orrespondence of The Gazette. HICKORY GROVE, Sept. 2. -Hepzibah Sunday school had a picnic at High Shoals Saturday. The rowd had a good time.

Mrs. Strand, of Greensboro, is spending a few days with Miss Buena Biggerstaff.

Miss Annie Reep was the guest Saturday and Sunday of Miss Ora Froncherger. Mrs. William Stafford, of Hickory,

returned home Tuesday after spending a few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Woods. Mr. Fred Avery, of High Shoals,

spent Sunday with friends in this Mr. J. D. Froneberger made a business trip to Lincolnton Monday, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Biggerstaff and

family spent Sunday with his parn's, Mr. and Mrs. Biggerstaff. Miss Ada Reep spent Sunday with Miss Zona Farris. Yess Buena Biggerstaff gave the

coung people a singing Sunday ev-It was enjoyed by a large Mr. and Mrs. Lois Carpenter were

the guests Saturday and Sunday of Mrs. Carpenter's parents. Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Pasour.

Our Honor Roll.

Since our last list was published wo weeks ago the following persons have paid subscriptions to The Gazette: J B Pursley, D H Ford, A L D Bumgardner, R E Long, J L Jordan, J. H. Moten, C. N. Black, J. P. Chandler, J.C. Featherstone, G. W. Detter, J.M. Killian, J.F. Flowers, Jr., Matthew Harper, H C Froneberger, W G Starnes, Rev. K A Campbell, E D Long, E H Robinson, A R Anders, O J Rhyne, Mrs. J M Whitesides, Frank D Phillips, Dr. R E Rhyne, J E Gill, G D Flanagan, M W Crissom, W B Huggins, R L Rankin, F E Saunders, W E Bolch, W P McAteer, R L McAteer, Chalmers Lytton, J D Ledford, Mrs. L P Austin, Dr. T. C. Quickel, R H Ratchford, Bill Carothers, Clyde Summey, A L. Lewis, L. C Carpenter, Thos. H. Adams, J P Saunders, Julius Lineberger, N W Moore, J F Flowers, Sr., Mrs. S P Lackey, H L Jenkins, W A Dameron, W T Rankin, W E Todd, J A Hunter, Mrs. S A Kindley, Mrs. W T Wilkins, Dr. T A Wilkins, Leonard Curry, E D Mauney, H J. Shannon, J S Walker, W B Carpenter, Miss Eulalia Quinn, R S Armstrong, W. F. Lewis, Wiley Hart, J C Campbell.

To live well in the quiet routine of life; to fill a little space because God wills it; to go on cheerfully with a petty round of little duties, little avocations: to smile for the joys of others when the heart is aching who does this, his works will follow him. He may not be a hero to the world, but he is one of God's heroes. -Dean Farrar.

There will be a called meeting of Gastonia Lodge No. 188, I. O. O. F., next Tuesday night, September 9th. Some important business is to be transacted and all the members are urgently requested to be pres-

-Messrs. J. B. Boyd, R. C. Patrick, V. E. and L. H. Long, Rufe Rankin, Hoyle Armstrong and E. R. Padgett constituted a fishing party which went Wednesday morning to Neal's ferry on the Catawba, seven miles south of Belmont to fish. They had very good success, catching some fish and a few eels. All of the party except two returned home Wednesday night. The others spent the night and returned yesterday.

\$5,000 ANNUALLY FILCHED FROM OUR POCKETS

How The Railroads Levy an Enormous Tribute Yearly on Every Man, Woman and Child in Gastonia - Discrimination in Rates on Coal.

Rates on coal from Pocahontas mines to North and South Carolina points:

To Gastonia \$2.55 per ton To Charlotte To Rock Hill, S. C. (40 miles further South) 2.35 " " To Chester, S. C. (60 miles further South) 2.35 " " To Columbia, S. C. (150 miles further South) 2.55 " " To Blacksburg, S. C. (24 miles further South)

To Spartanburg, S. C. (56 miles further South) 2.55 " " (Read Freight Rate Story on This Page.)