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VALUE OF MINERAL PRODUC-TION.

The nation's mineral output has a val ue of five to six billion dollars a year. In 1925 the value was \$5,677,630,000, and nearly half of this huge total was produced in five states, Pennsylvania, Oklahoma, California, Texas and West Virginia. bile.' This data is given by Paul W. Wager in a recent issue of the University News

Pennsylvania, with its wealth of coal, natural gas, cement and clay products, is the leading mineral producing state. Oklahoma and California, with their extensixe oil fields are second and third in rank. Texas, in addition to its petroleum and gas wells, has rich sulphur deposits. West Virginia is rich in both coal and oil. Ohio and Illinois both produce coal, petroleum, gas, cement and clay products. These seven states produce over three billion dollars worth of minerals annual-

Not only are there three Southern States among the leading five mineral producing states, but several others rank among the first half. Kentucky ranks ninth, Missouri sixteenth, Arkansas seventeenth, Alabama twentieth, Louisiana These six states produce, however, less than the single state of Oklahoma.

North Carolina has a great variety of minerals but few in sufficient quantity to 1926. make commercial mining profitable. According to the United States Bureau of is in disagreement, however, with the report of the State Department of Conser- 28,054; Great Britain, 24,160, Italy, 17, sand and gravel, clay products, feldspar, co and Italy. mica, coal, and some iron ore.

bestos in the western part of the state; 405. probably the largest and most promising In the case of Italy the increase of 9, one being in Avery county. In 1919, 044, was comprised largely of veterans of North Carolina held third rank in asbes- the World War and their wives and chiltos production in the United States, but dren, and of wives and children of Unitat that time all of the material was ship- ed States citizens, immigration from that ped out in crude form. Mr. Bryson re- Country jumping from 8,253 in 1926 to ports that in recent years deposits of the 17,297 in 1927. mineral have been found in Ashe, Yancey, Avery, Caldwell, Macon, and Jackson counties.

An asbestos plant, which is a new industry for North Carolina, is being erected at Minneapolis, Avery county, by the National Asbestos Company. It will have, according to newspaper reports, a daily capacity of thirty tons and the outlook for the success of the venture is promising. The asbestos found in Western North Carolina is not of as fine quality as the Canadian type, nevertheless it can be used for many purposes. The principal uses of the North Carolina variety are asbestos cement products, asbestos shingles, heat insulating cements, ingredients for paints, filtering and pack-

There is an increased interest and development in the clay and stone industries. This is especially true of clays of the slate belt for brick and tile purposes, of granites and ryolites of Orange and Moore counties for building and road work, and the marble quarries in Chero-

North Carolina leads all other states in the production of feldspar, and, according to the report of the state geologist, has produced from thirty to fifty per cent. of the total output for several years, North Carolina ranks relatively high in the production of mica. There are scattered deposits of gold in the state, though the seams have been too deep or the content too slight to make gold mining commercially profitable. There is a great variety of precious stones in the state, but not extensive enough in amount to warrant commercial mining. North Carolina's minerals have been characterized as nature's sample case, and that is a very satisfactory description.

The brick and terra cotta industry could perhaps be further developed, and also a greater use be made of the native building stone. The construction of the Greater Duke University from native mits such discomfort." stone offers a demonstration of its possibilities. North Carolina has no great mineral wealth, but it has a variety of mineral products whose exploitation may develop local industries of importance.

IT HURTS BUSINESS.

The Anderson Independent quotes two conversations, one with a grocer and another with some other business man They are applicable in Concord and almost every other city. They read:

Another business man related a simi- the center of the town or not. lar experience: "I went to a man who owed me a little matter of \$25. He looked as if he were going to cry and said he had never been so hard up in his life, did not know where in the world he was going to get money to live on until fall. The only reason I didn't give him five dollars to help him out was because I didn't have it in my pocket. In less than a week from that day he gave me a lift down the street in a fine new automo-

No doubt there are many tradesmen in Concord who have or who could make similar statements and who could produce their cash and credit books to substantiate their charges.

Business of this kind hurts. If there were just one or two persons who owed each firm it wouldn't be so bad, but there are scores of them and the total in the course of a year represents a rather staggering amount.

The loss has to be carried and every other business in town feels the effects. It is all right to be in debt honestly and legitimately for a worthy purpose, but it hurts business when other debts are in-

MORE STAY THAN LEAVE.

While 538,001 aliens entered the United States in the course of the fiscal year ended on July 30 last, alien departures in twenty-third and Virginia twenty-fourth. the same period numbered 253,508, resulting in a net increase in the alien population of the Country of 284,493, as compared with 268,351 for the fiscal year

More than 88 per cent. of the newcomers last year came from ten countries. Mines North Carolina's total mineral Canada, contributing 81,506 immigrants, output in 1925 was only \$9,504,063. This led the list, followed by Mexico, with 67,-721; Germany, 48,513; Irish Free State, vation and Development, its estimate be- 297; Poland, 9,311; Sweden, 8,287; Noring \$10,699,442. Even if we accept the way, 6,068, and France 4,405. While the party bosses and they don't care what more favorable report the total is not permanent immigration for the year large, nor would it affect North Carolina's shows an increase of 30,687, or 10 per rank of thirty-seventh among the states. cent. over that for the previous year The encouraging thing is that North Car- when 304,488 immigrants entered the olina's mineral output is increasing rap- Country, the bulk of this increase came the people of Indiana. The voters them- the one here would take care of present flight. The manner in which Mr. Tunney responded idly. Its products include building stone, from only two countries, namely, Mexi-selves are to blame.

From the former, 67,721 immigrant According to State Geologist R. J. Bry- aliens arrived in the fiscal year 1927, as son, there are a number of deposits of as- against 43.316 in 1926, an increase of 24-

WANT HIGHWAYS THROUGH TOWNS.

Harold M. Lewis, executive engineer of the Regional Plan of New York and Environs, says in a recent paper on handling traffic that "for many years merchants and business men considered a multitude of vehicles upon the streets on which they fronted an important asset to their business."

Mr. Lewis could have used the present tense just as well, for the same attitude is held by many citizens, particularly in the smaller cities and towns. They take the position that the main highways, whether state or national, should pass over "Main street" in their home towns.

McCready Sykes, writing in Commerce and Finance, finds evidence of a passing of this attitude, however.

"It is only in recent years, as though motor traffic has grown to such enormous volume, that it has begun to be realized that it is far from good publicity for a city to route through traffic through its main streets, and that little business comes to it by reason of a through highway being so located.

"The amount of retail trade initiated have no difficulty and seek the business Duke Power Company. streets anyway."

heart of the city, and "Providence is one publicity and vice-president of the com- the same work in private employ. of the most difficult cities in the country pany says: to get through and out of, and thousands of motorists, picking their crowded and to paint a vivid and exaggerated picture cost of State and municipal government tortuous way through its teeming streets of the opportunities and advantages has risen from \$2,227,000,000 in 1913, to

lief that automobiles, especially those of the actual, pertinent facts." tourists, mean increased business for the It is not a wild statement of fanciful pride behind the movement to a certain of facts. extent. Persons want the tourists to see

about seeing every town that he passes ital and industry to locate here.

for groceries. When I went to him a few the average driver in towns where he is a comparison: days ago and asked for some of it he said familiar with the streets and see where Entered as second class mail matter at the post- he would pay me as soon as he could. It he goes. He will take the most direct examples of increased values during the wasn't three days after that when I saw route out of town, unless he has business last twenty years is afforded by the rich or as extravagant. There must be a limhim driving a new, big automobile down there, and in that case he stops anyway, section of New York city lying in the it somewhere. whether the highway takes him through

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

Who is responsible for conditions in

With one Governor just home from the penitentiary, the present Governor under indictment and the Mayor of Indianapolis convicted of violating the corrupt practices act, evidence is abundant that something is radically wrong in the State.

The Klan has been active and powerful in the State in recent years and beginning of the overturn of the Klan regime came when the head of the order, who according to evidence submitted at his trial was a "big boss" in State politics, was sent to the State prison for murder.

He had been of great help to the Governor and others, he has charged, and he thought they should have protected him when his evil hour came. Instead they let him go to jail without an effort to save him, so he "spilled the beans." They may have tried to help him, but at any rate they couldn't keep him from behind the bars, and the thing so irritated him that he began to talk.

That's when the latest trouble started the mere mention of these led to results. The Governor is under indictment and

the mayor of Indianapolis has been con-

And who is responsible? Why the people of Indiana themselves They insist on sticking to a party that has helped them none. They wouldn't change their politics even in the face of a convicted Governor. They saw Governor McCrary sent to the Atlanta prison, yet they turned right around and elected men of the same party. And now some of these men are in trouble themselves.

What will they do next? Turn right around and elect Republicans again. The party is controlled by goes on in the State so long as the people don't care. It's useless to talk about which would pay many of the premiums. graft, greed and the like in public office There is ground available for a larger so long as we follow an example set by

HEAR THE FLAPPER.

The modern girl and boy, especially the former, claim lots of attention. The girl, usually referred to as "the flapper." Sh is accused of all kinds of things, but

is she really guilty?

does things the mother never did. We are always interested when the

of these replies was printed recently, had to say about the modern girl:

"As for flappers smoking cigarettes, I don't think it's any worse than our mothers and grandmothers smoking pipes. The older generation started the fad. We are keeping it alive.

"Remember, short dresses spell personality. My mother and grandmother both sional exhibitor has been kept out and used corn starch instead of powder. Corn starch is injurious to the skin. Nowadays chemists make cosmetics so they do not hurt our skin. For rouge, the older generation used dampened red cloth. What could have been more harmful to the skin than those strong dyes used in coloring the cloth?

"As to petting parties, most girls draw the line at the kiss. The modern girl dreams of her hero, her cottage, and the children which will make her life worth while. Those are my dreams, too."

There's her answer. What say you?

"WHERE WEALTH AWAITS."

"Where Wealth Awaits You" is the by the occupants of passing cars merely title of an attractive booklet recently isbecause on driving through they have sued by the Duke Power Company. It is seen the shop windows must be utterly a summary of the several advertisements insignificant. Persons who wish to trade appearing in national publications by the

The booklet is a simple, concise state-

must bewail the strange policy that per- which Piedmont Carolina holds for vari- \$7,400,000,000 in 1925. The increase of ous forms of industry, but have striven public extravagance is shown on every The whole idea originated from the be- merely to present in simple, concise form hand by demand for everything of the fin-

merchants. And then, too, there's civic figure and rhetoric, but a plain statement

Peoeple in the Piedmont South do not fairs." the best parts of their town, and usually know enough about the region in which "Main Street" offers the biggest busi- they live. It is one of the most favored ness houses and many of the prettiest spots in the United States and this book- erything else. We see something we let tells some of the reasons why. The want and we buy it, whether in cash or However, the motorist is due some con- Duke Power Company is performing for on credit. sideration. He does not care particularly this section a great favor in inviting cap-

"One of the country's most spectacular credit. neighborhood of 42nd street and Fifth avenue and embracing the region around the Grand Central station.

"There during that twenty-year period, wealth has increased 631 per cent. Durng the same period, the total wealth of Piedmont Carolinas has increased 660

'Conditions here are on the make. With increasing values, expanding markets and activity general throughout the section, prosperity is assured to any enterprise that enjoys reasonably capable

"Perhaps the best index of the opportunity of individuals is the contrast between the 10-year increase in per capita wealth of the Piedmont Carolinas and five of the nation's richest states-105 per cent. in one case against 36 per cent.

"Nowhere else in this country are industrial values being built so rapidly and at the same time so solidly as in this new frontier of opportunity.'

ABOUT THE STATE FAIR.

People interested in a State Fair for North Carolina are said to be irritated somewhat because nothing definite has He mentioned all kinds of things, and been done toward having the fair next vear. Some weeks ago the people of Raleigh voted bonds in the sum of \$75,-000 to aid the fair, and there is on hand about \$125,000 secured from the sale of the old fair grounds property.

The complaint is made that this is not enough to begin with and that the association probably will need more money. That's foolish.

and about \$1,000 invested for each acre loveliness of the spot. in buildings, etc.

The State Fair could be started with 100 acres of land and \$100,000 for buildings, grandstands and the like. That would leave \$100,000, the interest from field but a fair ground twice as large as

Later more ground could be added, German army. but we believe 100 acres would be enough as a starter. That would provide for the been a lull for days. So intense was the stillness, track, midway and all of the exhibit so-called "chiek" is recognized but for the buildings needed for the first year or so. most part the public watches the modern These could be erected, we believe, for \$100,000. The buildings at the local fair grounds are modern in every way, and they were erected at a cost of about \$1,-Certainly it would be difficult to con- 000 to the acre. This includes the track, vince the modern mother that her daugh- one of the best in the South, the grandter is not all right, although the daughter stands, the stables and barns and various as quiet as an ole biddy hen. Bring on yo' war, I halls for exhibits.

We believe it is possible for the State 'flapper" rises up to defend herself. One to get a capable man to manage the fair directly in the American trenches, burying the and make money. It can't be run through signed by a girl as "Just a Girl of This politics except at a loss. It's useless to Generation." Here is a part of what she name men at the head of the association unless they are capable of advising about fair matters.

Other State Fairs make money and one in North Carolina would do the same if properly managed. The District. Fair here has been a success because it has been made a district fair. The profespeople have been made to understand that it is their fair. That could be done at Raleigh just as easy as in Cabarrus, and once the idea is established the fair will carry itself.

WARNS OF EXTRAVAGANCE.

The Manufacturer, a publication devoted to business, laments the fact that the more extravagant, and this is being reflected in extravagance on the part of municipal, county and State government. This paper says:

"Eleven billion dollars a year in taxes is now spent by our country.

"The man who can get the most money out of the State or Federal government for himself or his locality is too often

considered the smartest politician.

"There is a premium placed on public extravagance in State and municipal affairs, and we are told the people do it One of the worst offenders in this con- ment of facts about the Piedemont South themselves, but this is a poor alibi for nection, says Mr. Sykes, is the city of which should challenge the interest and public officials. Incompetent people get Providence, Rhode Island, which routes pride of every Southerner. As Mr. John bigger pay for less work in city, county its main highways right through the Paul Lucas, head of the department of and State jobs than is generally paid for

> "The cost of Federal Government has "We have not attempted in this booklet, gone down since the World War, but the est and most luxurious quality.

"If local taxes are to be reduced, we must inject more business and less politics in management of government af-

We are extravagant in government because we have become extravagant in ev-

It's the same with our various govern-"There is a man in this town, one of through, especially if such a process Supporting the claim of relatively eas- for the things we want in our county, ments. If there isn't enough tax money our 'best' people, who owes me over \$300 means hardships in getting about. Watch ily developing wealth, the booklet states city or State, we just issue bonds. Easy,

you see. Just like buying luxuries on

There is no nation in the world as rich.

PLANT CREPE MYRTLES.

We are in sympathy with the wish of the Concord man who wants to see hundreds of crepe myrtles planted in Con-

Last year several civic organizations this is said to started the movement for the trees and Briand and Dr. Street several hundred were planted but we need additional thousands. They should be planted along the sidewalks as well

Fewer trees carry greater beauty than the crepe myrtle and they can be secured at a nominal price. Certainly Concord would be a prettier city if the suggestion of this man could be carried out.

Senator Overman denies that he and Senator Simmons are behind a nationwide anti-Smith drive. He said that he and Senator Simmons are against the New York Governor for the Democratic nomination but they had taken no part in a movement for any other candidate. of evidence bearing on The whole thing seems to have arisen from the use of the Overman frank on between letters containing a McAdoo speech. In his speech Mr. McAdoo assailed the history. It liquor interests, and the W. C. T. U. and expect such other organizations asked that he distribute the speech under his frank, Senator Overman xplained. He said this use men of any class of his frank did not mean he was support- the lessening of that pre ing McAdoo or fighting Smith, although of all governments in war times, the he explained that he is not a Smith man. the Blue Books, the

We hope L. A. Fisher, superintendent of the water and light department, will be able to carry out his plans for a border of shrubbery around Lake Concord. The Cabarrus Fair Association has The lake occupies a naturally beautiful finger and say, "There is guilt," it is made money every year and there was spot, but the crepe myrtles, dogwoods rigorous and trained minds ar nothing like \$200,000 invested in the and cedars he plans as a border to the plant. The local association has 48 acres lake would add greatly to the natural never be settled satisfactorily. But the

THE PRIZE FOR IRONY.

Wilmington Star. The 1927 award for unconscious irony is hereby bestowed upon the beetling brow of Mr. William Harrison Dempsey, erstwhile contender for the

world's heavyweight boxing crown. With his old title within his grasp, his opponent | wise men are locating the cause of evi dazed and reeling, Dempsey pausedin his pursuit to taunt Tunney and beg him to come back and to this invitation is remindful of the Memphis Negro who said something of the same sort to the

This dusky soldier, so the story runs, saw his ladies," continues the Uplift, "goes back first front line trench in a quiet sector. There had vital cause. Much of the crime and mis

ed to the parapet and shook a threatening fist in

"Hay thar," he intoned, "Hey yo' Gummans. Whereat is yo' ole wah? Here I is come three thousand miles from Memphis, Tennysee to git some action, and here yo' all is setting oveh theh

berth and gingerly felt his arms, legs and head to see if they were still intact. Reassured on this point, he turned a quizzical gaze toward "Lootenent, suh," he said softly and with marked

awe, "Say dis for dese Gummans, Dey sho' God

better today, may admit to himself that Mr. Tunney, when properly approached, certainly does giv

WORTH READING MANY TIMES.

by Lauren Foreman and is "devoted to the interest of the Southern Railway System and its employers." But people everywhere, of all vocations and professions and of every walk of lire should be interested in and stimulated to greater efforts by this editorial. Here it is:

man can be successful in any undertaking unless people of the United States are becoming he believes in himself and believes in the things

"It was Napoleon's undying faith in Napoleon that made him the great man of his time. "Confidence, faith, faith backed by training bility-that's the thing.

'Nine-tenths of the millions of people who go plodding through life barely making a living, have the ability to really do something big. What they lack is confidence They think they can't do this

powers a hundred times—the lack of it subtracts a hundred times from the powers of another.

This does not mean that you should go about bragging. It simply means that no one will place a higher value on you than you do on yourself. "The value other people place on you must be determined by you alone. So remember-high

IN 1947 WHAT?

Tomorrow night an estimated throng of 160,000 people will witness the greatest sport spectacle ever staged when Tunney and Dempsey face each how many millions more will listen to the one voice telling the story of the fight by radio it is mpossible to estimate. As it is the thirty-minute fisticuff will put to shame the great sport event

Back when the late Col. Gardner carried Company K away to the Spanish-American war what ome one predicted that hundreds in this section would hear the Chicago fight just as it happened through the air as a medium? Men hate to be aughted at. No one would have dared predict uch a thing then.

But, let us look ahead In 1947 the hundreds who tomorrow night will listen in" in this section, will, if living, be seeing very blow of a fight equally as far away. Television in 20 years should be more nearly perfect than modern radio with its static. Laugh if you will, but remember that the manner in which you will hear the fight toorrow night was beyond comprehension just a few short years ago.

Some women visit cosmeticians so frequently they actually look beauty-shop worn Louisville Times.

think it best that the

ploits, but do not reopen the Daily News does not know

stop the effort to do it. None than Briand and Stresemann

TRACED TO THE PARENT

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You have. Dear Brother

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BANKER CONVICTED

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that the courts in this State are and more strict with those p

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Only those who have

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