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CANNING AND TRUCKING.

Crops Looking Well-Farming on the Increase-Live News Notes From Worth.

Correspondence of The Gazette. WORTH, June 26 .- The Harden Mill boys won another game Saturday when they played the Stanley Creek team on the Harden grounds. The score stood 8 to 3 in favor of Harden. This is the fourth game they have won this season and have not lost any as there have been only four games played. While there has not been a hired player on the Har-den team this year we think the boys are doing pretty well. Mr. High Beal, of Lincolnton, was down to see old homefolks Saturday.

-Mr. Harris Hovis, who is with J. M. Scott & Co., of Charlotte, is tak-ing his vacation here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Hovis .- Mr. and Mrs. Junius Costner are going to house keeping near his old home this week .- Mrs. O. D. Carpenter has been suffering from an attack of appendicitis the past week. She better now.

Rev. Luther Carpenter filled the appointment of Rev. Mr. Senter at St. Paul's Sunday. Rev. Mr. Senter conducted the funeral services of a little child of Mr. Sidney Carpenter in the Beaverdam settlement.

Crops in this vicinity are looking very well considering the dry weather. There has not been enough rain yet we think but we have been bless-

ed with a few very good raibs. The little boy of Rev. Mr. Senter, who was struck by lightning a few weeks ago, is improving and getting along airight.-Mrs. John A. Friday is unwell at present .- Mr. Quince Rhyne came near having a serious accident last Saturday night when he was returning from an ice cream supper. His horse walked off the road into a deep gully pulling the buggy in with it. Quince managed to fall out and landed about twenty feet from the buggy. The horse broke loose from the buggy and took the shafts with it.

Farming is growing more interesting in this section than ever be-Our farmers are taking a fore. great deal of interest in their work and we have some of the finest crops that have ever been raised. Mr. O. D. Carpenter raised about 50 tons of hay last year and this year he will have something over that amount. The hay was sold to the merchants of Gaston county. While the hay was not considered as good as timothy, this year he has been trying some especially mixed goods and the crop is fine and yielding good returns. It is surprising to know the amount of corn and feedstuff that has been shipped in this community for the past lew years but this year most all the farmers have grown enough of the feeds for their own use and will have some to sell. While the amount of feeds for their table and stock are being supplied they are raising more ottor and better cotton.' We are glad to see this as it will be a great advantage to the community for it keeps all the money at home and brings more in. If the farmers keep up the movement of interest that they are working now It will be a great thing for the community. The land is being better prepared and deeper and more thorough plowing is being done within the past year than ever before. We have been of the opinion that there is no better community for success in the country anywhere than right here and now we believe the people are beginning to believe this and are going down after it and they are getting results. We notice quite a good deal of writing recently about the canning business. We have two men in our community who have for the past two or three years been making a right nice sum on the side from their farm canning tomatoes. Messrs W. N. Black and son, V. L. Black, at this place, canned last year something over 3,000 cans tomatoes and about 1,000 cans peaches and beans. They sold most of their output to the Harden Manufacturing Company, who gave them from 90 cents to \$1 per dozen for the tomatoes. Now this side issue was like picking up money for their labor as compared with some crops, but it was not all profit by a good deal. They figure the goods costs them as near as they can get at it, about 5 or 6 cents a can to get them on the market considering that the cans cost about 2 cents, the tomatoes and work of canning about 3 or 4 cents, making a total of about 60 or 70 cents a dozen. These gentlemen did all the work themselves with the help of their familles. This is not all these gentlemen are doing in the way of trucking. They, last year, raised something over 1,000 bushels of sweet potatoes and received from them a price of about 50 and 60 cents a bushel. having sold them to the Harden Manufacturing Company and to the High Shoals Company. Now, while they do not consider this much, we think this is a pretty good showing for trucking business for two men in this community. Messrs, Black had no trouble to Sunday with his parents, Mr. and get rid of their goods as the mer- | Mrs. W. L. Gallant.

handled chants mentioned above their output and could have handled

more should they have made more. Mr. Black tells us the work was done while nothing on the farm could have been done as only spare time was used as the other work was through. We consider this a worthy example because the work was god Many people received the work. and were pleased because goods these people believe in putting the quality in the cans which repeated the sale when once used. These gentlemen are going to try the business again this year but not on so marge a scale as the plants were a failure to a certain extent as the dry weather cut them off.

CLOVER CULLINGS.

Correspondence of The Gavette. CLOVER, S. C., June 23 .- At a recent meeting of the board of trustees of Clover High School Prof. J. Harvey Spann was re-elected as principal for the next term and we understand he has accepted, much to the gratification of the patrons of the school.

Miss Edna Clinton is visiting her uncle, Mr. M. C. Forbes, at Granite Falls, N. C.

Agreeable to a recommendation of the Home Mission Board of Bethel Presbytery the congregation of Clover Presbyterian church met on last Sabbath and agreed to a grouping with Bowling Green church at the same time amended the call of Clover church to read from full to one half time of Rev. H. J. Mills in order to place Mr. Mills in a position to accept a call from the Bowling Green chusch for one-half his time, this action was taken solely to comply with the recommendation of the Home Mission Board and not as evidence of a backward step of Clover church. Rev. and Mrs. E. K. Hardin, of Rock Hill, arrived in Clover Wed-nesday afternoon to visit Mr. Hardin's sister, Mrs. M. L. Smith, . and to attend the Caldwell-Wright wedding.

We are sorry to report that we are going to lose one of our most substantial and beloved citizens, Dr. R. M. Stevenson, he having accepted a call to Due West, and expects to move to that place the last of August. Clover regrets to lose Dr. Stevenson and his most estimable family, they having endeared themselves to the people of this section during his long and faithful pastorate of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church here. Clover's loss is Due West's gain. Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Pressly, their two daughters, Jean and Elsie, and Francis Smith left Thursday morning for a 'wo week's stay at Blowing Rock, N. C.

EFFECTS OF DROUGHT.

Cotton Crop Will be Only About Two-Thirds of an Average-Gazette Man visits One of Best Farms in This Section and Sees Conditions as They Are-Some Comparisons With Former Years.

While there is some slight differnce of opinion as to the exact per centage of the cotton crop which will be harvested this season in Gaston county, the most sanguine and optimistic farmers-and the best posted farmers-do not hope for more than 75 per cent of an average crop even provided the season from now on should be ideal. At this time the prospects for the crop generally over the county are, to quote one of the best and most successful cotton farmers in the county, the worst in 18 or 20 years. In that portion of the county south and southeast of Gastonia numbers of farmers are prepar-ing to plow up their cotton fields and replant them in corn, provided there is sufficient rain soon to guarantee

that the corn will come up. One good farmer south of town with 60 acres in cotton will replant the entire acreage in corn. He has practically no stand at all. In the northern half of the county, which however does not raise nearly so much cotton as the southern half, the prospects are better as there has been more rain. As is well-known the northern half of Gaston is devoted more especially to raising corn, wheat, etc., the lands being much better adapted to those crops than to cotton.

In company with Mr. J. Frank Me-Arver, superintendent of the Craig Wilson farms, The Gazette man had the pleasure this morning of driving over the "old farm" in the southeastern section of town. Mr. McArver has been with this firm for the, past eighteen years in the same capacity and has been unusually successful in building up their farm lands' and increasing the productivity thereof. In fact the Craig & Wilson farms are pointed out as models and it is looked upon as a settled fact that when crops are poor on their farms they are poor everywhere else in the county where the same season has prevailed. With an ideal season from now on till harvest time, Mr. McArver says they cannot make over half a crop. With 69 acres planted in cotton this year he does not hope to make over 50 bales. Last year, on this same farm, he made 77 bales on 57 acres. The best crop of cotton he has raised on this farm was one of 97 bales on 60 acres. Last year this farm produced \$150 worth to the acre, including corn and all other crops. Seventyfive bushels of corn to the acre is frequently raised on the farm. In the entire 150 acres the best section of cotton is one of six acres which was planted considerably earlier in the season than any of the rest, before the drought set in. On .h.s section the stand is good and the yield will be very nearly normal. One little half-acre patch which has the reputation of yielding a bale every year will this year produce less than a third of a bale. The effect of the dry weather is seen most forcibly on those few patches of ground where the soil is red. Under good weather conditions this soil is very pro-ductive; in fact it is richer than much of the sand soil. But this year there is hardly a stalk of cotton on any of the red land. It simply didn't come up and there is no prospect of it doing so now. If future weather conditions are good Mr. Mc-Arver inteffds to replant these few sections in corn. He has already replanted some places where the stand of cotton is exceedingly thin in peas. There is no better kept or better worked farm in Gaston county than this one. Weeds are an unknown quan tity and the entire farm looks as spick and span as if it were right out of a band box. This year, however, it looks distressingly void of vegeta-tion as compared with the average year. Mr. McArver gave it as his opinion that the county's cotton crop this year would not exceed two-thirds of an average crop and this opinion is shared by many of the best and most conservative farmers. Some place the estimate as high as three-fourths of a crop. Gaston county produces something like 14,-000 bales of the staple annually but if she produces this year 8,000 or 9,000 bales she will do well. No rain, barring a few light showers within the past week or two, has fal-len since the first of May. Mr. Mc-Arver said it had been the driest season he had experienced during the eighteen years he had been farming here.

tain Cotton Mills on South Fork of Catawha River and Leaves it in **Ruins-Loss Roughly Estimated at** \$25,000-Experts Now Engaged in Going Over Damaged Property-No Insurance-Is Plant That Furnishes Gastonia With Lights and Power-Will Rebuild at Once.

Lightning followed by fire completely destroyed the power plant of the Spencer Mountain Cotton Mills, located on the South Fork of the Catawba river, about seven miles northeast of Gastonia, Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The plant, which stood on the opposite side of the river from the company's cotton mill and half a mile or more down the river, is a mass of ruins and it will require a number of weeks to rebuild and re-equip it ready for starting up again. It is impossible to state exactly what the loss will be, though the officials of the company roughly estimate it at \$25,000, this sum representing the loss provided no part of the machinery is left in a usable condition. As to this they do not yet know. Experts are busy today going over and examining the transformers, dynamos, etc., with a view to ascertaining their exact condition.

Just how the bolt of lightning struck the building is not known. Mr. John Weaver, the engineer in charge was standing on a balcony on the outside of the building at the time. He does not know whether the lightning came in on the wires or whether it struck one of the nearby trees and jumped thence to the building. The bolt stunned him for the time being though he has recovered from the ill effects suffered. In a very short space of time the entire plant was ablaze with fire and burned so rapidly that nothing could be done to save it.

This plant was constructed by the Spencer Mountain Mills in 1906 at a cost of \$25,000 or \$30,000. Its full capacity is 1,000 horse-power, though under the average water conditions only about 750 to 800 horsepower was developed regularly, this being more than the company had contracts to deliver. In addition to furnishing the motive power for the Spencer Mountain Mills, the plant also furnished all the electricity used in the town of Gastonia for lighting and for motive power for the small plants in town. The city has a contract with the company for a stipulated amount of power. It also furnished power for the 'Holland and Clara Mills in Gastonia. While hampered somewhat by the loss of its power plant the Spencer Mountain 'Mills are running a part of their machinery with power secured from the Southern Power Company which enables them to take care of orders in process of filling. It is probable that arrangements will be made to secure the necessary power from the Southern Power Company with which to operate until their own plant is rebuilt. The city is being taken care of in this regard by the Southern Power Company with which the Spencer Mountain Mills has a primary contract. On account of this disaster the Clara Mill here is temporarily idle. The Dunn Mill, however, which has a contract direct with the Southern Power Company is running as usual and will continue to do so. Soon after the news of the disaster reached Gastonia Friday afternoon a number of Gastonians went to Spencer Mountain to take a look at the havoc wrought by the angry elements.

Endorsed by North Carolina Medical Society-Its Head, Dr. J. P. Munroe, Elected First Vice President of Society-Its Graduates Among the First.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., June 25. The friends of the North Carolina Medical Society of this city have found much cause for gratification in the events of the past week in Charlotte, especially when they remember the storm and stir against the institution in some quarters last year. It will be remembered that almost a year ago the college came in for some scathing criticism in a report of an "investigator" for the Carnegie Foun dation, it being alleged that the college was inadequately equipped in the way of laboratories and other facilities for properly training young men to practice medicine. Following the publication of this report the Forsyth County Medical Society, without making any attempt to verify the charges and .without making any investigations, adopted resolu-tions which in effect protested against the continuance of the institution, asking the State to refuse to allow the college to bestow degrees and give diplomas, and appealing to the State board of examiners to refuse to license graduates of the school.

It will be further remembered, it was immediately shown that the Carnegle "investigator" spent less than an hour at the North Carolina Medical College, did not ask to be shown the laboratory equipment and did not even make it known that he intended to make any report. The report, when it did appear, entirely misrepresented the college, as was shown when it came to light and has since been shown; and the resolutions of the Forsyth Medical Society. which other county associations were asked to endorse, received a cold shoulder all over the State. The opening of the college for the term just passed followed immediately upon the great stir and the loyalty of students, alumni and friends was amply demonstrated. The enrollment was the largest in the history of the college.

Under the auspices of the State Board of Health a meeting was held in the amphitheatre of the college for the purpose of organizing the North Carolina 'Health Officers' Association. During the convention of the North Carolina Medical Society the officers and the local physicians

NO. 51.

City Engineer Cornwell Has Made Survey of Franklin Avenue-Proposed Lowering of C. & N.-W. Tracks.

A FOUR PER CENT. GRADE.

Interest continues to centre with many Gastonians at least around the entrance into the city of the Piedmont & Northern Railway Co's. electric line and the proposed grading of certain streets, more especially Franklin avenue. Almost every day some new phase of interest develops in the situation.

For instance, it is learned that the survey of Franklin avenue as made by City Engineer S. C. Cornwell, who is establishing the grades of all the streets of the town as ordered recently by the city council, calls for a four per cent grade or a fall of four feet every hundred feet. In this connection it is of especial interest to learn that the grading stakes recently put up along Franklin avenue by the railroad surveyors to be followed by the grading forces of the railroad contractors and which have caused so much uneasiness on the part of property owners because of the heavy cuts and fills they indicated, were put up by the railroad people without any reference whatever to the city's accepted survey and according to a specially made profile prepared to suit the interests of the railroad company solely. If we understand the situation thoroughly. there is no danger of the railroad being allowed to grade in conformlty to their grading stakes as they now appear as the city will hold them strictly to the grade established by the city engineer and accepted by the city, which, we understand, is a straight four per cent grade.

With a line laid on this grade it will be impossible. The Gazette is informed, for the company to haul freight trains over Franklin avenue, They could possibly haul one or two loaded freight cars over such a grade, we are told, but no more.

Engineer Cornwell has just completed a survey of the C. & N.-W. tracks inside the corporate limits. It calls for a lowering of the tracks 2 1-2 feet at the North Marietta, North Oakland and East Main street crossings and on South Broad for a lowering to the level of the macadam road. To lower the tracks more than this on South Broad street, would, it seems, be impracticable on account of the great difficulty that would be encountered in the matter of drainage.

Heretofore what The Gazette has had to say relative to this matter has had reference largely to East Franklin avenue but it develops that even more flagrant violations of the city survey were made by the railfoad people on West Franklin avenue. In one special instance w foot fill was called for it was staked off for a fill of 10 feet and six inches. All of which is the plainest kind of evidence that the P. & N. men were either negligently careless or were purposely attempting to flimflam the city in the matter of grades. Whatever the cause or motive the resulting damage would have been the

LIGHTNING DESTROYS POWER PLANT. Spencer Mountain Mills Heavy Losers MEDICAL COLLEGE VINDICATED. Lightning Strikes and Sets Fire to Power Plant of the Spencer Moun-

McAdenville Matters.

Corresnoridence of The Gazette.

Verona 'darrelsen, of Cherryville, spent hast week at the home of Rev. J. F. Harrelson .- Mr. C. D. Thigpen and family moved from here to Greensboro last Friday.-Mr. Patterson, of Anderson, S. C., succeeds Mr. Thigpen as overseer of the knapper room .- Mr. J. C. Walker spent a part of last week in Sallsbury visiting his sister, Mrs. H. K. Reberts .--Mrs. J. F. Harrelson and Miss Verona Parrelson spent Wednesday in Gastonia .- The family of Mr. M. B. Albea have moved back here from Charlotte.-Mr. Frank Phillips has opened a meat market just across the road from Mr. Smith Carr's cold drink stand .- Mr. Boyden Earney spent Faturday in Charlotte .--- Mrs. G. L. Webb visited at the home of Mr. Robert Shields in Lowell Sunday .- Mr. W. A. Bentley who has been playing baseball with Greensboro in the Carolina Association has gone into higher company. He is now in the South Atlantic League playing with Charleston .- Mrs. T E. Shuford, of Dallas, has purchased the house and lot known as the John O. Rankin place and we understand will move here at an early date .- At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hawkins, Sunday the artic, Caldwell Hawkins and Miss Carrie Caldwell Rev. J. F. Hawkins, Sunday the 25th, Mr. Tom were united in marriage, Rev. J. F. Harrelson officiating.

Special Services This Week.

Rev. W. A. Cleveland, pastor of Steele Creek Presbyterian church, Mecklenburg county, will assist Rev. R. C. Anderson in a series of special services at the First Presbyterian church this week, continuing through next Sunday. He will preach every night at 8 o'clock and will hold a short service each morning at-9:30. The first service was held last night. There will be a meeting of the ses sion of the church after each service to give opportunity to those who wish to unite with the church either on profession of faith or by letter to do so. Rev. Mr. Cleveland is an excellent preacher. The public is cordially invited to attend all of these services.

-Mr. Wade Gallant, traveling for

Augustus Bradley, a 12-year-old boy of Burlington, was run down by an automobile Friday and severely injured. The boy's leg was laid bare six inches above the knee, the skin being scraped to the hone. Charles Sharpe, a prominent insurance man, was driving the car. No blame attaches to him.

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-Inquiry at the court house brings the good news that Mr. C. C. Cornwell is improving and hopes to be out by the first of next week.

-Mr. J. W. Walters is beginning work on his house to be erected on South York street. Excavating for the foundation is being done.

-Dr. Bernard - Smith returned from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, where he recently graduated, and will spend the summer with his parents in Asheville.-Asheville Citizen. Dr. Smith is pleasantly remembered by Gastonians as the son of Rev. R. P. Smith, for many years pastor of the Presbyterian church.

interested in the college have been prominent, and Dr. J. P. Munroe, president of the institution, was signally honored, and the institution he represents incidentally, in his election as first vice-president of the society.

Wednesday morning when the State board of medical examiners announced the list of successful applicants for license who had stood the medical examination, it was found that 22 of the 23 graduates of the local institution had passed, and further that two were among the five who headed the class of applicants that were examined, the class numbering 129. The State board was decidedly gratified and, after all the stir that was created last year. somewhat surprised at the very thorough and practical training the graduates of the local institution had received. The members of the board, along with the other physicians who were here are much pleased with the work at the college and believe it has an increasingly important place in the medical profession in the State.

William B. Smoot, a well-known attorney of Salishury, died at a hospital in New York following a serlous operation. He was a prominent Methodist, a leading Mason, member of the North Carolina association and well-known throughout the State.

-Misses Virginia and Kate Robinson, of Lowell, motored up yesterday afternoon for an hour's shopping.

-Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kirkpatrick and children, former residents of Gastonia but now living at Yorkville, S. C., passed through Gastopia yesterday en route home from Hickory where they had been visiting.

Death of Infant.

same.

Thomas L., the seven-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Parks R. Huffstetler, died last night at the City Hospital at 12 o'clock. The little one had been a sufferer for some time with meningitis. 'A few days ago he was removed to the hospital. The funeral will be conducted from the home this afternoon at 4 o'clock by Rev. R. C. Anderson and the interment will be at Olney. The pall-bearers are Messrs. W. B. Morris, Robert L. Adams, Dan Shields and W. Culp. The sorrowing parents and grandparents have the sympathy of the entire community in their sad bereavement.

Approximately 20,000,000 gallons of liquor are shipped annually by express from mail order houses direct to consumers in prohibition States. Jacksonville leads with 1,-500,000 gallons. These facts were brought in an investigation by the interstate commerce commission.

Suspected of complicity in the robbery and assault of Mrs. C. Rozzelle in Spencer, four persons have been arrested in various parts of Rowan county by Sheriff McKensie. While her husband was absent, Mrs. Rozzelle was beaten into insensibility with a bed slat.

SPENCER MOUNTAIN POWER PLANT DESTROYED BY LIGHTNING,

