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CHARLOTTE MILLS TO CONSOLIDATE.

Big Deal Among Charlotte Manufacturers—Five Mills Will Unite.

The Charlotte Observer of the 12th says: There is what appears to be a well founded rumor concerning a big cotton mill deal that will be of wide interest to the trade and the public in general. In a nutshell, the rumor is to the effect that the Louise Mills, the Elizabeth Mills, the Chadwick Mills, and the Hoskins Mills, of this city, and the Dover Yarn Mills, of Pineville, are to be consolidated and operated under one management.

When approached by a Chronicle reporter for an interview this afternoon, the president of one of the mills named above said there was nothing to give out for publication. "I don't know that there is going to be any consolidation," he said, "but we may unite and have here in Charlotte one office for all the mills."

The combined capital of the mills mentioned in connection with the consolidation is \$1,040,000 and the total equipment embraces 68,500 spindles and 1,478 looms.

MR. LITTLE'S BODY FOUND.

It Was Partially Imbedded in the Sand.

Partially imbedded in the sands of the seashore, his feet and ankles only protruding, the body of Mr. W. A. Little who was drowned while surf bathing at Wrightsville beach Sunday afternoon, the 7th, was found early Thursday morning by Mr. J. W. Moore, proprietor of the new hotel at Wrightsville. A Wilmington special says:

Mr. Moore got up early and had gone for a stroll along the beach about 5 o'clock. About 15 feet from the ebb and flood of the tide, under twelve inches of water, the protruding feet of young Little attracted the hotel man's attention, and he hailed some negro fishermen about to put out of an inlet some distance away. They came with their boat and confirmed the suspicion that the body of the young man was under the sand. His head was downward under four feet of earth, and it required more than an hour to get the body up. The body was remarkably well preserved in the salt water. It was embalmed and brought up to the city, where it lay until the departure of the train for Charlotte Thursday afternoon, in the armory of the Wilmington Light Infantry, of which the deceased was a highly valued member.

Dry Town Druggists.

Stateville Landmark.

Editor Caddell, of the Salisbury Sun, who always speaks out in meekness, observes that a "Beaumont or Kansas oil well is not to be compared to a drug store in a dry town," and judging by the business of the Charlotte druggists, Editor Caddell has it down about right. An oil well may go dry but a drug store in a dry town never, and as a revenue producer it is better than a gold mine. Although there was objection from prohibitionists at the time, Statesville solved the problem at the beginning by refusing to license druggists to sell liquor, and even those who thought it was a move of the "Morality Stunted" to make prohibition odious now admit the wisdom of the action. Druggists and doctors who desire to observe the law are saved from the annoyance and suspicion, and up to the present we have heard of nobody dying for want of a little "spirits."

RARE PRESENCE OF MIND.

Manner in Which an Engineer Stopped a Loose Engine.

Wilmington Messenger.

Those who were at Warsaw on Tuesday afternoon and witnessed the collision between No. 49, the southbound passenger train, and No. 18, a northbound pick-up vegetable train, say that Engineer Mann, of the freight train, displayed presence of mind that is not often witnessed.

A gentleman who saw the smash-up said the freight engine and one box car were on the main line and that the engineer was going at a fast rate of speed in an effort to reach the switch before the passenger train arrived but he had not given himself enough time and before he could make the switch the passenger train came in sight. He quickly reversed his engine, but before it could stop and start in the opposite direction it was struck by the passenger train. Both engines jumped just before the engines met.

When the engines came together the passenger engine was derailed, but the freight engine remained on the track and the blow caused it to start in the opposite direction. The throttle had been left partially open by the engineer in the hope that it would start in a backward direction before it met with the passenger train and consequently when it started it would have been only a few minutes before it would have gained a fast rate of speed and ere it stopped another collision might have occurred had it not been for the presence of mind of Engineer Mann. When he saw the engine start back down the track he remembered that the throttle was partially open and rushing to the track he climbed upon the loose engine and quickly stopped it. To have hesitated even for a part of a minute would have been too late.

REFRIGERATOR CAR FAMINE ENDED.

Growers Will be Paid in Full.

Wilmington Star, 11th.

At last reports come from the sections of the strawberry belt that there is now a sufficiency of refrigerator cars at all points and that the growers and shippers will likely have no more trouble on that score. The only complaint now is of late deliveries and declining prices. The bulk of the crop has been marketed, though comparatively very heavy shipments went forward yesterday, consisting of 96 cars through South Rocky Mount. "With all the hue and cry about loss to the growers," a well known trucker remarked yesterday, "the public seems to forget that the grower has redress and that his claims will be settled by the transportation people, dollar for dollar. The transportation people are losers by the car famine, not the growers," he continued. "The issues are clearly drawn and the organized growers have competent attorneys to see that every berry lost is paid for and that, too, at the prevailing prices the day the fruit was tendered for shipment. It may be a blessing in disguise for the producer, for had the large amount of berries tendered to the railroad company gone forward, prices would undoubtedly have been depressed, whereas under the present basis of settlement, the claims will be adjusted at prices for delivery."

Farewell, Miss Nancy.

Charlotte Chronicle.

She is out of jail at last. Now let her drop out of sight and hearing.

CHANGES IN THE MT. HOLLY SCHOOLS.

Mr. and Mrs. Henderson Re-assigned.

Yorkville Enquirer.

At a meeting of the committee a few days ago, Prof. E. E. Sams of Marion was elected Principal of the graded school here for next term.

Prof. Jonas will go to Dallas to take charge of the school there. He has built up a good school for Mt. Holly, and our people wish him much success in the new field. Mrs. Henderson, teacher in the primary department here will also go to Dallas to assist Prof. Jonas. The committee will find it difficult to secure another teacher who will manage this department so perfectly satisfactory. Prof. Beam resigns in the fifth grade room and will be succeeded by Miss Fannie Henderson of Charlotte. Misses Rankin and Thompson will be re-elected to their position.

We sincerely sympathize with Mr. and Mrs. Mack Henderson in the loss of their little son, age 2 months.

Mr. Walter Rhyne, who has been in Cuba and other places during the past six months, gave his friends a pleasant surprise when he arrived home Monday all unexpected to them. His health is very much restored and we find him quite himself again.

Notes From Kings Mountain.

Kings Mountain Herald.

We learn that night work at the Lulu mill was suspended indefinitely on Monday night.

J. C. Ramsgard has bought the market business of John Mallard.

Miss Estelle Hunter has been on a visit to Gastonia, guest of Mrs. W. F. Michael, who came with her to spend a few days.

Rev. Mr. Bell, the new Lutheran pastor, will be here this week and will all his pulpit for the first time next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

The machine at the Dilling mill, which was burned a few days ago, are being rebuilt, and this time they are on the mill side of the branch.

Very fine car is being taken from the Jones mine at a depth of 150 feet. The shaft is 175 feet deep and is working day and night.

M. M. Carpenter received a medal at the St. Louis Exposition for the best exhibition of tin ore there.

This is good, when you think all nations were represented.

At a meeting of the town council one night last week Messrs. W. A. Ware, P. S. Baker, and S. A. Manney were elected trustees of the school, and these gentlemen have since elected Professor Carville as superintendent.

The stockholders of the Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company held their annual meeting on Tuesday at the office of the company in this place. The old officers were all re-elected for the ensuing year. The high price of cotton during a greater portion of the year cut down the profits. However, a dividend of 5 per cent was declared and paid out by the company.

Mrs. H. G. Ware, an estimable woman of our town, died Monday morning at her home at Bonnie Mill from pneumonia. Mrs. Ware was sick only a few days. She was buried at the cemetery in this place on Tuesday.

Mrs. Ware was 26 years old and leaves a husband and six small children, the eldest 7 years, and the youngest 8 days old, to mourn her early death.

Richard Wilburn, aged 17 and another man whose name was not learned, were killed and T. B. McClain, of Columbia, S. C., and several others injured in a wreck on the Lockhart Railroad, a short line between Lockhart Junction and Lockhart, used principally for hauling freight and operated by the Southern Railway. The train which was a combination freight and passenger, jumped the track and rolled down an embankment.

YORK AND YORKVILLE.

What's Doing With Our Neighbors Just Across the Line

Yorkville Enquirer.

All of the teachers of the Yorkville Graded school, with the exception of Mr. J. H. Witherspoon, who did not apply, have been re-elected to their old positions.

A correspondent states that it requires 140 quarts of strawberries to go round at a meal at Winthrop and that the young ladies are supplied from the college patches at least once every other day.

W. O. Bailes and Mrs. James Hollobaugh have been put under bond to answer to the charge of bigamy at the next term of court of general sessions. The warrant in the case was pursuant to the recent presentment of the grand jury.

Memorial day was celebrated in Yorkville last Wednesday afternoon under the auspices of the Winnie Davis Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy with an appropriate programme, including prayer, music and an address.

Petitions were in circulation to the east and west of Clover this week asking for the restoration of the daily freight schedule on the C. & N.-W. The petitions were extensively signed, especially because of the desire of the people to get a better mail schedule; but since the railroad people have anticipated the desire of the people in this matter, it is probable that the petitions will not be presented.

Mr. T. E. Harper of Balloon, was in Yorkville last Wednesday, and left at the Enquirer office an egg of an Indian game hen that weighs exactly four ounces. He also reported the remarkable record of an industrious hen in his possession. Between August and December of last year this hen laid 80 eggs, and then took a vacation until sometime in March, when she commenced again. Since then up to last Tuesday she has laid 62 more eggs. This hen, said Mr. Harper, is of common stock, laying no special claims to fine blood.

Speaking yesterday of the cotton fire at Mr. J. L. McGill's last Wednesday evening, Mr. D. M. Hall gave some points that ought to be of value in such emergencies. "It is very difficult to put out a cotton fire with cold water," he said, "but if you use hot water you will find very little trouble. Because of the oil in the fibre, I think it must be, cotton will not absorb cold water; but hot water goes right into it. It overcomes the oil. I learned that while ginning. In the case of a fire one day the cold water ran out and we got hot water from the boiler. We could see the difference at once."

That's the Stuff. Dress 'em Up.

Monroe Enquirer.

We are getting to be a tony people. Word has been passed down from the Adjutant General that the members of the Governor's staff must wear uniforms when they accompany the Governor in public places. That's the stuff. Dress 'em up in brass buttons and other toggery and tickle a little vanity. That's all a Governor's staff is for, just for a little vain show, just for the big of the thing. Some men would join a brass band just to wear a uniform.

The Art of Packing.

New York Times.

How much will a dress suit case hold? For the average man it can be made to hold a dress suit, a clean shirt, a collar, cuffs, an extra pair of stockings, a restricted kit of toilet conveniences, a few cigarettes, and a box of matches. To get all this in often requires some ingenuity. For a woman, and especially for one with the packing instinct highly developed, it can be made to hold an entire wardrobe. A young woman who lost a dress suit case through the carelessness of an expressman sued to recover its value, and proved to the satisfaction of the court that it contained:

One foulard silk dress, one pougee shirtwaist suit, one silk gingham shirtwaist suit, one brown lawn dress, two white Persian lawn waists, one white mull evening dress, one black silk coat, three-quarter length; one white silk knitted shawl, one white lawn dress skirt, one fancy lawn apron, one white dimity tie jacket, one white madras shirtwaist, one brown linen shirtwaist, one white pique shirtwaist, one madras Gibson shirtwaist, four white muslin petticoats, four corset covers, three pairs muslin drawers, four silk net vests, three cotton net vests, one lawn Empire wrapper, three muslin nightdresses, eight pairs black lisle thread hose, one corset waist, one ebony mirror with silver trimmings, one gold hat brush, one silver nail brush, one silver tooth brush, two and a half yards black and blue satin ribbon, four inches wide; one dozen hand-made lace-trimmed handkerchiefs, three pairs kid gloves, one pair long white silk mitts, one gold locket and chain, one gold brooch set with turquoises and diamonds, one dozen fancy collars and stocks, two point lace ties, one point lace handkerchief.

We venture the assumption that it was not quite as full as it could have been had the owner intended a longer journey. In the presence of such phenomena as are often observed in the packing of trunks and handbags in which miscellaneous articles occupying two and a half cubic feet of space are made to accommodate themselves in one cubic foot of capacity, the most remarkable attainments of man sink into insignificance. It is perhaps true that among professional packers men excel women, but not in making two things occupy the space of one. The average man whose wife packs his trunk at the beginning of his journey thinks it easy enough and is probably impatient when what he lays in is taken out again to be placed more wisely; but when he has to repack it for the return journey, and finds that however vigorously he jumps on the pile of material it will not compress sufficiently to permit him so to depress the lid that he may lock it, he discovers that the art of packing is a peculiarly feminine accomplishment, and that a man could no more become an expert at it than he could at singing soprano. The wise man when he contemplates a journey lets his wife pack and then takes her along to repack. If not he will need a dry goods case to hold the overflow when he turns homeward.

"The Octopus" in North Carolina.

Progressive Farmer.

If Frank Norris were alive today, he could write another story of "The Octopus" with North Carolina instead of California as the scene. All the long months of labor and planning, all the favorable seasons with which Providence blessed them—all this the berry growers of Chadbourn and other towns on the A. C. L. Railway have seen come to naught through the failure of the Armour Fruit Express Company to provide the promised refrigerator cars. One thousand seven hundred cars were promised and only 500 arrived. Consequently, probably a half million dollars has been lost to the truckers; and \$200,000 worth of berries were dumped into the river in town of Chadbourn last week.

The berry growers continue picking and delivery the crates to the station agent, and the Armour Company will be sued for the losses. If such a corporation cannot be held to full accountability for what would otherwise mean the ruin of an important industry, then our American freedom counts for very little. We hope that our North Carolina Corporation Commission will bestir itself in the effort to get justice for our truckers.

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Here are a few mentioned out of a swelling tide of appealing special values now offered at Yeager's.

New Duck and Crash Hats.

Specials in the new duck and crash hats and caps for ladies, misses and children. All the new designs at 25c, 50c, 75c.

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The season's newest fabric gloves in silk and lace at 25c, 50c and 75c per pair. One assortment, ready to be made shirt waists with material for trimming at 50c, \$1, \$1.25 each.

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RADIUM AS A REMEDY.

Experiments Show Good Results in Case of Cancer and Consumption.

So many experiments with radium as a cure for cancer have recently been made in this country and in Europe that hopes of what the remedy will accomplish have suddenly become high. In a St. Louis hospital a number of cases of lupus have been cured by the use of a radium solution, with which the diseased skin has been coated, and several interesting experiments are now being made in New York, as well as in other cities. The X-ray was the predecessor of radium in such experiments, and good results seemed to be possible from it. When radium was discovered, and it was learned that of the three kinds of rays given off by the new metal one was very closely akin to, if not identical with, the X-rays, the use of radium naturally suggested itself, especially as it could be so much more readily handled.

At first the radium was included in a small glass tube, but it was found that the glass cut off some of the rays, and so an aluminum or platinum tube was used instead. Of late a solution of radium salt has been used to coat a cloth, or open tube, and a sort of catheter has been pointed over it to protect it. The red case is placed in contact with cancerous growths, so, for instance, those in the throat with comparative ease. Surface growths can be palated with the solution directly.

The North Carolina Bankers' Association will meet this week, May 17, 18 and 19 in Winston-Salem. One of the social features of the occasion will be a reception given by Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Fries, at their residence on the evening of the 18th.

The place near Asheville to which Bill Nye, the humorist, gave the incongruous name of Duck Shoals, which was made famous up to the time of his death several years ago as his wild mountain home, was sold Saturday to Mrs. Sophie Harrison Rastman, of Chicago.

HOW TO AVOID GERM DISEASES.

Strengthen the Stomach and Digestion, and You Will Keep Well.

When there is an epidemic of germ disease, and most diseases are caused by germs, it is the person with a weak stomach who succumbs first.

If you suffer with pains or distress after eating, headache, belching of gases, sour food, a bad taste in the mouth, dizziness, pains in the heart, specks before the eyes, and a general feeling of despondency and weakness, you should get well at once by strengthening the stomach with M-O-N. Just one small tablet out of a fifty cent box before eating, and your digestive system will become so strong that you will be the embodiment of good health and spirits, and need fear no germ diseases.

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