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THE IDLE HEN. I have a large Buff Cochon hen. I keep her in a gaudy pen, and there she fusses all the day.

GROWTH IN POPULATION.

One notable fact about the census is that the tendency to drift from rural sections to the towns and cities was less pronounced here than in many others.

DECREASE IN LYNCHING.

As civilization advances and men come to respect more highly the courts of justice, the tendency towards demonstrations of mob violence diminishes.

SOUTHERN GROWTH.

The past thirty years have witnessed a complete industrial renaissance in the South. In 1880 this vast section was cursed by poverty, handicapped by ignorance, and afflicted with a spirit of apathy.

GREENSBORO'S GROWTH.

In 1900 Greensboro had one mile of cobblestone street, one-half mile of macadam and two miles of cement sidewalk.

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From Other Sanctuaries

The next time that Charlotte claims to be the biggest town in the state the chances are that it will not be disputed.—Durham Herald.

Mecklenburg is O. K.

There is nothing the matter with Mecklenburg, even if she did get both the president of the senate and the speaker of the house. The men chosen are all right, too.—Daily Reflector.

Will Make "Ideal" Speaker.

We are glad to note that the house of representatives has elected Mr. W. C. Dowd as speaker. Mr. W. C. Dowd has ably served the state in legislative councils, having been one of the "immortal five" democrats elected to the senate of 1895, when the state went overwhelmingly anti-democratic.

Mecklenburg at the Head.

Ordinarily when one county receives two high honors in one day there are those who are inclined to object that it is receiving more honors than it deserves, but when the senate made Mr. Pharr, of Mecklenburg, president pro tempore, and the house made Mr. Dowd, of Mecklenburg, speaker of the house on the same night, there was general gratification and approval.

Southern Factors Making Southern Facts

The South Yields Annually: \$2,390,000,000 from its factories. The South's Resources Include: 27,900,000 population. 896,947 square miles of land area. 232,400,000 acres of wooded area. 2,500 miles of navigable streams. 16,000 miles of railway line. 71,907 miles of coast line. 32,120,000 in manufacturing. \$200,000,000 of live-stock. 25,000 active spindles. \$175,000,000 of dairy products. 285 separate kinds of industries. \$170,000,000 of poultry products. 11,100,000 active spindles. \$150,000,000 of fruit and vegetables. 255,000 active looms. \$69,000,000 of tobacco. 860 cotton mills. \$50,000,000 of sugar products. 830 cotton seed oil mills. \$28,000,000 of exports. 125 blast furnaces. \$24,000,000,000 feet of lumber. 25,000 lumber mills. \$1,250,000,000 pounds cotton goods. 50 leading minerals. \$1,104,000,000 bushels of cereals. 490,000,000 tons of coal. \$100,000,000 tons of coal. 10,000,000 tons of iron ore. \$25,000,000 barrels of petroleum. 9,000,000 horsepower in streams. \$9,000,000 tons of coke. 1,600,000 hydro-electric power. \$6,400,000 tons of iron ore. 350,000,000 acres farm land. \$3,200,000 tons of pig iron. 370,000 head of live stock. \$2,395,000 tons phosphate rock. \$1,460,000,000 of bank deposits. \$305,000 tons of sulphur. \$21,250,000,000 of property.