

The Bellevue Cotton Mills

A Most Successful Industry.

The successful manufacture of cotton goods was inaugurated in Alamance county in 1837 when E. M. B. Holt built and opened Alamance Cotton Mills. Since that time dozens of cotton mills have been established in the county, placing it second in the entire state. These mills have, without an exception, been built and owned by some member of the Holt family or parties connected closely with them in relationship. The Bellevue mills were established in 1880 by Messrs. J. H. and R. L. Holt. A few years ago the mill was enlarged and the capacity greatly increased. The mill building is a handsome, large, two-story brick building, tastefully built and finished. It has numerous large windows, giving ample light and ventilation. It is located on the eastern side of the city, adjoining the Southern railway and the street car line. It has private railroad yards and sidings. The mills are equipped throughout with the latest and most improved cotton mill machinery, the owners sparing no expense to give the best product. They are ever on the alert, and do not hesitate to change or buy new machinery if by so doing they can increase their output. A dye plant is connected with the mills and great care is used in selecting dyes so that the texture of the goods may not be impaired. Clear colors and fast dyes are two of their strong features. The products of these mills are beautiful madras, checks, and stripes in many designs, beautiful colors and splendid texture. Their finished goods have not a superior on the market. Their sales extend all over this country and are even shipped abroad, their excellent values recommending them to every one. They ship in carload lots. The mill village is attractive, neat and regularly arranged. Well built, commodious, nicely painted houses are provided for the operatives, and everything possible is done to make their home and daily life attractive, pleasant and healthful. The mill is equipped with 146 looms and 3,328 spindles, giving employment to 125 people. Good pay and easy hours make the operatives contented. J. M. Browning is the manager of these up-to-date mills. He is backed by fourteen years of cotton mill experience, having been with Bellevue Cotton Mills for twelve years, which he has filled most creditably the past four years. He is one of our town's most successful manufacturers. He is a director in the First National Bank. He is a consistent Presbyterian and is a philanthropist. He is a man of remarkable business talents, and gives his best efforts to his employers. He is a progressive citizen and popular in social circles.



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are always beautifully decorated. Mr. Fleishman is a splendid man and citizen, reliable, enterprising and trustworthy. He has the confidence and esteem of all.

GATES MACHINE AND BRIDGE COMPANY

One of the largest machine shops and repairing plants we have in the city is the above business established and owned by Messrs. J. W. and W. Luther Gates. This firm has recently succeeded the Petty Machine company which was established seven years ago. The bridge building and repairing feature has been added only within the past year.

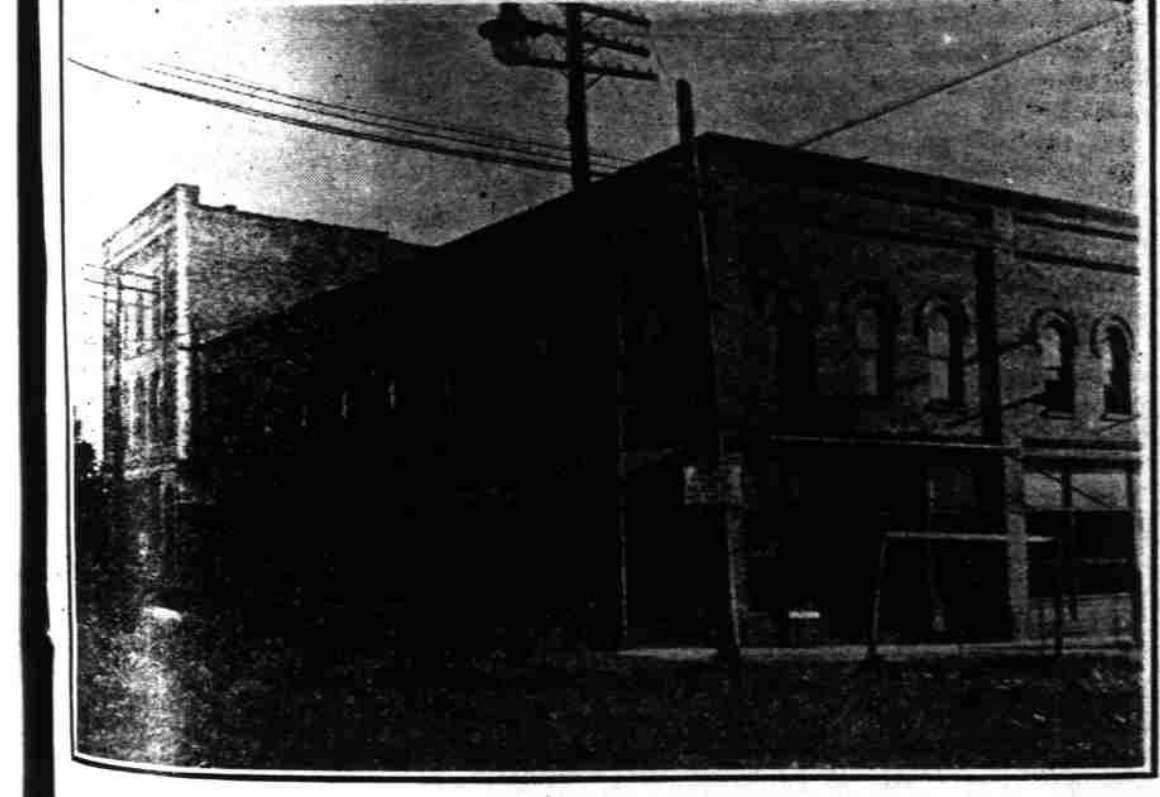
They do all kinds of machine repair, making a specialty of cotton mill and farm machinery. This they repair with the utmost care and skill and insure their work to be properly done. They handle the new patent roofings, and roof paints, piping, fittings, roof materials, and are headquarters for general repair work. They make a specialty of installing dye plants and have installed them in Elmira and Glencoe cotton mills. The satisfaction they are giving is testimony of the ability of the company. They are prepared to build and repair steel and iron bridges and can give you low estimates on the work. They have but recently built and placed on the market a good handy derrick, which is a marvel for utility, improvement and durability. It is just the machine you need, as it is small, strong and handy. The price is very low for the value.

H. FLEISHMAN

Dry Goods and Millinery Emporium.

An establishment thoroughly indicative of the metropolitan in its methods of operation is the magnificent dry goods, clothing and millinery emporium of H. Fleishman, corner Main and Davis streets. Besides the immense store here, Mr. Fleishman has one in Graham and large stores in three other cities. This enables him to keep a buyer on the northern market all the time who is ever on the alert for bargains. And buying for five stores, they must buy in large quantities and this insures low

Burlington's various churches pronounce it a religious and christian community.



FLEISHMAN'S STORE CORNER MAIN AND DAVIS ST.

N. S. CARDWELL

The Always Busy Store.

Harness, Farm Implements, Vehicles Fertilizers

In awarding special mention to energetic business men of this city, N. S. Cardwell is particularly deserving of a leading position. Hosts of patrons and friends throughout this and adjoining counties will bear voluntary testimony to his honesty and uprightiness in business affairs. He has the entire confidence of every one who has ever dealt with him and would sooner sacrifice a dozen sales than to make misrepresentation to secure one. His harness emporium and buggy and carriage repository on the corner of Main and Worth streets, is the gathering place of farmers and everybody in need of anything in his line.

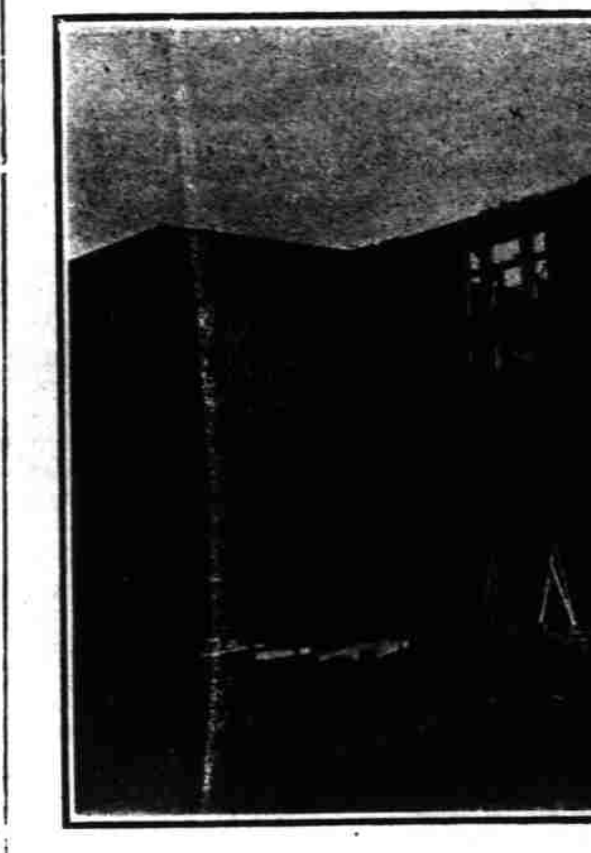
Mr. Cardwell's business has been established here seventeen years and has steadily increased in favor and patronage. All of this time he has occupied his present stand, but before another month passes he will be established in his own magnificent, new, two-story, front brick building, south corner of Davis and Worth. This handsome



N. S. CARDWELL'S NEW STORE, DAVIS AND WORTH ST'S

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new building bespeaks his energy, popularity and prosperity. Mr. Cardwell's line comprises an elegant, fine and complete display of harness, goods and accessories, and buggies, carriages and wagons. His line is as well selected and comprehensive as any in the state. He handles all kinds of farm implements, the very latest and most improved. He carries a large stock of the best standard fertilizers, making a specialty of this. His fertilizer warehouse is located on Church street, by the railroad, and Cardwell's fertilizers are known all over the county. Mr. Cardwell handles the celebrated



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John Deere line of riding cultivators and engines, the engine taking the gold medal at the Jamestown exposition in competition with the world. He is the exclusive agent in this county for the Superior drill, the Guilford buggies and runabouts, and the old reliable Geo. E. Nisson & Co.'s wagons. Everything you need in single and double driving harness, chain, farm and team harness, vehicles comprising carriages, surreys, carts, buggies and wagons, farm implements of every kind, or fertilizers of any brand can be found at Cardwell's. And he is sure to deal squarely and give you right prices on all goods. He has from the first confined himself to handling a fine line of goods, such as could not fail to give satisfaction.

Mr. Cardwell is a native of Rockingham county. He attends the First Presbyterian church, is a director in the First National Bank. He is identified with all movements for the advancement of the public good.

He is an energetic, enterprising business man, and a prominent, progressive citizen.

Although in its infancy, no town in North Carolina has a more progressive tobacco market than Burlington.

Alamance county being in the midst of a fine tobacco growing region and the city of Burlington being the largest trade center in the county makes it an ideal location for a tobacco market.

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J. M. BROOKS AND SONS.

Famous Road Contractors and Builders.

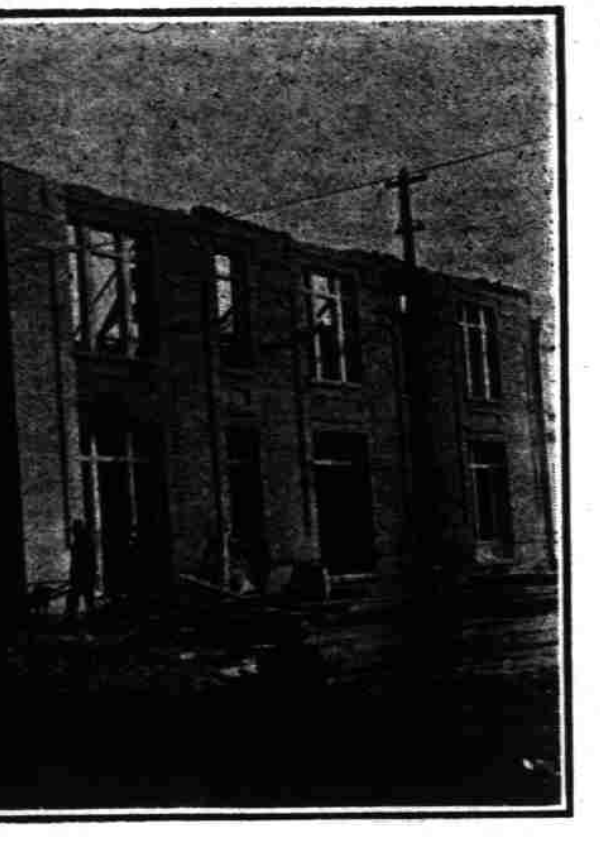
No better criterion of the condition and progression of a town or county is afforded than by her roads. The entire interest and mutual advantages of one section for another are dependent on the conditions of the highway. Inasmuch as road building and road mending in this county have been for a century under county commissions and road supervisors with practically no results observable, it was plain to the best citizens of the county that the time for a radical change was at hand. Accordingly last year the county voted \$300,000 bonds for road improvement, the same to construct fifty miles of macadam road. The highway commission let the work to contractors and Messrs. J. M. Brooks & Sons, of Georgia, have 17 1/2 miles to construct. These gentlemen came with the best of recommendations and while they have been here only five months, they have already graded 12 1/2 miles of road; Burlington to Gibsonville, six miles; Glen Raven to Altamahaw, six miles. They have two miles of rock laid on these roads and are completing 1 1/2 miles of it per month. They will commence the Glencoe and Big Falls road in the early spring. The roads as they stand complete are marvels of ingenuity and skill. In as far as possible the roads they have constructed are perfectly straight and remarkably level for a rolling country.

Great care and accuracy are used in the grading. And not only are the roads built for present use, but they are so constructed that they will endure for generations. Messrs. Brooks employ ninety-four men and sixty mules, and use the most up-to-date machinery on the market. The entire equipment is run by gasoline, which is something new for this kind of work. Their roads are the wonder and admiration of all. They have proven themselves worthy the trust reposed in them in carrying forward the most progressive and commendable movement Alamance county ever made. Messrs. Brooks are splendid men personally, and are of great executive ability as is shown by the large force they employ and the splendid work they do. We take off our hats to them as real benefactors to our county and town.

MORGAN'S WAREHOUSE.

One of Burlington's Hustling New Enterprises.

Tobacco was introduced to the knowledge of civilized nations upon the discovery of America when it was found in use by the natives of both the islands and the continent as far north as Virginia; and its consumption has steadily increased until a great army of men are engaged in handling the weed which this great tobacco district affords yearly. Among the list of tobacco buyers of this section we find prominent the Morgan Warehouse. E. L. Morgan, the proprietor, has been in the tobacco business twenty years. His house here was opened new this season, but his long experience in our adjoining



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county and city has made him well known to every tobacco grower in this section and he is easily forging to the front in the market. In his experience he has acquired superior knowledge of the "weed" and has gained a solid reputation among producers for honesty and fairness. The warehouse is a new frame building, 75x140 feet, commodious, well lighted and ventilated, located on Worth street. With keen tact and foresight a section of the building has been cut off and divided into rooms for the customers to sleep in. Good fires are provided against the cold wintry winds. Good stalls are convenient for the horses that must sojourn here over night.

Several attempts were made in the past to make Burlington a tobacco center, but all proved fruitless until last year the Burlington Warehouse was established and proved most successfully that in a great tobacco section like this there was no need for farmers to go to Greensboro, Danville, or Durham, from twenty to forty miles, with their "weed" when prices could be just as high here. But "competition is the life of trade," and Mr. Morgan in Greensboro saw the bright possibilities of Burlington and came down here and opened a warehouse for himself. The success and increased trade of both houses have proven that he was not mistaken. Our hustling city is destined to become a great tobacco center. The largest companies in the United States have buyers on the markets here who recognize the superiority of "Alamance weed," and pay accordingly high prices to the producers. Mr. Morgan does a strictly commission business. His judgment in selling the weed is unsurpassed and by his untiring efforts and strictly honest methods he has built up a reputation second to none in this section. He makes a specialty of handling farmers' business

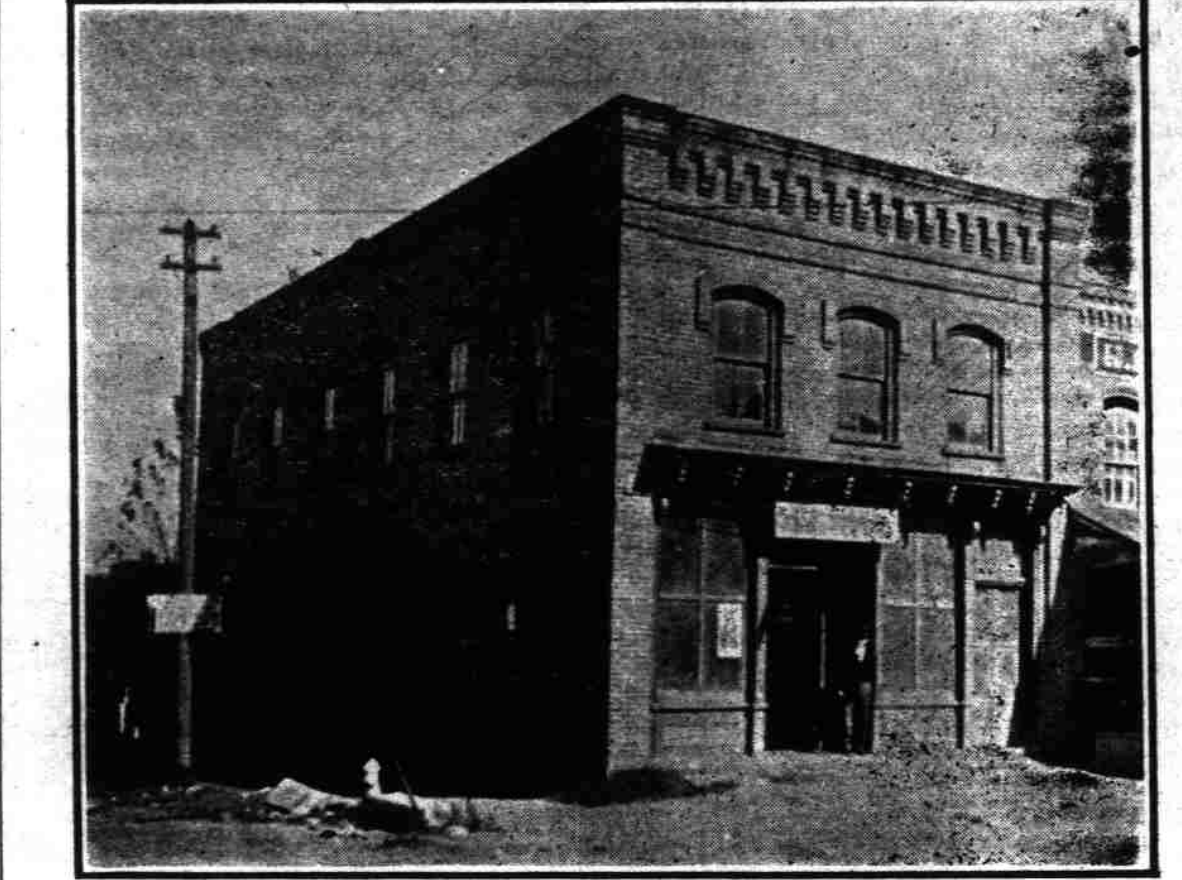
and deals with them in the most liberal and just manner. He has a corps of efficient men to assist him who are perfectly familiar with the trade and good judges of tobacco. They are L. V. McAdams, who is ex-sheriff of the county; Will and John Leath, of Union Ridge, and Joseph Rodgers, of Caswell, all of whom are highly respected and have a host of personal friends in this and adjoining counties.

Mr. Morgan enjoys a generous share of social as well as commercial prestige as he is endowed with a disposition to make and hold friends.

The Burlington Lumber Company

Everything You Need in Building.

Lumber has its history and, like all histories, has also its various chapters. It opens with the primeval forests and the woodsman's axe and ends in the homes and haunts of civilized man. What an important part it plays in the world of trade and manufacture can be seen in the many uses to which it has been put. It is the prime factor of the building world, and the industry



PATE AND DAVIES, PRINTING OFFICE.

has afforded an avenue of trade for a class of merchants who are typical hustlers, proving equal to every emergency of prosperity or depression. Prominent among this class is to be found the above firm, the Burlington Lumber Company, which has done a phenomenal lumber trade for the three years it has been established.

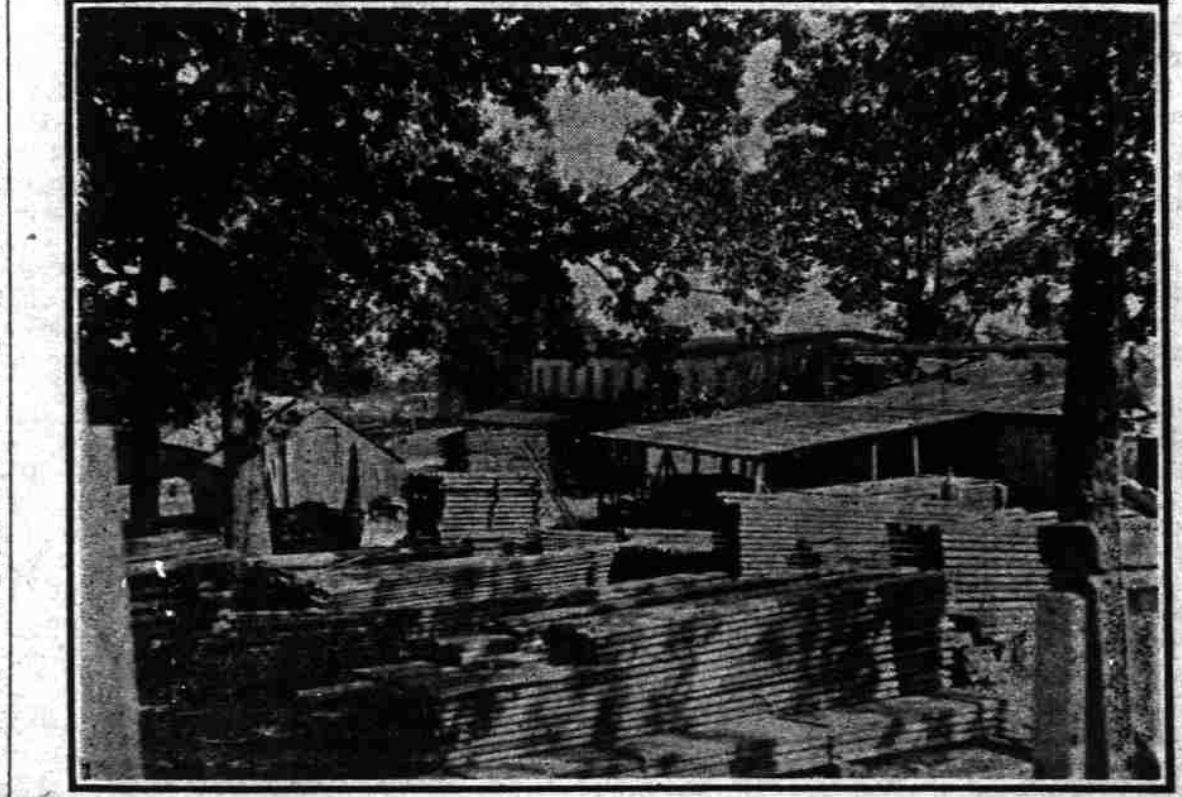
Their immense plant occupies two acres, and is equipped with a modern planing mill and novelty works, which give employment to twenty skilled workmen. Here they manufacture all kinds of rough and dressed lumber, sash, doors, blinds, handsome cabinet mantels, mouldings, casings, columns, etc., and make a specialty of coffin cases, factory boxes and rollers and novelty products. They have skillful hand carvers who can finish up mantels and cabinet work in the most delicate and intricate patterns with master hands. They keep laths, shingles, hardware, roofings, and all kinds of builders' materials. They cater especially to contractors' orders, and today they are rushed to fill the numerous orders of the contractors here and in other cities over the state.

Being located in the midst of a heavily timbered section, buying and selling in carload lots, giving excellent value for the price, they have an enormous trade all over this section. The plant is equipped with new and latest improved machinery, dry kilns for lumber storage sheds, spacious yards, sidetracks, and railroad yards and every conceivable convenience and improvement necessary to a hustling and flourishing up-to-date establishment.

The company was organized three years ago with W. E. Hay as president, and many of the foremen and overseers as stockholders. This insures the very best results and efforts on the part of all of the owners. These people are endeavoring to fill their places with credit and are doing it so well that they are enjoying a tremendous trade which taxes their plant to its utmost capacity. The men are all square, upright, enterprising men, and highly esteemed citizens.

Mr. Hay, the president, owns one of the largest mercantile establishments in the city, an account of which will be found in another column.

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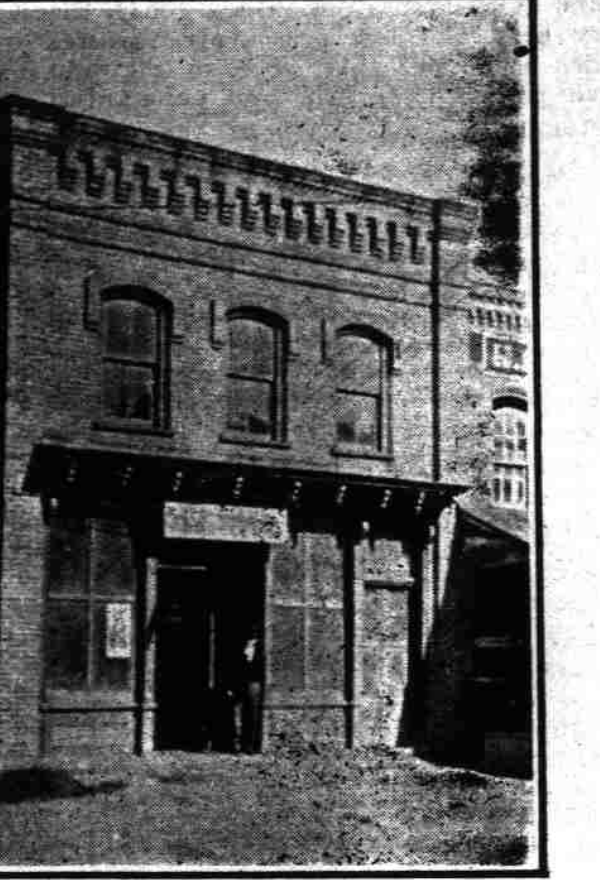
PATE AND DAVIES.

"The Printers."

An Office Thoroughly Equipped for the Production of Finely Printed Work.

Printing, the first and the finest of the mechanical arts, has ever counted in the ranks of its prosecution some of the best talent of every community. The printer who is worthy the name must have an eye for beauty, symmetry and taste as delicate as the artist.

An instance of this is found in the firm of Pate and Davies, of this city, they being the most experienced and talented printers of this part of the country, and Burlington's esteemed citizens. They have been in business for three years and have a splendid and increasing trade, requiring five men to keep up with the orders. They occupy large quarters on the corner of Davis and Worth streets, where they have a good plant and the largest and best presses for job work. They print letter heads, bill heads and general commercial work at the right prices. Their work is very artistic, and always receives the highest commendation.



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The partners of the firm, Messrs. A. D. Pate and B. P. Davies, came here three years ago from Barnwell Court-house, S. C. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal and Presbyterian churches respectively. They are conscientious in their business, and upright, honorable business men. Both being young men, they are full of ambition and determination to succeed and this they are doing by conducting their business fairly, giving the people full value for money received, making friends of everybody and proving themselves good citizens. They are such gentlemen as it is a pleasure to meet, well informed and agreeable and courteous to all. They are living up to their motto, "Building Upon a Rock," and building a printing business that shall keep pace with the substantial growth of our city. They are building this business upon good workmanship and honest dealing, and feel no doubt of their success.

JOHN C. BRADSHER.

Popular Dealer in Fruits and Confectionerys.

One of the most prosperous small firms of our town is conducted by John C. Bradsher, on Front street.

Mr. Bradsher, who is the proprietor of a fruit stand, sells all kinds of nice fruits, soft drinks, etc.

Mr. Bradsher was born at Roxboro, Person county, and moved to this town about twelve years ago. He has been engaged in the fruit stand business for ten years, hence his experience is his success. Besides being the owner of this fruit stand, Mr. Bradsher owns a large tract of land just out of the northern city limits of the town. This, if cut into lots and sold, would be worth considerable money, and is growing in valuation very rapidly.

Mr. Bradsher is an ever untiring worker, and pass by his place when you may, is always at his post. Many large firms if given the attention Mr. Bradsher gives his fruit stand, would be worth untold millions. He stands for honesty and right in dealing with his fellow-man. Untruthfulness and dishonesty are never placed as acquisitions against him.

We challenge a comparison with any town in the New South in the race of progress and prosperity.