# THE GASTONIA GAZETTE

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# GASTONIA IS A BUSY TOWN.

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# MR. RUSH GRAY KILLED SHORT LOCAL ITEMS IN ACCIDENT AT GREENVILLE, S. C. THE MOVEMENTS OF GASTON PEOPLE Former Gastonian Meets Tragic

Death on Railroad of Which He Was an Official-Body Brought to to Gastonia on No. 36 This Morning and Taken to Bethel for Burial.

Mr. C. Rush Gray, who held a clerical position in the Southern Railway depot here for several years and who married in this section. died about noon yesterday in a hos- mont. pital in Greenville, S. C., as the result of injuries sustained last Friday in an accident on the Greenville & Knoxville Railway, a short line running from Greenville to Travelers Rest, of which he was auditor.

Mr. Gray sustained the injuries which resulted in his death while making a trip over the road in a railroad motor-car in company with President Patterson of the road, day, The accident occurred on a grade when the car struck a small rock which had lodged on the track, the jar throwing Mr. Gray from his scat down an embanament, where he landed in a pile of rocks, sustaining a fracture of the skull and several gashes about the face.

Some four or five years ago, while residing at Hickory to which place he went from Gastonia, Mr. Gray married Miss Helen Riddle, daughter of Mr. R. B. Riddle, of the Bethel section, who died about two years ago. Two small children survive. He was a native of Gaffney, S. C. and was a popular railroad man, be ing known to a large number of the employes on the road and in the offlees in this section of North and

South Carolina. The body, accompanied by a numher of relatives and friends, arrived enne. in Gastonia on No. 26 this mountage and was taken by the Ford Under-taking Company through the country to Bethel church where it was laid to rest beside the body of his wife.

#### DISPLEASED WITH PLANS.

Monroe People Want Some Frills on Their Postoffice Building. Monroe Enquirer, 23rd. When the plans for the Government building in Monroe were first move this week from West Airline drawn they showed that the building avenue to the Clyde Cralg cottage on would be a thing of beauty with portico, stately columns and all that roes to make an attractive building, but the bids made by contractors. were far above the sum appropriated | my of Music. for the Government building at Monroe, and then it was that the plans were changed-the portico, the colutans were cut out-and in fact, the whole front plans of the building were changed, and the present plans call for a building about as plain as the back side of a barn. The Government does not change its buildings every year, but puts up buildings to stand unchanged for about half a century. Naturally Monroe folks are kicking about this change of plans, and especially when they know that other towns no larger than Monroe have buildings far superior to what Monroe will have if there is no change made in the present plans. The aldermen took the matter up and at a meeting held last Tuesday they appointed Mr. S. O. Blair to go to Washington and see Senators Simmons and Overman and Congressman Page and ask them to have the plans of the Government building at Monroe changed. Mr. Blair will leave tonight for Washing-

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

-Miss Little spent Sunday at Hickory with homefolks.

-Mr. Paul Grist, of Lenoir, was in the city Sunday.

-Mr. and Mrs. John R. Rankin spent Sunday with relatives at Bel-

-Mr. C. L. Grigg spent Sunday with relatives at Lawndale, Cleveland county.

-Miss Mary Quinn is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. G. McLean on East Third avenue.

Mr. J. R. Carson, of the Plaush busines; Saturday.

Mr. H. F. Forbes, of Crowdera Creck, was a Gastonia visitor Satur- when it was found that the stage of

MP. Moses Stroup, of Ressence. City, route one, was in the city on lusiness yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moore stort Sunday in Dallas with rela-TIVES.

Mrs. M. L. Van Tassell, of Chesfer, S. C., is visiting relatives here for a few days.

Mr. S. E. Beatty, of the Union neighborhood, was in the city on business yesterday.

Mr. E. H. Moton, of the New Hope section, was a business vision in the dify vesterday.

Ramseur, of Dessenser City, were m Gastonia on business yesterday.

- Friends of Miss Annie A. en will regree to learn that she is quite ill at her home on East Franklin av-

- Mrs. J. B. Hall, of Belmont, and guest Miss Maude Hayne Moore, of Lancaster, S. C., were visitors for a short while in town Saturday.

Mrs. Ed Padgett and Miss Mamie Davis, of Belk's clerical force, are spending ten days in Charlotte assisting in the sale at Belk Bros. -Miss Alma Beatty, of the Union

neighborhood, and Misses Corrie and Pearl Moton, of New Hope, were Gastonia visitors vesterday.

- Mr. J. D. Moore and family will



GASTONIA, N. C.

#### Revital Friday Night.

On Friday evening of this week, beginning at So'clock, the pupils of Miss Mabel Little will give a publirecital in the auditorium of the Central graded school. All the pretrons of the lass and the public are invited to attend.

show Not Coming.

since the advertisements appeared in The Gazette Friday stating that 'Polly of the Circus" would be pre- mediately after the reconvening of sented here February 2rd. Manager court at 2 o'clock this afternoon, of W. F. Michael, of the Gastonia Opera House, announces that the enneishborhood, was in the city on gagement has been cancelled very much to his regret. The cancellation of the date became necessary the local play house is too small for the special scenery carried by the comturny.

#### Harmon Family Bennion.

Mrs. G. R. Shenise spant Sunday at the home of Mrs. Noah Ross, near tincoluton, where a taully reanion was hold in celebration of the 74th birthday of Mrs. Spencer's units, Mr. R. J. Harmon, who makes his home with his daughter. Mrs. Loss, There were 6% or 70 relatives and friends per- of, including Mr. Barments five th litten, Mts. Pliza, beau ner Mrs Frank Taylor, Wrs Noah Hoss, Vr. Higley Harmon .... Vr. Messrs H. L. ichyne and W. V. John Harmon. The occasion was tomorrow, greatly enjoyed by all present.

#### Flant Destroyed By Fire,

Fire which originated from the explosion of an electric switch last Friday afternoon completely destroyed the plant of the Spencer Mountain Stone and Brick Company ny's wagons. located at the foot of Spence Mountain. The large six-story crib shed, built of long-heaf pine timbers ored, for the murder of a negro woand containing dynamos and crush- wan near Lowell, will be trken up, ers, burned flercely for several it is prohable that the givil docket hours. The loss is understood to will get only one or at the most two have been about \$20,000 with no in- days at this session. surance. The plant had only been completed a short time. Yesterday's Charlotte Chronicle states that work will be begun at once on the rebuilding of the plant.

White Man Who Killed Alex Sutton, Negro Boy, in December on Trial in Gaston Superior Court-Taking of Evidence Completed and Case Now Being Argued-Will Go to Jury some Time To-Morrow -Another Murder Case to Follow,

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, JANUARY 27, 1914.

Gaston County Superior Court has been engaged since vesterday morning in the trial of the case of the State against Gilbert P. Melton, white, for the murder of Alex Sufton, colored. The taling of evidence was completed with the hearing, imtwo or three character witnesses for the State. Solicitor Wilson is assisted in the proscention by Mr. O. Max Gardner, of Shelby, and Mr. Stonewall J. Durham, of the locat har. The defense is represented by Messrs, Mangum & Woltz, of Gastonia, and Judge F. I. Osborne, of Charlotte. A large number of witpesses on both sides have been examined

It required all of the forenoon ession yesterday to secure a jury. As chosen it is constituted as follows: G R. Phillips, J. R. Freeman, J. W. Moten, George R. Lewis, K. Babington, A. B. Lineberger,  $\mathbf{R}$ C. C. Cralg, M. R. Stowe, W. H. Croeler, J. F. Allen, G. W. Pearson. B. Dunn. J.

With three speeches on each side, it is probable that the argument will thews. not be concluded until about noon

As related in these columns at the time of the homicide Melton, who and whose family was working in one of the mills, shot and killed Abx Sutton, a negro youth employed by the Gastonia Lee & Coal Co. to deliver ice from one of the compa-

As soon as the Melton trial is concluded the trial of George Bird, col-

#### FOUND DEAD IN FIELD.

in the remainder of the afternoon session was devoted to an impromptu Mr. John Holmesley Expired Friday

NO. 8.

# ON TRIAL FOR HIS LIFE PYTHIANS MET HERE NEWS OF THE COUNTY G. P. MELTON FACING MURDER CHARGE DISTRICT MEETING YESTERDAY LATEST FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

Gastonia Lodge Host to Tenth District Convention-Seventy-Five or

More Pythians Representing Ten Lodges Present-Banquet Served at Morris Cafe-Five Candidates Given First Rank Last Night.

Between seventy-five and one hundred out-of-town Pythtans were here yesterday afternoon and last night to attend the regular convention of the tenth district, which was held in the hall of Gastonia Lodge No. 53 by special invitation of that lodge. The afternoon session, which began at 2:30 o'clock and continued until 6:30, was devoted largely to the transaction of routine business, the main feature of which was the hearing of reports from the several lodges comprising the district. Mr. J. H. Kennedy, of Gastonia, as district deputy, presided.

Following is a list of the lodges composing the tenth district, each of which was represented by from one to a dozen of its members:

Rathbone Lodge No. 37, Char lotte.

Mechlenburg Lodge No. 90, Charlotte.

Charlotte Lodge No. 83, lotte.

Kines Mountain Lodge No. 9.4 Kings Mountain.

Whetstone Lodge No. 103, Bessemer ('ity

Mount Holly Lodge No. 68. MIT Holly.

Matthews Lodge No. 77, Mat-

Concord Lodge No. 51, Concord. Gastonia Lodge No. 52, Gastonia. Mr. George B. Mason, vice chancellor of the local lodge, wetcomed lived in the southern edge of town the visiting Pythians in a short address which was so cordial in the tenor that none could doubt the genuineness of the reception which awaited them here. Mr. L. L. Candle, a prominent member of the Charlotte bar, responded to the address of welcome in a most hearty and pleasing manner. Following the roll call reports were heard from the delegates representing the several lodges and in each instance the report showed progress and growth In a few instances the gains made by the lodge were most encouraging indeed. When the reports were all

ious Sections of the County-Pere sonal Mention of People You Know and Some You Don't Knows BELMONT BUDGET. Correspondence of The Gazette. BELMONT, Jan. 27.-Preparatory

Newsy Letters from Gazette Corres

pondents Here and There Over

Good Old Gaston-What Out

Neighbors Are Doing in the Var-

to moving from the country to town, Mr. C. H. Lineberger is having erected on the lot to the rear of Dr. P. B. Hall, a handsome seven-room cot-Work is progressing rapidly tage. and it will be ready for occupancy in a short while. The coming of Mr. Lineberger and family is a valuable addition to the business and social life of the town.

Mr. A. A. Armstrong, who has been ill with pneumonia for the past three weeks, is improving rapidly at his home near here.

The Woman's Betterment Association at its meeting this afternoon will launch plans for an entertainment to be given on or about February 14, which will be in the nature of a Valentine party. The proreeds will go to the treasury of the association.

The local high school basketball teams have games tentatively arranged for the last of the week with the boys and girls of the Charlotte high school.

The board of aldermen at a meeting held a few days ago put the ban on roller stating, a mania for which has possessed the children of town since the coming of concrete sidewalks. The board has also resolved on stricter sanitary legislation within the town limits.

The Men's Bible Class of the Presbyterian church is making plans for a social meeting to be held some time in the near future at the home of the pastor, Rev. W. S. Lacy, This organization is one of the most valuable adjuncts of the church.

The good weather of the past few weeks has brought the farmers out and much plowing has been done.

#### WITHERS NEWS.

orrespondence of The Gazette. WITHERS, Jan. 26 .- Miss Lessle Bradley, of West Gastonia, is spending some time here as the guest of

# mais and Locals.

ton.

-Mr. S. W. Bradley, who is in charge of a large drainage project on Muddy Fork and Buffalo creeks in Cleveland county, spent Sunday and Monday with his family here. returning to his work yesterday afternoon. Mr. Bradley reports that his force is making good progress. having already started one large dredge boat to work. Another still larger outfit is nearly ready to launch. The entire project will very little improved, if at all. probably require about 18 months to complete.

-We regret the failure of the last issue of The Gazette to reach our subscribers on Bessemer City rural routes on time. An investigation made Saturday, however, after we learned that they had not reached the Bessemer City postoffice, revealed the fact that the fault was Charlotte. with the railroad employe here who failed to put them on the proper train Friday afternoon. We have made complaint to the proper authorities of this neglect, and feel sure that it will not occur again soon

-Mr. G. H. Marvin, who with Mrs. Marvin returned Sunday night from Atlanta, where they attended the Coca-Cola Bottlers Convention, is wearing a gold watch fob of which he is justly proud. It was awarded to him by the Coco-Cola Company in appreciation of his efficiency as manager of the local branch of the company and the good record which his made records which were thus recognized.

West Fourth avenue.

-Miss Mildred McLean and Miss Lee went to Charlotte Saturday to see "A Modern Eve" at the Acada-

Mr. W. D. Martin, of Brooklyn, N. Y., spent Tuesday night here as the guest of his sister, Mrs. Graham McLean.

-Miss Eunice Craig returned Saturday from Yorkville, route 8, where she visited her sister. Mrs. Claire Harper.

-Little Miss Sue Grigg, of Cleveland Mills, Cleveland county, arrivrived in Gastonia last week to enter the city schools. She is making her home with Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Grigg.

-Mrs. M. J. Cabaniss and Miss Mamie Cabaniss returned Saturday from Shelby, where they have been spending the past month with relatives.

-Misses Willie Bradley and Julia Johnson left this morning for Winston-Salem to visit the Methodist Childrens Home. They will be absent for a couple of days.

-Rock Hill, S. C., Record, 22nd: Mrs. L. J. Platt, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. George Vroman, left yesterday morning for a visit to relatives in Belmont, N. C., before returning to her home.

-The regular monthly meeting of the South Point township teachers' association will be held with the Belmont school Friday afternoon. The meeting will begin at 1 o'clock. A full attendance is required.

-Friends of Mrs. Rufus M. Johnston will regret to learn that she is quite critically ill at her home on South Broad street, having suffered a sudden attack of illness Saturday. since which time her condition is

-Last Friday a marriage ceremony was performed in the office of Register of Deeds A. J. Smith, County Commissioner O. F. Falls, of Kings Mountain, prforming the ceremony in the presence of a few of the court house officials. The contracting parties were Mr. W. S. Anthony and Miss Mabel Terry, both of

-Charlotte News, 23rd: The many friends of Mrs. H. D. Stowe. widow of Captain Stowe, one of the best known men in the county, will regret to hear that she is very ill. She is at her home on West Eleventh street. Mrs. Stowe is an aunt of Mrs. Charles Moody and Mrs. Ferry Sloan Chapman. She is greatly beloved in the county.

-Mill News 22nd: The annual McAden Mills was held Tuesday in the offices of the company at Mc-Adenville. The semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent was declared. The election resulted as follows: Henand Chas. A. Bland, associate di- ond rectors.

Called to Gastonia Pastorate. Rev. J. C. Deitz, of Crouse,' has been tendered a call to the pastorate

of the Gastonia Lutheran charge, in cluding the Gastonia church, Chapel church and the Bessemer City church. He has not as yet formally accepted the call but it is understood that he has signified his intention of doing so. Last week's Cherryville Eagle says that Mr. Deitz has already tendered his resignation as pastor of Bethpage and St. Paul's churches to take effect March first. He has two other churches, the pastorates of which it which it is understood he will resign. When action has been taken on these he will formally accept the, found lying later in the afternoon call to Gastonia. The Eagle says: "Not only the Lutherans at Crouse but the people of other denominations are reluctant to see this good family leave." They will receive a warm welcome to Gastonia.

#### Appointed Deputy Collector.

Jailer G. R. Rhyne has been appointed a deputy collector in the internal revenue service by Collector A. D. Watts, of Statesville, and left this morning for Rutherfordton to take up his duties. The appointment was announced yesterday from Statesville. Mr. Rhyne succeeds Mr. E. B. Quinn, who has been a field deputy with headquarters at Rutherfordton and who has been promoted to a clerical position in the offces at Statesville in connection with the handling of the income tax bus-Mr. Rhyne's salary is \$1,200 iness. a year with \$900 for expenses. It will be gratifying to their many friends to know that, for the present at least, Mr. Rhyne's family will remain in Gastonia, occupying the Grier cottage on South Broad street. As yet Sheriff McLean has not appointed any one to succeed Mr. Rhyne as jailer. Mr. England. of Kings Mountain, is temporarily 1n charge.

## Fire Loss \$8 Every Second.

T. J. A. Tiedemann, Jr., Los Angeles. Cal.

Insurance men, and I believe every one, realize that it is impossible to absolutely stop fires. There will always be a fire loss. But it is poss:ble to stop some or a great portion of the loss. What we must not have is the terrific excess of fires and consequential waste to which this country is now subject. I say excessive waste. Certainly these figures will convince you that there is something radically wrong. During the past meeting of the stockholders of the year the fire loss in the United tract. States amounted to over \$250,000 .-000.

In order to more definitely impress upon you the appalling magnitide of this waste, let me say that plant made during the past year. ry M. McAden, president; R. R. Ray, this means a loss of \$695,000 a day, Out of the hundreds of managers' secretary and treasurer; James T. or \$28,958 every hour. \$482 every present at the convention only a few McAden, A. L. Baker, of Raleign, minute, or, in other words, every second that passes sees a loss of over

Afternoon While Plowing in Field Near His Home at Cherryville -Funeral and Burial at Mt. Zion Baptist Church Sunday Afternoon.

An unusually sad death occurred Friday afternoon near Cherryville when Mr. John Holmesley, a wellknown and industrious farmer, expired suddenly while plowing in field not far from his home, the body only being found after it is supposed he had been dead for probably two hours or more.

With the exception of having complained of a headache, Mr. Holmesley was in his usual good health when he went to his work after dinner Friday. He was plowing, and the manner in which the body was seemed to show that he had only plowed a few rounds when he fell to the ground between the plow handles and expired suddenly. The body was found by Mr. Dorus Mauney, who passed along the macadam road with a load of wood going to Mr. Mauney at first Cherryville. thought the body was only a coat. not paying very close attention to it. but returned after passing and found the body of Mr. Holmesley and gave der is founded and for which the alarm to members of his family at the house, some distance away.

While there were no signs of a play, the matter was reported to Coroner H. S. Sellers, who empanelled a jury consisting of Messrs, S. S. Mauviewed the remains and the place section of the State. where the body was found, and returned a verdict that the deceased came to his death from natural causes. Physicians who examined the body stated that death was evidently due to a sudden attack of heart failure.

Mr. Holmesley was between 15 and 50 years of age and is survived by his widow, who is a sister of Coroner H. S. Sellers, and several chil-The funeral and burial took dren. place Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Mt. 7ion Baptist church, near Cherryville.

#### Cash With Application.

Numerous complaints are reaching this office, arising from the gross abuse by agents of the privilege of taging with application cash or note covering the first premtum.

An agent taking cash or note with application should immediately return it to the applicant upon notice for any reason the policy is not issued and delivered according to con- owner.

If a note is taken, it should not be discounted until the policy is delivered.

ly return the premium to the appli- sire it. cant under the circumstances above stated will be construed as evidence of such "untrustworthiness" as to render him liable to revocation of license.

discussion of various problems with which individual lodges are confronted, the discussion being not on ly interesting but very profitable as

well. At 6:30 o'clock the visiting Pythians, together with a number of the members of Gastonia Lodge, repaired in a body to Morris Cafe where an excellent supper had been provided by the entertainment committee.

Reconvening at 7:30 o'clock the lodge was opened in regular, form and then turned over to the degree team of Rathbone Lodge No. 37 Charlotte, which conferred in a most inpuressive manner the first rank on five candidates for the local lodge. Prior to the conferring of this rank Mr. N. C. White, of Charlotte, demonstrated the secret work of the order. At the conclusion of the degree work Major J. G. Baird. of Charlotte, Grand Vice Chancellor, delivered an address on "The Ideal Pythian" which not only exhibited the major's well-known oratorical abilities but was foeming with sentiments and facts calculated to make those present think seriously of the great principles upon which this orit stands. He was followed by Mr. S. J. Durham, of Gastonia, who made

a brief but most excellent talk upon struggle nor any suspicion of foul the work which lies before Pythtans here and elsewhere.

When the meeting adjourned at 11 o'clock it was the general verney, Claud Mauney, John T. Eaker, dict that it was in every respect one A. H. Huss. Dorus Witherspoon and of the most pleasant and profitable J. Newton Neill. The coroner's jury district meetings ever held in this

#### Building Laws,

The recent decision of the Sunceme Court of North Carolina in State vs. Lawing is of State-wide interest and of the greatest importance. It affects every city and town in the State, and says the State, city and town regulations governing buildings in their erection and inspection can and should be enforced The Chief Justice, in his able opinion, not only says that the frame buildings cannot be erected or repaired in the fire district, but shows

the great value of this to the city and its inhabitants. Let every chief of fire department

and building inspector in North Carolina get busy and enforce the law The Supreme Court says it is a good law and can be enforced, and that the protection of life and property calls for it. The old shacks must go, to be replaced by buildings that that the application is refused, or if are not a menace to other property, but a credit to the city as well as the

The Insurance Department is having the opinion of the Court in State against Lawing printed in pamphlet form, and will take pleasure in fur-The failure of an agent to prompt- nishing a copy to all who may de-

> Read the advertisements in The Gazette. They are as interesting as news and are frequently more prof-Itable reading than the news

Mrs. Lloyd Hooper.

Mrs. Moses Heffner received a telegram Thursday announcing the serious illness of her mother in Lincolnton. She left at once for her bedside.

A night school is now being taught in the Flint school house by Mr. Edward B. Hurley. There seems to be a goodly number of pupils in attendance.

Misses Edna Propst and Mabel Mauney spent Sunday with friends in Mount Holly.

Mr. W. W. Tupper, of New York City, spent a part of Wednesday as a guest of Mr. J. R. Withers,

The health of the community is pretty fair at present excepting several cases of mumps and meastes.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Dellinger spent Sunday evening here with friends.

## ITEMS FROM ROUTE THREE.

Correspondence of The Gazette. GASTONIA, Rute 3, Jan. 26 .-- Mr. Lee Robinson has bought from Mr. Eli Lineberger 3 acres of land on the west side of the Union road just

south of the Clara Mill and will make some improvements. Mr. T. E. Robinson is preparing to

crect an eight-room house at his home place.

Miss Aleen Crawford is at home from Linwood College suffering with a throat trouble.

The little child of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Glenn, who has been quite h. is now much better.

The box supper at the Crawford school house Friday night was quite a success. The boxes brought a total of \$20, and it is said some of the boys laid in enough rations to last them a week.

Business men can reach the buying public in Gaston better through the columns of The Gazette than In. any other way. Advertising rates are reasonable. It will pay you to investigate.

BIG DAY IN GASTONIA TO-MOR-ROW (WEDNESDAY.)

The Fall of Constantinople" Gaumonts three-reel hand-colored masterpiece which will be shown at the Ideal tomorrow, Wednesday, January 28th, will certainly mark a big day in Gastonia in the way of moving pictures. This is said to be by those who have seen it the most beautiful picture ever thrown on a. screen, hand-colored from start to finish. This picture is new. It was shown in Charlotte Monday and Tuesday and here Wednesday making it positively the third time it was ever on a machine. No doubt this will be the first time a third-run picture has ever been shown in Gastonia. Owing to the fact that it is a great feature and brand new . the management had to pay a princely price to get it here and will be compelled to raise the price of admission to ten and fifteen cents. but will give you two other good licensed reels in connection with this picture, making five reels .- Adv.