

## SHORT ITEMS of INTEREST to TIMES READERS.

There remains but nine more days to do your Xmas shopping.

Mrs. E. R. Patterson and little son left Fort Mill Wednesday evening for Clio, Laurens county, where they will visit the family of Dr. D. C. Barber.

W. P. Crayton left Fort Mill Monday evening for Charleston, where he represents the local lodge of Masons in the annual meeting of the State grand lodge which is now in session in the City by the Sea.

According to the government's census giving report, issued Friday, 12, 814,882 bales of the 1911 crop were ginned to December 1, as compared with 10,189,712 bales on the same date in 1910.

In the published list of high schools of the State to receive State aid next year is found the Fort Mill high school, which will again receive \$500. The total amount of the State appropriation to high schools for 1912 is \$60,000.

The first official estimate of the cotton crop of 1911, issued from Washington Monday, places the crop at 14,885,000 bales of 500 pounds each. Heretofore the record cotton crop was that of the year 1904, when 13,438,012 bales were grown.

In a letter to his father in this city, a student of Clemson college writes that there are at present upwards of 150 cases of mumps in that institution and that from 10 to 15 new cases are developing daily.

John Ferguson, a white farmer 79 years of age, was struck and instantly killed Sunday afternoon by a Seaboard passenger train near Catawba Junction in York county. Ferguson, who was very deaf, was walking along the railroad and did not hear the approach of the train.

Contractor Hoke Smith has all but completed a nice six room cottage for J. J. Bailes on the latter's lot on White street. The house, when finished, will be occupied by Mr. Will Carothers, land overseer for the Southern Power company, who will move his family from the vicinity of the power dam.

The Rev. S. P. Hair, together with the delegates from the Fort Mill and Flint Hill Baptist churches, returned Saturday morning from Greenwood, where they attended the annual meeting of the State Baptist convention. The 1912 meeting will be held at Abbeville.

The announcement is made that the unveiling of the State monument to the Women of the Confederacy, which was to have taken place today, the 14th, in Columbia, has been postponed for a short time on account of a delay in the shipment from Europe of the bronze group which will cap the pedestal.

John Neal, a mill man of Rock Hill, was found helpless and almost unconscious Thursday in a patch of woods near the Manchester mill. At the Rock Hill hospital it was found that Neal's wounds were quite serious. It was believed that he was assaulted by two white men who got out of the community immediately afterward.

Only 19 days remain in which to secure registration certificates entitling you to participate in the regular municipal election in January or other elections which may be called in Fort Mill within the next two years. The requirements to register are that you present a county certificate and poll tax receipt for 1910. The books are open at the First National bank.

Word comes from Rock Hill that the last rail on the electric street car track in that city has been laid, completing the line from beyond Winthrop college through the city to the Highland Park mill. The cars have not yet reached Rock Hill, but it is believed that they will reach the city in time to give the people trolley service by Christmas.

R. E. Brown, a well known citizen of Rock Hill, has been announced as a candidate for the position of secretary to the State railroad commission, made vacant by the death last week of Tony Lumpkin, who had held the place for about three years. Mr. Brown is said to have been strongly endorsed for the place by the chamber of commerce and influential citizens of Rock Hill.

Interest was lacking in the election Thursday upon the question of issuing bonds in the sum of \$4,000 for street improvements, there being only 15 "yes" cast. Of these, 13 were for the bonds and two against the issue. It is likely, however, that work on the street paving will be commenced before the early spring as winter weather is not suited to the putting down of such material.

**Pineville Man an Inventor.**  
Mr. Hailton M. Stroup, of Pineville, recently secured from the government patent office in Washington official approval of his gin-saw cleaner, an invention which gives promise of being a great value to ginners throughout the country. Mr. Stroup has been in the ginning business for 12 years and is a ginner of experience. He has always felt the need of a gin-saw cleaner and has been working on his present invention for the past three years. He has a perfect working model at his place at Pineville, which will be of interest to all those concerned in the business. The invention is said to do in the minute what 30 men are required to do in the same length of time. It can be used when wet cotton is being ginned and when the throat of the saw teeth are clogged with the damp staple. It does the work effectively and at a time when the service is most needed.

**What the Methodists Are Doing.**  
At the late conference of the Methodist church at Bennettsville the Rev. J. C. Chandler, statistical secretary, reported, which contained the following interesting information: Preachers, 70; members, 91; gain over last year, 1,679; infants baptized, 2,232; adults baptized, 1,000; worth leagues, 102 senior and 71 junior; number of Sunday schools, 71; number of scholars, 58,926; income over last year, 4,201; amount paid for annuities, \$10,600; amount for foreign, \$24,038.55; domestic, \$2,734.55; special for missions, \$7,734.55; church extension, \$8,870.57; church social, \$28,908.96; president, \$28,908.96; pastors, \$213,000; deacons, \$3,381.17.

Fort Mill church, 764; number of scholars, 51; value of churches, \$1,981; value of parsonages, 209; value of parsonages, \$1,550; educational property, \$35,900; Wofford college, \$356,900; Columbia college, \$218,450; Lander college, \$1,000,000.

## Locations of Former Fort Mill Pastors.

Believing that it will be of interest to Fort Mill people generally to know where the former pastors of the Fort Mill Methodist church for the last few years will be located next year, The Times below publishes the appointments of these along with a few others who are well known here, as announced by the recent conference at Bennettsville: J. C. Chandler, Lowndesville; F. G. Whitlock, Cokesbury; W. M. Owings, South Greer; S. J. Betha, Blenheim; J. I. Spinks, Bucksville; W. C. Owens, North Mullins; R. A. Yongue, East Chester.

## Governor Blease Visited Washington.

Governor Cole L. Blease was in Washington last week attending the National Rivers and Harbors Congress. He visited the capitol and saw most of the members of the South Carolina delegation and was introduced to a number of prominent Democratic leaders, including House Leader Underwood. He told Mr. Underwood that he would be for him for president if he thought a man from the South could be elected. The senate was not in session, but the Governor took a look at the senate chamber and remarked that he would have a seat in it. He went to Baltimore Thursday to attend the irrigation conference.

## Four Governors in Seven Months.

When Jos. M. Brown is inaugurated governor of Georgia for the second time on January 24 or 25, 1912, Georgia will have had four separate gubernatorial administrations within the past seven months. Until July 1, 1911, Joe Brown was governor. Then Hoke Smith was inaugurated and served until he resigned on November 16. He was succeeded by John M. Slaton, the present governor, who will retire upon the inauguration of Joe Brown in January. That's some record for a single State.

## 1911 a Curious Year.

Nineteen hundred and eleven will be remembered as one of the strangest agricultural years ever known in this section of the South, says the Barnwell People. Farmers of long experience have noted that it is an unusual good fortune to make on Barnwell lands, as a whole, full crops of corn and cotton the same year. If the rainfall is all that corn requires it is too much for cotton, which is a sun plant that needs and rejoices in dry weather. While the average corn crop of the county has been disappointing some farmers have made the largest yields of their lives. The Williamson plan of crowding the stand and fertilizing with a lavish hand has been well told, a general failure, while the old-fashioned way of giving good distance and using little commercial fertilizer has been as generally satisfying. These results have been manifest on the same farms, the pet, well fed acres having produced only nubbins, and not too many of them, while the unfertilized fields with their five foot rows have borne crops like they did in old times, or even better.

## Georgia Lad Broke Corn Record.

Ben Leath, a Walker county, Georgia, lad, has this year broke the corn record of that State by raising 226 bushels and 26 pounds on one acre of ground, and realizing therefrom the enormous profit of \$197.57. How Leath managed to break the record is told as follows by the Atlanta Georgian of a few days ago:

Leath used an acre of sandy loam three feet deep with a red clay subsoil. The land had been farmed continuously for 50 years and the average production of corn in Walker county is only 30 bushels to the acre. Wheat had been grown on the acre in 1910. He broke his acre of land eighteen inches deep on January 30, and planted his corn on April 24, using the Hastings Prolific variety. His rows were three feet four inches apart, the plant in drills nine inches apart. He used as fertilizer what is known as "104-2 guano 600."

A good stand resulted. The first plowing was with a long "scoter," and afterward he used a Junior cultivator five times during the season. Only a small percentage of cut bud worms were present and very little damage resulted.

## A Former Fort Millian Writes.

Edgewood, S. C. Dec. 11.—Cold weather has begun to make itself known in this section. Several heavy frosts and ice in our basins assure us that old father Winter is on his yearly round. In some places the cotton has all been picked, in others scarcely any.

I looked in vain for a good turnout from Fort Mill on Thursday of fair week, but was disappointed. The fair was a very good show. Some of the exhibits made one wish for a life on the farm, where good things to eat can be raised in plenty and fresh from the field to the kitchen.

Cows and hogs made a fine appearance; and one Jersey bull weighed twenty-six hundred pounds, while a hog weighed about a thousand. A very large sow with seven pigs as big as common shoats elevated the calling of a swineherd. Some time ago, having heard of a cow that was bought by a private family for one hundred and fifteen dollars, I paid her cowship a visit. When in flesh she weighed eleven hundred and sixty pounds, but was not taller than the average cow because her one-eighth Creep (or Guinea) blood showed itself prominently in shortness of limb. The balance (Jersey) was evidenced all about. I was curious to know why her owner should pay such a price when as good milkers could be had for half the money, or little more. He saw that this cow's reputation would sell her offspring at good prices where others just as good, not having the reputation, would not be so profitable. So there is an investment side to the cattle business as well as to real estate.

There has been a change at the Confederate Infirmary brought about by the death of Commandant Mixson, who died on 6th of last month. His adjutant, Mr. Wise, is now carrying on the business for other parties. It is hoped that Mr. Wise will do well in the position. Some veterans have died lately; but not many; the deaths, for six months, beginning in March last, occurred at the rate of twenty-five per cent. per annum. Pneumonia swept them off very fast just on the change from winter to spring weather, when great care is needed in regulating the temperature of the home.

Some people, who raise three or four bales of cotton in these sandhills, are too rich at least they and their families (numbering five or six in some cases) have failed to gather the crop so far. Still no grain-sowing has occupied their time, nor is the corn housed. They live and breathe. Is not that sufficient?

I wish I could meet some of my old friends—Splinter among them—and swap experiences. Maybe it will come some day. Very truly yours, Sam F. Massey.

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## Tax Returns For 1912.

Office of the County Auditor of York County, South Carolina.

Yorkville, S. C., December 1, 1911. As required by statute my books will be opened at my office in Yorkville on Monday, January 1, 1912, and kept open until February 20, 1912, for the purpose of listing for taxation all Personal and Real Property held in York county on January 1, 1912.

All returns must be made in regular form and it is preferable that they be made by the property owner in person to me or my assistant, direct, on blanks provided for the purpose. The returns must be duly sworn to either before me or my assistant, or some other officer qualified to administer an oath.

All items of realty, whether farms, or town lots, must be listed separately. Returns made on proper blanks, and sworn to before an officer qualified to administer an oath and forwarded to me by registered mail before February 20, 1912, will be accepted.

All taxpayers are particularly requested to inform themselves as to the number of their respective school districts, and where they have property in more than one school district, they will please make separate returns indicating the location of each piece of property. The school districts in which there are special levies are as follows:

Nos. 22, 23 and 27, in Bethel township; Nos. 6, 13, 14, 24, 25, 33 and 43 in Bethesda township; Nos. 9, 20, 33, 40 and 44 in Broad River township; Nos. 9, 15, 20, 38 and 48 in Bullock's Creek township; Nos. 12, 45 and 46 in Catawba township; Nos. 7, 12, 32, 35, 36 and 43 in Ebenezer township; Nos. 28 and 39, in Fort Mill township; Nos. 2, 21, 22, 37, 41, 44 and 49 in King's Mountain township; Nos. 11, 20, 21, 33, 35, 42, 43, 47, 48 and 49 in York township.

For the purpose of facilitating the taking of returns, and for the greater convenience of taxpayers, I will be at the following places on the dates named:

At Bethany, (McGill's Store), Monday, January 1.  
At Clover, on Tuesday and Wednesday, January 2 and 3.  
At Bethel, (Ford, Barnett & Co's Store), Thursday, January 4.  
At Bandana, (Perry Ferguson's Store) on Friday, January 5.  
At Point, (at Harper's) on Saturday, January 6.

At Smyrna, on Monday, January 8.

At Hickory Grove, on Tuesday and Wednesday, January 9 and 10.

At Sharon, on Thursday and Friday, January 11 and 12.

At Bullock's Creek, (Good's Store), on Saturday, January 13.

At Tirzah, on Monday, January 15.

At Newport, on Tuesday, January 16.

At Fort Mill, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, January 17, 18 and 19.

At McConellsville, on Monday, January 22.

At Ogden, on Tuesday, January 23.

At Coates's Tavern, (Roddy's) on Wednesday, January 24.

At Rock Hill, from Thursday, January 25, to Wednesday, January 31.

And at Yorkville from Thursday, February 1, until Tuesday, February 20.

All males between the ages of twenty-one and sixty years, except Confederate soldiers over the age of fifty years, are liable to a poll tax of \$1, and all persons so liable are especially requested to give the numbers of their respective school districts in making

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Rugs, 75c to.....	8.75
Blankets, per pair, \$5.00 to.....	8.00
Counterpanes, each, \$1.00 to.....	2.50
Table Linen, per yard, 30c to.....	1.00
Napkins, per dozen, 75c to.....	3.00
Towels, each, 10c to.....	.50
Pictures, each, 10c to.....	.50
Statuary, per piece, \$1.25 to.....	4.00
Suit Cases, \$1.50 to.....	5.00
Gloves, per pair, 25c to.....	1.50
Umbrellas, \$1.00 to.....	3.50
House Slippers, pair, \$1.00 to.....	1.50
Long and Short Kimonos, 50c to.....	1.00
Sweaters, for men, women and children, 50c to.....	2.50
Shirt Waists, silk, net and cotton, \$1.00 to.....	3.50
Silk Undershirts, \$3.00 and.....	4.00
Newport Shawls, 25c, 50c, 75c and.....	1.00
Aviation Caps, 50c and.....	1.00
Marabout Neck Pieces, \$3.00, \$4.00 and.....	5.00
Ladies' Collars, 25c to.....	.50
Ladies' Handkerchiefs, 5c to.....	.50
Men's Handkerchiefs, 5c to.....	.25
Men's Ties, 25c to.....	.50

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## Xmas Gifts.

You will not be long in finding just the present you want to give, for our Xmas Gift department is brimming full of appropriate things at prices that will surprise you. Big lot of fancy china and glassware, salad dishes, cups and saucers, vases, plates, jewel boxes, cake sets, sugar and cream sets, celery dishes, pitchers, bread and butter plates, bowls, individual salts, celery dips, pickle dishes, notions and fancy goods, towels, table linen, work bags, handkerchiefs, center pieces, bureau scarfs, toques, aviator caps, ties, hand bags of all kinds, barrettes, hat pins, belt buckles, blankets, umbrellas, etc., etc.

In addition to the holiday stock, we are offering at Holiday prices a complete line of Dress Goods, Outing Flannel, Gingham, Underwear, Warner's and Kabo Corsets, Hosiery, Shirts, Sweaters, Caps, Coat Suits, Skirts, Cloaks, Men's Clothing, Rubbers, and Shoes to fit all sizes of feet.

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