

FORT MILL MELANGE.

Pitby Points gathered for the Perusal of Times Readers.

Fort Mill was represented at the State fair this year by a larger number of persons than usually attend from this place. All report that the exhibits were first class and that a great crowd was in attendance.

At an early hour Monday night thieves entered the residence of Mrs. Eliza Fulwood on Booth Street, but were frightened away before anything was stolen. Entrance to the house was gained through a kitchen window.

The State and Federal elections passed off quietly at this place yesterday, very little interest and no enthusiasm whatever being manifested. Notwithstanding the efforts of the Democratic chairmen to arouse interest among the voters in the Federal election, only 100 votes were cast, two of which were for McKinley. Six more persons voted at the State box than for President.

As will be seen by advertisement elsewhere in these columns, an election has been ordered by the town council to be held on the 19th instant for a warden to fill out the unexpired term of Mr. J. T. Mackey. The Times desires to suggest Mr. T. D. Faulkner as a suitable man to fill the vacancy. He has heretofore served very acceptably in that capacity and should be elected.

A Double Wedding.

For some days past a young gentleman and lady have been quietly preparing their future home in this place. There, at 9 o'clock last evening, they were joined in holy wedlock by Rev. Dr. J. H. Thornwell. The contracting parties were Mr. Edward W. Kimbrell, of Fort Mill, and Miss Myra Fravor, of Baldwinville, N. Y. About forty relatives and friends witnessed the ceremony, among the number being Mr. and Mrs. Andrews, of Atlanta. The home was tastefully decorated for the occasion and music was furnished by Mr. L. J. Massey. A number of handsome presents were received. Mr. Kimbrell is one of Fort Mill's popular young business men and has a host of friends who will heartily congratulate him on his happy marriage. Mrs. Kimbrell has lived in Fort Mill only two years, but during that time she has become very popular with all our people.

At the same time and place, Miss Zira Young, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Young, and Mr. J. B. Mills were married by Rev. A. Finch, pastor of the bride. This marriage was a complete surprise to all except a few who were taken into confidence. Mr. and Mrs. Mills are deservedly popular in our community and have the best wishes of a wide circle of friends.

Local Militia at the State Fair.

On last Tuesday evening at 10 20 o'clock forty members of the Fort Mill Light Infantry boarded the southbound passenger train on the Southern Railway at this place for Columbia, the purpose of the trip being to participate in the individual competitive drill and the military parade and review of the State militia, which were held in that city Wednesday and Thursday. Before leaving Fort Mill the company was formed in the armory and an exhibition drill in the manual of arms was given for the entertainment of a number of citizens of the town who were present to see the boys off.

On the arrival of the company at Columbia it was met by Captain McKeown, acting adjutant of the battalion, who ordered that the company be formed and that the 3-mile march to the camp ground begin at once. At first the boys marched very well through Columbia's muddy streets and to the time of a drum corps whose cadence was like unto the puffing of a locomotive "bitting it up" for a mile a minute, but the cyclone gait began to get in its work so fast that the company officer with two bars in his shoulder straps ordered one of the sergeants to call time long before the camp was reached. Then the

men marched with the precision of regulars. At 2:45 Wednesday morning the company marched into camp and was assigned quarters. The camp ground was an ideal one, overlooking the entire fair grounds.

Through the instrumentality of Colonel Boyd, of the First regiment, the members of the company were admitted to the fair grounds free Wednesday morning, though it was previously intended to charge militiamen 50 cents each for a season ticket. At 11 o'clock Wednesday morning the competitive drill between the Sumter Light Infantry, of Charleston, the Timmonsville Guards and the Liberty Hill Guards was witnessed by a majority of the members of the local company, most of whom expressed the opinion that the third prize of \$100 could have been won by the Fort Mill Light Infantry, had it entered the contest. Next came the individual competitive drill, in which Sergeants Arthur Parks and Earle Cousart of the home company participated. Their proficiency in the manual of arms won for them the congratulations of a number of militiamen who saw the drill, notwithstanding the fact that they were ordered to fall out, on technicalities.

Thursday morning at 10 o'clock the military parade, which some say was the greatest Columbia has ever seen, was formed and passed through Main street to Elmwood avenue, where it was reviewed by Governor McSweeney and staff. In the parade the Fort Mill Light Infantry appeared to good advantage, and several citizens of this place who witnessed the parade say that the company made as good show as most other companies. The company returned Thursday night.

Outraged by a Negro.

A special to the State from Kingstree says that Sunday evening while Mrs. Mitchum, a respectable white woman, was quietly sitting in her home near Greeleyville, in Williamsburg county, nursing her baby, she heard some one knocking at her door, and upon opening it she was met by a negro, who insisted on coming in. Mrs. Mitchum ordered him out and he still refused to go, and Mrs. Mitchum thereupon grabbed a gun with one hand, holding her infant in the other arm. The negro, Macon Lesense, grabbed Mrs. Mitchum, took the gun from her and then at the point of his pistol forced her to lay the child down and accomplished his fiendish purpose. As soon as Mrs. Mitchum was released she immediately ran to the nearest neighbor's house and gave the alarm, babe in her arms. The alarm was immediately given and scouting parties were sent out. The negro was captured at Greeleyville Monday morning, where he was quietly working for a lumber company. He confessed everything and said he was sitting in his shanty door Sunday evening when he saw Major Mitchum, Mrs. Mitchum's husband, go by in the direction of Greeleyville, and he at once conceived and carried out his hellish design.

Mrs. Meacham is a very delicate woman of frail structure and will not weigh over 100 pounds. She has been completely prostrated ever since the occurrence and was so overcome that she could not testify or even go to the preliminary hearing, which was held at Greeleyville Monday morning. The prisoner was regularly committed to jail. He was brought to Kingstree and received so quietly that not half a dozen people in the town knew he had been committed to jail for several hours afterwards. Excitement is running high and trouble is feared. Governor McSweeney has wired Captain Grayson to order out the Williamsburg Light Infantry and guard the jail and save the life of the prisoner at all hazards.

The sheriff in taking the negro, Macon Lesense, from the jail to the depot Monday night in order to carry him to Columbia, as it seemed he had been ordered to do by Governor McSweeney, let him get away and make his escape.

(Later) The very latest theory of the escape of Macon Lesense...

that the sheriff deputized a squad of men to carry him through the country and that the party will board the train at Greeleyville or Foreston tomorrow (Tuesday) for Columbia and that he will be safely landed in the State penitentiary.

Scraps of State History.

After the overthrow of the carpet bag government of South Carolina in 1876, by far the greatest number of those who had been conspicuous figures throughout the era of "good steal ng" disappeared as suddenly as they had ten years before emerged into view. Moses, the first seclawag governor, and the worst of them all, ended his life as a common tramp in a distant State. The list of his vices comprised all that belong to the lowest stage of moral degradation. It was said of him by his political friends that he was the greatest spendthrift on earth. His profligacy was bounded only by the means within his reach, of satiating his low born and vitiated appetites and passions. He paraded his criminal amours on the streets of Columbia and used his office solely for what he could get out of it for himself and for his companions in debauchery. He would not have been trusted with a country post-office, he was unfit to umpire a game of baseball; he was incapable of governing a herd of donkeys. Yet such a man under the protection and through the instrumentality of the Republican party of the United States was exalted to the governorship as the exponent and representative of the virtue, intelligence and patriotism of a proud and heroic State.

Scott, the carpet bagger who preceded him, was an unscrupulous political adventurer, with more brains and a little more regard for decency, but in moral principle not above Moses. He filled the State with an armed constabulary force, established armories and magazines at the court houses and harried and goaded the people with all the tyranny of a military despot. It was under his administration that what was called "the Laurens war" broke out, in which several of his constables were killed, their armory captured and broken up and the whole force driven pell mell to headquarters at Columbia. Scott, we believe, died a few years ago in a Northern State in utter obscurity.

Chamberlain, who succeeded Moses, was also a carpet bagger, but a man of respectable intellectual attainments and of unobjectionable moral character. He was capable under ordinary circumstances of giving the State an acceptable administration, but he was a Republican, and Republicanism at the South then meant, as it now means, though with modified intensity, the domination of ignorance and moral depravity over intelligence, honor, patriotism and all the virtues that hold society together and dignify and elevate mankind. No man could long steer the ship of state safely through the troubled waters with only such a chart for his guidance.

It was under his administration that the Ellenton riot occurred, which at one time threatened to plunge the whole State into internecine war. Gen. M. C. Butler was accused of inciting or at least of encouraging that riot, and the governor would have gladly had him arrested and subjected to a mock trial had not such a step been too hazardous. Butler publicly heaped his scorn and indignation on the State government and openly defied the governor and all his power. It would have required at that time the whole United States army to hurt a hair of Butler's head.

Chamberlain, after having been driven from the gubernatorial chair by the revolution of '76, left the State and has since resided, we think, in New York. He is a lawyer of considerable reputation, and his opinions on questions of law and of politics have weight with all who know him personally or by reputation. He is the only one of the carpet bag governors, and so far as we can now recall, of all the prominent carpet baggers and scound-

avangs of that time, who has retained the respect and, to some extent, the confidence of intelligent and self-respecting people. He has paid frequent visits to South Carolina since the days of his political exaltation, and while his visits excited no enthusiasm, he was treated with respect and consideration. —Gaffney Ledger.

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Ira G. Smythe, F. T. Fegram and T. E. Spratt have been appointed managers.

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