

PIEDMONT SECTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

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section with the mill and a finished product is put on the market.

Oil Mills.

The Southern Cotton Oil Company has a branch oil mill and fertilizer factory and a cotton ginney located here with L. W. Floyd as manager. The plant is successfully operated.

The Farmers' Oil mill was also built four years ago with a capital of \$30,000, Alan Johnstone president and John H. Wicker manager. This company has installed an ice plant and thus keeps the machinery going summer and winter. The ice plant is a twenty ton plant and supplies the ice for the city made from the pure artesian water.

Real Estate and Building Companies.

The Newberry Real Estate Company has opened about one hundred acres partly in the city and partly out of the city with wide streets and boulevards and many lots have been sold and handsome residences are be-

charge: Lutheran, Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Associate Reformed, Presbyterian. The Episcopal also has a small congregation and neat church building, but the rector lives in an adjoining city.

Secret Orders.

The secret orders are well represented in Newberry and have strong and active organizations here.

Railroads.

The three large railway systems of the south—the Southern, Seaboard Air Line and Atlantic Coast Line—touch this point and the railroad facilities are very good.

Telegraph and Telephone.

The Western Union Telegraph Company has offices in Newberry and the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company owns the telephone system, and this gives us long distance as well as telephonic communication with nearly all parts of the county.

A handsome and modern county court house costing \$50,000 is now in

valuation a tax of 3 per cent is not excessive.

Fire Department.

In connection with the excellent system of water works, which we have, there is also a very efficient fire department, which is equipped with the latest improvements in extinguishing fires, and while the department is voluntary, a hose wagon is kept in charge of the driver day and night.

Street Railway.

The city has already granted a franchise for a street railway system the promoters being among our local people with a restriction that the system is to be in operation within two years. There is abundance of undeveloped water power within easy reach of Newberry, some of which it is intended to harness in the near future. In fact, that on Broad river, which is the boundary line of the county on the east, companies are already at work to develop several thousand horse power.

Newspapers.

Two newspapers, both semi-weekly,

night and before touching the floor with their toes in the morning. Maidens until they become brides are urged by their mothers to put their shoes pointing under their bed at night to bring happy dreams, and this will even enable them to converse with the Virgin during their sleep.

When dressing, the right shoe (never the left) is put on first. The buttons of the suit are buttoned upward, that is, starting with the lowest, and ending at the top. This is to signify that we are very low here in this earthly planet, but that during the day we will try to go upward. Furthermore, this practice—if faithfully and constantly observed—will lead us very high to heaven when we die. The contrary will take us down to inferno.

After one is ready to go out of his room one must always move the right foot first. If it happens that you find at the door of your house a bunch of hair or hemp, it is a proof that witch is after you with some ill purpose, and you must at once bring some salt and throw out handfuls as far as you can, one to the east, another to the west, the third to the north and the last one to the south. Then you have nothing to fear from witches in the course of the day. But at night when you retire you must take two very fine sticks, make a cross with them and nail it to your door. No witches, ghosts or devils will bother you thereafter.

If before taking breakfast you happen to see a black cat, three lame fellows on one and the same street or a corpse, it would be better for you to go back home and stay in doors for the day, because something wrong is in store for you.

Tuesday and Friday are very bad omen days, and there is a common saying that means "do not marry or start on any business on Tuesday and Friday."

Black cats, spiders and owls are very bad omen creatures. Never keep a black cat at home, be sure to kill all spiders you see crawling about your bed and always close tight your ears when you hear an owl hoot. Indians abhor owls; they say: "When an owl sings an Indian dies; it may be untrue, yet it always happens."

Butterflies are good or bad omens, according to their color. White ones bring happiness; yellow ones advise us to maintain alive our hopes of love of fortune, and black ones announce that death is stalking around us or our relatives.

The dog is the greatest friend of man; no doubt about that, as he is indowed with the power of seeing ghosts, devils and death. When you hear your dog howling it is proof that he is warning you against some evil event.

One thing of apparently small importance, but which brings fatal results, is the lighting of three cigars or cigarettes on the same match. One of the three persons lighting the cigar with die within the year.

Here we have a very safe means to know whether you are going to die in the course of any given year. It cannot be more simple. You get up early on the morning of January 1 and await on the field for the sun to rise, you looking westward. The minute the sun rises you see your own shadow, enormously enlarged; if it has a head on you are sure to live through the year, but if there is no head at all then you had better draw up your will.—Mexican Herald.

The Modern Public Library.

"The Modern Public Library" is an article of educational interest in the September number of the New Idea Woman's Magazine. There is probably no other public institution which has undergone a greater awakening within the last twenty-five years, and the writer gives an outline of the principal movements which have taken place for the development of the modern library system. The methods which enable the introduction of the best reading matter into the remotest homes, as well as the many inducements which are made to young and old to become interested in good literature, are told about. The children's story hour and the "gang rooms" for boys may not be found in every locality, but their value as an incentive to reading makes a universal appeal. Every one ought to be interested in this account of one of the greatest influences of our modern times.

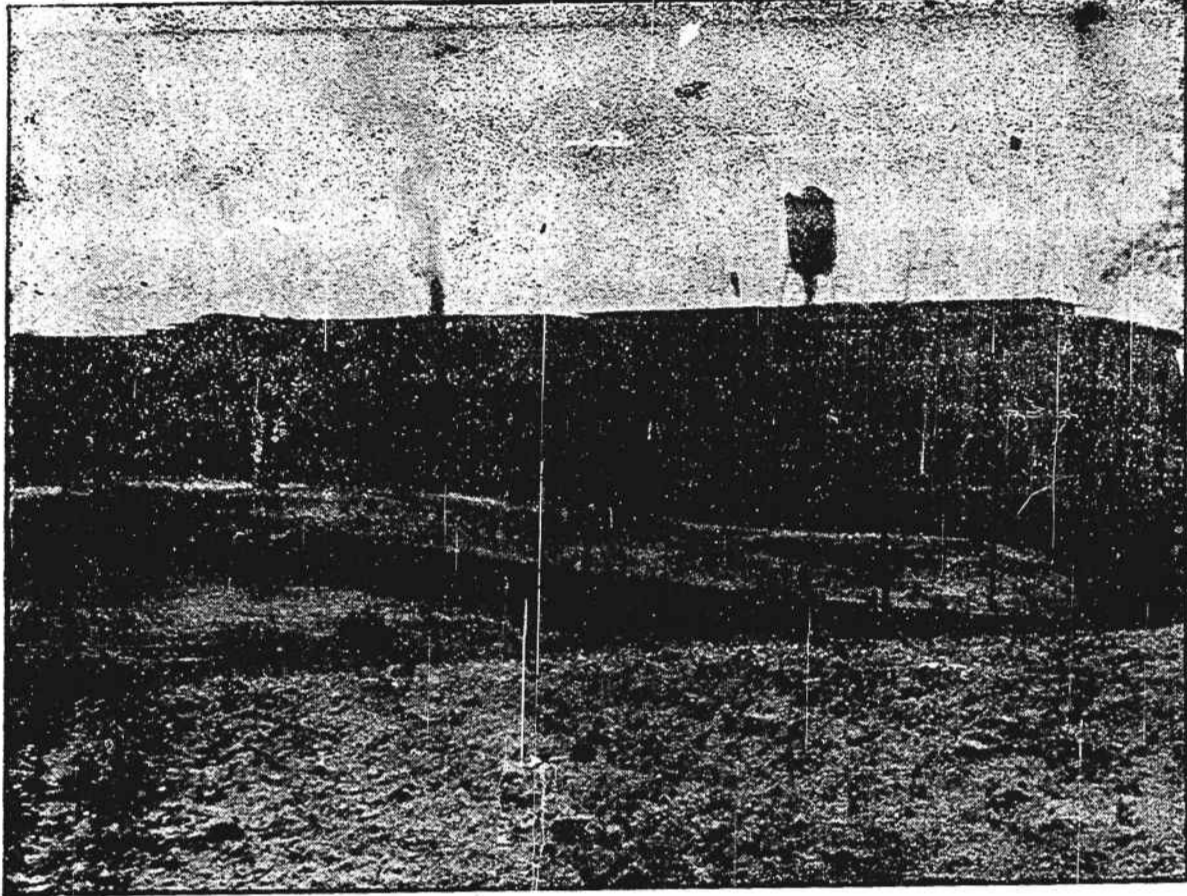
Time It Was Killed.

Particular Diner—This fish, waiter—

Truthful Waiter (promptly)—Was killed this morning, sir.

Particular Diner (approvingly)—You did quite right to kill it, because it had been on shore so long that it must have forgotten how to swim, and would have been drowned if it had ever gone to sea again.

Paris eats 450,000,000 eggs yearly.



NEWBERRY COTTON MILL.

ing built in this portion of the city. Dr. O. B. Mayer is president of this company, which is doing so much for the upbuilding of the city by supplying desirable lots for homes. No community can have substantial growth unless it is composed of home owners. Their interest in the general welfare is thus enhanced by the ties of home and this fact has done much to make Newberry's growth so steady and substantial.

The Security, Loan & Investment Company, with W. H. Hunt as president and a capital of \$50,000, has also been very successfully managed and is paying good dividends to the stockholders.

The Newberry Land and Security Company was organized in 1901 and has a paid up capital of \$27,000. It deals in real estate, buying and selling the same. It has been successful and has paid dividends from the beginning and is now paying a dividend of 8 per cent. Dr. O. B. Mayer is president and Mr. John M. Kinard secretary and treasurer.

Just the last month the Newberry Building & Loan Company with a capital of \$100,000 was organized. The purpose of this company is to do a building and loan business and encourage the buying of homes.

Bottling Plants.

The Newberry Coca Cola Bottling company with a capital of five thousand dollars and Mr. W. S. Langford as President and General Manager, was organized in February of this year, and is doing a general bottling business.

The Try Me Bottling works, with H. A. Petteard as proprietor, is also engaged in the general bottling business.

Mr. C. C. Davis operates a first class wood working shop and turns out a high grade of hard wood finish and he also does a large contracting business.

Fine Granite.

All through this section is a fine granite formation and while the quarries have not been opened to any extent, there may be found an abundance of the finest granite in this county near to the city and easy of access.

The clay of this section is adapted to the manufacture of high grade brick and many thousand are kilned every year.

Religious Denominations.

All of the religious denominations are represented in the town and the following have handsome modern church buildings with local pastors in

process of erection and will be completed during this year.

City Government.

The city owns a large and commodious opera house which was built some years ago at a cost of \$25,000. The city government is in safe and conservative hands and at present is composed of A. T. Brown, mayor; P. F. Baxter, J. R. Green, L. W. Floyd, J. J. Langford and E. L. Rodlesperger, as aldermen, and Eugene S. Werts as clerk and treasurer.

The bonded indebtedness is as follows:

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| Opera House | \$24,000 |
| Graded School | 12,500 |
| Water Works | 42,000 |
| Sewerage | 25,000 |
| New Bonds | 22,000 |

This is provided for in the accumulation of a sinking fund.

Of these bonds the Commissioners of Public Works have already accumulated a sinking fund of something over thirteen thousand dollars, which is held for the redemption of the forty-two thousand issue. It has been impossible to obtain any of these bonds, as the parties who have them took them as an investment and do not care to have investment changed. Of the twelve thousand five hundred dollars in bonds for the Graded school, the sinking fund which is held for the redemption of these bonds now amounts to seven thousand dollars.

Low Tax Rate.

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| The total levy is | |
| For State purposes | 4 1-2 mills. |
| For Constitutional School | 3 mills. |
| For County | .3 mills. |
| For City Purposes | 6 mills. |
| For Graded School | 3 mills. |
| For Court House | 1-2 mills. |
| For Water and Lights | 2 1-2 mills. |
| For Sewerage | 1 mill. |
| For Opera House | 3-4 mill. |
| For R. R. Bonds for Township 2 mills. | |
| For R. R. Bonds Expenses | |
| Refunding | 9-20 mills. |
| Total for Town and County 26 7-10. | |

While this rate may seem a little high, it should be borne in mind that the assessed valuation for taxation is very low, being not more than 40 per cent of actual value in most cases. The total for 1906 was \$1,986,260. Even with this low valuation and the restrictions of our state constitution as to bonded indebtedness, there is room for the issue of additional bonds for public improvements. The constitution limits the bonded indebtedness of any municipality to 8 per cent of its assessed value. And with this low

are published in this city. They compare favorably with publications of like character in other communities of similar size. Both operate up-to-date job plants. The Herald and News is edited by E. H. Aull and the Observer by W. H. Wallace.

After the first of July the post office authorities will instal a system of free city delivery of mail. Already the rural delivery of mail by carriers reaches every section of the county, eight of these routes going out from Newberry.

The merchants are thrifty, prosperous and up-to-date and a fine class of business man.

With an intelligent, moral, sturdy, thrifty and progressive citizenship and surrounded by farms and intelligent farmers, there is a bright future ahead for Newberry, and she is just entering an era of industrial growth far in excess of anything she has achieved in the past. The chamber of commerce, which has but recently celebrated its first anniversary, is accomplishing much in getting the people together and in closer touch for the upbuilding and the making of the New Newberry and at the same time, holding steadfast to the traditions of the past and those sturdy traits of character which have given Newberry her place in the history of South Carolina, and cherishing and instilling in her youth those high sentiments and ideals which make for true manhood and womanhood.

MEXICAN OMENS.

Alomts a Religion, Governing Every Act of the People.

Mexicans enjoy the well earned reputation of being one of the most superstitious races of the world. Superstition exists wherever there is a human being but Mexico seems to be the place where all human superstitions are centered. To such an extent is this true that superstition has become a kind of religion, governing every act of the people.

Take the average Mexican of the poorer classes, and you may hear from his lips hair-raising stories of ghosts and fairies and devils. He will tell you of the rare qualities of many animals, plants and stones, of the things you can do and those you cannot on certain days of the week or the month and finally, he will invite you to make the sign of the cross to drive away the devils and the ghosts that may have been attracted by the conversation you have had.

From their earliest childhood the peons are taught to make the sign of the cross before going to sleep at

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