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AND ITS SURROUNDINGS. The "News" finds Something to Say of

the Town and its People. A Review of Darlington's Business Interests.

(concluded.)

WILLCOX & Co. The drug house of Willcox & Co. naturally enough calls for prominent mention in this review, and for various reasons. Not only is its business well sustained by the peo-ple of town and county but it is one of the largest and handsomest es-tablishments of its kind in the interior of the State. The house was originally established by M. S. Iseman nearly three years ago, but the fact is that it was, at that time, of no special consequence. When the Messrs. Willcox bought him ont in January 1884, they began the work of enlarging the establishment and of developing its trade, with what success the house as it is now best illustrates. When the Enterprise Hotel building was completed the Messrs. Willcox took possession of the handsome salesroom afforded, and this they have filled up in a manner which reflects credit upon their taste and their recognition of the needs of the drug trade. The furniture and fixtures are handsome without affecting anything like tawdry display, while the Tuft fountain near the entrance, built of Tennessee marble and costing about \$1,000 is a veritable thing of beauty. The prescription desk is also a completely appointed one, and so far as we can judge from observation the house lacks nothing in those facilities or requirements which

should enable it to meet either or-

dinary or extraordinary demands

that may be made upon it. The copartners are Dr. James C. Willcox. These gentlemen are natives of Marion county. Dr. Willcox, who had studied specific branches at the University of Mary. land and at Johns Hopkins College, graduated from the University of New York in the class of 1880-81. He had lived here since 1873, for nearly four years he was identified with Boyd's drug store, and as his acquaintance was large hereabouts, nothing could have been more natural than that he should engage in practice here. Without offending against the recognized ethics of the profession we cannot enter into any details relative to his practice-we can say that it is only quite large, the Doctor's ride embracing a wide scope of country. How successful a practitioner he has been we leave to our readers to judge. As Chairman of the Board of Health of Darlington he has effected many and radical changes which have greatly improved the health of the community, and as a private citizen he took an active part in the organization of the Enterprise Hotel Co., of which he is Director, Secretary and Treasurer. He was also one of the founders of the Enterprise Grocery-allusions to both these enterprises are elsewhere made in this

While the immediate management of the business of the drug store is with Mr. H. M. Willcox the Doctor gives it all the personal attention he can. To our reporter he expressed himself as being right well pleased with the growth of the business thus far, and there can be no doubt that continued prosperity is in store for it.

M. MANNE.

The general merchandise, liquor and ice house to which we now refer is one of the well-known places of business upon Pearl street. It was originally established by Mr. A. Manne, who was proprietor until six years ago, and he continues to manage the business though the firm style has undergone a change.

ing trade in each department of its Nachman continued business until improved his place of business, and business, and it is one of the very few houses in town that buys and sells for cash. The premises are owned by Mrs. Manne, and she also

owns the store occupied by Mason. Mr. A Manne is now at the North buying goods, and it is hinted to us that the house will soon be receiving its first bills of new fall goods, said to be very pretty in style and very reasonable in price—at all ly, purchasing the property he now we have just written. Like most events our readers may rest assured that the establishment will be in every way prepared to cater to a large trade. When Mr. Manne is at home, he and his son, S. Manne, attend to the liquor, grocery and those lines of trade, while Mrs. Manne manages the dry goods and notions department. In this way

from that time until engaging in hereabouts is very extensive, his trade for himself he clerked for the friends are numerous, and his busiold and well-known house of Marco ness thrives. & Lewenthal. When he opened his present house everything was in his favor-during his residence here he had made a host of acquaintances

and friends, and they have encour-

aged and sustained him with a liberol patronage.

Undoubtedly clothing and shoes are the chief lines of Mr. Marco's trade; he makes his selections of stock with discriminating judgment and he has the reputation of selling goods at very close margins. Not more than one-third of annual busi-ness is upon the lien plan, and upon these sales for last year he says, as do his brother merchants, that collections were very good. He buys between 250 and 300 bales of cotton per year, sells about 75 tons of fertilizers, and in all respects keeps his business well in hand, giving it his own personal attention. Though yet a young man he has had many years of trade experiences; he has the reputation of being of an accommodating nature; he is a close buy-

J. B. WHITE.

class.

er and a good seller, and the growth

of his trade shows the esteem in

which he is held. There is room

here for more men of the same

the readers of to-day's NEWS has anything like a comprehensive knowledge of the business of Mr. J. Mr. Mason tries faithfully to fill the B. White. Briefly defined he is a bill. When asked by the NEWS reproducer on the other.

In partnership with Mr. Bacot, last-since then Mr. White has business appears upon this market -Most of his orders are filled direct from the houses which he rep. resents-W. W. Harvey & Cc., of Baltimore, fill many an order from him each month; so do McFerrin & Shillcross, of Louisville, they handling meats. The flour that Mr. possible, is secured from first houses and this enables Mr. White to comepete successfully with other wholesale dealers-in many instances the

advantages are all upon his side. lington, and though only a relativetrade for bimself throughout eastern South Carolina that very plain ly tells the esteem in which both he and his business methods are held. Still further success is within his sort of a man to fail to avail himself of honorable opportunities.

A. NACHMAN.

Another of the old established business men of Darlington is Mr. trade of Darlington, Mr. Alexander A. Nachman, a native of Germany, has gained the reputation of handwho first came to the United States ling the purest goods he can find. in 1839. Subsequently he located | He buys from the most responsible in Charleston, and from there he houses, and many a physician in general merchandise house under the old fennessee and North Carothe style of Hymes & Nachman, lina corn whisky which he at all That firm was dissolved something | times keeps in stock. The house controls a very flatter- like two years later, and Mr. 1862, when he went to Europe.

notions house at Charleston, firm of young or old, in Darlington. Nachman & Haas. In 1877 he returned here and has been in trade since. On the 21st of last October he suffered severe loss by fire but occupies opposite the Enterprise of his fellow merchants of Darling-Hotel. It is a very completely ap pointed place of business, kept as cleauly and nest as can be, and the of the grocery, provision and constocks of dry goods, groceries, boots and shoes, clothing, furnishing carries to a condition of completegoods and merchandise generally, ness that reflects the highest degree are tastily displayed, A large liquor business is also done, and a couple of neatly fitted up rooms, on the English plan afford pleasant for nearly or quite twenty years

JAMES H. MASON.

The Darlington Jewelry Store as become one of the institutions of town. Something less than three years ago Mr. J. H. Mason remoy. ed here from Sumter and opened the establishment to which we here refer, and he has so conducted it in popular favor and it remains as lished merchants of town, for he looked in this review. In 1878 Mr. affairs.

Mr. Mason is a son of Mr C. T. can't exactly say that he was born patrons. in a jewelry store, but his life asso- About ciations have been with that department of business and he is accredited with the possession of some very decided skill as a practical workman. As a dealer he not only carries a full stock of watches, clocks, silverware, jewelry, eye-glasses, spectacles, &c., but he has a large business in the more expensive grades of good which he is not it would show an increase of 15 to justified in carrying in stock. 20 per cent. He handles not far he orders upon approbation, and he and of cotton this year he expects is enabled to sell them at very close We doubt if one in a hundred of figures. Wedding, birth-day, and been alone. But very little of his to know that the latch string of his groceries." store door hongs upon the outside.

C. ALEXANDER.

In preparing this review of Darlngton, the writer has had frequent of him in this review. occasion to pass up and down Pearl Street, and in the course of his peregrinations he has met most or from Plinois, tobacco from North being upon that thorougfare. the town and county than has that appear pleased with the outlook. Carolina, molasses from New Or Among the number is Mr. Caesar leans, butter and cheese from New Alexander, a grocer and liquor York and fancy groceries from the merchant, who is well and favor same source-everything as far as ably known to all who find Darlington their base of supplies.

Mr. Alexander, like most of his fellow merchants here, is a young man, though a native of New York three years, and since its dissolu- Edwards & Norment. tion Mr. Alexander has been alone, His trade has been of the same and those delicacies which are so appltizing to all of us.

Mr. Alexander has wonderfully has made it as neat and attractive still the amount is very large, and Returning here he re-engaged in as any in town. He personally it shows that the firm are willing trade for a time and in 1865 he supervises everything, and there is opened a wholesale dry goods and not a more popular merchant,

J. H. SCHMID.

One of the popular mercantile houses of Pearl Street, is presided ton, he is a young man, unlike most of them, he makes a specialty of credit upon him.

stock.

A. WEINBERG.

Mr. Weinberg is certainly entitl-1867. His trade has been of the same general character all these have grown up in the business—we vance the best interests of its trade, and both the partners are

About two-thirds of Mr. Wein berg's business is upon the lien merchants who do a considerable lien business. Mr. Weinberg said his collections on last year's sales rent year he appeared to think that ure drivers. These goods, such as diamonds, from 125 tous of fertilizers per year, reports an improving demand for

the better grades of goods. Mr. Weinverg employs three beside himself in the house; J. F. Wilson, S. Weinberg and S. W. in advance of his expectations, and entire building is used for the busithere is no doubt in the minds of ness purposes of the house. Genany who know Mr. Mason that he eral merchandizing comprises the commodation for 150 head. Mr. White organized this business will continue to try to deserve the specialties of trade, but the liquor

To the entire business Mr. Wein-

MARCO & LEWENTHAL.

No firm in Darlington has taken of S. Marco and I. Lewenthal. From the pages of our note-book we glean some facts: We see that Mr. Leweuthal was active in the National Bank, and that he was a member of the first Board of Directors. We see, looking at our mem-State, South Carolina has been his oranda con-erning "houses" of Darl- Capt. Blackwell was born and rais Mr White is by no means a tyro home for the past twelve years, ington that Mr. Lewenthal has ed here. Each gives personal atin mercantile life. For the past and since 1878 he has lived here, built a residence (in the villa style) tention to the business, and they fourteen years he has been connect- coming to Darlington from that will rank with the first in the appear to be satisfied with the way ed with the trade interests of Dar | Charleston. For some time he State. Again referring to our note | the world wags. One of the pleasclerked for H. Sternberger, but in book, we find that Mr. Marco built autest views on the spring drive is ly short time in merchandise bro. 1881 he began business for himself the only brick block purely for the Donerail farm where Jersey catkerage be has built up a name and as one of the firm of Alexander & mercantile purpose ever fut up in the, with herd book petigrees, corn, Hansman, which continued about the town, we mean the store of oats, barley, and peas are raised in

Marco & Lewenthal have been in of 300 lbs. porkers. business together in Darlington for THE DARLINGTON MANUFACTURgeneral character all of the time, eight years, though Mr. Marco has grasp, and we don't think he is the while especial attention is paid to been more or less intimately identiwhat are known as fancy groceries, fied with trade interests here ever such as canned goods of all kinds, since the war. He now lives in As a representative of the liquor and though he spends some three or four months here ever year, the personally looked after by Mr. Lewenthal. The house handles ship with H. Hymes established a him for Duffie's Malt Whisky, or and sells from 300 to 400 tons of it has done as high as \$125,000 credit business per year, and though now not more than one-half of what it sells is upon the lien plan, to assist the people.

Few people would for a moment fancy that either Mr. Marco or Mr. Lewenthal is a farmer, and yet each is. They control not far from 1,500 acres in this neighborhood, and upon their own account they have several hundred acres in cotton and corn, and we are glad to say, with good prospects of favorable

Breefly summed up, this may be said of the firm; It has been a working, representative interest of Darlington. It has done much for the people and deserves well of

S. LEWENTHAL.

PENCIL PICTURES OF DARLINGTON | we find the dry goods and general ton per year and annually sells from ness transaction. In the store he is not a better known or more clever | stitute the paid in capital-it is | work is done. Steam power is merchandise house of Mr. Jacob 100 to 150 tons of fertilizers. His is assisted by Mr. J. S. Floyd, who hearted man in town, nor one who now in contemplation to raise \$75. used, the works are well equipped Marco-a house which was establigeneral stock is well kept up; po- has been with him for about one can tell a bigger story upon the 000 more and devote that sum (or with machinery, and the entire lished about three years ago and lite attentions are shown to all vis year. To the business, Mr. Schmid slightest provocation-Nature in-

to his place of business, all appear motive power is utilized. A specialty of the house is sport to feel as if they got "value receiving goods of the finest grades, important item on the general main building is 204x100 feet, four been familiar all his life, in fact he ble –is pleasing to the eye. The interested will do well to call and an important item on the general main building is 204x100 feet, four Jeffords management every thing examine goods and prices, especial- business of the bouse, a business ly see those shot guns that are in that "totes up" to a considerable figure each mouth.

McCullough & Blackwell The livery, sale and feed business since that it has constantly grown ed to a place among the old estab. of Darlington must not be overit has been, a credit to the town as has been connected with Darling. C. S. McCullough established busiwell as to the young gentleman who has so successfully managed its coming here from Charleston in three years ago the present partner. three years ago the present partnership between him and Capt. J. C. Blackwell was formed. The last Mason, of Sumter, a veteran in the years, and the house has always named gentleman used to be entrade and he may fairly be said to been prompt in its efforts to ad. gaged in farming and the timber

still carrying on farming interests. In the livery department of their business McCullough & Blackwell plan, and in common with our other keep 15 or more head of horses, with ample supply of buggies, and their turnouts are of a most creditable character, while the rates had proved very good, that the per charged are certainly reasonable cent. of loss had been small. In re- enough, at least that is the verdict ferring to his business for the cur. of the traveling public and of pleas-

The sales business of the firm is of course, of the most importance, and in one year they disposed of 500 head of stok, from 200 to 300 to ship about 600 bales. He also head per year being the general average. This stock is mostly brought here by the firm from other States, and McCullough & Black well have been both earnest and successful in their efforts to improve brcker in groceries and provisions
—his trade is purely jobbing, and
he fills that almost indefinable place
—the connecting link, between the
consumer on the one hand and the mense anair, reaching from street to street, and it affords ample ac-

But livery stock and farming do last January. Their copartnership confidence placed in him. He is a department also receives decided not comprise all the business operawas dissolved on the 1st of August good patron of the News; he adver. attention, and a reputation has tions of the firm. They do as much tises facts, and he wants the public been gained of carrying choice "wet grain business as all the balance of dealers here, at least that is the general report, but they have reberg gives his personal attention. cently ceased to handle fertilizers. He is recognized as a thorough go. They also sell buggies, notably the ing business man, and so we speak | Columbus Company's buggies, for which they are agents in this County; harness and wagons, are also specialties, and they also run the bus line between the town and the White sells mainly comes from all of the merchants of town, who a more active part in the develop- depot. Their entire business is in Maryland, meal from Virginia, corn live, move and have their business ment of every material interest of good shape, and the co-partners and Treasurer, personally manages

Capt. T. C. Poore is foreman for the firm, and they speak of him in the highest terms, indeed the general impression is that he is an organizations of the Darlington invaluable man for the place. Mr. McCullough, who is one of the Town Wardens, is from Auderson County and has lived here nine years, perfection, with the accompainment

ING COMPANY.

Naturally enough we turn from contemplation of the town of Dar-New York, where he officiates as lington to a consideration of its mathe resident buyer for the bouse, terial interests, of whatever kind. First of all we find something to say concerning one of the leading management of the mercantile and manufacturing industries of the tarming interests of the firm are State, and though what we write may prove a "thrice told told" it will none the less serve to refresh came here in 1854, and in partner- this County sends prescriptions to from 1,200 to 1,500 bales of cotton memories somewhat, and at the same time aid us in conveying aufertilizers per year, in past years thentic information relative to one of the most progressive towns in the Carolinas.

The Darlington Manufacturing Company was ushered into being at the behest of relatively few enterprising citizens of the town and neighborhood. They took "hostage of the future," and the thousands upon thousands of dollars they invested in the proposed enterprise were so many evidences of faith upon their part. Now, judge in the light of subsequent events, was that faith misplaced? True, the manufacture of cotton goods of late years (whatever it may have been before) has not been a bonanza to stockholders, and when we assert the fact that the Darlington Mills have been fairly successful the assertion means much.

Company was incorporated by spe-cial Act of the Legislature in Deon at the smallest expense, and it is enabled to offer bargains.

The writer has never met Mr. Manne but he has learned that he is popular in the community, and an evidence of that fact is shown in the growth and present condition of the trade of the house.

JACOB MARCO.

Close by the Darlington Hotel The grocery and liquor trade of cember, 1883. In the summer of

such part as may be required) to business has made a good record which since then has been a recognized candidate for popular favor.
The proprietor, Mr. Marco came to Mr. Nachman personally supervises from all we can hear he is doing fair—he admits be has had a right was built with that possible object increasing the working capacity for itself. Darlington nine years ago, and the business — his acquaintance well. That he shall continue to good trade thus far, and the hunprosper is certainly the wish of the gry and thirsty who find their way its floor area and not one half of its the business. We also notice that

The buildings are of brick, and

being used as picker room below and slasher above, while the east wing is boiler and engine room. The engine is of the noted Harris-Corduct the world is the market. In a complete saw mill, planing mill, the past the factory has had a large wood turning machines, and specithe work is carried forward under best material. the mechanical superintendance of Mr. I. A. Newman, formerly of Rhode Island, a gentleman who is seven cords of wood per day.

The Directors of the Darlington Manufacturing Company are: J. J. Ward, E. K. Dargan, R. W. Boyd, G. A. Norwood I. Lewenthal, J. G. McCall, J. F. Early, Bright Williamson, Frederick Grinnell, E. R. McIver, J. L. Coker and W. C. Coker. Maj. J. L Coker was the first President elect, but in May, 1884, he was succeeded by his brother, Capt. W. C. Coker, who, as Pres the affairs of the Company. 'No special personal allusions to him are necessary, from the simple fact that his reputation is by no means confined to this locality, and it was confidently hoped by his many friends that he would have received the Gubernatorial nomination at the recent State Convention. However, as one of the Directors said to us: "I am not sorry that he did not receive the nomination, for the Darlington Manufacturing Company cannot dispense with his every-day services."

As to the career of the enterprise. judged from a business standpoint, we need merely say that it has been successful, and that its business statistics and business success com- principal of the McColl Acadpares favorably with that of similar

The property owned and occupied by the Company is a valuable one, comprising 43 acres of land, upon which the Company has built twenty five substantial tenement and predict for him the hearty co bouses for the occupancy of its em- operation of the com numty in bis ployes. The establishing and maiutainance of the enterprise means ishing school at that place .- Red the direct support of nearly 400 peo Bluff Cor. Marlboro Democrat. ple; it means indirect employment and sustenance to scores of others. and it has determined the fact that manufactures can thrive here if capital and business management are Thursday, unanimously and en rightly directed.

JOHN SISKRON.

Although our reporter has bad no opportunity to interview Mr. firmly fixed in the highest estima Siskron, as he is North, visiting his tion of his constituency, and very old home, still we have gained a justly so, to be defeated. Able and few items concerning the enterprise thoroughly familiar with public he carries forward here. Mr. Sisk- life, and especially congressional ron carries on wagons and carriages duty, there could be no better rep and furniture making and undertaking. He is a man of about 48 heartily congratula'es the Hon years of age, and came here twelve Samuel Dibble on his re-nominayears ago from New Haven, Ct. Liou. - Charleston Dispatch. He first opened a shop purely for repair work, but he was convinced there was an opening here for a regular factory, so by degrees he a sense of weight in the back, loins worked into it, though he did not and lower part of the abdomen, make furniture until about seven causing the patient to suppose he

The Darlington Manufacturing ments, is of more consequence than symptoms of indigestion are present tompany was incorporated by spe- is generally supposed. The works if tulency, uneasiness of the stomturn out 250 wagous per year and ach, etc. A moisture like perspira-quite a number of buggies, using tion, producing a very disagreeable

During Mr. Siskron's absence, J S. Jeffords, who has been with the Mr. Siskrou's son, is at work in the establishment with which he has Jeffords management every thing floors, and to this building are at. moves along quietly and smoothly, tached two wings, the west wing and we congratulate him upon the

C. MOONEY.

As an instance of what steady application, close attention to the liss make and is rated at 300 horse wants of the trade, and an evidence power; the great drive wheel is 22 that good work will tell. We refer to feet in diameter. Better machin the establishment of C. Mooney, ery is no where to be found than or perhaps the plural may here be that in these mills. There was no used. Mr. Mooney is one of those false economy shown in its pur- business mea of Darlington who has chase, and it is a boast—a pardon- done his share towards making the able one, we think, on the part of town a centre of trade The 'Caro the people, that the Darlington Cotton Mills have no superior, except in point of size, in the South. The work rooms are most admirdistant places as Florida. The able, and any apostle of light or merits of Darlington workmanship ventilation could find little or no is known and appreciated. In his fault with them. One hundred and shops near the square any kind of sixty looms and 5 152 spindles are work can be done, from making a in use—the other machinery is in nail to painting a buggy, his furnikeeping. The consumption of cotton is about 40 bales per week, all of sold all over the county, and in the which is purchased upon this mar- underaking line his facilities are ket, and the product may be fairly such that he can supply any deplaced at 50,000 yards of brown mand on the shortest notice. He drills and sheetings. For this pro- has recently added to his business export trade, but at present the mens of the work from his mills can home demand consumes the entire be seen in many of the new buildout-put. By "home demand" we ings in town. In fact, Mr. Mooney mean the States at large. One is a live man, in a live town and hundred and forty-five people, his intent is to supply the demand young and old, are employed, and with the best workmanship on the

DARLINGTON NATIONAL BANK. In March, 1881, this institution accredited with being an adept in opened its doors for business. With his profession. En parenthesis we a capital of \$50,000 it at once bemay remark that the quantity of came one of the successful business fuel consumed averages from six to institutions of our town, and to such an extent has its business gone that within the last year the stockholders have increased its capital to \$100,000 The President, Maj. J. L. Coker, is without doubt one of the best and salest busines men in the South Trained to business from his boyhood, a gallant Confed erate soldier, as his title of "Major" and the evidences of wounds received attest, be has carried into every phase of his life an argent. purpose which has marked with success every enterprise in which be has had a part. The Cashier. Maj. H. L. Charles, and the Teller, Mr. L. E. Williamson, are model bank officers, and provided your endorsers are all right, it is a pleasure to deal with the bank. The bank stock cannot be bought, but if it could 140 would indicate its actual worth and 150 to 160 its selling price. In its five years of business the -bank has had no losses. depositors have found it a safe place, and our merchants and cotton buyers find it an excellent institution.

We were pleased to meet a few days since our young triend, Professor Samuel H. Zimmerman now emy. Prof. Zimmerman is an inenterprises throughout the country. structor of rare qualifications, and we congratulate the patrons of the McColl Academy on their good for tune in having secured the services of one so well fitted for the position. zealous efforts to build up a flour-

> Renomination of Mr. Dibble. The Congressional Convention which assembled at Orangeburg on thusiastically renominated the Hon. Samuel Dibble. There was no opposition, and there need not have been any, for Mr. Dibble is too rescutative than he. The Dispa

Piles are frequently preceded by has some affection of the kidneys The business, in all its depart- or neighboring organs. At times,