

James Stanley Crews.

AMONG the railroad men in Georgia who occupy an honorable position which has been won, not by trading in stocks and bonds, but by operating a railroad, is James S. Crews, of the Albany and Northern Railway. Mr. Crews was born in Greenwood, S. C., on March 3, 1866. He comes from an old English family known for centuries in that country under the various names of *Crew*, *Crewe* and *Crews*. There are English titles in the family more than three hundred year-old, and coat armor which dates back six or seven centuries. In America, this branch of the family first settled in Virginia, and thence drifted south. There were quite a number of families of the name in America in 1790, the entire membership, with two or three exceptions, being in the Southern States. The family has therefore in this country been distinctively Southern. Among Mr. Crews' Virginia ancestry may be reckoned the Waller family, long notable in the annals of that State, one member of which, Rev. John Waller, had the distinction of having been put in jail in Culpeper county for preaching the gospel. To the credit of the old pioneer preacher be it said, just as soon as he got out of jail he went to preaching again. Mr. Crews' father was a farmer and accountant, and served for a number of years as railroad agent at Greenwood. His mother, Martha (Wilson) Crews, was a native of Augusta, Ga.; and among his relatives the late John P. Shannon, a prominent citizen of Elberton, Ga., was a cousin on the maternal side.

After obtaining such education as was possible in the local schools, young Crews at the age of twenty entered the service of the Richmond and Danville Railway as railroad agent and operator. He had had a little prior experience in a business

