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THINGS ABOUT CHARLOTTE,

CITY AND COUNTY, THROUGH YANKEE SPECTACLES.

Our Early History—Our Geographical Advantages, and our Manufacturing Privileges—Impressions by the Wayside.

The following letter, written by B. S. Farlee, Esq., a corresponding editor of the New Haven Palladium, to the New Haven Register, and published in the latter March 9th, will be read with interest:

CHARLOTTE, N. C., March 7.—This pretty city is the center of Mecklenburg county, the center of a rich agricultural region, and, for an interior town, one of more than ordinary commercial importance. The county was established in 1762, and justice finding a temporary home in a rude log cabin, erected on what is now Independence square. The original plot of the city, as shown in the county records, comprised 300 acres, for which a deed was given January 17th, 1763, covering a dozen railroads, and the value of the sum of ninety pounds lawful money. At that time it was only a cross-roads, with a store or two, a blacksmith shop, and a meeting house, in addition to the log cabin house and the homes of the dozen or more families whose heads represented the business of the place. It was these cross-roads, however, that gave it importance in its early days, and it is because half a dozen railroads have since been built, those original lines of travel that Charlotte has become the thrifty city of today. The early settlers of Mecklenburg county were mainly from Pennsylvania, and of Scotch or Irish extraction. The blending of these races has in the lapse of generations given this part of the State a hardy, industrious and most energetic population, among whom illiteracy is exceptional and a common school education a rare thing. The civilization of that day did not send people to the towns as it does now. The majority lived contentedly on their farms, met on Sundays at their meeting houses when they had their mail, talked over neighborhood views and topics of public interest. They were a patriotic race, and when Great Britain began its oppression of her colonies they met and accepted the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence some time before the Continental Congress assembled at Philadelphia. An ancient house is pointed out by citizens as the headquarters of Lord Cornwallis during his occupation of the town. The town was made so uncomfortable to that worthy gentleman that in one of his letters he spoke of it as "a hornet's nest." The people of Charlotte are justly proud that their patriotic ancestors earned the significant name, and they commemorate it in their city's coat-of-arms by a suitable design. The city of today has a population of about ten thousand. It is the seat of a considerable wholesale trade, and an important cotton market. From its geographical situation combined with its railroad connections, it is the distributing point from which seventeen counties of this State and five of South Carolina draw the bulk of their supplies, and as well as the center of its agricultural products. It first came into notice as a cotton market in 1855, when its merchants handled 3,000 bales. From that time forward until 1861, this trade increased annually, when the civil war brought it to abrupt termination. Ten years from its beginning—the war being over—this traffic was resumed and Charlotte in 1865 disposed of 5,000 bales. Since then the business has yearly increased, and last year it amounted to 82,000 bales. The cotton year runs from September 1st to the 31st of the August following. The severe drouth of last summer reduced the crop and it is expected that this year's total will show a falling off of a third from that of '81. There is a mill of 6,000 spindles in this city, the only one, because there is no water power here, but on the streams within a radius of fifteen miles from the city's center, more cotton mills are in operation than in any other manufacturing dimensions in this State. It was stated at various meetings held at the Atlanta exposition, that while the country generally was passing through the long financial depression, the cotton mills of the South, and especially the annual dividends of from fifteen to twenty-five per cent. In every instance when I have had opportunity to ascertain the facts, this extraordinary statement has been confirmed, and I have become convinced that there were good practical reasons for their prosperity, reasons which cannot be overcome by any argument however plausible. The South can manufacture cotton cheaper than New England can, because there is no cold weather to stop her water wheels, because the mildness of the climate is equivalent to a considerable saving in the cost of heating apparatus and fuel. Because all the charges at the mill are paid for lint for a northern mill, such as freights, insurance on stock in transit, and commissions are avoided. Mills in this region have these additional advantages over all competitors, the streams having a constant flow as a rule in a volume that no drouth can stop. Nearly every mill in this State ran all summer long, although the streams were unusually low last year. The majority of these mills are in the midst of a cotton producing region. The farmers are at no expense for ginning, baling and pressing, but sell their seed cotton directly to the manufacturer. It reaches his hands as clear as when he pays for it the New York price, against the numerous charges that count against the New England spinners. When the cloth is woven New York again determines its value, to which the Southern manufacturer adds the freight charges the local merchant would have paid, had he bought his stock at the North. In other words, the Southern mill owner saves both in buying his stock and in selling his goods, and is equivalent to a handsome profit, besides the gains from the climatic differences heretofore mentioned. These are indisputable facts which warrant the conclusion that at no distant day the South will be the great cotton manufacturing of the world. Other manufactures can be carried on with equal advantage, provided skilled labor and improved machinery are called into requisition. It is no policy to make things as near as possible, all other things being equal. There is one firm in this place that has tested the proposition with profit. Two brothers were making blacksmiths' market was at the South. After considering the matter carefully, they moved their works to this city, and the change has paid them handsomely, as they made here with greater profit than in Connecticut? The metal, the wood for handles, and the power for running the machinery are all to be had at less cost—or certainly at no greater

—than there, while as in the case of cotton goods, freights and commissions will be so many savings added to the manufacturers' profits. The people here are asking such practical questions, and are answering them too far as cotton mills are concerned. Before long they will answer such as I have suggested unless our people who are experienced in making these goods take by the back of the neck and drag themselves of the numerous inviting fields now open to industry. The new South has taken the first long step toward industrial progress by rubbing the lint from its mangle, and looking at things as they are. See Col. Jones, editor of the CHARLOTTE OBSERVER, (of whom more hereafter) in conversation on these and similar themes: "I went after the war to Judge Anderson and asked him a return for a trial of 75 to ask his advice about studying law. I was just out of the army. My patriotism had been swept away, and although I had dabbled in a printing office and worked for my father a little, I had no trade to fall back on, while I did have a family to care for. I told the judge, I must do something. The wise old jurist said the country was full of young men in my situation, and they would do well to get into the shop and learn to be a civil engineer. Such was the advice of one noted for integrity and wisdom among his people, a man of the old regime, who went to the college and was then honored by all, before the dawn of that brighter day whose coming he foresaw and for which he was advising his young friend to prepare. Before concluding this already too lengthy letter it is right that I should speak of the courtesy that the newspaper fraternity everywhere extend to the stranger in their midst. A large number of those I have met served on the same railroad, and that fact, instead of being a bar is rather a bond of union between us. Col. Charles R. Jones, of the OBSERVER, is an excellent representative man of the fraternity in this State. His father was a printer, an editor and captain of a company of the Twelfth Regulars in the Mexican war. The son led an adventurous life from the age of seventeen until the war broke out, when he entered the Confederate army and served in various ranks in association with the troops of his native State. After hostilities had ceased he engaged in school teaching, farming and politics, finally entering into journalism for which he was fitted by character and capacity, and after several ventures he in April, 1874, became proprietor of the OBSERVER, which under his management has become an influential and profitable newspaper. As his paper is on the Register exchange list it is needless to add more than that it is a bold and uncompromising advocate of all that its editor believes, and that it is deservedly popular, even among its political adversaries. E. L. M.

DAHLONEGA MINES.

Proof Positive of the Existence of a True Auriferous Vein.

Dahlonega Signal.

It is well-known to the miners of this section that all our veins that have been or are now being worked, are stratified or segregated, running northeast and southwest, parallel with the strata or setting at different inclinations corresponding in direction with the stratum showing no evidence of a fissure. Hence the conclusion has been that a true vein was not to be found in the great auriferous belt running through northeast Georgia. We are now happy to inform our readers that this has been a mistaken idea, as one of this character has been discovered within the past week, running directly across the regular formation. If the discovery of this vein was all that was needed with it, there would be little satisfaction gained; but the most interesting characteristic is, that it abounds in gold, and cannot be surpassed in richness (in proportion to size) anywhere. The vein, which is being worked, was made by two gentlemen who were prospecting on the property of Mr. George Teel, situated on Long Branch, four miles southeast of Dahlonega. Mr. T. had, in 1860, discovered one of the most interesting prospects we have ever witnessed, the vein being 2 1/2 feet thick, and setting vertically. On the northeast side, in a thickness of five inches, is found the richest gold, and the remaining two feet is supposed to be worth from 50 cents to \$2 per pound. The owner informed us that out of one quart of ore and slate that he was treating, he had already obtained \$18, and expected to get as much more.

A Cruel Practical Joke on a North Carolinian.

Baltimore Sun.

The police commissioners were surprised yesterday to receive a letter from a citizen of North Carolina, who was willing to become a policeman in Baltimore, and that he was making his arrangements to report for duty without delay. The applicant enclosed a letter postmarked Baltimore, which he received from which read: "Since you were in Baltimore speaking to us concerning a position on the police force we have had a vacancy. We can give you the place if you are in the same mood as when you were here from you at once. If you want it we would like you to be here by the 10th of March. Let us hear from you at once what you will do. Address Police Force, City Hall, Baltimore, Md." The happy recipient of the above communication immediately wrote: "In reply, I will say that I accept your offer of \$78 per month, and will be in Baltimore by the 10th instant if possible. 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