As seen by the First Gazette of....

We think it proper to state at the start of a brief description of our surroundings. This is not intended as an industrial relic. It will, however, give some glimpse of the city and some idea of the names of some of the places. We believe it will be read with interest by all who will be present for service, as it will serve in future years to make and locate a number of persons in the history of Chester.

The present population of the city we do not know. As population is nearly stabilized, we should write such figures as 5,000, but we believe that 5,000 would probably be the highest and the last side of the truth. In 1871, by an examination of which we have a 100% return, it was given as 4,053. This census shows a very rapid growth, and Chester is never before so prosperous, in every rapid growth, and Chester.

C. N. NAIL, "Valley Racket."
THE CITY OF CHESTER

As seen by the Post-Glomerated "The Lastern."

We think it proper to make our starting point by a brief description of the City of Chester, intended as an industrial review. It was, however, give some idea of the play that is going on and the names of some of the players. We believe we shall be read with interest by many, and will be worth perusal in the future, as well as a present time to mark dates and locate a number of persons in the history of Chester.

The present population of the City of Chester is not known. As population is actually estimated, we should write such figures as 5,000 or 6,000, yet we believe that 10,000 would probably be on the opposite side of the truth. We do not know the meaning which we have been shown to be very minute, acute, and increased, 5,000. This census shows very rapid growth, and Chester will never be a proper in prosperity without, as it grows.

But we shall deal with these facts. Let us look at the facts.

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Greetings.

The first public announcement of our new location was made through a circular distributed generally over the country, but a copy of which was found in this office. In that circular we stated that although we were not yet open for business, it was hoped that the public would begin to call at our new establishment, and that we would be glad to receive their patronage.

We are only pleading against uselessness and tedium. For something to "fill up." We do not want you to give all the words and tedious details. We want the writer of it knows what to say: "At an early hour the vehicles might have been seen rolling in from north, south, east, and west."

We now renew the promise then made, and refer the reader to the "subsequent issues." We think it likely to be doubt about it, you may have more of the following paragraphs:

"...The writer of it knows what to say: "At an early hour the vehicles might have been seen rolling in from north, south, east, and west.""

"...the trouble is that the public is not in the habit of reading everything that is written, even with the loss of the island, Cuba, or the olive branch of peace."

"...the Cotton Hotel building. This hotel is to be "For Sale." One of the buildings occupied by the Spanish government will be used for this purpose, and the Spanish government will be in charge of the hotel."

"...the first public announcement was made through a circular distributed generally over the country, but a copy of which was found in this office."
The Decline in Cotton

Farmers are distressed with the present price of cotton. It is now only 5 cents a pound. The merchants mostly hold it in the hope of an advance in the price. We feel satisfied that the present time falls short of the amount usually sold. One or two merchants have an inventory of 50,000 bales on hand. The number of bales usually sold in October is far greater than that number, while this year, up to this time, only about 1,500 bales have been sold. We have received, for instance, for every 1,500 bales, prices for the stagnation of cotton.

We are glad to see that the quantity of the crop is up, while we wish we had the same faith in the market. We are not yet afraid that the market will not be done here, and hope to get the same benefit as the merchants.

—THE LANTERN.

New Buildings

The Southern Railway's large new building, which is to be erected at Lowryville, is now in progress. It is said to be a very imposing structure, with a clock and several other features, and is to be completed within the next few months.
The passage of the new Tariff Law is all we ask. We have repeatedly delivered the Goods after comparison with samples from home and abroad. This is not idle talk, but facts—hard, cold facts. We know what we have done, we have appreciated the increased facilities, we are better prepared than ever to meet the wants of the trade. We are having a nice trade on Dress Goods and Trimmings, which now gives us the largest and best appointed Store.

The Best Flour can always be found at our Store, and buy in quantities that gives us every advantage. Experienced salesman who know their business and how to take care of customers.

If you want a real good price Buggy buy a HACKNEY. It will run easy/run light fast. We don't think you can match it. At least give us show before you buy. All ask on anything is a fair trial. If you do not look at Goods we can hardly hope you will sell us. We carry in stock Buggies of cheaper grade. No trouble to show our Buggies.

If you have any questions, or want to know about our Cotton, come and see us. We are the People that bring them to Chester.

CIRCUS SOAP. Come and see the beautiful get. Nothing like those made by B. T. BABBITT'S SOAP COMPANY. Wholesalers for BRIGHTY, the best in the case of RUMFORD.

Twenty-five Dozen AXE BARGAINS IN POCKET KNIVES, HANDS-AND-TIMBER OTHER THINGS IN HARDWARE.

One Car Barbed Wire, Kilts and Poultry Nesting.

HARNESS, SADDLES OF ALL KINDS.

We have the OLD HICKORY WAGON. The original Old Hickory (Andrew Jackson) made a reputation for "Fire and Fury," and we are in history one of the greatest Americans that ever lived. The OLD HICKORY WAGON has made a reputation for "Sturdiness and Honest Construction." We stand without a rival. If you buy an OLD HICKORY WAGON, you guarantee the future. Nothing like the old wagon, it makes it right.

THE PASSAGE OF THE NEW TARIF LAW.

It is now having effect. Prices on many lines have already advanced, and higher prices will surely come, but we have our Prices still the cheapest and best selected Fall and Winter Goods ever known, and we are determined to look after all who come to us for their needs.

Fall and Winter Goods.

We know our Goods are bought right, and we know we can meet and shade any prices on the same stuff. A fair show is all we ask. We have repeatedly delivered the Goods after comparison with samples from home and abroad. This is not idle talk, but facts—hard, cold facts. We know what we have done, and with increased facilities, we are better prepared than ever to meet the wants of the trade. We are having a nice trade on Dress Goods and Trimmings. We have the correct things. We are not afraid to buy Novelties. They always go first.

You cannot fail to find what you are looking for in this line. We have it as cheap as the cheapest and as good as it is made. PRICES: We sell Tobacco as cheap at retail as most Jobbers get it for.

Now is the Time to Buy.

School Shoes. We have a great line of nice, fresh, clean Stock. Prices are right.

CARPETS AND RUGS.

MATTERING, BLANKETS, JEANS, and a Complete Stock of Everything that can be found in a Well Regulated Dry Goods Store.

Groceries and Hardware.

The Best Flour can always be found at our Store. In a lot of Coffer bought away under value that is just sold the goods for...

TOBACCO.

You cannot fail to find what you are looking for in this line. We have it as cheap as the cheapest and as good as it is made. PRICES: We sell Tobacco as cheap at retail as most Jobbers get it for.

THE LARGEST AND OLDEST ESTABLISHMENT IN CHESTER.

Our Business Experience is Established and our Facilities for Offering Reliable Goods at Bottom Prices are Surpassed by None.

JOSEPH WYLIE & COMPANY.

WE HAVE ADDED

To our already large floor space Three Rooms 65x50 Feet, which now gives us the largest and best appointed Store in Upper South Carolina.

REALIZING THE NECESSITY

Of a private place for our Lady Friends who come to Chester to do shopping, we are fitting up a nice room for this purpose, and when completed will, we feel sure, be appreciated by those wanting a quiet place to rest.

IT IS HUMAN NATURE

To get blue and look on the dark side, and when light crops are better prepared than ever to meet the wants of the trade.

We are having a nice trade on Dress Goods and Trimmings, and, with increased facilities, we are determined to buy and what to buy—know a bargain when they see it—low prices come we are all inclined to think that all is

Thanking one and all for past favors and asking you to come and see us in our new quarters.

WE ARE YOURS TRULY,

JOSEPH WYLIE & COMPANY.

$50,000

FIFTY - THOUSAND - DOLLARS' WORTH OF
Clothing, Dry Goods, Shoes, Groceries, Hardware,
WAGONS, BUGGIES, PHAETONS, CARRIAGES, HARNESS, HARNESS, ETC.,

- ALL BOUGHT BEFORE THE ADVANCE, NOW BEING OFFERED TO THE TRADE BY

JOSEPH WYLIE & COMPANY.