

RECEIVER ASKED FOR.

The De Kalk Cotton Mills, it is Said, Will Pay Out.

In the United States Circuit Court in Charleston Thursday attorneys Steele, Semmes & Carey, of Baltimore, through attorneys Smythe, Lee & Frost, of Charleston, filed a bill of complaint on behalf of the Carey, Bayne & Smith Company, of the State of Delaware, against the DeKalk Cotton Mills, of Camden, South Carolina, on its own behalf, and on behalf of all other creditors and stockholders of the defendant who may elect to become parties to the suit and contribute to the expenses thereof, asking first, that the court will fully administer as a trust fund all the property belonging to the defendant company and will marshal the assets and ascertain the several lines and priorities existing thereon, and enforce and decree the rights, liens and equities of each and all the creditors and stockholders as the same may be finally ascertained and decreed by the court upon the respective interventions or applications of each and every creditor or stockholder; and second, that a receiver may be appointed by the court to take possession and management of all the property and assets of every kind and description, wheresoever situated, of said defendant, and also take possession of its books and papers, collect all debts due it and to administer the same subject to the further order of the court until such time as it may be just and proper to sell the said property. The petitioners also pray that all the officers, managers, attorneys, agents and employees of said defendant company be ordered to forthwith deliver up to such receiver the possession of all and singular each and every part of said property, wheresoever situated, and also the books, vouchers and papers in any way relating to the business of the defendant company, and that the court will decree an injunction restraining each of its officers, managers, attorneys, agents and employees of said company from in any way interfering with the control of said receiver over the said property, and third, that at such time as may be found just and proper the property of the said company may be required to be sold and the proceeds distributed among the creditors of the defendant company and others entitled thereto.

PERSONAL FACTS.

Home Folks and Strangers in Thist List.
Mr. W. M. Little, of Birmingham, a brother of Mr. Julian Little, of this city, stopped in Charlotte last night and left this morning for Randleman.
Mr. Hiram Foard, of Leaksville, was a Charlotte visitor today.
—Mr. and Mrs. Nat L. Simmonds and family have moved to No. 707 East Avenue.
Mr. James P. Harrison, of Danville, Va., was a guest of the Buford today.
Mr. A. P. Rhyme, of Mt. Holly, was in the city today on business.
Mr. F. C. Sherrill, of Caroline, was in Charlotte today.
Mr. L. C. Caldwell, of Statesville, was here today.
Mr. C. L. Miller, of Rutherfordton, was here today.
Dr. James J. Stewart left last night for Davidson to spend the holidays. He has been attending lectures at the Presbyterian Hospital for the last few months.
Ex-Governor Hardin, of Kentucky, father of Rev. Martin D. Hardin, of the Second Presbyterian Church, is the guest of his son on North College street.
Mr. H. W. Basom, of Mebane, is shaking hands with his many Charlotte friends.

BRIEFS.

—No more Santa Claus letters will be received after today but all on hand will be published during the coming week.
—An interesting series of addresses to boys entitled "Ocean Fertil Series," will commence in January. The best available speakers will be secured.
—Mr. Jimmie Jones, the well-known proprietor of the pool parlors at the Central Hotel, is having his establishment repaired, repapered and refitted, which adds greatly to its appearance.
—The Boys Meeting at the Y. M. C. A. tomorrow evening at 8:15 o'clock, will be addressed by Dr. Hooper. His subject will be "The Switch." This being the 9th address on the railroad series, a special invitation is extended to all boys of the city. Luncheon served after meeting.
—The men's meeting at the Y. M. C. A. tomorrow will be of special interest. State Secretary Knebel will deliver his address on "Four Visions." Mr. Knebel's call to a field secretaryship with the International Committee is a recognition of his peculiar ability for work with young men. He is a forceful speaker and always has a message of profit.

THE WEATHER.

For Charlotte and vicinity: Rain tonight and probably Sunday; warmer tonight.
For North Carolina: Rain and warmer tonight; Sunday rain, colder in extreme west portion and warmer on the coast. Increasing east to south winds.
For South Carolina: Rain tonight and Sunday; warmer tonight. Increasing east to south winds.
WEATHER CONDITIONS.
An extensive storm area covers the Mississippi valley this morning causing general cloudiness and occasional rain there and unsettling the weather eastward over the Atlantic States.
The temperature was freezing in the greater portion of the Atlantic slope last night, but it is warmer throughout the Mississippi valley, with readings ranging from 30 degrees in Minnesota to 70 degrees on the Gulf.
G. R. OBERHOLZER, Observer.

STARTLING TEST.

To save a life Dr. T. G. Merritt, of No. Mehoopany, Pa., made a startling test, resulting in a wonderful cure. He writes, "a patient was attacked with violent hemorrhages, caused by ulceration of the stomach. I had often found Electric Bitters excellent for acute stomach and liver troubles so I prescribed them. The patient gained from the first, and has not had an attack in 14 months." Electric Bitters are positively guaranteed for Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Constipation and Kidney troubles. Try them. Only 50c at Burwell & Co's.

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At this season the children are eating dainties, and the housekeeper must look specially to their food.

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LINEN WEDDING CELEBRATION.

Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Houston, of Monroe, Entertainers.

Monroe, Dec. 18.—The most important social event of the season at this place was the linen wedding of Mayor and Mrs. B. V. Houston, celebrated last evening at their home on Franklin street.
Mayor B. V. Houston is a most estimable gentleman of the old school. He has all those splendid traits of character which make men love him. He served in the Confederate army and is one of our most loyal "ex-Confederates." He is a whole-souled, all-around good man. Mrs. Houston is a very highly cultured lady who is the genial companion of Mr. Houston and has helped him add many to his host of friends. Their linen wedding was celebrated in a most attractive and fitting manner.
The invitations were sent out several days ago, and consisted simply of a small envelope in which was enclosed a card neatly covered, upon which was printed:
"Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Houston
Linen Wedding
1891-1903
Thursday evening, December 17th
From 6 to 11 P. M."
Early in the afternoon of Dec. 17 Mr. and Mrs. Houston began to receive linen presents and long before 11 o'clock many nice and valuable presents were received and placed in a large and beautifully decorated room where they could be seen by the guests.
The guests were met in the hall by Capt. W. A. Lane and Miss Margaret Reid Houston. At the door of the parlor they were greeted by Dr. J. C. Rowe and Rev. Geo. H. Atkinson and conducted into the beautifully decorated parlor, where stood Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Houston under a beautiful arch of flowers. To the left stood Mrs. Lydia Reid Punderburk, Mrs. Wm. Anderson of Charlotte, and Mrs. D. A. Covington and Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Armfield of Monroe. The parlor where Mr. and Mrs. Houston received their guests was very beautifully decorated.
From the parlor the guests were escorted by Mrs. J. J. Crow and Mrs. Mildred Heath Hargrave to the punch room.
At the punch bowl was Mrs. O. P. Heath assisted by Mrs. L. C. Bickett and Misses Katie Fairley and Maggie Crowell. From the punch room to the dining room the guests were escorted by Mr. L. C. Bickett. This was the most gorgeously decorated room. In the center was the table. In the center of the table was a large mirror. Upon this mirror was a large bowl of water which contained two beautiful golden fish. Just over this hung the chandelier, near which was a white umbrella of white linen cloth, stretched tightly open. From underneath this hung large and beautiful flowers made of pink and white linen. The table was neatly and beautifully dressed. Supper was served by Mrs. A. Neal Sample and Mrs. W. A. Lane.
From the dining room the guests were escorted to another beautifully decorated room by Misses Allie Welsh and Margie Williamson, where coffee was served. Coffee was poured by Mrs. J. W. Belk and served by Mrs. A. L. Monroe and Mrs. Chas. H. Richardson. Misses Lizzie Houston and Lessie Heath served peppermint waters at coffee room door.
Music was furnished by Mrs. H. B. Laney, Mrs. J. W. Griffin and Mrs. J. F. Laney. The music was of the best.
There were a number of presents given by friends in Charlotte, Raleigh and elsewhere, among them being a very handsome and valuable one sent by Mrs. W. P. Whitaker, of Raleigh. The wedding was an enjoyable one and highly enjoyed by all.
While all this was going on the friends of Monroe held a banquet in the parlor of the Central hotel. This banquet was given the friends and was highly enjoyed by all.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

The following resolutions were adopted by Catawba Tribe No. 13, Improved Order of Red Men at their last council sleep, Dec. 18, 1903.

Whereas, It has pleased the Great Spirit to summon from our midst our beloved brother, C. H. Stonebanks and Whereas, Catawba Tribe No. 13 has suffered the loss of loyal Red Man and the city of Charlotte one of her best citizens.

Resolved, That while we feel an irreparable loss we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well.

Resolved 2nd, That we extend to his bereaved ones our deep and heart-felt sympathy, and commend them to the care of Him who doeth all things well and pray that He in His infinite love and mercy may help them to bear up under their great affliction which has so suddenly saddened their hearts and darkened their homes.

Resolved 3rd, That our charter be draped with mourning for a period of thirty days in token of the respect and esteem in which our departed brother was held by members of this Tribe.

Resolved 4th, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes and published in the speaking papers of our hunting grounds and also a copy of same be sent to the bereaved wife and family of the deceased brother with seal of Tribe attached.

Whereas, It has pleased the Great Spirit to call from our midst the mother of our beloved Brother, Gordon L. Clifton, we the members of Catawba Tribe No. 13, I. O. R. M., do hereby offer their heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family. Therefore be it

Resolved 1st, That while we feel a deep sorrow for the bereaved family, and mingle our tears with theirs, we bow in humble submission to the will of the Great Spirit and say: "Thy will be done." That we extend to the bereaved ones our heart felt sorrow in this their great loss.

Whereas, It has pleased the Great Spirit to take unto Himself little Edward, the son of Brother A. N. Deaton, we, the members of Catawba Tribe extend to Bro. Deaton and family our sympathy in this their great bereavement. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That Catawba Tribe, as a body, condole Bro. Deaton and his family in the loss of their child, and look to the Great Spirit, as coming from Him, that He will allow judgement and does all things for our good, for He has said, "Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not."
Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, and that they be spread upon the minutes of the Tribe, and a copy furnished the speaking papers for publication.
H. A. WEBBER,
J. T. SMITH,
C. D. ELLIOTT,
Committee.

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J. J. EZELL,

An O'possum Bite Serious.
Several weeks ago Mr. C. A. Puckett, who runs a restaurant on the corner of Poplar and Trade streets, was bitten on the finger by an o'possum. At first the injury was not thought to be of any consequence. Later, the wound became sore and it was feared blood poison had set in. In order to arrest the disease, the attending physician amputated the finger at the second joint. Mr. Puckett has been confined to his home for some weeks on account of the injury.

Tryon Street Methodist Church. Preaching at 11 a. m. by the pastor, Rev. T. F. Marr. At 7:30 p. m. A. G. Knebel, State Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. will speak on "The Works of a Christian Man;" men's meeting at 10 a. m.; Sunday school at 3:30 p. m.; prayer-meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Out of Town Merchants

We want your hardware account for 1904. If you have not been getting good goods at reasonable prices, or if your orders have not been promptly and carefully filled, we invite you to place your account with us for the coming year.
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We have accepted many new accounts during the past year, and we hope to add yours for next. Drop us a line and our representative will see you.
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Our line of Moquettes and Axminsters cannot be surpassed by any line in the South. We are pricing them specially at
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Our Carpet stock is strong in every detail with the most up-to-date styles, foreign and domestic. This department is in charge of Mr. L. C. Herndon, the most expert man in the Carpet and Rug line in the State.
All Carpets made, laid and lined free.
Dress Fabrics
52-inch Black Pebble Chevrot, rich in lustre and strong in fibre. Cheap at \$1.25 yard. Special
98c
46-inch Black Granite Cloth, most excellent quality. Worth \$1.00 yard. Special
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44-inch Black Melrose—we want you to examine the texture. Cheap at regular price, \$1.00. Special
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38-inch Black Poplin, splendid goods, dollar grade, at
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69c
Big line fancy striped Serges. Regular price, \$1.25. Reduced to
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