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### PORTS HOLDING THEIR OWN

#### BIG RAILROAD UNDERTAKING

Increase in Breadstuff Exports From Southern Ports 46 Per Cent. Total Increase at All Ports—Completion of Vast Railroad Project, Involving Many Millions of Dollars, Will Still Further Increase Exports From Southern Shipping Points.

Correspondence of The Observer. Baltimore, April 26.—In this week's issue The Manufacturers' Record says: Southern ports are holding their own and bettering their positions as hand-

Districts	1905	1906
Baltimore	\$2,754,543	\$3,184,810
Newport News	3,890,540	5,648,336
Norfolk and Ports	541,225	1,177,082
Month	2,516,095	10,568,702
Mobile	1,824,976	2,310,783
New Orleans	9,288,232	15,008,066
Total	\$35,224,145	\$57,976,964
All districts	\$75,888,902	\$146,570,948

The increase at the six Southern ports was from \$28,424,145 to \$47,976,964, or at the rate of 68.3 per cent. At the rate of 68.3 per cent. while at other leading ports, including Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Portland, Puget Sound, San Francisco, Chicago, Duluth and Superior, the increase was from \$50,264,757 to \$88,293,584, equal to 75.2 per cent. The increase at the six Southern ports was 46 per cent. of the total increase at all ports.

#### EXPENDITURE OF \$100,000,000

Other exports at Southern ports are likely to increase in quantity with the completion of great railroad undertakings, meaning the expenditure of \$100,000,000 in the immediate future. To open up the vast mineral resources which lie in the mountains of the Appalachian chain the expenditure of millions upon millions of dollars, and the energy of thousands upon thousands of men is necessary. Lines of railroad are building and other lines are projected through regions in these mighty ranges, where it was hitherto deemed impossible to lay a track except at a cost which would financially swamp the enterprise. One of these roads is the South & Western, whose carefully surveyed route is up near the crest of the Black mountains in North Carolina, with but a grade so easy that heavily-laden coal trains will be able to travel unbroken from the mines in the Virginia highlands, across the great backbone of the eastern half of the continent to the mid-levels in North Carolina and the lowlands by the sea, where exporting terminals will be established, although all the fuel will not find its way to the coast, for much of it will go to supply cotton mills and other industrial plants inland. To build this road \$25,000,000 or \$30,000,000 are being expended.

#### FROM COAL FIELDS TO COAST

A similar instance of building a railroad to a low grade is found in the construction of the Deepwater and Tidewater railways, which will form a continuous route from mines in West Virginia to Norfolk, and in the construction of which about \$50,000,000 are being spent. An easy route is followed through the mountains, even the summit not being difficult, and from there it is downhill all the way to the Chesapeake bay, and it is proposed to have the entire road, from the Kanawha to the coast, completed early next year. A survey is now being made to carry

### THE RAILWAY FURTHER WESTWARD

the railway further westward to the Ohio river, and talk is heard of an extension beyond that water highway, even as far as the Great Lakes. This is what the Norfolk & Western and the Chesapeake & Ohio are apparently aiming at—their own lake outlets for their coal.

But great and impressive as are these two coal railroads now building from the mountains to the sea, their wonderfully bold engineering is equaled, if not surpassed, by the unique daring of Flagler's extension of his Florida East Coast Railway to Key West. Here is a line which is being built in part over the ocean, one of the gaps between the islands being several miles wide, while some others are each more than a mile in width. To place the railroad well up above the waves piers of concrete are being erected, upon which will rest the superstructure to carry the track. On one stretch of line this method of construction will cost \$1,000,000 a mile for six miles of road.

#### ANOTHER IMPORTANT TRUNK LINE

Turning one's glance inland, and but a little way further north, the Atlantic & Birmingham Railway is seen expanding into an important trunk line from the great Alabama mineral district to the sea. There are also indications that before long the Atlantic Coast Line will build a line through the Carolina and Tennessee mountains to connect with the Louisville & Nashville Railroad, which is controlled by the same interests.

#### HORSE SHOW FOR CHESTER

It will be held May 1st at the Agricultural Association grounds, near the Chesapeake and Ohio Depot.

#### Correspondence of The Observer.

Chester, S. C., April 26.—For the purpose of advertising the county, and arousing interest in stock raising, a few public-spirited citizens have decided to hold a horse show here at the old fair grounds Friday, May 1st. The track has been splendidly prepared and seats will be arranged for the crowds. Fourteen classes have been arranged with \$10 for the first prize, a blue ribbon and \$5 for the red ribbon. The projectors of the scheme are much gratified at the encouragement they are receiving from the stock raisers of the county. A meeting will be held at the court house at an early date to formulate plans for the successful launching of a regular fair association for Chester county.

### DIRT HAS NOT BEGUN TO FLY

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blow around the wire-screened porch are cool and invigorating. The vista is inspiring. A mile or two away, nesting on the crown of another hill, is the town of Empire, its white walls glistening in the sunlight like diamonds set in green. Mr. Stevens has his office here, and the watchmen told me that every night burns the midnight oil, poring over plans and diagrams and wrestling with the intricate problems that are of necessity involved in such a gigantic enterprise.

#### MR. STEVENS A WORKER

Mr. Stevens is a worker. His friends claim that he works too hard. The worst that his enemies say is that he does not know how to handle men. He has been educated in the school of corporation power. He has absorbed the spirit of monarchical dictation and arbitrary rule that we have seen displayed by some of the great combinations of capital. His life has been spent under the influence of railroad administration, and he fails to recognize the rights of individuals. He forgets that he is now a government official—a servant of the public, spending public money and using public time. He does not feel that the people are entitled to any particular courtesy or consideration. He says he is here to dig the canal, and not to be pestered with public criticism.

I presented my card to Mr. Stevens. He glanced at it, and then at me. He did not proffer his hand, he did not warm up, even to a smile. In a cold, deliberate manner he said: "Yes, you are about the staidest newspaper man that has been here to help me dig this canal."

What a cordial greeting that! I started to tell him I had troubles enough of my own without essaying any canal work, but he said something about it being his busy day. So I departed for the more congenial atmosphere of the morning people. And yet of one thing Mr. Stevens said: "Why did not some one tell me for information that I could have corrected some of his misapprehensions?"

#### TYPICAL GOVERNMENT OFFICE

But let us have Mr. Stevens and go into the administration building, which has just been opened for the transaction of business pertaining directly to the canal digging. Here we find a typical government office. The clerks are a hundred or more—come and go the same as in Washington, or any other place. There is an occasional clatter of typewriters and a perlistens murmur of voices. There are an air of governmental industry, if you know what that means. One industrious firm of American manufacturers has plastered the canal zone with an advertising placard that says: "Buy the Blank Typewriter. It is being used by the canal commission in preference to the steam shovel. Far be it from me to commit myself as to whether or not this is a base standard."

My guide at Culbraz was Lieut. Foley, an old Washington boy, who is now in charge of the nineteen policemen that patrol the streets and camps in this thriving town. There are about 3,500 laborers and 200 white employees here, all of whom constitute a considerable community. Lawbreaking is rare and the offenses are insignificant as a rule. Of course, the negroes are only human, and once in a while serious trouble occurs. The lawbreaker soon becomes stone-breaker, however, and in the jail-yard they spend many days swinging a sledge hammer on unoffensive bowlers. They are well supervised here, too, and there

### IS NO TIME FOR TRIPS TO DRAMLAND

and the leisure smoking of cigarettes. It's a case of "drill, ye soldier, drill. And it's work all day with no sugar in your tea, and it's drill, ye soldier, drill." The negroes seldom return, as they do not really enjoy the environs of the jail yard.

This would seem to imply that the Jamaican negro has some degree of intelligence. He has. Don't make a mistake there. For instance, on the way up the road I saw a negro lad dozing beneath a tall cocconut tree. After bothering him with a few questions, I offered him a quarter if he would climb the tree and let me take his photograph. The agility with which he moved up that slim and slippery trunk would have made the most expert monkey envious. I got the picture, and the lad slid down again, bringing with him a cocconut, which he tendered to me as a gratuity. With his machete he broke it open and then laid it on the grass before me. I went to pay him, but found that I had nothing smaller than a half-dollar. He said he could get it changed at a near-by house, and with the coin in his hand he disappeared through the door of a shack about a hundred yards away. In a moment he emerged, bringing with him a very foolish smile. With a painfully apologetic look, he said: "The lady in the house, sir, she keep the change for the cocconut."

#### HIGH FINANCE

How is that for high finance? I can buy cocnouts in Washington or New York for 10 cents. Yes, yes; the Jamaican negro is human, after all. As we leave Culbraz, let us take a glimpse at the machine shop and the roundhouse, where the engines used to haul the work trains are kept in good condition. Here we find the foreman as black as the proverbial midnight, and naturally so, for he is a full-blooded Jamaican. At night the engines come rolling into their respective berths, each with some variety of mechanical ailment. The engineer of the disabled steed calls loudly for the foreman. He comes, the case is diagnosed, the trouble ascertained, and with the deft fingers of genius the foreman repairs the damage.

Yet this fellow came to the tethmus two years ago as a common laborer and was paid at the magnificent rate of 80 cents per day. I understand his salary is now \$1,800 a year. And he is one of the men that really earns his money. There is no better place to study the adaptability of the Jamaican negro than at Culbraz. Most of the engineers are negroes and so are their firemen. They are all ambitious, work well, and from all I was able to learn are giving perfect satisfaction. There are many phases to the labor question on the canal zone, and many exceptions to any rule one may care to adopt.

#### GRAVEN COUNTY CONVENTION

Thomas Endorsed for Senate and Thomas for Congress—Other Candidates—A Harmonious Meeting. Special to The Observer.

Newbern, April 27.—The Democratic county convention held here to-day adopted resolutions favorable to F. M. Simmons for the United States Senate, C. R. Thomas for Congress, D. L. Ward for the State Senate, O. H. Golan for the judge of the third judicial district, L. I. Moore for solicitor of the third judicial district, Franklin McNeill for corporation commissioner. The meeting was smooth and harmonious and business was quickly transacted. There is no special political excitement in this section at present.

### BIG CROP IN CLEVELAND

Farmers Planting Larger Cotton Crops Than Usual—Shelby Growing—Revival in Baptist Church Closes.

Special to The Observer. Shelby, April 27.—Cleveland county farmers are just finishing planting the largest crop of cotton in the county's history. The land has been more carefully prepared than ever before. Improved agricultural implements are used and work is being done with much less labor than of old. Money is plentiful and prosperity is apparent everywhere.

Shelby continues to grow. New houses are in course of construction on every street. This, in a great measure, is due to the flourishing building and loan association. The health of the town and county is good and the climate strikes people who come here from other latitudes as being very nearly perfect.

Rev. Dr. Lunsford, the able pastor of the Baptist church at the Asheville, who has been assisting Rev. M. E. Parrish in a meeting in the Shelby Baptist church for nearly two weeks, left this morning for his home, Dr. Lunsford's manner in the pulpit is very pleasing and he deals with practical Christianity in a way that strikes home to the hearts of his hearers. His sermon on "Holiness" was considered by some to be the finest of the series, but it did not accord with the modern idea by any means. He made the most pleasant impression upon the Shelby people, one and all. There have been several additions to the church. Before leaving, the members presented him with a nice check as a small token of their appreciation of his faithful services.

#### NOTORIOUS NEGRO SHOT

Officer Johnson, in Defending Himself From Attack by Dangerous Man, Shoots Him Three Times—Wounded Man Will Recover. Correspondence of The Observer.

Chester, S. C., April 26.—Late yesterday afternoon considerable excitement was created here over the reported killing of a man on Saluda street. Curious crowds gathered to find that the notorious negro, Bob Benson, who divides his time between getting drunk and getting shot, was lying in the rear of Mr. J. M. Falwell's house apparently breathing his last. Benson called at Officer N. P. Johnson's house late in the afternoon and, in an insulting manner, demanded supper. Mr. Johnson's daughter called to her father and the latter went out to speak to the negro. Seeing that the negro was intoxicated, Mr. Johnson took him to town and was proceeding with him to the lock-up when the negro suddenly became unruly. He seized a stick and dealt the officer a blow on the head. In the struggle which ensued Johnson subdued the negro by shooting him three times in the leg. Benson is a dangerous character and was just recovering from a bad wound in the stomach which he sustained in a gambling-house fight a few months ago. His wounds are not serious and he will probably recover.

#### Waters-Roberson

#### Special to The Observer.

Washington, N. C., April 27.—At 8:30 o'clock Wednesday evening in the Christian church, a beautiful wedding ceremony was celebrated when Miss Cora Cornelia Roberson became the bride of Mr. Lloyd Waters. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. B. Cunningham in the presence of a large gathering of friends of the contracting parties. The church was handsomely decorated for the occasion.

### BANQUET AT ERSKINE

Annual Affair Given by Juniors to Seniors an Occasion of More Than Usual Pleasure. Special to The Observer.

Due West, S. C., April 25.—Seldom in the history of the college has Due West been the scene of a more elaborate affair than took place last Friday night when the juniors tendered the seniors the annual banquet. For weeks past the event had been anticipated, as it was known that the juniors were making extensive preparations to make the banquet the most pleasant and most memorable ever held. Their scheme was successful and they have received praise for having executed the most elaborate function of its kind ever undertaken here.

Each of the 37 young men of the class and each of the three young ladies invited a guest. The following were present: Misses Smith, Ardrey, Bowers, Clara Hamilton, Williford, Rhinpo, Mills, Patrick, Sitgreaves, Eva Clinckscale, Galloway, Alexander, Ward, Kennedy, Grier, Mary Pressly, Williams, Louise Brownlee, McCaw, Tolmie, Wyatt, Boyce, Hollis; Messrs. Ebb Hunter, Carmical, Hooten, Hale, Brice, Dr. F. Y. Pressly.

The guests arrived at 8:30 o'clock and were ushered into the parlor of the college home which was tastefully decorated in the junior class colors. The plants and other flowers, an hour of social intercourse was spent here, after which the guests were invited into the dining room where it was evident that the most enjoyable feature of the evening had been reserved for the last. The tables were laden with edibles and, from a corner of the room, strains of music from the Aeolian Club of the Female College lent additional charm. When refreshments had been served, Mr. W. C. Kerr, toastmaster of the evening, arose and in a spicy exordium, introduced Mr. J. M. Matthews, of Charlotte, to toast the occasion, which he did splendidly. To this Mr. A. M. Haddon responded in a humorous and then serious speech in which was expressed the high regard in which the class of '07 is held by the seniors.

Mr. George H. Blakely was the next speaker, making his remarks in verse. Mr. T. H. McDill responded to this toast in his usual happy style, his reference to the two young lady members of the junior class being especially eloquent.

The banquet was thoroughly enjoyed and all went away feeling proud of the class of '07, their generosity and their liberal employment of time and means to make the affair a memorable occasion.

#### Travel Stopped by Bees

Santa Rosa Correspondence San Francisco Chronicle. A swarm of bees were liberated at Stoneys point Sunday afternoon by the keeper of a beehive which was being carried by A. Dorward, the owner.

The bees took possession of the county road and held it undisputed for several hours. To rout the bees it was found necessary to incinerate them by building an immense bonfire around a post on which they had settled. Several travelers along the road received a decidedly warm reception and were forced to abandon further progress until the honey-makers were exterminated.

#### Indian Matrimonial Notice

From the Lahore Tribune. Wanted—A match for a girl of respectable Agrawal family. Gaur, Banash. The boy should be between 20 and 25 years. All communications to be addressed to Gian Chand, Clerk, Anand, Fatehpore City.

### BOMB FROM THE FACULTY

It Disbands the Erskine Ball Team and May Result in Radical Reform in South Carolina Athletic Association. Special to The Observer.

Due West, S. C., April 27.—By a decisive bomb from the faculty the baseball team of Erskine College was blown to atoms last Friday night. The explosion was unexpected and fell hard upon the boys of the club as well as the entire student body. The facts in the case, as they have been asked to be stated, are these: The South Carolina Association, composed of Furman University, Wofford, Clemson, Erskine, Newberry and Clinton, allows no student to play ball who has ever received even as much as expenses during the summer or any other time at the same occupation. Mr. James P. Pressly, second baseman of the Erskine team, received money last summer and so stated the fact on the affidavit to be sent to the president of the association. Mr. Pressly's affidavit was accepted and he was signed as an eligible member of the team.

Word came a few days ago asking that his case be investigated as it had been reported that he had received money. Then came to light the fact that Mr. Pressly's affidavit had been forged and the one which was sent in was not his at all, as it stated that he had never received any money for playing ball. That the faculty began an investigation, but being unable to fix the blame on any particular individual, decided to disband the team as something, they thought, was necessary to show that the college was free from any participation in the forgery.

The affair was unfortunate, of course, but the hope indulged here is that it may mean a general "cleaning up" in all the colleges of the State, as it is known positively that Pressly is not the only college boy any means, in the association whose team is composed of some who have played "summer ball." The probability is that the "Seceders" will withdraw hereafter from the association, not because they wish to play professional ball or have any man on the team who is a professional player, but merely to have the privilege of letting those play who are bona fide students, no matter if they have received money during the vacation months.

#### Strange Sequel of a Dream

From the London Daily Mail. A remarkable story of a dream is reported from Penzance. Howling in the night, a man on Thursday dreamed that he had been washed ashore at Hastings, and that the body was removed on a tarpaulin.

On Saturday the child was run over by a motor-tram on its way to her home and the wheels went over her chest, causing very serious injuries. She was picked up by some persons who witnessed the accident, placed on a tarpaulin and removed to the Beckenham Cottage Hospital, where she lies in a very serious condition.

#### Goose as a Watchdog

From the Bangor Times. A Bangor resident, being a goose which acts as watch dog, has been trained the bird to give a creditable imitation of a motor car motor whenever a stranger approaches.

#### A LUCKY FORTUNELLER

In Mrs. Alexander of Cary, N.C., who has found Dr. King's New Life Pills to be the stomach Liver and Bowel medicine. Her "stomach" was so bad that she was unable to eat. She writes that she is now "guaranteed" by Dr. King's New Life Pills. Price 50c.