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HOPE OF NATION IS IN THE SOUTH

Mr. Edmonds Says It Is Destined to Be Great Meat Producer—Is Regaining Lost Prestige.

Richard H. Edmonds, editor of the Manufacturers' Record, in reply to an inquiry as to the probable correctness of the prediction of Secretary of Agriculture Wilson in the Baltimore Sun that the south is destined to become a large meat producer, said:

"Secretary Wilson's prediction is already being fulfilled. The south is already becoming a live stock country, and in this respect it is merely returning to the conditions of ante-bellum days. Prior to the war the south was a great hog, sheep and cattle raising country. The reconstruction wrought by the war changed agricultural conditions throughout the south and practically forced that country to abandon the system of well-rounded agriculture existing up to 1860, and to concentrate its attention on cotton-growing to the exclusion of other things. This was for many years the greatest handicap under which the south labored. Gradually the south is returning to ante-bellum conditions of grain production and live stock raising.

Civil War a Great Blow to the Industry.

"In 1860, with a population of about one-third of the total for the country, the south has over 40 per cent. of the total value of live stock in the country, and it produced that year over 14 per cent. of the corn crop. So great was the decline in the production of grain and in the raising of cattle after 1865 that it was not until within the last few years that the grain production of the central south from Virginia to Louisiana reached the figures of 1860; and though the south's population is nearly three times as great as it was in 1860 there are not now in the central south as many cattle, sheep and swine as in 1860.

"Even Maryland has fewer meat cattle now than in that year. The total in this state in 1910 being 138,000, against 152,778 in 1860. Alabama now has 528,000 meat cattle, against 542,800 in 1860. Kentucky has 665,000, or just 100,000 less than 50 years ago, while North Carolina has 16,000 less and South Carolina 100,000 less.

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OTIS L. GREEN. Photograph by Ray.

compared, Texas shows a heavy increase. In 1860 that state was a new country, having less than 2,000,000 head of meat cattle, while at present it has over 7,000,000 head.

Fewer Sheep than in 1860.

"In 1860 the south had 4,091,000 sheep. Today it has only 2,081,000, though Texas shows an increase of 1,200,000. The central south from Virginia to Louisiana showing a great decrease. North Carolina, for instance, had 546,000 sheep in 1860 and 212,000 in 1910, while the number in South Carolina declined from 222,000 to 56,000, and in Tennessee from 772,000 to 347,000.

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great as in 1860, the south had only 17,000,000 hogs, or less than one-third of the total in the country.

"If it had been possible for the south after 1865 to restock its farms with cattle and hogs and sheep, the supply of which had been exhausted by the war, and to continue the diversified farming operations of those days, it is safe to say that it would have recuperated from the effects of the war in one-half the time it took, and that its wealth would now be at least double what it is.

"The destruction by the war and the disorganization of labor, and the tenant system of farming with the negro no longer directed and controlled in his farm work as in the olden days, the fact that money could be borrowed in advance against the cotton crop and not against corn or

other crops, and the fact that the population was nearly three times as

diversified products, all combined to destroy the old well-rounded system of agriculture existing before 1860. Regaining Its Own After Years of Labor.

"After years of struggle the south is returning to this diversified agriculture. It is making a remarkable increase in grain production and in cattle raising. Even as late as 1909 the south produced only 17,000,000 bushels of corn, but in nearly all of the central states there were much larger crops in that year than in 1860. In 1860 Alabama produced 22,200,000 bushels of corn in 1909 it produced 29,375,000 bushels. Mississippi produced 29,500,000 bushels in 1860, or 4,000,000 bushels more than in 1909. North Carolina produced 1,000,000 bushels more in 1909 than in 1860, while South Carolina credited 2,000,000 bushels more in 1909 than in 1860. Since 1909, however, there has been such a rapid development of grain growing in the south that from 476,000,000 bushels in 1909 the corn of that section rose in 1908 to 786,500,000 bushels, and this year the south's corn crop will probably be between 800,000,000 and 1,000,000,000 bushels, an increase of 12 per cent. in a year.

"It is an interesting fact that the production of wheat in the south in 1910 shows a gain of over 25,000,000 bushels compared with 1909, or an in-

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GAYNOR AS A FIRE FIGHTER ON THE ROOF OF HIS GARAGE



Mayor Climbing Ladder at Fire

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proved in taking the ground that the production of live stock has not kept pace with the growth of the country, and it is true in the country as a whole as well as in the south, that the live stock has not been produced to the extent of the population. It is a fact, however, that the great increase in the live stock and southwest has been due to the conditions of cattle

"The country can no longer look to the west and the great north of Texas, where every acre of the ranch in 1860 was a small farm, and where the live stock was raised by tens of thousands of people, for its supply of live stock. The only hope of an increase commensurate with the population of the country will be to increase the number of small farms where the live stock is raised. The number of small farms is increasing even now, and the number of cattle, sheep and swine is increasing. Rapid progress is being made in many portions of the south, and in the mountain regions, where the live stock has formerly been raised, the number is being increased. In the central south the same conditions are true. From every part of the cotton-growing section the reports show a very rapid increase in live stock this year. It is a fact, however, that as this year shows such a phenomenal increase in live stock production, next year will

Involvement of the Wet Lands.

The involvement of the wet lands in the cotton-growing industry of the whole country, especially in the day of decreasing cotton prices, is the result of the work of the cotton growers in the 5,000,000-acre areas of over-floored or over-irrigated land in the North Carolina and South Carolina in a few years of the past several hundred thousand acres of wet land, but which the cotton growers will be worth from \$100 to \$200 an acre as soon as reclamation is completed.

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