

FORT MILL MELANGE.

Pithy Point: Gathered for the Perusal of Times Readers.

Mr. R. C. Belk, of Mt. Holly, N. C., was in town Sunday.

Miss Margaret Gannon, of Greensboro, N. C., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. S. A. Epps.

Dr. J. H. Thorwell and Mr. J. W. Ardrey are representing Fort Mill at the Louisville reunion.

Mrs. Dr. W. G. White returned to Yorkville Monday morning, after a visit of several days to Mrs. Lucy Fulp.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Mr. T. V. McFadden, of Rock Hill, and Miss Pearl Poag, of Ebenezzer. The ceremony is to be performed by Dr. Thorwell at the home of the prospective bride on June 7.

Mr. J. R. (Shellie) Halle announces his candidacy for the Legislature in this issue of The Times. He is a sterling Democrat and has probably done as much work for the party as any man of his age in the county.

Director of the State Penitentiary W. B. Love came to Fort Mill last Wednesday afternoon and after spending the night with Mr. J. M. Spratt visited the convict camp on the plantation of Mr. B. D. Springs Thursday morning.

The Kershaw Era of yesterday tells of the death of Dr. Burrell J. Truesdell, which occurred at his home in Kershaw Monday morning. Dr. Truesdell was a clerk in the drug store of Dr. J. E. Massey in Fort Mill about fifteen years ago.

Jack Harris, a young negro man, was tried and convicted before Magistrate McElhaney last Wednesday on the charge of stealing six bushels of corn from the stables of W. T. Hoagland. He was given thirty days on the chain gang.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Springs, of El Reno, Oklahoma Territory, are visitors at the home of Capt. S. E. White. Mr. Springs moved from Fort Mill to Oklahoma about twelve years ago and has since been engaged in the real estate business.

Mrs. Dr. M. W. Grigg and three of her children are visiting the family of Mr. M. M. Mauney in Shelby, N. C. Mr. Mauney, who was a resident of Fort Mill several years, is soon to assume the superintendency of a new cotton mill which is being erected in Shelby.

A meeting of the athletic association of the South Carolina College was held in Columbia one day last week for the purpose of electing officers who are to serve during the session which begins next fall. J. E. Ardrey, of Fort Mill, was elected manager of the baseball team.

Most of those who attended from this community the twentieth of May celebration in Charlotte last week say that it was a big success. But all agree that the idiotic spilling of the street fakirs, to which they were forced to listen incessantly, was disgusting in the extreme. In justice to the visitors who attended the celebration, the police should have suppressed the "have-you-seen-George" nuisance.

At a meeting of the sub-committee of the State executive committee held in Columbia last Wednesday night the schedule for the State campaign meetings was arranged. The Yorkville meeting is to be held on July 28, and there will be present the candidates for governor and other State offices. Very little interest has been taken in the Yorkville meetings in recent years, but as a vigorous fight is to be waged against the Dispensary in the coming campaign it is more than probable that our people will attend in large numbers.

Fort Mill Pensioners.

Clerk of Court Wylie received from the State treasurer one day last week a check for \$4,147.70, that being the amount apportioned York county for the payment of pensions to Confederate veterans and the widows of veterans. There are only three counties in the State which receive more pension money than York. Mr. J. W. Ardrey, chairman of the township pension board, informs us that pensions have been granted the following named veterans and widows of veterans in this township: W. H. Armstrong, W. T. Alderson, Jns. Burns, R. B. Burns, A. H. Merritt, W. C. Perry, John Bayne, S. F. Massey, J. T. Nivens, J. N. Osborne, Joseph Parks, R. G. Pearson, Ira A. Patterson, W. T. Pettus, S. A. Stewart, W. H. Stegall, A. W. Wadford, C. J. Jennings, J. R. Kimbrell, J. W. Thompson, M. M. Wolfe, R. T. Bailey, R. R. Huddleston, G. W. Riley, J. S. Snead, Mrs. C. Abernathy, Mrs. S. Billue, Mrs. L. Bunch, Mrs. M. J. Hall, Mrs. N. J. Hammonds, Mrs. L. Johnston, Mrs. L. A. Wilson, Mrs. Martha Coltharp, Mrs. Ellen Thorne.

The Eclipse of Monday Morning.

Nearly every man, woman and child in Fort Mill arose betime Monday morning to witness the eclipse of the sun. A short while after daybreak small groups could be seen gathered here and there, smoked glass in hand, waiting the first opportunity of viewing the last great astronomical event of the century. The eclipse began at about 7.45 and ended at 9.57. At first the sun appeared to have had a small piece taken from the upper right-hand corner, but in a few minutes it looked as if half of it had been cut away. The shadow gradually increased until there was only a small part of the upper left-hand corner visible. Then it became necessary to make use of artificial light to transact business in stores and elsewhere. But at no time was the sun entirely invisible in Fort Mill and only during a brief half minute did the sunlight become so dim as to approach darkness. From maps recently published Fort Mill appeared to be one of the towns in the path of totality, but the astronomer who prepared the maps evidently did not know his business.

Objected to the Drum Corps.

The members of the Jasper Light Infantry who attended the Charlotte celebration last week reported a delightful time generally, says the Yorkville correspondent of the News and Courier. One incident of the visit, however, caused a little unpleasant feeling. It seems that the Jaspers have a negro drum corps of which they are very proud. This corps consisted of four negroes, each of whom is an expert in his line. They are respectful, obliging, well-behaved negroes, who know their places, and who are treated as only a well bred South Carolinian knows how to treat a negro.

As soon as the Jasper Light Infantry arrived in Charlotte the other South Carolina companies were attracted by the drum corps from Yorkville, and at the request of several officers Adjutant Hart placed this drum corps at the head of the line. But it soon developed that the North Carolina troops would have nothing of the kind. They protested mildly against marching behind the negroes. No attention was paid to the first protest, and they gave it to be understood that unless that drum corps was retired they would not play. Colonel Boyd accordingly ordered Captain Moore, of the Jasper Light Infantry, to dispense with his drum corps and the order was, of course, obeyed. Afterward somebody cut the head out of one of the drums belonging to the corps, and this made the Jasper boys hot again, but they could not fix the offence where it belonged.

Tuesday afternoon after the military parade was over Captain Moore marched his men along the principal streets of the town with the drum corps in the lead, beating as proudly as if they were white. Then that night the company held an indignation meeting at which there was some speechifying and development of feeling that promised to result in fist cuffs. Finally a veteran Jasper, who was with the company as an honorary member, poured oil on the troubled waters and quieted the disturbance with the following explanatory speech: "You see, boys, these fellows over here are just now going through what we went through in 1876. The only difference is that they ain't half doing it; but we'll have to make allowances for them until they become certain whether they are as good as a nigger." Aside from this the day passed off pleasantly, and every Jasper feels confident that his company made the best appearance of any organization in the city.

Homicide at Bessemer City.

A special of the 25th instant from Gastonia to the Charlotte Observer says: At Bessemer City this afternoon about 5 o'clock John L. Odell, boss weaver in the Southern Cotton Mills, was fatally injured by C. M. Davis. Odell had discharged Davis yesterday. Today Davis went into the mill two or three times and was put out by Odell. The last time he was ejected at one door and went around and came in at another, walked up to Odell, who was in the passage way, and after a few words stabbed him in the neck, severing the jugular vein, and ran. Odell ran out the door after him, but apparently realizing his awful calamity, turned and tried to get to the drug store. He had barely crossed the railroad when he fell dead.

Davis was arrested and placed in jail a few hours after the murder.

An unusually large crowd attended the closing exercises of Pleasant Valley Academy last Thursday. A speech was made in the afternoon by Hon. Thos. F. McDow.

At the National Capital.

Regular correspondence. WASHINGTON, May 28, 1900.—There has been lying as well as stealing in connection with Cuban affairs. First Assistant Postmaster-General Perry Heath has repeatedly and publicly declared that he had nothing whatever to do with the appointment of Neely, the head of the looting conspiracy, and now Mr. Rathbone, the suspended director of posts in Cuba, asserts that he appointed Neely on Perry Heath's recommendation. There must be documentary evidence that will show which of these men have lied, and it ought to be produced and doubtless will be if Senator Bacon's resolution for a Congressional investigation goes through.

The Boer peace envoys, who have been scrubbed officially and jollied personally by the administration, are preparing to visit a number of large Western cities for the purpose of trying to arouse a public sentiment that will compel the administration to do something to bring the war in South Africa to a close before England wipes the two little republics off the map. Republicans defend Mr. McKinley's treatment of the envoys when they have to, but mighty few of them commend it.

The big payers of war taxes are to be bled by Boss Hanna. That was made certain when the Republican managers of the House decided that the Ways and Means Committee should be given authority to sit during the recess for the purpose of fixing up a bill for the reduction of war taxes. In order to catch as many of the tax payers as possible, the committee will not begin its sittings until a few weeks before election. Boss Hanna's programme is to allow all of the heavy war tax payers to believe that if they contribute liberally enough to the Republican campaign fund their interests will be favored in the bill, but he will take good care that not a single item in the bill shall be decided upon until after the election. It is a good scheme of its kind, but is a very bad and disgusting kind, but no worse than others manipulated by the same man in 1896.

It being apparent that the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections had no idea of reporting the resolution for a constitutional amendment, providing for direct election of United States senators, Senator Pettigrew has offered a resolution to discharge the committee from further consideration of the resolution and have it reported and placed on the calendar. The Senate will not pass this resolution until compelled by public sentiment to do so, although the large majority for it in the House should have convinced senators of the state of public sentiment on the question.

The Senate has adopted a resolution calling upon the Secretary of War for information as to the condition in the Philippines (press news of the week showed that there was neither peace nor American control outside of the places garrisoned) offered by Senator Allen, but if the information is not more definite than that furnished by the same department about Cuba, in response to Senate resolutions, it will not carry much enlightenment for anybody.

Senator Bacon has offered an amendment to his resolution for a Congressional investigation of the Cuban stealing by Cuban officials, which promises to reach enormous proportions, authorizing the committee to sit during the recess at such places, either in this country or in Cuba, as the committee may deem necessary or important and to send for persons and papers. The Republicans are between the devil and the deep sea on this investigation.

Senator Spooner, who is one of the Senators who started out by vigorously opposing permanent retention of the Philippines, even going so far as to say that he would not have voted for the ratification of the Paris treaty of peace had he supposed that it would lead to permanent ownership of the Philippines by the United States, and afterwards had his mind changed for him by the administration, made a set speech, occupying a portion of two days last week, in favor of his bill giving Mr. McKinley autocratic power in the Philippines, which is now before the Senate, and was used as a club to defeat Senator Morgan's resolution to take up the Nicaragua Canal bill. The solid Republican vote against taking up the latter bill will not be allowed to be forgotten during the campaign. It showed up the hypocrisy of the republicans who pretend to favor that bill. It could have been passed in an hour had the Republican senators supported Mr. Morgan's motion, but Hanna ordered them to vote down the motion and they obeyed orders. The people's orders will be issued next November.

CANDIDATE ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Clerk of Court.

We are authorized to announce W. BROWN WYLIE as a candidate for re-election to the office of Clerk of the Court for York County, subject to the result of the Democratic primary election.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Clerk of Court of York County, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary election. W. H. STEWART.

Subject to the action of the Democratic primary election, I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Clerk of the Court for York County. J. J. HUNTER.

I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of Clerk of Court of York County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. J. A. TATE.

Solicitor of the Sixth Circuit.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Solicitor of the Sixth Judicial Circuit, subject to the result of the Democratic primary. THOS. F. McDOW.

State Senate.

We are authorized to announce J. S. ERICE, Esq., as a candidate for State Senator, subject to the result of the Democratic primary.

For Sheriff.

We are authorized to announce Capt. E. A. CRAWFORD as a candidate for Sheriff of York County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

For County Supervisor.

We are authorized to announce JOHN F. GORDEN as a candidate for the office of County Supervisor of York County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary election.

County Supt. of Education.

Will sail by Good Hope. The life boat leaves the shore, submissive to all necessary Democratic requirements. The 20th century candidate for County Superintendent of Public Instruction for York Co., S. C., is JAS. CANSLER. If elected will stoutly keep in mind the duties of the office. Each day will find him in attendance. Vote for him!

For County Auditor.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for recommendation by the voters in the Democratic primary for reappointment as COUNTY AUDITOR. W. W. BOYCE.

For the House of Representatives.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, subject to the action of the Democratic primary election. J. R. HAILE.

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.

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- PANTS, DRY GOODS,
- NOTIONS, DRESS GOODS,
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Handing Down

The choicest table luxuries in this section has increased the business of our Grocery Department until it is now recognized by a majority of the people hereabouts as the place to satisfy the inner man.

Those who desire the choicest edibles never fail to make known to us their wants—a sort of you push-the-button understanding.



Do these warm days suggest more comfortable SHIRTS? If so, come to see us. Our stock of Summer Shirts, Collars, Cuffs, and Neckties is complete.

HUGHES & YOUNG

Special Sale

STRAW HATS.

Lates Styles, Lowest Prices.

Summer is here, and of course you do not intend to wear your winter hat much longer. Cool-headed people are the ones who wear straw hats in sweltering season. So we would suggest that you visit our store and secure one or more. Perhaps you are particular about the price. Well, we are not; they must be sold, and we are offering them—all sizes and styles—for less than the regular cost price.

Need a pair of Pants?

Perhaps you do. Ours are made of the prettiest patterns and the newest designs. And they are going fast. Quality and value is what is selling them at from \$1.50 to \$4.50. If you are in need of a pair of pants, here's an opportunity that is worth the while.

Youths' and Boys' Suits.

Of course you do not intend that your boy wear the same old suit that served him during the winter. Most parents are particular about the appearance of their boys. So please both yourself and your boy by buying his suits. The prices and quality are all that could be asked. They run from 50 cents to \$2.50.

Dress Goods, Dimities, Printed Lawns, Etc.,

Comprise another part of our stock which is being sold at extremely close prices. The designs are pretty and the prices are sure to meet with your approval. Plain white lawns, splendid values for the money, 5 to 10 cents per yard. In our assortment of ribbon is to be found all colors and widths.

Ladies' Slippers.

We have a stock of ladies' slippers which we are selling at from 65 cents to \$2.10 a pair. They are the kind you would pay more for elsewhere.

Mens' Dress Shirts.

SILK BOSOM, very pretty patterns, 50 cents to \$1. Nice line NEGLIGEEES, 45 cents to \$1. WORK SHIRTS, 25 to 50 cents.

We also have the prettiest assortment of NECKWEAR in town—all styles and prices.

Store, Fort Mill Manufacturing Co.