

Mill News

ALABAMA.

Birmingham—It is contemplated to build a cotton factory on an advantageous site near Birmingham. The Ryan Real Estate Company of that city is interested in securing the enterprise. It is understood the company is offering a free site to manufacturers who will build the proposed mill.

Gaylesville—It is very likely that a cotton mill will be built in Gaylesville during the year which will be known as the Gaylesville Cotton Mill. A. D. Hudson, of this place, is one of the promoters.

ARKANSAS.

Cotton Plant—There is talk here of forming a company for the construction of a cotton factory. Mr. Will T. Price, of that little city, is interested in the proposed enterprise.

CONNECTICUT.

Wilfomatic—The large finishing mill which the American Thread Company is erecting here is rapidly approaching completion and will be ready for the installation of the equipment in about four weeks. In view of the present reaction the company is in no hurry to begin operating the factory, and some of the machinery which was ordered for it has been shipped to the Holyoke plant, where some of the old and worn-out machinery is being taken out and replaced.

GEORGIA.

Albany—The manufacturing committee of the Albany Business League is working with a special committee to complete the work begun last year of raising subscriptions for a \$250,000 cotton mill. The work was dropped during the financial panic in the fall, but it is believed that conditions now warrant a revitalizing of the movement.

About half of the stock has been subscribed and subscription books will be reopened Monday. Those at the head of the movement are most sanguine of success.

Augusta—Whether or not the action being taken by the cotton mills all over the country will reach Augusta has not been determined. Local mill owners do not believe it will. The statement is made that they will not curtail their output, go on short time, or make any other change in their present arrangements unless they are forced to do so. No notices of reductions in wages have been posted and none will be posted.

It was reported that a decision had been reached to cut down two-thirds running time, but this is denied by the mill officials. They admit that they have had the matter under consideration, but state that there will be no conclusion one way or the other before the last of this week, and the indications are that there will be no reductions then.

Later announcements are to the effect that the John P. King Manufacturing Company and the Enterprise Manufacturing Company, two of the largest cotton mills in Augusta, announce that they will go on a schedule of four days a week, commencing April 1st for an indefinite time. All other mills will continue on full time.

Barnesville—A company of business men composed of Thomas D. Stewart and Frank M. Imman, of Atlanta, and H. E. Hightower, of Thomaston, has purchased the Aldora Cotton Yarn Mill located at Barnesville, and it is announced that the plant will resume operations in the near future. The mill has been in the hands of the court since the failure of the Exchange Bank of Macon, Ga., which held a majority of the stock, and it is said that Judge U. V. Whipple will, at Macon, confirm the sale of the property.

It is stated that Mr. Stewart will be president of the new company, and that Mr. Imman will be secretary and treasurer, while Mr. Hightower will be general manager.

The Aldora Mill has 10,000 spindles, and is regarded as a fine property. The news of its sale and the purpose of the purchasers to have the plant resume business at an early date will be received with interest not only by the large force of operatives that will be employed, but also by the general public, as it is a sure sign of the returning prosperity.

The Exchange Bank held 708 shares, while capitalists in Boston own 122 shares. Messrs. Stewart and Hightower, and Imman, through the deal that has been consummated, have acquired all of the bank and the Barnesville holdings, giving them 1,128 shares.

Eatonton—The petition of Mrs. Susan E. Jones for an injunction against the sale of any of the property belonging to the Middle Georgia Cotton Mills, located here, and that the bonds and preferred stock be declared worthless and the property be placed in the hands of a receiver for sale and distribution among the stockholders, was argued last week before Judge Lewis, of Putnam Superior Court. The petition was refused on the ground that no evidence of fraud or mismanagement was proven. The case will be appealed to the Supreme Court.

Mrs. Jones is not a common creditor, but a stockholder, and her grounds for taking action against the mill were failure to receive dividends or interest on her investments. The mill, which has been shut down for seven weeks on account of inability to sell its products, will likely resume operations again.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Fall River—The Richard Borden

Manufacturing Company has declared a regular quarterly dividend of two per cent, payable April 1. The Westmore Mills has declared a regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent, payable April 1.

The Chace Mills has declared a regular quarterly dividend of 2 per cent, payable April. This is the same rate as its last quarterly dividend.

New Bedford—Work was begun on a new weave shed for the Jotomaska Mills, the contract having been awarded to the B. F. Smith Company, of Pawtucket, R. I. The new structure will be 299 feet long and 344 feet wide, with a capacity of 2,600 looms, making it the second largest weave shed in the city. It will be of saw-tooth roof construction and will be equipped with all the latest appliances. It is proposed to transfer looms from the older buildings to the new, which will permit the management to increase the spindleage of the plant.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Belmont—Some weeks ago mention was made of the status of the plans of the Majestic Manufacturing Company in connection with the construction of a cotton mill at Belmont, near Charlotte. It can be stated that nearly all the contracts for buildings and machinery have been signed. Construction and equipment will be hurried with all possible speed consistent with good work. The main building will be one-story, 310x125 feet, with foundation and floors of concrete. On the concrete floor a maple flooring will be laid. By early fall the entire plant is expected to be completed. There will be in position some 10,995 spindles, producing cotton yarns from No. 80 up. The Sea Island and Egyptian raw cotton will be used in this manufacture. Stuart W. Cramer, of Charlotte, is the architect-engineer in charge, and he has placed contracts for the machinery with the Whitin Machine Works, of Whitinsville, Mass.

The Majestic Manufacturing Company is capitalized at \$200,000, and is composed of experienced cotton manufacturers, of whom C. A. Linberger is prominent. He is president of this company, of the Imperial Yarn Mills, and the Chronicle Mills, both of Belmont, and is treasurer of the Tuckasee Manufacturing Company, of Mt. Holly, N. C.

Dalies—At a meeting of the stockholders of the Monarch Mill, held last Thursday afternoon, it was decided to increase the capital stock of the mill by an additional issue of stock to the value of \$15,000.

Henderson—The Harriet Cotton Mills No. 2 in South Henderson will be completed within the next few weeks and will soon be in operation. When on full time the three plants will give employment to from 1,800 to 2,000 operatives.

The Henderson Cotton Mills at present are not working on full time, which has been reduced to four and one-half days and four nights a week.

OKLAHOMA.

Oklahoma City—Capt. J. H. Grant and associates, of Oklahoma City, will hold a meeting during the present week to endeavor to complete arrangements for organizing their proposed \$100,000 cotton mill company. Frederick H. White, of Charlotte, N. C., representing the Saco & Pettee Machine Works, of Newton Upper Falls, Mass., will be present to give information, data and estimates on the cotton manufacturing industry. It is expected that permanent organization will soon follow this meeting.

RHODE ISLAND.

Woonsocket—The Ray Cotton Company property on Main street and the land and building in the rear are for sale. Joseph G. Ray recently purchased the interests of other owners and is now the sole proprietor. Mr. Ray has placed the property, with John C. Cosseboom, real estate broker, for disposal. The plans of the brick mill, the stone mill in the rear, the storehouse, land and water privileges are being made by Charles F. Parker, civil engineer, and will be ready for inspection within a few days.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Newberry—The Newberry Cotton Mills Company, manufacturing sheetings, shirtings and drills, is stated to have decided upon installing an additional 10,000 spindles and 300 looms. It is not known whether such additional equipment will necessitate new buildings being erected. The present equipment consists of about 24,000 ring spindles, 718 broad and 182 narrow looms.

Batesburg—Fire in the waste house of the Middleburg Mill, was discovered about 6 o'clock Monday afternoon. By the efforts of the fire department, which responded promptly to the alarm the flames were confined to the building in which they originated. The waste house was much E7890\$, and waste house and much waste cotton were destroyed. A rough estimate places the damage at about \$500.

Iva—At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Jackson Cotton Mills the following gentlemen were elected as directors to serve the ensuing year: T. C. Jackson, Dr. J. M. Watson, W. P. Cook, and W. T. A. Sherard, of Iva; S. C. Mitchell and J. E. Mitchell, of Philadelphia; N. B. Sullivan, D. A. Ledbetter and D. P. McBrayer, of Anderson. Mr. D. P. McBrayer was re-elected president and treasurer Mr. T. G. Jackson, vice president and assistant treasurer, and Mr. W. B. Gordon was

secretary. Mr. J. F. McDonald, the former secretary, resigned in order that he could become cashier of the Bank of Iva. The mills at Iva are in a flourishing condition, and the stockholders are gratified at the showing made by them during the past year.

Rock Hill—The Aragon Cotton Mills will double its equipment, and it is understood that Alex Long, president of the company, is now in Massachusetts awarding contracts for the necessary machinery. This company is now operating 10,240 spindles and 250 looms.

Blacksburg—Blacksburg has at last secured definitely the new \$1250,000 cotton mill, the erection of which has been agitated for some months past.

The new mill will be situated on the northern edge of the city, and will be called the Blacksburg Mills.

The prospects for a bright future for Blacksburg seem good, especially in this line, as Mr. G. Long Anderson, an experienced mill man from Williams- ton, S. C., will be the head of this industry.

TEXAS.

Colorado—The West Colorado Land Company, B. N. Garrett, president, is planning the erection and equipment of a cotton mill. No details have been decided.

VIRGINIA.

Bedford City—Plans for a mill at Bedford City (referred to last week) are progressing. At the meeting in the Bedford Court House to see if a cotton mill company could be organized, a large number of the merchants and business men were present. The capital stock desired is \$100,000. Nearly \$40,000 was raised at once from among those present, and a committee composed of E. S. Smith, W. A. Fitzpatrick, J. J. Scott, E. D. Gregory and O. C. Rucker, was appointed to solicit subscriptions. One member of the committee reports that he secured about \$5,000 in a canvass of less than two hours, and the general feeling is that the company will be organized. It is intended to raise all that is possible in the city and then secure the balance from outside.

Knitting Mill News

ALABAMA.

Fort Payne—The local knitting mill has suspended operations as a result of the agreement made by all hosiery mills in the country to shut down for thirty days to reduce stocks and strengthen the market.

CONNECTICUT.

Canaan—The management of the Reliable Manufacturing Company, makers of knit goods, has notified its operatives that the plant will be closed Saturday. The corporation, which is organized under Connecticut laws, will now pass into the hands of a company of the same name organized under Massachusetts laws. The concern will be moved to Great Barrington, Mass., where a new plant is being provided. It is possible that a temporary resumption of work may take place here under the new control, pending the completion of the Great Barrington plant.

GEORGIA.

Savannah—The Savannah Cotton Mills will build an addition to be equipped for the production of knit goods. The new structure will be 150x40 feet, and contract for the machinery has been awarded. By the end of April this addition is expected to be fully equipped and in operation.

Manchester Cloth Market.

Manchester, Eng., March 29.—Business on the cloth market was smaller last week and prices were easier. Manufacturers are very despondent and no improvement is anticipated until India and China resume operations on a larger scale. The week's business comprised a few shirtings for Madras, miscellaneous orders for South America and moderate lines for home trade.

NEW YORK.

Cohoes—The Victor Knitting Mills have resumed operations in almost all the departments of the plant. Nearly all the employees are back at work again in operation in the mills. This means employment for many people who have been idle since early in January.

Youghkeepsie—The Hudson Valley Knitting Mill has shut down indefinitely, orders on hand, it is said, being not sufficient to warrant continuing operations.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Goldsboro—W. H. Roe, of Vine- land, N. J., has been elected superintendent of the Goldsboro Knitting Mills.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Plymouth—The Wyoming Valley Knitting Mill, which recently suffered fire loss, has resumed operations.

Philadelphia—The Crown Knitting Co., owing to lack of orders, has shut down for two weeks.

The Brown-Moore Hosiery Co. has given to the Industrial Trust, Title & Savings Co. a mortgage for \$75,000 on the factory which the company is building on Hancock and Westmoreland streets.

The Miehpaul Manufacturing Co. will, on April 10, through Alfred Nordlinger, Max Laupheimer and William J. Geggis, apply for a charter to manufacture and sell knit goods.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Walthalla—The Oconee Knitting Mill Co. will increase capital stock from \$30,000 to \$50,000 in order to provide funds for enlarging the plant from a daily capacity of 400 dozen pairs to 600 dozen pairs. This company has about 80 knitting machines, manufacturing misses' and half hose. It will arrange soon for the new machinery and other apparatus needed for the increase. J. F. Roberts is the company's general manager and is in charge of the improvement work planned.

THE DIFFERENCE.

By Charlotte Becker, in the April Metropolitan Magazine.

One, mated unto Pleasure, threw
With scoffing words a mock to care;
Let, lone and cold his hearthstone
grew,
And bitter were his days and bare.

Another, mated unto pain,
Though heavy was the load he bore,
Found in each day some happy gain,
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INDOLENCE.

By James Oppenheim in the April Metropolitan Magazine.

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I fondled it at birth,
Of it was I a part.

It was the dream that drew me
Through the curdled mess of life,
Its glory through and through me
Shot strength into the strife.

Up the wooded clearing,
And down the mountain top,
I drew me, soft unfearing,
Past the sheer cliff's fearful drop.

But I found a laughing brook
That gushed from out the dingle,
And I found a poet's book
Whose least words made me tingle.

I lie beside the stream,
I spend my strength's pure worth,
And lo! my youthful dream
Is a glory gone from earth.

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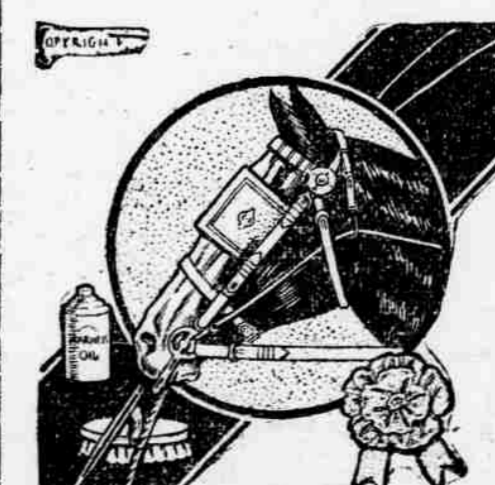
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