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PISGAH PARAGRAPHS.

Trouble at Oethemine Baptist Church—Help Seared.

To the Editor of the Gazette:

And again the bounteous showers have fallen, and crab grass is growing.

Watch the Governments cotton acreage report on June 6. It may send the price of the staple sky-high!

There is a hot "tomole" time at Oethemine colored Baptist church in Crowder's township this county. A few weeks ago, the Rev. John Massey, the bell wether of the flock, questioned a brother by the surname of Douglas, and whose given name is Jim, in regard to matrimony. Rev. John made the discovery that Douglas had wife No. 2, while wife No. 1 was living in S. C. Jim got as mad as Tom Tucker, and resigned from the church; of course Jim wanted for revenge. Rev. Massey announced that he could not be with them last Sunday, and the congregation sent for Rev. Blackburn to deliver the sermon. Rev. Blackburn mounted the platform to announce the opening hymn, and Jim arose from his pew, and announced: "Dere won't be no preachin' services to-day; we is goin' to call a congressional meetin' for to call a pasture." Rev. Massey was disposed of and Rev. McKinney was called. At 2 o'clock, Rev.

Blackburn and his followers assembled at the home of one Calvin Sidney Finger; and he declared that Jim and McKinney were "wolves in the sheep fold." Steps were taken to oust McKinney and his chosen few. "The Holy Board" in Sheebey were written for, and they will be on hand the second Sunday in June to straighten things out. The congregation will demand the resignation of Rev. McKinney, and if this is refused, the doors will be locked until it is granted.

Most of the farmers in Pisgah have their crops in good shape, but some have a full supply of grass yet.

Labor is in demand and very scarce. It seems a very difficult matter for the farmers to get sufficient hoe hands. The most effective work in such wet weather is with the hoes. The recent rains have stopped the farmers and grass continues to grow vigorously.

The farmers in Pisgah got out their plows Thursday and many an acre of Gaston soil was turned for the first time in a couple of weeks. It does surely look like the "Higher Power" was helping the farmer to reduce the cotton acreage. Alas, our six leaved cotton, the two lower leaves fell off during the rainy season, and now we have gone back to four leaves, five leaves and six leaves.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture, North Carolina

section, Gaston county division of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture crop service has the following crop correspondents: Alexis, S. L. McAllister; Belmont, J. Q. Hall; Bessemer, Roy Wolfe; Cherryville, —; Gastonia, R. D. Martin; Dallas, —; Mt. Holly, J. F. Joy; Stanley, R. L. McLeod. The others will be added in the future.

Miss Lenoir Morrow is the guest for a couple of weeks of Miss Livonia McCready. Miss McCready has been sick for some time with malaria.

The paragrapher's thanks are due to Col. Robt. L. Abernethy of "Open View Farm," Mt. Holly, for his photo, which now ornaments this office and also for cuts of S. F. Swine, Scotch Collie dogs and thorough bred poultry.

BESSEMER DOTS.

Correspondence of the Gazette.

Mrs. J. H. Wilkins and Mrs. Lynch returned Saturday from a visit to friends at Charlotte.

Capt. and Mrs. J. M. Odell who have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Durham, returned Monday to Concord.

Mr. Tom Wilkins who has been attending the Louisville Dental College, visited his brother Mr. J. H. Wilkins this week.

Mr. M. I. Sholar and son Robert left Wednesday evening for Atlanta.

Mrs. T. Ellington wife of the pastor of the Methodist church, who has been quite ill is convalescing.

Mrs. Frank Ramsey visited Gastonia Tuesday.

Mrs. C. G. Robbins returned Wednesday from a visit to Dallas.

Mr. Wright Dixon, of Raleigh, is the guest of Mr. S. J. Durham.

Mr. Hovis, of Washington, is visiting relatives in this vicinity.

Sanford Must Look Elsewhere.

Carthage Blade.

Miss May Stuart, who has been teaching in the Graded school at Gastonia for several years was re-elected to her position and at the meeting of the trustees of the Sanford Graded school a few days ago, she was elected to a position as teacher in that school. Miss May is a fine teacher and it is hoped that ere long she can be offered a position in the Carthage graded school.

LOWELL.

Many Visitors—College Girls Return—Mr. Dameron Goes to Yorkville—The Sick.

(Two late for Friday's paper.)
Correspondence of the Gazette.

May 24th, 1905.—The mud has about had us hemmed in for the last week but to-day the sun has broken through and is shining brightly.

Mr. Embry Adams arrived from Baltimore to visit his parents last Friday, and will return next Friday. All his friends were glad to see him, the first visit in two years.

Mr. C. V. Fite and family have moved here from Charlotte. Mr. Fite is machinist at the Lowell Cotton Mill.

Miss Mary Lewis Hicks, from Henricetta, is visiting Miss Virginia Robinson.

Mrs. Maggie Gooch is visiting her parents, Mr. R. A. Groves and family. She lives near Asheville.

Mrs. Malissa Roseman is very ill at this writing.

Mr. F. W. Leeper is still improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rankin left yesterday to attend the marriage of Miss Ada Howland at Derita, N. C.

Miss Rita Parker and Miss Myrtle McKnight arrived to-day from Concord, N. C., where they have been attending school.

Miss Maggie Baker and Miss Annie McKnight will be in a few days from the Normal College at Asheville.

Work has begun on the new addition to the cotton mill here.

Mr. L. E. Dameron began moving his household and livery stable effects to Yorkville to-day. The family will go in a few days. Their many friends regret very much to see them go.

The young people enjoyed a lawn party in the grove at Mr. Chas. Stowe's residence Saturday night of last week.

The Southern Railway Company is operating the block system now and consequently we have two new telegraph operators here.

Durward S. Wilson, a son of W. B. Wilson, of Greenville, N. C., has just passed the required examinations for cadetship at the United States Military Academy at West Point, N. Y. He has been notified to report for admission on the 15th of June, 1905.

RUTHERFORD COMMENCEMENT

New Dormitories—Board Will be Cheaper—Large Attendance Expected.

By the Editor of the Gazette:

Rutherford College, May 25.—Commencement is now over and most of the students have gone to their homes to spend a few short weeks vacation after which they will return to spend another year in school.

Commencement exercises began Monday evening at eight o'clock with a drama given by the college dramatic club. The annual sermon was preached Tuesday at 11 a. m. by Dr. R. G. Waterhouse, President of Emory and Henry college, Emory, Va., in the college auditorium. The auditorium was well filled with people who were anxious to hear such an eloquent speaker as Dr. Waterhouse.

The young men representing the Newtonian and Platonic Literary societies in declamations came forth Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock with excellent declamations and delivered them so as to reflect honor upon themselves, the societies and the school which they represent.

At 8 o'clock Tuesday evening the young men representing the same societies in orations did their utmost in trying to entertain the audience with their eloquent orations which they had so carefully written. All present felt that they had been honored by hearing such well delivered and excellent addresses.

The Literary address was delivered by Dr. H. N. Snyder, second president of Walford college, Spartanburg, S. C., 11 a. m. Wednesday. He spoke for about sixty minutes on the "Romance of Chivalry."

At 3 p. m. Wednesday, the alumni address was delivered by Rev. L. A. Falls, pastor of Brevard M. E. church, Charlotte, N. C. Mr. Falls is an old student of Rutherford college. He delivered a most excellent address.

At 8 o'clock Wednesday evening came the exercises by the young ladies. They were—as we would term them—the best exercises of commencement.

The board of trustees which met Tuesday decided to build a large dormitory which will be able to accommodate a much larger number of students next year. They will also be able to give good board

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Have just received one lot 40 dozen wash and silk belts.

Wash Belts, plain with buckle 25c

Wash Belts, embroidered with buckle 30c

Silk Belts and girdles 50c, 75c, and \$1.

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One lot special ready made hats 50c, 75c and \$1.

A big lot royal worcester corsets in batists, just received with hose supporters to go at 50c.

JAS. F. YEAGER.

much cheaper. We are proud to say that the old faculty will all be with us again next year, and they are expecting a much larger attendance than we have had the past session.

Respectfully yours,
GRIFFIN C. CONKELL,
Rutherford College, N. C.

GETTING NEW CARPET.

Will Cost \$2,000 to Cover the Senate Floor—Comes High.

Washington, May 15.—The United States Senate is getting a new carpet. About 900 yards of material is required, and the cost will be a little more than \$2,000. Senate carpets come high, but Col. Daniel M. Ransdell, the sergeant-at-arms, says that even though the figure sound big, he is getting a bargain. Carpet companies from all parts of the country have had their agents here for the last few days, some even sending their vice presidents and general managers in hopes of landing the contract, and there has been some lively underbidding. Col. Ransdell chose a green Wilton carpet, made by a New England firm.

The average life of Senate carpets is four years. They are subject to a great deal of hard use as countless thousands of feet pass over them, and the custom of chewing tobacco still exists in Senatorial circles. There is always a sale for the discarded carpet, as many curious people take a great delight in being able to say they own pieces of carpet that once adorned the floor of the United States Senate.

Seigfried Roebling who ran away from school in Asheville last week has been found in Knoxville, Tenn. He will return to his parents home, but will not be required to return to school.

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200 yds. Silk. 65c values. All new and up-to-date, but these small lots were picked up at a big discount, and we give our customers the benefit. They go at 39c yd. Be on hand Wednesday.

Few pieces yard wide Black Taffeta. Soft finished, guaranteed, woven in selva. Would be good value at \$1 yd., but as long as they last Wednesday, at 79c yard. Don't miss this opportunity.

All odd and small pieces, and off patterns go at half price.

In fact it is going to be interesting all day Wednesday. Our big stores have put on new regalia since our buyer returned from New York, where he landed some of the biggest bargains ever brought to Gastonia.

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

Handkerchief and Collar Sale!

1500 Ladies' and Misses' Handkerchiefs. Values up to 12c on sale for Thursday and Friday at 4c each. This is the time to get your supply of Handkerchiefs.

One lot of Ladies' Collars. A regular 10c Collar, but Thursday and Friday we cut the price in the middle. 5c. Take your choice.

Many specials will be shown during the week in Laces and Embroideries, so don't fail to visit us this week. It will be money in your pocket.

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