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## INVESTING THOUSANDS.

### Extensive Improvements Being Made at Local Cotton Mill.

Extensive building operations and other improvements now under way at mill No. 1 of the Fort Mill Manufacturing company will, when completed, represent an outlay of many thousands of dollars and make the plant one of the most modern and largest in the entire Piedmont section of the Carolinas. The work is being done under the personal direction of the general manager, George Fish, and includes the erection of a new dye house, 114 by 80 feet, which is completed and will be put into use as soon as the new machinery arrives a few weeks hence; a new machine shop, which is being built with the view of its future conversion into a weave room; a new supply room, drawing-in room and slasher room, besides a two-story waste room and cotton opening room, 114 by 40 feet.

A feature of the improvements being made at the mill is the modern way in which the cotton will be handled from the time the bale reaches the opening room until the cloth manufactured from it is ready for loading on the cars. The cotton will be carried along in its successive stages of manufacture without the least loss of time or unnecessary handling—from the opening room to the picker room, thence to the carding room and drawing rooms, to the slubbers and on to the speeders, from the speeders to the spinning frames, to the spoolers and warrpers, to the slasher and tie-in machine, and finally to the loom to be woven into cloth.

The plans for the modernizing of the mill include the erection of a room to occupy the space formerly occupied by the engine room and the driveway between the spinning room and the weave room. Underneath this new building a subway will be provided for the passage of motor cars and other vehicles from the front to the rear of the mill.

Yesterday Mr. Fish stated to The Times that provision was being made for the installation of 400 more looms at some future time should it be deemed advisable and that a new boiler room and smoke stack, to be built of white radial brick, will be erected after the completion of the work now in hand, perhaps during the month of November. Should the additional 400 looms to which Mr. Fish referred be installed, the weave room of mill No. 1 will then be the largest in York county, it is said, with the 806 looms now in use.

## BURIED AT HOME.

### Body of Corporal McManus Interred in Fort Mill.

The body of Corp. Harvey F. McManus, who lost his life in the World war, arrived in Fort Mill from France Friday afternoon and was interred in the soldier's plot in New Unity cemetery Sunday afternoon, following funeral services from the stand in Confederate park. The funeral was conducted under the auspices of the local post of the American Legion. A fine tribute was paid to his memory by Capt. E. M. Mack, who described his manliness and devotion to duty. The funeral was attended by several hundred people, most of whom accompanied the body to the cemetery.

Corporal McManus was a son of Mr. and Mrs. N. M. McManus of Fort Mill. He lost his life in France as a result of wounds he received in action early in October, 1918. He was a member of the Fort Mill company, 118th regiment, 30th division. He was promoted to corporal after reaching France. His body is the sixth of the Fort Mill boys who lost their lives in the World war to be interred in the plot in the city cemetery set aside for that purpose.

"The Relation Between Faith and Works" will be the subject of the sermon Dr. Dyches announces he will deliver at the Fort Mill Baptist church next Sunday morning.

## OLD CRIME RECALLED.

### Mysterious Murder in Fort Mill During Civil War.

"I was just wondering," said a day or two ago one of the older citizens of Fort Mill, "how many people now living in this community know that a murder about which there seemed to be a mystery that has never been cleared up, and perhaps never will be, was committed during the Civil war close to the spot on which the Catawba Indian monument stands in Confederate park. Not many, perhaps, but it is a fact nevertheless. Two men, one of whom bore the name Brezeale, the other Baugh, drifted into the community some time after the war started. I do not recall how it happened that they were not in the Confederate army. Neither had any relatives here, so far as was known and neither apparently had very much business in the community. It was stated at the time that both were reluctant to talk of their past life and no one here knew whence they came. If they had known each other before they began to live here, that too was a matter which neither discussed, but the end of their relationship led up to the belief that at some time in life they had crossed each other's path.

"One Saturday afternoon the two men met in the public hitching lot, now the site of Confederate park. Angry words were heard to pass between them by bystanders and without any threatening demonstration being made against him, Brezeale, who was the older man of the two, whipped a pistol from his pocket and shot Baugh through the heart, killing him instantly. Brezeale immediately ran away and that was the last ever heard of him in Fort Mill. In those days it was much easier to commit a crime and escape arrest than it is now. The body of Baugh was buried beside the railroad track near where he was killed."

### Elect Bryan to Lower House.

Editor Fort Mill Times: Some paper recently quoted you as favoring the election of W. J. Bryan to the United States senate from Florida. Better to elect him to the other house of Congress, as there is some talk about abolishing the United States senate.

"Congressmen should be elected at large throughout the United States, because the right rule is that the voters of the district, represented by an official should decide who shall be their representative." A member of Congress is a representative of the people of the United States. Therefore to allow only the voters of one State or a part of one State to vote when a United States congressman is being elected is as unreasonable as it would be to allow the voters of a few precincts of a big city to elect a city mayor.

The number of congressmen should be reduced to 100. With so many congressmen as there is now it requires too much of their time getting acquainted with each other. That time calls their attention away from active work.

Summary: Abolish the United States senate, have only 100 congressmen, elect congressmen at large throughout the United States. Thos. H. Gordnier, Watts, Cal.

### George Heath Dead.

Crawford Heath of Fort Mill was called to Monroe, N. C., Sunday by the death of his eldest brother, George C. Heath, who succumbed early Sunday morning to an attack of pneumonia. Mr. Heath had been ill for only a few days. Some days before his death he inhaled the flames from a match with which he was lighting a cigarette and from the burn pneumonia developed. Mr. Heath was a son of the late O. P. Heath of Charlotte and was a well known Monroe business man. Besides his widow and three children, he is survived by a number of brothers and one sister. He was about 40 years old. The interment was in Monroe Sunday afternoon.

## NEWS OF YORK COUNTY.

### Current Items of Interest Found in the Yorkville Enquirer.

Broad River township officers got a 40 gallon capacity galvanized still which they found on the place of Mrs. Reola Leech, about two miles south of Hickory Grove, early Monday morning. About 200 gallons of beer was poured out and the still was destroyed.

Charged with poisoning a number of chickens, the property of Louis Roth, well known Yorkville citizen, O. C. Taylor, superintendent of the Yorkville Cotton Oil company, was acquitted when tried before a jury of four men in Magistrate Fred C. Black's court Monday evening.

There was a noticeable increase in cotton selling on the local market last week as compared with the week before, according to a statement made Monday by Robt. E. McClure, public weigher for the town. Mr. McClure weighed about 150 bales of cotton last week as compared with only about 50 for the previous week.

George Quinn, 23, guard on the York county chaingang, working near Lesslie, accidentally shot and fatally wounded himself with a shotgun last Friday afternoon, the charge from the gun striking him in the leg, cutting the large artery and causing him to bleed to death in an hour or less. He was a veteran of the World war and was a native of Cherokee county.

The supreme court of South Carolina has granted a new trial nisi in the case of Jessie Huey Massey vs. the director general of railroads. This case was tried last December and the jury rendered a verdict of \$20,000 for the plaintiff, specifying that \$8,000 was for damages and \$12,000 for punitive damages. The supreme court's decision means that unless the plaintiff renits the \$12,000 of punitive damages that a new trial must be had. Attorneys for the plaintiff state that they will not renit the punitive damages, so there will be a new trial.

Operatives of the Highland Park mill in Rock Hill didn't accept the invitation of the mill management extended to them to go back to work last Monday. There is no telling when the strike situation in Rock Hill will be settled and while there is little doubt but that both the management and the workers would like to get the trouble settled and the wheels turning again, it is evident just now that both sides are determined to jazz along for a while at least. The textile situation in Rock Hill is not healthy by a great deal. Carhart mill No. 2, at Carhart station, has not turned a wheel in months and months. There is no indication that work will be resumed at any time soon. The Highland Park operatives have been out for several weeks now. The latter mill employs about 200 operatives and Rock Hill merchants and other commercial houses are feeling pretty keenly the tieup.

"I am delighted to know that Camp Jackson will be abandoned," said former Governor Cole L. Bleasie, while in Yorkville last Thursday en route to the Filbert picnic. "That camp, especially since the armistice, has certainly been a stumbling block for Columbia and there is no way in the world to estimate its cost to the capital because of increased immorality and all that sort of thing. It has been the cause of the downfall of many an innocent girl and it has caused the city of Columbia to gain a most unenviable reputation for immorality—a reputation that she will be unable to live down for a long time to come. Now during the war when boys of our own State were training there it was a different matter altogether. But since then some of the scumiest scum in all the earth has congregated there and there have been numerous robberies, various other kinds of disorder, assaults on white women, and in fact vice and viciousness have been rampant."

## JACKSON TO BE ABANDONED

### Army Camp at Columbia Built at Cost of 14 Million Dollars.

An investment of more than 14 million dollars will be deserted by the government with the abandonment of Camp Jackson at Columbia. One of the finest military camps ever constructed appears to be about to go in the scrap heap.

The camp area contains 21,946 acres of land, all owned by the government. This land cost the government more than a million dollars. On the camp reservation are 15,096 buildings, the construction of which cost the government more than 13 millions.

The camp is in itself a complete city, with complete light, water and sewerage systems. It has postoffices, telegraph office, newspaper and other city advantages. Its laundry will wash clothes for 50,000 men. Its remount depot will take care of 10,000 horses. It has 9 1/2 miles of asphalt paving and 2 miles of concrete paving. It is connected with Columbia by a good street car service. It has 1000 accommodations, a complete theater, a dozen service clubs, hotels, places of amusement and houses for religious worship and a large hospital.

Camp Jackson was built overnight, like a mushroom. It has served the nation since 1917 and there some of the finest fighting units that served in the World war were trained. At one time there were said to be 80,000 men in training at Camp Jackson for overseas service.

It will not take many weeks to get the men away from Camp Jackson, if the order of Secretary Weeks goes through. The government has no money for railroad fare and the men will have to hike away, all except about a regiment, which it is thought will be left to take care of the camp.

The order for the discontinuance of Camp Jackson will mean, as it now appears, that the men who leave for other camps will probably make the record march of the American army's modern history. Those who are sent to St. Louis or to Texas will have to march more than a thousand miles.

If Camp Jackson is sold as junk, it will mean a heavy loss to the government, as it will bring only a small fraction of the money the government spent in its development. It is expected that if the abandonment order is carried out the camp will be salvaged in a few years.

### Wouldn't Help "The Times."

There are many unaccommodating people in the world and a few of them—one certainly—live in Fort Mill. A day or two ago a good friend of The Times, who keeps close tab on the paper by reading his neighbor's copy remarked that sometimes he thought the paper up to the standard he had set for a representative small town weekly, but more often he failed to find in it anything of interest. Then it was suggested that he was in position to furnish for the current issue an item of news of the character he had before been heard to remark made interesting reading. "What is it?" asked The Times' good friend. "Go out behind the negro shoe shine 'parlor' on main street and destroy yourself," was the reply. But he refused to do it.

### First Telephone Directory.

An interesting souvenir of the days when the telephone business was in its infancy in this section was discovered a few days ago by S. L. Meacham, owner of the Fort Mill Telephone exchange. It is a copy of the first printed directory of the local exchange and appeared as an advertisement in The Times in the fall of 1898. The directory bears the names of 22 subscribers, some of whom still retain their original numbers, and is pasted on a piece of cardboard about three inches long.

Enrico Caruso, famous tenor, ill less than a week, died Tuesday in Naples, Italy.

## POLITICS AT LOW EBB.

### Picnic at Filbert Draws Crowd Below Normal.

That York county people are less interested in politics this year than in a decade or more seems a justifiable inference from the Filbert picnic last Thursday, says a York special. Though given wide publicity and having for the speakers of the occasion well known public men who have formerly proved great drawing cards, the attendance was disappointing, numbering little more than half the crowd that assembled there in 1917, the year of the last previous picnic.

And not only was the crowd below the normal in size, but its spirit was distinctly different. There was little evidence of partisan feeling or of keen political interest. Caustic criticisms of men and measures failed to evoke the vociferous demonstrations of other days. The crowd was apathetic in its attitude toward partisanship. It was a sober, reflective gathering, decidedly less emotional than the usual assemblage there.

The changed attitude of the crowd, some observers thought, presaged the dawning of a new day in South Carolina politics, one in which the people will think more, talk less and discount perverid appeals from the hustings. Whatever it may mean, and there is room for a difference of opinion, there is no doubt that subjects such as crops, roads and the price of cotton overshadowed politics at Filbert Thursday.

## REACHES YORK FIELDS.

### Boll Weevil Establishes Self in Various Sections of County.

That the boll weevil is steadily pushing its invasion of York county, having extended its activities to new localities in the last few days, was the information given out a day or two ago by John R. Blair county demonstration agent. The pest has made its appearance in spots in southern and eastern York and is rapidly widening the area of its operations. There is absolutely no doubt of the identity of the invader as the entomologists of Clemson college have pronounced it the weevil.

While no appreciable damage will result to the cotton crop of the county this year unless there is a wet August, the outlook is anything but promising for next year. By that time the weevil is expected to completely cover the county and become a factor to be reckoned with in the production of the 1922 cotton crop.

## Patterson Family Reunion.

The annual reunion of the family of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Patterson was held at their home five miles east of Fort Mill Thursday, July 28, when Mr. Patterson celebrated his 85th birthday. The five sons and three daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Patterson and their 39 grandchildren were present, besides a large number of other relatives and friends, there being in all about 150 in attendance. The day proved a delightful and happy one for all. A bountiful dinner was served in the grove near the home and in the afternoon a number of watermelons were enjoyed. Many old acquaintances were renewed and a number of new ones made and the pleasures of the day will be long remembered by all who were present at the reunion.

## Storm Wednesday Evening.

The Fort Mill community was visited late Wednesday afternoon by the heaviest fall of rain for the same length of time of the season. The rain came down in torrents more or less regularly for upwards of two hours and was accompanied by vivid flashes of lightning, which put the local lighting system out of commission for a few minutes. There was also a light fall of hail during the height of the storm. The streets of the town and cotton and corn fields in the township were considerably washed in places by the rainfall.

Virginia Democrats have nominated R. Lee Tinkle for governor.

## SPEAKS FOR BONUS.

### Stevenson in Favor of Additional Pay for Ex-Service Men.

"There are other reasons why I am in favor of a bonus for soldiers that I did not mention in my speech at Filbert," said Congressman W. F. Stevenson a day or two ago. "That's this: the administration is getting ready to pay contractors over the country the sum of about 3 billion dollars because of contracts which they had for war munitions and armament when the armistice came and which therefore they did not fill.

"That program is going to be pushed through by the Republicans in addition to the millions that they have already given the railroads and the other millions of indebtedness they are going to cancel for them and still other millions that they are going to give them.

"Now here they are going to pay these millions and billions to the railroads and contractors and yet they say that the country is right now too poor to pay the fellows who did the fighting and many of whom were maimed and disabled. It is not fair and it is only simple justice that the World war men get something. I repeat, as I said at Filbert, that while it may cost us all something to pay the bonus I am going to do all in my power to keep up the fight and I am quite confident that I can maintain my position on the matter anywhere.

"There is no chance for the soldier bonus to be passed by this Congress," Mr. Stevenson concluded, "because the president has already had it pigeonholed. But another day is coming."

## BOLL WEEVIL ACTIVE.

### Does Great Damage to Cotton Crop During July.

The boll weevil played havoc with the South's cotton crop during July, heavy rainfall aided in the destruction by promoting a rank growth of weeds and grass and as a result a prospective production of 8,203,000 bales was forecast Monday by the national department of agriculture basing its estimates on conditions existing July 25. That is a loss of 230,000 bales compared with the production forecast a month ago.

The crop declined 4.5 points during the month, much more than the average decline, bringing the condition to 61.7 per cent of normal, the lowest July 25 condition on record, with one exception, that of 1886, when it was 64.1.

The condition of the crop in most of the belt is unpromising and there is a serious threat, the department experts say, of continued and increasing damage from the boll weevil, while grass and weeds are exhausting much of the crop that remains.

## To Bid on Abbeville Job.

The Fort Mill Lumber company is preparing a bid which it will submit within the next week for the construction of a high school building in Abbeville. The trustees of the Abbeville schools have about \$100,000, it is said, which will be expended within the next three or four months for the erection of the high school building and improvements to the central graded school building. Maj. J. D. Fulp, formerly of Fort Mill, is superintendent of the Abbeville schools.

Evangelistic services at Pleasant Valley Baptist church will begin on the second Sunday in August instead of the fourth Sunday as announced some time ago. The Rev. A. Finch, a former pastor of the church, now of Dillon county, will assist the pastor, the Rev. Dr. J. W. H. Dyches, in the meeting.

Fort Mill citizens who have visited within the past week the camp of the local troop of Boy Scouts at Chimney Rock, N. C., say that the boys have an ideal place for their outing and are enjoying every minute of their stay in the mountains. Camp will be broken Friday and the troop will return home at once.