

THE LATE CAPT. J. M. HOUGH.

Six months ago there passed from this life a man whom we think Lancaster county could ill afford to lose. We refer to the late J. M. Hough who spent the latter years of his life in Lancaster.

After spending four years in the Civil War with "Butler and His Cavalry" he returned to his native Chesterfield county and began life at the bottom of the ladder. Within a few months he married Martha Clyburn, daughter of Steve Clyburn of Kershaw county.

He settled on the poorest farm perhaps in the State. "Rock-ribbed" and an unforbearing soil; seventy-five miles from the railroad and twenty miles from the village of Lancaster. To augment his income he went into the mercantile business and was a successful country merchant for thirty-nine years. His was not a "wet weather" store, but open every day in the year, Sunday and holidays excepted.

At this country place he reared a large family, five boys and five girls, giving all a college education, who showed a tendency in that direction. On one occasion Colonel Leroy Springs having looked over his farm and met his family gave utterance to something like the following: "Hough, any man who can rear and educate a family on this plantation is a genius of the first water."

No man, perhaps has ever fully understood Captain Hough. Beginning life with less than nothing; an expensive family, few of whom realized the source or the worth of a dollar; handicapped by lack of education and early training, yet in spite of difficulties and discouragements which would have thwarted the purposes of a less courageous man, he made a big success. From a worldly point of view his success was not pronounced, as he did not die possessed of a great deal of property. He nevertheless made and spent a fortune. He was not possessed of "an itching palm." A dollar to him was simply a means to an end. A mere piece of metal. A something provided by the goodness of God and the ingenuity of man to augment happiness; to relieve the desires of his children; to provide for the widow and the orphan; to further the spread of the Gospel. It was never his concern to store up treasures "where moth and rust doth corrupt and thieves break through and steal." In some way he always managed to make ends meet and never lacked for the dollar.

He was possessed of perennial youth. A very boy to the last, he could "Root" for the home team on the diamond with the zest of a sixteen year old. His very nature was one of sustained enthusiasm for all things savoring of life and push and perseverance. He hated sham and despised formality. He sometimes alienated his friends by his utter disregard for conventionalities. Straight to the heart of a matter was his motto—the consequences taking care themselves. Yet his nature was the essence of gentleness. Wherever there was sorrow his heart and sympathy and aid responded at once.

His contact with the business world and his love for public life sharpened his intellect till he was in the best sense of that word, an educated man. His perception was quick and his judgment of the motives of men was seldom far afield. With no literary training and with an utter disregard for the uses of Grammar he could in mid-life hold his own in argument or in public debate with the best minds.

Captain Hough represented Chesterfield county in the legislature for eight years. He never made a second race for the office though there were always six or more aspirants. Just before the election in the year 1892, he made a Sunday school address at one of the voting precincts and when the votes were counted at that box he received every ballot save one. He afterwards offered five dollars reward for the name of the man who was brave enough to stand alone in his community. No one answered the advertisement.

His war record is too well known to mention here. He was promoted time and again for "gallantry on the battlefield" and at one time in the Shenandoah Valley held at bay about three regiments of rankes with eighty dismounted men. He placed his men behind a line of breastworks in such manner as to make it appear that a whole regiment was defending the works. When it seemed his little band would be annihilated, he was relieved after five hours by the appearance of three regiments of "Tar Heels" and won the victory.

Mr. Editor, and you dear reader, does the above recital seem a little extravagant? If so, you never knew the real man. That is your loss. You may have met him in his latter years when there was visible "the serene and

FLINT RIDGE NEWS.

Mr. Editor: I notice Flint Ridge community has not been represented in the columns of your paper in a long time, therefore I will send you a few lines. The health of this community is very good, except lame backs from picking cotton, however the present price seems to ease the pain.

We are going to have a community fair at the Caston school house on October 31, which promises to be a great success. The various committees are hard at work and the exhibits promises to be large and of the very best type. We have as good live stock as can be found anywhere, also some of the best farmers in the county. We extend a most cordial invitation to everybody to come, and especially to Messrs. Luther Ellison and B. F. Adams. Mr. Adams says he lives in the garden spot of the world. If he will come to Flint Ridge on October 31st, he will not hesitate further in agreeing with us that Flint Ridge is that spot.

As to matrimonial aspirants, according to the way a certain young man visits our community, Mr. Stevman will certainly get a job before long. We also have an old widower down here that is so bowlegged that he can walk over a barrel at night and not even know it; so humped back that when he sits down they have to tie him to prevent him from rolling, who wants a young girl with plenty of money and who enjoys working.

Wonder what has become of Brotnor Estridge? We always enjoy reading his letters.

Mrs. Ida Miller and son visited relatives in Kershaw county last week.

Mrs. J. M. Dixon visited her daughter, Mrs. P. W. Twitty, last Sunday.

Mrs. John Bowers is visiting her sister, Miss Lena McWhorter, at Honea Path, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Hinson of Union county, N. C., visited Mr. C. C. Small last week.

Mrs. Edna Small and daughter, Jessie, went to Rock Hill last Tuesday, the former not improving since undergoing an operation a few weeks ago.

Mrs. Matilda Adams visited Mrs. O. C. Adams last Sunday.

A very sad death occurred in this community last Wednesday, being the wife of Mr. Lewis Neal. She was only sick a short while. Her remains were buried at Laurel Hill cemetery, funeral services being conducted by the Rev. J. M. Hammonds. The deepest sympathy of the entire community is extended to the bereaved husband and relatives who live in Kershaw county.

DRY CREEK NEWS.

Prof. O. Roddey Bell and sister, Wren, spent the week-end at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Bell.

Mr. Hasel Crenshaw, who holds a responsible position with the P. & N. Railway Co. spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cauthen.

Misses Beckham have returned home from a three weeks visit at Pablo Beach.

Mrs. E. J. Bailey, who has been ill at the home of her father, Mr. R. S. Floyd, is expected home this week.

Mr. Hazel Cunningham was the guest of Mr. J. A. Cauthen Sunday.

Mr. Walter S. Cauthen returned to his work at Boykin, S. C., Monday morning, after spending Sunday with his parents.

Messrs. Ralph and Hasel Cauthen, who hold positions with the Wateree Power Co., returned to Great Falls, S. C., Sunday to assume their duties Monday morning.

Master Curtis Bell spent Saturday and Sunday with his cousin, Cecil Bell, near Heath Springs.

yellow leaf." After all our love of life and its activities, a man's body may live too long. But never his spirit. Those who knew him at his best will vouch for every word. Words, after all, are poor vehicles. They fail to express the deeper feelings.

During the last days of his life he was still planning for the future. His mind was active to the last. The storm of stress of seventy-five full years had failed to rob him of the zest of life. And so he went away in "the midst of life."

"After life's fitful fever he sleeps well."

From One Who Knew Him.

EXCELLENT BARGAINS

FOR THE HOUSEKEEPER

- Full size Hemstitched Pillow Cases, each 17 1-2c
- Full size Pillow Cases, splendid material each 12 1-2c
- Extra heavy, full size Pillow Cases, hand cut scalloped—Special each 29c
- Very Heavy 81x90 Seamless Sheets, each 75c
- Full size Sheets, very durable each 50c
- 9-4 and 10-4 Bleach and Unbleached Sheeting at all prices.

White Quilts.

We bought a large stock of these Quilts at last year's prices and will give our customers the benefit of this purchase.

- Heavy Crochet Quilts, full size and best Bleach 98c
- Crib and Single Bed White Quilts, best quality \$1.00
- Extra Heavy White Quilts scalloped, fringed or hemmed, \$1.35- \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00
- Beautifully Marseille, scalloped or hemmed Quilts with border to match \$2.00, \$3.00, \$3.50 to \$8.00
- Large size Part Wool Blankets, pair . . . \$1.75
- All Wool Blankets in plain and beautiful plain combinations, pair . . . \$5.00 to \$7.50
- Baby Blankets, in pink and blue, with animal patterns 50c to \$1.00

We have never before shown such a large stock of beautiful Draperies, Cretons and Curtain Materials. Ask to see these new designs and colors.

- Hemstitched Curtains, finished with Cluny Lace and Filet Motifs, pair \$1.50 to \$7.50
- Lace Curtains in Cream, White and Ecru, pair \$1.00 to \$5.00
- Notwithstanding the advance on Linens we are able to show you a splendid assortment of patterns at old prices.
- 72-inch Fine Table Damask—Special, yard 59c
- Splendid Mercerized Table Damask—Special for this month, yard, 25c, 35c and 50c
- Fine Mercerized Napkins, hemmed and ready for use, dozen 65c
- Extra large dinner size at dozen \$1.00 and \$1.50
- 72-inch all pure Irish Linen, in many beautiful new patterns, yard 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00

Napkins to Match Any Cloth.

- Scalloped and Hemstitched Tea Napkins, in pure Linen, dozen \$3.00 to \$6.50
- Pure Linen Scarfs, Tray Cloths, etc., with real Cluny Lace, each 75c to \$2.50

We have just received a beautiful selection of Hall Curtains and Portieres, in rich Tapestry effects, pair \$2.50 to \$8.00

- Window Shades with best guaranteed springs. All colors 35c to 50c
- White Curtain Poles, with Trimmings, each 12 1-2c

Hosiery.

It is with pride we speak of this department for we feel that no merchant carries a bigger stock of such well advertised lines. "Phoenix" Guaranteed Silk Hose, Black,

- White and Colors 75c to \$1.00
- "Onyx" Pure Silk Hose, Black and White, pair \$1.00
- "Gordons" very heavy Silk Hose, White, Black and Evening Shades . . \$1.00
- "Gothem" Gold Band Hose, Black and White, also extra and any size, pair \$1.00 to \$1.50
- "Holeproof" Guaranteed Hose for service, pair 35c to 50c
- "Notaseme" and "Radmeer" Pure Thread Silk Hose, all colors, pair 50c

- "Wonderhose" for Women, Misses, Boys and Infants, every pair guaranteed, all weights, pair 25c
- "Wonderhose" for Ladies, Boys and Girls. An unusual value—guaranteed to satisfy, pair 15c
- "Wonderhose" for Infants, Black, White, Tan and Red, pair 10c and 15c
- "White Leather" extra heavy Ribbed Hose, Black and White—Special pair 10c
- "Fay Ideal Stockings." This is a stocking every mother appreciates—requires no supporters and is extremely economical from many standpoints, Black and White . . . 35c pair; 3 pair \$1.00

Gloves.

We carry a full stock of "Fownes" Real French Kid Gloves. Every lady who has been fitted in one pair always remembers to ask for "Fownes."

- Black and White, also many combinations of new stitchings and embroideries, pair \$1.50
- Very Modish Street, Walking and Driving Gloves, in Ivory, Tan, Black, White and Chamois, pair \$1.50
- Dressy Kid Gloves, White, Black and Cream, pair \$1.25

Notions.

Our stock is most complete. You will find all your dressmaker supplies here, such as Hooks and Eyes and Clasps, all sizes and styles.

- Silk Dress Shields at pair 15c
- Transparent Dress Shields, pair 25c
- Supporters for the Children, Black and White, pair 10c, 15c and 20c.
- Sew on Supporters for Ladies, pair . . . 10c
- All widths of Elastic Tapes, Bias Seam Tapes and Finishing Braids, Heavy Flanellette Kimonas in many beautiful floral designs, full width, each, 50c and 75c
- Empire Kimonas in very desirable colors neatly trimmed with Satin Bands, both light and heavy weight, unusual good values 98c and \$1.25
- Satin Kimonas in lovely shades and very heavy material \$5.75 to \$6.50
- Good quality of Gingham Aprons, each . 25c
- Nurses Aprons, with embroidered Bibs and hemstitched 25c
- Good quality of Black Sateen Underskirts, each 50c
- Gingham and Seersucker Underskirts in fast colors of blue and white stripes, each 50c
- Soft Sateen and "Tico" Silk Underskirts, very wide and with elastic belts 98c to \$1.50
- Silk Messaline Underskirts . . . \$1.98 to \$4.50
- Jersey and Taffeta Underskirts \$4.50 to \$6.50

W. B. Corsets and Brassiers

This is the season when every woman wishes to be correctly corseted as so much depends on this in getting just the right style to your new suit. Come in and let our graduate Corsetiere give her expert advice. She will be glad to suggest just the model you should wear. Tell her your "corset troubles" and be fitted without any obligations to buy. Our stock is most complete. We are proud of the Corsets we show at \$1.00. We have a variety of models and every one will improve the figure and give comfort and excellent service.

- New fall models of front and back lace Corset—a style suited to your figure \$1.50 and \$2.00
- W. B. Famous "Reduso" Corset in the new models, guaranteed to improve any figure \$3.00
- For the young miss we have a dainty new model in pink brocade, slightly lined and elastic top \$1.00
- A splendid line of perfect fitting Brassiers 50c to \$1.50

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