

SPARTANBURG COUNTY MILLS.

South Carolina leads all the southern states in the manufacture of cotton goods and Spartanburg County leads South Carolina.

The beginning of the industry in the county, like a great many important events of the past, is somewhat clouded and obscure. Certain it is, however, that as early as 1815 colonies from New England, settled in this county on the banks of the Enoree and the Tugers and established small yarn mills. These were but a few degrees above the old-fashioned hand-spinning establishment, water power being used as motive instead of muscle. John Weaver erected a rather pretentious factory on Beaver Dam creek in 1829 and in 1830 Dr. James Prings established a mill at the present site of Glendale, and in 1830 known as Bivingsville.

In 1839 there were 23 cotton mills in the county, 18 corporations, and firms and \$6,579,200 invested.

In 1896 there are 37 mills, 27 corporations and \$9,640,000 invested.

ASSESSMENTS IN 1905.

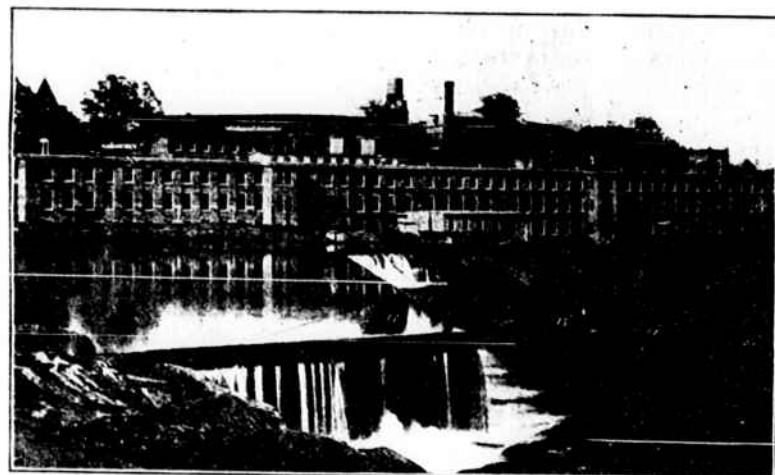
According to the comptroller general's report for 1905, the total assessments for cotton mills in South Carolina, exclusive of Spartanburg County, is \$20,096,944. Taking 60 per cent of the stock, which is the basis for assessment, it will be seen that the assessment of the mills of Spartanburg County would be \$5,777,219, or one-third as much as the entire state besides Spartanburg.

The mills of Spartanburg County have been uniformly successful, only one or two instances of failure having

ing been recorded. They pay dividends of 6 to 12 per cent, and often earn as high as 20 per cent.

APALACHE MILLS.

This mill with a capital of \$350,000 is located two and a half miles north of Greers. It was erected in 1902, on the site of the old Arlington Mill, a small yarn establishment. It is operated by electricity developed



CLIFTON NO. 1.

by water power, has 18,500 spindles and 482 looms. The product is nainsook, lawns, etc., yarns 8's to 19's. L. W. Parker, of Greenville, is president and treasurer.

The community has excellent schools and churches and two stores. One run by the Apalache Mills Company and the other by the Mutual Mercantile Company.

ARCADIA MILLS.

This mill is located about 4 miles from Spartanburg city on the Southern Railway 1-1 miles from Fair Forest. The capital stock is \$200,000. It was built in 1902, has 13,824 spindles and 344 looms, is operated by steam and manufactures wide print cloth. J. L. Bailey & Co., of Philadelphia, are selling agents. H.

ARKWRIGHT.

This mill was erected in 1896 and the capacity has been doubled. It is located 1-1/2 miles from the city, just outside the city limits, and is reached by the trolley line. The capital stock of the mill is \$200,000, 20,256 spindles and 604 looms. It is operated by steam and the product is drills. J. L. Bailey & Co., of Philadelphia, are selling agents. The annual dividend is 6 per cent, payable January and July. R. Z. Cates is president and treasurer. There are two stores—one operated by the company and the other by A. C. Daniel & Bro. Rev. W. P. Smith, of the Baptist Church, and Rev. W. H. Polk, of the Methodist Church, conduct religious services. Miss Sallie Amos teaches the school.

BEAUMONT MILLS.

The Beaumont Manufacturing Co., began business in 1890 as a twine factory, but later on added yarns of all kinds and recently made the mill three times as large as it was originally and now manufactures twines, carpet warps, wide prints and specials. The capital is \$150,000 (common) and \$110,000 (preferred). It operates 19,360 spindles and 252 automatic looms.

J. H. Slean was organizer of the company and president until the time of his recent death, when D. L. Jennings was elected president and treasurer. The Presbyterians and Methodists have preaching there.

BLUE RIDGE HOSIERY COMPANY.

This mill was organized at Landrum in 1901 for the manufacture of hosiery. The capital stock is \$29,000 and operates 95 knitting machines. The president is Joseph Lee of Landrum.

CLIFTON MILLS.

The first Clifton Mill was built in 1880. Since then four separate and distinct mills have been erected, No. 2 being about a mile down Pacolet river from No. 1 and No. 3 on the Southern Railway about a mile above No. 1, which was completely destroyed by the freshet in June 1903, but which has been rebuilt on a commanding eminence, the power being electricity generated by water. The first mill was built on Pacolet river at the site of the old South Carolina Iron Works. It is 7 miles from this city and the three Cliftons have a combined population of over 10,000. It is reached from the city by trolley cars every hour during the day. The track of the electric road from No. 1 to No. 3, which was completely destroyed by the 1903 freshet has not been rebuilt.

The Baptists, Methodists and Presbyterians all have flourishing churches in these villages and splendid schools are provided for the education of the young. The schools are in the charge of T. H. Brann. His assistants are: Misses Kate Magness, W. R. Littlejohn, Lola McClain, Sara Rivers and Corrie Seruzers.

The capital stock of the mills is \$1,000,000 common and \$300,000 preferred. They operate 86,800 spindles and 950 common and 1,650 automatic looms. The product is sheeting, drills and print cloth. The power is water, steam and electricity. Eldridge, Lewis & Co., are selling agents.

A. H. Twitchell is president and treasurer. The common stock pays a dividend of 6 per cent, and the preferred 7 per cent.

The Clifton Manufacturing Company operates large stores at each of the mills. Besides, there are the following merchants: W. R. Boyd, Humphries Bros., Parrish, Sloan & Co.

D. E. CONVERSE CO.

This is the name of the mill at Glendale, which is located on the site of the first manufacturing plant in the county that turned cotton into cloth. It is 5 miles from the city, reached by trolley every hour. The present company was organized in 1870, succeeding the firm of John Bonar & Co., who had conducted the mill after Dr. Bivings. D. E. Converse was president of the company until his death in 1899, and A. H. Twitchell, who is now president and treasurer, was treasurer. It has been greatly enlarged and now has \$500,000 capital, 37,392 spindles and 518 plain and 550 automatic looms. The product is heavy drills, print cloth sheeting. It pays 6 per cent, semi-annually.

The mill community at Glendale consists of about 200 inhabitants; schools, churches and nine stores, as follows: The D. E. Converse Co. store, E. P. Howell, & Co., C. L. McKinney & Co., S. E. Sloan & Co., W. M. Walker, E. J. Henderson, groceries, E. J. Henderson & Co., saw mill, planing works and cotton gin.

Miss Sallie Carson, an experienced

JOHN D. COLLINS.

proprietor of the "Bee Hive," Wholesale and Retailer of Dry Goods, Clothing, Notions, Shoes, Hats and Millinery. The popularity and fame of this well known house is known in Spartanburg and the surrounding country for many miles. The motto of the firm, "The Cheapest Store in the South," has been well demonstrated in the eight years in which the firm has been established here. Mr. Collins has been its proprietor for four years, and in that time the popularity of the house has greatly advanced until at the present time it is leading all competitors in the city. This has been accomplished by its low prices and giving quality at the same time. The firm buys in the largest markets of the country, and in such large quantities that he is perfectly able to give his many patrons the advantage of his bargains which he obtains by doing so.

The firm occupies its own building, which is five stories high and fire-proof, and combines in all a general department store. The building is divided into four departments—the Crockery and House Furnishing Department is in the basement, the main and second floor is devoted to a general Retail Department, while the fourth floor is exclusively wholesale. Mr. Collins is, truly speaking, a self-made man and the best and most widely known merchant in Spartanburg, and deserves great credit for his progressive management. He was formerly in business in Charlotte for nine years before coming here, and at the present time, in connection with his store, conducts a branch in Greenville, S. C. The large business factoring industries of the city might people, and courteous treatment is accorded every customer. Mr. Collins devotes his time almost entirely to his Spartanburg store, making occasional trips to Greenville to see that the business there is maintaining the high standard he requires.

teacher, has charge of the schools, with several assistants.

COMPENS MANUFACTURING CO.

The cotton mill at this place, which is 9 miles from Spartanburg, on the Southern Railway, was organized in 1889, with \$60,000 capital, 10,000 spindles and 264 looms. The mill is operated by steam, manufactures sheeting and has been highly successful from the start. R. R. Brown is president and treasurer. It is the purpose of the stockholders of this mill to double the capacity at an early date.

CRESCENT MANUFACTURING CO.

This mill was established in 1904, in the city of Spartanburg, on the line of the C. & W. C. Railroad. The capital is \$50,000 and 125 operatives are employed. The product is about 150,000 dozen boys' and misses' hosiery, annually. The entire product is shipped North. D. D. Little is president and treasurer.

DRAYTON MILLS.

Organized 1902, Arch B. Calvert, president and treasurer. Common stock \$250,000; preferred stock \$50,000. Preferred dividend 7 per cent, payable January and July. The product is lawns. There are 41,800 spindles and 900 plain looms. The power is steam. The work of doubling the capacity of the mill is now in progress. The mill company operates a general supply store. Miss Alma Linder is the teacher. The Methodists and Baptists have churches.

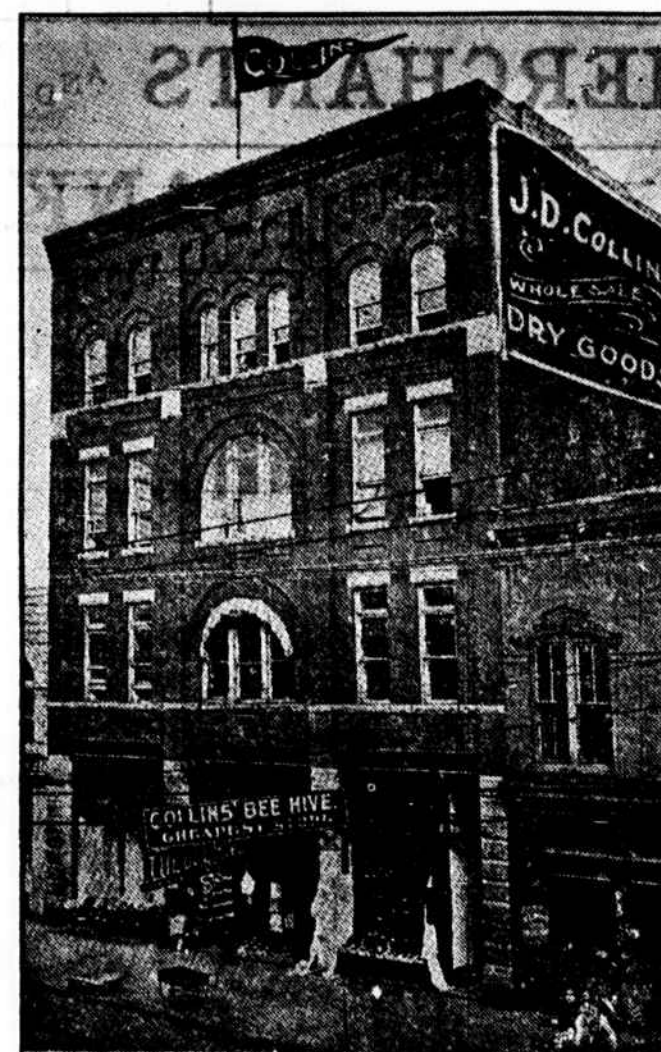
ENOREE MANUFACTURING CO.

Organized in 1888 with Grange S. Coffin president and treasurer. Common stock \$100,000; preferred, \$50,000; common dividend, 5 per cent, preferred 7 per cent; spindles, 36,000; looms (plain) 520; automatic, 440. The product is sheeting and drills. The mill is located on Enoree river on the C. & W. C. Railroad, six miles from Woodruff. Miss Ann Hamilton and Miss Robertson are the teachers. The Methodists, Baptists and Presbyterians have churches. The mercantile establishments are: Enoree Manufacturing Co., general store; W. R. Betsell, J. A. Casey, J. C. Ervin, hardware, Hammett & Co., Hanna Bros., W. B. Tolleson, J. A. Workman & Co.

FINGERVILLE MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

Fingerville Mills are located 15 miles north from Spartanburg on Pacolet river at the site of the old mill built by James Finger and Gabriel Cannon in 1849. This was a small yarn mill, the buildings and machinery costing \$5,000. This mill was burned and a new company, with J. B. Liles as president and treasurer, was organized and built the present mill, which has a capital of \$50,000, operating 9,000 spindles.

THE BEEHIVE



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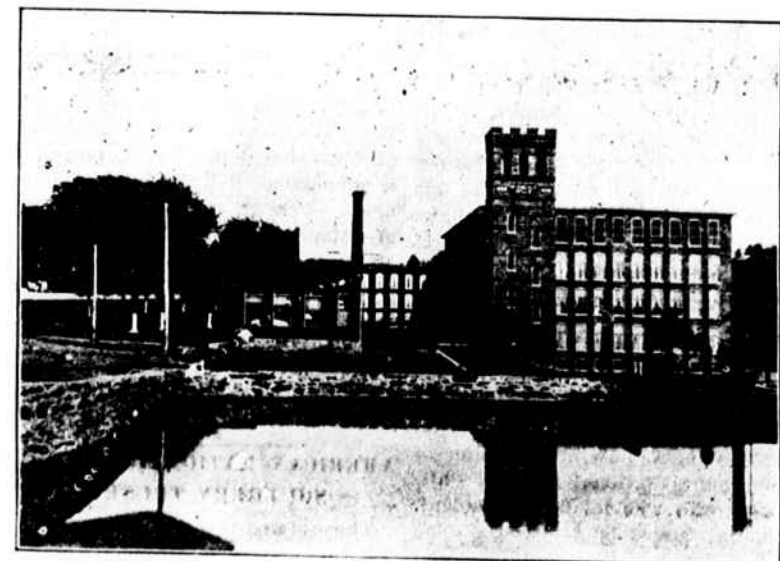
The product is yarns. The Fingerville Company operates a very large store which supplies not only the mill community but has a wide business among the farmers, being located in a fine agricultural section remote from a town. The Methodists and Baptists have regular services. W. A. Coggins is in charge of the schools.

INMAN MILLS.

The Inman Cotton Mills were organized in 1900 at Inman, on the Spartanburg and Asheville road, 12 miles from Spartanburg, with a capital of \$145,000 common stock and \$150,000 preferred stock. Spindles 18,326; looms, 500, plain. James A. Chapman is president and treasurer. The product is fine sheeting. This mill is operated by steam.

MARY LOUISE MILL.

The Mary Louise Mill is located on the Pacolet river, near the Cherokee County line, 12 miles from Spartanburg. It is a yarn mill, with \$28,000 capital. B. E. Wilkins is president and treasurer. The nearest freight, express and telegraph office is Cowpens. The merchants are: J. E. Cash and W. L. Cash. There are several churches and a flourishing school.



GLENDALE MILL.

PACOLET MANUFACTURING CO.

This is the largest manufacturing plant in the county and one of the largest in the South. The capital is \$1,000,000 common stock and \$1,000,000 preferred. The mills are located on Pacolet river, 10 miles from Spartanburg, two miles from Pacolet station on the Spartanburg and Columbia railroad. The first mill was erected in 1882, which was soon followed by an addition, doubling the capacity. Later on a mill half a mile lower down the river, at Trough was erected. Nos. 1 and 2 were completely destroyed by the freshet of 1903 but in their place, a splendid structure known as No. 4 has been

PELHAM MILLS.

This mill is located on Enoree river, the line dividing Spartanburg and Greenville Counties. It is four miles from Greer and in the assessment of the mill property for taxation \$105,534 is put down to Greenville County and \$11,446 to Spartanburg. The mill manufactures yarn, cloth and hosiery.

SAXON MILLS.

Organized in 1900, is located just outside the city limits on the Southern Railway. Capital \$300,000, spindles, 5,088; looms, 300 plain and 320 automatic. The product is print cloth and power, steam. John A. Yaw is president and treasurer. There is an excellent school in the mill village.

CAPITAL STOCK, \$100,000.00

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