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\$1.50 A YEAR IN ADVANCE.



IN THE WAKE OF THE STORM

SHORT LOCAL ITEMS IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

—Mr. Alfred Moore spent the week-end in Spartanburg, S. C., with homefolks.

—Mr. Piato Durham, of Bessemer City, spent several hours here yesterday on business.

—Mr. John J. George, a prominent citizen of Cherryville, was a Gastonia visitor Monday.

—Mr. D. V. Bloomfield, a former Gastonian now living in Atlanta, was in the city on business yesterday.

—Mr. Otto Duncan, manager of the Columbia Tailoring Company, spent Sunday with homefolks at Rock Hill, S. C.

—Mrs. S. E. Parker and daughter spent yesterday in Kings Mountain with Mrs. Parker's daughter, Mrs. S. R. Williams.

—Mr. J. E. Robbins left this morning for Spartanburg, S. C., where he will spend several days on business.

—Mrs. T. Craig Dixon, of route three, will leave tomorrow for Atlanta, Ga., where she will spend a month visiting friends.

—Mr. Dave Robinson, a prominent attorney of Columbia, S. C., spent several hours in the city yesterday shaking hands with old acquaintances.

—Miss Faye Cunningham, of Waxhaw, returned home today after spending several days with her brothers, Messrs. F. H. and J. W. Cunningham, of this city.

—Misses Role Burnett, of Spartanburg, S. C., and Iva Beam, of Anderson, S. C., arrived in the city yesterday to be the guests for a week of Miss Nettie Robbins at her home on East Franklin avenue.

—Mrs. T. J. Alexander and daughter, Miss Delphine, went to Gaffney, S. C., Saturday on account of the serious illness of Mrs. Alexander's little three-year-old grandson, George Elmore. Word received here yesterday was to the effect that the little fellow was better.

—Mr. J. Leak Carraway, editor of the Southern Public Utilities Magazine, was in town on business yesterday afternoon. Mr. Carraway says that the Southern Power Company and the P. & N. Railway are exerting every possible effort to get power and transportation service back to normal.

—Mr. A. M. Brown and sister, Miss Jennie Brown, of Bethany, York county, returned home today after spending several days here with the families of Lee Smith, Alfred Smith and Adam Sill. "This is the first time I have been in Gastonia for four years," remarked Mr. Brown, "and the town certainly has done some growing in that time."

—Mrs. H. A. Ziem, of Charlotte, arrived in the city Thursday from an extended trip in Alabama where she has been visiting her brothers, Mr. Marshall Dilling, of Siluria, and Mr. G. C. Dilling, of Birmingham. She also spent several days with relatives in Spartanburg, S. C. While here Mrs. Ziem was the guest of her sister, Mrs. F. E. Saunders.

—Capt. Coy, formerly of the Salvation Army, asks The Gazette to state that he has recovered from his recent illness and that he and Mrs. Coy have made arrangements to do settlement work in the city, having the sanction of the city for this work. They are to make stated reports to the Ministerial Association.

JOYCE FAIR, Cozy Today.

LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

CROOKS-MURREY WEDDING AT LEWISBURG, TENN.

Handsome engraved announcements reading as follows have been received in the city:

Mr. and Mrs. James M. Murrey announce the marriage of their daughter Caroline

to Mr. Oliver Nichols Crooks on Tuesday, July the eighteenth one thousand nine hundred and sixteen

Lewisburg, Tennessee. At home after August the tenth South Williamsport, Pennsylvania. The bride is a sister of Mrs. Emmet D. Atkins, and has been a visitor in Gastonia.

HAVE RETURNED FROM ASHEVILLE.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Harper and little daughter returned yesterday from Asheville, where they have been visiting Mrs. Harper's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Jenkins. Mr. Harper succeeded in making the trip from Gastonia to Asheville last Friday in company with Mr. J. K. Dixon, Jr., and Mr. Leonard Curry. They went by way of Spartanburg to Tryon on the train and walked from Tryon to Hendersonville over washouts and other very difficult places.

On the return trip Mr. and Mrs. Harper left Asheville Saturday and went to Murphy, where they spent the night. From Murphy they took a train to Atlanta Sunday and spent Sunday night in Atlanta, coming to Gastonia on No. 12 yesterday. Mrs. Harper has some extremely interesting pictures of the flood in Asheville which were taken on Sunday, July 17, near the Southern Railway passenger station, in which the water rose to a height of eight feet. The Southern State Bank, of which Mr. R. E. Currence, a Gastonia boy, is cashier, was flooded within a foot of the ceiling and was forced to move to a new location last week.

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Edna Goodrich Ideal Today. —Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Kirby and two children, Wilma and Fred, returned to Gastonia Saturday from Marion where they spent a week or more. "I didn't see a daily paper or an electric light all the time I was in Marion," remarked Mr. Kirby yesterday as he stood behind the counter at Swan-Slater Company's store, of which he is manager. He looked like he was glad to be back in Gastonia and didn't deny the charge.

Paramount Ideal Today. Marguerite Clark Ideal Friday.

—Friends of Mr. M. H. Shuford will regret to learn that he has been very ill for several days at his home on West Franklin avenue.

WILL BORROW \$100,000 FOR FLOOD SUFFERERS

FIRST NAT'L. BANK MAKES COUNTY LOAN

Arrangements Made by Local Institution With First National Bank of Richmond at Special Meeting Yesterday—Money Will be Secured on a Four Per Cent Loan and Will be Spent for the Erection of Destroyed Bridges in the County—Work Will be Begun Immediately—Joint Meeting of Commissioners Will be Held This Week.

Arrangements were made yesterday at a special meeting of the county commissioners whereby the First National Bank of Gastonia and the First National Bank of Richmond, Va., are to provide Gaston county with a four per cent loan of \$100,000. This money will be used for the immediate erection of bridges to take the place of those which were destroyed by the recent floods within the county, and to repair the roads which were damaged.

While this loan was made on the basis of four per cent, it will cost the county a little less than that amount as a provision has been made for a rebate which will cut this figure about one-fourth of one per cent. Another feature of this loan is that the county will only pay interest on the amount of money that is used, and the bank in turn will pay the county for the use of any money that is not needed to complete the work. It is thought that the amount borrowed will easily replace bridges that have been destroyed and damaged as well as repair the county roads which were ruined in the recent freshet.

The action of the First National Bank in making this loan to the county means that the work of rebuilding will be begun at once. Gaston county is fortunate in having, in its bounds such an institution.

An order was issued by the commissioners at yesterday's meeting to Superintendent Ware that all the bridges in the county that have been washed away should be salvaged and the material preserved for use in the erection of the new bridges. Some of the first bridges that will be rebuilt are: The McAdenville, Armstrong's ford, Vestal's ford, Hardin and others. It is the purpose of the commissioners to rebuild all of the bridges that were destroyed within the county just as quickly as possible. The details will be worked out by them at an early date.

A joint meeting of the commissioners of Gaston and Mecklenburg counties will be held Thursday or Friday of this week for the purpose of discussing the advisability of rebuilding the bridges across the Catawba river.

Francis X. Bushman and Beverly Bayne in A Million A Minute, Cozy Wednesday.

JOHN D. SMITH DEAD.

Died at the Home of His Son on Broad Street at Six-Thirty O'clock This Morning—Funeral Services and Burial Tomorrow.

At the home of his son on North Broad street this morning, Mr. John D. Smith passed away at 6:30 o'clock following a stroke of paralysis over 12 years ago. On July 1, 1904, Mr. Smith was afflicted with the first stroke of paralysis and two days later he was stricken again. From that time until several months before his death he was able to move about the house, but as the result of a third stroke which came about a year ago he was confined to his room.

Deceased was born August 19, 1844, and was therefore 71 years, 11 months and 6 days old. He was a native of Gaston county having been born about two miles east of Gastonia. He was in the employ of the city of Gastonia as sanitary officer at the time he was stricken.

Deceased was married to Miss Clara Carson, of Yorkville, (now York), South Carolina and to this union there were born five children as follows: Messrs. Will S., and Dorie Smith, Mrs. Lula Grover and Mrs. Tom Veach, and Miss Bright Smith, all of Gastonia. Funeral services will be held at the home of Mr. Will S. Smith on North Broad street tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, and interment will be in Oakwood cemetery. The services will be conducted by Rev. W. C. Barrett, pastor of the deceased assisted by Rev. H. H. Jordan.

Deceased was a faithful member of the First Baptist church of Gastonia. He was one of the oldest residents of Gastonia and Gaston county and was well-known here, having spent all of his life in this county. He answered the call of the South at the time of the Civil War but was never in active service, his company having been turned back at Raleigh. He had a host of friends over the county who will leave with sorrow of his death.

Paramount Ideal Today. How Sweet. "Asphodelia Twobble went down into the tenebrous district yesterday to brighten the lives of poor slum dwellers."

"Highly commendable. What did she do for them?" "She told them about the good times she's been having at Palm Beach."—Life.

FOR FLOOD SUFFERERS

BENEFIT ENTERTAINMENT PLANNED

Pastors and Members of Uptown Churches Met Last Night and Outlined Campaign to Raise Fund to Help Those Whom Flood Has Left in Destitute Circumstances—Benefit Entertainment to be Given in Tabernacle Next Sunday Night—Committees Appointed to Plan for It.

A meeting of the pastors of the several uptown churches together with a few members of each congregation was held in Main Street Methodist church last night for the purpose of discussing the matter of raising funds to assist in the relief of our fellow citizens who are in destitute circumstances as a result of the recent floods throughout Western North Carolina.

Rev. H. H. Jordan presided and called upon Rev. W. C. Barrett to explain the object of the meeting. Mr. Jordan was chosen chairman and Mr. E. B. Britain secretary of the meeting.

A motion offered by Mr. J. Lee Robinson to the effect that steps be taken to aid in the relief of suffering and destitution caused by the recent floods was unanimously adopted. Mr. Robinson was chosen treasurer of the organization.

It was decided that an entertainment be given on Sunday night, July 30th, for the benefit of this fund, the tabernacle being selected as the place for holding it. The nature of this entertainment is to be determined by a committee of two men and five ladies in whose hands the arrangements for this event were placed. This committee is composed of J. H. Kennedy, T. L. Craig, Mrs. H. B. Moore, Mrs. Holland Morrow, Miss Jane Morris, Miss Lillian Atkins and Mrs. J. F. Thomson. Details as to the nature of the entertainment to be given will be made known in Friday's Gazette.

Other committees were appointed as follows:

Steering Committee: J. H. Seppark, C. B. Armstrong, W. L. Balthis, H. B. Moore and S. N. Boyce.

Publicity Committee: C. I. Loftin, J. M. Holland, J. W. Atkins, G. Ed Kestler and C. W. Roberts.

By motion the chairman of each committee was empowered to fill any vacancies that might occur on his committee.

That there is great need for funds to alleviate the suffering in many quarters caused by the floods is apparent. Efforts along this line are under way in other towns over the State and Gastonia will, as she always does, come to the front with her full share of the burden lifted.

Watch Friday's Gazette for further particulars on this subject.

JOYCE FAIR, Cozy Today.

HANLY FOR PRESIDENT.

Former Governor of Indiana Nominated for the Presidency by the Dry Folks—Sulzer Made Poor Showing.

St. Paul, Minn., July 21. — The Prohibition National Convention which has been in session here since Wednesday morning adjourned sine die at 3:30 o'clock today after nominating J. Frank Hanly, former Governor of Indiana, as candidate for President of the United States and Dr. Ira D. Landreth, of Nashville, candidate for Vice President. Doctor Landreth's nomination was made unanimous after the other vice presidential candidates had been withdrawn.

Mr. Hanly's nomination came on the first ballot and followed a number of hurried conferences between advocates of the candidacy of William Sulzer, former Governor of New York, and several brief demonstrations in the latter's behalf which, however, were offset by the outburst of enthusiasm that followed every mention of Mr. Hanly's name. Mr. Hanly received 440 votes against 181 for Mr. Sulzer. Finley C. Hendrickson, of Cumberland, Md., received 51 votes; James Gilbert Mason, of New Jersey, 11; W. P. Ferguson, of Pennsylvania, four; Sumner W. Haynes, of Indiana, two, and Henry Ford, of Detroit, one. A motion to make Mr. Hanly's nomination unanimous was defeated when objections were offered by Eugene F. Chafin, of Arizona, and a score of other delegates.

Edna Goodrich Ideal Today.

The Salisbury Post of Saturday is authority for the statement that Mr. W. J. Bolick, of Barber, Rowan county, killed 80 snakes in less than 24 hours one day last week.

Paramount Ideal Today.

Marguerite Clark Ideal Friday.

Installation of Officers. At a called communication of Gastonia Lodge No. 365, A. F. & A. M., on Friday night, July 21st, officers for the ensuing year were installed as follows: P. W. Garland, master; J. W. Timberlake, senior warden; A. C. Jones, junior warden; E. G. McLard, treasurer; F. R. Anders, secretary; A. M. Dixon, senior deacon; Will Grigg, junior deacon; J. R. Baber, senior steward; A. B. O'Neil, junior steward; F. A. Costner, tyler.

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FROM CHIMNEY ROCK

ARMSTRONG PARTY GOT HOME SAFELY

Encountered Variety of Experiences in Getting Back to Gastonia from Mountains—Rode Twelve Miles in Wagons and Waded Buffalo Creek—Col. Armstrong Worked Roads and Had Experience With Grafter—Damage Done by Landslides Instead of High Water.

After ten days of hardships in the mountains where they had been marooned by conditions brought about by the recent heavy floods, Mrs. C. B. Armstrong and two daughters, Ethelda and Mildred, and several members of the Dainty Tea Club reached Gastonia last night at 7:30 o'clock from Chimney Rock. The other members of the party were Misses Burney Boyce, Sadie Thomson, Christine Sloan, Mary LaFar and Launa Rankin. They were brought back by Col. C. B. Armstrong and Mr. Ralph Armstrong, who left here last Tuesday morning. The return trip was made in just twelve hours, the party left Chimney Rock yesterday morning at 7:30 o'clock. The trip was without accident but full of hard traveling.

From the Mountain View hotel, to which the party went from the Emerald Inn upon the arrival there of Col. Armstrong, who found that the Emeralds had been flooded and was not in the best condition, the party went to Buffalo Creek, a distance of four miles, in wagons. They were compelled to wade Buffalo Creek as the wagons were afraid to cross it, thinking they might mire in the sand. This creek, however, was not more than twelve inches deep at the deepest points on the ford and was clear and sandy. Once across Buffalo Creek, they secured other wagons and drove eight miles to Cove Creek, making a total of twelve miles of the trip in wagons. From Cove Creek to Rutherfordton, a distance of twelve miles, they made in autos as they did also the remainder of the trip home, coming by Shelby.

"I'm afraid to tell anything about conditions up there," said Colonel Armstrong. "It's hard for one to believe what he sees these days much less what he hears. The damage done in the Chimney Rock section was not from high water in the river but from landslides caused very probably by cloudbursts or water-spouts. Great masses of dirt, rock and trees slid down the mountain sides, carrying everything before them. At the rear of the Flack hotel there lay trees, some of them two feet thick, without a sign of bark on them, which had been carried from the mountain sides. Numbers of small houses were carried into the river and in one or more instances the occupants were drowned and their bodies have not yet been recovered. Great rocks were moved down the stream and places in the river where there were no rocks before now harbor big stones which rolled down the mountains. The banks of the rivers were badly washed out and in some places new channels were cut by the waters. That such slides could happen is almost unbelievable and it is impossible for one to attempt to describe the condition of the country in that section."

"I put in some time working roads while I was up there," remarked the colonel. "There was a stretch of four miles between Chimney Rock and Buffalo Creek which, if opened, would afford an outlet to the people. I secured the services of an old negro named Freeman and his eight sons and we put that stretch of road in pretty good shape. This negro was in excellent circumstances financially. He and his sons together own 2,900 acres of land, have six automobiles which they operate as jitneys, and have twelve mules. They were anxious to get the road open in order to operate their machines. Before we finished we had that stretch of road in pretty good shape."

"There are plenty of grafters in that section as well as down here," he commented. "There was one place on the road where a small bridge was needed in order to assure vehicles getting across. I paid a man \$25 on his promise to have this bridge built Saturday. That afternoon I saw this man engaged in carrying baggage for tourists, charging them a dollar for conveying a piece of luggage a short distance. 'Have you got our bridge built?' I asked him. 'No,' he replied, 'we couldn't find any lumber.' There was plenty of lumber nearby. That bridge hasn't been built yet and I haven't my \$25 but a committee having charge of the road work there promised to see that it was used to help rebuild the bridge."

The Logan house is reported as undamaged. The Flack house and the Emeralds had been both more or less damaged by landslides. In the party which reached here last night was a newly married couple, Mr. and Mrs. Tate, of New York, who took advantage of this opportunity to make a start back towards home. They spent last night here and will probably go on North today.

JOYCE FAIR, Cozy Today.

William Martin a well-known young white man of Rowan county, met a tragic death Saturday morning when he fell on a circular saw at the lumber plant of J. W. Sloan at Mill Bridge and his body was cut in two. His brother, Grover Martin, was killed by lightning in Iredell county in June.

GASTONIA GETTING MAIL

LIVE-WIRE POSTMASTER ON THE JOB

At His Own Personal Expense and With Great Difficulty Postmaster Rankin is Bringing in Mails From North by Boat Across Catawba—No Aid So Far From Postoffice Department—P. & N. Railway and Mount Holly Postmaster Rendering Great Assistance—Southern Not Transferring Any Mails From North.

One of the most serious conditions brought about by the recent floods was in the inability to get mail from the North. However, thanks to the initiative and energy of Postmaster Jno. R. Rankin, who is paying the expenses of transferring mails from Charlotte to Gastonia out of his own pocket, the people of Gastonia are now getting two mails a day from the North. So far Mr. Rankin has been unable to secure any help from the Postoffice Department or from the Charlotte office in the matter of getting mails through from the North.

The last first-class mail to reach Gastonia before the going down of the railroad bridges which cut off all traffic from the North was on No. 43 Saturday night, July 15th. From that time until Wednesday afternoon, the 19th, no first-class mail was received here from that direction, it having been impracticable to get it across the Catawba river. Postmaster Rankin went to Charlotte Wednesday afternoon and brought back with him the first-class mail that had accumulated there. Since then a clerk from the Gastonia post-office has gone over twice a day, carrying outgoing mail and bringing in the incoming mail. The expense of the clerk's car fare, of the hauling of the mails from the landing on the Catawba to the P. & N. depot in Mt. Holly and of hauling the mails from the P. & N. depot here to the postoffice is being born by Mr. Rankin personally. Not only is Gastonia thus securing its own first-class mail but Mr. Rankin is in this manner transferring to this point all the first class mail for the Edgemont and Chester line and for all points South on the Southern Railway.

At the present time mails are being brought here at 10:30 a. m. and 6:30 p. m., daily and are being despatched to Charlotte at 4:30 p. m., daily. This schedule will prevail until further notice.

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