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## MR. G. M. GULLICK DEAD

### ONE OF OUR COUNTY'S LEADING CITIZENS End Came With Shocking Suddenness Saturday Morning—Death Due to Facial Erysipelas—Was Prominent in Business Life of the County— Funeral at New Hope Sunday At- tended by Immense Crowd— Sketch of Deceased.

Correspondence of The Gazette.  
BELMONT, Nov. 10.—With a shock that was rendered the more terrible by its suddenness came the news of the death of Mr. George M. Gullick which occurred at his home



GEORGE M. GULLICK.

here Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. Until within a day before his death Mr. Gullick's condition had not been considered serious and then only by his physician and immediate members of the family. Death was due to an acute attack of facial erysipelas. For several days Mr. Gullick had been ill, as he supposed, with a severe case of gripe. Thursday of last week Drs. Gibbon and Mathe-son, of Charlotte, were called for consultation by Dr. Orr and a slight operation was performed and it was thought that relief would come. Saturday morning about 9:30 o'clock there was a sinking spell and the end came in a few minutes. The failure of the heart to respond to the heavy demands made upon it is supposed to have been the immediate cause of his death.

With a few minutes after the death, the news was known all over town and with it there went the keenest pang of regret and sympathy, mingled with the shock and surprise. It could hardly be realized that Mr. Gullick, whom so many had seen only a few days previous the very picture of health, could be dead. As a citizen of the town and prominent merchant Mr. Gullick was one of the most respected and beloved men in town. No one ever went to him for aid and was refused. Since his death many have been the expressions of similar meaning, coming from men of various professions. He was a friend, loyal and unswerving in his devotion. There was no more popular man in Gaston county. A significant fact about the funeral which occurred the next day was the presence of a number of traveling salesmen, who had been associated with Mr. Gullick in a business way for years, many of them coming from Statesville, Spartanburg and other points. As a business man, Mr. Gullick was unexcelled. Tactful, shrewd, conservative and just, he had all the elements that go to make for success. No man in Belmont was fairer or more impartial in all his dealings. Honesty and justice were dispensed by him. By his fine business ability and careful investments Mr. Gullick had amassed a considerable fortune, the most of which is invested in real estate and stocks over the county. He was a director in the Citizens' National Bank and the Gastonia Insurance and Realty Company, of Gastonia, and also in the Riverside Farm Company, the new agricultural project recently launched in the county. In addition to this he had various minor holdings throughout the county.

It was perhaps as a husband and father that Mr. Gullick was best known in Belmont. He was kind, devoted and self-sacrificing to his family. Never a want was theirs. His home life was ideal. Wife and children looked on him as a counselor and comrade. To visitors his hospitality knew no bounds. In Belmont the Gullick home was synonymous with liberality and

good cheer.

Surviving the deceased are two sisters, Mrs. A. L. Guy and Miss Campbell Gullick, of the New Hope section, his wife, who was Miss Mary Stowe, one daughter, Miss Meiva and two sons Masters Floyd and Jonathan Gullick. These were all present when the end came. A cousin, Mayor-elect John Floyd, of Spartanburg, arrived for the funeral Sunday.

### THE FUNERAL

The funeral was held at New Hope church Sunday at 12:30 o'clock conducted by Rev. R. A. Miller, assisted by Revs. W. S. Lacy, L. M. Hobbs and R. S. Burwell. There was probably never a larger crowd at old New Hope church than assembled. Although the day was bitterly cold and furies of snow were falling there were people present

from all through the eastern and southern sections of Gaston and from York county to pay the last respects to a man universally loved and esteemed. Within the church standing room was at a premium. The pallbearers were Messrs. S. P. Stowe, W. S. Hanks, W. A. Leeper and John Gaston, of Belmont, and Messrs. A. J. Smith, W. T. Rankin, R. F. Ratcliff, A. G. Myers, of Gastonia. The floral offerings were extremely beautiful.

Rev. Messrs. Miller and Lacy, speaking of the deceased paid eloquent tributes to his sterling qualities of friendship and uprightiness. Both said that in all their ministerial careers they had never known a more lovable or more friendly man. As evidence of the esteem and love with which Mr. Gullick was regarded during the talk of the two ministers there was hardly a dry eye throughout the whole congregation. Strong men not accustomed to giving vent to tears, breaking down and weeping unrestrainedly.

Mr. Gullick was the son of the late J. G. Gullick, of the New Hope section. Had he lived till Thursday, November 13th, he would have been 48 years of age. Of this time approximately 20 years has been spent in Belmont in the mercantile business.

### Dandy Darkey Dancers.

The comedy element this season with Coburn's Greater Minstrels, all new company is headed by Governor Bowen for the past several seasons, one of the feature comedians with the Al G. Field Greater Minstrels. Mr. Bowen is acknowledged one of the best eccentric dancers in America, is a native Kentuckian, and possesses the inimitable ability for black-face comedy, caricature, and reproduction only possible to southern born performers, and those intimately acquainted with the darkey and his mannerisms. As an end-man, dancer, monologist and as "Sergt. Standemoff" in the laughable semi-military farce comedy number, which closes the big show this season. "Gov." is given an opportunity to bring out his talents and ability to the utmost, and is pronounced one of the strongest black-face comedians in minstrelsy today. Tom Post ("Fom Vagmyr sah") is also one of the capable funny men and comedians, and has been with this company in former seasons, excelling as a coon shouter and singer. Harry L. Ford, is another clever black face performer (formerly with Fields) is one of the neatest soft shoe dancers in minstrelsy, and is seen in the first part and the big dancing act in the Ollo Underneath the Tennessee Moon" in his solo dancing. Charles Vermont, Ed Fisher, Carl Heimsen, Jas. Wilson all new faces and all capable performers and dancers form the balance of this season's run folks. Everything new this season. Don't forget the date, Thursday, Nov. 13th, at the Gastonia Opera House. Seats now on sale at Torrence's.

## TO MAKE PLANS SOON

### PROSPECTS FOR POSTOFFICE 600 D

#### Assistant Postmaster, General Calls for Information Preparatory to Having Plans Made for Federal Building Here—Postmaster Pas- sour Makes Recommendations as to Extension of Free City Delivery of Mail.

Among the things that Gastonia has coming to her in the not distant future is a Federal building to be occupied by the postoffice. Recent developments lend color to the hope expressed by many that actual work on this structure is not a very great distance ahead of us. It has been several years since the original appropriation for this purpose was made and Gastonians have, occasionally, exhibited some signs of becoming weary waiting for the realization of the dream of a modern post-office building. Holding on to the old adage that "all things come to him who waits," however, Gastonians in general have gone ahead with their business confident in the belief that the whirligig of time would bring us a postoffice building and such, it seems, is to be the case.

Postmaster E. Grant Pasour mailed to-day to the Postoffice Department at the latter's request, information necessary for use in preparing plans for the proposed structure. As will be recalled, plans had been prepared for this building and were submitted but the securing of an additional \$20,000 appropriation for the structure necessitated the drawing of new plans.

Among other items of information furnished by Postmaster Pasour was a comparative statement showing the business done by the Gastonia office now and ten years ago and an estimate of what it will be ten years hence. Ten years ago the receipts were about \$8,000. In 1912 they amounted to nearly \$15,000 and this year will probably run to more than \$16,000 or double what they were ten years ago. It is probable that the next ten years will double the present amount taken in annually. Ten years ago there were two carriers besides the postmaster and one or two rural carriers. Today there are five clerks, four rural carriers and three city carriers. Ten years from now there will probably be ten clerks, eight rural carriers and ten city carriers. A drawing showing the size, shape, etc., of the lot on which the building is to be erected was also furnished. This lot has already been bought and paid for by the government. A partial list of the leading business houses of the city, with estimates of their business, was also furnished. Postmaster Pasour recommended that a side entrance be made on South street. The building is to face on Main street.

With this additional information at hand it is believed that the plans for the new building are to be prepared at once by the supervising architect's office and that actual work will commence early in the coming year. Congressman Webb has assured Gastonia that the fact that an additional appropriation was secured did not in any wise affect our standing on the eligible list of buildings. In last year's appropriations \$25,000 was made available to commence work on the building. The total appropriation for building and grounds was \$90,000. The lot cost \$15,000 which leaves \$75,000 for the building itself.

### EXTENSION OF CITY DELIVERY.

Postmaster Pasour yesterday wrote the First Assistant Postmaster General as follows:

- As requested in your letter of October 11th, I give locality, area and population of the new territory in which extension of city delivery is very much desired:
- Loray Mill section, 1 square mile, population 2,700.
  - West Air Line Avenue, between Highland street and Commonwealth avenue, 4 blocks, population 200.
  - South street, from Third to Fourth, 1 block, population 25.
  - Fourth Avenue, from South to York, 1 block, population 53.
  - South Marietta street, between Third and Seventh, 4 blocks, population 250.
  - West Fifth Avenue, between South and Marietta, 1 block, population 50.
  - East Fifth Avenue, between South street and Union road, 3 blocks, population 95.
  - South Oakland street, between Third and Seventh, 4 blocks, population 100.
  - Union road, between Broad and Willow streets, 2 blocks, population 15.
  - Columbia street, between Franklin avenue and Fourth street, 3 blocks, population 50.
  - Holland Mill section, 10 blocks, population 200.
  - West Harrison street, between York and Falls streets, 1 block, population 125.
  - North Moran street, north of Lincoln avenue, 1 block, population 25.
  - West Lincoln avenue, west of York street, 2 blocks, population 40.
  - East Air Line avenue extension, Ozark and Piedmont streets, 3 blocks, population 75.
- Totals: Area, one and one-third square miles; population 4,015. Requiring the services of two extra carriers, full time.
- Postmaster Pasour requests that any sections which are not represented in the above and which have

## A TIN CAN CONTEST

### MOVEMENT AMONG MILL CHILDREN

#### Prizes to be Awarded by Charlotte Chronicle to Mill Children Rais- ing Prettiest Flowers in Tin Cans and Keeping Premises Cleanest— Movement Started Last Spring by Miss Smith—Exhibition at Avon Mill School House Friday After- noon.

A tin can contest is something new under the sun—for Gastonia at least. Such a contest, however, has been going on here for some time and will have its culmination Friday afternoon of this week at the Avon school house on East Franklin avenue when children to the number of about 75, between the ages of three and fifteen, from the Avon, Trenton, Ozark and Modena cotton mills, will exhibit to the public their flowers grown exclusively in tin cans.

Last spring Miss Lena Rivers Smith, who writes under the nom de plume of "Dorothy Mitchell," inaugurated a movement at these mills the object of which was to teach the children that rubbish, of which the tin can stands perhaps as the chief constituent, is unsightly, unsanitary and should be done away with. She offered four prizes to be awarded as follows: First prize, \$5, for the best flower, variety not designated, raised in a tin can; second prize, \$1.50 for the second best; third prize, \$1, for the most artistic flower pot made from a tin can; fourth prize, 50 cents, for the second best flower pot made from a tin can. These prizes are given by The Charlotte Evening Chronicle, with which Miss Smith is connected and are a part of the welfare and educational work she is doing so effectively among the cotton mill employes in the towns in this section of the State.

It was a part of the contract between Miss Smith and the contestants that each contestant must keep the premises at his or her home clear of tin cans. As a result these unsightly articles of rubbish have to a large degree vanished from around the four mills above mentioned.

At the exhibit Friday afternoon the selection of the prize winning cans will be placed in the hands of three Gastonia ladies. Then the prize winners will have the privilege of entering their cans in a contest at Charlotte to be held a few days later.

Miss Smith edits a page in The Chronicle every Saturday devoted to the mill operatives in Charlotte and adjacent towns and she has made it a most valuable and attractive feature of that paper. She visits Gastonia quite frequently and has made around the various mills here a large number of friends. Her work among the mill people is beginning to tell and the outside world is beginning to see the results.

### BETTERMENT ASSOCIATION.

#### Interesting and Important Meeting Held Friday Afternoon—Net Pro- ceeds of Floral Fair were \$400.- 50—To Install Sanitary Drinking Fountains at Loray, Gray and Armstrong Mill Schools.

(Reported for The Gazette.)  
The Woman's Betterment Association had a most interesting meeting last Friday afternoon. Reports were made from committees, the most interesting being from the Floral Fair committee. These ladies have paid all expenses and have a bank account of \$400.50 as the result of their faithful efforts. A rising vote of thanks and congratulation was heartily given them. Also to Mr. K. M. Johnston for having given such valuable help during the fair.

The motion to place sanitary drinking fountains at the Gray, Loray and Armstrong mills, was carried. The purchasing committee was instructed to pay the amount due on the plan. The present executive board were made a standing committee to continue the organization of the association for prevention of cruelty to animals. A joint meeting of men and women will be called at an early date to complete this organization which is to be a department of the Betterment, to be held December meeting being the time for election of officers, a nominating committee was appointed: viz, Mrs. Geo. W. Wilson, Mrs. W. J. Clifford, Mrs. W. L. Balthis, Mrs. J. F. Thomson, Mrs. J. Y. Miller. This committee will meet the first week in December. Any one having a name to propose for office will please send the same in to one of the above mentioned ladies before December 1st.

The association was delighted to have as guests a delegation of Belmont ladies.

—Rock Hill, S. C., Record, 6th: Miss Jennie Steadman Culp is ill with diphtheria at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Culp, on College avenue.

—The series of special evangelistic services which began Sunday at the Ozark Methodist church will continue through this week and possibly longer. There will be preaching every night at 7:15 o'clock by Rev. L. L. Nash, D. D., conference evangelist of the North Carolina Conference. There will be special music at each service.

## FOR REFORM OF PRISONS

### EVANGELIST MAKES STRONG PLEA

#### Rev. George W. Crabtree, Prison Evangelist, Says That Conditions Existing at Some Places in This Country Are Worse Than Siberia Ever Dreamed of—Pleads That Prisoner be Given a Chance— Kindness Will Conquer Where Brutality Wont—Some Needed Re- forms Advocated.

Rev. George W. Crabtree, prison evangelist laboring under the direction of the Presbyterian Synod of North Carolina, is spending a few days in the county visiting the convict camps, jails and county home, and preaching to the inmates of those institutions and investigating the conditions that prevail. Sunday night Mr. Crabtree lectured at the First Presbyterian church and was heard with much interest by a good sized congregation. Though he talked for nearly two hours his hearers did not become wearied in the least.

According to Mr. Crabtree Siberia, in its palmy days as a prison note, did not exhibit such cruelties and inhumanities as may be found existing in some of the penal institutions of this country. North Carolina, as a whole, he believed is conducting its convict camps and prisons in a fairly decent manner, though there are often exceptions to this. He told of one county, not far from Gaston, where a year or two ago he found negro men and white women confined in adjoining iron cages without any privacy whatever. He denounced the iron cages used in the county convict camps as crowded, filthy, unsanitary and dangerous to life and happiness.

In the Western States Mr. Crabtree visited and worked in the penitentiaries and prisons and he told of many inhumanities and wrongs that he witnessed. He also recited how the Colorado State penitentiary was revolutionized by a new warden who used kindness toward his wards instead of brutality, to which they had become accustomed at the hands of their superiors.

"Give the criminal a chance," was the burden of his plea and a strong one it was. The custom obtaining in many cities of the country of arresting small boys for minor offenses and committing them to jails, work houses and county convict camps, there to be associated with the lowest type of degraded and hardened criminals, was roundly scored.

At the conclusion of his lecture Mr. Crabtree told of his own downfall, his turning back to paths of rectitude and righteousness and his call to the ministry and to the work of trying to reform prison conditions over the country. Reared in a Christian home, he drifted to a city upon the death of his parents, became a cigarette smoker, a drinker and a gambler. He drifted to the Western mining camps in Colorado and Nevada where he spent several years in a wild and reckless life. He finally turned away from that life and has for several years past been laboring in behalf of the unfortunates who inhabit the prisons of the land.

Rev. J. H. Henderlite, the pastor, explained that Mr. Crabtree was laboring under the direction of the Presbyterian Synod of North Carolina, that he traveled in a wagon and visited the convict camps and prisons as he goes along, preaching during the week to the prisoners and when occasion presents itself putting the problem before the churches and the public in general.

A leaflet was distributed to the members of the congregation as they passed out from which the following extracts are made:

"What will it profit at the judgment day if we have good roads and our fallen brothers be lost?"

"Judge Cleland, of Chicago, says that there are 100,000 criminals in the United States, and the jails are the institutions that trained them in crime, and are responsible for the lawlessness of the day.

"Our prison system is disgraceful—reform must come.

"Men and boys, white and colored, are taken up everywhere on the slightest pretext and given long sentences on county chain-gangs, and their ruin completed in the animal cages and disgusting prison camps of the State.

"This paper is to call the voting and praying people of the State to the rescue.

"Our health officers have gone to sleep. Help awaken them. Our legislators can quickly change conditions if they will. The things most needed are: The parole system; Merit system; Religious instruction; Separate place for boys; Matrons for women; Kind humane officers; Kind words instead of curses; Encouragement instead of chains; Advance system for prison officers; More pay for guards and attendants of asylums; All prisoners to be put under one superintendent; A strict monthly inspection; More room for prisoners, and the single bunk system; Do away with the animal cages for chain gangs; Plenty of water; Plenty of soap; Plenty of clean clothes; 5 hours work, 8 hours rest, 8 hours sleep.

"Let us make good men out of bad men, and not criminals out of poor boys. Let us protect our women prisoners from worse than death. Let us have better buildings to house our prisoners in.

"Citizens of North Carolina help

## SCHOOLS OPEN MONDAY

### NEW HEALTH REGULATIONS PASSED

#### Seventy-Five of County's Ninety Public Schools to Begin Work Next Monday—Fifteen Already in Session—Compulsory Law in Ef- fect—Board of Health Adopts Health Regulations for the Schools Under Recent Legislature Act.

Over Gaston county next Monday morning will be heard again the call to books. That day will witness the opening for another session of all the public schools of the county not already open. Of the ninety public schools about fifteen are already in session. Hundreds of boys and girls will respond to the sound of the bell—boys and girls who are to constitute Gaston's future citizenship. This year's attendance will, it is expected by County Superintendent P. P. Hall, be considerably larger than at any time in the past because of the operation of the compulsory school attendance law enacted by the recent General Assembly. Under this law an attendance officer has been appointed for each township and it is the duty of said officer to see that the compulsory attendance law is obeyed. Once a week each teacher in the township will furnish the attendance officer with a list of such children as are not in school and who come within the specifications of the law and the officer will proceed to see that these children report for duty.

At a meeting of the county board of health, held in the court house last Friday a set of health regulations for the public schools was adopted. Under a recent act of the General Assembly the county board of health makes these regulations and the legislative act prescribes the penalty for violation. The board of health is composed of Mr. John F. Leeper, chairman of the board of county commissioners; Mayor C. B. Armstrong, of Gastonia; Dr. L. N. Glenn, county physician; Dr. K. M. Reid, Dr. J. M. Sloan and Prof. P. P. Hall, county superintendent of education.

Following are the regulations as adopted:

Section 1. Persons affected with diphtheria (membranous croup), measles, scarlet fever, smallpox (or varioloid), whooping cough, mumps, chicken pox, contagious ophthalmia (sore eyes), or any contagious skin disease must be excluded from the public schools of the county till all danger of contagion is passed.

Section 2. Persons living in the family or house in which contagious disease exists are also excluded until all danger of their taking the disease is passed.

Section 3. All persons affected with pulmonary tuberculosis are forbidden to teach in the public schools or to attend as pupils.

Section 4. The county physician is hereby authorized to enforce sections one, two and three and his decision in all cases shall be final.

Section 5. Vaccination being the surest preventive of smallpox, all parents are urged to take this precaution to protect their children from this loathsome and dangerous disease.

The penalty for the violation of any one of these regulations is a fine not exceeding fifty dollars or imprisonment not exceeding thirty days.

### Enlarging Theatre.

The Ideal Theatre under the management of Mr. J. E. Simpson, has proved so popular a place of amusement since it was opened a few months ago that an enlargement of the building which it occupies has already been made necessary. Work on an addition to the building has already reached the stage where the foundation has been completed and within a few weeks the new addition will be ready for use, increasing the number of seats by 54, making the total seating capacity 250. Another great improvement, which has already been made, is the installation of a steam heating plant. The theater is now well heated on cold days, so that its patrons find it entirely comfortable and pleasant at all times.

### Hickory Grove News.

Correspondence of The Gazette.  
BESSEMER CITY, Route 1, Nov. 9.—The farmers in this section have some wheat sowed, but are not through yet. The recent rain hindered the work considerably.

Miss Florence Carpenter, of Cherryville, spent a few days last week with Misses Helen and Annie Payser.

Services were held at St. Mark's church last Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. S. S. Black, of Cherryville, spent last Friday and Saturday with Mrs. M. F. Payser.

Mrs. P. S. Beam was the guest Friday of Mrs. Erwin Beam.

The school at Carolina school house will begin next Monday. Mrs. Doris Mauney will teach.

"If you believe in tempering justice with mercy sign your name to the following note and send this paper to your legislators."

### Gastonia Cotton.

Good Middling ..... 13c  
Cotton Seed ..... 37 1/2c