

FORT MILL MELANGE.

Phy Points Gathered for the Perusal of Times Readers.

Mrs. L. L. Pong, of Hicklins, S. C., visited her sister, Mrs. L. N. Culp, last week.

After spending several days with relatives in Pineville, Miss Effie Culp returned home Monday morning.

Six new cottages have recently been erected by the Pineville Cotton Mills for the use of its operatives.

Mrs. Julian Starr, of Rock Hill, visited relatives in Fort Mill during the latter part of the past week. She returned home Saturday.

Mr. Bowman Merritt, commandant of the local camp of Confederate veterans, is ill at his home near this place. Two other members of his family are also indisposed.

Four negro couples were married by Notary Public W. O. Bailes on last Sunday. He thinks he will average a couple a day when his business is well advertised in North Carolina.

The many friends of Miss Ida Spratt, who for several months has been seriously ill at the home of her brother, Mr. J. M. Spratt, will be pained to learn that there has been little improvement in her condition.

At an early hour Saturday morning, John Douglass, a brakeman on a freight train of the Southern Railway, was killed near Blythe-wood. Douglass was sent out to flag the southbound passenger train, but instead of attending to the work which was assigned him, he sat down on the track and went to sleep. The engine of the passenger train struck him and killed him instantly.

As the result of a washout on the Southern Railway near Spartanburg, three southbound Atlanta passenger trains passed through this place Saturday morning. The trains were run from Charlotte to Columbia, thence to Greenville over the tracks of the C. & G., at which latter place the main line of the Southern was again taken for Atlanta. This necessarily circuitous route occasioned considerable delay to the trains which were forced to take it.

Eli Roddey, a colored laborer who has lived in Fort Mill a number of years, was sent to the chain gang for ninety days by Intendant Grier Saturday afternoon. Eli became involved in a quarrel with another colored man and threatened to cut his throat. Officer Johnston heard of the difficulty and went to arrest Eli, but he did not care to be arrested and resisted the officer, who thereupon used his club. Three distinct charges were preferred against him in the police court, and in each case he was given thirty days.

An effort is being made by a number of gentlemen to organize a military company in Fort Mill, and they have thus far met with unexpected success, more than forty young men having consented to enlist. One of the gentlemen who is interested in the proposed company went to Columbia last week to consult with Adjutant-General Floyd about the matter. He failed to see the adjutant-general, but secured all necessary information from Colonel Frost, who said the State would be pleased to see a military company organized in Fort Mill, and he thought that guns and uniforms would be furnished not later than August 1 if the requisite number of men enlist. A meeting of those who are interested in the matter will be held within two weeks, at which time Dr. Thornwell will address the young men who intend to enlist.

Troy (Tenn.) News-Banner: "Joshua P. Glover, a well-known farmer of near Troy, died of dropsy of the heart last Friday morning and was buried at Ebenezer Saturday morning in the presence of a large congregation of friends. Uncle Josh, as he was familiarly called, was born in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, May 10, 1826, and with his family removed to Obion County in 1881. He was proud and justly so, of his heroic Confederate record, having served throughout the war in Company A, Eleventh North Carolina Regiment. He was twice married. His last wife, who was a Miss Adkins, and ten children survive. Uncle Josh had many noble and admirable traits of character; he was the soul of sunshine; he made merry and laughed and joked and made everybody about him happy. He was a man of independent cast of mind; he was a manly man, true to his friends and obligations. In his hospitality, his hearty simple, whole-souled life, he belonged to a generation that has passed away." Mr. Glover was well known in this township, having lived only a few miles from Fort Mill prior to his departure for Tennessee.

Opportunities Face Fort Mill.

And now comes the cheering news from Neely's Ferry that actual preliminary work has been commenced upon the dam and power plant that are to harness the Catawba River at that point and direct to commercial purposes its enormous energy that has wasted for so many years. That branch of modern civilization known as science is again permitted to be the means of depriving nature of her virgin beauty and substituting industry, and where the red man was wont to roam in all his wild and romantic freedom or indolently yielding to the sedative influence of the bouncing riffles is to be sacrificed to the demands of the new era of progress that seems to be encroaching upon every remote corner of the South, and especially South Carolina. The last of the many misty rumors that have been afloat during the past two years concerning the prospects of this projected enterprise has at last been dispelled and we are seemingly confronted with the happy reality. Four men are now busily engaged at the proposed site in making diggings in search of the granite required for the dam, for which there will necessarily be a tremendous amount, and we are reliably informed that general work will commence in earnest before the first of next month. Some idea of the undertaking can be gathered from the fact that three thousand horse power will be developed immediately—enough not only to supply all the mills here and in Rock Hill, but a great deal more. Thus we see the benefits to be derived are incalculable and incomparable, and by right of location Fort Mill deserves a larger share than any other adjacent railroad point, but whether she gets her dues mainly depends upon our business men. We have no pecuniary interest in the concern, and the odds are against us in that direction. Our sole advantage is in the matter of topography, for which we are in no wise responsible, and it is before us to get in closer touch with the enterprise in a physical way, which must be done by thrusting before its projectors a liberal and friendly business policy. Rock Hill has already, you might say, anticipated the opportunities within her reach by having a route surveyed for a Macadam road to the bridge, and incidentally to the power plant, and they are quietly waiting for the necessary moment to strike. Her business men are fully cognizant of the rich benefits to be gained in the matter of trade in both directions, and they are fully alive to the situation. Our business men should take steps to contest for this new business or at least fortify themselves against the advance of our rival sister town; and conditions are all that could be desired in accomplishing this object, for the county chain gang is expected in this township this summer, and with the proper effort their assistance could be secured in greatly facilitating the work of building a highway that would be inviting to the people and business of that section. It is not so much a question of what is to be gained by us, but what is to be lost. If Rock Hill builds a new road to the bridge—which she will most assuredly do—and Fort Mill does not, it would by far be better for the business interest of this town if the bridge were never built. We already have too little territory to sit quietly by and have it taken from us when it would require not one-half the effort to retain it as it would to take it from us. And then there is that fifteen hundred surplus horse power. Have we no inducements to offer for its utilization? We can at least extend a formal invitation, if not a substantial invitation to capital. Our business men must act, and act speedily, and no greater effort can be made than by organizing for the purpose and acting in unity.

Pleasant Valley Items.

On account of the heavy rains which have fallen in this section during the past week, farm work is at a standstill, and a day or two ago a number of our farmers took advantage of their inability to work and met at the store of Potts & Davidson to discuss the financial question. The silver men dominated the meeting, but the arguments presented by both sides were very interesting.

Mrs. Blanche Hall, of Chester, is visiting at the home of her father, J. B. Culp.

John P. Bailes, who has been a student at the South Carolina College for several months, returned to his home in this community one day last week. He has been in ill health for some time and will probably not return to college during the present session.

Rev. Dr. Bays will deliver his lecture on "Courtship" in Pleasant Valley Academy on the even-

ing of May 1. We are expecting a large crowd to be present to hear him.

Dame Rumor has it that one of our most popular young ladies will be married to a young Fort Mill gentleman in the near future.

Wm. Neely, of Leslie, spent last Thursday, with his young friend, J. W. Potts.

Mrs. Mary Gibbons, an aged lady of our community who has been in ill health for a long time, was considerably burned on last Friday night by falling into the fire at her home. J. W. P.

Hughes-Williams Nuptials.

Mr. T. M. Hughes, of Fort Mill, and Miss Sara Eugenia Williams, of Lancaster, were happily married at the home of the bride's parents in Lancaster last Saturday. The ceremony, which was performed by Rev. Mr. Boleridge, is said to have been very beautiful and impressive. A few hours after the marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Hughes left Lancaster for a ten-days' stay in Washington, D. C., and New Haven, Conn. All Fort Mill joins in congratulating them upon this happy event. After returning to Fort Mill they will board at the home of Intendant R. F. Grier.

The County Home.

It is evident that the grand jury, says the Yorkville Enquirer, is of opinion that there shall be some changes in the manner in which the county home is being conducted. Said one of the members of that body to the reporter on Tuesday:

"In my opinion the county can do a great deal more with the county home than it is doing. The institution is not run on the right methods. The idea of a great, big farm, like that—backed by, you might say, \$5,000,000 or \$6,000,000 capital—and unable to feed 25 or 30 paupers, except with bought provisions out of a grocery store. Why, the thing is absurd.

"Here we are, each year, hiring labor with which to work cotton, planting 10 acres of corn, where we ought to have hundreds; no milk nor butter to speak of; but a small portion of the farm sown down in small grain; only about 1,000 pounds of home raised meat, where there should be 10,000.

"It occurs to me that the poor-house farm should be the model farm of the county. There should be on it at least a dozen cows, of the finest breeds to be had, and there should be no end of chickens, ducks, and poultry, along with enough fine hogs to obviate the necessity of buying a pound of meat. I have often heard our county home held up as self-supporting and returning an income to the county treasury. While, as a matter of fact, I believe we are able to make a better showing along this line than any county in the State, still, from the best information I have been able to obtain, that alleged income is all moonshine, and instead the county is not only out the interest on the capital it has invested in the farm, but has to pay money out of the treasury each year to keep the concern running."

Sheriff Logan came over from Yorkville Saturday morning to attach a property belonging to W. E. Whitesell, the proceedings having been instituted by W. E. Griffin, to whom Mr. Whitesell was indebted to the amount of \$240.

Fort Mill, S. C., April 24, 1900. Headquarters York Co. Regt., U. C. V. (Order No. 6.)

Miss Mabel Ardrey is hereby appointed sponsor to represent the York County Regiment, U. C. V., at the Louisville Reunion.

By order of the Colonel. S. E. WHITE. W. H. STEWART, Adjutant.

AT THE STORE

Of A. O. Jones there has just been received a shipment of Cabbage, Potatoes (Irish and Sweet), both for planting and eating, Lemons, Oranges, Bananas. My reputation is that of carrying the choicest fruits brought to Fort Mill. This reputation I shall sustain.

A lot of medium grade pants, all sizes and weights, will be sold regardless of price. You would do well to see them before you buy.

A. O. JONES.

WE AIM

To excel in merchandising and that's why our store has become the trading headquarters of hundreds in this community during the past few years. Our idea of a mercantile establishment is that it should not only retain its old customers, but make new ones every day.

WE KNOW

That the special care involved in selecting our stock is appreciated by the trading public, and this, coupled with the fact that our prices are rock-bottom on everything, is the lever which is moving our business onward.

WE DO NOT

Conduct our business on the "heads-I-win,-tails-you-lose" plan. Everything is exactly as we advertise, and our choice selection of HEAVY and FANCY GROCERIES will meet with a ready response on your part as soon as you visit or 'phone (No. 12) our establishment.

THIS WEEK

We desire to call your attention to the famous LEAVEN which we are now offering. We sell Leaven. Probably we sell it to you. If so, you know all about how good it is and how far it is ahead of either baking soda or baking powder. If you haven't bought it, you should. Every package guaranteed to give satisfaction or money refunded.

Hughes & Young.

Try a can of our Campbell's Prepared Soup at 10 cents. Flaked Hominy is also nice.

Bring us your country produce and get the highest market prices for it.

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Is where you can find any kind of Fresh Meat you want at any time. We are always there and we always have what you want, provided you want the choicest quality. Our prices are reasonable for FIRST-CLASS MEATS. We won't sell you any other kind. Send us your orders or Telephone No. 27. We guarantee prompt attention and satisfactory treatment. FRESH FISH every Saturday.

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- POCKET AND
- TABLE CUTLERY
- IN TOWN.

Ride a CRESCENT BICYCLE

AND YOU WILL NOT HAVE TO WALK HOME.

We sold 15 new Crescents last year and so far as we know, there was NOT ONE CENT paid out for repairs on any of them. Their record for 1898 was equally as good. This is the reason we do not run a repair shop. Crescent riders have no use for repair shops. Don't forget about the \$15 that you save when you buy a Crescent. You can buy a nice suit of clothes with that \$15, Hat and Shoes included. We have a few special bargains in Ladies' and Children's bicycles. Call and see them and get our prices.

L. J. MASSEY.

P. S. Our "third crop" of Millinery has arrived. Don't fail to visit our new Millinery Room and note carefully our PRICES AND STYLES.

THE COMPANY STORE

Thanks all of its customers for past favors, and we beg to remind the public that we are

HEADQUARTERS FOR LOWEST CASH PRICES.

CASH BUYERS should come to the strictly CASH STORE for greatest bargains and best qualities.

Clearance Clothing Sale.

For the next 30 days we offer special cut price on suits to make room for our new stock.

MENS' SUITS, \$3 and upward, 10 per cent discount.

BOYS' SUITS, all prices, going at 10 per cent discount.

MENS' PANTS from 50 c. to \$4.50, worth 25 per cent more.

This is an opportunity you can not afford to miss if you want good clothing cheap.

Shoes, Shoes, Shoes.

Our Stock is Complete—Best Quality, Lowest Prices.

Our Shoes will wear well, because they are made of first-quality leather and by experienced workmen. Buy one pair and you will be a shoe customer for us.

Cash buyers are great for bargains, therefore join in the procession and come to the Company Store, because you can save money.

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House-furnishing Goods,

Furniture, Buggies, and Stoves.

The Rock Hill Furniture Company wishes you to know that they have bought out the entire stocks of C. S. May and C. L. Wroton and have combined both, making the Largest, Finest, and Best-selected Stock of FURNITURE ever shown in Rock Hill, and that they are selling better goods for the money than you can get in Charlotte.

Our selection of suites is rich enough for the rich and cheap enough for the poorest.

We want your trade one and all and we are willing to pay for it, giving Better Values for your cash than you can get elsewhere, and offering to save you at least 10 per cent on Charlotte prices; and if we sell you a nice bill of goods we will refund your expenses in coming to see us. Yours for business on a fair-dealing basis.

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C. L. WROTON, General Manager