

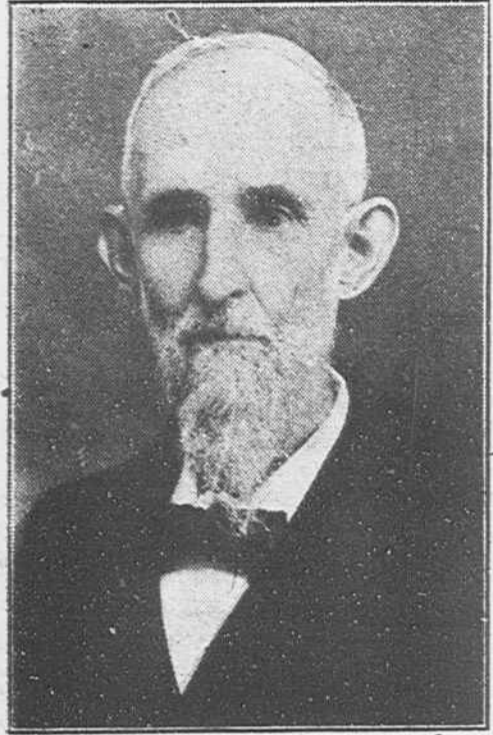
Good Old Days In Newberry From 1850 to 1860 Recalled

Editor The Herald and News:

I had intended to prepare an article for the semi-centennial edition of your paper, but I was so overwhelmed by the mention of my name as a contributor that I confess that I am almost ashamed to write a line. However, as I have been announced as a contributor I will say something of my life in Newberry. I will begin with my life as a boy in Columbia.

I was then about 16 or 17 years of age, and began my life in the business world as a printer in the office of The Carolinian, that paper then being owned by Dr. R. W. Gibbs. It was my privilege then to set up the advertisements. They were what printers know as "fat"—that is it paid well—your job paid for a great deal of what was already set up.

One night there was a small advertisement from the Newberry Sentinel, a paper then printed in Newberry, for three printers. I kept this to myself, but the next morning at the depot in Columbia I found four of the boys from our office ready to take the train for Newberry. This is enough of how I came to Newberry to live. I worked



in the office of the Newberry Sentinel from January till September, after which time I decided to quit the printing business. I then went to work in the drug store of Dr. Pratt. Later on I became a member of the firm of Land & Bruce, druggists.

I was in Newberry from 1851 to '61, and I know all about the town in those days. Newberry was at that time a very small village of about 500 inhabitants, but grew rapidly into a town of

importance. The farmers all of a sudden began to move to town and open stores. It only required two or three years to ruin them all. To the best of my recollection Henry Halfacre was the only one that succeeded. He was prudent and saved for himself and his family. At that time what had been an old field was built up into stores a hundred feet long by thirty feet wide. Newberry was a town having a railroad then, and drew trade from a great many other places. The streets were almost crowded with wagons loaded with cotton from Edgefield, Laurens, Union and Fairfield. There was no end to the trade the town received. There were two firms in Newberry that did a million-a-year business. Walker & Glenn and Agnew & Co. But as the railroad was extended farther up the country the market decreased. From forty thousand bales a year it gradually decreased to thirty and twenty thousand, and while the town still grew in importance it was materially hurt with the extension of the railroad. But the good old town of Newberry still lives all the same, and I am glad to say she is still yet, not with the same growth of those early years before the railroads were extended, but in the true worth and quality of her people.

In those days Newberry had a fine lot of men as doctors, lawyers and merchants. In the way of judges there were Judge O'Neill and Chancellor Johnstone. At the bar were Lambert Jones, J. H. Williams, James M. Baxter, Silas Johnstone, Chris Suher, Simeon Fair and many others. In the line of doctors we had Dr. O. B. Mayer (who was always my best friend and instructor), P. B. Ruff, T. W. Thompson and D. E. Ewart (whom I think has a son now living in Newberry), and many others whose names I can not now recall.

We were a very happy people in those days. Parties were given by many of the best people in town, and everybody who was anybody was always invited. A few years ago James F. Bacon of Edgefield was sent an old copy of The Rising Sun, a paper then printed in Newberry, giving an account of a fancy dress ball given by Mrs. Col. Fair in 1858. He had it republished in the Charleston News and Courier, and the only comment he made was: "Are any now living who attended that party?" I wrote to him and told that Mrs. Y. J. Pope and myself were two still living that were present on that occasion. Mrs. Pope was at that time about 16 years of age, and as pretty as a pink, and the last time I saw her, which was a few years ago, she was truly a beautiful woman. Before I

close, I would like to mention two other food friends of mine who are still living in Newberry, and they are Spencer G. Welch and W. Y. Fair. I could say a great deal more about the people of Newberry during the ten years of my residence there, but suppose others will do that. While it gives me great pleasure to recall those good old days now gone by, there is a tinge of sadness as I realize how many of those whom I loved and revered have long ago passed into the "great beyond."

Very truly yours,

R. H. Land.

THE COTTONSEED OIL INDUSTRY. (By Harry W. Dominick.)

The cotton seed oil mills of Newberry county have played no little part in the development—agricultural and financial—of this section, and to them is due a share of the credit of placing the once-despised outcast—but now "Prince"—cotton seed in his rightful position alongside King Cotton. Although yet in its infancy, perhaps no industry has made such rapid strides as has the cotton oil industry in the comparatively few years of its existence, and it is today one of the giants of activity in this state.

The cotton oil industry had its beginning in Columbia, South Carolina, several years prior to the War Between the Sections, and from that small beginning has spread to all parts of the cotton growing section of the country. The practicability and the possibilities of the business were not fully realized, however, until several years after the close of the war, and it was not until some years later that oil mills began to spring up in different portions of the state. There were only a few mills in South Carolina when the citizens of Newberry county decided to erect a plant in the town of Newberry.

On June 24, 1890, a number of citizens of this county met in the council chamber to discuss the proposition. John O. Peeples presiding. The project received the enthusiastic endorsement of the citizens, and on July 9, 1890, the Newberry Cotton Seed Oil Mill and Fertilizer company was formed, with a capitalization of \$30,000. The stockholders elected the following board of directors: G. F. Long, J. M. Johnstone, L. W. Floyd, T. M. Neel, T. V. Wicker, O. B. Mayer, H. H. Folk, Geo. S. Mower, Geo. W. Sumner. The following officers were elected: President, J. M. Johnstone; vice president, T. M. Neel; secretary, treasurer and general manager, L. W. Floyd; attorney, Geo. S. Mower. On July 4, 1894, L. W. Floyd was elected president to succeed J. M. Johnstone, retaining also the offices of secretary, treasurer and general manager. He held these positions until the property changed hands in 1901.

On August 4, 1890, the building was begun on the site on South Caldwell street, facing the Southern and C. N. & L. railroads, and on December 29, 1890, the mill began operations. The

original capacity of the plant was 20 tons of seed crushed every 24 hours and in addition, large quantities of fertilizers were mixed. For several seasons thereafter the hulls were used in the boilers, there being no other known use for them at that time. The ginnery was erected in 1891.

The enterprise proved to be one of the best-paying industries in this section, handsome dividends being declared annually. When the plant was sold to the Virginia-Carolina Chemical company on May 15, 1901, the stockholders received \$1.50 for each dollar invested in the property. This mill was afterwards absorbed by the Southern Cotton Oil company, and is still numbered among the plants of that vast system of oil mills. The capacity of this mill is now sixty tons of seed crushed daily, in addition to the operation of a large fertilizer mixing plant



and a ginnery of one hundred bales of cotton per day capacity. This mill is now under the management of L. W. Floyd, Harry W. Dominick being cashier. It will thus be seen that Mr. Floyd has served for a quarter of a century as manager of this plant, having served uninterruptedly in this capacity since the organization of the mill in 1890.

The past decade or so has seen the establishment of four other oil mills in Newberry county, the Prosperity Cotton Oil Mill company, Prosperity; the Farmers' Oil Mill, Newberry; the Pomaria Oil Mill, Pomaria; the Little Mountain Oil and Fertilizer company, Little Mountain.

The Prosperity Oil Mill company was organized in 1903, with a capital of \$40,000. This plant has a capacity of 20 tons of seed daily, and has a ginnery which can turn out 60 bales of cotton per day. The officers of the company are: President, Dr. J. S. Wheeler; vice president, R. T. Pugh; secretary and treasurer, C. B. Bedenbaugh; general manager, H. J. Rawl.

The Farmers' Oil Mill, capitalized at \$50,000, was organized in May, 1904, and began operations in September of

the same year. This mill has a capacity of 40 tons of seed per day. A ginnery, with a capacity of 75 bales of cotton per day, an ice plant, with a capacity of 20 tons of ice daily, and a roller mill, with a capacity of 50 barrels of flour, are operated in connection with the oil mill and under the same management. The ice plant was erected in May, 1907, and the roller mill in June, 1915. The officers of the Farmer's Oil Mill are as follows: President, Alan Johnstone, Sr.; secretary, treasurer and general manager, J. H. Wicker; bookkeeper and cashier, K. A. Feagle.

The Little Mountain Oil Mill and Fertilizer company, with a paid up capital of \$35,000, is an up-to-date plant of 20 tons capacity. It has in addition an improved ginnery and roller mill. Under the supervision of efficient officers, this enterprise has been most successful, and is today numbered among the best paying investments in this section. J. C. Epting of Little Mountain is president, secretary and treasurer and J. W. Washington superintendent.

The Pomaria Oil Mill of Pomaria is owned and operated by A. H. Shealy, who is a young, energetic and practical oil mill man. This plant was erected about ten years ago, and has been the leading industrial enterprise of that community since its organization. The capacity of the plant is 20 tons of seed per day, and in connection with the mill a large ginnery is operated.

All of the oil mills in Newberry county have been successfully managed, and have proved to be good investments for the stockholders. Since the beginning of the industry in this county, the price of cotton seed has risen from \$9 a ton—which was the average cost during the first season—to \$45 per ton, which has been paid on the local market this season.

Many other startling and important facts could be mentioned in connection with the industry, such as the many new uses which have been found for the products of oil mills in recent years but, after all, they would only emphasize the fact that, although oil mills have now been in operation for almost half a century, the industry is still in its infancy, and time alone can unfold the many wonders that are yet to come out of the once-despised cotton seed—and all the result of the cotton seed oil industry. In the words of another: "Cotton seed feeds you and your beast, clothes you, dresses wounds, cures your diseases, gives you a soft bed to sleep upon, covers you when cold, keeps you clean, lights your houses and your mines, beautifies your temples, paints your houses, lubricates your machinery, disintegrates the rocks that impede your progress, gives you a roof over your head, repels the foe from your soil. If there is any other product of nature under the canopy of heaven that is so intimately connected with the welfare and progress of man, I can not find it."

When They Can't Fix It
either send it back to the factory or throw it on the scrap heap, is what those who know the men say of Sam Dominick and the Dominick Auto Motor and Repair Company. Sam and Gus Setzler know automobiles from crank shaft to windshield—and the are the doctors. Both skilled mechanics and both of them hustlers in all that the word implies. The Dominick Auto and Repair Company is the newest garage in Newberry—and "a new broom sweeps clean." If you need repairs on your auto or any kind of motor you will do well to phone Sam. And, say, have you seen that Overland car he's selling? Well if you haven't need a car, "just take a tip from dad" and phone Sam. It's some car; can't be touched by any of 'em at the price. Guess you've heard about the Knight motor. Well the Overland has the Knight motor in it—and it's the only car that sells for anything near the price that has Kings, princes and potentates buy cars with Knight motors. Phone Sam. He'll be glad to demonstrate the Overland.

CALDWELL & HALTIWANGER

A Very Attractive Store For the Ladies
of the Community—Well Estab-
lished Business.

One of the most attractive stores to the feminine view of things in Newberry is Caldwell & Haltiwanger's, on Main street. This store makes a specialty of ladies ready to wear, and carries a large stock of a high grade of goods, offering to its patrons the very best that is put on the market in ladies' ready-to-wear and notions to suit the feminine taste. This business has been in successful operation for about fifteen years, having succeeded the well known and popular Cash Company. Messrs Caldwell & Haltiwanger have, after making a conspicuous success in Newberry, gone to Columbia and opened a ladies' store which is one of the leading business houses of the capital city. The business here is under the management of Mr. Joseph T. Hutchison, who is thoroughly familiar with the business and with the trade. He is an authority on ladies' goods, having had a long and wide experience in that line of work, and being affable and pleasing to the women of the community who do the trading.

This store handles all kinds of ladies ready-to-wear and dry goods, notions and fancy goods. They have a millinery department that is second to none in the state, and is patronized by the ladies from all parts of this section who come to Newberry to trade with Caldwell & Haltiwanger. Mr. Hutchison is a good buyer and an excellent salesman. He keeps his stock up, and can supply all that the lady making her own outfit wants to complete it. He is a good advertiser and his announcements to the trade are always read eagerly by the housewives.

R. H. ANDERSON'S DECEMBER SALE



Big Clothing Values

50 Men's all wool suits, a regular \$15 value, sale price is \$9.90. See our line.

Prices ranging from \$6.50 up to \$18. All wool \$9.90.



\$1.98

TO

\$4.50

All the latest styles. Give us a look.



\$1.19

TO

\$3.98

Cloth Top, all latest styles

All wool serge \$10.00, \$12.50, \$14.98, \$18 and \$22.50; fur trimmings; sale \$9.90

Ladies' coats just arrived by express. Here you can get a good coat for little money \$2.98 to \$18. If you are going to buy a coat or coat suit, do not miss this chance



One case 7 1-2c apron gingham, special..... 6¹/₂c

One case solid color oil calico, special yard..... 5c

50c rolls quilt bundles, special bundle, at..... 48c

One lot all wool serge, leading shades 50c value, special yard..... 39c

3 solid cases ladies' 60c underwear, in fleeced and ribbed, special garment..... 48c

Lot Big cotton blankets, now 98c at.....

Lot Wool blankets, now \$2.48 up at.....

BOYS' AND GIRLS' RAINCOATS Guaranteed Waterproof

Ladies' Rain-coats at \$2.48 to \$4.98

Don't forget we handle Boys' Clothing; suits.. \$1.98 to \$10

Lot Men's 60c Leggings, now 48c at.....

Lot Men's Overgaiters, now 25c at.....

400 pairs men's shoes, \$2.50 and \$3.00 values, sale price..... \$1.98

Our \$3 50 Heavy Shoes \$2.98

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\$3 Crepe de Chine Waist \$1.98