

### PICTURESQUE HIGH SHOALS.

**An Excellent Mill Village on the South Fork of the Catawba in Northern Gaston Where Abide Contented and Industrious Operatives—The Mill and Its Equipment—The Owners and Managers.**

Situated in Gaston county, about half way between Lincolnton and Dallas on the Carolina & North-Western Railway, is the village of High Shoals. Taking its name from the shoals on the South Fork of the Catawba, on the banks of which the village and the plant of the High Shoals Company is located, it embraces one of the most beautiful and ideal locations to be found in this section. The High Shoals Mill has been in operation about seven years and was among the many plants along the river that caused the C. & N.-W. Railway to change its road-bed between the river and Lincolnton. The High Shoals Company operates 11,000 spindles and 470 looms, and will install 5,000 additional spindles in the near future. The main building is 360 by 77 feet, is four stories at the front end and three in the rear. The machinery is of the Mason make with the exception of the pickers which are of the Atherton type and the speeders and slubbers which were turned out by the Saco-Pette shops. The plant receives its motive power from the water-fall which turns the three massive water wheels. The water wheel shaft is connected with the shafts in the mill by ten large cables which take the place of huge leather belts in giving a momentum to the wheels in the mill. The company manufactures yarns 20's to 30's and brown sheeting cloth, all of which finds an easy market.

#### THE OFFICERS.

The officers of the High Shoals Company are all Charlotte men. Mr. D. A. Thompkins is president, Mr. T. N. Constables secretary and Mr. George L. Krueger treasurer. Mr. A. Q. Kale has been superintendent of the mill from the beginning and much of the mill's success is due to his management. Mr. D. A. Medlin is the mill's bookkeeper and Mr. J. C. McBrayer is manager of the company's general store and also has the reputation of holding the only Federal office, that of postmaster. The plant runs night and day and gives employment to about 300 employes all of whom seem to be happy and content with their lot.

Across the river, opposite the mill, is an exceedingly beautiful place which the company is preparing to transform into a pleasure park. Just below the dam on the same side of the river is a refreshing spring which will be made the resting place for the weary and an ideal place for the spreading of picnic dinners, while on the little island in the river which will be connected with the main land by a small bridge, there will be erected swings and other apparatus for the entertainment of those who may come to the place to spend the long hours of a hot summer day, to enjoy the refreshing breezes that fit across the river, to drop a line for the catfish, or to stretch on the long benches and drink of the pure beverage of nature which abounds here in surpassing excellence.

#### THE VILLAGE.

The village of High Shoals, especially at this season of the year, is famed for the beauty of its natural scenery. The 75 mi cottages, every one of which is neat and attractive, are arranged at a good elevation. The town has its full quota of churches, the Baptist, Methodist and Episcopal denominations having

their own edifices, regular services being held in each. The public school is open the full school year and the children of school age have every advantage, as regards the public school instruction. Mr. W. R. Rhyne has charge of the school this year and speaks in the highest terms of the year's record. Mr. A. Q. Kale, the superintendent, has just completed a fine new residence on the elevation above the depot and another large new dwelling for the master mechanic is being built on the hill across the river. High Shoals may be classed among the progressive little towns of this section. The company store, of which Mr. McBrayer is manager, does the entire mercantile business for the village while the firm of A. M. Shrum & Co. serves the people in the way of fresh meats, ice and fish. They also handle beef on the hoof and do quite an extensive business.

### BESSEMER BRIEFS.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

Bessemer City, May 13—Hon. O. F. Mason, of Dallas, was a visitor in town Tuesday.—Miss Johnston, a teacher in the Bessemer graded school, left for her home in Virginia Tuesday.—Miss Ella Rankin returned to Belmont Tuesday.—Mrs. E. L. Mason who has been visiting relatives here returned to Dallas Friday.—Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Hardin, of Gastonia, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Whitney Wednesday.—Dr. D. A. Garrison spent Friday in Charlotte.—Mrs. H. N. Garrison and daughter, Elizabeth, are visiting in Shelby.—Rev. and Mrs. Plato Durham, of Charlotte, and Miss Cole, of Rockingham, who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Durham, returned home Wednesday.—Mrs. J. A. Smith has returned from a visit to Danville.

Mrs. John Swift died Sunday at 5 o'clock after an illness of three weeks. She leaves a husband and three small children, who have the sympathy of many friends in their bereavement.

Bishop J. M. Horner, of Asheville, assisted by Rev. W. H. Hardin, of Gastonia, conducted confirmation services at the Episcopal church Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

### BASEBALL.

By a score of 10 to 8 the business men's team defeated the graded school team in a game of baseball at the Lorav Park Wednesday afternoon. The attendance was small. Once or twice during the game some enthusiasm was aroused and a little excitement created, notably when Will Little, of the school team, knocked a three-Bagger, bringing two men in home and getting almost within reaching distance of the home plate himself. Once the school team had three men on bases; the business men became rattled and all three scored. The batteries were: School team—Gray and Bell; business men—Wetzell and Wetzell; umpire, Mr. Miller.

Gastonia and McAdenville will play the first game in the summer series at the ball park tomorrow afternoon. The game will be called at 3 45 o'clock. The batteries will be as follows: McAdenville—Price and Bumgarner; Gastonia—Fullenwider or Smith and Miller.

The Southern Railway Freight Agents' Association met in annual session at Charlotte Tuesday.

### FOR RENT

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### TWENTIETH OF MAY.

**Week of Gaiety Arranged for in Charlotte Under Auspices of Charlotte Artillery.**

Correspondence of The Gazette.

Charlotte, May 16—The various committees having in charge the program of the annual 20th of May celebration, which will take place here next week under the auspices of the Twentieth of May Military Festival, have arranged for a whole week of gaiety and pleasure beginning next Monday morning and continuing until Saturday night, May 25th. Both the Seaboard Air Line and Southern Railways, having offered the attractive low rate of one fare plus 25 cents for the round trip good from all points in North Carolina and upper South Carolina, are receiving inquiries every day.

The more prominent features of the celebration will be the military drills, night fire-works display and the usual mid-way attractions. A carnival company with 20 high class shows will arrive here the latter part of the week and will pitch tents within the fair grounds enclosure at Latta Park.

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The Gazette will send two young ladies, one living in Gastonia, the other one living outside of Gastonia in Gaston County or in Kings Mountain or Clover, S. C., to the Jamestown Exposition, paying all their expenses for a ten-day trip, including railroad fare, Pullman and dining car fare, board, street car fares, incidentals and admission to the Exposition grounds. The trips go to the two young ladies receiving the largest number of votes in our contest. Two valuable second prizes will also be awarded as follows: To the young lady in Gastonia receiving the second highest number of votes a handsome oak sideboard, which is on exhibition at Williams Furniture Company's; to the young lady in district No. 2 (outside of Gastonia) receiving the highest number of votes a handsome solid gold lady's watch on exhibition at Torrence-Morris Company's.

## HOW TO VOTE

Votes will be allowed on all subscriptions to The Gazette, a larger per centage being allowed for money paid to advance subscriptions than for evening up arrearages. The contest will be divided into two periods of four weeks each. Following is the schedule of rates:

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