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### MT. ELIAM MATTERS.

Telephone Lines Being Down Cause Trouble—Broad Ridge Children's Day Exercises Postponed—Boys Numerous But Names Scarce—Other Items.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Mt. Eliam, (Orrum, R. 1.), July 28—Last week we were the sickest ever in our memory and failed to get to Fairmont as we had anticipated. However we hope to be on the job this week, so if you want to pay your subscription or subscribe for The Robesonian, see us. I don't see how a man can possibly do without his county paper. Once a man tries it he finds it a hard task to do without it. One of our old subscribers, who for some reason had been cut off, went to us yesterday and told us to please send it back for he couldn't afford to miss another paper, so it seemed, that he didn't learn anything, was just ignorant as to what his county was doing; and most every day they tell us about it in the selfsame way.

The telephone lines on the mount are down and have been for some time, long enough to do some damage already, with a good chance of doing more, if not put up. Mr. J. Z. Stone's mule dashed under the wire recently and ruined entirely a right brand new top buggy, tearing the top and back all off, and throwing Mr. Stone and his daughter out, his daughter being hurt to some extent. The Boardman road was entirely blocked with wire, and that road is traveled by our mail carrier, until some—guess we'd better say "gentleman"—cut the wires in two.

Our much-loved pastor, Rev. M. A. Stephens, has been very sick at the home of his son near Saddle Tree. He went up there to hold a meeting of days at that church, but was taken sick, and had to send for Rev. Paul T. Britt to go and do the preaching for him. Rev. J. I. Stone, Jr. filled his appointment here Saturday and Sunday.

You can tell a tobacco farmer anywhere anytime. He has a different smile from the one who didn't plant any weed.

We have been requested to say through The Robesonian that the children's day exercises which were to have been held on the Broad Ridge next Sunday had been postponed until the third Sunday in August at 3:30 p. m. The protracted meeting will begin at that church next Sunday.

'Tis said that a certain boy who lives somewhere was to have got what most all the boys want—a wife—on last Sunday, but for some reason unknown to us he stayed in bed most all day Sunday, and no wedding was pulled off. That's what we call "lying" out of anything.

Mr. H. F. Bissell, the melon king, has raked it in from the sale of nice canteloupes, the kind he raises.

We landed all right the position of special agent to report the cotton census, but owing to other engagements had to let it slip.

We have waited a long time to say it, but right now we're going to say that the country folks have given Mayor White all manner of praise for his stand on July 4th.

There are so many boys on the "Mount" that the parents find it hard to get names for them all. Can somebody come to their rescue? It will never do to turn them loose not named.

—HAPPY JACK.

### Bethesda News Batch.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Fairmont, R. F. D. 2, July 28—"Laying-by" seems to be a thing of the past in these parts, while curing tobacco is drawing near to an end.

We are glad to report Mrs. N. A. McLean convalescent. "Cutie," a correspondent of the Fairmont Messenger, reported some time ago about tying a hen to a post to stop her from setting. A hen in these parts while serving a term in the "pen" tried to break out and flew up to the top of the pen and got her head hung in the crack and committed suicide by hanging herself.

The rains are continuing every day and crops are on "boom," especially corn.

A series of meetings will begin at this place Monday after the third Sunday in August.

The residence of Mr. J. C. Barnes is nearing completion.

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### SECRETARY BRYAN'S SALARY

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Baltimore Sun.  
Mr. Bryan's enemies and critics have "thrown" their customary fits at the news that the great Commoner cannot get along on his salary of \$12,000 a year. Yet, a glance at the figures paid his colleagues, the foreign ministers of other nations, shows that his official emoluments are not such as to excite either envy, hatred, malice. Thus the British Foreign Secretary is paid \$25,000 a year; and if this office happens to be combined with that of Prime Minister, the incumbent also occupies free of charge the well-known Downing street house.

Germany gives her Foreign Secretary \$9,000 a year in salary, plus \$3,500 for expenses, making a total sum of \$12,500, and the recipient also gets his residence free. Austria-Hungary pays in salary and official expenses about \$18,000, according to recent budget figures. Smaller countries like Low Countries, of course, pay lesser stipends. The Belgium Foreign Secretary's salary, for instance, is about \$4,000. Still in this connection it is interesting to note that the sum which the Belgian Government deems sufficient to support its minister in Washington amounts to \$13,000, which is \$1,000 more than Mr. Bryan gets—yet surely Mr. Bryan is the more important personage.

Some will urge that all the above countries are monarchies, and that republican officials, regardless of the relative importance of their countries, should cost less money. Republican France, however, pays her Foreign Minister \$12,000 a year and also maintains him free of charge, the splendid palace of the Quai d'Orsay. In the Western Hemisphere, Dr. Lauro Muller receives an official stipend about the same in amount as that paid Mr. Bryan. And Chile pays less than Brazil. On the other hand Argentina gives her Foreign Minister \$12,000 a year salary and \$5,000 more for "etiquette expenses."

From the foreign standpoint, therefore, it appears that Mr. Bryan's job is not exceptionally remunerative, especially when we consider the very much lower cost of living which prevails in Europe. The salary is sufficient in itself, but we pay no attention to those inevitable expenses incident to the important position in the world which the American Secretary of State holds. Of course, Uncle Sam is an awfully poor man just at this moment. But if the crops are good next fall and Congress, in the meantime, doesn't go and pad the pension list by \$10,000,000 to \$50,000,000 more, we don't see why William J. isn't shortly due for a "raise." A better course still, however, would be to leave his salary at its present figure and give and keep up for him and his successors an official residence worthy of the importance of his office.

### Centennial Program of Spring Hill Church.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Maxton, R. F. D. 4, July 28—Enclosed please find program of the centennial of Spring Hill church: Sunday August 3rd.

10 a. m. Address, Rev. D. I. Masters, D. D.

11 a. m.—Introductory Sermon, Rev. T. W. O'Kelly, D. D.

8:00 p. m. Address, "The church 8:00 p. m. Address, "The Church of Our Fathers," Archibald Johnson.

Monday, August 4th.

10:00 a. m. "Historical Sketch," Hudson McMillan.

10:15 a. m. "A Century of Baptist Progress," Rev. Livingstone Johnson, D. D.

11:00 a. m. "The Next Hundred Years," Rev. R. T. Vann, D. D.

Dinner.

2:00 p. m.—Reminiscence Addresses, by former pastors.

8:00 p. m.—"Biblical Recorder and the Kingdom," Rev. Hight C. More.

### Another Rural Policeman Needed.

Rowland Sun.

The only drawback that the recorder's court and the rural police have in this section is the large territory allotted to the police. We speak especially of the Rowland section. The rural police here has an entirely too large a territory and cannot begin to cope it, work as hard as he can. Another policeman is needed in the vicinity of Fairmont.

George Carroll Todd of Virginia was nominated by President Wilson Friday to be assistant to Attorney General McReynolds, and "trust buster" of the Administration, to succeed James A. Fowler of Knoxville, Tenn., who will retire August 1. Mr. Todd, now a special assistant to the Attorney General, entered the Department of Justice 30 years ago and was associated with William A. Day, assistant to Attorney General Knox and the Government's first "trust buster."

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