

Correspondence.

MINING OPERATIONS SUSPENDED.

C. R. Morgan, a Prominent Citizen and Confederate Soldier Dead.

Gold Hill, Oct. 21.—Jack Frost has at last arrived and we are having corn shuckings on every side. John Hill had a shucking first of last week, and W. H. Martin gave a shucking last Wednesday night after which the young people played ring and other games. A real nice time was enjoyed by all present.

Jas. Ruffy is walking on crutches, having a very painful sore leg, the result of the spell of typhoid fever he has just recovered from. We hope he will soon be around all right.

Miss Ida Crowell has been confined to her room with erysipelas in her leg, which was split open some time ago. She is improving however now.

The public school started here last Monday morning with Miss Margaret Newel as principal. A large attendance is reported.

Frank Small has the contract to out and haul to the railroad all the cross ties and cord wood on the large tract of land recently bought from the Mauney estate by W. G. Newman.

The contractor has the frame up of the house being erected on West Spring street for Dan Crowell.

John Russell, who has formerly been employed by J. A. Arey, has accepted a position as clerk in the store of Mrs. B. C. Cody.

Dr. B. T. Atkins, who formerly practiced medicine here, but who is now living and practicing his profession at White Hall, N. C., is visiting here at his wife's parents, Mrs. E. H. Montgomery.

R. D. Coleman of Brandy, Va., who was formerly superintendent of the Gold Hill mines is here on a visit.

Grover Montgomery, who has been employed in a stamp mill down in old Mexico for the last twelve months has returned home. He says he will not go back any more.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Moose went down to Whitney last week to see the dam and power plant being erected there. They report having a nice time. Mrs. Moose says it was her first ride on the train.

The Southern Mining Co. has run their stamp mill a few trial runs, and find the water supply insufficient, so they are letting the mill stand and are now sinking the shaft deeper in order to get more water and develop the ore body at a greater depth.

The Union Copper mine has closed down the entire plant. This will throw out of employment about 150 hands, which is to be regretted, as winter is upon us and miners who lose their jobs will doubtless have to leave home and secure employment elsewhere.

The Gold Hill mine is doing virtually nothing, dragging along and employing perhaps less than a dozen men.

Jas. Culp has a position at the Spencer shops, where he will move his family in the near future.

Marshall Culp is at home on a 80-days vacation. He is now employed as telegraph operator in Charlotte.

Martin M. Vanderburg has just finished his new dwelling house one-half mile from the Gold Hill depot and is now looking for a helpmeet to share it with him. Lookout girls Martin has a splendid place to raise chickens.

Thos. Ludwick has moved up with his father-in-law, Jake Eller, until he completes his house out in Johnstown.

C. R. Morgan died this morning at 2 o'clock. He was about 65 years of age and was an old Confederate soldier. He lost a leg in the civil war, and although thus disabled he was full of energy and perseverance and in the last 20 years he accumulated quite a lot of property, having been engaged in the mercantile business and then in the sawmill business. He leaves a wife and two children, a son and a daughter, both married, to mourn his loss. The burial will be at Corinth Baptist church of which he was a member.

MIKE.

FAITH.

Faith, October 22.—Mr. and Mrs. John A. Peeler and Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Peeler returned from Washington City and the Jamestown Exposition today.

A young granite cutter arrived at Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Ward's Saturday night, October 10th.

W. S. Earnhardt is building a new residence for Gus Beaver at Spencer.

The new residence now going up here for the Reformed church minister is the largest and finest ever built in Faith.

Beef and fish are plentiful in our town on Saturday's.

Several of our citizens are now off taking in the Jamestown exposition.

The frost is beginning to kill some of the tender vegetables.

Mr. and Mrs. David Peeler, the two oldest people in our section, are visiting their son, John A. Peeler.

Corn shuckings are in our settlement now. Tuesday night one took place at David Rusher's and D. A. Hodge's. Thursday night at G. M. Misenheimer's and H. M. L. Agner's, Friday night at L. M. Peeler's, John Miller's and Will Canup's. We went to Julius Castor's shucking Monday night. He gave us some of his fine corn to take to the fair at Salisbury October 29th to November 1st.

The music teacher and teacher of elocution of Crescent will give an entertainment in the Jr. O. U. A. M. hall, at Faith on Saturday night before the first Sunday in November for the benefit of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Reformed church.

G. Alex Besinger and Master Adam Beck, of Davie county, are visiting relatives here. Mr. Besinger formerly lived in Faith. He recently married a daughter of D. Wiley Beck, then went into partnership with his father-in-law and bought a big plantation where they now live.

Peeler, Bame & Co. are getting out a big job of building stone at their Phillips mountain quarry and today they received another big order for building stone from Mr. Thompson, of Charlotte, N. C. The granite industry is the life of our settlement and it brings in more money than any thing else.

A crowd of quarrymen are blasting some big rocks out of the big road here near the Baptist church, where it will soon be graded through the town and will be the main street.

C. C. Wyatt, who goes from place to place and opens quarries and starts them off and who opened the big rock face quarry above Statesville some time ago for the Salisbury capitalists, has just been called upon to go to Virginia to see after a job there. He has left for that State and will be gone some time.

LIBERTY X ROADS.

The ground is getting very dry down with us along now.

Albert Eagle, of Salisbury visited at Moses Goodman's fast Sunday.

Jno. G. Moose, our R. F. D. carrier is very punctual in bringing around our mail.

Etam is getting fat along now, but what is he "gwine" to do when the corn shuckings are all over?

Cotton picking will soon be a thing of the past in this part of the county. Cotton is not as good as expected throughout this section.

J. C. Morgan visited at Jno. Trexler's last Sunday. We think the doctor will soon close the trade.

Samuel Morgan has purchased a new bicycle.

The little three-year-old daughter of John Barker was burned on the eve of October 15th. Dr. Bowers was called, but could do no more than to ease the pain. The child died the next morning. Precious are the little ones for the Savior said, "Of such is the kingdom of heaven." The bereaved parents have the sympathy of their many friends.

Our people soon have to go to fasting as the water is getting so low the mill can't grind only a little while in the morning.

The school committeemen have procured Miss Maggie Bame for the teacher at Liberty this winter. We wish the pupils and teacher a good time.

ETAM.

MR. AND MRS. HOLSHOUSER HONORED.

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Boston X Roads, Oct. 21.—The weather has been fine for gathering corn, picking cotton and sowing wheat.

George Goodman has finished making molasses, about 1,286 gallons for himself and neighbors. He is one of our foremost farmers and loses no time in gathering his crop when ripe. His farm shows that he is a model farmer and a good one to imitate.

One of our neighbors had a cotton picking one day last week, with eighteen hands, and gathered about seven hundred pounds of cotton in the seed. We do not wonder that cotton is selling at 11½ cents now.

Our people are now talking telephone instead of a "new court house." We would be glad to learn that a line from Shuping Brother's mill to China Grove is to be established.

Communion service was held at Ebenezer E. L. Church last Sunday. Rev. C. A. Brown preached to a large congregation.

The many friends and relatives of J. R. Holshouser and wife, gave them a very great surprise on the 14th of October, when about one hundred and forty people came together and spread a beautiful table, about thirty-five feet long, for them. After all had enjoyed a hearty dinner, it was announced by Willie Beaver that the presents would be given at that time. There were in all 61 pieces and cost nearly \$25, all of which were valuable and useful gifts. Mr. Holshouser was 69 and his wife 58. They appreciated their presents very much and enjoyed it very well. Among the number was the step-father, Jacob Holshouser, who is 92 years old. He is the oldest man in this section. There were also about 25 under six years old, and eight small babes to enjoy the occasion. W. T. Howell had his talking machine there and furnished music which delighted all.

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