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MR. J. F. LEEPER DEAD

THE END CAME EARLY THIS MORNING

Prominent Citizen of the County Succumbs After Long Fight Against Disease—Was Chairman of Board of County Commissioners—Had Represented County in Both Branches of Legislature—Funeral and Burial To-Morrow Morning.

Mr. John F. Leeper, chairman of the board of county commissioners and one of Gaston's best-known and most prominent citizens, died at 4:30 o'clock this morning at his home in Belmont, following a long illness. Though it had been known for the past several days that he was in a precarious condition, the news of his death brought a shock to many of his friends who did not realize that the end was so near. Mr. Leeper was in Gastonia on Monday, March 2nd, and presided at the regular monthly session of the board of county commissioners that day. He was very unwell at that time and throughout the session despite the fact that he was suffering from a severe cold which developed into grip. This, in conjunction with the malady, gallstones and kidney trouble, from which he had suffered greatly for more than a year and which had greatly wasted his vitality, produced death. For 24 hours before his death he had been in an unconscious condition and during the last 12 or 14 hours had to be held up in bed as he could not lie down and breathe.

Funeral services will be conducted tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock at the late residence, Rev. Father Melchior, O. S. B., of Belmont Abbey, will conduct funeral services. The body will then be taken to South Point Methodist church for interment and the burial services there will be conducted by Rev. N. R. Richardson, pastor of the Belmont Methodist church. Quite a number of Gastonians will attend the funeral.

Deceased was a native of Gaston county. He was born April 29, 1831, in South Point township and spent all of his life on the farm until he built a home in Belmont and moved into it 8 or 10 months ago. He married Miss Isabella Armstrong, who survives him, together with two children, Mrs. J. W. Gaston and Mr. Ned Leeper, both of Belmont. He also leaves one brother, Mr. W. Z. Leeper, also of Belmont. When about 13 or 14 years old he entered a Catholic college at Columbia, S. C., which was burned by Sherman on his march to the sea in 1864. The owners of that school rebuilt at Belmont, the institution being known as St. Mary's College.

Mr. Leeper was one of the county's representative men and had served in a number of public capacities. For six years prior to 1882 he served as a magistrate. In 1882 he was elected register of deeds, which position he held until 1888 when he resigned to make the race for the State Senate from this county. He was elected to the Senate and served the county ably in that body. For two years, 1890 to 1892, he served as clerk to the committee on Mines and Mining of Congress, his work in that capacity keeping him in Washington. Under Cleveland's second administration he served as a deputy revenue collector in this State. In 1902 he was elected to represent Gaston county in the lower house of the General Assembly. He was elected a member of the board of county commissioners in 1904 and had served continuously since, being chairman of that body at the time he died. His present term would have expired in December, 1916. His successor in this position will be appointed by the clerk of the court.

Mr. Leeper had, throughout almost his entire life, been identified in one way or another with the public life of the county. He was recognized as a business man of considerably more than average ability. Much of the county's public work had been done under his supervision; the last large job of this kind he supervised having been the concrete bridge built a year or two ago by Gaston and Mecklenburg counties jointly at Sloan's ferry, joining the two counties together. A man of few words ordinarily, he was quick to arrive at a conclusion and, once committed to a course of action, was enthusiastic in carrying it out. In his own community, where he was known best, he was held in very high regard for his sterling qualities. Naturally of a somewhat retiring and unassuming disposition, he often did deeds of charity of which the world never heard. He had raised and educated in his home a number of orphans. He rendered assistance to many worthy people and the public knew nothing of it. His passing will be the cause for sorrow in many hearts.

house mantels, grates and tiling at gastonia furniture company's.

—Mr. and Mrs. Ed Padgett and Miss Ethel Kincaid will go to Charlotte tonight to see "Everywoman" at the Academy of Music.

A BIG ELECTRIC SIGN

TO BE PUT UP BY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Will Advertise the City to All Who Pass Through on Trains—Will Probably be Placed on Top of Building Occupied by Chamber Directors in Monthly Meeting Transact Routine Business and Discuss Number of Matters of Interest.

A large electric sign will be erected at an early date by the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce. It will be located in a prominent position, probably on top of the building occupied by the chamber on South street. As noted elsewhere in this issue the city council has made an appropriation of \$300 for the erection of this sign and will furnish the current to operate it free of charge. This sign is to be so placed as to be visible to people on all southern trains passing through the city. It will be brilliantly illuminated and will carry some catchy phrase or phrases calculated to impress the beholder with Gastonia's spirit of hustling. That this method of advertising the city will prove quite effective is not doubted. Mr. R. G. Rankin from the city council and Mr. F. L. Smyre from the Chamber of Commerce were constituted a committee to have charge of the construction and erection of this sign.

This was one of the things determined upon by the board of directors of the chamber in monthly session last night. Other matters either acted upon or discussed were the proposed farm demonstration work for the county, the approaching county commencement, the setting of a slogan, etc.

A letter was read from Mr. E. S. Millsaps of Statesville, district manager of the farm demonstration of the Department of Agriculture for the western part of North Carolina, stating that he cancelled another engagement in order to be here on March 28th to attend the farmers' meeting at which time the farmers will be told of the proposed work and asked to endorse the petition of the Chamber of Commerce to the county commissioners for an appropriation for this work. Mr. Millsaps was here and presented the matter to the commissioners on the first Monday in March.

In addition to Mr. Millsaps there will be several other addresses to the farmers on this subject.

Reports from the secretary and treasurer showed the chamber to be in good financial condition.

Propositions with reference to the proposed establishment of two or three new industries for the city were considered but just at this stage nothing with reference to these is available for publication.

Secretary Lloyd announced that while the time for receiving suggestions for slogans does not commence until Monday, the 16th, he has already received a number of slogans. He expects that they will begin to pour in the first of next week.

globe-wernicke sectional bookcases at gastonia furniture co's.

BEGIN OPERATIONS TO-DAY.

Mint Cola Company's Plant Newly Equipped Throughout—Expert Chemist Employed—Will Make Various Soft Drinks in Addition to Mint Cola.

The Mint Cola Bottling Co., Inc., which recently established a plant here, having leased the quarters formerly occupied by the Coca-Cola Bottling Company, began today to turn out their product, Mint Cola. For the first thirty days this drink will be bottled exclusively. After that period a full line of bottled soft drinks will be manufactured.

This company is composed of Mr. W. O. Peeler, who is the manager, and Mr. H. L. McCombs, secretary and treasurer. These gentlemen have been here for some days getting the building in shape, placing the machinery and putting all things in readiness for actual operations.

Manager Peeler says that they will filter all water used and that the plant will be kept thoroughly sanitary in every respect. The bottling machinery is the very latest and the equipment includes a soaker which sterilizes all the bottles before they are used each time. An expert chemist, Mr. T. S. Palmer, who was formerly in the bottling business at Greenville, S. C., is employed by the concern and has charge of the mixing of the syrups and other ingredients used in manufacturing the drinks put out by this firm. Everything is up-to-date in every respect. The company has a large auto truck for delivering their products to the retailers.

Mint Cola has been on the market in North Carolina since last July, having first been manufactured in the State at Salisbury. Prior to that it was manufactured extensively in Kentucky and other States. Manager Peeler is delighted with Gastonia and says prospects are excellent for a big business in his line here. His territory includes all of Gaston county, Kings Mountain and Clover, S. C.

—Capt. C. M. Nolen has been confined to his home on East Main avenue for several days by illness.

MISSION AT ST. MARK'S

GOOD CONGREGATIONS AT SERVICES

Rev. T. Tracy Walsh, of Yorkville, Conducting Services Daily at Episcopal Church—Attendance is Good—Spoke Last Night on "The Obligation to Confess Christ"—Closes Sunday Night—Special Service for Men Sunday Afternoon.

A good congregation was assembled at St. Mark's Episcopal church last night at 8 o'clock when Rev. Dr. T. Tracy Walsh, of Yorkville, S. C., who is conducting a week's mission at that church, preached his fourth evening sermon. Dr. Walsh took his text from the 16th chapter of St. Matthew's gospel, the 18th verse, and Acts, fourth chapter and 12th verse: "Upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby ye must be saved."

From these two passages of Scripture, Dr. Walsh set forth in a strong and persuasive manner "The Obligations to Confess Christ" as the only means of salvation and a large congregation was helped and edified by his sermon.

These mission services are growing in usefulness and appreciation. The congregations have been steadily growing from day to day and many are being strengthened and helped.

Services will be held at 1:30 this afternoon and at 8 o'clock tonight. The subject for this afternoon is, "The Condition of the Dead," and the evening subject will be, "Why I Belong to the Episcopal Church." Dr. Walsh's method of speaking is not controversial but explanatory. Everyone is cordially invited to attend these services.

The subject for Saturday afternoon is "The Continuity of the Church of England and Apostolic Succession." There will be no 8 o'clock service Saturday evening. The mission closes on Sunday, at 10:15 a. m. at the holy communion. Dr. Walsh's subject will be "Toiled All the Night." At 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon a special service for men will be held and the subject for Sunday night at 7:30 will be "Church Unity."

WARREN CHOSEN CHAIRMAN.

Newbern Man Succeeds Webb as State Democratic Chairman—Preliminary to Be Held May 16th and County Conventions May 23rd—Other Matters.

Raleigh, March 10.—At the meeting of the State executive committee of the Democratic executive party, here tonight, Hon. Thomas D. Warren, of New Bern, was elected chairman of the committee to succeed Hon. Charles A. Webb, of Asheville, who tendered his resignation tonight. Both the new chairman and the former chairman made speeches.

The committee also selected Raleigh as the meeting place of the next Democratic convention, and June 17 set as the date on which present meetings are to be held and also primary elections for State, congressional, judicial and State senatorial offices. The delegates to the county conventions, which were set for May 23, will also be made on that date.

The county conventions, under the rulings of the State committee, will meet May 23, and will decide on the choice of candidates for the various places voted on the previous date, May 16. The county conventions will also select the representatives to the State convention.

The committee went on record as being in favor of Colonel Peasall's resolution to make a further effort to raise money by popular subscription for a monument to the late Governor Aycock, which will be placed in capital square at Raleigh.

W. L. Parsons, of Richmond county, was delegated a member of the committee to succeed the late J. R. Blair.

The resignation of Judge W. A. Devin, of Granville county, who had been appointed superior court judge was accepted, and Mr. D. G. Brummett was elected in his place.

Sets Judge Lewis Straight.

To the Editor of The Gazette: Judge Lewis says that I misquoted him in my communication in Tuesday's Gazette and I wish to set him straight before the public. I said, "Judge Lewis says, do away with the homestead and take his (the deadbeat's) furniture and flour and meat." The judge states that what he said was that the State could do that. Personally he did not and does not endorse that procedure. I take pleasure in giving him the benefit of this correction.

L. E. DICKSON.

—City Clerk John R. Rankin is able to be at his desk again today after an illness of several days with grip.

—There will be no service at Main Street Methodist church Sunday night on account of the absence of the pastor. The morning service, at 11 o'clock, will be conducted by Rev. W. M. Biles, of Newton.

IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

MUSIC CLUB WITH MRS. FROST TORRENCE.

The Music Club will meet next Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock with Mrs. Frost Torrence at her residence on Chester street. The subject for study will be Ethelbert Nevin, and the program will be made up of selections from the works of this popular composer.

LADIES' AUXILIARY WITH MRS. BALTIMORE.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of St. Mark's Episcopal church will meet next Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock with Mrs. W. L. Baltimore at her residence on Chester street. It is desired that as many members as possible should be present at this meeting.

SPECIAL MUSIC AT ST. MARK'S TONIGHT.

The regular evening service at St. Mark's Episcopal church tonight at 8 o'clock, at which Dr. Walsh's subject will be "The Virgin Mary," will also be marked by special music. Besides a number of special selections to be rendered by the choir, Mrs. J. Mack Holland will sing Massena's "Ave Maria" as an offertory.

FRIENDLY MATRONS WITH MRS. GLENN.

Mrs. Henry F. Glenn entertained the Friendly Matrons and a number of invited guests most pleasantly yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. F. Michael on East Third avenue. Progressive trail was played at thirteen tables, after which a delicious salad course and drinks were served. The decorations were especially pretty, consisting of red carnations in the two front rooms, pink carnations in another room, and bouquets in the dining room. Mrs. L. W. Kirkpatrick, of Yorkville, S. C., was among the invited guests.

SOUTH CAROLINA IN LINE.

Palmetto State Follows Sister State in Fight for Just Freight Rates.

A sweeping investigation into freight rates ordered today by the State Railroad Commission on an allegation that rates in North Carolina are less than in South Carolina, was the outcome of the work inaugurated by the State Freight Rate Association. Thirty-one railroads owning and operating lines in South Carolina are named in the complaint filed with the railroad commission this morning. A hearing was set for April 8.

The complaint alleged that there was unjust and unfair discrimination in favor of North Carolina and against the people of South Carolina in freight rates. The complaint was filed by B. E. McLeod of Charleston, who is chairman of the freight adjustment steering committee of the State Rate Association. The Southern, the Seaboard, the Atlantic Coast Line and every railroad big and little—in South Carolina are named by the complaint.

More specifically the complaint says that not only are rates in North Carolina now lower, but the discrimination is to be made more glaring by a further reduction in North Carolina on intrastate freight rates and an increase on the rates in South Carolina.

That traffic in this State is handled easier than in North Carolina is a further allegation in the complaint.

The complaint asks that the discrimination against the shippers and people of South Carolina be made to cease. The rate association is composed of about 10 commercial organizations and is a voluntary organization of shippers.

In this issue will be found statements of the Bank of Dallas, Bank of Belmont, Mount Holly Bank and Farmers and Merchants Bank of Stanley.

To See "Everywoman."

Quite a large number of Gastonians will go to Charlotte tonight and tomorrow to witness the performance of "Everywoman" at the Academy of Music. Among the number who are to go tonight are Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Ford, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Wray, Mrs. A. J. Kirby, Mrs. J. White Ware, Mrs. H. F. Glenn, Miss Eliza Lindsay, Mrs. Mattie Anderson, Mrs. J. W. Atkins, Miss Lillian Atkins and Mrs. E. D. Atkins.

ALARMING FIRE LOSS.

Notwithstanding this country has the best fire fighting equipment in the world, it each year loses more than two hundred millions of dollars by fire. This is four or five times as much as is lost in all the European countries. The president of one of the fire insurance companies has said that if the loss by fire in this country could be cut down to seventy-five millions a year, the saving would be equivalent to adding a billion of dollars to the wealth of the country every ten years. The conditions are bad, but better than in former years, for concrete and steel are to some extent protecting cities from the holocausts of former days.

CITY SELLS ITS BONDS

\$100,000 ISSUE GOES TO LOCAL BANK

Citizens National Bank Buys \$100,000 Thirty-Year Five Per Cent Improvement Bonds at \$1,050 Premium—City Appropriates Money for Big Electric Sign—Mr. W. T. Rankin Elected to Police Force—Minor Matters Attended to.

At its regular monthly meeting Tuesday night the city council opened the bids for the \$100,000 issue of 30-year five per cent improvement bonds which it recently decided to sell, as noted in these columns. Bids had been advertised for and there were quite a number of firms offering to take them at figures above par. It was found, however, that the Citizens National Bank of Gastonia made the best bid which was \$101,050, and the bonds were awarded to that bank.

This bond issue was recently voted on by the City Council under an act of the last General Assembly giving that body power to issue improvement bonds in a sum not exceeding \$100,000. This is to be divided as follows: School buildings, \$25,000; sidewalks and streets, \$55,000; water and light extensions, \$20,000. There is already \$10,000 to the credit of the building fund held over from the previous bond issue, thus giving the sum of \$25,000 for new school buildings. It is understood that the work contemplated will be commenced as soon as Spring weather arrives.

In compliance with a request from the Chamber of Commerce, presented by President T. L. Craig, the council made an appropriation of \$250 for the building of a large electric sign to be used in advertising the city. It was also agreed by the council that the city would maintain the sign.

Mr. W. T. Rankin, formerly chief of police at Clover, S. C., was elected a member of the Gastonia police force. Mr. Rankin had already been employed by the police committee and has been on the job for a week or two.

Several matters of minor importance were attended to, including the auditing and ordering paid of current accounts.

Hickory Grove News.

Correspondence of The Gazette. HICKORY GROVE, March 12.—Mrs. Corry Zinn, of Washington, is spending some time as the guest of her mother, Mrs. J. P. Allen.

Miss Essie Bingerstaff spent Saturday with Miss Ada Rayfield.

Miss Vera Carpenter and Miss Essie Bingerstaff spent Wednesday with Misses Luby and Ode Clark.

Messrs. Hubert Carpenter and Sylvanus Clark were in Cherryville on business Monday.

Mr. G. W. Clark and sister, Mrs. Dock, attended the funeral of their sister, Mrs. Ellen Sneed, at Clover.

Mrs. Bart Clark is quite ill at this time.

Miss Pearl Farris has been sick, but we are glad to know that she is able to be out again.

Mrs. Barbara Blackburn is quite ill at this writing.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Haskell Davis, of Bessemer City, died Saturday evening with pneumonia and was buried Sunday at Long Creek Presbyterian church. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. R. A. Miller, of Lowell.

Mrs. Ellen Sneed, who before her marriage was Miss Ellen Clark, died Saturday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mary Whisnant, where she and her husband had been making their home for some time. Mrs. Sneed had been married three times. She is survived by her husband, Mr. George Sneed, and the following children: Mrs. Mary Whisnant, of Clover, S. C.; Mrs. Francis Leonard, of Lincolnton, Mrs. Beatrice Carpenter, of Cherryville. There also survive one brother, Mr. G. W. Clark, and two sisters, Mrs. Sarah Deck and Mrs. D. R. Van Dyke. Mrs. Sneed was 72 years of age and a life-long member of the Presbyterian church. Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. A. A. McLean.

—"The Life of Buffalo Bill," in three reels, showing the original William F. Cody and his adventures in the early days in the West, and "The Bride of Lammernoor," Str. Walter Scott's romance, also in three reels, will be the big features at the Ideal Theatre next Monday, the 16th. In the last named the leading roles are played by Constance Crawley and Arthur Maude, two of the world's leading movie actors.

Officers Elected. Gastonia Chapter No. 66 Royal Arch Masons elected officers for the ensuing term Tuesday night as follows: W. B. Morris, high priest; W. L. Thompson, king; J. H. Henderlite, scribe; L. F. Wetzel, treasurer; W. Y. Warren, secretary; A. R. Rankin, C. of H.; R. K. Babington, P. S.; E. C. Adams, R. A. C.; R. C. Warren, master of the third veil; G. W. Smith, master of the second veil; G. G. Willis, master of the first veil; J. E. Lindsay, sentinel. These officers will be installed the first meeting night in April.

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.

TOOK BOOZE AND MONEY.

Robbers Enter Cherryville Depot—Several New Residences to Be Built Soon—Mr. Evon L. Houser Opens Office—Personals.

CHERRYVILLE, March 11.—Some party or parties entered the depot here last Thursday night and took therefrom about five gallons of liquor and about \$30 in cash. They effected their entrance by means of a crow bar. There is no clue as to who the guilty party or parties are. Mr. Baber, of Charlotte, spent Sunday here with his sister, Miss Tommie Baber, who is the high school principal.

Attorney H. A. Jonas is expected home today from New York where he has been spending several days.

Mr. W. J. Altran has purchased from Mr. J. Frank Harelson a vacant lot in the southwestern part of town near the school building and will build thereon a comfortable cottage this summer.

Mr. T. Carl Sumner is preparing to build a two-story residence on his property adjoining the school property.

Mrs. E. C. Brown, of Wadesboro, is visiting in town, the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. W. Craft.

Mr. Doras P. Beam, manager of Dellinger Bros. furniture store, has purchased from Mr. Stephen Stroup a plot in the northwestern part of town and will begin early the building of a neat house.

Mr. Evon L. Houser and family, of Dallas, will move here at an early date. Mr. Houser has rented the home of Mr. T. P. Jenks and as soon as Mr. Jenks moves out he will move in. Mr. Houser has rented an office and will do a general insurance business. A hearty welcome will be extended this good family.

Dallas, Route Two Items.

Correspondence of The Gazette. DALLAS, Route 1, March 9.—Mrs. Mike Kiser and children, of Crouse, spent several days last week visiting her father, Mr. M. D. Clemmer and sisters, Mrs. Edward Mauney and Mrs. Robert White.

Mr. Andrew Stroup spent Friday with Mr. G. E. C. Pasour.

Mr. Audie Pasour and Miss Katie Annle were married by Esq. R. Mauney at the home of the bride's parents near Cherryville, March 8th. Wilmer, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Thornburg, is ill with pneumonia.

Mr. G. E. C. Pasour visited Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Thomas the first of the week. Mrs. Thomas has been sick for the past three weeks.

Mr. Paul Costner has been sick the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Pasour spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Friday near Worth.

Miss Willie Foy, of Linwood College, spent last week with her grandmother, Mrs. Eliza White, and sister, Mrs. A. C. White.

Miss Etta Pasour visited Mrs. Price Ratchford the first of the week.

Mrs. Crown Ratchford spent last week with her father, Mr. G. L. Best, and family, near Bessemer City.

WE HAVE FAITH IN THIS STOMACH REMEDY

A woman customer said to us the other day, "Say, you ought to tell everyone in town about Rexall Dyspepsia Tablets. I would myself if I could." That set us to thinking. So many people have used them and have so enthusiastically sounded their praises both to us and their friends, that we had an idea you all knew about them. But, in the chance that some of you who suffer from indigestion, heartburn, dyspepsia, or some other stomach complaint don't know about them—we are writing this.

They contain Bismuth and Pepsin, two of the greatest digestive aids known to medical science. They soothe and comfort the stomach, promote the secretion of gastric juice, help to quickly digest the food and convert it into rich, red blood, and improve the action of the bowels. We believe them to be the best remedy made for indigestion and dyspepsia. We certainly wouldn't offer them to you entirely at our risk unless we felt sure they would do you a lot of good. If Rexall Dyspepsia Tablets do not relieve your indigestion, check the heartburn, and make it possible for you to eat what you like whenever you like, come back and see your money.

Sold only at the 7.00 Rexall Stores, and in this town only at our store. Three sizes, 25c, 50c, and \$1.00. J. H. Kennedy & Co., Gastonia, N. C.—Adv.