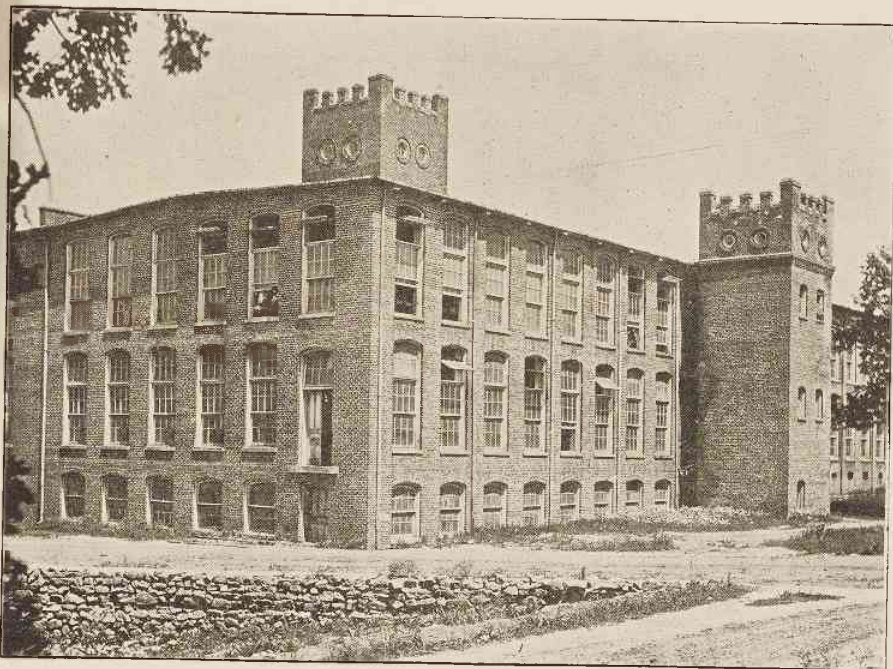


# TRENTON COTTON MILLS

## MANUFACTURERS OF FINE YARNS

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E. N. PEGRAM, Secretary

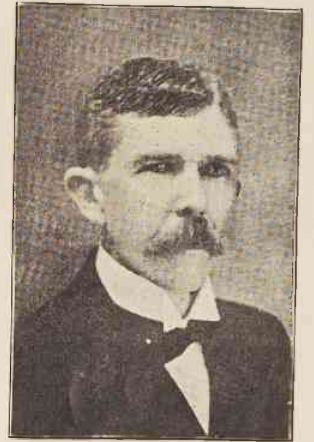


ONE CORNER OF THE EXTENSIVE TRENTON COTTON MILLS

One of the oldest, and at the same time one of the most modern and progressive of the cotton mills of Gastonia is the Trenton, having always remained modern because it has fully kept pace with every improvement made in cotton manufacturing machinery. The Trenton Cotton Mills plant consists of two mills. The original structure, built in 1894, when the enterprise was established, is one story high and fronts 50 feet on west Main street, extending back a distance of 237 feet, and contains 11,850 feet of floor space. The new building, two stories in height, is 55x165 feet, and contains 15,150 feet of floor space. The plant in both buildings is equipped with all the latest improved machinery and 3,448 spindles are operated. Only fine yarns are made at the Trenton, Nos. 36's to 60's, one, two and three-ply in skeins, warps, cones and tubes, combed and carded. About 200 operatives are employed in the bright, well ventilated rooms of the mills, most of them living in the immediate neighborhood in houses owned by the company. The officers are: J. K. Dixon, president and treasurer; L. L. Jenkins, vice-president and E. N. Pegram, secretary. Mr. Dixon is one of the best known citizens of Gastonia, and has always taken a keen interest in every-

thing that concerns its present and future. He served as mayor of the city four terms and during his administration the place grew as it had never done before, and many of the public improvements were made. He has also been a member of the board of aldermen. Mr. Dixon is a native of historic King's Mountain, and was mayor of that town before coming here to live. He was for a number of years the representative of the Southern railroad here, and also at one time resided in Georgia, where he was with the Seaboard road. Mr. L. L. Jenkins, the vice-president, is one of the pioneer cotton manufacturers of the city, but is now a resident of Asheville, where he is president of the American National Bank. He has always retained, however, the greatest interest in his native county, and is president of the First National Bank, the Arlington and Flint Cotton Mills, and is connected with a large number of other enterprises. Mr. E. N. Pegram, the secretary, is well known as a business man here in Gastonia, where he has a wide circle of friends. The superintendent of the mills is Mr. A. M. Dixon, a son of the president. Few young men hold such a responsible position, but he has proven himself to be entirely capable and has

already won his spurs. He has been about cotton mills all his life and knows every detail of the business.



J. K. DIXON

### THE GASTONIA GAZETTE.

The Gastonia Gazette was established thirty-three years ago, the first issue appearing on Saturday morning, February 21, 1880, since which time it has been issued without interruption. A steady growth, commensurate with the growth of the town and county, has marked its career. The first issue of The Gazette contained four six-column pages, was neatly printed, and announced the subscription price as \$1.50 per year. Mr. George W. Chalk, of Spartanburg, S. C., was editor. It

continuing as editor and publisher. In April 1883, Mr. J. E. Page, at present senior member of the firm of Page & Company, Gastonia, became proprietor of the paper, the name of T. G. Chalk, a brother of the former editor, appearing at the masthead as editor. This management continued until some date between November 21st and December 12th, 1885, when Mr. Chalk retired, relinquishing the entire control to Mr. Page, under whose charge the paper enjoyed marked popularity and prosperity. January 6th, 1888, Mr. Page sold The Gazette to J. T. Bigham &

Grier, of Due West, S. C., bought the paper from Mr. Marshall and the latter repurchased it in December 1900. The Gazette became a semi-weekly in 1903. In October, 1906, The Gazette was purchased from Mr. W. F. Marshall by the Atkins estate, which still owns and operates it, Messrs. E. D. and J. W. Atkins being the managers and editors. Recently Mr. Otto O. Baber, who has been with the paper for a number of years as foreman of the job department, was made a member of the firm. Mr. Hugh A. Query is assistant editor

### D. M. JONES & COMPANY. Cotton Brokers.

Cotton is as much king in Gastonia today as it ever was in the palmy

he is considered an authority. Mr. Cleveland has also given many years to the business, and the firm is thus splendidly equipped to save its customers.

made clothing is to a ready-made one. Fronting 30 feet on Main street, the establishment extends back a distance of 95 feet, providing a floor space of nearly 3,000 square feet, equipped with every kind of improved machinery



OFFICE OF D. M. JONES & COMPANY

### IDEAL ROLLER COVERING SHOP. Progress Building.

Nearly all of the industries of Gastonia thus far in its brief history have centered about the great cotton manufacturing interests that have done so much for the growth of the city and in business, the same has always promises to do so much more, and there is no exception in the case of the Ideal Roller Covering Shop, which is located in The Progress building on Airline avenue. This is one of the pioneer industries of the city, and was brought into existence when the cotton mills were established here. The shop manufacturers exclusively Ideal Roller Covers for use in cotton mill repair work, and through the energy and enterprise of its proprietors, together with the fact that they make a superior article, a large and constantly growing business has



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succeeded The Enterprise, a small sheet with four 6x9 pages, published by Mr. R. M. Martin. This paper had, in turn, been preceded by The Herald, a much larger sheet, published by Mr. E. M. Evans, of Chester, S. C., the capital stock of the company being \$425, held by himself and four or five other citizens. Mr. Chalk bought up the old plant at a reduced price, added about \$500 worth of equipment, and

Company, with Mr. J. T. Bigham as editor. Mr. Bigham had previously been associated with Prof. J. P. Reid in the conduct of the old Gaston Academy. This firm continued the publication of the paper and the conduct of a job printing plant until April 1st, 1891, when Mr. Bigham sold the paper to Mr. W. F. Marshall, now president and manager of the Mutual Publishing Company, of Raleigh, N. C.



A ROOM OF THE IDEAL ROLLER COVER COMPANY

been built up. The shop now does work for 30 miles, and is excellently equipped with the latest improved machinery for the manufacture of its special product. The shop has a floor space of 2,400 square feet, in which to carry on operations. The present enterprise is the successor to the Gastonia Roller Covering Company, which began operations 20 years ago, when this city was scarcely more than a village of a few hundred inhabitants, and continued until 4 years ago, when it passed into the hands of Messrs. G. W. Smith, his brother, P. H. Smith, and C. B. Newton, who have, through their energy, largely increased the business. Mr. G. W. Smith was for several years connected with the old company in an important capacity, and when the change was made his present partners joined him in making the new enterprise a success. All of them are practical men who thoroughly understand the business and of that type of men who are pushing Gastonia so rapidly to the front. The two brothers are natives of Gaston county while Mr. Newton comes from Union county.

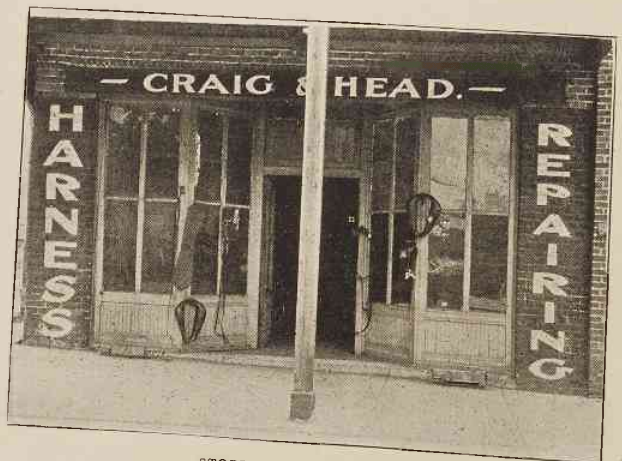
days of the old South, and it is the backbone of the entire industrial prosperity of this city and section. The city is a big center of the trade, and in business here are a large number of brokers who sell to the 65 factories located in the county, more it is said than in any other county in the South. The oldest firm of brokers doing business here is that of D. M. Jones & Company, located at 328 west Main street. It is the pioneer brokerage firm of the city, having been established 12 years ago, and does a larger and constantly increasing business with the mills, representing as they do some of the leading planters and dealers in the South. They make a specialty of long staple Phillips cotton, but also handle all grades. The senior member of the firm is Mr. D. M. Jones, a native of Abingdon, Va., and associated with him is Mr. H. M. Cleveland, who formerly lived in Spartanburg, S. C., but is now a resident of Gastonia. He became interested in cotton in 1895. Mr. Jones for a time lived at Columbus and West Point, Miss., and Greenwood, and made a thorough study of cotton on which

### CRAIG & HEAD.

Harness, Collars, Bridles and Saddles.

Every horse lover is aware that this best of the friends of man, enjoy as well as deserve, a properly fitted set of harness quite as much as his owner does a good suit of clothes. He is uncomfortable and does not do his best unless he is properly supplied with a perfect fit, and it is real economy on the part of the owner to give his strict attention to this most important matter. Located here in Gastonia is one of the largest and most complete saddle, harness and collar manufacturers in this section of North Carolina and the firm of Craig & Head, 109 east Main street, has built up an enviable reputation as makers of high-class harness at reasonable prices. They make everything they sell and make it to fit the animal it is intended for, and their goods are as much superior to those made in big factories entirely by machinery, as a suit of custom-

needed by the high-class harness maker. A large trade extending throughout this section, has been built up by fair and square dealing and is constantly increasing. The firm is composed of B. H. Craig and W. L. Head, both of whom are practical men who learned their business right here in Gastonia. Mr. Craig was born about 3 miles from here and has lived in the city for years. He is a member of the Odd Fellows. Mr. Head was born in Chester, S. C., the son of Rev. S. L. Head, a Baptist minister. He moved here with his father when only 18 months old, when there were but three houses in the village. Mr. Head bought a 150 acres of land on which a part of the city stands, paying \$750 an acre for it, and it is now worth \$10 a front foot. He has been dead about 20 years, and was one of the best known preachers in this section. Mr. W. L. Head learned his trade here under J. H. Nueler, and has worked at it for 22 years. He is a Mason, a member of the Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias.



STORE OF CRAIG & HEAD



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launched The Gazette. Some time between August 25th and September 22nd, 1882, Mr. John C. Tipton, now of Louisiana, became editor, Mr. Chalk

Mr. Bigham moved back to South Carolina and edited The Chester (S. C.) Lantern for many years, until very recently. In August 1899, Mr. W. M.