

SHOPS MUST COME SOUTH

A MACHINERY AGENT TALKS THE Manufacture of Textile Machinery a Profitable Field for Southern Enterprise—A Striking Demonstration of the Fact—Some Interesting Statistics.

Many new industries are to follow in the wake of the textile development of the South. Those who are in touch with the industrial growth of the cotton growing States declare that it is but a question of time when the big shops for the manufacture of textile machinery will be located in the South adjacent to the iron and coal fields, and at the same time close to the Southern mills. A rather striking demonstration of this fact took place in Charlotte but a few days ago when a local machinery manufacturing plant sold a number of looms in competition with the Northern machinery agents at a saving of \$62 each to the purchaser.

A prominent machinery agent detailed some interesting and suggestive facts to an Observer reporter several days ago along this line. He said: "The South to-day has approximately 5,000,000 spindles in use in the manufacture of cotton goods. On an average these spindles cost \$10 each, or \$50,000,000. This estimate of \$50,000,000 does not include any part of the mill equipment, such as power plant, fire protection, shafting, heating, etc., but only the textile machinery proper. The life of such machinery, at the outside limit, does not exceed twenty years. Hence, if the South never increases her spindles she will buy every two years \$25,000,000 worth of cotton mill machinery, either from New England or old England. The freight on this class of machinery is about 30 per cent. In addition to the \$25,000,000 paid for the machinery, Southern manufacturers will also pay \$3,000,000 freight.

"If the people of the South would build shops to manufacture this class of machinery it would be one of the biggest money making investments to be found anywhere. Charlotte, being the logical center of the cotton mill interests, the shops should be located here. This would save many thousands of dollars, not only in the first cost of the installation, but also in the freight and delays, and in waiting for repair parts and the loss in connection.

"The United States government imposes an import tax of 45 per cent on foreign builders for this class of machinery. In spite of this the English manufacturers pay all the freight to our ports and sell their machinery at a price in this country at exactly the same price as the American builders. Any business that a government gives a protection of 45 per cent is a good business in which to engage. The majority of the Northern builders of this class of machinery buy their iron from Southern furnaces and freight it to New England and then send it back to this section in manufactured machinery, thereby paying double freight.

"As a sample of this argument, I will state that recently a manufacturer engaged in making looms in Charlotte on a certain order placed by one of the mill \$35 each on the cost of 150 looms, the Northern manufacturers price being \$160 each, and \$27 freight on each loom, making a total of \$42 per machine saving. Even though the shop made a handsome profit on the deal.

"Then again the class of mechanics employed in the manufacture of cotton mill machinery is of the highest order and make good citizens. They receive the best wages and some of them, I am told by prominent Northern machinery builders, receive as much as \$1 per day for ten hours work.

"There are no patents of any consequence on textile machinery, making it an open field for any one who desires to enter it. If Charlotte wants to make the biggest leap forward in her history, and at the same time help the South, then let her organize and build a machine shop for the manufacture, on a large scale, of cotton mill machinery."

THE OLD SLIM LADY. Good Man Who Outrains a Haunt From Good Woman—Bored by Her Intolerably Developed Abdomen. Half a dozen men were standing on the steps of The Observer building yesterday afternoon, absorbing sunshine and small talk and seeing the women and girls pass by. One of a sudden a member of the party broke back into the shop and got behind the door. The others were astonished, but kept their places until a few minutes later he reappeared. Furtively he looked down the sidewalk toward the square, and with a sigh of relief said: "She's gone!"

"See that old lady under?" he asked, in order to explain, "with the gray hair that slim lady and tall?" Everybody saw her.

WHY DIFF MISSED THE FIRE.

He Fell in One of the Big Holes in North Tryon Street and Could Not Get Out—The Story of the Run and the Rescue.

Diff, the large, light-colored St. Bernard dog that belongs to Mr. Charles Hooper, of the Hotel Buford, is one of the pets of the town. He is more like an overgrown boy than anything else that he might be compared to. In this neck of the woods, for he runs romps, whoops and makes merry so long as anybody will take notice of his hideous. The bell is striking merrily to his ear and he runs his fastest and hardest when going with the fire department to answer a call. He throws his big head in the air, barks coarse and runs by the side of the hook and ladder wagon, which to him is the prettiest thing on earth. But, this 150-pound canine is not as graceful, and as ready and steady on his feet as is Jim Stowe.

The Observer's fox terrier which is a nip at running cars and tying automobiles just for the fun of it. If Diff does a special stunt, for the purpose of showing off, he must have level ground, the right of way on a big thoroughfare. The bell is striking, so that he will not lose his head.

The foregoing was written for the express purpose of giving the readers of The Observer a fair idea of Diff. Tuesday night, when a fire alarm was turned in from the Fourth Ward, Diff stood about the square, barking or howling like an alligator thirty feet under the ground. He was calm and at peace with the world until the bell sounded and the mob began to gather in the streets and then became rattled as usual, and ran here, there and everywhere, watching for the fire horses to appear. As the first wagon dashed into Tryon street, Diff made a dash for it, running as fast as he could and yelping at every jump. Up North Tryon he went, sometimes running, sometimes tumbling and sometimes bounding up and down, having the best time of his life. The firemen were thoroughly enjoying his antics when suddenly he disappeared in front of the home of Dr. W. O. Nesbit. For a time Diff was dead to the world, and almost to himself, thick with "soffer" had lushed and he was out of sight.

The firemen hurried on to find that they had responded to a false alarm, and when they turned to start back to their barracks, some one of the boys asked, "What do you reckon became of that d—d big dog?" But Tryon street pedestrians were not wondering where Diff was, but how to rescue him from an embarrassing situation. The big fellow had fallen into one of the ten-foot holes in front of Mr. R. A. Dunn's new residence, and could not get out. Instead of looking ahead as he ran by the fire wagon he had his eyes on the horses and falling to see the hole in the street, he tumbled in head first and downward, carrying one of the guide lanterns with him. When Mr. T. R. Pagan came along Diff was praying the best he knew how for help, but the mud in that vicinity was so soft and so plentiful that no one who wore clean clothes would undertake to pull a dog out of a ten-foot hole. But when the firemen came along they, like the mud in that vicinity, were as soft and so plentiful that they were thrown down a ladder and gave Diff a lift. That is why Diff missed the fire.

NO PIEDMONT SUMMER SCHOOL. Prof. R. J. Cochran Declares That There Will Be No School at Davidson College This Summer—Many Educational Rattles Planned. Prof. R. J. Cochran states that there will be no Piedmont Summer School, this summer. The school was organized three years ago at the instance of Prof. Cochran and others, and the sessions were held every summer at Davidson College. The institution was planned, principally, for the benefit of the teachers of Mecklenburg and adjoining counties. The attendance every summer was large, the enrollment in 1904 amounting to more than 400 teachers. The attendance last summer was about 300. Each session has been marked by earnest and faithful work on the part of the teachers.

The reason why no school will be held this summer is because no appropriation can be secured from the counties of the State for its support. In the past a small matriculation fee has been charged the teachers who matriculated, but the amount realized in this way, has never been added to pay the expenses of the school. The school has been held three summers and almost all of the teachers of this section of the State have attended. The public school law does not require that all attend every year. Those who are behind the school believe that it will be well to skip a year.

Prof. Cochran states emphatically that this does not mean that the school is to be discontinued altogether. He believes something satisfactory happens, the summer of 1907 will witness a big Piedmont Summer School. During the summer Prof. Cochran proposes to hold a number of educational rallies at different points in the county. There are to be 19 of these, and, in a measure, they will take the place of the summer school.

THE MONTREAL SCHEME. Many Inquiries Coming in From All Sections—A Good Investment. Rev. J. R. Howerton states that interest in the Montreal estate is growing daily. Letters have been received from all sections of the South, and many inquiries have come from Northern and Western States as well. Those who are in charge of the selling of the shares of stock with lots are very much elated over the prospects. They declare that they anticipate no difficulty whatever in disposing of as many as they see fit to issue. Survivors are to lay off from 1,200 to 1,500 residence sites in the most desirable section of the property. Five hundred shares of stock are to be issued at \$100 each. Each share of stock will entitle the holder to a selection of a lot. The proceeds of the 500 shares will amount to \$50,000. One half of this or \$25,000 will go to Mr. James Huxley, in part payment for the estate. The other half, or \$25,000, will be devoted to permanent improvement. Thus those who buy lots first, to use the modern term, will "get in on the ground floor."

DECORATIONS NEXT WEEK.

Many Merchants Agree to Decorate Their Stores in Honor of the Sunday School Convention.

The special committee appointed to look after the decorations during the Sunday school convention next week began their canvass yesterday afternoon. The following named merchants have agreed to drape the front of their stores with two flags during the convention: Messrs. R. H. Jordan & Company, Kress & Company, York Bros. & Rogers, Sam Maxwell, Southern Hardware Company, Powell & Company, W. I. Van Ness & Company, Hawley's Pharmacy, C. N. G. Butt & Company, Woodall & Sheppard, J. H. Mann, Ed. Mellon Company, Little-Lang Company, Tryon Drug Company, Parker-Gardner Company, O. L. Barringer Company and C. B. Flournoy & Company.

The committee hopes to visit all of the merchants today or tomorrow. Already quite a number of residents have promised to decorate their homes. The flags which are to be used, are small and occupy but little space. About all the stores and the majority of the residences of the city will be draped with the flags next week.

EDUCATION CONFERENCE. Famous Meeting to be Held in Lexington, Ky., This Summer—The Speakers. The ninth annual conference for education in the South will be held in Lexington, Ky., Thursday and Friday, the 3rd and 4th of May. Large numbers have been received forecasting the conference. Among the prominent speakers will be: Prof. N. S. Shaler, of Harvard University; Dr. Brown Ayres, president of the University of Washington; Hon. John W. Yerkes, of Pennsylvania; D. C.; Dr. E. A. Alderman, president of the University of Virginia; and Dr. C. D. McIver, president of the State Normal College, at Greensboro, N. C. The conference will be held at Capon Springs, Va., one each in Winston-Salem, Athens, Ga., Richmond, Va., Birmingham, Ala., and Columbia, S. C.

PARK AVENUE A PUBLIC ROAD. Petition Presented to Board of Trustees So That Street May be Macadamized. Messrs. J. Garibaldi, P. S. Gilchrist, W. R. Tallaferra and others have petitioned the board of trustees of Charlotte township to declare a public road that section of Park avenue, in Dilworth, extending from the corner of Lyndhurst avenue. The property owners along the street desire to have it macadamized and have made terms with the county, whereby it will be worked, provided the county has made a public way. In order to comply with the demands of the county, the above mentioned petition has been presented. A meeting of the executive committee of Charlotte township has been called for April 28th, in the office of Mr. D. P. Hutchison, at No. 9 North Tryon street, to consider the matter.

Sheppard's Moving Pictures Good. A pleasanter entertainment for children than Sheppard's moving pictures cannot be imagined. About 500 children, from the little tots of a few years to the school children in their teens, enjoyed the matinee yesterday afternoon in true child fashion. And the older people present enjoyed the pictures, too. The scenes were remarkably realistic and the groups include the humorous, the pathetic, the exciting, etc., and were always interesting.

The Water All Right. Superintendent of the water-works, Pat H. Williams, yesterday received the quarterly analysis of a sample of the water used by the city. The report says that the water is free from all bacilli. It has a trace of iron, sulphates and phosphates, and was minus each of a number of salts. The remarks with which the report closed were: "Good water."

Nice New Furniture. The Tate-Brown Company, No. 6 South Tryon street, has put in a handsome set of store furniture, all of the most attractive part of quarter-sawn oak. The shelves, tables and cases are done in this pretty wood.

When you are wearied from overwork, feel listless or languid, or when you cannot sleep or eat, take Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea, One of the greatest tonics known. 35 cents. Tea or Tablets. R. H. Jordan & Co.

FOR SALE!

50 A good farming land, 7 miles east on rock road. \$32.50 per acre. 26 A 2 miles beyond Latta Park, fronting on Park road. \$50.00 per acre. 240 A 5 miles west on public road; will sell 200 A, including buildings; nice location for stock farm, dairying and trucking. 102 1-2 A timber land 16 miles east of city, 5 miles from R. R. station; will cut 75,000 feet lumber and 2,500 cords of wood; good land. Price \$1,500. McCall & Clanton. CHARLOTTE, N. C. 217 N. Tryon St. Phone 240.

A WINDOW FULL OF CUT GLASS.

One never makes a mistake in giving cut glass. It is always useful and always appreciated. We are showing an unusually select assortment of styles and designs in cut glass this week. If not for a gift, a handsome vase or bowl will be equally useful and appreciated in your home. The Palamountain Co. JEWELERS.

A Word About Sponges.

Off the coast of Florida and around the island of Crete, in the Mediterranean, sponges are fished up with long handled rakes from the bottom of the sea. They are then cleaned and prepared for market. Bleaching makes a sponge better to look at, but the process of bleaching always works harm to the wearing qualities of the sponge. Hence an unbleached sponge will always outlast a bleached sponge. Bleaching seems to hurt the fibres. We have a stock of sponges that are hard to beat. The fibres are exceptionally close, fine and strong. The shapes are regular and the sponges are the kind that wear. There is every variety in the lot—sponges for bathing the baby, face sponges, bath sponges, carriage sponges, scrub sponges and surgeon's sponges. We carry a nice line of other good things for the bath and toilet. Come in and look over our goods. You will find many things to please you at Hawley's Pharmacy.

Born in Baltimore, Raised Everywhere UMBRELLAS No better ones have ever been raised in Charlotte than the ones we are now offering. April showers will soon be here, then comes hot sunshine, so why not get one of our new silk umbrellas, 75c to \$15.00. All styles of handles and a grade of umbrellas that don't split and tear just for a month's service. ED. MELLON CO., Leading Clothiers Mail Orders Have Prompt Attention.

New Carpets and Mattings Do not fail to see us for Carpets and Mattings. Our new stock is in and we show the very best bargains we ever offered before. Japanese Mattings, 25c to 35c per yard Chinese Mattings, 25c to 40c per yard Wool Ingrain Carpets, 70c per yard Velvet Carpets, \$1.25 per yard Wilton Carpets, \$1.75 per yard Body Brussels Carpets, \$1.75 per yard Axminster Carpets, \$1.25, 1.50, 1.75 per yard Matting Rugs, and Smyrna and Axminster Rugs to match any room. We make a specialty of Church and Lodge Carpets. See us for anything in the way of Floor Coverings. We will please you. Parker-Gardner Co.

Care Was Given to Each and Every Detail When we selected our stock of Spring Negligee Shirts. They are now in and ready for your inspection. We have one of the neatest lines of Spring Shirts that we have ever offered to our customers. ALL THE NEWEST STYLES AND COLORS WITH CUFFS ATTACHED AND DETACHED. Prices \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00. Just the thing for particular dressers. LONG-TATE CLOTHING COMPANY

A BARGAIN! The "Chicago" Typewriter ONE. \$35.00. Fully Guaranteed; Visible Writing; Greatest Simplicity; consequently greatest durability. Perfect and permanent alignment. Only interchangeable steel type system. Many other desirable features. DON'T WRITE THE OLD WAY—USE A TYPEWRITER. It adds tone and prestige to your business. H. H. TOWNSEND, Gen'l Agt., 22 W. Fifth St. Charlotte, N. C. When You Clean House. you'll find our store the place to buy the many utensils you need and ought to have. Allen Hardware Co. WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

SPECIAL SALE Of Two And Three Piece Parlor Suits From now until April 10th we offer our entire stock of 2 and 3 piece Parlor Suits at a reduction of 25 per cent or 1-4 off from our regular prices. We find this reduction necessary to make room for goods that are coming in, and it is a great opportunity to save money. 22 suits to select from. We can please you. LUBIN FURNITURE CO. YES, WE CLEAN Oldest Largest Best Or Dye all kinds of wearing apparel and household goods Ladies' and Gentlemen's Coats and Suits, Portieres, Rugs, perfect satisfaction. Prices are reasonable. Out-of-town orders solicited. CHARLOTTE STEAM LAUNDRY. Launderers, Dyers and Cleaners, 219 S. Tryon Street.

CHAMPION LINIMENT FOR RHEUMATISM. Chas. Drake, a mail carrier at Chapinville, Conn., says: "Chamberlain's Pain Expeller cured me of a severe rheumatism in my shoulder. A few trials of several other remedies here recommended this remedy and it completely cured me. There is no use of any other remedy. It is the only one for a short time will produce a permanent cure. For sale by R. H. Jordan & Co."