

THE PASSING OF HAMBURG.

The Town that Was Once One of the Most Prosperous in the South.

Richmond News-Leader

The announcement that the town of Hamburg, S. C., is to be reclaimed by the State as waste land and sold for unpaid taxes is a new reminder of the vanity of human hopes and calculations and the shortness of human foresight. Far back in the thirties and forties Hamburg was one of the most thriving and promising towns in the South. It was on the South Carolina side of the Savannah river, immediately opposite Augusta, Ga., and was established, we believe, by a thrifty German named Schultz. Some thousands of people lived and were busy there, and the town had a bank which was known throughout the South. Bills of the Bank of Hamburg were good everywhere when nearly everything else was under suspicion. On all of this thrift and hope and busy life a blight fell suddenly from conditions which nobody had dreamed of. Nobody in Hamburg had the slightest doubt of the permanency of the town. Land was bought and sold on the lots and at high prices, and regarded as the safest possible investment. A railroad came through and Hamburg decayed as rapidly as a bit of infected fruit.

The bank was closed, the merchants failed or moved away, leaving their stores vacant and for rent, people abandoned their homes, and in a few months nothing was left but empty buildings, which fell to pieces fast, their windows knocked out by the stone of the idle passers by, their doors broken open and left gaping. The town was absolutely desolate and abandoned. After the war some negroes made a settlement in the few remaining houses and re-established the town with a government of their own. They made this peculiarly offensive to the white people compelled to pass through on their way to and from Augusta, and in 1876 occurred the "Hamburg riot," which marked the beginning of the revolution that made Wade Hampton governor and overthrew the Republicans. That was the finishing stroke of Hamburg. Nobody cared to claim the land on which the town once stood, for what had been streets were mere stretches of weeds with gloomy ruins on both sides, also overgrown with weeds and grass. And now the State has taken possession and probably will sell it to somebody for a farm. A few sticks of dynamite will remove the last rotting remnants of the old warehouses and the plough will turn over the site of a once busy and prosperous community, destroyed by one of the greatest agents of civilization which carried prosperity to so many other places. Hamburg has depended on river traffic largely and it may be remarked incidentally that if Richmond had a similar dependence she would be very much in the same condition.

Christmas Holiday Rates.

For the Christmas Holidays the North Coast Line announces a rate one and one third one way fares for the round trip between all South Potomac and Ohio Rivers East of the Mississippi River. On sale December 23d, 24th, 25th, 30th, 31st and January 1st, with final limit January 4th, 1904. The accommodation of students teachers of schools and colleges the Coast Line has arranged round as above, December 16th to with final limit January 31st, 1904. Service of the Atlantic is unexcelled. For tickets information, apply to ticket agent W. J. Craig, G. P. A., Wilmington, N. C.

ED.— Manager for new business here in Write promptly, with reference to Morris Wholesale House, Ohio.

Ho! For Christmas!

Good Cheers for Everybody.

We are right in the thick of readiness for Holiday Selling. The Christmas spirit fills our big store, and we place on sale an immense range of sensible gift goods at prices which are bound to sell them.

A Grand Array of Special and Suitable Things for Christmas Gifts for your Lady or Gentleman Friend.

Gloves of all kinds. Handkerchiefs in Silk and Linen. Silk Mufflers, Ties in endless variety. Ladies' Jackets and Furs—nothing more suitable for Christmas gifts. Umbrellas in Silk and Fancy Handles. Beautiful styles in Lap Robes. Splendid Patterns in Rugs. Solid Comfort and Low Prices in Blankets. Shirts, Collars and Cuffs in all the best and cheapest qualities at prices below the average. Hosiery at all prices, and nothing but good hosiery in this Christmas sale. Underwear at special reduced prices—all of the best kinds for ladies men and children from 12 1-2c the garment and up—all worth double their Christmas prices.

Shoes! - Shoes! - Shoes!

Our Prices on Shoes are Marvels of Cheapness for such good quality and up-to-date styles. It will pay you to buy Shoes of us at this Christmas time.

Ladies' Dress Shoes, lace or button, worth \$2.00, now \$1.50.
Ladies' Fine Shoes, fully worth \$2.75, our Christmas price only \$2.00.
Ladies' Fine Shoes, in patent or kid, in all the beautiful styles—nothing more suitable for Christmas gifts, worth \$3.25, our price now only \$2.00.
Ladies' Shoes in cheaper quality at \$1.00 and \$1.25, worth fully \$1.25 and \$1.75.

Men's Dress Shoes, in lace or Congress, all styles, worth \$3.25, now for Christmas at \$2.50.

Men's Dress Shoes, a splendid line, worth \$3.50 and \$4.00, going now at \$3.00. Also the cheaper grades at right prices.

SHOES FOR THE LITTLE FOLKS—all kinds for 50 cts. up.

A Beautiful Line of Felt Slippers—nice Christmas presents for wife, mother or sister.

Clothing! - Clothing!

Men's Suits, Boys' Suits, Overcoats. All in splendid assortment and Latest Styles of New Goods.

Good Suit for Men, worth \$6.50, our price now only \$4.98.
Stylish Suit for Men, worth \$10.00, our price only \$7.48.
Splendid Suit for Men and Youths, worth \$13.50, now \$9.98.

Men and Youths' \$16.50 and \$18.00, their real selling price, now down to only \$11.00.

Overcoats from \$5.00 up, that others ask 5 per cent more. Boys' Knee Pants at Great Bargains.

A CHRISTMAS STORE FOR EVERYBODY.

The great public has treated us so well this season with a liberal patronage that we are going to do our utmost to please them in this Great Holiday Sale. We have never had such a successful season, and the people flock to us, for they know that this is THE STORE OF THE PEOPLE. So it is now a pleasure for us to reciprocate, and we are going to make the Christmas-tide a time of great good cheer to all. Notwithstanding the big selling of the best goods has drawn heavily on our stock, we have replenished it all along, and we have wonderful attractions for Christmas buying and Christmas giving.

Yours for the People,

COPELAND BROTHERS.

S. J. WOOTEN.

A statement cannot be too strong when founded on fact. Our advertising would be wasted if it were not absolutely correct. We stake our reputation on every representation we make, and ask our customers to hold us to a strict account therefor. We are best liked where business with us, the better you will appreciate our low prices, and the more money you will save in the aggregate. Having enjoyed an unusually large patronage from our many friends this fall and winter, we desire to express our appreciation in a substantial way, namely: By selling them their Mid-Winter Goods at a Big Reduction. The goods mentioned in this ad are included in this sale.

Heavy Wool Dress Goods!

Gray Skirting worth \$1 at 79c.
Gray Skirting worth 75c. at 59c.
Gray Skirting worth 60c. at 48c.
Gray Skirting worth 50c. at 44c.
Checked Skirting worth 60c. at 48c.
Mixed Skirting worth 60c. at 48c.
Mixed Skirting worth 50c. at 44c.

All Black Dress Goods,

Consisting of Serges, Henriettas, Cashimers, Chevoits, Prunellas, Ladies Cloth, Granites, Zibelines, Mohairs, and Armours.

Make your wife or sister or mother a Christmas present of one of our fine Furs in black, gray and brown. All included in this cut price sale.

No matter what prices are quoted by others.

WE ARE CHEAPER

S. J. Wooten.

We Desire

To remind our friends that we carry the very best flour that can be bought.

Loose Buckwheat, Raisins, Nuts
Figs, Dates, Grated Cocoanuts, Cranberries
Mince Meats, etc.

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Car Lots, Small Lots. Write,
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