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TUESDAY AFTERNOON, JANUARY 20, 1914.

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HARPER, COTTON THIEF, SENTENCE

G. C. Harper, White Man, Given Sentences Aggregating Two Years on Roads for Larceny of Cotton and Forgery-Several Other Cases Disposed of-Criminal Docket a Large One-Judge Adams Presid-

G. C. Harper, the white man arrested here several weeks ago chargof cotton from the local platform more. and also of forging the name of Mr. J. R. Reid, of McAdenville, to a check for \$35 which he cashed at at Dallas. the First National Bank here, was yesterday tried in Gaston County Superior Court on three charges and given sentences aggregating two years on the county roads. Two of ceny and for forgery. In one of the larceny cases judgment was suspended and in the other he was given twelve months on the roads. ly this week. In the case for forgery he was given a sentence for a similar period. Emanuel Pressley, charged in two

cases with larreny, was sentenced to the roads for six months.

Court convened yesterday morning shortly after 10 o'clock with Judge W. J. Adams presiding. Owing to the delay in opening court the Judge did not deliver any lengthy charge. confining his remarks to explaining to the grand jury the methods of matter of preparing and presenting bills. The grand jury is composed of the following gentlemen: F. D. Barkley, foreman, George Neill, James P. Quinn, R. L. Adams, J. L. Leeper, McKee Bradley, E. laynard, D. R. Vandyke, J. Ellington, J. F. Bumgardner, 11. Young, S. R. Black, L. W. Allen, J. W. Culp, S. L. Jackson, A. F. McKensie, J. A. Leeper and J. G. Jenkins.

The court at once took up the docket and rapinelly disposed of the good behavior docket, completing it before the moon recess.

During the afternoon hie following cases were disposed of:

David F. Friday, drunk and disorderly, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Mamie Black, assault, prayer for judgment continued on payment or each term of court for twelve months and show good behavior

Z. W. Hunnicutt, assault, judgment suspended.

J. W. Limerick, assault and battery, fined \$15 and costs.

The case of the State vs. Gilbert Melton for the murder of the Sutton boy, colored, has been set for next Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

The crowd in attendance at court both yesterday and to-day was larger usual. This was due to the fact that the docket is unusually large, and also to the fact that many veterans were here for the celebration of Lee-Jackson Day and for a land sale. Numerous horse traders are on hand with their antmals and considerable swapping and trading is going on. It is probble that the criminal docket will take up almost if not all of the two weeks term.

WITHERS NEWS.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

WITHERS, Jan. 19. Mrs. Emma Hooper left a few days ago for High Point where she will spend some time with her son, Mr. G. R. Hooper, Mrs. Durham Weaver entered the City Hospital last week and on Frtday underwent an operation for anpendicitis. Her many friends are glad to know she is getting along micely.

Mr. Marvin Bush, agent for the N. & W. Railway at Bassette, Ga., spent some time last week with his brother, Mr. J. L. Bush.

Mr. R. B. Pasour, who moved to the farm some two years ago, has returned to the Flint Mill. Mr. J. A. Allen and family moved

to McAdenville Thursday. Mr. J. L. Bush is having materias place for one of several houses he contemplates building in the near There is a great demand for rented houses since we have the

With our new postoffice and hourly car service I think we should adopt Charlotte's slogan, with the change, "Watch Withers Grow."

Mrs. M. C. Poole, of the Modena Mill, has taken charge of the Flint

POLLY OF THE CIRCUS COMING.

Through the untiring efforts of Mr. W. F. Michael, the manager of the Gastonia Opera House, he has secured for his next attraction Polly of the Circus, for February 3rd. This is positively the biggest and most popular attraction ever booked in Gastonia and it is very probable that the house will be filled to its capacity. Watch the billboards. (Ad.)

Colonial Changes Hands.

The Colonial Hotel, which has been under the efficient management of the Misses Carson for the past year or more, is now being conducted by Mrs. W. L. Coon. Mr. and Mrs. Coon having purchased the preperty and having taken charge of the hotel yesterday. Thi Misses Carson vill return within a few days their home at Hendersonville.

TWO YEARS ON ROADS SHORT LOCAL ITEMS MET AN HEROIC DEATH IN SOCIAL CIRCLES BIG LEE-JACKSON DAY NEWS OF THE

Personal Items About Gaston Folks and Their Friends - Short Items About People and Things That Are of Interest to Gazette Read-

- Mr. J. M. Holland is a business visitor to Charlotte today.

-Miss Eunice Craig is visiting friends in the Union section.

-Mr. H. M. Van Sleen, the jeweled with stealing ten or eleven bales er, is on a business trip to Balti-

> -Misses Latta Shelton and Gay Maxwell spent Sunday with friends

> - Mr. J. R. Reid, of McAdenville, was a business visitor in Gastonia yesterday.

-Mr. W. S. Brandon, of Lowell, the cases against him were for lar- route one, was a Gastonia visitor nah E. Curlee, of 401 North Pine vesterday.

> - Mrs. B. G. Hoyle, of Maiden, Is visiting Mr. C. M. Crwder and fami-

> -Miss Virgie Barkley spent Sunday at Dallas with her sister. Mrs. ticorgo Ballard.

Miss Eliza Saunders returned Sunday from a visit to Friends at Newton and Hickory. -Mr. S. J. White, of Bessemer

City, route one, was in the city on business yesterday. -Mrs. F. A. Hicks. of Charlotte,

spent Sunday here with her daughprocedure they should follow in the | ter. Mrs. R. T. Padgett, and family. Mrs. B. T. Morris, returned last Thursday from a visit to her sister,

Mrs. J. B. Atwater, of Bynum, N. C. Little Miss Jennie Craig Watis quite ill with pneumonia at the home of her aunt, Mrs. T. I.

The Lowell basket ball team of girls defeated the Kings Mountain team at Lowell Saturday by a score | ment.

of 17 to 13. -Mrs. C. M. Dunn has been ill for several days at her home on South Broad street, but is now very much improved.

- Mrs. Maggie Lytton, of Cherryville, is the guest this week of Mr. . M. Crowder and family at their home on Willow street.

-Mrs. Lola Settlemyer and little son, Grady, returned Saturday from costs; defendant required to ap- a visit to friends and relatives in oncord and Salisbury.

-Miss Lottie Ellis, of Kings Mountain, returned home Saturday after spending several days in the city as the guest of Miss Minnte Parker, of 416 West Franklin ave-

Mr. Frost Torrence left Saturday on a business trip to Ne wYork. -Mr. and Mrs. John Sprinkle, of

Charlotte, spent Sunday afternoon in the city as the guests of Mrs. Frost Torrence.

-Mrs. A. B. O'Neil and daughter, Mrs. Mary Neal, of McKeesport, Pa., are the guests of the former's son. Mr. A. B. O'Neil and family here. They arrived Friday and will spend some time in Gastonia.

-Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pierce, of Pollocksville, N. C., spent a couple of days in the city last week as the guests of Col. and Mrs. T. L. Craig. Mrs. Pierce is a sister of Miss Nancy Watson, who has visited here fre-

-Mayor A. H. Bangert, of Newbern, spent Sunday and Monday in the city as the guest of Col. and Mrs. T. L. Craig. Mr. Bangert is an uncle of Mrs. Craig and was en route home from an extended trip to New England.

-The Ideal Theatre is giving its patrons four splendid reels today, the leading ones being "Trapped in a Forest Fire," "Ride for a Bride" and "A Woman's Sin." This thea tre is featuring the Mutual movies which "make time fly.

-Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Marvin. Mrs. R. W. Langford and two children. -Mr. W. L. Coon, Mr. Giles Ratchford and Mr. John Pichios wiii leave tomorrow for Atlanta to attend the annual convention of the Soutern Bottlers Association.

-Mr. Abe Kahn, of Milwaukee, Wis., and Mr. Henry Kahn. of Scranton, Pa., arrived yesterday morning on No. 37 to visit their sister, Mrs. Harry Schneider. This is their first visit to Gastonia and the first time they have seen Mrs. Schneider in fifteen years

-Up to January 1 there had been ginned in Gaston county, according to the report of the Department of Commerce, 12,910 bales of cotton as against 11,482 up to the same period last year. The figures for Lincoln county were 8,144 as against 7,102; for Mecklenburg, 29,183 as against 26,835; for Cleveland county. 22.422 as against 19,582.

-Fire yesterday morning about 9:30 o'clock destroyed one of the Loray Mill's tenement houses occupled by J. F. McFarland and family. The occupants lost practically all of their household goods and \$60 in money. The fire company responded promptly but the flames had already practically destroyed the house before they reach-

Angeline-"I wonder if I shall ever catch Edwin flirting?" Mabel-"I always thought that was how you did catch him dear."-

ed the scene.

London Opinion.

THE MOVEMENTS OF GASTON PEOPLE ENGINEER DIES; SAVES PASSENGERS

With Chance to Jump and Save His Life But Possibly Cause Passengers to Lose Their Lives, Englneer Curlee Stuck to His Post and Was Scalded to Death -- Wreck Near Davidson Causes Also Death | INTERTAINED of Fireman Wilson.

The following story of the heroism of an engineer, reprinted in part from yesterday's Charlotte Chronicle, will be of interest to Ga-

"Devotion to his duty and with passengers, added another name to the long list of engine-drivers that have gone before him, when Sunday | TO MEET WITH night at 8:30 o'clock, Engineer Jostreet, held to the throttle of his engine on the A. T. & O. Railroad, a few hundred yards beyond the station at Davidson College and was scalded to death, together with his fireman, Avery H. Wilson.

"Engineer Curlee could have sayed himself, but instead of jumping guest of Miss McLean. and escaping with a few bruises or perhaps a broken limb, he stuck to his driver's seat and went to death in the scalding steam of his broken injector pipe. Fireman Wilson was killed instantly, being crushed beneath the side of the boiler which crashed into the cut-bank.

Those who hurried to the scene took Mr. Curlee up and carried 7itm to the office of Dr. J. M. McConnell, where he was given assistance ey Drs. McConnell, W. H. Wooten and E. Q. Houston. Mr. Curlee was conscious throughout the entire time up until 1:30 o'clock when he died in the Presbyterian Hospital, this city. where he had been rushed by a special train at the earliest possible mo-

"The steam from the broken injector struck him full in the face and literally scalded out both eyes His face and breast was almost cooked from the hot steam and yet he was conscious. When he was carried to Dr. McConnel's office he was able to recognize his friends by their voices and he asked the physi-

" 'Am I hurt very badly doctor?" "He was told that there was no chance for him to recover and remaining silent for a moment or two he replied in a quiet voice, but one in which his hearers knew he was unafraid, said:

"'I could have saved myself by jumping, but I thought it was my duty to stick to my engine and save my passengers."

There is no doubt but that he did everything possible to save bepassengers and he doubtless did save them by sticking to his post of daty. for the engine when examined was found in reverse. The emergency brake was set, the throttle closed and the sand pipes were found open. showing that every possible safety device with which an engine is equip ped had been brought into play to stop the train

'At the hospital last night Mr. Curlee was conscious until the very end and again he asked Dr. R. L. Gibbon if there was any hope for his recovery. When the physician told him that he could not live, he sent messages of love to his family and then said:

'Well, God knows best,' He died the brave man that he had liv-

ed.
"There is universal sorrow expressed upon the streets for he was exceptionally popular and well liked by all who knew him. Quiet and calm under all conditions, his gentle nature won for him friends where many another would have lost them. Among railroad men he was considered a very careful man, and had never before had any trouble on the road.

"The funeral services will be conducted tomorrow afternoon at three o'clock from his late home, 401 North Pine street, and will be attended by delegations of engineers of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, from Asheville, Spartanburg. Columbia and Spencer.

"Mr. Curlee was a member Excelsior Lodge No. 261 A. F. & A. M and he will be buried with Masonic honors by this lodge. Interment will be made in Elmwood beside the remains of his brother. David Curlee, who also paid the forfeit with his life while sticking to his engine to save the life of his passengers.

"Mr. Curlee is survived by a widow who was Miss Annie Herron, two daughters, Miss Dorris Curlee and little Miss Dorothy Curlee, his mother, Mrs. Rebecca Curlee, of Spencer, two brothers, Mr. Frank Curlee, or this city, and Mr. Robert Curlee, and one sister, Mrs. R. E. Roberts, of

Asheville, "Had he lived until Thursday Mr. Curlee would have been 42 years

Mr. William L. Long, for many years a prominent business man of Charlotte, died at Shelby yesterday. He was 64 years years old and retired from active business severa: years ago on account of failing health.

Read the advertisements in The Gazette. They are as interesting as news and are frequently more profitable reading than the news.

WITH MRS. LOPTIN. Mrs. C. I. Loftin is hostess this afternoon to the Tuesday Afternoon (lub at her home on West Third

S. & O. CLUB.

Miss Rebecca Adams entertained the S. and O. Club Saturday aftermoon at the hone of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lean Adams on Oakland street. There were present, in addition to 'ub members, several invited guests. Progressive trad was played at five the thought of the welfare of his table; and refreshments were serv-

MISS MILEAN.

The Auction Bridge Club will meet Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock with Miss Nell McLean at her home on South Broad street. This meeting will be complimentary to Miss Marie Hardin, of Salisbury, vho will arrive Thursday to be the house-

MET WITH

MISS MARSHALL.

The Ladies' Auxillary of St. Mark's Episcopal church held its regular monthly meeting yesterday afternoon with Miss Marshall at the Falls House. The meeting was well attended and was a most interesting and delightful occasion.

IN HONOR OF

On Thursday afternoon of this week at 3 o'clock Mrs. J. M. Hotland will be hostess to the members of the Auction Bridge Club at her home on Chester street. The affair will be in honor of Mrs. R. A. Grimes, of Hickory, who is the house guest of Mrs. J. V. Harper.

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Padgett, a daughter.

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Miss Ola Huffstetler has been

Porsonale and Locals

quite ill for the past week at her come on South B: oad street. Miss Maude Hayne Moore. Lameaster, S. C., is the guest of Mrs.

J. B. Hall in Belmont. Alden, the two-year-old son or Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Huffstetler, is quite sick at their home on South

Oakland street. -Mr. A. A. Armstrong, of Belmont, who has been ill with pneumonia for the past two weeks, is

convalescent. -Mr. B. S. Kassel, proprietor of the Fashion, left last night for New York to purchase his line of spring

and summer goods. -Misses Lillian Atkins and Eliza Scott Lindsay went to Charlotte last night to see Madame Nazimova at

the Academy of Music. -The girls' basketball team of the Belmont High School defeated the Clover team at Clover last Satunday by the score of 26 to 14. The trip was made to Clover via Gasto-

nia in automobiles. -Our esteemed hustling fellowcitizen, Col. G. H. Marvin, manager of the Gastonia Cora-Cola Bottling Company, is to be congratulated upon being chosen by the bottlers of the State, at their convention a few days ago in Greensboro, as secretary of the association for the ensuing year. The association is also to be congratulated upon having Mr. Marvin in that position. He is a hustler and one of the men who does things. He is, incidentally, a booster for his town. As soon as the new notel is finished he will bring the bottlers' association here for its anrual meeting - see if he don't.

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Saner Holidays. Atlanta Constitution.

One of the most gratifying developments of Christmas day, and the days immediately succeeding, was a perceptible decrease in the violence. debauchery and bloodshed that once were assurated with the holidays in this section.

For Atlanta individually the record was an excellent one. The police report a day singularly lacking tragedies, though here and there tar inevitable ebullition marred the occasion in some isolated instance.

Throughout Georgia and the South the same thenomenon was visible. Everywhere appeared the tendency to observe Christmas in the spirit in which it was intended to be observed rather than as an opportunity for the staling of saturnalia

The persistent admonition of the pulpit had much to do with this a -cession of Christmas sanity. But !t is only just and accurate to say that the constant urging of the press, falling on a field that was fallow. was a potent contributing influence.

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ATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD ADDRESS BY REV. W. C. BARRETT

Large Number of Veterans Attended Celebration Here Yesterday-Welcomed by Mr. Ernest Warren -"Southern Heroes" Subject of Strong Address by Rev. Mr. Barrett-High School Pupils Attend

-Veterans Given Dinner.

Gaston county's Confederate veterans and Daughters of the Confederacy yesterday dld homage to the heroes of the South by the observance of the birthday anniversary of the matchiess chieftan, Robert E. Lee. This day, January 19, is known as Lee-Jackson day, the celebration of the birthday anniversary coin and Union countles, met in of the South's two greatest military leaders being every year celebrated jointly. The weather was propitious and the attendance of veterans as well as of other citizens was better than usual.

The veterans were welcomed by Mr. Ernest Warren, of the Gastonta High School, who acquitted himself of his task in a most pleasing manner, paying a beautiful tribute to the Confederate veteran. Mr. Warren, though quite young, impressed his hearers with the fact that he has oratorical abilities that promise to bring him into public notice in the

Mrs. J. F. Thomson, president or the local chapter of United Daughters of the Confederacy under whose auspices the celebration was held, priesided. Rev. Dr. J. C. Galloway offered the opening prayer and Rev. J. H. Henderlite closed the exercises with prayer. The principal feature of the occasion was the address by Rev. W. C. Barrett, pastor of the First Baptist church, which is given below in full. Mr. Barrett was heard with the closest attention and appreciation by all present. Several songs were rendered by the young ladies of the high school under the direction of Miss Lowry Shuford, this being a most pleasing feature of the program.

At the conclusion of the program the veterans were given a sumptuous dinner in the chapter room. It was provided by the Daughters or the Confederacy and served by them.

Following is Mr. Barrett's ad-

SOUTHERN HEROES.

A great preacher being asked once sermons replied, "That depends on how long I have to preach. If I have 30 minutes to preach I want a week to prepare. If I can preach an hour two or three days will do. if I can preach as long as I want to I am ready now."

I was asked to talk to you only a few minutes, and have had only few days to make preparation. What say may seem disconnected.

In selecting this subject I had no one person in mind, but a set of

I might have selected Lee Jackson, or some other officer the Confederate Army for a subject whose praises have been sung by Southern orators for 50 years. would not take one laurel from these brave leaders, but I prefer to speak today of the men who fought the battles and bore the burdens; men whose names would have perished. and whose fame would have been forgotten but for the noble women of the South who have placed granite shaft at almost every court house to remind the generations yet unborn of the noble deeds of their brave ancestors. And not only so. but as long as one of you remain on the earth they will continue to call you together on stated or casions and invite some younger man to speak to you, and remind you of our appreciation of what you have done for

I have an abiding interest in the Civil War and its soldlers. I never tire of hearing its stories or reading its history. Nevertheless, that war marked a crisis in my life. Though yet unborn when it was fought, it consumed a fortune that would have been handed down to me by inheritance, and sent me to the plough handles with other Southern boys of my age to dig my fortune out of an impoverished earth, and drove my parents into wasted fields that had been drenched with human blood to regain that which had been destroyed by the ruthless hand of war But the war had to be to weld this nation together and make one grand Republic, and by it I have been made richer and prouder

I call you heroes because of what you have done. Never was there an army of braver men mustered into service than those who fought the hattles of the Civil War. You faced an enemy that out-numbered you by far, whose equipment surpassed yours, and whose source of supply was unceasing. You fought that enemy till they were glad to lay down arms and strike hands in peace. You were undaunted by the overwhelming advantage of the onposing forces, and pressed on through blood and smoke till you inscribed your names at the very head of the world's lists of brave warriors, and handed down to posterity an heritage that every true Southerner is proud to boast of.

You gave the world a lesson in war that it had not learned before. From every bloody field of battle

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LATEST FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

Newsy Letters from Gazette Corres pondents Here and There Over Good Old Gaston-What Our Neighbors Are Doing in the Varions Sections of the County-Personal Mention of People You

Know and Some You Don't Knows PASTORAL ASSOCIATION.

Lutheran Ministers of Three Counties Hold Monthly Meeting at Mt. Holly-Two New Business Firms. orrespondence of The Gazette.

MT. HOLLY, Jan. 19 .- The Gaston County Pastoral Association, composed of the pastors of the Lutheran churches in Gaston, Linmonthly session with Rev. E. H. Kohn, pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd here. The following were present: Revs. L. L. Lohr, Lincolnton; J. C. Dietz, Crouse; B. D. Wessinger, Cherryville: A. R. Beck, Dallas; W. J. Boger, Monroe, and R. L. Patterson,

The purpose of the association ts to study questions of a religious. moral and practical turn. are read, exegesis given of the original Greek and the practices of the pastors exchanged. The subject this month was, "The Lord's Supper; the Historical Teaching," Rev. W. K. Bell; "The Worthy Communion and Benefits to Be Derived," by Rev. W. J. Boger. Much good is received from these

work which is often heavy. The next meeting will be held at Cherryville February 16th with St. John's Thurch, Rev. B. D. Wessinger, pas-The Mount Holly Hardware & Furniture Co. is opening its stock

gatherings and they tend to lighten

in the recently erected brick building on Main street. Mr. Lawrence Jenkins is opening a drug store in the room adjoining the hardware store. Mr. Jenkins has been in the drug business for some years and comes to our town

from Forest City. Rev. Dr. R. L. Patterson, pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Charlotte, preached for Rev. E. H. Kohn, who was in Charlotte preaching for Dr. Patterson, just an exchange of

pulpits. LORAY LOCALS.

Correspondence of The Gazette. WEST GASTONIA, Jan. 19 .- Mr. Sam Dalton, of Waco, is visiting his brother, Mr. L. E. Dalton.

Mrs. Nellie Cooksey, of Converse, S. C., has returned home after spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Lytle. Mr. and Mrs. Bonar Scruggs, of

Gaffney, S. C., have returned to the Loray. Mr. Ralph Miller, of Greenvile, S.

C., has accepted a position at the Loray. Mr. Tom Kennedy and mother, of Henrietta, have moved to the Loray.

Mr. Frank McAllister is quite sick at this writing. Mrs. Robert Bradley left Thursday for Columbia, S. C., for a few weeks visit to her mother, Mrs. Mat-

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Roach is very sick at this writ-

Mr. Renzy Scruggs and wife have returned to the Loray. Mr. Scruggs has accepted a position with nts brother, Mr. E. B. Scruggs, in a hardware store.

Mr. L. E. Dalton has been reaf sick and is reported no better. Mr. Will Hutchison and family, of Henrietta, have moved to the Loray. Mr. Jonah Cocks, of Tucapau, S.

.. has accepted a position in the card room at the Loray. Mrs. Bertle Miller left Wednesday for Cliffside to spend a

weeks with her mother. Miss Bessie Grigg, of High Shoals, was a Loray visitor Saturday. The son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R.

Broom has been seriously ill for the past week and is no better. Misses Madge Dalton and Nettle Bradley have returned home from Spencer after spending a week with

Mrs. H. C. Beville. Rev. J. J. Beach, of East Gastonia, preached an excellent sermon at the Loray Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. A large crowd attended and all enjoyed the ser-

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. N. For, Friday a girl.

-Mr. T. W. Harmon, who lives on the new sand-clay read about midway between Kings Mountain and Shelby, came to Gastonia Sunday to spend a few days with his sister, Mrs. L. C. Davis. Mr. Harmon is 80 years of age but is still quite hale and hearty. He says that he made a bale of cotton last season which weighed 500 pounds. as well as about 50 bushels of corn, and that he believes he can outrun either of his younger brothers or throw them in a wrestling match. Mr. Harmon has made his home on the farm where he now lives for 55 years.

Aside from the advertisements & carries The Gazette gives its readers more than twice as much reading matter for the money as any other paper published in the county.

Had you thought about it?