

# THE NEWS.

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## THE MILL TROUBLE.

Having seen numerous misleading statements in the papers of the State as to the trouble in the cotton mills of this county, between employer and employe, we desire to present an accurate statement of the conditions and causes which led up to this trouble. We were reared in this county, and have known the Holts and their operatives ever since we were a boy. We have listened to the story of Mr. Edwin Holt and his first cotton mill, over and over as it fell from our father's lips around the family fireside. Mr. Holt, at Old Alamance, inaugurated the cotton mill industry in this county. He was a pioneer in the State and in the South; he worked side by side with his men; so did all of his sons, Gov. Thos. M. Holt and James H. Holt, now deceased, and L. Banks Holt of Graham, Lawrence S. Holt of Burlington, and W. E. Holt of Charlotte; so do his grandsons. There has been no wall of separation between Master and Man, but they have mingled freely with their employes, sympathizing with them in their troubles and helping them in their need. Their thousand charities are known only to themselves and God; for they thought they were but doing their duty in relieving distress and suffering among their people.

On the other hand the bone and sinew of Alamance county are in the cotton mills, and there are some as good and intelligent people there as can be found anywhere. The greatest friendship and good feeling existed between owner and operative; it was no uncommon occurrence for the Holt family to loan money to their deserving employes, and allow them to repay the loan in work. Thus many of them have been enabled to buy lots and build for themselves nice, substantial houses upon them.

Under these conditions the cotton mill industry has grown and thriven wonderfully in Alamance. From one small mill with a few spindles, the industry has grown until now we have twenty or more large, prosperous mills, equipped with the latest machinery. With the prosperity of the mills has come the prosperity of the county, and the greatest part of it is due to the mills which distribute for labor alone, about one million dollars a year.

But these conditions exist no longer in our county; you cannot pick up a paper which does not have some allusion to the labor trouble in Alamance. What is the cause? There had been a few isolated labor Unions in the county previous to the summer of this year, and the owners of the mill made no objection. But about that time the Southern Railway began to build a new bridge at Haw River, and the bridge force was largely composed of Northern laborers; the foreman was one J. F. Thomas, an agitator. He told the men how oppressive capital was; that these factories were built from the profits of their labor, and of right belonged to them; that the men in possession were depriving them of their right. He (and others like him) pushed the organization, and by his incendiary utterances made a breach in the friendship of employer and employe which had existed through three generations.

After the strike and lock-out were on, he and others, made speech after speech at Haw River, Graham and

other places; and the burden of them all was, "You have been wronged, cruelly wronged by the mill owners, they have wealth which is rightfully yours; the men who take your places in the mill are stealing the bread and meat from your wife and children."

He further represented himself as being a man of such influence as that a letter from him would bring abundant supplies from President McKinley for the Union men here. He said that his local Union in a small town in Massachusetts would gladly contribute \$45,000 per month to keep up the Union men in Alamance. Certain papers, for political capital, have fanned the flame of discord and made the operatives believe that in trying to injure their best friends and those who had proven themselves such for thirty years, they were only showing starchy independence and proper manliness.

The owners of the mills, seeing no advantage accruing to them in employing men who were unfriendly to them, and who tried to dictate how the mills should be managed, wisely or unwisely, as the future alone can show, decided to employ only non-Union labor. The action was deliberately taken after a careful survey of the situation. They gave notice to Union laborers to vacate by the 15th of October. They have waited till the 15th of November, and very few evictions have been made. In case any of the family was sick or any other good excuse offered, they have been permitted to remain, although the house was needed for other laborers.

At all the mills they have gotten new men; and in some cases they have found it necessary to extend their protection to them. At Haw River a "scab," as they call him, was beaten by Union men one day last week. As one would naturally suppose, most prominent in the affray were J. F. Thomas, the agitator, and three others of the bridge force. Warrants were issued for their arrest, but two escaped. Mr. Thomas and one of his friends were bound under a \$50.00 bond to await trial, and led this modern Moses and his Aaron left for parts unknown, and their bondsmen bear the loss.

It has been stated quite frequently that many of the mills of Alamance are idle, and that those running have very few hands. Upon investigation, we find that five of the mills are running in every department as completely as before the trouble. In the other mills all the spindles are running and at least three-fifths of the looms; new men are coming in every day and it is only a question of time when the mills will be running just as before.

Again the papers of the State have been publishing the statement that evicted tenants were living in tents. We have investigated that, too, and we cannot find a single instance in the county. When the notice to vacate was first given, there were rumors that tents would be used to furnish shelter to homeless people, but so far as we can learn, there have been no occasion to resort to such measures. Statements of this kind may not be sent out for the purpose of prejudicing the public against the mill owners, but their natural tendency is to do so.

Business of all kinds has been badly hurt, and all the people of the county have suffered from it, but most of all the Union men. And whom has he to blame? He has been too credulous in listening to the big tales of the Yankee agitators.

What is to be the end of this trouble? We think the matter is adjusting itself, and in a few months it will be completely settled. The operatives are leaving Alamance county and seeking employment elsewhere; new men are coming to the county to take their places. This process is going on rapidly, as any

observant man can see; and soon, it is hoped, the former pleasant relations between capital and labor in Alamance will be restored.

It has been frequently stated in the newspapers that both sides are determined. This, we think is true; many of the Union men will never give it up; certainly not in Alamance county. The mill owners are just as resolute in their position; they would hardly take back the leaders in the fight now, even if they would renounce the Union. One of them, a man with a great heart, and in the right place too, said to us yesterday: "Before I would employ these men whom I have befriended so often, and who are so active and bitter against me, I would let my factory rot down unused." Several of these gentlemen have expressed themselves freely to us upon the matter. They would never have objected to the Union, if it had been conservative; but it undertook as its first and most important business to manage the mills. It was a question as to who shall be master, owner or operatives. They say they could not run the mills profitably with labor under the influence of wild, erratic agitators; their contracts required labor which could be depended upon, and which was not seeking a pretext on which to strike.

We have written the above in the interest of truth and right and with the intent to promote justice and fair play.

## The First Concert.

A treat is in store for the fund-raising and music loving people of Burlington at the Brick Warehouse on Thanksgiving night. The first of a series of concerts will be given by the band on the above date, and the program prepared will not fail to please the most exacting audience. They have with them Mr. Geo. Andrews, who has had years of experience on the stage, and at one time was with Al Fields minstrel and he will lead in the comedy and character sketches and do the song and dance, assisted by best home talent. Every act will be new to Burlington people. The musical part of the program has been arranged to fill in the evening and is selected with a view to meeting the demand for something up-to-date in that line. Taken as a whole it will eclipse anything ever presented here by far and it can be truthfully said that the program as a whole is right "up to now."

Ingles & Jels are receiving some beautiful branched stands. They are beautiful and are all the rage now.

The Band Concert of course, at the Brick Warehouse, Nov. 29.

Worman Bros., pay cash for birds.

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In order to "reorganize" Democracy's scattered forces, it is suggested that a new party must be formed, composed of the Bryan Democrats, Bryan Republicans, Populists and other small bodies, to be led by the "man of the hour." The outcome of the whole thing will be that on one side will be arrayed all the sound money people of all parties and on the other the free silver people and those opposed to monarchism.

There is no pleasure in life if you dread going to the table to eat and can't rest at night on account of indigestion. Henry Williams of Booneville, Ind., says he suffered that way for four years, till he commenced the use of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure, and adds, "now I can eat anything I like and all I want and sleep soundly every night." Kodol Dyspepsia Cure digests what you eat. Freeman Drug Co.

Four men were burned to death in a Pennsylvania town last Sunday.

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## PROPERTY SALE.

Having sold our farm, known as the Aston Farm, we will sell at public auction, on the farm, all of the Property now there belonging to us. The sale will take place on the 12th day of December 1900 at 11 o'clock a. m. The terms will be six months time with approved security, the purchaser giving bonds for the purchase money, bearing interest from day of sale. The property consists of a large lot of corn, hogs, four good mules, one two horse wagon, and other articles not necessary to mention. Purchasers may pay cash if they so desire, on day of sale. No property to be removed until the terms are complied with. Come to the sale or you may miss a bargain in something. The property will be sold without reserve. Nov 21st. J. A. & W. S. LONG.

## GIVEN AWAY.

To good farmers owning stock and tools, ten farm plots of twenty, and ten of forty acres. Fine cotton, tobacco and grain land, near Henderson, N. C. Uncleared land, two years for clearing and six years for usual rentals. At the end of six years, deed is given for property without further payment. For information, write John T. Patrick, Portersville, Va.

## Administrator's Notice.

Having qualified as administrator of Calvin N. Roney, deceased, late of Alamance county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 30th day of October, 1901, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This October 30th, 1900.  
BETTIE RONEY DAILEY,  
Administratrix.  
W. H. CARROLL, Attorney. 79-31-67

# "About Your wash" Grand Rally!

You are interested in getting your linen laundered in the best manner, satisfactory to you and saving to the garments. We have careful methods and do not use injurious chemicals, and thus we make your linen last longer.

For the accommodation of our patrons in Burlington, Graham and Haw River we have established an agency in Graham, and our agent, Mr. E. R. Trice, will call on you for your laundry. Watch for our wagon.

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Webb Ave., late W. C. Limbery stand.

## SALE UNDER MORTGAGE

By virtue of a mortgage executed to the late Samuel Crawford by H. C. Zachary and wife on the 13th day of February, 1893, and recorded in the office of Register of Deeds in Alamance county, in Book No. 14, on pages 168, 169 and 170, the undersigned will sell at public sale to the best bidder, for cash, at the court house door in Alamance county, on Saturday, the

24th day of November, 1900,

a lot or parcel of land in the city of Burlington, on north side of Davis Street, adjoining the lots of W. W. Lasley, James Bishop and C. B. Ellis, and containing seventy-three one-hundredths of an acre, more or less.

The sale will be at 12 o'clock, M.  
MRS. E. A. CRAWFORD,  
EDWIN A. CRAWFORD,  
Executors of Samuel Crawford.  
October 16th, 1900. 10-17td

There will be a Grand Rally at the Fair Ground July 31.

And there will be a hot time at

## T. R. ROBERSON'S STORE

near G. W. Anthony's saw mill for the next 30 days. He carries a full line of Heavy Groceries and Dry Goods. He can fill any order from a drug bill to a suit of clothes on short notice. He is an accommodating gentleman and will favor his customers with the same accommodations he always has. He thanks the people for their patronage in the past and hopes to share a liberal part in the future. 7 15 6m