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OLD FORK GLEANINGS.

Squire Thinks of Going to Virginia—Rev. Mr. McLean Installed as Pastor.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

It is getting dry and dusty in the Fork, but is a good time to cultivate the crops, and the farmers are getting well up with their work. The bare brown fields are beginning to take on an emerald hue, and signs of re-animated vitality are apparent, as my vision scans the fields of young corn and cotton in front of my home. Much depends upon the yield of the present crop both to the farmer and the merchant, grain and forage are getting very scarce, in fact many are now depending on the market, for these articles, and paying high prices for them, which will entail an expense, that could be avoided by raising these things at home. But I see no change along these lines, the same big fields of cotton, and little patches of corn continue to exist.

Sometimes I wish we were out of the cotton belt, and had a little farm in a grain and grazing country, where we could have nice hogs, cattle, and a flock of sheep—have fresh beef, and mutton, milk and butter, and plenty of poultry.

The hawks have discouraged me in the poultry business this year, and to all appearances, I will not have enough chickens to feed the preachers when they come around. I have a pretty drove of young turkeys, but "many dangers, toils and snares" intervene between them and the cook pot. They are such rangers never satisfied to stay in sight of home, but must take the young broods in search of fresh fields and pastures new, no matter how many big ditches they have to cross.

The squire has been out on the farm this morning, and is considerably improved, although not well. He is talking of going soon to the mountains of his native Virginia where he spent a portion of last summer, and has a pressing invitation from his old army comrade to return, and share their splendid hospitality until we see him.

Reverend Daniel and Sarah Stuart returned from Asheville on Thursday afternoon, and report a most enjoyable trip.

The closing exercises of Mr. A. B. McLean's school at Turnout on Thursday afternoon, were attended by a large crowd, who pronounced the affair quite a success. Mr. Morrison taught a fine class. Mr. Morrison taught a fine class. Mr. Morrison taught a fine class.

season, and it seems doubly sweet on that account.

I regretted recently, to note in the columns of your paper the death of little Martha Lee French. Her mother, and grand-parents were formerly near neighbors and friends—up to the time that Mr. J. H. Morrison removed to your town to assume the duties of office. We never saw the beautiful baby, but the young parents have our tender sympathy, also Mrs. Morrison, the grand-mother, for a similar sad experience in my own life, has taught me how near the dear little ones are to the grand-parents hearts, and what a delight it is to have them with us in our declining years.

'Aunt Becky.'
Old Fork, May 22nd.

Cotton Counties.

Charlotte Chronicle.

Last year The Chronicle gave Robeson the credit of leading Mecklenburg in the production of cotton by a fraction over nine thousand bales. That was the crop of 1905. According to the figures for 1906 crop, Robeson does a little bit better, beating Mecklenburg by 10,653 bales. Robeson is by long odds the greatest cotton producing county in the State. Its 1906 crop amounted to 37,783 bales. The Mecklenburg crop was 27,130 bales. But it must be remembered that Robeson has almost twice the acreage of Mecklenburg. That makes a difference—but it does not count in the census figures. One of the strangest things in regard to the cotton crop of North Carolina is that Bladen, a big county, and a fine cotton growing county, adjoining Robeson, the banner county of the State, having practically the same soil and very nearly the same acreage, raised only 4,826 bales, and Columbus, adjoining Bladen and Robeson, only 3,775 bales. New Hanover has only room for Wilmington, a shell road, a few really lines and a limited number of truck farms—no room for cotton. Pender, which was lopped off from New Hanover, raised 72 bales. Onslow where conditions were precisely the same as in Pender, but with a much larger acreage, raised 2,560 bales. Just above Onslow, the little county of Jones, raised 3,791 bales. Craven raised 3,566 bales. Carteret 2,995, Pamlico 2,792, Hyde 2,000, Tyrrell 688, Washington 2,311. These are the extreme eastern counties, and no part of the State.

It is nothing surprising to find that the cotton crop of the State is not as large as it should be. The reason is that the farmers are not using the best methods of cultivation. They are not using the best seeds. They are not using the best fertilizers. They are not using the best tools. They are not using the best labor.

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FAIRMONT NEWS LETTER.

Commencement Extremely Interesting, Majority for Special Tax School Fund, Other Locals.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Your correspondent returned last week just in time for commencement exercises of Fairmont High School which were extremely interesting and pleasant. A very large crowd was in attendance but good order prevailed and all enjoyed it. Dr. Dixon's address at 2 p. m. was simply fine and we hope he may return some near day.

The Oxford Asylum Singing Class gave a delightful entertainment last Friday. The crowd was large and all were much pleased. We are glad to learn that they received over a hundred dollars here.

Miss Ida Galloway will leave Wednesday for G. F. C. commencement Greensboro N. C. She will go from there to visit Miss Ashby, at Mt. Airy.

Miss Sudie Edmundson left Tuesday morning for her home in Johnstone Co. We hope to have her as music teacher again in the fall.

One of the most interesting things which happened while we were away was the good majority secured for the Special Tax School fund. This was the third trial here so let others not lose heart.

We are glad to note the continued improvement of Mrs. Fannie Brown who is able to be visiting this week though not yet able to walk far.

The house being built on church street for A. L. Jones is nearly completed.

Mr. Glenn Ashley has the nicest tobacco we have seen, on his farm near town on the Lumberton road.

We are glad to see Mr. Averett Mitchell able to be at work again.

We hear the speech and supper of the Juniors highly praised and are sorry no one reported the occasion to you during our absence.

Among the visitors to come we note Miss Maggie Phelan of Lumberton who remained until Sunday.

Mrs. A. G. Stafford of Latta S. C. visited her father W. G. Mitchell last week and met many old friends who were very glad to see her.

Rev. J. B. Jackson is attending the Southern Baptist Convention at Richmond Va. He was accompanied part of the way by his wife and children who are visiting relatives.

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