

Correspondence.

ROCKWELL.

Sept. 21.—We are having some fine weather along now.

The Rockwell furniture factory has been running regular now for the last few weeks.

We have very little sickness in this community now.

Geo. H. Sifford has quit school. He said it didn't agree with his health.

Berlie Miller and Harvey Fepperman are going to school at Crescent now.

Hilbert Park went opossum hunting last Saturday night, but didn't get a smell. Hope he will have better luck next time.

Cotton is opening right along, these days, and Jack Frost will soon be on hand. YOUNGSTER.

GOLD HILL.

Sept. 21.—Senator Lee S. Overman opened the campaign here last Thursday at the school house. There was not exceeding 50 persons present including men, women and children.

Hedrick Bros. and H. L. Griswold have purchased a large automobile. Autos are all the "go" now, but like the old bicycle they require frequent repairs to keep going.

A Republican club was organized here at Martin's store last Saturday night with about 50 members to start with, which we hope to swell to 200 before the election.

Chas. Myers and wife and Marshal Sell and wife, of Granite Quarry, visited relatives here Sunday.

Wm. Johnson is attending the funeral services of his brother's wife, Mrs. Augustus Johnson, at Granite Quarry.

Frank Popoloskey and Mr. Corrothers, of the Southern mine, have returned to their homes at Cleveland, Ohio. They have been here for two weeks making a test run of the H-wind mill recently installed at their mine here, which, we learn, is very satisfactory. MIKE.

Two years ago there was 96 votes cast at Gold Hill. They were nearly equally divided between the Democrats and Republicans. Since that time a number of people have the place.—Ed.

LOWERSTONE.

Sept. 21.—We are having some dry weather at present.

Those on the sick list are: Miss Ida Klutz, James Klutz, Geo. Beaver and Charlie Fisher.

We are glad to state that Miss Alice Scott is improving fast.

J. M. Rinehardt has secured a position as clerk for Peeler & Lyerly at Granite Quarry.

We would be glad to hear from old Happy again.

We understand that Uncle Jethro went 'possum hunting Saturday night, but came home blank. Hope he had a nice time.

J. F. Fisher and family, of Rockwell, visited G. S. Klutz Sunday.

Miss Daisy Garwood, of Salisbury, visited at Henry Best's Saturday and Sunday. JOE.

CHESTNUT HILL.

Sept. 21.—The Salisbury Cotton Mill will not run this week. Will begin to run again next Monday.

A protracted meeting began yesterday at South Main Street M. E. church, and will continue through the week. Rev. J. A. J. Farrington will do the preaching.

Mrs. Frances Cornelison is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. J. B. Barringer is visiting relatives and friends near Sharlott, N. C.

Mrs. N. C. Eagle is quilting to beat the band. I guess she is preparing for winter.

Look out, there is a widower walking around on Chestnut Hill I guess he is hunting a wife.

Mrs. M. I. Shaver, of Chestnut Hill, visited friends down in Piney Woods last week.

I. Calvin Shaver, of Lower Rowan, was in Salisbury Friday. BOBBY.

MT. PLEASANT, CABARRUS COUNTY.

Sept. 21.—The schools have opened with a very large attendance.

Jas. T. Fisher has sold his livery stable to Messrs. Peck and Harwood.

New cotton is coming into town in abundance. The farmers report a good crop this year.

Mont Amoena Seminary opened September 10th with a large delegation of students from different parts of the state and also from South Carolina and Georgia.

I think that all like the new professor at the college, Captain Campbell, very well.

The Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute has opened under very favorable auspices. On the evening of the 9th of September, the ladies of the town gave a reception to the young men, showing thereby their interest in this excellent institution. Refreshments consisting of cake and ice cream in no limited quantities, were served in the dining-hall on the campus. The students being so cordially welcomed by the good people of the town began at once to feel at home. The opening is said to be the largest for years. This speaks well for the strong faculty of this well known institution. Rowan county is to be congratulated upon the large number of splendid young men represented here in the institute. TEDDY.

GOLD KNOB.

Sept. 21.—We are needing rain bad along now.

Top cutting and fodder pulling is almost a thing of the past.

Hay making is in full blast along now.

A. L. Lyerly and wife visited at G. H. A. Barger's last Saturday night and Sunday.

T. J. A. Barger sold a fine beef to John Miller last Friday.

Some of the farmers have been sowing oats and some have been gathering corn.

B. C. Trexler has been on the sick list for a while.

A. L. Klutz says he is going to farming on a big scale another year. He says he is going to sow about 26 acres of oats. He is going to raise oats for the State.

Among some of the boys who have returned to school are: P. M. Phillips, to Crescent; B. L. Phillips, to Trinity, and Robert Lee Trexler, to Mt. Pleasant.

CORNELIATORUMATUS.

FAITH.

Sept. 21.—There will be communion services at the Reformed church here Sunday, October 4th.

Mrs. P. A. Peeler has gone to visit her mother who is sick.

A lady will speak to the ladies only here Friday at half five past p. m., and at night to the public.

September 17 a young lady at Mr. and Mrs. Charley Shive's.

September 17 a young lady at Baxter McCombs.

A young lady at Mr. and Mrs. John Barger's about September 16th, 1908.

Pinkney Ludwick is getting better.

Lawson Ludwick has bought an organ. He has seven daughters to play for him.

Rev. C. B. Heller will preach a sermon on "Christian marriage" Sunday, September 27th at 11 a. m., in Shiloh Reformed church, Faith.

Mrs. Emma Hopkins, of Concord, and Mrs. Annie Fraley, of Salisbury, are visiting at Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Fraley's.

A large crowd has already been made up here to go to Wilmington on Peeler and Fepperman's excursion September 28th.

L. M. Peeler has bought another new wagon to haul granite on.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Jacobs and family, of West Spencer, visited at Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Peeler's Sunday.

Mrs. R. P. Stirewalt received her fall millinery goods today.

Peeler, Bame & Co. shipped a car of granite to Danville, Va., today. VENUS.

LIBERTY X ROADS.

Gold Hill, Route No. 1, Sept 21.—Mrs. J. A. Riehl has been on the sick list for quite a while, but is a little improved now.

The 'phone f- ver has about died out in this vicinity, but we hope that it will soon recruit.

Rev. McIntosh preached a very forcible sermon at Liberty last Sunday. Rev. McIntosh is a good preacher and speaker.

Adolphus Holshouser had to kill his dog recently. The dog had a genuine case of hydrophobia.

It seems that straw rides are taking the day along now, as there have been several crowds of young people going to church of late. One of the young men lost his hat and went back the next morning and found it.

The new school house will soon be completed and Liberty will look different and can furnish better accommodations to the pupils.

Miss Emma Arey has entered school at Concord.

We were glad to read the news of Basinger's Frog Pond. Come again, John.

The little daughter of Wesley Ketchie died last Saturday night of typhoid fever. The little one will be greatly missed in the family, but it's a jewel in heaven now, for the Savior said, "For of such is the kingdom of heaven." Rev. Holland preached the funeral. The remains were laid to rest in St. Matthew's cemetery. The bereaved parents have our sympathies.

It is now 'possum-hunting time and some of the boys are making good use of it.

Elias Holshouser has been boring wells to beat the band of late.

Lots of our people attended the revival meetings at Zion last week.

William Earnhardt had a barn covering last Monday afternoon. Lawson Poole is also putting up a barn.

L. G. Goodman visited home folks last Sunday.

The switchboard has not been put up yet, but it is expected to be installed soon.

The pumpkin crop is extra large this year and pumpkin trading will be the order of the day soon. BILLY.

ROCKWELL.

Sept. 21.—A large crowd attended the Baptist preaching last Sunday night. As Rev. Summey will preach on the 4th Sunday there will be no preaching until the 1st Sunday night in October. Everybody come.

Miss Pearl Trexler has been visiting in Newton for the past weeks.

The furniture factory has been running regular for the last few weeks.

Rev. Barringer preached an excellent sermon in the Reformed church Sunday evening.

B. R. A. Beaver and family visited at Arthur Beaver's Saturday night. They report a nice time.

Misses Eltha Frick and Elsie Misenheimer took a fine ride Saturday evening through Rockwell. I guess they had a nice time.

One of W. R. Misenheimer's nearest neighbors has left Rockwell and moved to Faith.

James Holshouser has moved his barn back from the street. I guess he intends to have things looking all O. K.

Some of the Gold Knob boys visited at Mr. Frick's Sunday evening and also a crowd of the Rockwell girls. I guess they heard that Miss Eltha raised groundpeas. AUNT JANE.

How to Get Strong.

P. J. Daly, of 1247 W. Congress St., Chicago, tells of a way to be strong: He says: "My mother, who is old and was very feeble, is deriving so much benefit from Electric Bitters, that I feel it's my duty to tell those who need a tonic and strengthening medicine about it. In my mother's case a marked gain in flesh has resulted, insomnia has been overcome, and she is steadily growing stronger." Electric Bitters quickly remedy stomach, liver and kidney complaints. Sold under guarantee at all Druggists. 50c.

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WHERE WE STAND.

Some Comments on Probable Revival of Thriving Business Conditions.

Three men, each in a position which made his opinion worth listening to, were asked this week what was their judgment regarding trade revival. The first, the head of a banking house with large Western connections, replied: "Nothing seems to be doing here, but all our Western clients are jubilant over the industrial recovery." The second, a dry-goods merchant, answered: "The year's trade is over, and we shall see dull times until 1909 has begun. Then things ought to pick up." The third an officer of a bank with important commercial connections throughout the country, had this to say: "There is a slow and steady recuperation going on. There will be no boom, and there should be no setback. Business men have lost heavily, and are making it up only gradually by selling at very low prices; but they are paying off their obligations with remarkable readiness, and are not discouraged."

In one or another of these verdicts, most readers of this column will probably find their own experience duplicated. It is true now as it was during the brief spells of enthusiasm in July and February, that actual figures are still these of after-panic depression. Last Wednesday the monthly report of the iron production was published. It showed an August output of 29 per cent. above the low level of January, but 46 per cent. below August, 1907, and 39 per cent. below the same month in 1905. The \$20,000,000 Associated Merchants' Company, reporting the operation of its large department stores for the six months ending August 1, showed net earnings of 25 per cent. below 1907; the H. B. Claffin Company, a few weeks earlier, had reported for the first half of the year a deficit of \$7,000 below expenses, where \$454,000 surplus had been earned the year before. Gross receipts of the country's railways, in the six months ending with June, decreased 10 1/2 per cent. from the year before; in July they decreased 17 1/2 per cent., and have run some 12 per cent. short in August. They have economized so severely that the net receipts are making a very good comparison; but this is as yet merely adapting themselves to conditions of depression.

Does all this mean that a "boom" is impossible this autumn? It would not be safe to answer in the affirmative, if by "boom" is meant a brisk and continuous revival; for the salient phenomenon of the day is lowness of stocks on hand in all branches of merchandise and commodities. But if the world means quick return to trade conditions such as those of 1906, the notion may as well be dismissed. —New York Evening Post.

Resolutions of Respect.

Inasmuch as God in his all-wise providence has removed from our midst our brother, W. M. Bame, with whom we were happily united, it is sad and we mourn our loss, and sympathize with his family, and ask that the brothers hold them up to the throne of grace in their prayers, from whence all comfort and help comes. And while we mourn our brother's death we bow in submission to Him who does all things well. Resolved, first, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family. Second, That a copy be spread on the minutes of our book in memory of his name. Third, That a copy be sent the papers of the county for publication. Com. J. L. PEELER, L. A. HOLSHOUSE, H. L. BARGER.

Senator Overman at Wilkesboro.

The people of Wilkesboro were evidently pleased with Senator Overman's speech there the other day, judging from the following special from that place to the Charlotte Observer:

"Senator Overman addressed the convention, making a powerful speech and being cheered throughout. The Senator was in fine trim and after dwelling on the history of the founding of the United States government with great eloquence he took up the subject of centralization of government. What are the signs of the times? The answer is centralization of government and wealth, as was the case of the Roman government immediately before it fell. The question seems to be, shall this be a government by the people or a government for and by the office-holders? He paid a high tribute to Bryan and ridiculed the Republican slogan of prosperity. He took up the tariff and State matters.

"Much congratulation and enthusiastic hand-shaking was tendered the earnest senator after his speech in the court house. His speech has done a great deal of good here."

A Sure-enough Knecker.

J. C. Goodwin, of Reidsville, N. C., says: "Bucklen's Arnica Salve is a sure-enough knecker for ulcers. A bad one came on my leg last winter, but that wonderful salve knocked it out in a few rounds. Not even a scar remained." Guaranteed for piles, sores, burns, etc. 25c. at all Druggists.

SHIPS AND LIGHTNING.

More Vessels Struck Than People Hear of or Suppose.

In spite of the popular impression to the contrary ships remote from the land are seldom damaged by lightning, although some of the most awe-inspiring displays of atmospheric electricity are frequently witnessed by those on board of them.

Standing rigging, and even parts of the running gear, are now made of steel wire, and this substitute for the old-fashioned hemp serves the purpose of lightning conductor or when the ship is not fitted with such an aid to safety. The electric currents is conveyed down the wire rigging, and reaches the sea through the vessel's metal hull. Damage occurs only if the current be interrupted on its way to earth. In a comparatively large proportion of instances the fore-royal truck is struck frequently, and the mizzen least of the three.

Very serious casualties under this head occurred to warships and merchant vessels in the days of wooden hulls and hempen rigging. * * * In July, 1802, as 13 ships of the East India Company were trying to round the Cape in the vicinity of Algoa bay, homeward bound, two of them, the Britannia and the Bombay Castle, were struck by lightning. The foremast of each was soon enveloped in flames, and the masts had to be cut away in order to save the ships and their combustible cargoes. A heavy gale was blowing, the night was dark, and the other ships of the fleet, which were hove to at the time, were witnesses of this thrilling incident.

Many vessels are now fitted with lightning conductors of approved types, lest the wire rigging should fail to carry off the electric current. In May, 1896, shortly after a severe thunderstorm, accompanied by lightning and rain, in 8 degrees south, 87 degrees east, the P. and O. steamship Victoria had a sudden increase of deviation amounting to six degrees in both the standard and the wheelhouse compasses, and later it was discovered that the lightning conductor on the foremast had fused. The ship must have been struck by lightning. —Knowledge Magazine.

HE TOOK IT HARD.

Jilted Man Who Has Not Spoken to Anyone For Thirty Years.

For thirty years Benjamin Landis, who lives in a modest little home with his mother two miles outside of this town, has not conversed with friends or relatives because, it is reported, he was jilted by a girl whom he loved devoutly when a youth.

More than thirty years ago "Ben" Landis wooed Miss Fannie Gingerich, who was then the belle of the country-side, and who married Henry Snavely. Landis, who was then eighteen years old, tried to forget and went West to seek the excitement of a mining camp or life on a ranch. For several years he lived near Kansas City, but finally returned to his mother, near Middletown.

The flame had not died, but he was a far different "Ben" Landis than the one who went away a few years before. Relatives declare that he "became queer while in the West," but neighbors and friends say "it was the girl." It was at this time in his life that he took the vow never again to speak to any one, and he has lived up to his resolution unflinchingly for thirty years.

Today the girl whom Landis wooed is a widow, her husband having been killed on a railroad sixteen years ago. She lives with her parents very near the Landis home, but "Ben" Landis never talks to her. —Middletown, N. Y., dispatch.

Farmers Are Busy.

As the forms for this issue are being made up Governor Glenn is making a political speech in the court house. The farmers are too busy gathering that part of their crops not destroyed by the floods to pay much attention to public speakings, hence very few came in from the country to hear the speaker. —Monroe Enquirer.

A Possible Explanation.

Judge Peeble has come in for a good many raps for having directed a nol proes in a case in Cherokee county wherein the defendants were indicted for disturbing religious exercises in interrupting the proceedings of a Sunday school. He held that a Sunday school meeting is not a religious exercise. The Rowan County Sunday School Association took a fall out of him Wednesday. The disposition of a case in one of the extreme western counties some years ago may or may not afford a precedent for his honor's ruling. A preacher who may be called Brown was conducting a meeting which was disturbed by a party of rowdies. They were indicted and tried under the statute on this subject and though the proof of the disturbance was complete the jury promptly brought in a verdict of not guilty. Capt. Jim Gudger, the solicitor, was astonished, as was everybody else, and afterwards asked of the jurors what in the world they meant by bringing in that verdict. The answer was that the jury did not believe old Brown could conduct a religious meeting. Judge Peebles' ruling may or may not have depended upon the superintendent of the Cherokee Sunday school. —Charlotte Observer.

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