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NEW YEAR'S DAY ISN'T SPARTANBURG MILLS PAY OUT BIG SUM WHAT IT USED TO BE. IN DIVIDENDS IN 1920

Practically All Mills Are Run-ning on Full Time and Little Further Curtailment Is Ex-pected — Cotton Men Look For Satisfactory Business During Year.

(By The Associated Press.) SPARTANBURG, S. C., Dec. 31 .-Twenty-one cotton mills in Spartanburg county, having a total capital stock of \$8,908,900, on January last, have paid dividends amounting to \$6,058,000 and cash dividends amounting to \$2,184,049 .-50 during the year ending today,- according to figures compiled by A. M. Law & Company for the Spartanburg Journal. Included in the cash dividends is the sum of \$838,170 being paid in semi-annual dividends today, but the totals de not include dividends paid during the year by mills in adjacent countics the managements of which are located here. The combined stock and cash dividends paid by the mills of the county during the year lack but \$850,900 of equalling the combined capitalization of

the mills at the beginning of the year. The stock dividends represent for the most part profits accumulated during the era of high prices prevailing since 1915, but which were not distributed until after the United States supreme court declared early last summer that stock dividends were not taxable. All the mills, it is said, have good surplus accounts left after paying their dividends.

Since the deflation of prices began several months ago there has been little curtailment of output by the mills of this county. All are running on practically full time now and expect to continue doing so. There has been a reduction in wages averaging 20 per cent.

The mill men report more inquiries for goods during the past week than for sometime previously, and they say that they are expecting a brisk demand a little later on. Several substantial orhave been filled during the past ten rs. One mill this week sold 50 cases ods at a net loss of \$1.50 per case. cloth, however, was made months from high-priced cotton and under wage scale then prevailing. The e goods manufactured now from presraw cotton and with the pre-

NEW YORK, Dec. 31 .- New Year's Day isn't what it used to be. This is in a small way attributable to the addition to the Constitution of some dry reading matter. In still greater part it is because the international obsession for celebrating whenever Father Time takes a fresh start in piloting the earth around the sun is thousands of years old. The manner of observing the day has changed

greatly through the centuries. The urge to give presents at least once a year was felt even before Christmas and Santa Claus came into the scheme of things, and the ancient Greeks, Chinese, Egyptians and Romans tendered their gifts to one another on the first day of the year. Kings got into the habit of receiving extra gifts from their subjects on these days and liked it so well they began extorting larger and larger sums, This practice got so bad in Rome under the Caesars that Claudius called a halt.

It spread to other countries, however, and the English had their New Year's celebration spoiled annually by rapacious sovereigns until Queen Elizabeth's modest demands of her subjects cut gifts down to a minimum. In those days the celebration of New Year's Day had become worldwide. With variations to suit all nationalities, it consisted everywhere of eating, drinking and motley merriment.

Christopher Columbus, so far as is known, was the first white man to jubilate on New Year's Day in the Western Hemisphere. While his ships were undergoing repairs on January 1, 1493, he enjoyed a sumptuous dinner with two savage monarchs on the island of Haiti. After this meal, history says, the discoverer of America had his first smoke of tobacco. Whether he enjoyed it is not recorded, but he left it to a later generation-Sir Walter Raleigh is generally credited with the function-to introduce tobacco in Europe.

The Pilgrim Fathers and the first families of the older states of the Union enjoyed a quiet holiday, as each year came around. They feasted, but not until they had attended religious services. In the 19th century people with big houses and flowing sideboards held open house on New Year's Day and from all over friends came afoot, on bicycles and in surreys and stanhopes to pay short visits and sample the contents of wine cellars. Then they went off to call on other friends. Popular maidens in those days witnessed traffic jams in front of their homes, so prevalent was the penchant for short calls of young women during the afternoon of the year's first day. This custom began to pass out quietly with the dawn of the 20th century, automobiles, and cabarets. It was succeeded by "nothing but wine" habits amid the thousands who frequented cafes and grill rooms in the cities on New

NOTORIOUS NEW YORK GANG JOHN A. WILLERS IS STER WHO HAD REFORMED MYSTERIOUSLY SLAIN.



'Monk'' Eastman one of the most picturesque gangsters known to the police and a terror among the gunmen of New York's East Side for many years. was shot and killed at on of the busiest down-town corners of the city. Eastman had reformed, had been married and had his citizenship restored. While in France he won the D. S. C.

LOCAL COTTON MILL STOCK QUOTATIONS.

R. S. Dickson & Co. quote for the week ending December 30, 1920, as follows:

Bid. Ask! Acme Spinning Co. 95 American Spinning Co. 300 375 Anderson Cetton Mills 175 Arlington Cotton Mills 375 Arrow Mills 125 160 Brogon Mills 175 Clara Mfg. Co. 125 160 Clifton Mfg. Co. 110 135 Cabarrus Cotton Mills 170 200 Cannon Mfg. Co. 175 225 Clover Mills 160 200 Brown Mfg. Co. 250 300 Cash Mills 85 Chadwick-Hoskins Co. 16 22 Climax Spinning Co. 125 160 Crescent Spinning Co. 90

Dixon Mills

Former Captain in Army Served With 48th Infantry at Camp Sevier, S. C.

GIVEN FIVE YEARS

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31 .- John A. Willers, a former captain in the army, who, when arrested at New York on December 7, claimed that he had acted as a German spy while serving with the American forces, has been convicted by courtmartial of desertion from the army and sentenced to five years in the federal penicentiary at Leavenworth, it was announced today at the war department. Willers still is to be tried on charges of theft and embezzlement.

The former captain, who said he had come to the United States as an agent of the German government, is charged with abscending with \$5,000 of the funds of his company on December 19, 1918. His company, I, of the forty-eighth infantry, then was stationed at Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C.

AMERICAN TENNIS PLAYERS BRING HOME DAVIS CUP

(By The Associated Press.) AUCKLAND, N. Z., Dec. 31.-Aus-

tralasia lost her tennis laurels here this afternoon before the strength and craft of American challengers. The Davis cup, the trophy emblematic of the world's team tenins championship, changed hands when the last ball in the tenth game of the fourth set was driven out of the court, and for the next year at least the cup will repose under the Stars and Stripes. This is the fourth time America has won the cup. Australasia has won it six times, while the British Isles have been triumphant on five occasions.

Rallying after losing the first set of today's doubles match, William T. Tilden, 2nd, of Philadelphia, and William M. Johnston, of San Francisco, revealed the same tennis wizardry that carried them gloriously through the singles matches yesterday. Their opponents, Norman E. Brooks and Gerald F. Patterson, the Australasian masters of the game, fought desperately to stem the tide of defeat, but were outplayed clearly by the Yankees. The match was a brilliant contest-an epic in the history of the game, played under a sky bright with the sun of southern summer. The score of the match shows how th Americans won the victory. The challengers lost the first set 4 to 6, but never again permitted Brooks and Patterson to taste victory, winning the three remaining sets 6-4, 6-0 and 6-4.

Records Compiled at Tuskegee Institute Show That Lynchings Were Less Numerous Than in 1919.

WERE LYNCHED IN 1920

SIXTY-ONE PERSONS

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(By The Associated Press.) TUSKEGEE, ALA., Dec. 31, -Lynchings were less numerous during 1920 than 1919, records compiled at Tuskegee Institute show. Sixty one persous, including eight white men, were put to deaths by mobs, this year, as compared with 83 last year and 64 in 1918. The report shows 56 instances in which officers of the law prevented lynchings, during 1920, and that 46 of these instances were in Southern States. Armed forces was used to repel would-be lynchers on 14 occasions and in four of these the mobs were fired upon and seven of the attackers were killed, and a number wounded. In 42 cases prisoners were removed or the guards were aug-

mented or other precautions taken. Of the 61 persons lynched, the report says, 52 were in the South and nine in the north and west. One of those put to death was a negro woman. Eighteen of those lynched were charged with at tack or attempted attacks on women: three were burned to death, one of whom was charged with attacking and murder ing a woman and two for killing land lords during disputes, the report says. The offenses charged against the white men were: Murder, 5; insulting wo man, 1; "no charge except being a for eigner,'' 1; killing offices of the law, 1 Offenses charged against the negroes lynched, the rport lists as follows:

Murder 5, attempted murder 4, killing officers of the law - 5, killing landlord during dispute 6, attack upon women 15, attemptd attack 3, assisting fugitive to escape 3, wounding another 2, insulting women 2, knocking down guard "escaping from chaingang and then returning and surrendering," 2; and one each of the following:

Jumping labor contract, threatening to kill man, cutting man in fight, "for receiving stay of death sentence because of anothr confessed crime," peeping through window at woman; "insisting on voting."

The lynchings by states were:

Texas 10, Georgia 9, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida 7 each, Minnesota, a strong plea for a closer bond between North Carolina, Oklahoma and Califor nia 3 each, Arkansas, Kansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri, Ohio, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia, 1 each.

Fathers and Sons Enjoy Unique Banquet Featured by Speeches of Frank R. McNinch and Two Gastonia High School Boys — Fathers Hear What Boys of Gastonia Want -Mr. Trout, Boys Work Man-ager, Is Introduced to Gastonia.

FATHER AND SON NIGHT

Featured by the addresses of Hon. Frank R. McNinch, of Charlotte, representing community service, and Messrs. Ben Ratchford and Frank Kincaid, of the Gastonia high school, the Gastonia Rotary Club held its first Father and Son meeting Thursday evening at the Armington Hotel. Fifty-five Rotarians were present and 55 boys were the guests. Some were sons of Rotarians and others were neighbors sons.

From the opening words by Toastmaster J. H. Henderlite until the closing song, the whole evening was one of unalloyed merriment.

Father and son sat beside each other and were real "buddies" perhaps for the first time in the lives of both. The "Kid" saw how "dad" and his friends acted at banquets. He heard "dad" get up and make a speech and say nice things about him that made him feel comfortably good and warm all over. He saw other boys get up before this assembly of men and distinguish themselves with speeches that surprised the hearers. From soup to cheese the boys enjoyed the banquet and today in many a Gastonia home there is a closer relationship between father and son than has ever existed ibefore.

Following the invocation by Dr. J. C. Galloway, and the reception of the new members, Ed C. Adams, J. E. Eck, P. R. Huffstetler, Dr. T. C. Quickel and Dr. Paschal McLean, by S. A. Robinson came two songs by Mr. Emmanuel F. Cojean, of New York, a guest of the club, and one of the feature speeches of the evening by Ben Ratchford, of the city high school, who spoke on the "Prodigal Father." Young Ratchford's speech was easily one of the best ever heard in Gastonia. It was clear, concise and to the point. He spoke with an ease and pleasing delivery possessed by few older speakers. His speech was

wage scale, would show a substantial t. Local cotton men, without extion, say they look for satisfactory siness during the year.

The list of mills in the county paying dividends during the year follows:

Present Courses		MAUTIO .
Name.	Stock	Cash
Name.	Dividends.	Dividends.
AFERGIA ALLIS		\$ 50,000.00
Arkwright Mills.	********	42,000.00
Beaumont Manu-		- And - Add - A
facturing Co		98,400.00
Chesnee Mills		78,980.00
Clifton Mfg. Co.	1,000,000	280,000.00
Cowpens Mills		40,000.00
Crescent Mfg. Co.		1. M
(pfd. only)		1,750.00
D. E. Converse	1	
Co	500,000	120,000.00
Drayton Mills		
(pfd. only)		81,400.00
Enorce Mills (pro	3-	
Enoree Mills		
(pfd. only)		20,925.00
Inman Mills	600,000	50,500.00
National Mills		1,000.00
Pacolet Mfg. Co.	500,000	499,187.50
Saxon Mills	600,000	87,000.00
Spartan Mills	1,000,000	120,000.00
Star Hosiery		
Mills		5,000.00
Tucapau Mills	807,000	121,050.00
Victor-Monaghan		
Milla		174,657.00
Whitney Mfg. Co.		52,500.00
Woodruff Cotton		
Mills		157,500.00
W. S. Gray Cot-		
ton Mills		18,100.00
E CANAD SALE		

SPECIAL TERM CRIMINAL COURT BEGINS MONDAY

A one-week term of Gaston County Superior Court for the trial of criminal cases will convene Monday with Judge W. F. Harding, of Charlotte, presiding and Solicitor G. W. Wilson representing the State. The calendar of cases has been arranged and will appear in tomorrow's Gazette.

JURY IN MCGANNON CASE FAR FROM AGRREMENT.

(By The Associated Press.) CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 31. - The jury which holds the fate of Chief Jus-William H. McGannon, of the mumicipal court, was apparently as far from agreement when it resumed deliberations today as it was when it first began ballotting at 6:15 on Wednesday evening, after being out approximately 32 hours. Reports were current in the court room that after 13 ballots had been taken the jurors stood 10 to 2 for conviction. Two ballots were reported to have been taken Wednesday night and eleven yesterday.

The Ideal Theater presents today Pearl White in her latest picture, "The Thief," and "Lolly-Pop," coincidy.

Year's Eve. For 25 years-up to the dawn of 1920 and the era of war-time prohibition, the celebration in New York became noisier and more expensive each year. Thousands used to crowd into places of merriment while Broadway was packed with a surging throng of merrymakers with squawkers, elappers, bells, ticklers and confetti.

Every hotel and most of the restaurants were jammed with gay diners. In 1908 it was estimated that \$1,000,000 was spent in the white-light district on New Year's Eve. After that statisti cians gave up trying to figure out the sum.

The din and probably the cost of the celebration was greatly diminished under wartime prohibition in the New Year's demonstration of 1920. Old timers said all the "ginger" had departed with John Barleycorn.

The cupid of 1921 will be the first to 00 make his bow under constitutional prohibition. In New York he will find that 00 times have changed.

NEW YORK WILL EXTEND DRY WELCOME TO 1921

(By The Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 31 .- One hundred prohibition enforcement agents will mingle among the crowds in hotels and resetaurtnts along the "White Way" to. night and "assist" celebrators to extend a dry welcome to the new year. The agents, who will be split up "into small flying squads, have been instructed to clamp the lid down.

Managers of leading hotels have ordered their employes not to handle liquor "in any way" and the indications point to a safe and same greeting to 1921 instead of the revelry in years gone by, when it was deemed fashionable to launch a new year amid the popping of champagne corks.

Hotels and restaurants report capacity reservations. Dancing will be the principal feature of the entertainments. An unusually large number of churches will held watchnight services.

DEPUTY CLERK ISSUES

HER OWN LINENSE (By The Associated Press.)

BARTLESVILLE, Okla., Dec. 31 .-Miss Victoria Fournier, deputy county clerk, issued her own marriage license yesterday. The party of the second part is Warren Milligan, a newspaper redirected Millfran to raise his right hand and swear to the truth of the statements. He obeyed.

Drayton Mills 100 Dnean Mills Co., Com. 110 145 Eastside Mfg. Co. 106 Flint Mfg. Co. 300 Gaffney Mfg. Co. 70 85 Gibson Mfg. Co. 170 190 Globe Yarn Mills -96 Grace Cotton Mill Co. 106 Gray Mfg. Co. 450 Hamrick Mills 135 180 Imperial Yarn Mill 180 Jennings Cotton Mill 275 350 Judson Mills 275 325 Lancaster Cotton Mills 235 290 Limestone Mills 135 180 Locke Cotton Mills Co., Com., 120 145 Majestic Mfg. Co. 150 190 Marion Mfg. Co. 240 285 Marlboro Cotton Mills 70 95 Mason Cotton Mill Co. 140 Monarch Mills 110 135 Myers Mill 99 125 Myrtle Mills 130 150 National Yarn Mills 140 190 Newberry Cotton Mills 300 Norcott Mills Co., 280 325 Orr Cotton Mills 180 215 Osecola Mills 275 Pacolet Mfg. Co. 995 Parkdale Mills Pelzer Mfg. Co. 115 140 Raulo Mfg. Co. 100 135 Rex Spinning Co. 150 Rowan Cotton Mills Co. 101 Rhyne-Houser Mfg. Co. 96 Saxon Mills 120 160 Seminole Cotton Mills Co. 120 155 Spartan Mills 300 Sterling Spinning Co. 90 Superior Yarn Mills 140 Victor-Monaghan Co. 90 95 Victory Yarn Mills Co. 90 110 Ware Shoals Mfg. Co. 275 Watts Mill, Com. 115 Winget Yarn Mills Co. 101 Wiscassett Mills Co. 175 225 Woodside Cotton Mills, Com... 250

UNUSUAL NOISES WILL BE BARRED IN PORTLAND

(By The Associated Press.) PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 31 .- The year

1921 will be ushered in at Portland with unaccustomed decorum, according to orders issued by the city council and post-'ed at the pelice station.

Unusual noises will be barred. There must be no ringing of bells or blowing of horns; no firearms may be discharged or explosives set off; no confetti may be thrown, "The younger element will be allowed a certain amount of latitude in their merry-making," say the police orders, "but any unnecessary boisterousness or rowdyism must be sharply suppressed. "

Dealers in so-called carnival wares have been warned against selling noisemaking devices.

-The Blue Birds will take notice that they are requested to assemble at the First Presbyterian church Saturday morning at 9:30, at which place marching orders will be read.

WINSTON-SALEM WINS N. C. BAPTIST HOSPITAL.

Selected by Commission of State Convention Meeting in State Capital. Raleigh, Dec. 30. - Winston-Salem

was selected as the site for the Baptist general hospital to be established by the Baptists of North Carolina at a conference of members of the hospital commission, according ' to a telegram which reached Raleigh at midnight.

Raleigh Dec. 30 -Selection of a site for the Bantist hispital for North Carolina was deferred at a meeting today of the committee having in charge the loca, tion of the institution.

There were three of the five members present. They were Rev. J. M. Arnette, of Wagram; Albion Dunn, of Scotland Neck, and Rev. M. L. Kestler, of Thomasville. The other members were unable to reach the city in time for the meeting and the committee adjourn ed, leaving Raleigh early tonight with out making a decision.

While the general impression seems to have been that Raleigh would be select ed, the members of the committee today did not indicate such decision. Charlotte, Greensboro, Winston-Salem and other cities are making bids for the hospital. The committee today heard the presentation of the offer from the city of Greensboro of \$100,000.

SAYS PILLAR OF FIRE TEARS UP FAMILY

(By the Associated Press.)

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 31 .- Charging that the Pillar of Fire, a religious organization of nation-wide scope of which Alma White, of Bound Brook, N. J., is founder, had alienated the affections of his wife, and defrauded him of his property, the Rev. Thomas A. Goode, a former member of the organization, has filed suit in the district court for \$100 .-In his complaint, Goode charges:

That Alma White, through fraud and deceit practiced on her followers and the public, has amassed a fortune of \$1,-000,000.

turn over to her all of their money and property and give their entire time to services in her behalf.

hypnotic influence over the members. That she prevents her followers from leaving the organization by telling them their souls will be damned and they will go to hell if they desert her.

That she discourages marriage and forbids husbands and wives to live together as such.

That she discourages the birth of children.

PROF. D. MATT THOMPSON RECOVERING FROM INJURIES.

However Does Not Expect to Take Up School Work Again and Has Resigned Superintendency.

Statesville, Dec. 30. - Friends throughout the state will be interested to know that Prof. D. Matt Thompson, for nearly 30 years the efficient and faith ful superintendent of the Statesville graded schools, is steadily improving from the effects of injuries sustained by being struck by an automobile about a month ago. Mr. Thompson has been confined to the hospital here since the accident and was able to sit up for a few min utes vesterday.

Notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Thompson is regarded as well on his way to recovery, it is not thought that he will be able to resume his work as head of the public schools of the city and his resignation has therefore been handed in to the school board. The resignation was tendered through Superintendent Thompson's three sons, Holland Thompson, of New York city; Walter Thomp son, of Winston-Salem, and Dorman Thompson, of Statesville. While the sons are of the opinion that Mr. Thompson is steadily recovering from the effects of the shock, yet they do not feel that he will regain sufficient strength to resume his duties as superintendent of the schools and they are asking the board to relieve him of further service. It is expected that the board will pass on the resignation Friday.

UNSETTLED AND RAINY FOR FIRST OF WEEK

(By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 37 .- Weather predictions for the week beginning Monday are:

Middle Atlantic States: Unsettled and rains at the beginning of the week, followed by generally fair weather. Normal temperature.

South Atlantic and East Gulf States Unsettled and rains at the beginning of the week, followed by generally fair. Normal temperatures.

DOLLEY GETS CAPTAIN'S COMMISSION IN GUARD

Raleigh, Dec. 30 .- Adjutant General Metts today announced that Melvin G. Caldwell, of Charlotte, and Stephen B. Dolley, of Gastonia, had been commissioned in the North Carolina National Guard with the rank of captain. Both officers have completed the enlistment of a sufficient number of men for an infantry organization and their companies will be mustered into service at an early date.

father and son, and a friendship that will not be satisfied with the mere granting of the boy's material desires.

"Some of you Gastonia fathers give your boys all the money they want and think that's enough," he declared. "But there are more things than money. Your boy wants some of your attention and time and companionship and interest."

"He wants you to play with him, to work with him, to talk with him."

Mr. Ratchford used as a basis for his remarks a paraphrase of the Biblical story of the Prodigal Son.

Mr. J. H. Separk on the subject, 'What a Father Expects of His Son," made an appeal to the boys to be real, red-blooded, American boys, not nambypamby, goody-goody molly coddles.

"Be chivalrous, be polite, be heroic," some times, but don't be treacherous, deceitful or untrue. No boy is a real boy who has not a trace of mischief in him." he said.

"Be chivalrous, be polite, be herois." he said to the boys. "Whenever you meet a lady be she young or old, count it a privilege to take off your hat in her presence.'

Following Mr. Separk's appeal to the boys, Frank Kincaid came back with a speech in which he outlined what the boys of Gastonia wanted from their fathers. He stressed the need of four institutions sorely needed in Gastonia, viz.: parks and playgrounds, a modern high school building, a library, and a Y. M. C. A. building. Mr. Kincaid's speech is given in full elsewhere. It was a very clear and searching analysis of the needs of Gastonia.

As the program neared a close, Frank R. McNinch, the principal speaker of the evening, was introduced to speak on the subject, "The Greatest Profession." Mr. McNinch was formerly mayor of Charlotte and resigned this office to take up work with Community Service, an erganization that grew out of the War Camp Community work.

"It is an organization," he said. 'that asks you for no money. It is already financed for two or three years. All we ask is your co-operation and support. We send you a man to take charge of, and to co-ordinate the various activities of boys work in your town. He in not imposed on you. He will not dictate to you. If you don't want him, we send him where he is wanted.''

Mr. McNinch's subject was "Fatherhood," and he made a strong plea for a closer relationship between father and son, for a community of interest between man and boy.

"How many of you men," he asked, 'ean account for your boy's whereabouts and deeds during the time he is not in bed or at school 1 Where does he spend those eight or ten idle hours every day? You may be sure he is going somewhere and doing something. When is he doing and where is he going ?"

"Gastonia has done well by her boys. She has given them schools and churche In the matter of schools you have ont-

That she requires all her followers to That she acquires and maintains a