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TO REBUILD AT ONCE,

Gaston county does not hesitate. She does not walt to see what other inties and sections do. Her people are people of action. This has an shown time and again in the past. It was demonstrated again yesterday when, without dillydalling, the board of county commissioners decided to rebuild all of the county bridges and, before night, had borrowed \$100,000 for this purpose. ontracts had already been made for the salvage of the steel work of the ral bridges and forces of hands will be at work within a few days getting this out of the rivers and creeks and putting it in shape to be re-used; that is, all of it that is found to be usable.

When it is remembered that the flood which carried all of these es 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. Gaston is the first county in the hood-stricken district, so far as we have noted, to come to a definite decision regarding the restoration of bridges and to make immediate provision to finance their rebuilding. Gaston county has asked for no help from anybody and is going ahead, with a determination that does her credit, to put herself back in the ne position she occupied before the flood. There is an old saying that you can't keep a working man down and the same applies to an aggregation of people. Gaston is a working county, her people are working people, and they do things, not dream them all day long. This is the secret of her past success and furnishes the explanation of the magnificent record the county has made as the leading textile manufacturing county in the Southern States.

If you want to learn how to do things, watch Gaston.

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. His homely rhymes have brought pleasure to millions of people who will instinctively shed a tear over his bier. Millions of men and women recall with keenest delight his poems of childhood which delighted them years ago. Who is there that has not read and enjoyed such poems as "Little Orphant Annie," "The Raggedy Man" and scores of others written by the Hooster poet? A little later in life how those same children, advanced into their teens, have derived the keenest pleasure from reading "An Old Sweetheart of Mine" and numerous others of that character by the same author.

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. His language is of the kind that is easily under-Though never married and ince denied the pleasure of comof children of his own, Riley a a great lover of children and new child language as few men did. In this respect he and Eugene Field cupied a position in American litture almost by themselves. They e great personal friends and one id easily believe that "Little Boy and "The Raggedy Man" e from the same pen.

For several years past Riley had n practically an invalid, being ally paralyzed, and had written sry little yerse. 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. His life was a benediction and his name will live for generations to come. Truly our country has lost one who wrought well.

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. We haven't heard of another postmaster in the State that has gone down in his pocket to take care of the people's interests as he has done. He deserves something more than mere lip-thanks for his

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. Warnings have been sent out by the State Board of Health advising all the people to boil their drinking water and to keep their premises clean. A liberal use of lime around the private homes where there is much dampness because of the incessant rains will do much to keep conditions healthful. Read the lesson of The Gazette's cartoon and then act.

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. Lee has arrived in the city and has alerady begun his work with the local organization.

Mr. A. J. Rankin, of Belmont, is Gastonia visitor today.

-Miss Edna Bradford, of Hickory, was the guest Sunday of Miss Bess Thomasson, 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. Shu-

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 Thomasson, who have been in Florida for the past ten months, are expected home today to spend the summer

-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. He was given prompt surgical attention and is expected to be able to return

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to his duties in a few days.

An Eye Test. 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 snuff out a candle suddenly placed within a few feet of him. He will almost invariably miss the flame, either overreaching, under reaching or putting the fingers too far to the right or left of the flame. With both eyes normal and open the accommodation for distance and direction is instantaneous.

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." "That's all right," replied the old boss. "I'm glad you're satisfied. Firing you didn't hurt our firm a particle." -Detroit Free Press.

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 "We can't offer enough salary to en-

tice one away from our rich neigh-"Well, can't you draft one from the

Genuine Faith Cure.

minors?"-Exchange.

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

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

Spend Your Money With Home

HOME MEMORIES MEAN MUCH

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

Happy home memories to look back pon 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 over-

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 in-timate 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, oversleep and overdo everything that we take in normal doses during the period of hard labor. Who is there who hasn't returned from a vacation spoiled by indigestion, excessive play or a lazy indulgence in doing nothing. with the conviction that the pleasures and increased health he expected to find were a delusion?

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." They will tell you to eat moderately of digestible foods, to let alcoholic liquors alone and then to remember, as Solomon said, that "a merry heart doeth good like a medicine."

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 Rouald 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. In many instances these hardwoods have been used when cheaper and softer timber would answer the same purpose, Australia has an advantage in timbergrowing-a forest matures in thirty years, whereas it takes sixty years to reach the same stage of maturity in Europe. The Californian pine grows splendidly here, while it will not grow at all in the north of the British isles. The total area reserved for forests in South Australia is 154,232 acres and, besides gradually adding to the reserves, the government have established a school of forestry at the Adelaide university for the sicentific training of foresters."

Gct 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 Sail." A bright-looking small boy sat on the fence beside the sign and Mr. Collier asked him: "When

does this ranch sail?" 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 ock of crows, killing one. When onlow picked up the bird he found tightly clasped in its beak a one dollar bill.—Chico Dispatch Sacramento Bea. RESUMING SERVICE.

Southern Power Company Now Has Practically All its Services Restor-ed—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 and the energy its officers have shown in their strenuous efforts to restore service to their customers and the public is especially commend able.

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. The ladies desire the co-operation of the entire town in making this a success.

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. This company has also sold to Mr. George A. Jenkins a lot in Chesterplace. Mr. Jenkins expects to begin the construction of a handsome modern residence for his own occupancy in the immediate fu-

-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 Lincolnton, spent Sunday in the city with his father, Mr. M. H. Shuford, who is quite ill at his home on Franklin avenue.

-Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Gilliam, Mrs. S. A. Robinson, Miss Johnsie 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. They communicated this news to relatives here by telephone FIRST NATIONAL BANK

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Wesleyan Camp Meeting.

The annual camp meeting of the Weslevan 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

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

man. 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.

FOR SALE: Fresh milch cow. D. W. Padgett, city. 26c1 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 hagain." With a dirty index finger he opint-

ed out the syllables of the word. "Now, 'cat.' his?" The Ye knows wot a cat The open-mouthed listener nodded. 'Well, then, next comes 'e'. Now

thot won't be be no she cat; hit's a e cat-see?" Another nod was the reply. "Well, next his 'g-o-r-y.' spells gory, that means bloody. So

there ye 'ave hit-hit's a bloody tom cat, ye fool."-London Standard.

Warranty Deeds for typewriter,

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

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