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MR. FRONEBERGER DEAD IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

END CAME AFTER ILLNESS OF A DAY

Mr. R. A. Froneberger Died Monday Morning, Following Illness of Thirty Hours—Was Paralyzed Early Sunday Morning—Funeral and Burial This Afternoon—One of the City's Best Young Business Men.

With a suddenness that was shocking to his family and a wide circle of friends Mr. Rufus A. Froneberger died yesterday morning at 9:30 o'clock at his home on East Third avenue. Retiring at 11 o'clock Saturday night in unusually good health and in better spirits than usual, he was stricken with paralysis about 5 o'clock Sunday morning and never regained consciousness. Mrs. Froneberger, who was sleeping in an adjoining room, heard him fall from the bed and rushed to his side to find him lying on the floor in an unconscious condition, from which he never rallied. Medical aid was summoned immediately and everything possible was done to restore him but without avail.

Rufus Alexander Froneberger was born near Waco, Cleveland county, on October 31, 1882, thus being in his 32nd year. When about five years old his father died. His mother, Mrs. J. P. Kendrick, survives. She and Mr. Kendrick arrived from their home at Waco yesterday. Four years ago the 6th day of last October he married Miss Shirley Ratchford, daughter of Mr. R. A. Ratchford, who survives him together with two small sons, Robert Earle, aged three, and Kenneth, aged 16 months. He also leaves one brother, Mr. Gus Froneberger, who holds a position with the Cherokee Falls Manufacturing Company at Cherokee Falls, S. C., and who arrived here yesterday. When about 21 Mr. Froneberger left home and went to Cherokee Falls where he worked for about three years. Seven years ago he came to Gastonia to take a position as bookkeeper with Long Brothers and retained his position when that firm was succeeded by the Rankin-Armstrong Company. He was a member of the last named firm and was secretary of the company.

Deceased was a loyal and consistent member of the First Baptist church. Recently he was elected a member of the board of deacons of that church and was only ordained two weeks ago last Sunday. He was a thorough-going Christian gentleman in every sense of the word. He was conscientiously devoted to his duty in every relationship of life. As a husband and father he was tender and devoted, as a business man he was strictly honest in his dealings with all men and was conscientious to a fault, to his church he was ever loyal and faithful, being active in his service. He was held in the highest esteem by everybody who knew him. His death at such an early age, in the very prime of young manhood, is a loss to the community which cannot be estimated. Deceased was a member of Gastonia Lodge No. 53 Knights of Pythias and the local lodge of Heptasophis.

The funeral was held from the First Baptist church this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Rev. W. C. Barrett, pastor of the church, officiated, assisted by Rev. J. H. Hinderliter, pastor of the First Presbyterian church. Interment followed in Hollywood cemetery. A large concourse of sorrowing friends were present to pay a last tribute of respect to his memory.

The pall-bearers were Messrs. E. J. Rankin, Joe S. Wray, H. B. Moore, W. J. Clifford, L. F. Groves and Jas. Killian.

SIMMONS GETS FIRST COPY.

First Bound Copy of New Tariff Law Presented to North Carolina Senator—President Inscribe Compliments.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Senator F. M. Simmons was presented today with the first bound copy of the new tariff bill by Secretary of the Senate Fisher. In the book is space for the names of the President, the Vice-President and every member of the Senate.

The President, the Vice-President and most of the Senators have written some brief but complimentary remarks about Mr. Simmons, on the fly leaves.

In his own hand President Wilson wrote as follows: "My Dear Senator Simmons—I welcome this opportunity to express again my warm admiration for your leadership in the great fight for this bill and my deep sense of the service you have rendered this country. Ability, knowledge, tact and patience combined to accomplish a great thing."

LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

CLUE MET WITH MRS. ROBINSON.

The Tuesday Afternoon Club held a most delightful meeting last week with Mrs. J. Lee Robinson at her home on West Second avenue. The afternoon was spent on sewing and fancy work largely, after which a turkey course was served in the dining room. Appropriate to the season, a small Christmas tree occupied the center of the table in the dining room. It was decorated with candles, festoons, etc., and presented a most attractive appearance. In addition to the club members there were present as invited guests Mrs. Monroe Jones and Mrs. S. A. Robinson.

NEIKIRK-ORR

WEDDING TO-NIGHT.

Miss Rebecca Adams, Mr. W. H. Adams, Mrs. E. W. Gilliam and Mrs. J. Lean Adams have gone to Charlotte to be present this evening at the marriage of Miss Louise Orr, daughter of Rev. Dr. W. W. Orr, to Mr. William Carson Neikirk, of Shawville, Va. The ceremony will take place at 6 o'clock in Chalmers Memorial Associate Reformed Presbyterian church and will be performed by the bride's father, assisted by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Simpson. The wedding will be an elaborate affair. The bride is related to the Adams family of Gastonia and has numerous friends here, where she has visited frequently.

CHILDREN TO SING CHRISTMAS CAROLS.

The old-time custom of singing Christmas carols on Christmas eve is to be revived this year in Gastonia, the ladies constituting the William Gaston Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, having decided to start the custom at least to a certain extent. Under the training of the ladies a class of children have learned several of these beautiful carols, which they will sing Wednesday night. The children will meet at the corner of Main avenue and Marietta street at 8 o'clock and will sing on the street and in places where it is thought the music will be appreciated. In the future it is planned to begin the work earlier, so as to have a larger number of songs prepared for the Christmas occasion.

MISS PIERCE TO BE A BRIDESMAID.

At the wedding of Miss Louise Orr and Mr. William Carson Neikirk, which is to be solemnized at 6 o'clock this evening in the East Avenue Associate Reformed Presbyterian Tabernacle, Charlotte, Miss Ethel Pierce, of this city, will be one of the bridesmaids. Monday's Charlotte Observer, in its advance notice of the wedding says: "The bridesmaids will be Miss Bonnie Orr sister of the bride; Miss Jo Miller Ethel Pierce, of Gastonia. Miss Bonnie Orr will wear lavender crepe meteor trimmed with pearls and swansdown; Miss Jo Orr will wear pink crepe meteor with lace and rhinestones; Miss Pierce will be gowned in blue crepe meteor trimmed with lace and pearls."

DINNER IN HONOR OF MR. AND MRS. MURPHY.

At their home in Dallas last Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. Coit M. Robinson entertained a number of friends most pleasantly at a six o'clock dinner in honor of Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Murphy, of Lowell. Besides the guests of honor the other invited guests were Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Robinson and Misses Kate and Edith Robinson, of Lowell, and Dr. and Mrs. S. A. Wilkins. A sumptuous dinner was served in five courses. In the decorations the Christmas idea was carried out, the place cards also bearing a pretty Christmas design. A pleasant feature of the evening was the delightful music rendered after dinner by Miss Kate Robinson, who is to graduate in music this year under Dr. Fisher at Anderson College, Anderson, S. C.

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WOODROW WILSON."

DANCING LESSONS.

Kalem's Motion Picture Dancing Lessons, complete in three parts, giving thoroughly practical instructions in the Tango, Turkey Trot and Heelitation Waltz. The instructors are Wallace McCutcheon and Miss Joan Sawyer, the sensation of the New York theater roof garden and dancing teachers to the "400." At Ideal Theater Wednesday, December 24, matinee and night.

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.

—Mr. Leonard Henry is at home for the holidays from the A. and M. College, Raleigh.

—Messrs. Larke and Parks Ratchford arrived home last night from Savannah, Ga.

—Mr. J. W. Efrd, of Rock Hill, S. C., spent Sunday here as the guest of his brother, Mr. Paul H. Efrd.

—Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Wray spent yesterday in Charlotte shopping, making the trip in their car.

—Messrs. R. A. and Paul Yoder, of Hickory, are visiting their sister, Mrs. R. E. Rhyne, at Mt. Holly.

—Mrs. Coit M. Robinson, of Dallas left this morning for Liberty, S. C., to spend Christmas with relatives.

—Mr. A. B. Mitchell and family left this morning for Greensboro to spend a couple of weeks with friends.

—Miss Lucile Stultz, of Rock Hill, S. C., will arrive Friday to spend a few days with her friend, Miss Lettie Starnes.

—Mr. Edgar McLean arrived home Friday night from Trinity College, Durham, to spend the holidays with his family.

—Mr. Joe Holland, of Liberty, S. C., is spending some time in the city as the guest of his brother, Mr. J. Mack Holland.

—Mrs. R. B. Almand, of Charlotte, is spending the holidays in Gastonia with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Jenkins.

—Mrs. Eli Youns returned Saturday to her home in Lexington after a visit of ten days to her daughter, Mrs. R. A. McArver.

—Mr. J. C. Ballard, superintendent of the Howell and Vivian Mills at Cherryville, was in the city on business Saturday.

—Mrs. G. C. Hill and little son, David, of Thomasville, arrived Saturday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Howe.

—Mr. J. W. Spargo and family, of Stanley, are spending the holidays with Mrs. Spargo's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Shelton.

—Mrs. Robert L. Payne and children of Bessemer City, will spend Christmas at Dallas as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lewis.

—The Gazette office will be closed Thursday, but our regular issue will appear Friday afternoon as usual.

—The Christmas service by the Lutheran Sunday school will be held in the church at 6 o'clock Wednesday, December 24th.

—The Gastonia Business College closed last Friday for a two weeks holiday vacation. Work will be resumed Monday, January 6th.

—Prof. J. B. Henson and family, of Dallas, are spending the holidays with friends in Mount Holly. They were in Gastonia yesterday afternoon.

—Mrs. M. C. Cabanis and Miss Mamie Cabanis will leave tomorrow for Shelby to spend several weeks with Mrs. Cabanis' daughter, Mrs. J. F. Roberts.

—Mr. H. A. Query, principal of the Belmont High School, is spending a part of the Christmas vacation at the home of his father, Mr. F. S. Query, in Pineville.

—Mr. David P. Dellinger will deliver an address at a Christmas entertainment to be given Thursday afternoon at Mount Zion Baptist church, near Cherryville.

—Mr. Oscar Jenkins, who is a student in Mars Hill College, arrived yesterday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Jenkins, at their home on South street.

—Mr. G. C. Andrews, the popular local agent for the Southern and C. & N.-W. railways, left Sunday night for Washington City on a short business trip. He is expected to return tomorrow.

—Yesterday, the 21st, was the shortest day in the year. From now on the days will gradually lengthen, though it will be some time before the lengthening process can be detected in its operation.

—Rock Hill, S. C., Record, 22nd: Mrs. J. W. Alewine and little daughter returned to their home in Gastonia, N. C., Friday morning after spending several days in the city with her mother, Mrs. Brown.

—Miss Essie Elliott, of the city schools, remained over to attend the Elliott-Falls wedding this afternoon, and will leave tomorrow for her home at Shelby to spend the remainder of the holidays.

THURSDAY IS CHRISTMAS

THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT FILLS THE AIR

Preparations Making on Every Hand for Elaborate Celebration of Yuletide Season—Weather Has Been Good Until To-Day and Local Business Has Been Satisfactory—Travel is Heavy and Mail and Express Enormous.

Since Saturday morning there has been a kind of "Christmassy" feeling in the air and it has gained momentum ever since. Of course it is not possible to say just when the leaven began to work, for the past month or more has seen work progressing on Christmas presents around the family hearthstone. With the opening and displaying of the toys and holiday-looking things of all descriptions as far back as a couple of weeks ago, the younger folks began to think and talk about Santa Claus. The grown-ups, the last ones to become enthused over the great annual holiday festival, began to show the feeling Saturday. The weather was favorable and the streets and stores were crowded from early morning till late at night. In many establishments the crowds were such that one could hardly elbow his way in without taking his life in his hands as it were. The merchants did a splendid business, as they also did yesterday. Rain this morning threw somewhat of a damper upon the shopping crowd but, despite the inclemency, there has been considerable business. Tomorrow, the last shopping day, will of course be a busy one, regardless of what the brand of weather may be.

Around the postoffice, express office and the depot things are lively indeed. Travel has been heavy for a week past and, as a result, most all trains are more or less delayed. Clerks in the postoffice and the express office are working overtime and have to keep a hustle on them to keep up with the procession.

Tonight and tomorrow night there will be numerous church and Sunday school entertainments for the young folks, while the remainder of the week will witness numerous box suppers and social events of a social nature. Many Gastonians have visitors while many other Gastonians have gone to visit friends and relatives elsewhere.

About tomorrow the small boy and the popstick will make life more or less of a nightmare for the nervous.

MT. HOLLY ROUTE 1 NEWS.

Correspondence of The Gazette. MT. HOLLY, Route 1, Dec. 22.—Mr. Eugene Lineberger, teacher of the Rankin school, returned to his home in Lincolnton Friday to spend the holidays.

Mr. A. H. Baker went to Salisbury on business last Wednesday.

Misses Charles and Mabel Rankin and Corrie Hoover spent Sunday with Misses Ferrie and Ora Froneberger.

Mr. J. D. Froneberger was in Lincolnton last Monday on business.

Miss Buelah Baker spent Sunday in Mount Holly.

Misses Ferrie and Ora Froneberger and brother, Jonah, are expected to spend Christmas in their former neighborhood on Bessemer City, route one.

Messrs. John Rankin and Marvin Hoover spent Sunday with Mr. Jonah Froneberger.

The farmers of this section have been making good use of the fine weather preparing for next year's crop.

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Phnt Gives Its Operatives Turkeys. Correspondence of The Gazette. WITHERS, Dec. 22.—The operatives of the Flint Manufacturing Co. want to say through your paper that they thank the management of the mill for the nice fat turkeys they gave each family for Christmas. This shows a noble spirit and ought to do a great deal of good in binding the help and the management to one great end. They have, most all of them, worked in other mills, but the treat was never so good.

Mr. Withers, the superintendent, went around with the wagon and saw to it that every family got the size turkey to suit the size of the family.

Our warper here got a turkey hen but he says that it gobbles just the same. How about that? So merry Christmas to you, Mr. Editor.

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LOCAL GLEANINGS

At Lutheran Church.

Rev. R. S. Patterson, secretary of the Home Mission Board of the Lutheran Church in the South, will make an address on home missions at the Gastonia Lutheran church Sunday night at 7 o'clock.

Christmas Exercises.

Christmas exercises will be held Wednesday night at 7 o'clock in the First Associate Reformed Presbyterian church for the members of the Junior Christian Union and the Sabbath school. A program of songs and recitations will be rendered, followed by the usual distribution of Christmas gifts.

Interurban Railway Chartered.

The Secretary of State has issued a charter to the Saluda-Hendersonville Interurban Railway Co., with head offices at Kings Mountain. The authorized capital stock of the company is \$125,000 with \$31,000 subscribed by J. M. Torrence, of Bessemer City; W. A. Mauney and C. E. Neisler, of Kings Mountain; J. S. Stanton, of Hendersonville, and others. The charter grants the company the right to develop water and electric power and to build and operate interurban railroads.

Realized Good Sum.

Much amusement was furnished and a neat sum of money was realized Saturday night at an oyster supper given in Bradley Hall, in West Gastonia, by the Lory Concert Band. The crowd had a most enjoyable time and the band boys cleared \$50.33. A feature of the evening which furnished a little amusement was a voting contest in which votes were sold at one cent each. The contest for the prettiest girl was won by Miss Maggie Dalton, who received a box of candy. Mr. C. L. Chandler got the cake of soap which was voted him as the prize for being the ugliest man present, while Mr. J. W. Bradley came in as a close second and Mr. T. M. McEntire as a good third in the race. The music by the band was worth the money. The Lory Concert Band, though organized only a few months ago, is rapidly developing into a musical organization of high rank.

Debaters Selected.

A preliminary debate was held at the Dallas high school Friday night to select four debaters to represent that institution in the triangular debate between teams from the Dallas, Cherryville and Bessemer City high schools next March. These schools are members of the State high school debating union. The subject debated was the one that is to be debated at the regular March contest, namely "Resolved, That the initiative and referendum should be made a part of the North Carolina constitution in Statewide legislation." The contestants were Walter Pasour, Annie Newton, Ernest Lineberger, Purvey Summey, Doras Pasour, Oscar Lynch and Nathan Friday. The affirmative was represented by Annie Newton, Purvey Summey and Nathan Friday, while Walter Pasour, Ernest Lineberger, Doras Pasour and Oscar Lynch upheld the negative. The four chosen for the March debate were Ernest Lineberger, Nathan Friday, Annie Newton and Purvey Summey. Friday night's decision was in favor of the affirmative.

Trinity Alumni to Banquet.

At a meeting last night of a number of old students and alumni of Trinity College in Gastonia it was decided to have a banquet next Monday night, the 29th, to which all of old students and alumni of this institution and of Trinity Park School living in Gaston county, of whom there are a large number, are invited. The affair will be held at the Falls House or the Colonial hotel, definite announcement of the exact place to be made later. All those who can attend are asked to notify Mr. J. M. Holland, of Gastonia, at once of their intention to be present so ample provision may be made for all. Dr. W. P. Few, president of the college, has been invited to be present as a guest of honor and make an address and has accepted the invitation. It is very probable that this banquet will result in the perfecting of a permanent organization the membership of which shall embrace all the former Trinity men living in the county.

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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. MOUNT HOLLY, Dec. 20.—All hail the Christmas season! May it bring cheer and peace to all.

The high school closed Friday for the holidays. The next term will open January 5th. The children are busy watching displays in windows, and the boys play "knucks" because the weather is so delightful. Prof. Funderburk, principal of the school, has gone home to spend the season of vacation with his parents.

The boys and girls are home from the various colleges. Mr. Will Rhyne, Misses Edna Lentz and Gertrude Kohn from Lenoir College, Hickory; Mr. Edwin Hutchison, Bingham; Messrs. Frank Lentz and William Springs, Atlanta Dental College; Mr. Ralph Davenport, of Indiana.

Misses Bain Henderson and Christine Rutledge, teaching at Trinity and Statesville, are spending their vacation here with their parents.

Yard No. 2 of the Gaston Brick Company is nearing completion. It wants to be ready for business in the early spring. This yard will have a capacity of 60,000 per day. No. 1 has been run for two years with a daily capacity of 40,000. Both yards make a superior red brick.

The old game of the days of old long syne move household and kitchen furniture is here. Some families are playing it.

Visit O'Neil's Toyland, the most popular place in town. D23c.

Kings Mountain Items.

The Herald, 18th.

At the home of her brother, Mr. H. L. Rameuse of this city, Mrs. W. W. Nolen, wife of Dr. W. W. Nolen, of Crouse, died Monday afternoon after about two months serious illness. Mrs. Nolen came here a little more than two months ago for the purpose of visiting around among her people in the effort to recuperate from what she and her physician supposed to be an attack of malaria, but she was soon stricken to the bed again from which she never more was able to stir. The funeral was preached by Rev. J. R. Miller at Long Creek Presbyterian church Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment followed in Long Creek cemetery which is the old family burying ground. Mrs. Nolen was a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church and was very active as a worker for the Lord in many ways, but especially as Sunday school teacher until He saw fit to call her hence at the advanced age of 63. Deceased leaves to mourn her loss her husband, two brothers, Messrs. H. L. Rameuse, of Kings Mountain, and W. B. Rameuse, of Long Creek section, and two sisters, Mrs. J. L. Phifer, of Bessemer City, and Miss Sallie Rameuse, of Long Creek section.

Mrs. Nora Mode, wife of Mr. W. W. Mode, died yesterday morning at three o'clock after a lingering illness of several months at the age of 38. Mrs. Mode had been sick for a long time but bore her afflictions with great Christian fortitude and was perfectly conscious until the very end, being able to bid those about her good-bye as the soul was taking its eternal flight. She was a member of the First Methodist Church here and was known for Christian character. She was not simply a nominal Christian but was always active in the cause of her Master, having served as teacher in the Sunday school a number of times.

Deceased is survived by her husband and one child, Miss Lee Mode, her mother, Mrs. Regina Falls, and three brothers, Messrs. W. C., C. B. and P. C. Falls. The funeral was conducted by her pastor, Rev. M. B. Clegg, from the First Methodist church at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon which was immediately followed by interment in the city cemetery.

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