

### FORT MILL MELANGE.

**Pithy Points Gathered for the Perusal of Times Readers.**

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Cunningham, of Ardrey's, were in town Monday.

Messrs. L. J. Massey and S. A. Epps have returned from the Northern markets.

Mc. B. Frank Massey, of Tirzah, and Miss Maggie Poag, of Old Point, spent Sunday in town.

Mr. J. B. Massey left Monday night for Richmond, Va., to enter the Union Theological Seminary.

Mrs. J. L. Watson has moved into the Mrs. N. C. Massey house on Booth street. Miss Myra Fravor will board with her.

Misses Bessie Boyd and Bertha Massey left Monday night for Red Springs, N. C., where they will enter the Red Springs Seminary. Miss Effie Culp accompanied them as far as Charlotte.

Monday morning Superintendent H. C. Culp, of the county chain gang, brought to Fort Mill from the western section of the county the rock-crushing outfit, preparatory to macadamizing a part of the public roads in this township. Since the gang was brought to this community a few weeks ago some very valuable work has been done by it on the Lancaster road.

At the solicitation of the officers of the military company in this place Dr. J. H. Thornwell and Rev. R. A. Yongue have agreed to lecture in the town hall Friday evening, September 21, at 8 o'clock for the benefit of the company. The subject of their lectures will be announced in these columns next week. Arrangements have also been made with Mr. C. P. Blankenship, leader of the Gold Hill orchestra, to furnish music for the occasion. The price of admission is to be 15 cents and tickets will be placed on sale at the drug store of W. B. Ardrey & Co. Saturday afternoon.

#### The Second Primary.

Fort Mill has probably never seen a Democratic primary election pass off as quietly as did the one of yesterday, which was held for the purpose of nominating three county officers and a like number of State officers. At most primary elections which have been held in this place a considerable number of workers were in evidence, but on yesterday there was to be seen a very limited number of men who seemed to be specially interested in the result. A number of those who were prominent in the first primary, which was held on the 28th ultimo, were conspicuous for their absence. The race for clerk of court developed a major part of the interest of the day. All kind of stories were circulated among the voters as to the use of money, etc., at other places by the friends of the two candidates, but these stories did not seem to influence many. The election of a county supervisor, in which Fort Mill had a candidate, was a walkover for the home man. There was little interest in the race for coroner. In the early morning hours there was some work done for Colonel Hoyt, for governor, by his Prohibition friends, but it was thought by all that Governor McSweeney would receive a majority at this place. For lieutenant-governor, Col. Jim T. Luman was the favorite, and for railroad commissioner neither candidate was worked for specially by anyone. The result of the vote at this precinct is as follows:

Clerk of court.—Tate, 127; Wylie, 126.

County supervisor.—Culp, 227; Gordon, 25.

Coroner.—Louthian, 192; Love, 55.

Governor.—McSweeney, 144; Hoyt, 109.

Lieutenant-governor.—Tillman, 161; Sloan, 91.

Railroad commissioner.—Evans, 126; Wharton, 127.

Complete returns for York county, as telephoned The Times from Yorkville this morning, give McSweeney 1,734, Hoyt 1,202, Tillman 1,843, Sloan 1,095, Evans 1,650, Wharton 1,260, Tate 1,452, Wylie 1,502, Culp 1,153, Gordon 1,790, Louthian 1,787, Love 1,157. Total vote, 2,985.

### At the National Capital.

Regular correspondence.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10, 1900.—Mr. McKinley is still in Washington, but instead of devoting his time to Chinese matters—he has a reason to think that there will be no withdrawal of allied troops from Peking for many months and that the settlement of the matter will not be until long after the election—he is hard at work studying up schemes to help his waning political fortunes and to head off the stampede of Republicans to Bryan, which confidential reports have caused him to fear. He will send four members of the cabinet on the stump. Postmaster General Smith has already gone to Maine, and from there will go on an extended speaking tour, including West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Kansas and any other States where there is a demand for his services. Secretary Wilson will stump in agricultural sections. Attorney-General Griggs will not make a long trip, but will speak wherever Hanna desires, and Secretary Root will make a few speeches, mostly in the big cities. Mr. McKinley's personal task is to try to answer in his letter of acceptance some of the broadsides fired at the administration by Colonel Bryan in his speeches, and he recognizes that it is a difficult one. Secretary Gage is not a speaker, but he was ordered to write the answer to the recent letter of Mr. Carl Schurz, which tore up Mr. Gage's recent attempt to create a financial scare so effectively, and as soon as he finished the task he went away for a month's vacation. The contents of Mr. Gage's last letter may be summed up as "what I say first, I say last."

It is stated that the cabinet considered the horrible stories of looting and murder in China by the Russian and French sections of the allied army, sent by the Associated Press, and published all over the United States last week, and decided to do nothing, because the matter did not concern the United States. If that decision was actually made, Mr. McKinley and his advisers have made another serious mistake. This government has made itself an equal partner with the other powers which have troops in China and the improper acts of the troops of any one of those powers does very seriously concern the United States, as Mr. McKinley will learn when the people are heard from. The proper thing for this government to do is to ascertain officially whether those stories of horrible barbarities, which would disgrace an army of savages, are true, and if they are, to make a strong protest to the governments of Russia and France, accompanied by a demand that steps be taken to prevent their repetition while this government is a member of the alliance. If such things are countenanced, the claim of civilization and christianity now made by the allied powers will necessarily become ridiculous.

Chairman Richardson, of the Democratic Congressional Campaign committee, will during the remainder of the campaign divide his time between Congressional headquarters, in Washington, and the New York branch of the national committee headquarters.

#### One More Receiver.

Friday afternoon Capt. A. E. Smith was appointed temporary receiver of the old Rock Hill cotton mill, now known as the Crescent mill. Captain Smith took charge at once and the spindles which have been silent for a week past are now humming. It is expected by the management to get the mill out of the hands of the receiver within 60 days. It will be remembered that last year, as the Rock Hill mill, this concern went into the hands of a receiver. It was bought by Charlotte parties and immediately transferred by them to the present ownership. Expensive repairs were at once instituted, such as putting in 3,500 spindles, renewing the boiler plant, etc., and building new tenements. Since then the mill has been making some money, but not enough to pay for these improvements and

still meet the outstanding indebtedness. This latter is the cause of the trouble, and the application for a receiver is based upon the debt due Samuel Friedheim and secured by mortgage debt.

#### \$10,000 Fire in Rock Hill.

Fire, which originated in S. T. Frew's machine shop in Rock Hill Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock, did nearly \$10,000 damage. The fire broke out in the boiler room of the machine shop, which is situated in the rear of the main business part of the city, and the building being of wood, burned so rapidly that the workmen barely had time to escape. The flames soon crossed to the wood shop, which was also quickly consumed. From the wood shop the fire spread to the warehouse of the Rock Hill Hardware Company, which was partially destroyed. Thence the flames went to the Rock Hill Wagon Factory, a wooden structure, which was entirely lost. Then the fire spread south to Westlands tin shop, thence to a negro cabin in the rear.

The heat from the burning wooden buildings was so intense that McElwee & Russell's bakery, which adjoins their store on Main street, caught, and but for the timely arrival of the entire fire department every building on west Main street would have been consumed.

#### Consideration for a Colored Woman.

"J. H. T." writing from Fort Mill, to the Columbia State, under date of September 6, says:

I wish that all the readers of Uncle Tom's Cabin could have been with me Monday afternoon at the funeral services of Charlotte Stewart, colored. They were conducted by Rev. Dr. Thornwell, pastor of the Presbyterian church in Fort Mill at the residence of the late Capt. B. H. Massey, in the presence of the Massey connection.

When a child of five years of age, Charlotte was purchased by Capt. B. H. Massey and put in charge of his first child, now Mrs. J. W. Ardrey. For something over a half century she grew up in the household, nursing children and grand-children until she became recognized as one of the family circle. The call of freedom had no enchantment for her and to all overtures for enjoying the privileges of the free she could answer, "I dwell among mine own people." And it was only in 1879, under the positive orders of her husband, backed by the entreaties of her children, that she removed to Arkansas. A few weeks ago becoming homesick for the old plantation and the "old cabin home" she wrote to the family, asking them to send money for her return. To the entreaties of her children, who were well-to-do and offered her a home for life, she turned a deaf ear, and like "black Joe" could only hear the voices of long ago calling to her. The reception she met on her return would seem incredulous to the generation now living. Soon after her return she was taken with typhoid dysentery and was removed to one of the back rooms in the Massey homestead, where every attention was given her, and when the end came her eyes were closed by her former mistress and her own white playmates.

The pallbearers were Capt. J. W. Ardrey, J. M. Spratt, and the grandsons of the late Capt. B. H. Massey.

It was very touching to see Mrs. Massey, now past three score years and ten, getting up from a sick bed to ride three miles in this intensely hot weather to see her old family servant laid away to rest. And as the little grandchildren passed along with flowers in their hands "for Mamma Charlotte's grave" the writer wished for a kodak that the picture might be published in the Northern papers.

A few years ago a monument was erected to the memory of the faithful slaves at Fort Mill, S. C. Today the writer had a personal experience of what relationship meant. The ties of blood were no stronger than the ties of friendship between the worthy slave and the

true master. While, of course, there were abuses of the system, the loving care and anxiety of the master was proverbial. There was much philosophy in the anguish of the old darkey, who when told that he was free regretted so much that his old "Massa had died before freedom came," for 1 reckon, continued the darkey, "Massa would have been free too, for he done bin the slave all his life, but this here thing they call freedom brings me the first care of my life."

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L. J. MASSEY.

## A WARNING TO LADIES.

Our buyer has just returned from the Northern markets and is very busy opening up New Goods, so he hasn't time to write an advertisement.

But he wants to sound a warning to the ladies. We have nothing in DRESS GOODS but plain goods; they are the goods for this season. We will tell you next week what we have in this line.

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