MILLS AND MARKETS

BIG MERGER OF MILLS.

The Smith-Draper Cotton Mills to Be Consolidated—Now Controlled by Same Interests But Managed Separately—The Plants Reviewed and Their Equipment Given—A Change of Interest.

The Hoskins, Chadwick, Louise and Calvine cotton mills, of this city, and the Dover yarn mill of Pineville, five of the best-known cotton manufacturing plants in piedmont Carolina, which heretofore have been operated separately although controlled by the same interests, are shortly to be merged under one head and in the future operated jointly. The consolidation which has been under way for some time past, has not yet been effected, although favorable report and endorsement has been given by the directors. The last step is the approval and ratification of the stockholders. This is nothing more than a matter of form, and there is now no question but that it will take place.

The merger is said to be more for financial purposes than anything else, it being believed that the commercial end can be better and more advantageously handled with all the mills on the same footing. So far as the actual operation of the plants themselves is concerned, the change is one of little interest.

The Hoskins, Chadwick, Louise, Calvine and Dover mills are what are popularly styled the Smith-Draper Mills, owing to the fact that Mr. E. A. Smith is president, and Mr. A. J. Draper, treasurer of the bunch. Their aggregate capital is $1,190,000, and their aggregate machinery equipment, 92,160 spindles and 2,160 looms. The five plants employ about 800 men. Messrs. Grinnell, Willis & Co., of New York, are selling agents for all of the mills, succeeding Messrs. Wilson & Bradbury to that position recently.

The following facts from the last issue of The Blue Book relative to these five mills may be of interest:

The Hoskins Mill was chartered in 1905 with $350,000 capital. Mr. E. A. Smith is president; Mr. A. J. Draper, treasurer, and Mr. E. C. Dwelle, secretary and assistant treasurer, of the company operating the mill. The equipment consists of 580 broad looms and 25,600 spindles, all of which are employed in making sheetings.

The Chadwick Mill was chartered in 1900 with $250,000 capital. The machinery equipment consists of 300 broad looms and 12,800 spindles.

The Louise Mill was organized in 1896 with $300,000 capital. The equipment consists of 50 cards, 152 narrow looms, 408 broad looms, 2,000 twister spindles and 25,000 ring spindles.

The Calvine Mill was reorganized in 1905 with a capital of $210,000. The equipment consists of 340 looms and 13,200 spindles.

The Dover Mill, of Pineville, was chartered in 1894 with $90,000 capital. The equipment consists of 26 cards, 330 looms and 13,568 spindles.

COTTON SOARING.

Better Prices Prevail Since the Issuance of the Ginners' Report Thursday—Indications Are For Continued High Prices.

As much as 11¼50 cents was paid for good cotton on the streets yesterday, which indicates that the market is growing stronger day by day. Under ordinary conditions over the country, the Census Bureau's report, issued Thursday, would have sent the market soaring much higher on account of its bullish character. Cotton men have no doubt now that the price will yet go high and stay there.

"The farmer who has his cotton at home and is not hopelessly in debt is in fine shape," declared 'Squire C. H. Wolfe, yesterday. "The prospects are fine now and every indication points to a stronger market."

There was a good amount offered for sale yesterday in comparison with the records during the past week or ten days. The farmers are, however, still holding on to a large extent and will not sell until they are satisfied about the price. A cotton man declared that there was considerably more cotton in the county now unsold than there was this time last year.

DUN'S REVIEW OF TRADE.

Sentiment Has Improved in Response to Brighter Outlook and Commercial Loans Are Being Made With More Freedom—Percentage of Idle Machinery Has Decreased.

New York, Jan. 10.—R. G. Dun & co.'s weekly review of trade to-morrow will say:

Sentiment has improved in response to the brighter outlook, commercial loans being made with more freedom than at any recent date. As much projected business was only held back by inability to raise funds, the easier money market encourages expectation that postponed contracts will now be placed. The percentage of idle machinery has perceptibly decreased.

Although there is no general activity in the primary market for textiles, improvement is noticeable in many departments, especially as to the number of inquiries. Buyers find accommodation more readily granted and as the credit situation becomes better the inquiries will culminate in actual transactions. Less is heard of any general readjustment of prices, future concessions depending upon the statistical position of individual fabrics.

No interest is manifested in the export division of the cotton goods industry although advices from China suggest that orders may soon come from that nation. As to woolen goods, the market for stable fabrics has opened irregularly.

Wholesalers from the West and South have commenced to arrive in the Boston footwear market, but a full attendance is not expected until the end of next week.

Savannah, Ga., Jan. 13.—Sea Island cotton: Fancy Florida 28 to 29; extra choice Florida 24 to 25, nominal; fancy Georgia 26 to 28; extra choice Georgia 21 to 24; choice Georgia and Florida 19 to 20; extra fine Georgia and Florida 16½ to 17½; fine Georgia and Florida 15 to 16; common Georgia and Florida 14. Sales 741 bags.

Charleston, S. C., Jan. 10.—Sea island cotton: Receipts 424 bags; exports 182; sales 165; stock 3,635. Market quiet, fine 24; fully fine and extra fine 40c; off color nominal.

Bill to Refund Cotton Tax of 862 and 1864.

Washington, Jan. 10.—A bill to refund to the several States the cotton tax realized by the government under the cotton tax laws of 1862 and 1864 was introduced to-day by Mr. Thomas, of North Carolina. The bill provides that the refund moneys, when paid, shall be held in trust by the separate States for reimbursement of the producers who originally paid the tax; the residue, after the lapse of two years, to be used as a permanent free school fund. The States are prohibited from paying any reimbursement money to any assignee.

LAME SHOULDER CURED.

Lame shoulder is usually caused by rheumatism of the muscles and quickly yields to a few applications of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. Mrs. F. H. McElwee, of Bolstown, New Brunswick, writes: "Having been troubled for some time with a pain in my left shoulder, I decided to give Chamberlain's Pain Balm a trial, with the result that I got prompt relief." For sale by W. L. Hand & Co.

HESTER'S COTTON REPORT.

Secretary Hester's Weekly Statement Shows For Ten Days of January a Decrease Under Last Year of 113,000 Bales—Decrease in Stocks at Southern Interior Centres.

New Orleans, La., Jan. 10.—Secretary Hester's weekly cotton statement issued to-day shows for the 10 days of January a decrease under last year of 113,000 and an increase over the same period year before last of 212,000.

For the 122 days of the season that have elapsed the aggregate is behind the 13? days of last year 1,396,000 and behind the same days year before last 154,000.

The amount brought into sight during the past week has been 372,362 bales, against 422,888 for the same seven days last year, and 221,962 year before last.

The movement since September 1st shows receipts at all U. S. ports 5,499,195 against 6,861,514 last year; overland across the Mississippi, Ohio and Potomac rivers to Northern mills and Canada 391,838 against 661,425 last year; interior stocks in excess of those held at the close of the commercial year 426,291 against 545,386 last year; Southern mills' takings 1,044,000 against 1,075,559 last year.

These make the total movement since September 1st 7,322,234 against 8,628,183 last year.

Foreign exports for the week have been 277,426 against 747,380 last year, making the total thus far for the season 4,197,899, against 4,519,626 last year.

The total takings of American mills, North, South and Canada thus far for the season have been 1,845,198 against 2,405,082 last year.

Stocks at the seaboard and the 29 leading Southern interior centres have decreased during the week 4,775 bales against an increase during the corresponding period last season of 39,567.

Including stocks left over at ports and interior towns from the last crop and the number of bales brought into sight thus far from the new crop, the supply to date is 7,580,249 against 8,928,965 for the same period last year.

VISIBLE SUPPLY.

New Orleans, La., Jan. 10.—Secretary Hester's statement of the world's visible supply of cotton issued to-day shows the total visible to be 4,869,734 against 4,820,750 last week, and 5,374,127 last year. Of this the total of American cotton is 3,796,908 against 3,765,874 last week and 4,268,127 last year and of all other kinds including Egypt, Brazil, India, etc., 1,072,826 against 1,046,876 last week and 1,106,000 last year.

Of the world's visible supply of cotton there is now afloat and held in Great Britain and continental Europe 2,629,000, against 2,650,000 last year; in Egypt 255,000 against 222,000 last year; in India 450,000 against 463,000 last year, and in the United States 1,541,000 against 2,000,000 last year.

GREENSBORO NEWS BUDGET.

Chamber of Commerce in Splendid Condition—Many Transfers of Real Estate Recorder Yesterday—Bids For Bonds Are Opened, But None Are Accepted.

Special to The Observer.

Greensboro, Jan. 10.—The chamber of commerce held its quarterly meeting to-night in the rooms of the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association, there being a large attendance. The reports of the secretary and the various committees showed that the organization is enjoying a prosperous career.

A white man named Fidelle Phillips was taken through here to-day en route from Madison county to Raleigh to begin a five years' sentence in the State penitentiary for manslaughter. Last July he shot and killed Allen Henderson, and was convicted last August, the Supreme Court recently affirming the decision of the court below.

A. L. Jackson has sold to Angie B. Leighton a house and lot on Bragg street. Other real estate changes which took place to-day were: J. M. Hunt a lot on Tate street to W. J. Page; H. W. Hunt a lot on Tate street to H. T. Ham; L. M. H. Reynolds a lot on Scott avenue to F. W. Jackson; W. R. Pleasants a 78-acre farm near Guilford Battle Ground to M. Watson, a native of this State who has been living in Oregon and who has decided to return to this State.

Judge Council has appointed Mr. J. A. Spence, of Asheboro, as receiver for the Milliboro Chair Company, of Randolph county. The appointment was made upon application of Bradshaw & Sherrod, attorneys for a number of creditors.

Mrs. W. B. Vaught underwent an operation for appendicitis at St. Leo's Hospital yesterday and is reported to be doing very well to-day.

Mrs. E. J. Justice entertained at bridge this afternoon in honor of Miss Blair, of Richmond, Va.

The Lyceum Grand Concert Company gave a delightful concert in the auditorium of the Students' Building of the State Normal College to-night before a large and well-pleased audience. The concert was given under the auspices of the senior class of the college.

The board of aldermen met in regular session this afternoon and opened the bids for the $125,000 worth of bonds recently voted to pay off the city's floating indebtedness. After a short executive session it was announced that not one of the several bids was in conformity to the requirements.

LECTURES ON MARS.

President Smith, of Davidson, Speaks at Salisbury—Production of "The Old Deestrick Skule" to Be Made an Interesting Thing.

Special to The Observer.

Salisbury, Jan. 10.—Dr. Henry Louis Smith, of Davidson College, lectured at the First Presbyterian church last night before a very appreciative audience of men. Dr. Smith took for his subject the planet Mars, and in his own masterful style treated it in a manner at once intelligible and interesting even to those not astronomically inclined.

An event of the greatest interest to Salisbury will take place toward the end of next week or the beginning of the week following. That popular society leader, Mrs. Thomas Murphy, has secured the services of the famous entertainer, Miss Sallie Battalle, for the production of her famous play, "The Old Deestrick Skule." The proceeds will be distributed for public benefit. The participants in the "Deestrick Skule" are Governors, Congressmen, lawyers, doctors, members of boards of education, business men and ladies of cities. Among Salisbury amateurs prototypes are being secured to fill the various parts. It is expected that by next Monday, when Miss Battalle arrives, the caste will be completed. Meroney's Theatre has been secured for the performance.

Apart from the great popularity of the promoter, Mrs. Murphy; from the great talents of Miss Battalle, and from the worthy objects for which the entertainment will be given, your correspondent has learned the names of some of the caste and can assure the public that they are household words all over the Carolinas.

Kemp Arrested at New Orleans.

New Orleans, Jan. 10.—Arthur J. Kemp, charged with embezzling police funds in Washington, to the extent of between $4,000 and $7,000 was arrested here to-day. Kemp was found at the Fair Grounds race track, being recognized from the description sent out from Washington. He admitted his identity.

BURGLARS ARE ROUNDED UP.

A Gang of Supposed Safe-Crackers Arrested by a Party of Lancaster County Citizens—Coast Line Asks For Conference With Governor Ansel and May Duplicate Southern's Proposition—New Treasurer For Berkeley County.

Observer Bureau,
1423 Main Street,
Columbia, S. C., Jan. 10.

Five fairly well-dressed white men were surrounded near Van Wyck, Lancaster county, where they were camping, last night by a party of citizens carrying shotguns. The camping party surrendered without resistance, although all five were armed with new revolvers. They also carried two grips full of burglars' paraphernalia. They are being held for the arrival of a postoffice inspector. Shortly after he had received 'phone notice to look out for suspicious characters, the store of J. A. Hyatt was entered by two strangers who came to buy eatables. The camp was traced by the strangers. The prisoners gave their names as C. F. Shaw, of Norfolk; Henry S. Hallan, of Atlanta; James Scanlan, Charles Williams and J. T. Leonard, the last three refusing to give addresses.

Although the Coast Line has refused to agree to passenger rates proposed in North Carolina by Governor Glenn as a compromise of the litigation in that State, which rates are practically identical with the proposition for a voluntary reduction in South Carolina recently made to Governor Ansel by President Finley, of the Southern, the probability is that the Coast Line officials will duplicate Mr. Finley's proposition, as the South Carolina Legislature is about to convene. State Counsel P. A. Willcox, of Florence, and First Vice President and General Counsel Alexander Hamilton, of the Coast Line, have asked for a conference with the Governor here next Monday afternoon. Attorney General Lyon and members of the railroad commission will also be present.

Governor Ansel to-day appointed Mr. T. S. Browning treasurer for Berkeley county, vice Mr. John O. Edwards, removed by the Governor for being short in his accounts. Mr. Browning was endorsed and recommended by the Berkeley county legislative delegation. Auditor Wiggins, of the same county, reported by the Comptroller General to the Governor as being guilty of gross irregularities, has been granted a hearing before the Governor to-morrow.

Governor Ansel to-day received a letter from Assistant Secretary of War Oliver saying he had been authorized by the President to invite the Governor to name a candidate from the National Guard of the State, enlisted man or officer, for competitive examination next July for a second lieutenancy in the regular army.

MARRIAGES.

Somers-Chester, at Elmwood.

Special to The Observer.

Statesville, Jan. 10.—A pretty home wedding occurred Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Chester, at Elmwood, when Miss Lula Chester became the bride of Mr. William Newton Somers, of Statesville. The Chester home had been tastily decorated for the occasion and quite a number of friends and relatives had gathered to witness the affair. At the appointed hour the bride entered on the arm of her sister, Miss Emma Chester, of Charlotte, and the groom entered with his best man, Mr. E. D. Brady, of Shiloh township. They took their positions before the altar and the ceremony was performed by Rev. T. E. Wagg, of Statesville. After the ceremony and congratulations the guests were ushered into the dining room, where one of those old-time and yet modern wedding suppers was served.

Miss Chester is a sister of Mr. Irvin Chester and Mrs. S. A. Foster, of Statesville. She is an attractive young woman and is very popular. Mr. Somers is a son of the late Vance Somers, of Statesville, and he and his bride will live at the old Somers homestead on Front street.

Two Couples Married at Winston-Salem.

Special to The Observer.

Winston-Salem, Jan. 10.—Two marriages were celebrated in the register of deeds office at the court house yesterday the first ceremony being performed at 11 o'clock and the other at 12:30 o'clock. Both couples were from Kernersville, officiated at each. The first couple to be united in wedlock was Mr. Elijah W. Linville and Miss Annie Pope. An hour and a half later Mr. Zeb Joyce and Miss Innie Powell.

FAILS IN SECOND TRIAL.

Cruiser North Carolina Fails to Make Contract Speed in Her Second Test—Will Be Given Another Trial.

Newport News, Va., Jan. 10.—The new United States cruiser North Carolina arrived here to-day from her trial trip off Rockland, Me. The vessel was stormbound at Provincetown, Mass., for 36 hour. She failed to make the contract speed of 22 knots by a small fraction. General Manager Post, of the building company, states she will be given another trial off the Virginia capes within the next two weeks and he is confident she will then meet all requirements.

THE DEATH RECORD.

Miss Mary M. Zevely, of Winston-Salem.

Special to The Observer.

Winston-Salem, Jan. 10.—Miss Mary M. Zevely died last evening at the Sisters' Home, in Salem, after an illness of only one week. The funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon. Miss Zevely was the eldest daughter of the late Dr. Augustus T. Zevely. She was born in Salem May 31, 1842. She was educated at Salem Academy and College and taught a year in her alma mater. All her life she was a devoted member of the Home Moravian church and seldom missed attendance upon its services unless prevented by illness. There was no service or self-sacrifice that she withheld at the call of her church, and her last activities were spent in decorating and arranging the Christmas tree in the colored Moravian church, in which she had taught for a number of years.

She was the last of the Zevely daughters, her sister, Mrs. Charles Buford, having died in 1899, and her younger sister, Mrs. Thomas R. Purnell, having passed away in September. She is survived by one brother.

Mrs. Espy Montgomery, of Iredell County.

Special to The Observer.

Statesville, Jan. 10.—Mrs. Epsy Montgomery died at her home in Cool Spring township after an illness of only a few days, at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning. She was a daughter of Mrs. Bert Knox, of Cool Spring, and was 32 years old. She and Mr. Montgomery were married only last February and her husband and a new-born baby survive. She is also survived by nine brothers and sisters.—Messrs. William, Frank and Sam Knox; Mrs. Phifer, Mrs. Foust and Miss Beulah Knox, of Cool Spring; Mrs. J. A. Gunn and Miss Jessie Knox, of Statesville, and Mrs. Richard Steele, of Asheville.

Mrs. Montgomery was popular in her community as Miss Anna Knox and enjoyed the love and esteem of a large circle of friends. She was a member of the Presbyterian church and the funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. W. S. Wilhelm, at Fifth Creek church, near her home, yesterday at noon. The interment was in the graveyard nearby.

Mrs. J. F. Setzer, of Hickory.

Special to The Observer.

Statesville, Jan. 10.—The remains of Mrs. J. F. Setzer, of Hickory, who died at that place Wednesday morning of congestion of the lungs, were brought to this city Wednesday night and carried to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Johnson, and the funeral was conducted yesterday afternoon by Rev. Frank Siler, of Charlotte, assisted by Rev. Mr. Pressly and Rev. Mr. Scroggs. The remains were interred in Oakwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Setzer was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Johnson and was 20 years old. She is survived by her parents, five brothers and three sisters. She was married to Mr. Setzer in June, 1906, and she went with her husband to Hickory to live. Ten weeks ago, while here on a visit to her parents, she gave birth to a little son, and the husband and child also survive her.

Little Girl Who Was Fearfully Burned Dies.

Special to The Observer.

Asheville, Jan. 10.—Arline Thorpe, the 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Thorpe, of this city, who was so fearfully burned yesterday by falling into an open fireplace, died this morning about 1 o'clock. The little victim heroically bore her sufferings and, learning that if she should recover she would be terribly disfigured, expressed a wish to die. Her only concern was for her invalid mother, whom she feared would be made worse by reason of the shock incident to the accident.

FARMER IN EXTREMIS.

Prominent Rowan Man in Desperate Condition—Assistant Postmaster For Spencer.

Special to The Observer.

Spencer, Jan. 10.—Mr. David M. Pennington, one of Rowan's foremost farmers, is critically ill at his home near Spencer, with pneumonia. He has been in a desperate condition for several days. His two sons, Messrs. J. C. and J. R. Pennington, of Spencer, are at his bedside.

Mr. F. M. Lampkin has been appointed by Postmaster James D. Dorsett as assistant postmaster at Spencer and now has active management of the office. Messrs. J. H. and T. W. Stepp, who had been in the office for a year or more, left this week for Hendersonville, where they will engage in business. The postoffice receipts at Spencer have grown steadily since Mr. Dorsett took charge.

Mr. T. V. Holt, one of Spencer's pioneer restaurant keepers, is opening an up-to-date lunch room and restaurant on Salisbury avenue, near the Spencer Y. M. C. A., and will feed railroad men from all sections who run into this place.

Rev. George Atkinson, of Monroe, will arrive in the city to-day to preach tomorrow at Hopewell church in Long Creek township.

Preacher Found the Way To Recover His Voice

A well-known Massachusetts divine, noted for his learning and eloquence, was greatly annoyed last winter by a huskiness in his voice, resulting from a trivial cold. The sermons which had been a pleasure both to himself and his congregation became a physical effort to him and tiresome to his people, because of this vocal affliction.

One of the minister's parishioners, the leading druggist of the town and a close personal friend, gave him a bottle of Virgin Oil of Pine, with instructions to take a drop or two on a lump of sugar before starting for church. The minister followed his friend's advice and was much gratified to find how rapidly he recovered full control of his vocal organs.

To break up a cold quickly and cure any cough that can be cured, there is nothing so effective as a mixture of a half-ounce of Virgin Oil of Pine with two ounces of glycerine and a half-pint of whiskey. A teaspoonful every four hours is the usual dose. Five ounces of tincture of Cinchona compound can be used in place of the whiskey with equal effect.

The ingredients for this mixture cost little and can be purchased at any good drug store. To avoid the substitution of some inferior pine product for Virgin Oil of Pine, it is better to purchase each separately and mix them at home. The genuine Virgin Oil of Pine is put up for dispensing only in half-ounce vials, each vial securely sealed in a round wooden case, with an engraved wrapper showing plainly the name, Virgin Oil of Pine compound pure, guaranteed under the Food and Drugs Act of June 30, 1906, Serial No. 451, prepared only by Leach Chemical Co., Cincinnati, O. The oils sold in bulk and cheap imitations put out to resemble Virgin Oil of Pine in name and style of package are ineffective for the reason that they are largely composed of a distillation from the pine needles, or leaves, instead of from the pine tree proper. Pine needle oil is not intended for internal use, and when taken internally causes nausea. Its use is mainly confined to the manufacture of soap and similar purposes.

AMUSEMENTS

It is said that "The Three of Us," by Rachel Crothers, which will be presented at the Academy of Music next Wednesday night, by Mr. Walter N. Lawrence, aside from its success and long run at the Madison Square Theatre last season, commands attention because it is another one of the latest and most successful attempts of an American playwright, to write an American play. The color and spirit of it is American and the characters are, except one native Western American, not exaggerated types, but natural human beings such as are seen in every day mining life. Hence it is in consequence properly classed as an addition to the list which includes "Alabama," "Shore Acres," "The Virginian," "Arizona," "The Squaw-man," etc, etc. As such it should be considered and will be.

The cast includes Mabel Cameron, a California girl, who has lately won notable success on the New York stage; Elsie Scott, Jennie La Monte, Walter Horton, Henry Hall, Thomas V. Emory, Henry Fearing and Master Harry Wright.

That's a wonderfully pretty bunch of girls Mr. Savage has gathered together for his new production of "The Prince of Pilsen," to play here on Monday night at the Academy of Music. Pixley's and Luder's dainty musical concert is said to have never enjoyed a more delightful presentation. Frank Pixley, the author of the book and lyrics, who saw the company recently at Chicago, expressed himself as delighted with the new company. Dan Mason is really fine as Hans Wagner, and in the fountain scene, where he sloshes around in the water in his effort to sober up after a first experience with "bubble wasser," delights the audience beyond measure. The big singing company possesses a vocal strength far beyond that usually gathered for the lighter operattas. The chorus is full of new and bright faces.

Seats are now on sale at Hawley's.

TWO CHILDREN POISONED.

Their Condition is Still Serious—Gaffney's City Hall to Be Remodeled—More Stone Arrives For Street Pavement—Other Gaffney News.

Special to The Observer.

Gaffney, S. C., Jan. 10.—News has just reached Gaffney of a most distressing occurrence at Thicketty, a few miles south of Gaffney. Two children of Mr. and Mrs. Vaud Smith in some unaccountable manner secured something poisonous and as a result are in a serious condition. Mr. Smith is a merchant and it is thought that the children in playing around the store secured something that poisoned them. Details of the affair are so meagre as to amount to little or nothing here, and no news can be secured as to the condition now of the children. Both Mr. and Mrs. Smith are well known in Gaffney. The latter is the daughter of Mr. R. O. Ballenger, of this city, while Mr. Smith attended school in this city and is a brother of Mrs. N. H. Littlejohn.

At a special meeting of the city council called this morning it was decided to remodel the city hall and make an entrance in front that would allow the new fire-fighting apparatus purchased by the city to be kept there. The horses which will be purchased in a day or two will also be kept there and bed rooms for the men who are to care for them will be made upstairs in the city hall. Thus the machines, horses and men will all be in close contact and be prepared to get together at an instant's notice.

The county board of education has abolished school district No. 28. This action was taken at the recent meeting held in this city.

C. M. Littlejohn, of Jonesville, has moved to Gaffney and associated himself with the firm of Littlejohn Bros. Mr. Littlejohn is a brother of Messrs. Sumpter Littlejohn and J. S. Littlejohn.

Messrs. J. C. Jefferies, W. S. Hall, Jr., H. K. Osborne and J. C. Otts, prominent members of the local bar, are in Columbia in attendance at the session of the Supreme Court.

Dr. Thomas Bonner, who left Gaffney twenty years ago to become a resident of Lavonia, Ga., is again in the city, the guest of Mr. N. S. Snead. Dr. Bonner has many friends who are glad to welcome him back to South Carolina—it can hardly be said back to Gaffney, for little of the Gaffney of the present day was in evidence when he left.

Another car load of stone arrived in the city to-day to be used in the work of paving East Frederick street. This street is already one of the prettiest in the city and its beauty will be greatly increased by the additional work which is rapidly progressing.

Jeff Davis Back at Washington.

Washington, Jan 10.—Senator Jeff Davis, of Arkansas, returned to Washington to-day. He announced that he would introduce a so-called "bucket shop" bill in the Senate on Monday. The measure is designed to prevent stock gambling and dealing in future sales of cotton and other kinds of products.

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WANTED—Experienced lady stenographer desires position. Address "B. L. R.," care Observer.

WANTED—A first-class barber at once. Must be strictly sober. Good thing for the right man. Address Cecil Broom, Waxhaw, N. C., for particulars.

WANTED—Strong young man wants work; any kind. Good writer. "W. F. H.," care Observer.

WANTED—Competent lady, middle-aged, to take full charge of good home and two small children. Must have fair education. Not wanted as servant. Address Y. Z., care Observer.

WANTED—By Feb. 1st, position as stenographer and book-keeper, by lady with several years' experience. "P," care Observer.

WANTED—Position as clerk in hotel or some good business house by experienced young man. Good references furnished. Address Box 134, Monroe, N. C.

WANTED—Experienced salesman in office furniture and commercial stationery at once. Stone & Barringer Co.

WANTED—Salesman already traveling, to sell as side line linseed oil and paint on liberal commission. Address Box 627, Richmond, Va.

FOR SALE.

SAFE FOR SALE—One small and one large fireproof office safe for sale. Almost new; will take any reasonable offer. Going out of business. Address J. A. M., care Observer.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

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1—The plant of said Continental Chair Company, for the manufacture of chairs, situate in the Town of Mebane, Alamance County, Nroth Carolina. This plant is very complete. There are buildings, dry kiln, machinery, some manufactured goods on hand and in process and quite a large lot of supplies. This entire property will be sold as one property, going to make up a plant for the manufacture of chairs. The same is in condition to at once be put in operation. This plant has a capacity of about six hundred chairs per day.

2—A tract containing about sixty acres of land, situate in Melville township, near the Town of Mebane.

3—One twenty-five horse-power upright boiler.

4—One pair of very fine young gray mules.

5—One lot of harness and wagons.

The sale will be conducted on the premises of the Continental Chair Company, in the Town of Mebane, Alamance County, North Carolina, and will start at 12 o'clock m.

Bidders on all property will be required to satisfy me of their ability to comply with their bid, and the sale will be reported to the Superior Court for confirmation, and possession and title of all property sold will be retained until confirmation of sale is made by said Superior Court.

I will be glad to hear from, and give further details and particulars to, interested parties.

J. W. CATES,
Receiver Continental Chair Co.
Graham, N. C., Jan. 1st, 1908.

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