

**FORT MILL MELANGE.**

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

Mr. T. A. Mills was in Charlotte Monday.

Mr. W. W. Alexander, of Rock Hill, spent Sunday in Fort Mill.

Mr. J. E. Williamson, secretary and treasurer of the Fort Mill Mfg. company, will spend a few days at his former home in Reidsville, N. C., during the approaching holidays.

Citizens of Fort Mill who desire to vote at the municipal election to be held on January 8th for an intendant and four wardens should not neglect to register. The registration books close on the 29th instant.

The operatives of the two cotton mills in Fort Mill will be given three days in which to enjoy the Christmas holidays. Both mills will close Saturday afternoon and work will not be resumed until Thursday morning.

The poles are now being placed for the telephone line which is to connect Earbersville, Pleasant Valley and Ardreys with Fort Mill. It is said, however, that the line will not be completed and ready for use before January 15.

Rev. R. A. Yongue requests The Times to state that at each of the churches of the Fort Mill circuit a collection—a Christmas offering to the Lord for the benefit of the children at Epworth orphanage in Columbia—will be taken up on Sunday, December 24.

An interesting program has been prepared for the entertainment to be given at Gold Hill academy by a number of pupils of the school Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The prices of admission will be 10 and 15 cents and the receipts are to be used for the benefit of the school library.

Mr. J. J. Bailes, a student at Wofford college, is spending the holidays at the home of his father, Mr. J. P. Bailes, in Pleasant Valley. Another Pleasant Valley young man who will visit his parents during the holidays is Mr. Walter Potts, who is expected to arrive from Furman university tomorrow night.

Farmers living in the Gold Hill section of Fort Mill township report that that part of the public road which was recently graded by the county chain gang near the home of Mr. Chas. Graham is in bad condition—that there are several inches of mud in the road. This was expected, however, and when the first rain fell after the grading was done, several farmers who live in Gold Hill began work with their forces in getting out rock with which to Macadamize the recently graded road. The Macadam will be put down by the county chain gang.

It is a regrettable fact that a number of Confederate veterans in this township have thus far shown only indifference to the offer of The Times to publish a synopsis of their war services. Every veteran hereabouts should, on account of his descendants, if for no other reason, feel sufficiently interested in this matter to prepare his record and send it to this office at once. We are anxious, for the sake of history, to publish the war record of every veteran in this community, but we do not feel called upon to urge them time and again to attend to a matter which is most important to themselves.

Friends of Magistrate J. W. McElhaney, whose term of office expires on the 31st instant, are urging him to become a candidate for intendant of Fort Mill in the approaching election, which will be held on Tuesday, January 8. Mr. McElhaney has served our people satisfactorily as magistrate for eight years and his friends say that he would make an ideal intendant. Quite a number of voters in this place are also anxious that Mr. J. M. Spratt consent to serve another year as one of the town's wardens. Mr. Spratt is thoroughly acquainted with the duties of the office and it is hoped that he will finally decide to allow the use of his name in this connection for one more term, at least.

**Killed by a Falling Tree.**

James Pope, a young white man, 17 years old, who lived on the plantation of Mr. Frank Kala, in Catawba township, near Watson's ferry, was killed Saturday afternoon by a falling tree. The young man was squirrel hunting at the time the accident occurred which cost him his life. He chased a squirrel into a hollow tree and, leaning his gun against another nearby tree, began to chop the hollow tree down to dislodge the squirrel. The hollow tree was easily cut in two and as it began to fall young Pope sprang for his gun, intending to shoot the squirrel as soon as it appeared, but before the gun was reached a limb of the falling tree struck him fairly across the back of the neck, killing him instantly.

**Fort Mill's Building Record.**

Fort Mill's building record for the year 1900 is one which our people can not point to with satisfaction. Very few dwellings or business houses have been erected during the year, which means that the population of the town has increased less during the past twelve months than in any year since 1890. But it is to be hoped that 1901 will witness the erection of a number of dwellings and business houses; and in this connection it can be stated, though the report can not be verified, that Mr. J. W. Davidson, of Pleasant Valley, will erect a handsome two-story building on the Hotchkiss lot in Main street and that the building will be occupied by a well known merchant.

**The Streets Should be Improved.**

The statement is authoritative made that at the end of the present year there will be a considerable surplus in the town treasury and that there is a division of sentiment among the members of the council whether the money should be applied to the outstanding bonds of the town or be appropriated for the improvement of the streets. For several years it has been the custom of retiring councils to adopt the former method of disposing of all surplus funds in the treasury, but this year it is thought best by members of the council to use the surplus for necessary street improvements, which would be entirely agreeable to the holders of the bonds. If the wishes of the taxpayers of the town were taken into account by the council in disposing of the surplus, there is little doubt that it would be used in improving the streets.

**Death of Mrs. Clara Porter.**

Mrs. Clara Porter, wife of the late Capt. W. M. Porter, died at the home of her son, Mr. A. A. Porter, in Steel Creek township, N. C., Monday afternoon, after an illness of one week of pneumonia. Mrs. Porter was about 75 years old and was a member of Pleasant Hill Presbyterian church. One of her sons, Mr. David Porter, is well known in Fort Mill, having been a student at the Fort Mill academy a few years ago. Mrs. Porter was the grandmother of Miss Clara Sledge, teacher of the intermediate department of the graded school in this place, and was an aunt of Mrs. D. G. Kimbrell. The remains of Mrs. Porter were interred in Pleasant Hill cemetery yesterday.

**Large Brick Plant to be Located Here.**

An enterprise which will doubtless mean much for Fort Mill will be the establishment in the near future of the plant of the Charlotte Brick company on the lands of Capt. S. E. White, 2 miles south of this place, at the Dinkins' ferry railroad crossing. The stockholders of this company are Messrs. S. A. McNeish, B. D. Springs, T. B. Gautier and J. A. Villalonga, all of Charlotte. While in Fort Mill Monday in the interest of the enterprise, Mr. Gautier, who will be the general superintendent of the brickmaking, informed The Times man that his company will begin operations in this township as soon after the Southern railway passes through the town for them as

their machinery can be shipped from Gastonia. The output of the plant will be 100,000 bricks daily and the weekly pay rolls will amount to about \$1,000. Employment will be given to 75 hands.

**Shot Over a Game of Cards.**

Two negro men, Alex. Robinson and Calvin Jones, employed at the dam of the Catawba Power Company, became involved in a difficulty over a game of cards Friday evening and Robinson shot Jones in the head with a revolver. Jones' condition is regarded as serious. Robinson fled immediately after the shooting and has not been captured.

Festivals were held in the town hall Friday and Saturday nights by colored people. Intendant Grier stated Monday that the hall will not again be rented to colored people for that purpose.

Friends of the Fort Mill Light Infantry are invited to be present at the competitive drill which is to be held in Confederate park Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The drill is to be held for the purpose of awarding a vacant sergeancy to the corporal or private who shows the greatest proficiency in the manual of arms.

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**TAX RETURNS FOR 1901.**

OFFICE OF COUNTY AUDITOR OF YORK COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA. Yorkville, S. C., December 1, 1900. On January 2, 1901, the Auditor of York county will begin taking returns of personal property for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 1901. The law requires all persons to return all personal property in their possession on January 1, 1901, before the expiration of the time allowed, which is February 20, 1901, after which time the fifty per cent. penalty will attach to delinquents. All transfers of real estate since last return must be noted, as indicated on the blank return. All improvements by new building or otherwise must be given.

For the convenience of taxpayers, the auditor will make the following appointment to take returns: At Fort Mill, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the 22d, 23d and 24th days of January, 1901.

All males between the ages of 21 and 60 years, except ex-Confederate soldiers above the age of 50 years, are liable to a \$1 poll tax. As personal property is to be returned annually, no returns will be taken saying "same as last year," but must be itemized and sworn to.

Real estate being assessed only every four years, can be returned "same as last year," unless changes have been made since last return, such as buying, selling or improvements. Such changes are to be reported to the auditor.

W. W. BOYCE, County Auditor.

December 5, 1900.



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