

PROGRESSIVE CLOVER.

The Town's Government—Improvements of the Clover Cotton Manufacturing Company—Other Features.

Clover, S. C., is one of the flourishing towns of this section, which occupies a position on the Carolina & North Western railway midway between Gastonia and Yorkville, from which towns she has drawn considerably in the make-up of her citizenship and many other ways, and ever decidedly to her advantage. A good number of Clover's leading business men were once connected with the business interests of Gastonia. Usually the smaller towns prove little more than mere feeders of the larger ones. But it seems that Clover has experienced the opposite, for some of her strongest men have come from large places.

The municipal election was held in February. The mayor and councilmen elected will manage the affairs of the municipality for the next two years. They are: Mayor, Mr. W. I. Bryson; councilmen, Messrs. O. A. Niell, D. A. Matthews, W. B. Stroup, G. W. Knox, M. L. Smith, and W. N. Jackson, a fine lot of successful and highly progressive business men. Mr. J. G. Enlow is the town marshal.

The great effort of the town government now is directed toward completing the lighting system, which is very satisfactory indeed. Scattered here and there over the town are 12 arc lights and 15 or 16 incandescent cluster lights. The system, which is almost completed, will cost between \$2,000 and \$2,500. At first it was not thought that an expenditure of more than \$1,500 would be necessary, but many more dwellings and business houses have taken lights than at first expected. Practically all the stores and about three-fourths of the dwellings are now enjoying this convenience. Messrs. P. M. Stevenson and J. W. Matthews, two young men of the place, are doing the work in connection with the lighting.

Much building and many improvements are going on at the present. It will be in order to consider next the annexation to cotton mills, which is Clover's leading interest.

The Clover Cotton Manufacturing Co. has just completed and started their Mill No. 3 which is an annex built on the north end of Mill No. 1. The building is 200 ft long by 100 ft wide with a basement 60 ft by 100 ft giving a total floor space of 26,000 sq. ft. and contains 10,000 spinning spindles and 6,000 twister spindles. This room is used exclusively for spinning, twisting and spooling, old Mill No. 1 having been converted into a carding room which makes an ideal arrangement.

The new mill is strictly modern in every respect having been designed and constructed with a view to making the room sanitary by giving plenty of light and ventilation, an ideal place in which to work. The ceiling is 22 ft high with a large monitor extending almost full length of the mill and 50 ft wide. No dangerous or unsightly shafting is to be seen as all drives are from the basement.

While speaking of Clover's mills it may not be amiss to mention a few facts regarding the past history of this now large and modern plant. The first mill was organized in 1890 with only about \$30,000 capital subscribed. Three thousand spindles were put in making No. 26's yarn. In 1892 about 2000 more spindles were added, filling the building and giving 5000 spindles all told. No further improvements were made worth mentioning until 1899 and 1900, when Mill No. 2 was constructed and a radical

departure made in the quality and style of yarns to be spun, i. e. fine combed Egyptian yarns, and the first pound of combed yarn ever made South of Philadelphia was spun in this mill. From a little mill of 3000 spindles in 1890 with a capital of \$30,000.00 Clover's mills now represent an outlay of over \$400,000.00 with 21,000 spindles and 68,000 sq. ft. of floor space.

Mill No. 3 was constructed with a view to giving all the help day work and stop night which will be done now shortly. The following presidents have served the company: Capt. W. B. Smith, Mr. J. R. Barron, Mr. J. W. Niell and Mr. G. L. Riddle the incumbent. Mr. M. L. Smith has been secretary and treasurer from the organization of the company. Mr. Thos. B. Williams is superintendent, having succeeded Mr. W. E. Morton about four years ago, coming here from the Wylie Mills at Chester.

One half of the mill is run on Egyptian cotton and the other half on long staple from the Mississippi Delta. During the several months past the Clover Mills, as well as the other mills of this section, have experienced considerable difficulty in getting their shipments of the raw material from Vicksburg, Miss., from which point most of the shipments are made. The situation was becoming so serious that a few weeks ago a meeting of the mill men was held at Charlotte in an endeavor to remedy conditions. At this time it was developed that the mills in this section could get cotton quicker from Alexandria, Egypt, than from Vicksburg, Miss. The secretary and treasurer of the Clover mills deserves considerable credit for the part he took in calling this meeting of leading mill men and for the discussions which followed. The action taken at Charlotte has been widely commented upon by the press of this and other States.

The power employed to drive this machinery of these mills is furnished by the Southern Power Company. The management is highly pleased with this power. The steam plant which was used before the electric plant was installed is standing idle, not being needed only in case of an accident to the generating plant on the Catawba river, or to the lines conveying the current. The mill contracts for all the power used in the place, the company letting out the contract for lighting the town.

As an indication of the prosperity of the citizens, several new homes are now in the course of construction. Mr. H. P. Jackson is having Mr. W. T. Beamguard, the contractor, to erect him a handsome residence in a beautiful location on Kings Mountain street. The building is colonial in style, eight rooms, and two stories high. The estimated cost is \$4,000. Mr. Jackson expects to occupy this beautiful new home as soon as it can be completed.

The same contractor is just finishing up a neat six-room cottage in West Clover for Mr. W. P. Smith. Mr. J. D. Duff, formerly of Gastonia, will occupy this probably by the middle of next week. In the same neighborhood Mr. J. A. Page has recently moved into his beautiful new home. This building was erected by Contractor W. I. Bryson. Mr. J. M. Smith is remodeling his home, which is also in the same general locality.

Clover has a flourishing bank with a capital of \$12,500. Mr. M. L. Smith is president; Mr. Z. M. Niell, vice president; Mr. James A. Page, cashier; Mr. John R. Hart attorney. The directors are Messrs. G. L. Riddle, H. L. Wright, W. B. Smith, E. W. Pressly, Z. M. Niell, M.

L. Smith and J. A. Page.

Mr. J. D. Duff is a young business man recently casting his lot with the good people of Clover, coming here from Gastonia last February. He is getting along nicely with his neat and full line of dry goods, shoes and gents furnishings. He anticipates having a fine business in the fall. Mr. J. P. Sifford is the efficient and popular salesman in this store.

The Clover Drug Company is under new management since February. Dr. R. L. Wylie, a graduate of pharmacy is the new proprietor of this popular resort. Dr. Wylie has made many improvements in the store and anticipates making others still, which will give it a very neat and up-to-date appearance. Dr. Wylie is a native of Chester county. Mr. F. E. Clinton, The Gazette's popular correspondent at that place, sold out the establishment to the present owner.

Dr. P. A. Pressly, the dentist, is also a new comer to the town. He recently moved here from Greenville, and is getting plenty of work to do.

Clover has many other prosperous enterprises which deserve note, yet we cannot go into a consideration of all these at this time.

The young people of the village are at present interested in attending a singing school at the Associate Reformed Church. The instructor is Prof. Mace Stowe, who has made quite a reputation for himself as an instructor and as a singer. Two sessions are held each day, one at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and the other at 8 in the evening. The school will close to-night.

The High school, which has been under the efficient management of Prof. A. M. Haddon during the past session came to a close yesterday, after a successful term of eight months. The assistant teachers were Misses Bessie Adams and Bessie Jackson, two of Clover's own fair daughters.

LOST

On February 26 in Gastonia depot or on train between Gastonia and Clemson College, S. C., leatherbacked pocketbook containing two \$5.00 bills, a due bill in favor of Jesse H. Harden from W. A. Harden and other papers, also photograph. Reward for return to Gazette office or to Jesse H. Harden, Lowryville, S. C. m7plmo.

MORTGAGE SALE.

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed executed to me on the 16th day of November, 1904, by H. B. Webber and Callie Webber, his wife, and which said mortgage is recorded in the Register's office of Gaston County in Book 32, page 294, I will on

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within legal hours, at Crowders Mountain Cotton Mill, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following land, to-wit:

Beginning at a rock on the East side of road; thence S.66W. 3.40 chains to a rock; Muttz corner; thence S.24E. 5.30 chains to Muttz corner; thence along his line S 66W. 21.00 chains (Passing Muttz corner) to a rock, thence S.24E. 17.30 chains to a rock on Flumes line; thence along his line N.85E. 8.00 chains to a rock on his line; thence North 2.00 chains a rock on brow of hill; thence N.66E. 13.00 chains to a rock; thence N.27W. 21.75 chains to the beginning containing 39 acres, more or less.

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GASTONIA, : : : NORTH CAROLINA

Two robbers held up the North Coast Limited on the Northern Pacific Railroad near Butte, Mont., early Tuesday morning. They killed the engineer and then lost their nerve, fleeing to the woods. They were pursued and one was captured.

Colonel Richard P. H. Smith, who served with distinction in the Confederate army, died in Baltimore Tuesday of heart disease at the age of 73 years. He served with "Stonewall" Jackson's brigade and participated in almost every battle of importance fought by Jackson and Lee.

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