

MILLS AND MARKETS

COTTON MANUFACTURERS MEET.

South Carolina Association Holds Mid-Winter Gathering in Columbia, a Banquet Being a Feature—Waste Mill For Richmond Section to Be Looked Into by Committee—Objections Made to Business Methods of Express Companies—Resolution Recommending Curtailment Passed—Address Delivered by Dr. Stiles.

The meeting was held at the Hotel... The association heard with great interest the address of Dr. C. H. W. Stiles, of the United States Marine Hospital service, on the "Waste Mill and Sanitary Conditions as prevailing in cotton mills."

The session continued for four hours and the utmost harmony prevailed in all of the discussions. While the cotton mill men, of course, do not like the lack of demand for goods, they are in better condition than they have ever been before and believe that as soon as the money conditions are easier the demand will be restored.

The attendance at the meeting was unexpectedly large. Practically all of the cotton mills in the State were represented. The next meeting of the association will be held in June, the time and place of which will be designated by the executive committee.

HESTER'S COTTON STATEMENT. Amount Brought Into Sight For the Week Shows Decrease Over Last Year. New Orleans, La., Jan. 3.—Secretary Hester's cotton statement issued today shows the amount brought into sight for the week to have been 419,245 against 449,651 for the same seven days last year, and 231,333 before that of the week ending Jan. 2, 1907, against 208,180 against 227,241 last year, and 1,572,213 year before last.

The movement from September 1st to December 31st inclusive, shows receipts at all United States ports 5,040,617 against 5,857,725 last year; overland across the Mississippi, Ohio and Potomac rivers to Northern mills and Canada, 258,212 against 555,842 last year; Southern mills takings, exclusive of quantity consumed at Southern outports, 963,000, against 987,000 last year, and interior stocks in excess of those held at the commercial close of the season, 434,423 against 562,535 last year.

These make the total movement for the four months 6,706,007 against 7,990,902 last year. Foreign exports for the four months of the season have been 7,951,146 bales, showing a decrease under last season of 336,665.

Stocks at the seaboard and the 29 leading Southern interior markets on December 31st, were 1,569,819 against 1,983,711 the same date last year. Including port and interior town stocks left over from the previous season and the number of bales of the current crop brought into sight during the four months the supply has been 7,054,013 against 8,288,672 last year.

Up to the close of December last year had been marketed and of the same four months in 1906 the percentage of the crop brought into sight was 62.34.

The Visible Supply. New Orleans, La., Jan. 3.—Secretary Hester's statement of the world's visible supply of cotton issued today shows the total visible to be 4,800,736 against 4,727,542, last week, and 5,258,402 last year. Of this the total in American cotton is 3,754,800 against 3,756,666 last week, and 4,151,303 last year, and of all other kinds, including Egypt, Brazil, India, etc., 1,045,876 against 870,876 last week, and 1,067,000 last year.

take charge of their work until the mill is hearing competition. The stockholders decided to increase the paid-in capital of the company from \$25,000 to \$150,000.

The Turner Mill Company was organized some months ago to take over the business of the cotton mill on the Catawba river in Catawba county, and to build a large mill at East Monro, on the opposite side of the river, in Iredell county.

The building committee of the company reported at the meeting Wednesday that the work on the heavy concrete dam, which will be 1,900 feet long, was progressing nicely and that three-fifths of the dam had been built; that the wheel pits were being dug, the foundations of the mill buildings had been located, tenement houses are in course of construction and the manufacture of brick is in process, etc.

The site of this large mill, which will be a valuable addition to Iredell's already large list of manufacturing industries, is located on the grounds known as "Copper's-on-the-Catawba," about ten miles from Statesville. The shipping point of the mill is Barium.

MARRIAGES. Beard-Setzer, at Statesville. Correspondence of The Observer. Statesville, Jan. 2.—A pretty home wedding occurred yesterday evening at 7 o'clock at the home of the bride's brother, Mr. Will Setzer, on Armfield street, when Miss Edna Elizabeth Setzer became the bride of Mr. Floyd Beard, of Chicago, who was at the present time, looking order for the future delivery of the output.

Mr. J. Ernest Ervin left yesterday for New York, Philadelphia and his other points North on a combined business and pleasure trip. Rev. C. M. Anderson, the oldest member of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, who is on a tour of this place, he was unconquered yesterday, but is some brighter at this writing. His advanced age is against him and his recovery is doubtful.

The four-month-old child, William A. Spencer, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Spencer, died suddenly early yesterday morning, and the funeral was held from the home this afternoon at 3 o'clock, after which the little boy was tenderly laid to rest in Forest Hill cemetery.

Mr. Paul Pearson, who is holding a position with the Southern & Western Railway at Johnson City, Tenn., is spending the holidays with his parents, Col. and Mrs. W. S. Pearson. Miss Myra Marbut spent Christmas here with her parents and yesterday returned to Hartford, Conn., where she is one of the teachers in the Connecticut School for the Deaf.

Dr. John McCampbell, superintendent of the State Hospital, was returned from Raleigh, where he went to confer with the Governor and other State officials relative to the affairs of the institution. The new annex, which has just been completed, is not yet furnished and it seems that the board of directors has no funds available with which to equip the new building. As there are a great number of patients awaiting admission to the hospital, it is to be expected that the board will be found to meet the demands now being made.

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SWITCHER EVEN TAKEN OFF. Local Freight Will Have to Do Own Switching—Rev. C. M. Anderson, Aged Methodist Minister, Critically Ill—Furniture Plant, Plans to Resume Business—Hospital Annex Completed But Not Finished. Special to The Observer.

Morganton, Jan. 3.—Following its policy of retrenchment the Southern has taken off the train known as the switcher crew that has been operating daily between Morganton and Statesville. This work will now be done by the regular local freight. The through freight trains, which generally have been running in two and sometimes three sections, have discontinued this practice and make only one trip daily.

The Morganton Furniture Company, whose plant suspended operations two weeks before Christmas, is arranging to start up again about the 15th. Mr. A. C. Chaffee, the superintendent, is in Chicago at the present time, looking order for the future delivery of the output.

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Butler-Downing at Fayetteville. Correspondence of The Observer. Fayetteville, Jan. 2.—At 8 o'clock last evening at the family home on the east side of Cape Fear river, Miss Terri Downing, daughter of Mr. W. H. Downing, was married to Mr. J. D. Butler, Rev. Dr. J. H. Hall, pastor of the First Baptist church of Fayetteville, performing the ceremony. The bride is a great favorite—"one of those pretty Downing girls," to use a common expression—and the groom is a successful young business man of Pavo, Ga.

Jackson-Blake, at Falcon. Correspondence of The Observer. Fayetteville, Jan. 2.—Mr. W. W. Jackson, a successful young business man of Klemm, N. C., was married last evening to Miss Hattie Blake at the home of her father, Mr. John H. Blake, at Falcon. The bride is a sister of Mr. John S. Blake, of Charlotte. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson left today for Florida.

Bailey-Stirling, at Dunn. Correspondence of The Observer. Dunn, Jan. 2.—Mr. Frank Bailey and Miss Nettie Stirling were married last night at the residence of Miss Stirling's mother. They are both students at the University of North Carolina. Mr. Bailey is a very popular and has many friends.

High Point Happenings. Modern Cafe to Be Opened—Finishing Touches Being Put on New Bank Building—Past Year One of Prosperity—A House Built Nearly Every Day in the Twelvemonth. Correspondence of The Observer. High Point, Jan. 3.—About the 10th of the month, in the old Jarrell block, Mr. Fred Montgomery, of this city, will open a modern cafe and lunch counter, carrying fruits and confectionery also.

The finishing touches are being put on the handsome six-story building of the North Carolina Savings Bank and Trust Company, on North Third street, and will be ready for occupancy by the 1st of February at the latest. This is one of the best constructed buildings in the South, and for convenience and general appearance cannot be surpassed in the State. Fire escapes have lately been added, and there remains but little work to be done before it will be ready for occupancy.

DAVIDSON HONOR ROLL. The Men Who Made Over 95 During Last Term. Special to The Observer. Davidson, Jan. 3.—The honor roll, a list of those making an average of 95 or more for the term ending in December, was read by President Smith at chapel to-day. It is as follows: Freshmen—J. L. McLean, 97; J. A. McQueen, not all examination stood. Senior—Miss H. L. Moore, 99.33; J. M. Scott, North Carolina, 99.67; J. W. Pratt, North Carolina, 99.67; S. C. Fleming, South Carolina, 94.90; Freshmen—W. F. Parker, Virginia, 98.23; E. J. Foreman, North Carolina, 97.27; J. H. Caldwell, South Carolina, 95.91; S. H. Cartledge, South Carolina, 95.76.

AFTER MOONSHINERS. Officers Find Still in Iredell and Wilkes Counties. Special to The Observer. Statesville, Jan. 3.—Sheriff W. A. Summers and Deputy Collector J. M. Summers returned Wednesday evening from a three days' stay in the moonshine districts of north Iredell and Wilkes county. The officers found an illicit distillery plant in New Hope township, near the Alexander line. Mr. Bell was working when they arrived at the plant the fire was burning in the furnace but the operators had removed all of the fixtures, having been warned that the officers were in the neighborhood. The still cap, a name and two jugs of liquor were found hidden in a thicket nearby, and were destroyed. The officers crossed over into Wilkes county Tuesday evening and found another plant. The furnace at this site was also hot, but the fixtures had been removed and could not be found. A number of other places where stills had been were found.

Robber Ester. Home in Front Daylight Getting \$250. Special to The Observer. Statesville, Jan. 3.—A burglar entered the home of Mr. Ben Bell in Turnersburg township Tuesday afternoon and stole about \$250 in cash. Mr. Bell was working in the field and his children were at school. The house was locked, but a window was forced open by the robber, and the money was taken from the trunk. So far as is known nothing else was disturbed. The robbery occurred between 2 and 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon and the thief was, of course, familiar with the premises and knew that Mr. Bell had the money in the trunk. No arrests have as yet been made.

THE DEATH RECORD. Mrs. Harriet Petty, of Cherokee County. Gaffney, S. C., Jan. 2.—Mrs. Harriet Petty, a very estimable lady of the county, died Wednesday morning and was buried yesterday afternoon. Rev. Twitty Thompson conducting the services. The pall bearers were: S. C. Swafford, C. C. Kirby, R. C. Swafford, W. A. Austell, Wade Humphries and Wofford Waters. Mrs. Petty was the widow of the late J. H. Petty, who died in 1894. She was a devoted wife and mother, and a hospitable home, which is well known as one of the nicest homes in the county.

J. R. Slate, of Mount Airy. Special to The Observer. Mount Airy, Jan. 2.—Mr. J. R. Slate, a highly respected citizen of this city, died of a complication of diseases January 1st, in the 58th year of his age. Mr. Slate was born in Stokes county and moved to this city some time ago. He was a member of the Friends church and will be buried at Westfield this afternoon. His wife and children are left to mourn the death of a kind husband and indulgent father.

Mrs. Caroline McLaren, of Cumberland. Correspondence of The Observer. Fayetteville, Jan. 2.—Mrs. Caroline McLaren died yesterday at the family home near Vander, in this county, aged 86 years—a sincere Christian, a devoted wife and mother. She leaves the following children: Messrs. A. E. and J. H. E. McLaren, Mrs. John H. McLaren, Mrs. Alice H. McLaren, William Hill, Misses Jennie, Betsy and Eliza McLaren.

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