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PIEDMONT'S NEW BUILDING

IDEAL EQUIPMENT OF A PLANT THAT IS TURNING OUT HIGH GRADE PRODUCT.

New Building Covers More Than an Acre Floor Space and Contains Latest Machinery and Conveniences. Company Selling Vehicles in Eight States and the Demand for Them Rapidly Increasing.

In its new building, with its walls as white and clean as a hospital, with its four hundred and fifty windows, every one of which looks out free to the clear blue sky. The Piedmont Buggy Company of this place now works under ideal conditions. With every labor-saving device and convenience that a million-dollar plant might have, its skilled workmen have conditions that will stimulate them to ambitious workmanship. The new building, covering more than an acre of floor space, is designed ideally, and from the smithy on the basement floor, where the beginning of a job is made, to the crating station above, there is no hitch, no cross, no backward movement of a piece of material. Every step is a forward one, and no piece of the twenty-five vehicles which the plant is capable of turning out daily, is required to double an inch on its track. The building is mill construction throughout, four floors, 65x206 feet, steam heated, equipped with automatic sprinklers connected to the city water works, with a private auxiliary cistern of 50,000 gallons. And the most superior feature of it all is that there is no rumble or dust from engines, innumerable shafts and belts, for every machine or section is run by its own electric motor, all driven by the noiseless white fluid from the Catawba river miles away. There are some dozen motors, ranging in power from the one-eighth horse power of the sewing machine in the trimming room to the fifteen horse power in the blacksmith department. Everything about the plant suggests ease, facility and high efficiency. Yet there is not the suggestion of exclusive machinery that one has in a cotton mill, for instance, for here there remains opportunity for high individual skill and character in the workmen. The men are still workmen, not operators, since the character of the work makes necessary a combination of the qualities of the individual workman with the use of machinery.

The building is situated just outside the city's incorporation line, on a bluff overlooking wide fields and meadows which are just now taking on the green shades of spring. The work is divided into departments with its foremen, and sub-departments, all in close touch with the presiding genius, General Manager Payne; and from the President, Capt. Heath, General Manager Payne and Secretary and Treasurer Kochitzky, down to the last workman, there are none who do not manifest a pride and enthusiasm in the work of the company. Probably you have never taken a thought when spinning along in a light running vehicle of the work required to produce such a comfortable effect. If you haven't ever seen a buggy in the making, you will surely be interested in a running description of the process. The job starts in the blacksmith shop, the material being brought in from an adjoining warehouse. Here the wheels are primed, tired, bored and boxed, put on an electric driven elevator and sent to the second floor, where they are painted, striped and finished and set aside to dry for three or seven days. The gears are assembled in the smithy, placed on the elevator for the second floor to receive priming, color varnish, striping and finish, all done on racks without removing, and dried from five to seven days in a dust-proof room without handling, and clear of scars or bruises to paint. The bodies are sent by elevator to the third floor and gracefully submit to twelve coats of paint, during which they are rubbed with pumice stone in water three times. After the finishing coat is put on they are placed in a dark room, which is painted black, with black curtains. This is for the purpose of excluding every fly and insect that might disfigure the glossy surface, which has been brought up to piano finish. The tops, cushions and backs are made on the first floor, where women

are found to lead the men in the neat and careful work. Here, as everywhere else, the most modern machinery is at the command of the workers. Thus far the work has been going on in sections or departments, the wheels along one line, the gears their way, likewise the bodies and the tops, cushions and seats theirs. The foreman of each department has carefully inspected, tagged by number and dismissed each piece. Then they all assemble in the hands of the shipping clerk, who with his force on the first floor packs each buggy in a cage crate, which, with wheels and all is made to occupy a cozy space only thirty-three inches deep. The crates here bid the factory farewell, as they slide into a railroad car waiting on a side track at the back door.

The Piedmont has been operating six years, and in that time has dotted the highways and streets of eight States with its vehicles, selling in North and South Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Florida. The company has all the facilities for competing with the strongest competitors, and satisfies the demand for a high grade, a medium high grade, and a medium grade vehicle, represented respectively by their Black Diamond, Piedmont and Columbian. The Black Diamond compares more than favorably with Eastern work that sells at a much higher price. The Piedmont, in style, durability and quality, is acknowledged throughout the South to be a leader. In the Columbian is a medium priced vehicle that carries the distinct Southern style and has none of the earmarks of cheap Western made work. All workmanship and material are guaranteed.

Using the Drag on Rural Routes in Anson.

Rural Carrier in Wadesboro Messenger and Intelligence.

Just why every road overseer in the county does not use a road drag in working the roads is strange to me. One can be made at practically no expense. Surely they do not know the real benefit they are in working the roads, or they would not work the roads without one. Everybody knows what a deplorable condition the roads of the county have been in for the last six months. In some places almost impassable; such was the condition of the roads over which I had to take the mails. Just to give you some idea of what can be done with the drag, I will give you a little of my experience.

Near the home of Mr. J. E. Gray was a piece of road 300 yards long so bad that I had to take to the fields and woods to get along. On Wednesday last I met Mr. W. S. Watkins with his team and road drag just beyond that bad place. Mr. Watkins told me that he was going to fix the road so that I could pass over it in a trot the next day, and while I knew the drag would do wonderful work, I doubted if it could be done, the road was so very bad. But sure enough, next day the road was so smooth and nice I went over it in a fast trot with comparative ease. In fact some parts of the road would be a credit to the streets of Wadesboro, and to my own knowledge no work has been done only with the drag. No one who has not tried the drag or seen one at work, has but a faint idea the good one will do when properly managed. Mr. P. L. Hough has one that he tried for the first time on his road and it did wonderful work. He says he

can do more and better work with his team and drag than he could with fifty negroes in the old way. There are others who are making drags on my route that means better roads for me.

Every section of road in the county should have one of these drags, even if the county has to pay for it. Compulsion, by the county, to use the drags in working the roads ought to be enforced, at least every three months.

Capt. Cureton Not a South Carolinian.

Mr. John S. McCain of Jackson township, a member of Company B, 26th Regiment, writes a letter to the Charlotte Observer about the birthplace of Capt. T. J. Cureton, whose death was mentioned in *The Journal* last week. Mr. McCain says: "He was born in Union county, this State, instead of at Lancaster, S. C. He was about 73 years old and a son of the late Jeremiah Cureton, and was raised on the Macanie farm, the birthplace of Andrew Jackson."

"The flag mentioned was handed to the flag-bearer, Calvin Dickson, by Miss Anna Cureton. On one side it bore the title, 'Victory or Death,' and on the other side, 'Waxhaw—Jackson Grays.' The speech of presentation was eloquent and patriotic. Capt. William Wilson in response pledged his honor that it should never be trampled in the dust. In the first day's battle at Gettysburg Capt. Wilson and 75 per cent. of his command gave their lives to sustain their pledge. Thirteen brave men of that immortal 26th Regiment gave their lives and the fourteenth man with his remnant of troops drove the enemy back, placing the banner upon their breastworks."

"The Jackson Grays was made up of boys picked up around Jackson's birthplace. They were full-blooded Tar Heels, chugful of patriotism and pledged themselves on the Gettysburg battlefield, 'Victory or Death.' At the close of this battle Cureton was made a captain. He saw service around Richmond and Petersburg. At the close of the struggle, ragged and barefoot, with empty haversacks, the brave boys made their way back to Union county—back to Tindle X Roads. There with a handshake and a good-bye the company disbanded, each man going to his home. "The writer was one of the boys in the gang from the beginning to the end."

Brothers Marry Sisters.

Last Wednesday afternoon Mr. Marvin Mangum and Mr. Oscar Mangum, sons of Mr. J. B. Mangum of south Monroe township, were married to Miss Mittie Williams and Miss Floy Williams, respectively, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Williams of east Monroe township. The event occurred at the home of the parents of the brides, and was witnessed by a large number of relatives and friends of each family. The ceremony was performed by Rev. M. D. L. Preslar. Miss Bessie Hamilton played the wedding march. Messrs. Ray Williams and William Preslar were groomsmen and Misses Wilma Mangum and Ethel Liles were maids of honor. A large number of pretty and useful presents were received.

After the ceremony the party went to the home of the groom's parents, where a fine supper was served. The young people are all popular among a large circle of friends. They belong to honored families, numbering generations of useful, right living and high thinking men and women, and they start life with the greatest of all assets, high character, strong hands and clear brains, the most precious heritages that parents can bestow upon their children.

Call to Democratic Executive Committee.

The State Democratic Executive Committee of North Carolina recently met in Raleigh and adopted a plan of organization. In this plan it is provided that each county Democratic executive committee shall determine whether there shall be in its county, for the selection of delegates and candidates, primary meetings, primary elections, or county conventions. The Democratic Executive Committee of Union county is, therefore, called to meet at the court house, in Monroe, N. C., on Saturday, April 2nd, 1910, at 11 o'clock a. m., to determine upon one of the methods mentioned, and to transact any other business that may come before the committee.

R. W. LEMMOND, Chairman.
F. H. WOLFE, Secretary.

LILESVILLE DESTROYED.

Fire Wiped Out the Whole Business Portion of the Town Saturday Night—Insufficient Insurance.

The whole business portion of Lilesville, Anson county, was destroyed by fire Saturday night. The fire began about 9 o'clock and raged till three. The origin is unknown.

The following buildings were destroyed: J. A. O. Craig, store, \$1,000 damage, insurance \$500, occupied by W. T. Knotts, stock \$1,500, no insurance; J. T. Saunders, store, \$1,000, stock \$2,000, insurance \$1,000; A. G. Wall, store, \$1,000, stock \$2,500, insurance \$1,800; T. R. Tomlinson, store, \$600, no insurance; E. P. Liles, store, \$600, insurance; E. P. Liles, warehouses and storage rooms, \$18,000, insurance \$5,000; H. J. Wall, two brick stores, \$2,600, no insurance, occupied by T. A. Horne, \$5,000, no insurance, and J. S. Clark, \$4,500, insurance \$800; H. J. Wall, two frame stores, unoccupied, \$1,500, insurance \$500; Bank of Lilesville, building and fixtures, \$2,500, insurance \$1,200; John Williams, stock \$600, no insurance; Kerr & Wall, drug store, \$1,000; Allen & Massagee, livery stables, feed, P. Liles, store and post-office, two warehouses, \$2,400, stock \$2,000, insurance \$1,600; J. A. McAlister, wood shop, stables and blacksmith shop, \$1,400, no insurance; Mrs. R. L. Henry, residence and store, \$1,000, insurance \$500; B. V. Henry, old ginhouse and barn, \$300, no insurance; Allen & Massagee livery stables, feed, etc., \$300, insurance \$150; J. A. Morton, blacksmith, \$200, no insurance; Dr. J. L. Wyatt, office, \$500, stock \$500, no insurance. Other small losses amounted to about \$1,000.

Recorder's Court.

Since last report the following cases have been disposed of: Bill McCain, retailing; 4 months. John McMillan, assault with deadly weapon; costs. Lawyer Harris, violating sanitary regulation; costs. Virginia Whiteside, colored, violating sanitary regulation; \$5 and costs. Alf Knight, violating sanitary regulation; costs. Henry Boone, beating board bill; costs. W. H. Persons, assault and battery; \$2 and costs. John McKeethan, assault and battery; costs. Steve Welsh, assault and battery; costs. Wriston Shepherd, assault and battery; costs. Bob Meanes, violating ordinance 76; \$4 and costs. M. C. Broom, assault and battery; \$2.50 and costs. George Hinson, assault and battery; not guilty. Johnnie Burton, keeping liquor for sale; \$50 and costs. Peter Odum, assault and battery; costs. Will Hariston, colored, shooting firecrackers; costs. C. V. McNeely, using profane language; \$2 and costs.

The Lot Sale on Benton Heights.

The auction sale of lots, the property of Mr. J. H. Benton, on Benton Heights, last Saturday was called off after about fifteen lots had been sold. The best lot sold brought \$325, and the least desirable was bid off at sixty. These prices Mr. Benton considered too low, as his property is the best that has been offered in a similar sale here in a long time, and he called off the sale, and will offer some of the others from time to time at private sale. The free lot was drawn by George Hinson, the eight-year-old son of Mr. H. J. Hinson. Benton Hill is a pretty residence section and with the broad streets that have been opened up, gives most desirable lots for those wanting to build near the business part of town and yet just outside the corporate limits. Some who bought lots have already begun to put down lumber to build and before long that section will be one of the prettiest about town.

While Mr. C. J. Braswell of Goose Creek township was running a saw mill a few days ago, the ratchet handle caught on the saw and the ratchet was scattered in pieces, one of which, a piece of steel about two by eight inches, struck Mr. Braswell across the breast and knocked him unconscious for two or three hours, and breaking his collar bone. 'Squire Braswell was in town Saturday with his hand in a sling.

TOOK A HIGH APPEAL.

Rev. Crawford Convicted of Shooting at a Brother Minister, Makes a Mighty Appeal to the Lord in His Own Behalf.

Having exhausted his own resources and those of his lawyers, and staggering under conviction of having shot a few balls through the window of Nebo colored Baptist church of Waxhaw against the sides of his brother minister, Rev. McDonald, Rev. John Crawford, colored, brushed aside the technicalities of earthly courts and appealed direct to the supreme court of Providence. While the Rev. Crawford was resting in jail last Friday morning, awaiting sentence, Sheriff Griffith heard a sound as of the rushing of mighty winds coming from the direction of Crawford's cell. Going to investigate, the sheriff beheld Crawford on the knees praying with tremendous voice that the heart of the solicitor might be softened, that the judge be overcome with mercy and loving kindness, and that Providence would lead from the prison cell into the clear sunlight of liberty "dis'ol' Barnabas, who ain' done nothin' and yit is covered with shameful shackles." It is not known what effect this prayer had on the heart of Judge Lyon, but it must have softened it, as he fined Crawford only \$50 and costs, which the preacher paid cheerfully.

Mr. John J. Parker was appointed by Judge Lyon to act as solicitor in the case of State against Whedbee, Solicitor Stock having been employed by the defendant before his appointment to the solicitorship. T. C. Whedbee, who was an agent of the Seminola Securities Company, was convicted of false pretense on his trial here last August and sentenced to 2 years in the penitentiary. The case was carried to the Supreme court, and judgment was arrested on the ground that the indictment was fatally defective, Clark, C. J., and Holze, J., dissenting. It was suggested in the Supreme court's decision that the solicitor "consider most carefully whether, upon the facts which the evidence tends to prove, he can make out a case against the defendant for criminal false pretense." Mr. Parker will investigate the matter and decide whether or not it will be advisable to renew the prosecution.

Other cases disposed of before the court closed its week's work Friday afternoon were: Will Secrest, keeping liquor for sale; \$100 and costs, and bond for good behavior till March, 1911. This is the case in which Judge Williams fined the defendant \$1,000 in the Recorder's court.

Ed Horn, felonious breaking; 2 years. Ralph Broom, seduction; not guilty.

Robert Howard, failure to list property; judgment suspended on payment of costs and tax.

H. H. Trull and Ed Trull, assault and battery; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Ki Griffin, false pretense; 30 days on roads. Appeals.

William Tarleton, assault and battery; \$5 and costs.

Eli McDonald, immorality; payment of costs.

Oscar Austin, violation of Marshville town ordinance; not guilty. J. H. Griffin, forgery; plea of nolo contendere entered, which is accepted by the State and the payment of \$50 costs and \$100 bond to appear at March term of court for two years and show good behavior.

Cap Davis, forcible trespass; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Cap Davis, larceny; 12 months on roads.

Jack Coffee, burning barn; 2 years. Appeals.

Robert Nash, disturbing religious worship; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

The following gentlemen composed the grand jury: F. H. Wolfe, foreman; B. L. Clark, J. W. Thomas, K. B. Laney, W. R. Benton, B. F. Keziah, J. I. Griffin, J. S. Broom, J. H. Godfrey, John W. Richardson, F. H. Austin, J. F. Conder, W. F. Orr, J. M. Burns, Jennings A. Secrest, W. S. Walkup, T. S. Haney, R. F. James.

Stubborn as Mules

are liver and bowels sometimes, seem to balk without cause. Then there's trouble: loss of appetite, indigestion, nervousness, despondency, headache. But such troubles fly before Dr. King's New Life Pills, the world's best stomach and liver remedy. So easy. 25c. at English Drug Company's.

PRETTY MARRIAGE.

Mr. McEwen and Miss May—Death of Mrs. Lowery—Mr. Griffin Very Sick—Personal.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Wingate, March 28.—A pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. May on last Tuesday evening at 5 o'clock, when their daughter, Miss Annie, became the wife of Mr. Oscar McEwen. Rev. D. M. Austin, pastor of the bride, in a very impressive manner spoke the words that made them one. There were no attendants, so after the great number of invited guests were assembled in the parlor the bride and groom quietly entered and took the marriage vows. The bride was lovely in snowy white Messaline satin and she carried a large bouquet of American Beauty roses. Immediately after the ceremony congratulations were spoken and the bride and groom and the guests drove to the station, where they took No. 44 train for Jacksonville and other points in Florida. The bride is a lady of many charms, and her sweet disposition has won for her a great number of friends. The groom is a gentleman of splendid character and is well worthy of the prize he has won. After returning from their bridal tour they will probably reside at Hamlet, the groom being an employee of the Seaboard with headquarters at that place. The great number of valuable presents of which they were the recipients, attested to the popularity of this couple. We wish for them all pleasure and prosperity on life's journey.

Mrs. W. T. Sanders returned to her home at Jonesboro Sunday after spending several weeks with her father, Mr. S. A. Williams, and other relatives here.

Miss Estelle Armstrong of Taxhaw came up last week for the McEwen wedding and spent several days with friends here.

Mr. Edwin Wocley of Mt. Gilead spent Sunday at Mr. Y. M. Bogan's.

Mr. Bright Griffin, who has been seriously ill for the past three weeks, is still in a serious condition and a trained nurse came down Sunday evening to attend him.

Mr. and Mrs. Blair Bivens of Monroe were in town Sunday.

Miss Mayme Boone of the Pee Dee section came up for the McEwen-May wedding and is spending some time with friends here.

Miss Clara Nicholson returned to her home at Jonesboro Thursday morning after spending two weeks with relatives and friends here.

Since our last writing death has again entered our village and claimed as its victim Mrs. Julia Lowery. On the 17th of February she was called to the bedside of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. James Lowery, at Little Rock, Ark., and it was while on this mission of ministering to the sick that she was seized with the complication of diseases to which she succumbed after eight days' suffering. Deceased was 65 years old and was the widow of Mr. Thomas Lowery, who died about eight years ago. To Mr. and Mrs. Lowery seven children were born, six of whom survive. To these children Mrs. Lowery was all that a loving mother could be. A truer christian than Mrs. Lowery never took the vows of our holy religion. She was a homekeeper and a ready and willing giver of aid to everyone in need of help, and she will ever be remembered in many homes here where she so faithfully ministered to the sick. The following named constitute the family bereaved by the loss of this good woman: The sons, Messrs. Jesse, Silas and James Lowery; the daughters, Mesdames John Belk, Cull Griffin and Henry Cox, and a widowed sister, Mrs. Martha Griffin, who made her home with Mrs. Lowery. The body, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Silas Lowery and Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Lowery, arrived here on Thursday morning, the 17th, and on Friday was interred in the cemetery at Mt. Olive church by the side of her husband, Rev. E. C. Snyder conducting funeral services.

Saturday Archie Boyte, a 12-year-old son of Mr. C. M. Boyte, picked up a railroad torpedo in a pile of trash that had been hauled out by the town wagon and thrown into a gully. Thinking to have some fun, he put it on a rock and struck it with an axe. The thing exploded and shot a piece of the material half an inch long into his eye. It went through the lid and into the ball, but to one side of the vital spot, narrowly missing destroying the sight.