

News.

Opening. The Spring Opening of Hirsch Bros. & Co. will be on Wednesday and Thursday, March 27th and 28th, at Hirsch Bros. & Co. Old Iron Wanted. Will pay the highest price for same. H. L. SCHLOSSBERG, Proprietor N. Y. Racket Store, door north of Mr. A. D. Kennedy's.

New Milliner. The enterprising firm of Hirsch Bros. & Co. have a new milliner, Miss Sabie Davis, of Baltimore, who will be pleased to show the ladies of Camden and surrounding country the beautiful line of Millinery which has just come in.

Camden's Pleasant Northern Visitors. All of Camden's northern winter guests who witnessed the polo contest between Aiken and Camden seemed as zealous upholders of the local team as the people of Camden themselves, and many expressions of satisfaction were heard from them at Camden's splendid victory.

Re-Union Rates. A rate of 1 cent per mile over all the railroads in the State has been secured for the reunion of the Confederate veterans in Columbia in May. This insures a large attendance and Columbia is going to make it one of the best meetings ever held for our gallant old Confederate veterans.

Death of a Good Young Man. It was with sadness that we learned on Monday morning of the death of that excellent young man, Mr. Alorza McCoy, son of Capt. J. M. McCoy. Mr. McCoy was a most excellent young man and was just 19 years of age. His death occurred at 2:45 Monday morning. He was a member of Pine Tree Presbyterian Church. The burial took place on Monday afternoon at the family burying ground near Capt. A. M. Dunn's.

Dr. Fate II. The many friends in Camden of Dr. J. Thos. Fate, the beloved former pastor of the Camden Methodist church will be sorry to learn that he is quite sick. A communication from Florence to one of the daily papers, says: "Dr. J. Thos. Fate, of the Methodist church, has gone to Johns Hopkins hospital, Baltimore. He has been ill in health for several months, and is now suffering from complications. Dr. B. G. Gregg accompanied him."

A Busy Contractor. One of the busiest contractors in town is Mr. O. M. Fort. The secret of this is that Mr. Fort does his work well—his object being to do his work right and thereby please those for whom he works rather than make an unjust profit. The consequence is that when one gets Mr. Fort to do one piece of work he wants no one then to do his work except Mr. Fort. We know whereof we speak and it affords us pleasure to state that Mr. Fort is a most satisfactory man to deal with.

Automobile in Camden. Mr. W. A. Garland, of our city, has been corresponding with makers of automobiles with the view of buying one or more for use in connection with his livery business. One of them came over, across the country, from Columbia on Friday last for him to look at, but as their time was limited they took the machine back to Columbia. Mr. Garland expects them back again soon when he will investigate more fully into the merits, etc., of it. An automobile in regular service upon our streets will be something new, but we are on the move, and of course, expect to keep up with the times.

We are not out of the dry goods business, call and see our stock, we are giving special prices. S. N. Sowell & Co. Spring Calicos, Gingham, Madras, Percales, etc., in great abundance at the Gilt Edge Store. Get your Easter Suit—Largest and Best line to select from now at Hirsch Bros. & Co. Special bargains at Sowell's every day. Don't fail to call on them. Tapestries Curtains at Geisenheimer's.

Advertised Letters. The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed for in the Camden post office for week ending March 18, 1901: J. E. Cannon, David Montgomery, B. W. Heeler, S. Lentz, Ansel Eberhart, C. H. Barker, John Joye, J. D. Aitford, George Pope, Charlie Smith, D. G. Zaigler, Thos. Montgomery, Solomon MacLarin, A. A. Nathan, II W. Anway, Mary Dorsey, Marie Green, Mrs. Wallace Hall, Mrs. C. S. Hensinger, Miss L. H. Moore, Lillie Wheeler, Mattie Mickle, Maggie McCoy, Francis John, Narcis Matthew. Parties calling for these letters will please state what week they were advertised.

JOHN R. GOODALE.

On Saturday, March 16th, 1901, at his home in Camden, John R. Goodale departed this life in the sixty-third year of his age. He was born in Sumter county, S. C., on the 24th day of October, 1838. He came to Camden while yet a small boy, and here he spent the remainder of his life. What he was and what he did were known of all men, for it was characteristic of him that you always knew where to find him. He thought for himself, and, as is usual with such men, his conduct throughout life was based on his convictions. He took an active part in all that affected the public welfare, and he was a distinct force in the community—in the schools, in politics, in the affairs of the town and in his church. He was several times an alderman and twice mayor of Camden, and served one or more terms as coroner of Kershaw county. He was always faithful and efficient.

In 1861, he entered the Confederate Army as a private in Co. D, 7th S. C. Battalion, and when he was discharged he was a Lieutenant in Co. E of the same command. He participated in numerous engagements on the coast of South Carolina, in Virginia and in North Carolina. He was severely wounded in the shoulder at Drury's Bluff. It is said of him that he was in every respect a good soldier—that there was no danger he would not face and no duty he would not perform. The fact that, after having been tried and proved, he was elected an officer in another company than his own, tells of his own age and efficiency. When the war ended, he resumed business in Camden, and always had the confidence and esteem of all who knew him. He was generous to the poor and needy, as many who were recipients of his bounty will remember.

He was twice married—first to Miss Eugenia A. Fox, of Charleston, S. C., who died during the war, and in 1865, to Miss Sallie Arrant, who, with one daughter, Mrs. Arthur E. Crane, five sons of her own, Messrs. W. D. N. R. T. E. R. T., Charles B. and one, Mr. J. J. Goodale, of his former marriage, and little Tom Roland Shiver, the son of a predeceased daughter, Mrs. Kate Shiver, the wife of Mr. Job Shiver, survive him.

Mr. Goodale was for more than thirty years a member of the Camden Baptist Church, and was for many years a deacon of the church. Truly his State has lost a good citizen, his neighbors a valued friend, his church a useful member, and his family a loving husband and father, whose example and influence will be sorely missed.

The funeral services took place at the Baptist Church, Sunday afternoon being conducted by Rev. W. W. Mills, assisted by Rev. J. L. Stokes. His six sons acted as pallbearers. The honorary pall bearers were Messrs. John T. Nettles, C. R. Lewis, Hon. W. D. Trautman and Dr. D. L. DeSaussure.

Death of Col. John R. Ashe.

Col. John R. Ashe died in Yorkville on Monday night last. The following very correct account of the unfortunate occurrence is given by the Yorkville Enquirer: "Although the fact was not definitely known until a few days ago, Mr. Ashe had been in increasing financial troubles for two weeks or more. His recent trip North, ostensibly to buy goods to stock the big dry goods store that was recently erected upon the company's grounds, was really for the purpose of making financial arrangements to meet certain notes that are about to fall due, and to procure money with which to continue the operations of the mill until the yarn market regained its normal condition.

"When Mr. Ashe left Yorkville the idea of failure did not enter into his remotest calculations. He felt sure that the needed financial arrangements would be made with ease, but as one after another of the yarn men upon whom he was counting declined to give the desired aid his hopes sank lower and lower until he was completely unerved. He returned to Yorkville in a state of nervous and mental collapse that was indeed pitiable. Until this time the directors of the company were not fully acquainted with the situation.

"At a meeting called for the purpose last Saturday Mr. Ashe explained the mill's embarrassment. The story in brief was to the effect that there was about seventy thousand dollars' indebtedness in round numbers. This included forty thousand dollars' worth of machinery, but recently received but not yet in operation, but which gave no cause for concern, because the credit of the mill was perfectly good with the people from whom it had been purchased. In addition to this there was due some twenty-three thousand dollars for warehouse cotton that had been spun and sold and the proceeds diverted to permanent improvements, the big store buildings, cottages, etc. This money, under the terms of the contract with the warehouse people, belonged to them, and its diversion had been unauthorized.

Then again, there was a note of seven thousand dollars, falling due during the present month, and, although the books of the company showed assets to the amount of \$250,000, there was no money on hand with which to meet pressing needs. "All this Mr. Ashe explained to the directors and he showed them how the corporation was in urgent need of about thirty thousand dollars, which was only to be obtained under the circumstances through their indorsement as individuals of a

lent note. It was his plan to take up this note at the earliest possible moment with funds of the mill, to be used as soon as the necessary arrangements could be perfected. Several of the directors, read to him the proposed note, putting their mill to bed, but it was not until several days later that the plan fell through. "Almost dead by now, Mr. Ashe now gave up the struggle and took to his bed in a state of nervous prostration. "During Sunday and Monday Mr. Ashe was first up and then down. Quite a number of sympathizing friends who realized his unfortunate condition, called upon him and tried to persuade him that the situation was not nearly so bad as he thought, but they were unable to make any impression upon him. It developed that he had not had an hour of rest and sleep for nearly two weeks. Unknown to his friends and business colleagues he had brooded and thought over the impending trouble until his mind had become unbalanced and he was impressed with nothing that was said to him. He insisted that he had done all that was possible, and told his friends not to count on him any further, but to go ahead with whatever they thought best and it would have his approval.

The reporter called upon Mr. Ashe Monday night, and found him in bed. The conversation was confined principally to the mental and physical condition of the sufferer. It appeared that the only two things that the unfortunate man realized positively were the facts that he was in serious financial trouble and that he was mentally unbalanced. He was glad to have company. During a minute or two he could talk clearly and comprehensively enough. Then he would have trouble in completing his sentences. He showed no signs of insanity, but only of aberration. In all that he attempted to say, he was perfectly rational, and except from his halting speech, occasionally there was no noticeable peculiarity in his condition. "I am wrong in the head," he would say, as he found himself unable to complete a sentence. After an interval he was ready to begin again and make his remarks comprehensive enough. Speaking of the status of the mill, during a lucid moment, he was clear and logical. He said: "It is the best mill in the South, and there is less dead capital around it."

"Shortly before 12 o'clock Mrs. Ashe noticed her husband from his bed. She had also lost much sleep, and had not closed her eyes for two nights on account of the distressing condition of Mr. Ashe. Waking up from a fitful slumber, she found that Mr. Ashe had gone. Fearful that something dreadful had happened, she sent out and alarmed the neighbors, a number of whom promptly gathered at her home. A search was instituted at once. Mrs. Ashe expressed the hope that there was no hope of finding Mr. Ashe alive. He had left his clothes in the room. The searchers made a careful examination of the premises and looked in the well. They let down the bucket without finding anything. Two or three went out to the York Cotton Mills, with the expectation of finding the missing man either on the road or in the reservoir there. Mr. G. H. O'Leary made another sounding of the well and discovered something in the water that gave a suspicion of the horrible truth. A man went down in the well and found that the suspicion was a fact. This was about 2 o'clock in the morning and the presumption is that the body had been in the well about two hours. The removal of the body, which had evidently gone in feet foremost, was accomplished with great difficulty, the deceased being a very heavy man, weighing something like 285 pounds.

"Col. Ashe was a native of York County and was born in 1836. He was a business man of unusual boldness and unbounded ambition. He was very sensitive of criticism and many of his closest friends are of the opinion that it was this fact that drove him to self destruction, the loss of prestige in allowing himself to get into difficulties that he could not overcome. He was twice married and leaves nine children, three by his first wife and six by his second. Two of his sons, John and Jeffrey, are cadets at the Citadel Academy and will probably arrive in Yorkville tomorrow morning. Col. Ashe's individual interest in the York Cotton Mill is said to be \$67,000.

"Although the indebtedness of the York Cotton Mill is \$70,000, it is not thought that either the stockholders or the creditors are in any danger of losing anything. The plant is said to be one of the best, equipped in the South. All the machinery is of the very best pattern and up to date in every particular. Last October, when it was decided to make the improvements which have resulted in the financial embarrassment of the company, the company was free from debt. It is probable that during the next few days the necessary financial arrangements will be perfected to meet all obligations. In fact it is said that they would have been arranged to-day but for the sad tragedy told of above.

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The Spring

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