

## Items of Local Interest

—Mr. L. J. Massey and family are now occupying their handsome new residence on Booth street.

—The two cotton mills in this place are idle this week. Notices posted in the mills say that work will be resumed on the 10th inst.

—The second ball team of Fort Mill again defeated the Waxhaw team on the local diamond Friday. The score was 14 to 8.

—Mr. S. P. Blankenship, one of the best known citizens of Gold Hill, is seriously ill at his home with what is thought to be typhoid fever.

—Work is progressing favorably on the residence of Mr. J. B. Mills on Confederate street. This residence, when completed, will be one of the handsomest in town.

—Watermelons are plentiful on the market, but have not yet reached the price where the small boy can get his "heart's desire" for a nickel.

—Miss Ella Stewart has recently added much to the appearance of her home on Confederate street by the erection of a nice long piazza and other additions to the house.

—Cotton may or may not fetch a good price this fall, but with good seasons during the next few weeks our farmers are going to have a lot of it to either sell or hold. The prospects for a bumper crop in this vicinity are excellent.

—Prof. Bauknight, the newly elected principal of the Fort Mill graded school, is expected here from Cokesbury this week. Prof. Bauknight and family will occupy the Barber cottage on Spratt street.

—Dr. S. E. Massey, Fort Mill's new physician who arrived several days ago, has fitted himself an office in the Bank building and is now ready for the practice of his profession.

—The annual reunion of the Spratt family was held yesterday at the home of Mr. A. S. White, 2 miles south of town. Among those present was Mr. A. W. Cockrell, Jr., of Jacksonville, Fla. Mr. Cockrell has in preparation a complete history of the family which will be issued in book form in the near future.

—The Fort Mill Light Infantry reached home Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the ten-day encampment at Chickamauga, Ga. There were no accidents or sickness among the men to mar the trip and all speak of the encampment as being one of the most successful yet held.

—The Fort Mill friends of Mr. Ward W. Pegram of Lancaster will be interested to learn that on August 1st he was promoted to the position of conductor on the L. & C. railroad. Mr. Pegram has been with this railroad for several years in the capacity of clerk and his recent promotion is a just reward for his faithful and efficient work.

—Lieut. S. W. Parks and Sergts. J. M. White and D. V. Epps, of the Fort Mill Light Infantry, left Monday evening for Charleston to take part in the regimental rifle shoot. From this contest will be selected a team to represent the State in the national shoot to take place at Camp Perry, Ohio, in the near future.

### News Notes From Pineville.

The handsome new Baptist church, which has recently been completed at Flint Hill was the scene of a large gathering yesterday to witness the marriage of Mr. Koker Merritt and Miss Ammie Davis. The decorations consisted of ferns entirely and formed a bower of lovely greenery against the background of which the young couple took their vows. Messrs. Will McLelland, Charlie Boyd, Charlton Smith and Rufus Boyd were the ushers, Miss Minnie Garrison was the maid of honor, and Mr. R. M. Pound, of Charlotte, was the groom's best man. Mrs. E. S. Reaves played Mendelssohn's wedding march as the bridal party entered the church and the Rev. E. S. Reaves performed the marriage ceremony.

Miss Minnie Garrison left this morning for Toronto, Canada. Miss Garrison had decided on this trip some time ago but deferred it to be present at her cousin's marriage.

The new church at Flint Hill has been erected quite near the site occupied by the old church, which has been purchased by Mr. A. B. Bailes. Workmen are busily engaged in tearing down and hauling away the timbers of the sacred old edifice and many of the old time members in viewing the scene yesterday turned away with tears in their eyes and said that while they rejoiced to see a better and more commodious house of worship, yet it gave them a heartache to see the old one go. —Correspondence Charlotte Chronicle.

### Pleasant Valley News.

Farmers are through work and have nothing to do except to drink cider, go to picnics, and talk politics.

The Baptists are having a few days' preaching at Pleasant Valley church. Rev. Bivens, of Monroe, is assisting in the meeting.

Mr. Windle, of Gold Hill passed through Monday collecting toll for threshing.

Mr. Squires, of Columbia, spent Sunday in this place.

Mrs. Howard and sister, Miss Nan Howard, returned to their home at Concord, after spending a few days with Mrs. O. W. Potts.

Miss McAlister, of Gastonia, and Miss Kate Crawford, of Due West, are visiting Miss Edna Harris.

Miss Lula Squire, of Columbia, is expected to visit the Misses Harris this week.

Misses Helen Heath, of Charlotte, and Mary Harris, of Asheville, are visiting relatives in Pleasant Valley.

Mrs. R. M. Bickett, of Charlotte, is visiting at Mr. D. O. Potts' this week.

The Misses Hood, of Fort Mill, are spending a few days with relatives here.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ferguson was buried at Pleasant Hill Sunday.

Miss Pearl Bickett of this place has been sick for the past few days.

Mr. S. E. Bailes will address the Pleasant Hill Sunday school next Sunday evening.

Mr. D. O. Potts has purchased a canning outfit and is now busily engaged canning fruit, etc., for himself and neighbors.

J. O. H.

### Old Maud Liveth.

Gold Hill, Aug. 4.

Editor Times: I have just read in the Yorkville Enquirer of July 31 an article on roads by a one-time Reformer and I think he is a reformer yet of roads and road laws. He is evidently trying to reform his former Reform brethren to the Saye road law, but if there is anything in the signs of the times, he will have a warm time reforming his old-time brethren to such a law. I am free to admit that the Senator has given us a pretty general account of roads and road laws from the time Adam toddled up and down the spring path that Eve had made and dodged the stumps because they were cut rather high for his steam wagon. Next he gives us a lot of information about the road leading to the Eternal City built by the Imperial Master, and last, but not least, the road to be built to Yorkville. Old-time brother, your argument has two sides to it, and we can't tell which from either. If this law is what it is claimed to be, why did someone say that he would not be in the race this year, or words to that effect?

Mr. Editor I thought I would close, but one of the "boys" has just come in from the political pasture and reports that a very sad accident has happened. A neighbor was coming through the lot and mentioned the Saye road law, and Old Maud, the old devil, fired away and kicked him 400 yards. As luck would have it she struck him where there were no bones. I am sorry of the accident for I have told the boys to be careful with Old Maud. We have had her rough shod and the old devil is fat and sleek and wants to kick. I am trying my best to hold her but I am satisfied I can't hold her longer than the 7th. Then we will turn her over to the politicians, or turn the politicians over to the tender mercies of Old Maud, and if it is the latter, there will be turning some. Tillmanite.

### Young Farmer Meets Tragic Death.

J. Louis Williamson, a prosperous young farmer of this county, was shot and mortally wounded Friday night by L. H. Garrison, the shooting occurring at the Garrison home at Gray Court, a community settlement in Laurens county. Williamson died about three hours after he was shot.

The circumstances attending the shooting, as gathered from press reports, were about like this: Louis Williamson had for some months devoted his attentions to Miss Mary Garrison, the daughter of the man by whom he was shot. The young people were engaged and were making preparations for the marriage early in the fall, the young man having talked the matter over with his father and made arrangements to rent a part of his father's farm. Thursday evening Williamson left his home in the Bethesda section, near Rock Hill, to visit his fiancée. He spent the night with his brother in Rock Hill and went to Gray Court on Friday. In the evening the young man called upon Miss Garrison at her home. About 11 o'clock Mr. Garrison, the young lady's father, went on the piazza for water. Observing the young people in the parlor, he concluded from appearances that the young man was not acting as he should and fired upon him with a shot-

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gun. Williamson lived about 3 hours, as stated, and was conscious until a short time before he expired. The remains were brought to the home of the deceased in this county for burial.

Garrison, the slayer, went to Laurens early Saturday morning and surrendered to the sheriff. He has since been released upon a bond of \$1,000.

Louis Williamson was a son of Mr. J. L. Williamson, one of the county's foremost men.

A negro named Jack Nisbet was shot and instantly killed at Great Falls last Saturday by Policeman Smyrrh, while resisting arrest on the charge of gambling. The ball, which was fired from a pistol of large calibre, is said to have entered the back of the head and passed out through the forehead.

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