

Correspondence.

GOLD KNOB.

We have received a much needed rain which was greatly appreciated.

Messrs. McCarn, Chal and Jno. Morgan, of near Poole, have formed a saw mill company and are now sawing on the lands of E. A. Goodman, at this place.

Mrs. Jno. L. Waller has been confined to her bed for a week, is convalescing we are glad to note.

The Barger-Trexler Threshing Machine Company is slashing things through herethis week.

Capt. J. M. Proctor has moved his family from here to Gold Hill to reside for awhile.

There will not be any session of school at the Barger School House this summer. The work of overhauling the present building and adding a wing to it will soon begin. It is the purpose of the committee and patrons to have a better school service in the future than they have had in the past. It is to be hoped that the patrons will respond liberally and make a beautiful well-kept building, and thus offer some inducement to the children to attend and to have a pride for their "center of education." No doubt after the building is finished, or in the near future, the Jr. O. U. A. M., will raise the stars and stripes and present this school with a handsome Bible, the ownership of which any school should be proud.

Mrs. Elizabeth Barger, nee Brown, was born April 5, 1887, and departed this life July 24, aged 70 years, 8 months and 19 days.

Mrs. Barger was the wife of Andrew Barger, of this community, and was one of the oldest ladies in the neighborhood. She was married to Mr. Barger many years ago and to this happy union four children were born, two preceded her to the grave, when in their infancy, and two are living, Messrs. Paul and Thos. Barger. Mrs. Barger was baptized in her infancy in old Union church, later she connected herself with St. Peter's church, of which she has been a regular and consistent member up to her death. Her death was caused by paralysis, of which she has been a sufferer for three years, during which time she has often prayed for death to relieve her of her suffering. Although in feeble health her death was not looked for so early. Last Wednesday morning she suffered a stroke which rendered her unconscious and from which she never rallied, dying at three o'clock in the afternoon. She was laid to rest on Thursday at two o'clock in St. Peter's cemetery, Rev. J. A. Linn officiating. We mourn, but not as those who have no hope.

FAITH.

July 29th.

J. L. Elliott, of Auburn, Ill., a former Rowan county boy, is on a visit to his relatives. He at one time worked at Faith in the Quarries, cutting granite. He is now in business in Illinois and doing well.

J. D. A. Fisher shipped a carload of millstones today to Alabama.

Sidney Wyatt came up from Pooltown Saturday to visit his father, C. C. Wyatt.

Mrs. James A. Ritchie is having strawberries and has been having them off and on ever since the middle of April. Two crops on one set of vines. Who can beat that?

A large crowd is expected in Faith at the educational rally on next Saturday, August the 3d. Speaking to commence at 10:30 a. m.

The Earnhardt Traction Threshing Machine Co., passed through Faith on its route, with the owners, W. S. Earnhardt, N. B. Drury, W. A. Agner, M. A. Cauble and L. I. Cauble. They are doing a big business this year. I have a list of the names on the route where they threshed and made away with chicken and other good things. Must I give the names in the next issue?

VENUS

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GOLD HILL.

July 29th.

Fred Downes, who has been taking a ten-day's vacation, has returned from New York.

Richard Williams and his niece, Miss Forest, are visiting friends here.

Gideon Troutman, who has been working on the railroad in Western North Carolina, was brought home a corpse last week. It is said he died of typhoid fever.

Richard Small's little baby boy died last Friday night after a protracted illness and was laid to rest on Sunday in the Gold Hill cemetery.

Our little town, from some cause or other, is suffering from an epidemic of typhoid fever, there are at this time fifteen cases all in the lower or southern end of Gold Hill. Evidently there is something wrong with the water used for drinking purposes, which should be looked into by the city fathers. The wells should all be cleaned out, as contaminated drinking water is one of the common causes of typhoid fever.

Frank Small is in town with his threshing machine. He threshed for Thomas Moyle over three hundred bushels of oats and 100 bushels of wheat. He has a new machine and is doing good work.

There will be a ten-days meeting at the Apostolic Holiness church, commencing the first Sunday in August. Three preachers from Greensboro are expected here to conduct the meeting.

Daniel Eagle visited this burg with his "Fun Day" washing machine today. He is canvassing the county, he says he is selling quite a lot of them. They seem to be constructed on scientific principles and do good work. A child can operate one of them.

W. F. Leonard had his corn crib blown down by the storm Friday evening, also his corn was badly tangled he says. MIKE.

ST. MATTHEW'S.

The health of our community is not very good as there is considerable sickness around.

Mrs. J. Knox Stoner is on the sick list, but we hope she may soon be out again.

Gaither, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Stoner, has been very sick, but is improved at this writing.

Farmers are all about through laying-by corn and cotton.

David L. Hoffner visits down on the Yadkin river once and awhile and some times twice in awhile.

We have heard that Frank Brady has the best milch cow in this community. They say she gives seven gallons of milk per day.

Dowie Stoner has been right sick with chills and fever, but is better now.

Miss Essie V. Cross returned to her home in Davidson last Thursday after spending a week with her brother in Rowan.

Will Casper has helped thresh more wheat than any one in this community. He says he likes it.

Mrs. J. L. Reid has been having the chills, but is better now.

Rumor says people in Morgan township are making a big come out. One man walked three miles and carried a cat to another man and received 10 cents for the cat. If any one can beat this, let us hear from you.

H. M. Starnes, W. M. Wyatt, L. D. Linn and Dave Morgan went seining in second creek last Saturday afternoon. We have not heard whether they caught anything but water or not.

John Miller is one of our best farmers, he made 309 bushels of wheat. Pretty good, John.

We saw last week that Brother Wild Bill said he thought that something was wrong with Bro. Itemizer in regard to those potatoes, and said that he had larger ones than that. But Wild Bill don't know that Clown has got "taters" too. Of course they are pretty good size, but they have plenty of room.

Chas. Stoner is wearing a 2x4 smile. It's a girl. CLOWN.

DUNN'S MOUNTAIN.

July 29th.

This section was visited by a wind storm which blew the corn down and left it in bad shape.

Henry Keeler is improving and we hope to see him up and about in a short time.

Mrs. M. J. Cauble has rented her farm to Jas. Horah.

It is a bad trait in a man who will abuse, curse and accuse a woman of wronging him out of his part of a crop when he is by and helps divide the crop in the field. We have such men around here.

Geel! But didn't Bro. Lee spread himself. He must be an expansionist. He starts a long lecture and as a subject selects yours truly, Bro. Bartlette. Well, he has hit the wrong nail. Of course Lee can express his views, but when he quotes us we want him not to misconstrue our meaning. We say it again, the farmer will not stick as a body. How about the farmers alliance? We did the farmer no injustice when we said he could be the backbone of the world. We still say it and more, if he would only hold together he could be as strong, or stronger, than any other combine in the world. Now Bro. Lee has very grossly insulted every farmer by saying he is looked upon as a "weak and ignorant degraded class" by some people. Anybody that is anything or has any principles himself, does not belong to that class. As far as making corn and wheat by machinery, from what we can learn our big farms are practically run by machinery in some form. Reapers, mowers, cultivators, harrows, disc plows and steam plows in places. As for our daily bread, anyone knows, Lee and most of us, like white flour and of course go to the best improved mills. So of course it takes the farm and machinery to get the bread. The farmer can live in a mansion, he can wear the best of clothes, and have money in the bank. Of all human beings the farmer could and should be the strongest body of men in the world if he would only hold together. He could control the cotton and other farm produce. As it is, he takes what he can get for his produce. Bro. Lee making a mistake when he says that we tried to organize a threshing men's union. We were not the originator of that scheme, but can name the parties, if it be necessary. The farmer should live honest and all that, and should fulfill the scriptures. We too know he earns his bread by hard work and sweat, and should not be ashamed to offer thanks, but how many ever think of this? There are some who do, and some who do not. BARTLETTE.

CHRISTIANA.

July 29th.

The farmer who is the freest and happiest man God ever saw fit to create, is now patiently awaiting the fruits of his labors.

The storm which passed through here last Thursday and Friday did considerable damage. The new house which Sidney Lyerly is erecting was blown off the foundation, trees were uprooted, fences blown down, shingles torn off houses and blown a great distance and much of the corn was either broken off or left in a tangled condition. There was much hail in many places.

The joint annual picnic between Christians and Union will be held at Christiansa Saturday, August the 10th.

Everybody is cordially invited to hear the St. Marions debate Saturday evening, August 3rd.

The Missionary Day exercises at Christiansa Sunday were very good. Rev. Dr. Kinard, of Salisbury, who made the missionary address made a very eloquent plea in behalf of our foreign missionary work.

George Boger, of Mt. Pleasant, is teaching a subscription school at Rowan Academy.

The ball game between Biltmore and Gold Knob resulted in favor of Biltmore.

Miss Mary Holshouser, of Crescent, is teaching school at Organ Church.

We wish to correct one of our items of last week which said that L. A. Thomas had fallen asleep while sitting in a rocking chair—he was only playing "possum."

We notice that the papers are giving an excuse for the farmers not taking their blackberries to town that they were alarmed about a false report of a \$50 fine for selling berries in Salisbury. This is a mistake, the farmer has only learned that it pays best to eat what he can and can what he can't.

Pa vobiscum, Bro. Lee, you are right about the farmer being the backbone of our country. Although we are enjoying those great God-given rights, such as freedom and self-government. Yet if we want to remain so we must profit from the sad history of other countries and join ourselves together, lest the pathetic stories of ancient oppression, such as the early history of Rome and France hands down to us, shall again darken the pages of history. Labor must be united if it is to withstand successfully the assaults of united capital. The farmers can never be a power as long as they remain divided. It is true that the farmer is the life of a nation, and that nations have fallen because this life was crushed by being divided, yet there are reasons for thinking that history will repeat itself, and we be made to suffer because we would not unite and work together.

XERXES.

"Oh! for a New Cuss Word."

This is what the old man wrote to the youth at college: "Dear William—As long as you're thar, be shore and larn all the language you kin. I've sworn at the mule till I've worn the American-language to a frazzle, an' I think if I could jes' surprise him with some new cuss words maybe he'd pull the plow later. Help me out, William, fer this old mule has done worn me out!"

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