

Let our people who feel an interest in the Railroad Meeting, and every one is interested, remember the meeting of the friends of the Laurens and Asheville Railroad, which takes place in the Court House, to-morrow, Thursday. (It then) be a full attendance, and show our appreciation of the matter.

The City Council has appointed a Committee to represent them in the meeting.

Manufactures in the South. We copy from the South the following concerning manufactures in the South which is suggestive of what may be accomplished in building up in our midst:

"Before the war, the South, because of her peculiar form of labor, her genial climate, and her free soil, was almost exclusively an agricultural country. Now her form of industry is rapidly changing; and, considering her impoverished condition, the development of her manufacturing interests is really surprising.

We have not at command full details of the present state of her manufactures, but our general information, which is believed to be accurate, enables us to present some facts, which it is believed, will interest the readers of the South. At present it is proposed to notice only the cotton manufacturing interests in and near the State of Georgia.

"At present there are in motion about 150,000 spindles, situated as follows: Columbus and vicinity, 35,000; Tallahassee, Ala., near Columbus, 20,000; Roswell, Ga., 20,000; Macon, 5,000; Augusta, 15,000; Graniteville, S. C., 25,000; Kalmia, S. C., 10,000; these two last mills are within a few miles of Augusta. Besides the mills mentioned there are several smaller ones, making the aggregate of 150,000.

"The success of the Augusta Company has been remarkable. Before the war the mills were erected by a company with insufficient capital, owing to which, and some trouble about the water power, they were sold to the present company for \$140,000, on a credit, and \$60,000 were borrowed for working capital. Under the energetic management of Mr. Jackson, President, and Mr. Coggin, Superintendent, this loan was paid by the mills, and also the notes given for the purchase money. The capital stock was fixed at \$600,000, and average dividends of 20 per cent. paid. Since the war the company has renewed its entire machinery, steadily paid 20 per cent. dividends, and accumulated a surplus of about \$300,000, all from its own earnings. The production is jeans, sheetings, drills and osanburgs.

"Just across the river from Augusta the Graniteville Company has 25,000 spindles, with looms to match, and has paid from 10 to 20 per cent. since starting. Near by are the Langley Mills, at Kalmia, chiefly owned by W. C. Langley, Esq., of New York, running 10,000 spindles (to be increased to 15,000) with looms to correspond. This is a very fine property and will receive large development; it has but recently commenced running. The production here and at Graniteville is similar to that of the Augusta mill.

"Columbus, Ga., and vicinity, owing to its enormous water power, is a very fine manufacturing centre. The Eagle Mills before the war were highly successful, always paying very large dividends. The property was burnt by the United States army during the war, and has since been rebuilt and the capacity increased. They now run about 20,000 spindles, with corresponding looms, producing yarns, sheetings, drills, osanburgs, stripes and checks, rope, sewing thread, cassimeres and tweeds, and very beautiful cotton blankets, similar to the French. The capital stock is \$1,250,000—dividend the first year 20 per cent. The Tallahassee Mill in Alabama, near Columbus, is owned largely in England, and runs 20,000 spindles. It is a new enterprise. We are not acquainted with the character of its goods. Above Columbus are the Columbus Factory and the Cherokee Factory, with about 5,000 spindles each, and a new mill is now starting at Columbus by Mr. Clegg.

"In Macon is a steam mill of about 5,000 spindles, making yarns, sheetings and osanburgs. It is not so farly situated for cheap fuel, but it has steadily paid 10 per cent. In Roswell, Ga., are two mills, one of 1,500 spindles, producing chiefly a fine yarn for the Northern and Southern markets, and one of 5,000 spindles, producing unknown. Many new enterprises are projected—one in Macon, to use steam; one on the Chatahochee, above Atlanta; one near Covington; several in and near Augusta, &c. &c. The distribution now is, very properly, to build large mills. Georgia, and, indeed, the whole South, has remarkably fine water-power, enough to run all the spindles in the world. The power on Yellow River, near Covington, Ga., is one of the very best within our knowledge; about 3,000 spindles are now running there, and there are facilities for almost unlimited development.

"Owing to a warm climate, so favorable for spinning, cheap labor and food, raw material at the door, 10 per cent. cheaper than in New England, &c., making a difference in favor of the South of fully 10 per cent., the time is not distant when cotton spinning in that part of the country will become a very important source of national wealth."

We have again and again reverted to the manufacturing facilities of upper South Carolina, and especially the water-power to be found in the Counties of Greenville, Spartanburg, Pickens, Anderson and Oconee. Ten thousand mills if established and operated, would make us great and rich and powerful, and more power than is necessary for this number are here. With greater prosperity, will bring to our section the development ultimately, that nature has fitted it for.

Blindly. There were not a great many persons in town on Monday, and those who came in from the country left for home by one o'clock in the afternoon. There were scarcely no sales by either the Sheriff or the Judge of Probate, we having but one to report. This was one hundred and seven acres of land, the property of Thomas Hawkins, which was purchased by Mrs. Lucinda Hawkins, for one hundred dollars.

The shipments of commercial fertilizers over the Greenville and Columbia Railroad, so far, fully equal, if they do not exceed any previous year.

Proceedings of Council.

The regular monthly meeting of the City Council was held last evening. Owing to some delay in the arrival of the members, the meeting was not held at the usual hour, but commenced at eight o'clock. The following were present: Mayor, Councilmen, and the City Clerk.

The Mayor presented the report of the Board of Health, which was read and approved. The Mayor also presented the report of the Board of Public Works, which was also read and approved. The Mayor then presented the report of the Board of Education, which was read and approved.

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Home of the Widows, Mothers and Daughters of Confederate Soldiers.

The regular meeting of the Home of the Widows, Mothers and Daughters of Confederate Soldiers, was held last evening. The meeting was held at the usual hour, and was attended by a large number of the members.

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Memorial to the late Wm. Gilmore Simms.

We have been requested to give place to the memorial resolution and list of committee, to be read and acted upon at the annual meeting of the Association, to be held at the late Wm. Gilmore Simms' grave, on the 24th inst.

At a meeting of friends and admirers of the late Wm. Gilmore Simms, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: Resolved, That Committees be appointed by the Association, to be held at the late Wm. Gilmore Simms' grave, on the 24th inst.

In pursuance of the resolution, I appoint the following gentlemen as Committees: The Board of Control of the Home of the Widows, Mothers and Daughters of Confederate Soldiers, in presenting the usual annual statement of the condition of the Institution, respectfully inform the Association, that owing to the change of the annual meeting from November to January, in order to conform to that of the Gentlemen's Auxiliary Association, their report covers the transactions of fourteen months.

"During that period, there have been received in the Institution one hundred and two persons. Of this number, one, a very aged widow lady, has died. There are now in the Home one hundred and one persons, being an increase of twenty four over the number at the date of the last report. The expenses of the Institution for the period mentioned have been \$6,255.56. Of this amount, \$1,738.70 was paid for the rent of the building; \$225.36 for repairs; \$415.40 for furniture; \$2,600 for household expenses, including soap for inmates, and food, fuel, lights, service and washing for forty-five pupils; \$270 for salary of Matron and Assistant; \$840 for salary of Teachers; \$80.20 for printing and stationery; \$80 for hire of Piano; \$18.75 for prizes for pupils, and \$4.85 for incidental expenses. It was estimated at the beginning of the year, that \$6,000 would be necessary for the maintenance of the Institution for twelve months. The Board take pleasure in pointing out the fact that the expenditure for fourteen months has but a little exceeded the estimate made for twelve. All the expenses of the year have been fully met."

All charitably disposed persons who take an interest in contributing to the aid of the mothers widows and daughters of our Confederate soldiers, are respectfully invited to make donations of money or articles, of any useful character, for the use of the Home, which will be gratefully received and acknowledged. There are now two or three from Greenville County receiving assistance from the Institution, therefore it has claims on the County. Miss M. S. Cozart will cheerfully give all information to any desiring to assist in this commendable enterprise.

Minutes of the South Carolina Conference. Through the kindness of Dr. E. J. Maxwells, of the Methodist Church of this place, we have received a copy of the minutes of the South Carolina Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, South, held at Spartanburg last December. Besides the minutes of the Conference, the pamphlet contains a great deal of information, which is thus placed in shape for preservation and ready reference.

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SPRING MILLINERY. MISS McKay has just returned from New York and will open on Thursday, 11th inst., one of the Handsomest Assortments of MILLINERY, HAIR AND FANCY GOODS, ever brought to this market.

STONE FERTILIZER WILL SELL FOR CASH OR COTTON AT 15 CENTS PER TON. In the Fall. MARSHALL & MAULDIN AGENTS.

CHEAP FOR THE CASH. SAMUEL STRADLEY. Office Board County Commissioners. GREENVILLE, S. C. April 2, 1872.

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