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TO REBUILD AT ONCE.

Gaston county does not hesitate. She does not wait to see what other counties and sections do. Her people are people of action.

When it is remembered that the flood which carried all of these bridges away was just a week ago and when the further fact is considered that the blow to both public and private interests was a staggering one, this is regarded as strong evidence of the spirit of our people.

PASSING OF THE HOOSIER POET.

There will be much sorrow over the country because of the passing of the Hoosier poet, James Whitcomb Riley, an account of whose death will be found elsewhere in today's Gazette.

Riley's contribution to American verse, while not of the classic order, will abide because it presents in a most realistic manner phases of human life that appeal to every one, old and young alike.

For several years past Riley had been practically an invalid, being partially paralyzed, and had written very little verse. He lived quietly in

Indianapolis where he was a favorite among both young and old. He had been frequently honored by the people of his native State and town and in death his body lay in state and was viewed by many thousands who had known and loved him in life.

The Gazette believes that it voices the sentiment of the entire community when it says that Gastonia deeply appreciates the enterprise exhibited by Postmaster Rankin in bringing in the mails.

Grover Page's cartoon on the front page of today's Gazette is a striking warning to every community in the flooded districts to take all possible precautions against the spread of disease.

With Chamber of Commerce. Mr. R. E. Lee, formerly with the Standard Oil Company at Charlotte, has accepted a position as stenographer with the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. A. J. Rankin, of Belmont, is a Gastonia visitor today. Miss Edna Bradford, of Hickory, was the guest Sunday of Miss Bess Thomason, stopping over on her way to Rock Hill, S. C.

Mr. S. S. Shuford, of the Point section of York county, S. C., arrived in the city this morning to be at the bedside of his father, Mr. M. H. Shuford.

Messrs. Kenneth Todd and Fred Barkley returned to the city last week from Buffalo, N. Y., where they went as members of the Shriners' Band of Oasis Temple at Charlotte.

Mr. Fred Pearson, who has been working for the Stonewall Cafe in Charlotte, is quite ill with typhoid fever at the home of his parents on West Airline avenue.

Messrs. Charles and Earl Thomason, who have been in Florida for the past ten months, are expected home today to spend the summer with their mother, Mrs. J. B. Thomason.

Rev. H. H. Jordan, pastor of Main Street Methodist church, Rev. H. M. Wellman, pastor of West End and Franklin Avenue Methodist churches, and Mr. Chas. D. Gray left this morning in Mr. Gray's car for St. Paul's church, near Waco, to attend the Shelby District Conference, which is in session there this week.

Capt. E. Lee Hanks, engineer on the local freight yards of the Southern Railway, sustained a very serious injury to his left eye yesterday when a lubricator cap on his engine exploded, striking him in the eye.

Trade With Gazette Advertisers. Most people believe that they see the same with both eyes. That this is not the case one can easily convince himself by the following simple experiment:

Cover one of the eyes with a hand or bandage and let the experimenter attempt to sniff out a candle suddenly placed within a few feet of him. He will almost invariably miss the flame, either overreaching, underreaching or putting the fingers too far to the right or left of the flame.

Both Satisfied. "The best thing that ever happened to me," sneered the young man to his former employer, "was when you fired me. I went out and got a regular job."

Mercy Is Not Strained. He (brutally)—Women have no sense of humor, anyhow. She (pointedly)—Oh, yes, they have! The reason they don't laugh at the funny things they see is because they don't want to hurt the poor things' feelings.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Might Work. "Wife, why don't you hire a better cook?" "We can't offer enough salary to entice one away from our rich neighbors."

Genuine Faith Cure. Towne—Do I understand you to say that Spencer's case was really a faith cure? Browne—Yes. You see, the doctor and the druggist both trusted him.—Exchange.

No story is the same to us after the lapse of time, or rather, we who read it are no longer the same interpreters.

Spend Your Money With Home Merchants.

HOME MEMORIES MEAN MUCH

Duty of Parents to Give Children Something Which They May Recall With Pleasure.

Happy home memories to look back upon is a gift which every mother should plan as definitely to give to her child as she plans definitely to give him an education, sound health and good judgment.

First of all, then, it seems to me we owe our children memories of a beautiful home; a home of simple common sense; a well-ordered home. This would seem to me a child's very first right.

And next, it seems to me, he has the right to memories of beauty in the home. Children are far more susceptible to beauty than many of us realize, and certainly the effect of beauty on the child's life can hardly be overestimated.

Further, home to be a delightful memory must have the beauty of sociability. It must be a place where people come to share its benefits, and its ideals. That home can hardly be called a home which does not open its doors often.

Besides being a healthful place, a beautiful place, a sociable home, if it is to afford us enriching memories, must be an intimate and sympathetic place, possessing that finer intimate sociability which grows up between the true home and its inmates.

In all right living and thinking we are partakers of a kind of immortality, for death does not touch these things.—Laura Spencer Porter in Mother's Magazine.

PLAN VACATION FOR HEALTH

Period of Release From Toil Should Be Wisely Spent, or It Is Worse Than Useless.

Ostensibly you go on a vacation to find or to improve your health, remarks the Philadelphia Evening Ledger. But how many achieve it? To most of us a vacation is a respite from toil, with a license to overeat, overplay and overdo everything that we take in normal doses during the period of hard labor.

The best vacation is not so much freedom from the necessity of working as it is a change, new scenes, new people, new ideas, all taken in moderation. As such they are a tonic. When you start forth, just to avoid the necessity of calling in a physician to diagnose your ailment, take the advice of Jonathan Swift and consult "the three best doctors in the world"—Doctor Diet, Doctor Quiet and Doctor Merryman.

While your sins must be atoned for in the next world, you have to pay for your follies also in this one.

Australian Afforestation.

Afforestation was the subject of an address by Sir Ronald Munro Ferguson at Adelaide, South Australia, recently. In the course of his speech he said: "I have been much impressed with the variety of the hardwoods grown in Australia. I believe that in Australia you have a larger variety of the best hardwoods than exists in any other country in the world, but much of it has been wasted."

Get Information Asked For. John Muir, California's naturalist and explorer, related the following story of Col. D. C. Collier:

While riding along San Diego, Cal., Mr. Collier came upon a dilapidated corral fence which hung a sign bearing the following announcement: "For Sale." A bright-looking small boy sat on the fence beside the sign and Mr. Collier asked him: "When does this ranch sell?"

The small boy glanced up quickly at Mr. Collier, smiled and said: "When some sucker comes along who can raise the wind." Mr. Collier doffed his sombrero, thanked the lad for his information and rode on his way feeling greatly enlightened.

Kills Crow; \$1 in Its Beak.

The crow has long been notorious for its kleptomaniac tendencies and known to steal anything, without regard to its value, but from the construction camp of the Chico Construction company, near Shippee, south of this city, comes a story of a crow that was discriminating enough to steal something of value.

John Schonlow, foreman for the company, went hunting. He fired into a flock of crows, killing one. When Schonlow picked up the bird he found tightly clasped in its beak a one dollar bill.—Chico Dispatch Sacramento Bee.

RESUMING SERVICE.

Southern Power Company Now Has Practically All Its Services Restored—Was Severely Hit by Recent Flood Conditions.

Elsewhere in our columns today the Southern Power Company has a quarter-page notice to the public in regard to the restoration of its service. This company probably suffered greater property loss and damage from last week's floods than any other corporation in the two Carolinas.

In the announcement mentioned the company expresses grateful appreciation to the public for the patient manner in which it has borne the inconveniences occasioned by the catastrophe of last week.

The District School.

Under the auspices of the William Gaston Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, "The District School" will be presented here by local talent the last week in August. Details with reference to this entertainment will be published later.

Real Estate Deals.

Mr. and Mrs. George B. Mason have sold a house and lot in Chester place to Mr. and Mrs. Giles Ratchford. The purchasers will occupy this residence. Mr. Mason has purchased two vacant lots in Chesterplace from the Gastonia Insurance & Realty Co.

Mr. B. H. Parker and family returned home Sunday from a week's visit to relatives at Apex.

Mr. R. W. White and family have moved into their new brick residence on Morris street, corner of Rankin avenue.

A called meeting of Piedmont Encampment No. 5, I. O. O. F., will be held on Friday night of this week, July 28th. All members are requested to be present.

Mr. Oscar Shuford, of Lincoln, spent Sunday in the city with his father, Mr. M. H. Shuford, who is quite ill at his home on West Franklin avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Gilliam, Mrs. S. A. Robinson, Miss Johnnie Adams and Mrs. G. W. Ragan, who have been at Montreat for some time, left Asheville this morning for Gastonia by way of Murphy and Atlanta. They expect to arrive here Thursday night.

FOR SALE: Fresh milch cow. D. W. Padgett, city. 26c1

FIRST NATIONAL BANK GASTONIA, N. C. Capital - \$100,000 Surplus and Profits - \$135,000 We are in a position to grant loans on collateral or other approved security and will be pleased to confer with those needing accomodation. FIRST NATIONAL BANK GASTONIA, N. C.

Wesleyan Camp Meeting.

The annual camp meeting of the Wesleyan Methodist church begins tomorrow night at the camp ground on East Franklin avenue. Rev. A. D. Fero, a well-known New York evangelist, will be the leading preacher, and the public is cordially invited to attend all the services, which will be held at 10 a. m., 2 and 7:30 p. m. every day through Aug. 6.

A Big Job.

A little slum child was enjoying his first glimpse of country life. He sat by the farmer's wife, just as the sun was setting, watching her pluck a chicken.

He was gravely silent for a long time, then asked: "Do you take off their clothes every night, lady?"—Country Gentleman.

SALE OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL PROPERTY.

Beginning at 10 A. M. tomorrow July 26th, 1916, I will sell at public auction all the household goods and personal property of H. M. Lineberger, late of Gaston county. PLACE OF SALE: At residence of the said H. M. Lineberger on West Airline Ave. in Gastonia. TERMS OF SALE: Cash.

R. G. CHERRY, Admr.

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Webster—A La Cockney.

Two English costermongers were pushing their carts along, when one of them picked up a torn sheet of a newspaper. As he stopped and scanned the page the other fellow called out impatiently:

"Aw, come on! Wot ye tryin' to do? Ye cawn't read the payper."

"I can so read the payper! If ye don't believe me, I'll show ye." And he read off a few simple words.

The skeptic pointed to a word and demanded: "Now, wot's thot word—can ye tell me?"

"An' I can so," replied the reader, "thot's 'category.'"

"Category, is it?" sniffed the other; "an' 'ow do ye tell wot such a long word may mean?"

His friend puffed with importance. "Well, I'll tell ye. Ye takes hit apart, an' ye finds the meanin' of heach part an' then ye puts hit together heagin."

With a dirty index finger he opinted out the syllables of the word. "Now, 'cat.' Ye knows wot a cat his?" The open-mouthed listener nodded.

"Well, then, next comes 'e.' Now thot won't be no she cat; hit's a 'e cat—see?" Another nod was the reply. "Well, next his 'g-o-r-y.' Thot spells gory, thot means bloody. So there ye 'ave hit—hit's a bloody tom cat, ye fool."—London Standard.

Warranty Deeds for typewriter, supply just arrived. Gazette office.

TO THE PUBLIC: The Southern Power Company wishes to avail itself of this opportunity to express its grateful appreciation to the public for the patient manner in which it has borne the inconvenience occasioned by the catastrophe during the past week. We also desire to express our heartfelt thanks to each employe for his loyalty, devotion to duty and heroic effort in the restoration of service. While it is true that our losses have been nothing less than enormous, in fact have not yet nor can they be determined for weeks, we are nevertheless indeed gratified to announce that beginning Monday, July 24th, we will be able to restore service to all points on our lines, with only four exceptions. As to these exceptions, every effort is being expended, and every resource is being exhausted to hurry the work, and we hope to resume service at these points before the end of the week. What effort this has entailed can be slightly appreciated when one recalls that in addition to the injury to our plants we have had destroyed across the Catawba River seven electric circuits out of a total of nine, every bridge has been swept away, railroad transportation has been absolutely suspended and all communication by wire has either been seriously deranged or absolutely destroyed. Added to all this have been the severe weather conditions which have prevailed every day since the waters began to recede, making the work of restoration of service more difficult and in some instances destroying it almost as soon as it was installed. When we look back upon what we have passed through we feel some degree of pride, not only in resuming service, but in the minimum of inconvenience which has been occasioned through our disaster. Again let us express our gratitude to you for your patience, and in the event of any slight interruptions during the next few days, which may come on account of temporary work to resume prompt service, rest assured that all our forces are at work using their best efforts to remedy them and that anything which distracts their attention only serves to delay the work of restoration. SOUTHERN POWER COMPANY July 22, 1916.