

PINE FOREST.

One of the immense interests of the South is that of the strip of pine forest, about 100 miles wide, that begins in North Carolina and follows the Atlantic and Gulf plain to Texas, crossing six states, and covering an area of about 130,000 square miles. There are estimated to be standing in this area 50,000,000,000 feet of timber, one of the principal uses of which is the production of turpentine. This long-leaf pine belt is called the backbone of the South Atlantic states. It now yields naval stores worth nearly \$10,000,000 a year, including 340,000 casks of spirits of turpentine and 1,490,000 barrels of resin. For 150 years this product has been the chief resource of the people who dwell in the pine-ribs belt. Two million five hundred thousand acres of pine forest are worked every year, and of these 1,000,000 acres are virgin forest for the first time invaded.

From colonial days in North Carolina to the present time the production of pitch and tar has been conducted with a reckless cutting and tapping of trees steadily destructive of a magnificent stretch of pine which, under better treatment, would remain a source of wealth. Immense areas of land are left in a worse condition for clearing and culture than before the forest was disturbed. Extreme carelessness, moreover, has led to disastrous conflagrations with enormous destruction of timber. A comparison of American methods with the French shows that the latter make it possible to have service from the trees for fifty years instead of five, and to secure the restoration and preservation of the forest.

What promises to be the crowning engineering feat of the nineteenth century is the proposed steel suspension bridge across the Hudson river above New York city,—a bridge having a clear span of 3,200 feet between the towers and carrying six railway tracks placed side by side; a bridge which can carry in midair, at a height of 150 feet above the river, seventeen heavily loaded freight trains representing a train length of two miles and a total load of 26,000 tons. The design for this unparalleled engineering undertaking includes four steel towers which will be higher in all probability than the Washington monument; sixteen cables arranged eight on each side; cables 21½ inches in diameter and each consisting of 6,000 parallel steel wires wrapped together and having a breaking strength of 29,000 tons; and two masses of masonry built on shore with a weight and bulk for applying a colossal grip to the ends of the cables equal to the height and bulk of a pair of Egyptian pyramids. It may well be credited that a tempest of wind which would endanger many buildings would in no way affect the gigantic stability of such a bridge.

North Carolina on Wheels
About two years ago there passed through this state a car filled with the productions of the state of Florida,—a sort of traveling exposition. This car visited all the principal cities in the United States, and besides being a source of great revenue to its owners it was a great advertisement to the "Alligator State."

A similar car is being constructed for North Carolina and for the next 8 or 10 years it will be used by Messrs. W. H. Ramseur, of Charlotte, and J. M. Moore, of Chester, S. C., in showing the world that North Carolina is the greatest state in the Union.

The object of this car is to bring before the people of the North and the Northwest the many valuable interests that this State abounds in. This car is now being built in one of the largest car works in the United States. It will be fitted in every respect for the purpose it is to serve. It will bear this inscription: "North Carolina Rolling Exposition."

It is the purpose of its owners to neglect nothing to make this the most complete enterprise of the kind ever gotten up. The exhibits will consist entirely of products of North Carolina, embracing her agricultural, horticultural, mining, mineral and other interests.

Mr. Ramseur has been in Raleigh in consultation with Mr. T. K. Bruner, Secretary of the Board of Agriculture in regard to some special exhibits. He asks the cooperation of the people of State in securing such exhibits as will be a credit to the State. Mr. Ramseur was one of the managers of the Floral Exposition car. Georgia is also having a similar car built.

A Boys Possibilities

At a meeting of the directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad, on the 31 day of February, First Vice President Frank Thomson was elected to succeed the late President Roberts. No other business was done. Mr. Thomson entered the shops of the Pennsylvania railroad when only 17 years of age, and his executive ability and practical knowledge has promoted him step by step to the position which he now fills.

The disposition of the typical young lady to have a "good cry" seems to have been found physiologically proper. Medical authorities assert that crying is the best exercise for young children. One hospital superintendent says that a healthy baby should cry three or four times a day at least, and from ten to fifteen minutes at the time.

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The Onslow and Jones Branch of

The Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Association.

The applicants for membership in the Onslow and Jones Branch of The Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Association of North Carolina, met at the Court House in Jacksonville on Saturday, January 9th, to perfect an organization. The State Agent, J. S. C. Carpenter, of Raleigh, made a brief explanation of the plan as operating in this and other States. The plan, in a nutshell, is this: The farmers, or those owning detached property in the counties of Onslow and Jones are privileged under special act of the N. C. Legislature to obligate themselves in a policy contract

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and if there be any loss or damage then it cost nothing, as there are no salaried officers. A policy fees 50 cents on each \$100.00 worth of property insured is charged, this amount pays all the expenses of the organization and gives each member a perpetual policy without additional cost, unless some member meets with a loss, and in that event you will only be assessed to pay your pro rata share, which in most cases would be less than you would give to an unfortunate neighbor.

Here is a list of the officers elected for the Onslow and Jones Branch:

G. H. SIMMONS, President. S. B. TAYLOR, Sec'y and Treas.
SUPERVISORS:
Dr. W. J. Montfort, F. W. Hargett, John F. Cox, D. J. Sanders,
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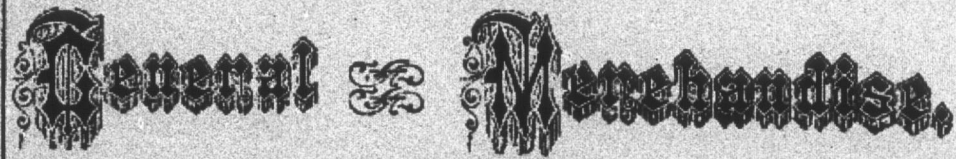
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