

NEWS FROM NEARBY TOWNS

CLOVER CULLINGS.

Correspondence of The Gazette. CLOVER, S. C., Nov. 13.—The prevailing low price of cotton has caused a depression in business, the like of which has not been experienced in our town in a number of years. The energy and vim has been knocked out of our people and everything seems to be on a drag. However, we take courage from that old adage that the darkest hour is just before day. We hope for better times in the near future.

The sad news reached here Wednesday afternoon of the death of Mr. Jacob Morton in Keysville, Va., which occurred at that place at 2 o'clock that afternoon. Maj. Morton married Miss Minnie Niel, of our town, on the 26th of October, 1910. Dr. M. E. Neil left as soon as he received the news for Keysville to be with his sister in her bereavement.

On next Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock Mr. Samuel Ross Clinton, of Gastonia, will claim as his bride, Miss Emma Neil, of our town. This happy event will be consummated in the Presbyterian church. Miss Neil is one of our town's most accomplished young ladies and will be much missed in the social circles of our town.

Mr. F. E. Clinton is no longer with the Clover Drug Co. but has opened a grocery business in the room recently vacated by Mr. H. P. Jackson.—Mr. Ernest Thomas and Miss Bessie Green, of Clover, route one, will be married at the latter's home next Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock.

Mumps have been prevalent in our town during the past ten days. Esquire Quinn was confined to his room for a few days with them. We are glad to be able to report him out again.

Contractor W. I. Beamguard is at Sharon superintending the erection of a store room for Mr. Hill, of that place. He expects to be engaged on this job until spring.—Jackson Brothers have recently erected stables at the rear of the warehouse preparatory to the handling of stock.—Mr. George S. Williams' handsome new residence on Knox avenue is now well under way and will be ready for occupancy during the early part of December.—Postmaster J. D. Gwin and wife attended the Catawba County Fair at Hickory this week. They report the fair as being good.—Bird season opens here on the 15th and there is considerable traffic in dogs and guns preparatory to getting ready for the opening. Farmers report a lot of birds this season.—Mr. D. J. Forbes, of route one, has been laid up with mumps.—Rev. J. M. McClain, of Roland, N. C., has rented the Fitchett property and moved here. We gladly welcome Mr. McClain and family to our town. We would be glad to be able to report many more such valuable additions.—Mr. Thad P. Clinton, of Gastonia, has opened a fire insurance office here in the Smith building. We are glad to welcome him to our town and hope he may find this a profitable place for his vocation.—Mrs. S. A. Robinson and Mrs. F. E. Clinton spent Saturday in Gastonia.—Water supply in Clover has been somewhat improved by the recent rains. It is to be hoped that in the near future Clover may make some move towards an adequate water supply for the town. With a proper water system Clover would be second to no town in the State in which to live.

BESSEMER BRIEFS.

Correspondence of The Gazette. BESSEMER CITY, Nov. 13.—Mr. S. S. Caldwell, of Smyrna, S. C., en route to Charlotte, spent Friday night here with his brother, Rev. R. R. Caldwell.—Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Fronberger have just moved into the house made vacant by Mr. Harper.—It looks now as if our farmers along Crowders creek are to have a better opportunity to cultivate and receive a harvest from their fertile bottom lands. Carpenters are busy constructing a dredging boat for the purpose of cleaning and deepening the channel of the stream. The benefit that this will be to the lands along Crowders creek cannot be told now, only the passing years can tell. Miss Anna Sanders spent Saturday in Gastonia.—Our town is very free from contagious diseases now. There was one case of scarlet fever, but it has subsided and the disease has not spread. The family is still under quarantine, however.—Mrs. Jessie Fronberger spent Saturday in Gastonia.—To our great disappointment the farm-life school lost out here by a large vote.

KINGS MOUNTAIN ITEMS.

The Herald, 9th. Mrs. Ed Long and daughter, of Gastonia, attended the Floral Fair here last week.

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Misses Ethel and Blanche Austin, of Gastonia, spent one day here last week with their friend, Miss Lillie Watterson.

Misses Stella and Louise Boyd and Mabel Niel, of Gastonia, visited here one day last week.

Mr. Henderson Long, of Gastonia, spent last Sunday here with his father, Mr. L. H. Long, who suffered a light stroke of paralysis recently. The Floral Fair was one of the most successful ever held in Kings Mountain. It was the general opinion that the flower exhibit was never before equaled. Crowds of visitors came on every train to attend the fair and all seemed pleased in every respect.

Mrs. Mary Buchanan, who moved from this place about 50 years ago and hasn't been back but once since and that about 35 years ago, arrived in town Monday night to visit her sister, Mrs. Faith Wilson. These sisters have not seen each other since Mrs. Buchanan's visit here 35 years ago. They say they can hardly realize that they are sisters—having not seen each other any oftener. Mrs. Wilson is 80 years old and Mrs. Buchanan is 87. They were raised in the Rock House, near the battleground, which was built by their grandfather, Peter Houser, over 100 years ago.

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BELMONT BUDGET.

Correspondence of The Gazette. BELMONT, Nov. 13.—Several changes in the working force at the Southern depot have taken place in the last few days. Mr. A. K. Hembree, agent for the past several months, has resigned his position and accepted a place in the clerical department of the G. M. Gullick Co. He has been succeeded by Mr. H. C. Cooksey, of Converse, S. C. Mr. Williams, formerly third trick operator, has been transferred to Fair Forest, S. C. He is succeeded by Mr. W. L. Washam, of Cornelius.

Next Friday night at 8 o'clock in the recently completed school auditorium will take place the old-fashioned spelling match between the old-time champions of the town and the pick of the classes in the Belmont high school. There will be from 20 to 25 spellers on each side. The affair promises to be at once amusing and interesting. For the purpose of raising funds for the purpose of buying pictures for the school a small nominal admission fee of ten or fifteen cents will be charged although the primary object of the match as at first announced by Prof. Query was the arousing of interest in spelling among the pupils of the school. Already quite a number of the townspeople have signified their intention of entering the match, firm in the conviction that their pristine prowess in the old blue-back has not materially depreciated. County Superintendent of Education F. P. Hall, as one who is equally interested both in the town and the school has been asked to officiate.

Misses Melva Gullick and Edna Rankin, of the Presbyterian College, Charlotte, Ida Rankin and Abbie Hall, of the Bessemer City graded school faculty were week-end visitors at home.—Miss Mary Henderson, of Charlotte, is a guest at the home of Mr. H. C. Johnston.—Mrs. H. B. Moore, of Gastonia, will be in Belmont next Sunday for the purpose of organizing at the Baptist church a Ladie's Missionary Society, a Sunbeam band and a Baraca class.

THE SOUTH IS VICTOR.

Virginian Awarded Prize for Best Corn Exhibited at New York.

New York, Nov. 11.—For growing the best thirty ears of corn exhibited from any portion of the United States, W. H. Dorin of Clover, Va., has been awarded the \$1,000 silver cup offered by the International Harvester Company at the American Land and Irrigation Exposition, now in progress at Madison Square Garden. Mr. Dorin winning over exhibitors from every section of the country among them L. D. Clore, the famous Indiana corn king, hitherto undefeated in a contest of this nature. Mr. Dorin's corn is now on exhibition at the Southern Railway's booth and is attracting great attention. Farmers from all sections are showing extraordinary interest in the award, since it is the first time such a prize has been won by a Southern corn-grower.

Mr. Dorin ploughed his land 10 inches and subsoiled 12 inches more. He used 200 pounds of phosphate, his only fertilizer outside of clover turned under. His seed was carefully selected from an acre on which he made a splendid yield in 1910 and the corn which took the prize was from an acre cultivated under the methods of the United States farm demonstration bureau, the yield from this acre being 137 bushels. The soil is the ordinary type of southern Virginia, a gray sandy loam about eight inches deep with a good clay subsoil.

Mr. Dorin's success shows what can be accomplished on Southern land and is the more remarkable since he is a former resident of a Michigan city and knew practically nothing about farming until 6 years ago, when he purchased 56 acres in Halifax county, Virginia, on the Southern Railway's Richmond & Danville line, paying \$8 an acre. The award of this prize to Mr. Dorin will prove a valuable advertisement for the southeast as a corn-growing land. It was with the purpose of showing the agricultural possibilities of the Southeast that the Southern Railway Company placed an extensive exhibit at this exposition and did everything possible to encourage individual exhibits on the part of the farmers throughout the territory served by its lines.

Senator Overman Was Right. Charlotte Chronicle.

In the matter of the Panama Canal, Senator Overman was right in his contention for a sea-level route. As it is, the lock system is going to cost a great deal more than had been estimated. Further than that its operation and maintenance will cost \$3,500,000 a year. It is too late to talk about that, however. The wisdom of the sea-level advocates will have ample vindication—is having it now.

son, of Waycross, Ga., are visiting Mrs. Hengovold's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Knight.

FARM LIFE SCHOOL DEFEATED

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The tabulated vote as given below shows that several precincts, including Gastonia No. 1 and Dallas, cast a majority in favor of the farm-life school, but the vote in the entire county fell short of the required number by 133. That is to say that 133 votes, added to the 1,051 actually cast for the measure, would have given a vote of 1,184, or one more than half the registered vote. In casting about to determine the reasons for the unfavorable result of the election, it is found that several opinions prevail, but a comparison of the figures as given above seems to show plainly that the measure failed of carrying simply through lack of sufficient interest on the part of the people at large, and especially of the farmers, who were the parties most largely interested in the matter. It is safe to say that out of the 866 voters who registered but did not cast their ballots, these were very probably as many as 133 who were not so bitterly opposed to the establishment of the school that they could not have been induced to go out and vote for the enterprise if the organization for carrying the election had been a little more actively at work.

Much of the credit for the large vote cast in favor of the establishment of the farm-life school is due to the Farmers Union, whose officers and members worked almost as a unit in its favor.

	Reg.	For	Against
Cherryville	261	53	91
Carpenter's	70	28	18
Kiser's	70	27	16
Bessemer City	126	42	53
Baker's	30	10	11
Dilling's	35	8	13
Gastonia No. 1	370	193	22
Gastonia No. 2	182	76	21
Glenn's	45	17	7
Robinson's	51	21	12
Dallas	336	261	11
Alexis	69	17	52
Mount Holly	95	55	13
Lucia	57	15	34
Mountain Island	51	20	15
Stanley	119	49	20
Belmont	139	41	18
Lowell	81	15	25
South Point	34	19	5
Union	72	43	12
McAdenville	73	41	
	2366	1051	449

REMARKABLE RECORD.

Large Per Centage of Southern Trains Made Fine Time During Past Six Months.

Special to The Gazette.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 10.—A remarkable record for maintaining published schedules is shown by the performance of ten of the Southern Railway's trains, considered most important on account of the heavy travel over them as well as on account of the distance traversed: the "Carolina Special," considered for two hundred days from April 1st to October 17th, and the "Memphis Special," the "Birmingham Special," the "New York, Atlanta and New Orleans Limited," (Nos. 37 and 38), and the "United States Fast Mail" (Nos. 35 and 36), considered for the six months ending October 16th.

Out of an aggregate of 1,872 trains operated, 1,658 or 89 per cent arrived at destination on time. The best individual record was made by No. 35 which out of 184 days arrived at Atlanta on time 174 days or 95 per cent. No. 36 arrived at Washington on time 146 days or 79 per cent. For the same period No. 37 arrived at Atlanta on time 161 days or 88 per cent and No. 38 arrived at Washington on time 159 days or 86 per cent; the "Birmingham Special" arrived at Birmingham on time 161 days or 88 per cent and arrived Washington on time 164 days or 89 per cent; the "Memphis Special" arrived Memphis on time 155 days or 84 per cent; and arrived Washington on time 158 days or 86 per cent. Out of the two hundred days, the "Carolina Special" arrived Cincinnati on time 185 days or 90 per cent and arrived Charleston on time 164 days or 82 per cent.

When the length of the runs covered by these trains, 650 to 1,000 miles, and the number of connections to be protected are considered it is easily seen that such results could only be accomplished by the most careful watchfulness. While these figures reflect great credit on the management of the Southern Railway, their publication should prove of value to the entire South in that they show it to be a land in which trains may be expected to reach their destination on time, except in cases where delays are brought about by unavoidable causes.

During this period the Southern Railway also ran a large number of purely local trains which approximated 100 per cent in their record for punctuality.

NEW METHODIST PASTOR

Western North Carolina Conference Closed at Statesville Yesterday Afternoon—Rev. J. E. Abernethy New Pastor of Main Street Church.

After being in session since Wednesday morning, of last week, the annual conference of Western North Carolina Methodism came to a close with the reading of the appointments by Bishop Hoss yesterday afternoon.

Appointments of special interest to our readers locally are those of Rev. J. E. Abernethy as pastor of Main Street church to succeed Rev. George D. Herman, who goes to Wadesboro. Rev. Mr. Abernethy has been for four years pastor of Centenary church at Winston-Salem, one of the best appointments in the conference and his appointment to Main Street here will doubtless meet with the hearty approval of the people whom he is to serve. Great regret is felt however, at the departure of Rev. G. D. Herman, who has served as pastor here for three years and under whose pastorate Main Street church has made great and substantial progress. Rev. J. A. Peeler is returned as pastor of West Gastonia and Ozark churches for the second year, while Rev. Dr. S. B. Turrentine remains as Presiding Elder of Shelby District.

At Saturday's session High Point was chosen as the place of meeting for the conference next fall. The resignation of Rev. J. P. Rodgers as agent for the Children's Home at Winston-Salem was accepted, and Rev. J. F. Kirk, formerly pastor at Mount Airy, was elected as his successor. Rev. Mr. Rodgers will re-enter the work of the regular ministry as a pastor. Prof. H. A. Hayes was re-elected superintendent of the Home.

On Sunday all the pulpits of Statesville were filled by visiting ministers as usual. Bishop Hoss preaching at Broad Street Methodist church. Sunday afternoon memorial services were held for the members of the Conference who have died during the conference year. The morning session Monday, pre-

A HORRIBLE MASSACRE

Manchus Slay Chinese by Thousands—Butchery Unrecorded in Modern History—Innocent People Murdered Without Compunction and Ancient City of Nanking Fired.

Press dispatches from Nanking, China, appearing in the daily papers of Saturday tell of scenes in the empire which are almost unbelievable. The story is in part as follows: Historic Nanking this evening is the shambles of the Manchu butchers. The sun set upon a scene of fire, rapine, desolation and butchery unrecorded in modern history.

Tonight 12,000 Manchu and Imperial old-style soldiers hold Purple Hill, where they are entrenched, while from beneath their stronghold they are driving before them hordes of Chinese out of the city. Innocent Chinese, leaving everything behind them, are fleeing, terror-stricken and destitute to shelter in the fields at the rear of the reform forces. The latter, numbering between 20,000 and 30,000 are impotent to check the slaughter or avenge the slain because of their lack of ammunition. The revolutionists had delayed a second concerted attack upon the Manchus pending the arrival of ammunition expected from Shanghai. The Manchus took advantage of the situation.

The revolutionists made a determined effort but did little shooting and there were few fatalities. The main body of the reformers remained in camp three miles distant from the city awaiting the arrival of ammunition. Reinforcements are also coming from every direction.

Thousands of Chinese poured from the gates until at noon today it was estimated that fully 70,000 persons had escaped. Before nightfall 20,000 more, representing every class, the merchants, gentry and coolies, had gotten away. Meanwhile the Manchus scoured the narrow streets of the city and the houses of wealthy merchants were sacked. Any queeless victim was beheaded immediately.

The correspondent of the Associated Press saw several women executed and their children stabbed and trampled under foot.

The order appeared to be that anyone wearing anything which suggested the white badge worn by the reformers must be killed forthwith. A white pocket handkerchief marked the possessor for death. White shoes, which are worn by the Chinese as a sign of mourning were a signal for the execution of the wearer. The horror of the massacre cannot be described.

An attempt tonight to estimate the number of innocent people and non-combatants slain would be futile.

The Chinese found wearing foreign clothing immediately fell a victim on his advanced taste, but foreigners were not molested. Their protests against the massacres, however, were disregarded and even laughed at. The correspondents of the Associated Press worked through out the day within the outer walls of the city eight miles from the telegraph station with which they communicated and to which they were permitted access through the courtesy of the railway officials. Fires sprang up everywhere and a large section of the native city was burned. Tonight the Manchu, driven to bay, cornered and glutted with blood, having despoiled the goods of 200,000 inhabitants, watches the flaming city from the height of Purple Hill and awaits the morrow.

—Rev. J. Calvin Harmon, formerly pastor of West End and Franklin Avenue Methodist churches here, spent last night in Gastonia as the guest of his aunt, Mrs. O. W. Davis, and went to Kings Mountain on No. 11 today to spend a few days with his homefolks. Mr. Harmon has been attending conference at Statesville. He was returned to pastorate at Walkertown, near Winston-Salem, where he has met with much success in his work. His Gastonia friends are glad to see him again.

Of Interest to Playgoers.

As advertised elsewhere in this issue, the Gastonia Opera House has been fortunate enough to be able to book a performance of the popular play "Beverly" for Wednesday night, November 22nd. This company plays at Charlotte on the 21st and was booked for Spartanburg for the 22d. A mix of some kind in dates, however, shut them off from making their date in Spartanburg and to avoid losing a day, the manager made a contract to come to Gastonia. The play goes direct from Gastonia to Danville, Va. All of which is evidence that Gastonians will have an opportunity on next Wednesday night to witness the performance of a play which regularly makes only a larger cities. It can be safely predicted that this attraction will be by far the best of the season, and should be patronized by all who appreciate a good theatrical performance.

Wadesboro, Rev. George D. Herman goes to one of the most desirable appointments in the Conference. The charge has only recently completed a new parsonage, said to be the best of any charge in the conference.

The new pastor of Main Street, Rev. J. E. Abernethy, is considered one of the strongest young preachers in the conference. He has served a number of appointments, among them being Mount Airy and Centenary church, Winston, and is a preacher of ability.

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