

FORT MILL MELANGE.

Pithy Polite Gathered for the Perusal of Times Readers.

Miss Nettie Price, of Lancaster, S. C., is the guest of her cousin, Miss Zina Young.

Mr. J. S. Deaton has the thanks of this office for a few of the first home-grown peaches of the season.

Misses Neely Porter and Ella Neely, of Rainsburg, N. C., and Clara Sledge, of Chester, S. C., are visiting Miss Carrie Kimbrell.

Ben Howie, an old negro man who lived in Lancaster county near Fort Mill, was admitted to the insane asylum in Columbia last week.

Mr. W. J. Caveny, health officer of Rock Hill, was in Fort Mill Sunday. Mr. Caveny is well known in this community and his friends are always glad to welcome him to our midst.

Gold Hill citizens are planning a picnic to be held at Philadelphia Methodist church on July 4. A number of candidates are expected to be present and address those in attendance.

Jacob Porter, a 14-year-old negro boy, was convicted before Magistrate McElhenny Friday morning on the charge of stealing a pair of trousers from J. R. Hoagland, a tenant on the plantation of L. S. Nivens. He was fined \$5 or 30 days on the chain gang. Ed Caton paid his fine.

Word comes from Rock Hill that the contract for the erection of the dam of the Catawba Power Company, which is to be built across Catawba river at a point 4 miles from Fort Mill, was awarded a Western contractor last week. The price to be paid, it is said, is \$4 per cubic yard, or about \$52,000 for the entire job.

Rev. A. Finch, pastor of the Fort Mill Baptist church, left for Greenville Monday morning to attend the commencement exercises of Furman University. Mr. Finch graduated from Furman a few years ago. This year the exercises are being held in Alumni hall, a handsome structure which was recently built from funds contributed principally by the graduates of the university.

Mr. S. M. Harper, who came to Fort Mill from Bessemer City, N. C., about three months ago to accept a position at the Millfort Mill, left Saturday night for Reidsville, N. C. Mr. Harper treated the Times with more consideration than a great many mill operatives who have recently moved to other towns. He paid his subscription before leaving.

Prof. Earle Thornwell, principal of the Greenville (S. C.) public school, returned to Fort Mill a few days ago and is spending his vacation at the home of his father, Rev. Dr. J. H. Thornwell. Prof. Thornwell will be engaged in the insurance business until September, at which time he is to return to Mayesville and again assume control of the school, having recently been re-elected principal there.

Mr. J. B. Massey, who graduated from the University of North Carolina a few days ago, returned to his home in this place Friday evening. Massey is a young man of worth and his friends in Fort Mill congratulate him heartily on the high standing which he made in his classes. To graduate from the University of North Carolina, an institution of learning with only one peer in the South, is to possess an education of which any young man ought to feel proud.

Colonel Leroy Springs, of Lancaster, who was in Fort Mill Saturday night, confirmed the statement recently published to the effect that at a recent meeting of the stockholders of the Lancaster cotton mills, of which he is president, it was decided to increase the capital stock from \$150,000 to \$1,000,000 and that 50,000 more spindles will be added to the mill, making a total of 62,000. During a recent trip to the North, Colonel Springs placed orders for all the machinery, and work on the buildings will be commenced at once.

A Veteran's Trip to the Reunion.

Editor Times: At your request I will give our readers of The Times some of the impressions of my recent trip to the Confederate reunion at Louisville, Ky.

Our route was by way of Statesville, Asheville, Knoxville, Harrymans Junction, and Burgen to Louisville. At Statesville we were joined by the North Carolina division. Gen. Jule Carr commanding, and at Asheville by the South Carolina division, General Walker commanding. At Round Knob, N. C., right among the mountains, we found the way blocked by a wrecked freight train, and passengers and baggage had to be transferred to another train on the Asheville side of the wreck. To effect this we had to climb a mountain almost perpendicular for about 300 yards. This at first seemed novel, but soon changed to seriousness. It was painful and amusing to see fat men, women, preachers, and maidens scrambling up that mountain. One fellow said he lost both his patience and religion; another said had he had faith enough he would have moved the mountain. Other parties wandered around and gathered the beautiful mountain flowers and enjoyed the scenery as best they could. The war experience of the veterans enabled them to rise above such minor difficulties and to enjoy the discomforts of others. Had the distance been much greater the crowd would soon have dispensed with all surplus baggage, like an army on a march. This incident and our delay in starting caused us to be five hours behind time and put us in Louisville too late to witness the opening exercises of the reunion.

The country from Morganton, N. C. to Kentucky is mountainous and is quite rough and rugged. One moment we were dashing over a chasm 100 to 200 feet deep and the next through a tunnel in a mountain. To give you some idea of the nature of the country, there are 32 tunnels from 50 feet to 1 1/2 miles long on that route.

On approaching central and western Kentucky one enters the grass, grain, and stock sections of the State, which are almost level and very fertile. When we left the cotton belt, red hills and gullies disappeared. The system of farming in Kentucky seems exactly opposite ours. We try to cultivate all our land; they cultivate very little of theirs. Their farms are all enclosed and they seem to devote about one-fourth to grass or hay, one-fourth to wheat and oats, one-fourth to corn, and the remainder to pastures. One can travel miles there and not see a plow running. Corn is the principal cultivated crop, and they plow it with a double cultivator, completing a row at one time. Their land appears to improve every year, while ours, under our system of cotton cultivation, gets poorer every year.

Louisville is a beautiful city, with broad, clean, and well-paved streets. They claim to have about 235,000 population. Being the gateway between the West and South, the city has considerable commerce. It is also quite a manufacturing center. The Old Hickory and Tennessee wagons, which are so extensively used in this section, are made there. Large quantities of flour and meal used here are ground there. They have a packing house which slaughters 300 hogs a day.

The city was beautifully decorated, the Stars and Bars and Stars and Stripes mingling together, and the old soldiers were cordially received and nicely entertained. Rain fell every day during the reunion, which interfered considerably with the program and the pleasure of the veterans. The reunion next year is to be held at Memphis.

The Commercial Club of Rock Hill is accredited with the desire to become the Tammany Hall of York county politics. No intimation has yet reached us as to who is to be the Richard Croker of the club.

Local Matters.

Rev. R. A. Young will deliver a prohibition sermon at Philadelphia Methodist church next Sunday night.

Miss Ada Bradford is attending the summer school in Yorkville. She was recently elected teacher of the Kings Mountain school, the next session of which is to begin September 1.

Dr. C. B. Stephenson came down from Charlotte Monday night to pay his mother a short visit, returning to the city yesterday morning. Dr. Stephenson has a great many friends in Fort Mill who are always glad to see him.

Miss Mabel Ardrey is in Columbia attending the commencement exercises of the South Carolina College. Her brother, Mr. J. E. Ardrey, who is a student at the college, has been offered the soliciting agency of the institution.

Mr. J. A. Tate, of Yorkville, was in Fort Mill Saturday, presumably in the interest of his candidacy for clerk of court. Two years ago he was a candidate for school commissioner and received a majority of the votes cast in the second primary at this place.

Miss Essie Stewart, of Yorkville, and Miss Bertha Walker, of Charlotte, were guests of Mrs. J. M. Spratt during the past week. Miss Stewart was a daughter of the late James S. Stewart, whose death occurred a short while after he moved from Fort Mill to his plantation in Lancaster county in 1889.

At a meeting of the board of trustees of the Fort Mill public school, which was held at the Savings Bank last Friday afternoon for the purpose of selecting teachers for the ensuing year, Prof. J. A. Boyd was re-elected principal, with Mrs. M. D. Scott, of Fort Mill, and Miss Carrie Webster, of Mangum, N. C., as assistants, the former to teach the primary department, and the latter the intermediate department. Miss Webster is a graduate of Greensboro Female College and is recommended by several well-known educators.

A tract of two hundred acres of finely timbered land, within nine miles of Yorkville, was sold by the sheriff last Monday at public auction for \$55, says the Yorkville correspondent of the News and Courier. The tract had been duly advertised under a tax execution, but the public seemed to take very little interest in the matter. It happened that the owner of the land was not able to buy it at any price. A relative and prospective heir, who had been paying the taxes for several years, was but little better off. He was on hand to get the title if the figure should happen to be within his means, and as a starter bid the amount of taxes, penalties, and costs that had been assessed—\$193.90. Bystanders who knew nothing of the value of the property threw in a few small bids in the assurance that they could not be seriously hurt, but dropped out at the \$55 mark. The man who had the best claim on the land became the purchaser and immediately afterward it developed that the standing timber alone was worth several hundred dollars. It also developed that the purchaser would not have been able to go much beyond \$100. He was not willing, however, to take \$250 for his bid.

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LIQUOR DEALER,
CHARLOTTE, N. C.

We look especially after the shipping trade and below quote very close figures. Will be glad to have your orders. Terms cash with order.

Corn, per gallon, in jug (boxed), \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.

All first-class goods at \$1.75 and \$2 VERY OLD.

Ryes from \$1.60 to \$2, \$2.30 and \$2.50 per gallon.

Gins from \$1.60 to \$2, and \$2.50.

Genuine Imported "Fish Gin" at \$2 per gallon.

Apple Brandy, \$2.25 per gallon.

Peach Brandy \$2.50 per gallon.

No charge for jug and box on above, and no charge at these prices for keg when wanted in such quantities.

Let us have your orders and change.

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CANDIDATE ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Clerk of Court.
We are authorized to announce W. LEOWN WYLLIE as a candidate for reelection 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.
TROOS, P. McDOW.

I will stand for re-nomination to the office of Solicitor of the Sixth Judicial Circuit, subject to the result of the next Democratic primary.
J. K. HENRY.

State Senate.
We are authorized to announce J. S. PRICE, 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.
I hereby announce myself a candidate for reelection to the office of County SUPERVISOR, subject to the result of the Democratic primary election.
G. G. CULP.

We are authorized to announce JOHN P. 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. CANNLIZY. 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 re-nomination 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. HALEE.

We are authorized to announce W. B. DE LOACH, Esq., as a candidate for the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, subject to the result of the Democratic primary election.

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.

R. F. GRIER,
DEALER IN
HATS, SHOES,
PANTS, DRY GOODS,
NOTIONS, DRESS GOODS,
HARDWARE,
TINWARE,
GLASSWARE,
GROCERIES, ETC.,
AND THE
BEST LINE OF
POCKET AND
TABLE CUTLERY
IN TOWN.

A Great Sale of Straw Hats.

Right in the height of straw-hat wearing time we begin a sale of Men's and Boys' Straw Hats at cut prices. The lot is large and in it you will find all sorts. The hats are new and of this season's manufacture; the freshness of the straw will attest to that. This is a profitable opportunity for those who have deferred purchasing their Straw Hat up to now, and it would pay even those having a Straw to invest in one at the prices we are offering.

Bargains in Boy's Summer Suits.

Bring your boy to our store and let us fit him in a nice cool suit for from 75 cents to \$2.50. They are worth more, but must be sold.

Old Hickory and Piedmont Wagons.

Two-horse Old Hickory Wagons at \$50. Two-horse Piedmont Wagons at \$45. One new 1-horse wagon at \$25. Bargains in second-hand wagons and buggies.

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SELLING OUT AT COST.

We need our Millinery room for a big lot of COOKING STOVES and FRUIT JARS that are on the way, and in order to make room for them offer what is left of our

SPRING MILLINERY
AT
WHOLESALE COST.

This is a rare chance to get a nice Hat very cheap. We have a few

Mens' and Boy's Straw Hats

that also go at Cost. We are as usual

Headquarters for Fruit Jars.

Also Fruit Jar Rubbers at 5 cents a dozen.

We are overstocked on LADIES' and CHILDREN'S SLIPPERS and offer rare bargains in this department. Don't fail to see our new SUMMER DRESS GOODS, and note our CUT PRICES:

- 12 pieces fine MADRAS, 5 c. yrd. Wholesale price, 10 1-2 c.
- 12 1-2 c. DIMITIES at 10 c. 10 c. ORGANDIES at 7 1-2 c.
- 7 1-2 c. LAWNS at 5 c. Best Calico 4, 4 1-2, and 5 c.

If you are interested in BICYCLES call and see our line and get our prices. We sell the beautiful CRESCENTS—the kind that do not need repairs. Our prices are \$15 lower than other wheels of equal quality. Don't forget that we sell the best SEWING MACHINES, PIANOS, and ORGANS on earth at about half the price sold by traveling agents; besides, we are right here to stand by the guarantee.

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MENS' READY-MADE CLOTHING.

There never has been inaugurated in this section a sale of MENS' READY-MADE CLOTHING in which the purchasing power of dollars was as great as in our present sale. The fact that this sale has been in progress for several days should not lead you to believe that the stock has been picked over until the best values are gone. Such is not the case. There are still left dozens of nice suits—suits that look well and wear well—at prices that will astonish you. Some of them are offered at half price—others for less. This is the sale that should interest you if you need clothing. Come and look through the stock anyway.

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