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THE PARTING SHOT OF 1892.

OUR GIFT TO CONCORD.

OUR CHRISTMAS BELLS.

The Standard Peeps at Several Enterprises of Concord and Makes Some Remarks in Accordance With Our Abiding Faith-- We Have Written Freely-- Daily From Memory-- Some Other Staff.

BREAD FOR HUMAN LIFE

Is to Be Made of Flour, Manufactured At The Fenix Mills.

If the results be in accordance with the character, proportion and good appointments of the structure (now completed), the Fenix Flour Mills will be quite a nice monument to the energy and pluck, as well as brain, of a native born Cabarrus citizen, Mr. G. T. Crowell.

Time and again a little spurt would be started up, looking toward the establishment of Floue Mills (roller process) in Concord, but every attempt proved fruitless.

During the past summer this same subject was agitated, with the view of forming a stock company to engage in the milling business--all this was caused by the return of a former citizen from Argentine Republic, South America, and one whose reputation as a first-class miller has been won by dint of energy, study, and indeed a lifetime virtually spent in making flour by every process, from the mortar up to the finest process known to human invention.

than \$15,000. The Standard has no intention of going into details regarding the insides. We can't do it, and if we did not one outside of a miller could understand it.

We have been told by men, who know, that this plant is the finest and best in the State. The machinery is the latest invention and is all furnished by Nordyke & Marmon Company, Indianapolis, Ind. The engine (50 horse) and boiler (55 horse) are made by the Atlas Company of Indianapolis.

Mr. M. M. Lash, a skilled machinist, and physically a Jim Corbett, is superintending the placing of the machinery. The design and woodwork is credited to Capt. A. H. Propst, who has no need of feeling ashamed of his part.

Ed. Correll, assisted by C. B. Blair, did the painting. The sign way up on the outside was a perilous job Mr. Correll executed himself. Jim Loman put up the engine and set it running and it made his 53rd. The capacity of the mill per 24 hours will be 100 sacks of flour and 200 sacks of meal.

Mr. Crowell informed us that he would exchange flour for wheat for the farmers for their own use, but not for marketing. Or he will pay cash for all wheat in any quantity.

He realizes that he must have a large local trade for the products of his mills, and to gain this trade he intends to compete with other mills in price and quality. The local sale of the products of this mill will be through the merchants.

Mr. Crowell will superintend the mill himself. Ed. Hall will be the engineer. Jos. F. Honeycutt will be the bookkeeper. These constitute the force, except several laborers--it must be remembered that the wheat and corn will be handled by elevators and not by hand.

The Standard closes this short sketch with the belief that Mr. Crowell's enterprise will be fully appreciated by the general public, and that one year from this day he can honestly say: "I am well pleased." Cabarrus people, through the Standard, know what Mr. Crowell has accomplished, and hence further remarks are unnecessary.

FORMED OF CLAY.

Millions of Them Made For Walls That Give Shelter to Lives And Busy Machinery.

It has almost come to the point when brick houses are as cheap as frame buildings. Comparatively speaking, they are cheaper.

Thousands of brick have been made in several years past in Concord.

Mr. T. Chapman runs the largest brick yard. He has a machine that makes brick by the pressing process, and the character of the product of his mill compares with that of the best moulded brick. They are substantial, very solid and smooth.

The brick, used in the roller mill walls, were made on Mr. Chapman's yard, and we are told these walls are the prettiest in town. Mr. Chapman does an immense business.

Mr. R. A. Brown has long enjoyed a reputation on his brick making knowledge. He does considerable brick making, in connection with his other business. He has extended his business outside of the county, having built a number of houses in Albemarle. Brown does good work.

FOR CITIES OF THE DEAD.

Slabs Must Mark the Resting Place of Loved Ones

Mr. A. N. McNinch does a quiet but splendid business in the decorations of graves. It has been said that the bottom of the grave levels all humanity, but Mr. McNinch erects monuments and tombs according to orders, and claims no jurisdiction over matters beneath the sod. Mr. McNinch is extending his trade to adjoining counties.

RAILROAD FACILITIES.

What Use Concord Has For Railroads And What May Be Expected.

The Richmond & Danville Railroad is the only one that thus far has hung out its shingle bidding for patronage. We have it from pretty reliable source that the freight business alone amounts to nearly \$9,000 monthly and the revenue from passengers is quite large.

Some doubting Thomases may doubt on, but the day is not far distant when another railroad will hang out its shingle to help do the business

ness and to increase the same of Concord.

The history (unwritten) of the first steps of the Concord Southern Railroad, we take it, is known to this locality at least. But for those who are not fortunate enough to be citizens of this county, we beg to submit:

The time had arrived for a competing line, an outlet to the South and a line to open up a territory, whose trade belongs to Concord, by the geographical outlay, at least.

Mr. W. M. Smith was the prime mover in this enterprise. He worked almost all of three months the past year in the interest of this road. In the persons of Messrs. J. M. Odell, R. W. and J. P. Allison, Elam King, D. F. Cannon and many others, he had strong supporters.

Concord voted a subscription of \$75,000; No. 8 (Mt. Pleasant) voted \$20,000; and other townships along the line between here and Wadesboro, via Mt. Pleasant, Big Lick, Ansonville, etc., have voted, etc. The political campaign coming on, and people wrought up over its features, the management let the affair rest till Spring.

The line, if built, (and we verily believe it will) will give us connection with the Seaboard Air Line and the Coast Line. We must have faith in it, for business men are interested in it, and have put their money in it, and there is no child's play about it.

Who can doubt what a revolution for good the building of this road will be to Concord, Cabarrus county and the section through which it runs?

The Standard makes these few remarks simply to remind the people that the CONCORD SOUTHERN RAILROAD will be built, and that at no distant day.

Success to those behind it!

FRIENDS OF THE SICK.

The Men Who Deal in Medicine And Dose You--A Good Set of Them.

Concord during 1892 had able and learned preachers, but no town of Concord's size can show a better class of physicians or even handsomer men. As a side remark we must say they all have good horses.

Here are the names of the physicians: Drs. L. M. Archey, J. Y. Fitzgerald, W. H. Lilly, S. J. Montgomery, T. F. Pharr, and Robt. S. Young.

Dr. Lilly is the longest in the profession and Dr. Fitzgerald the youngest. Whilst the health of this community is as good as any section boasts of, yet these gentlemen enjoy a lucrative practice and are successful. The Standard feels a pride, in common with the people of this section, in the high character, morally and professionally, of the M.D.'s of this town.

Dr. Theo. Pharr has thus far escaped the necessity of dividing his earnings (as he should) with her, who is nameless.

But The Standard has no right to criticize a friend, who has failed to do his duty, either on his own account or a combined account.

THE BIGGEST IN N. C.

The Odell M'Fg Co. is One of the Most Extensive Business Affairs in the South.

The Standard would be delighted to give a sketch of the lives of two very estimable citizens, whose lives throb with business and whose records have been worthy patterns for imitation. We refer to the genial Capt. Jno. M. Odell and his courteous son, Mr. William R. Odell. Space prevents this, and much of the business capacity of these gentlemen can be observed in the lines below that tell of the enterprise, which they have built up in Concord and which has added directly and indirectly thousands of dollars to the wealth of Concord and the county.

In 1876 there stood an old brick building on what is now known as Forest Hill, which was used for a cotton spinning factory. The trials of a war had rendered it helpless, and it stood there more as a reminder of better days than a representative of the manufacturing industry.

Capt. J. M. Odell became interested in Concord and purchased this milling property. It then had 1,500 spindles and no looms. In 1882 Capt. Odell, as president of the Odell M'Fg Co., erected mill No. 2; in 1885 mill No. 3, which connects mill 2 and 3, was built. All this activity gave employment to more families, put more money in circulation and made the channels of trade team with more vigor.

But the master stroke of this enterprising company was made in

1890-91, when the foundation of mill No. 4 was laid. This last mill is nearly 400 feet long by 126 wide, and one half of it three stories high and the balance two.

The machinery of these mills is as follows: 846 looms; 21,000 spindles.

The four engines that run this machinery have a capacity of 1125 horse power. Thirty cords of wood are used daily besides an immense amount of coal.

Eight hundred operatives have employment and the town (Forest Hill) is a vast outlay of cottages that give shelter and comfort to fully 1,800 people.

The amount of money disbursed to hands the closing year is \$125,000, and this does not include the expenditure for cotton, the consumption, being 25 bales per day, or 7,500 bales per annum. The expenses of the Odell M'Fg Co. reach a point over \$2,000 per day.

Capt. J. M. Odell is president; Mr. W. R. Odell secretary and treasurer, O. C. Eynum bookkeeper, and Messrs. Frank Robbins and W. P. Shealy are the superintendents.

The capital stock of this company is \$500,000.

BURSTED ON ONE SIDE.

Building Lots In Demand, and Mr. Phifer Offers to Meet It.

Building lots have been in demand for some time. All the available space on streets already opened had about all been taken. In a growing town an outlet had to come about. So it broke in the eastern part of town: a continuation of Lone street, which leaves Church street near the Fetzer house, now occupied by lawyer Crowell.

Mr. Phifer has had the county Surveyor to make plots of between 30 and 40 lots of 50 feet front on Lone street.

Sometime in January, he will have an auction sale of these lots and they go to the highest bidder. This method of sale is a new thing in Concord, but people will be enabled to get desirable lots at reasonable prices.

TO GET UP STREET.

Good Orders for Men Who Want to Get Out at Night And Who Desire to Receive Benefits.

A. F. & A. M.

At the beginning of the "war between the States" Stokes Lodge, No. 32, was in a most flourishing condition. It numbered among its members many influential men of Concord and vicinity. After the war, for reasons that need not be stated, the Lodge went into a decline and by 1890 became defunct. A few years ago it was revived, and now has a growing membership and a hopeful lease on life.

The object of Masonry is to encourage its adherents to work, and thereby secure the means to support themselves and families and contribute to the relief of distressed brethren, their widows and orphans.

Coldwater Lodge, No. 63, has had appreciable existence. Some two years ago it made its third start under auspicious circumstances. Its object is to promote the brotherhood of man, and being a benevolent order it dispenses its benefactions in a systematic manner.

Concord Lodge, No. 306, was organized in 1876. This order makes insurance its chief feature. By the payment of monthly assessments each member carries a two thousand dollar policy. The Lodge is in a healthy condition, numbering nearly fifty members.

This order was originally an annex of K. of H. It has now no connection with the Knights. It also makes insurance a prominent feature. Each member carries a three thousand dollar policy. Cabarrus Council, No. 1205, is regularly adding to its membership such as should be insured. If any one wishes to carry five thousand dollars insurance on easy terms, he can do so by joining K. of H. and R. A.

SPINDLES AND LOOMS.

By the Building and Loan Plan Another Factory Will Be Built.

Some time ago Mr. J. W. Burkhead, an enterprising young man, started a subscription list to raise stock for another cotton factory. It will be on the building and loan plan, paying 50 cents per week on a share. Three hundred shares have been taken and the canvass is not complete. An organization will be effected the first of the year and the

business part will begin at once.

This is a splendid enterprise, as it affords an opportunity to the young men, working on a small salary, to save money and to make a paying investment.

The above is no longer a theory, but a reality, so to speak.

STREET RAILWAY

It is One of the Biggest Advertising Mediums and a Real Necessity For the Town.

The Concord Street Railway has been in operation for nearly three years. Mr. Jno. P. Allison was the first man who suggested it, and by his efforts the stock was raised and the line put in operation. It is nearly two miles long.

Mr. W. M. Smith is now the president of the company and manager of its affairs.

About six months ago the dummy engine broke down and since then the road has not been in operation.

Just why the line is not in operation neither the Standard nor any one else knows (and its none of our business) yet we have an abiding faith in the enterprise, and therefore believe that when certain plans materialize the line will again be operational.

The Standard feels that nothing has ever advertised Concord to the outside world as has the dummy line. For when a town of 4,300 inhabitants has such an enterprise, people generally must entertain a good opinion of the pluck and push of the public spirited men of the town.

Since we've had it, all feel that it is a necessity, and it certainly is a convenience and a life insurer.

THE NATIONAL BANK.

This Enterprise Has Been a Success And a Convenience.

The Concord National Bank, a home company in the main, began actual operations on July 5, 1888, with the following as officers: J. M. Odell, president; D. B. Coltrane, cashier; L. D. Coltrane, bookkeeper; directors: J. M. Odell, Elam King, W. R. Odell, D. F. Cannon, J. W. Cannon, G. M. Lore, and D. B. Coltrane.

The capital stock is \$50,000 and the surplus is \$10,000.

The business has been successful and has the perfect confidence of the people. Mr. D. B. Coltrane, the chief organizer, is a native of North Carolina, but started and gained his snug little fortune in Missouri; but like most of them he came back to North Carolina to enjoy it. Mr. Coltrane, Capt. J. M. Odell, and the other officers are men calculated to win the confidence of the people.

It's building and apartments are neat, convenient and first class.

OUR GRADED SCHOOLS.

Concord Has a Splendid System of Graded Schools--Best in the State.

About eighteen months ago the people of our town decided by ballot to establish a system of public schools to be known as the Concord Graded Schools. A school committee was elected, and this committee at once began looking for a superintendent. In October, 1891, Prof. E. P. Mangum, of the Asheville City Schools, was elected to this position. The superintendent said at once began his work, and on December 10th, 1891, our schools opened for a term of six months.

In the face of many difficulties, material and otherwise, the superintendent and his teachers worked on through these first six months. The work done was far more satisfactory than any one had reason to expect. The schools grew in general favor, and the children learned to love to go to school.

During the past summer four large rooms were added to the old academy building, and a neat, comfortable frame building was erected in Colerburg for the colored people. This gave room for eight grades in the white schools, and five in the colored schools, and necessitated the election of more teachers. This fall, on October 3rd, the schools were opened for a full term of eight months. There are in the white schools nine teachers, besides the superintendent, and five in the colored schools. The enrollment in the white schools thus far is 417; in the colored schools 182. This speaks well for the schools, as during the whole of last term the enrollment in the white schools was only 393, and in the colored schools 196. Our schools are now far ahead of some in our State that have been organized for years, and with

proper care we ought to have as good schools as can be found anywhere.

The teachers in the white schools are: Mr. M. W. Ball, Mrs. Lucy Cole, Misses Mollie Fetzer, Lucy Richmond, Fannie Stafford, Dodson, Page Collins and Maggie Neal. These all seem to be great workers and devoted to the discharge of the duties devolving upon them.

THE WORSHIP OF GOD.

Nearly All The Principal Doctrines In It--Much of An Investment.

The steps that point heavenward in Concord tell a tale that all should feel proud of.

There are fourteen churches and chapels in Concord. Most of them are new, some of them costly and all of them creditable to the community. There is one church for every 300 inhabitants, saint or sinner, large or small.

There is not another town in North Carolina that can show such a record. If the city of New York were as well supplied with churches as is Concord there would be 5,000 churches on Manhattan Island.

Here is the number of churches representing the existing organizations in Concord: Baptist, two; Episcopal, one; Lutheran, three; Methodist, four; Presbyterian, three; Reformed, one.

The membership of the white churches is about 1,300, which is about one-half of the white population.

The value of the church property is about \$75,000, and the annual contributions for all purposes range from \$11,600 to \$14,000. And were the interest of the money invested added, the annual expenditure would amount to \$18,000. Excepting about \$3,000, all of this returns to the money channels of the town and surrounding country.

Well can Concord feel proud of her religious character and work. The ministers of the town:

Rev. C. M. Payne, Presbyterian; Rev. W. G. Campbell, Lutheran; Rev. J. M. Hedrick, Lutheran; Rev. Paul Barringer, Reformed; Rev. S. Pool, Methodist; Rev. M. A. Smith, Methodist; Rev. Surratt, Methodist; Rev. J. O. Alderman, Baptist. There are several colored preachers in town; among them Revs. Logan and Loye.

AGAINST FIRE AND DEATH.

A Business That Seeks to Put a Man On His Feet After Fire.

The insurance business has grown to splendid proportions in Concord, both life and fire insurance. Mr. J. Whit Burkhead devotes most of his time to his insurance business. Whitt's gentleman character and knowledge of his business, gets him lots of work. Rev. T. W. Smith ran an insurance business in connection with his preaching during 1892, but having no regular ministerial work for 1893, we presume he will devote his entire time to the insurance business.

THEY ALONE UNDERSTAND.

The Men, Who Can Say Mean Things to Each Other and to Witness in Court Room and then be Good Friends.

Concord is not behind when its legal talent is compared with other towns of the State. Indeed it surpasses the large majority.

A few make money, and all make a comfortable living. They are: Messrs J. L. Crowell, W. G. and P. B. Means, W. M. Smith, H. S. Puryear and W. J. Montgomery.

KNOWLEDGE IS PCWER.

Schools That Do Business In Concord.

The music school of Mrs. Ramzeur and Miss Mande Robbins during the past term has been quite successful. Both ladies enjoy a reputation by no means small. Miss Robbins has charmed not a few audiences since her stay in Concord with her sweet singing. Mrs. Ramzeur is from Milton, N. C., Miss Robbins from Statesville, and a daughter of Hon. W. M. Robbins. Sunderland Hall is a new building just west of Concord. It is a handsome building. The school is intended for young ladies and tuition there will be, in the main, free; accommodations for near one hundred girls is the capacity of the building. Capt. A. H. Propst is the architect

and builder. And in this connection we must state, that enterprise is a gift of a Board of Missions of the Northern Presbyterian church.

Scotia Seminary is one of the largest and handsomest buildings in the State. The institution is the work of a Northern Board of Charity, and is set apart for the education of colored girls alone. The enrollment ranges from 250 to 270. Dr. D. J. Satterfield, a learned and excellent gentleman, is the principal; under his direction good work is being done. He has eliminated that feature of colored education that makes them believe "that if educated it is ignoble to work." The school is admirably managed.

WHERE TO LAY YOUR HEAD.

Places to Get Good Meals, and Be Glad You are Living.

Whether men "live to eat," or "eat to live," is not the question. But boarders and travelling men find what they are looking for at the St. Cloud and the Morris House. Mrs. M. C. Dusenbery is the manager of the St. Cloud, a handsome new \$10,000 hotel, owned by Messrs. J. W. and D. E. Cannon. The Morris House is an old building, but comfortable. It is owned by Mr. P. M. Morris, and run by Mr. W. J. Moose. Whilst the building is not as handsome and does not contain the latest hotel features, Mr. Moose takes as good a care of the inner man as the vast majority of hotels.

Both these hotels are creditable to the town and traveling men brag on them.

AMONG THE BUILDERS.

Shops That Prepare Lumber and Men Who Put It in Shape and Drive Nails.

There are two machine shops--or rather wood-working establishments. Messrs. J. T. Pounds and J. M. Burroughs have machinery for working lumber and preparing it for builders.

Mr. D. A. Caldwell and others do contract work.

There are many mechanics in town, and we have no way to secure all their names, but Dan Krimminger is the biggest Democrat among them and wears side whiskers.

There is considerable activity in the building line--new houses are constantly going up in all parts of the town.

CANNON M'F'G COMPANY.

Another Great Industry for Concord--What It Adds to Make a Market And Reasons for Increasing It.

After studying the unparalleled growth of the Odell Mills, is it any wonder that there should be another cotton manufactory started, which would have the same success? Indeed with Concord a sabbat and Concord brains and capital behind it, is it any wonder that every legitimate enterprise has boundless success?

The mills which now form the subject of this sketch are located in the southwestern part of the city, near the Richmond & Danville railroad.

There are fifty families aggregating five hundred people, living there, who are fed and clothed by their own labor.

This factory consumes 2,500 bales of cotton per year, and burns 3,600 cords of wood, and the operatives burn 600 cords annually. The factory was started on \$75,000 and gradually increased. There are 9,800 spindles, and 255 looms in operation.

The capital stock of this mill is now \$126,000, and the mill is one of the best paying in the South.

Capt. J. M. Odell, president; J. W. Cannon, secretary and treasurer; L. D. Duval, superintendent; and J. A. Blackwelder, bookkeeper.

KERR BAG M'F'G CO.

Another Big Concern Does Business Here.

The Kerr Bag M'F'g Co. is officered by Capt. J. M. Odell as president and Mr. W. R. Odell is Secretary and Treasurer. This company uses the machines (and has full control) invented by Mr. W. H. Kerr and which are the attraction of the entire world. These machines have revolutionized the sack and bag making business.

They also control a bleaching, the only one in operation in the south. The capacity for bleaching is 40,000 yards per day, and can make yellow goods look as white as snow.

Mr. Rufus Patterson, now in

Europe, is the superintendent of the bleaching.

\$65,000 INVESTED.

The Ocean is Made Up of Drops And the Earth of Grains of Sand and Dirt.

The Concord Perpetual Building and Loan association was organized June 5th 1888.

It has now in force nine series aggregating eleven hundred shares of stock. Receipts from interest and payments on stock amounts to \$1,506 per month which is promptly loaned to the members of the association and invested by them principally in homes. There have been built upwards of sixty houses, besides a number of houses purchased through the agency of the Building and Loan, which enables the purchaser to pay for them in small weekly installments.

The association has received upwards of \$60,000 since its organization which has been distributed in small loans and used in building up the town and adding to the comfort of its citizens.

The earnings after all expenses and taxes are paid amount to over 9 per cent on installments paid.

TOWN OFFICERS.

Mayor, Hon. W. G. Means; town aldermen: Messrs Wm Propst, Erwin Woodhouse, Chas. McDonald, J. C. Lippard, A. M. Brown, W. R. Odell.

GRADED SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

H. S. Puryear, chairman; P. B. Fetzer, Secretary; Dr. D. J. Satterfield, Jno. A. Kimmig, J. M. Odell, Jno. A. Cline.

MERCHANDISE SELEERS.

The Standard Makes No Special Comments, But Submits the Case.

G. E. Fisher, N. D. Fetzer, Hooper & Lore, J. A. Kimmons, Lippard & Shuping, Swink Bros., D. D. Johnson, C. E. Alexander, Holtzshouser & Co., H. P. Tucker, Dove & Bost, D. J. Bostian Morrison, Lentz & Co., Geo. W. Brown, G. W. Patterson, W. J. Hill, W. J. McHaffey, W. C. Coleman, C. G. Montgomery & Co., J. Foil & Co., Henry Ritz, D. P. Dayvat, A. L. Sappenfield, Cook & Son, Cannons, Fetzer & Bell, Cannons & Fetzer, Yorke & Wadsworth, M. O. Walter, Correll Bros., J. P. Gibson, Odell Co., D. W. Farr, R. A. Brown.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS.

Miss Mollie Brachen and Miss Nannie Alexander do an immense business in millinery goods.

Mrs. J. S. Fisher and Mrs. Emma Wright have an extensive dress-making trade.

Harry Fryling does considerable work in the repair of machines.

Concord has two barber shops. One the best in the State.

No town can surpass Concord for the excellence of its livery stables. They are owned by Brown Bros. and M. J. Corl.

The New South Club is in a prosperous condition. The rooms are handsomely furnished.

Capt. J. M. Odell is the president of more important organizations and factories than any man in the State.

A number of handsome new houses have been added during the last few years: Dr. Arcey's, Dr. Gibsons, Capt. Odell's Mr. W. R. Odell's and others.