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SOUTH'S DEVELOPMENT.

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE SOUTH.

These Facts Are Worth Knowing by all Southerners and Will Create a Pleasing Surprise.

Under the above heading the manufacturer's Record, of Baltimore, of November, 25th, 1909, published the following article about the south:

It is a fact that—
This year the South's cotton crop will be worth not far from \$1,000,000,000, or twice as much as the output of the gold mines in the world for the same year.

The South is producing 800,000,000 bushels of grain a year.

The total value of the agricultural products of the South this year will be \$2,550,000,000, which is more than the total of the agricultural output of the United States in 1890 when the population of the country was 63,000,000, while the population of the South at present is 27,500,000.

Such remarkable agricultural advance proves the agricultural capabilities of the South and the activity and energy of the farmers of the South.

Southern cotton mills are now consuming 2,500,000 bales of cotton a year, or as much as all other mills in the United States are consuming of Southern-grown cotton.

The South is now spending \$20,000,000 in building cotton mills.

The South has 62,000 square miles of bituminous coal lands, as against 17,000 in Great Britain, Germany, France and Austria combined.

The South is now mining over 90,000,000 tons of bituminous coal a year, as compared with 42,000,000 tons, the entire bituminous coal output of the United States in 1880.

According to official records the South has more iron ore than foreign experts claim for all of Europe.

The Rothschilds and other English financiers in connection with leading New York financial people are building at a cost of several million dollars a great steel plant in Alabama which will employ about 3,500 people; and that one of the associates of the Rothschilds who recently visited the South, in referring to the resources and progress of this section, said to the Manufacturer's Record:

"I am astonished beyond words to express. I have visited California and Canada, but have never seen anything to equal the great development that is going on in the South."

The United States Steel Corporation, having already invested about \$50,000,000 in Alabama, is carrying out vast improvements including the building of a \$3,000,000 steel and wire plant, a storage reservoir lake for the use of its own works to hold 2,000,000,000 gallons of water, a coke-oven plant to produce 3,000 tons of coke per day, and other undertakings which will add immensely to the prosperity of the whole South.

The United States Steel Corporation is handling a large part of its export trade in steel rails through its Alabama plant, and that it is now filling an order for Birmingham-made rails for shipment via Southern ports to Argentina and Brazil.

The Birmingham-made steel rail has no superior in the United States.

The South is producing nearly one-half the sulphur of the world and is absolutely dominating the world's sulphur trade.

Phosphate-rock, the foundation of the great fertilizer industry, is found in larger quantity and under more advantageous conditions of mining in the South than elsewhere in the world, and that the rest of the world must largely depend upon the South for its supply of phosphate rock.

Over 40 per cent. of all the standing timber in the United States is in the South.

Nowhere else on earth are found in the same country the foundations of all great manufacturing interests—cotton, coal, iron, lumber, phosphate rock, oil, sulphur, gas, water-powers and many other things.

With a population less by 3,000,000, or 4,000,000 than what the total population of the United States was in 1860 the wealth of the South is \$6,000,000,000 greater than the total wealth of the whole country in 1860.

The marbles, granites, building stones and clays of the South are unsurpassed in quality and scarcely equaled in quantity elsewhere in America, furnishing a limitless field for development work.

The South offers greater advantages than any other region in America; that apple-growing in the South is as profitable as apple-growing on the Pacific Coast; that the production of oranges, grape fruit and early vegetables in this section offers better opportunities for money-making than similar industries anywhere else in the United States.

These facts are at last beginning to make the impression upon the people of the whole country, and that over 200,000 Northern and Western people are annually pouring into this section, at present mainly into Texas and Florida, but with an increasing movement into every other Southern State.

This vast host is only the advance guard of a mighty army of people who, realizing Southern opportunities more than the people of the South themselves, are coming into this section because they find it more inviting for home-making, for agricultural operations, for industrial pursuits, for health and climatic advantages than any other region of America.

Southern railroads must spend \$2,000,000,000 in 10 years to provide facilities needed in Southern growth.

The greatest railroad-builders of America are straining every nerve to extend their lines to the centres of Southern activity and to reach Southern ports in order to win strategic positions in this section, which they recognize is to be the center of the world's greatest industrial interests.

All of the present development of the railroad and industrial work in the South is only the revival of what was being done prior to 1860 on a relatively still larger scale, which shows the inborn trait of Southern people to turn to industrial interests.

Good roads, which mean more for agricultural prosperity than anything else before the public, are being built all over the South as never before at a cost of many millions of dollars.

A Southern port outranks all other ports in the United States in export trade except New York, and that the trend of foreign commerce through Southern ports is increasing more rapidly than elsewhere in the country.

The South is building two of the most remarkable railroads ever constructed in America, and that one of them is the most unique ever built in the world.

What is probably the most comprehensive and remarkable warehousing system in America is being developed in a Southern town, and is, in part, already in operation.

The South lost by emigration between 1860 and 1900 about 2,500,000 of its own white people, and this was a far greater loss than the ruin and destruction by war.

This drain has largely stopped, and that Southern men and boys are now finding more avenues of employment at home than elsewhere.

The tide of investment of American and foreign capital and the movement of population is turning southward as never before, and that wonderful things are in store for this section.

Great drainage undertakings are now being carried out in the South, reclaiming wet or overflowed lands, and making susceptible to cultivation some of the richest lands in the world. Much of this easily reclaimed land has a soil not surpassed, if equalled, in the world for fertility and depth. Through the utilization of such land the wonderful development of rice growing in Louisiana and Texas was made possible, and the hundreds of millions of value thus created will be more than duplicated by further drainage operations.

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Honor Roll.

The following belong on the honor roll of Prospect school, month ending January 7th.

- 1st Grade—Bettie Bennette, Rufus Uphurch, Bettie Fraiser.
 - 2nd Grade—Kathleen May, Maybelle Clark, Alice Murray.
 - 3rd Grade—Eva Fraizer, Sadie Uphurch, Sonnie Uphurch.
 - 5th Grade—Nora Lee May.
- NORA K. CLIFTON, Teacher.

Installation of Officers.

At a meeting of the Woodmen of the World on last Tuesday night the following officers were installed:

- Consul Commander—J. W. Hollingsworth.
- Adviser Lieutenant—J. S. Lancaster.
- Banker—S. P. Boddie.
- Escort—D. G. Pearce.
- Clerk—J. W. King.
- Watchman—J. S. Strickland.
- Sentry—R. E. Lancaster.
- Managers—R. H. Davis and M. D. Smith.

After the installation refreshments were served, then the degrees were given to three candidates in waiting.

Hickory Rock News.

We have not seen anything from the "Rock" in some time, will send in a few items to let you know we are still living.

Mrs. John Hedgepeth visited relatives in Franklin last week.

Mr. W. E. Sledge spent the holidays with his sister, Miss Irene Sledge at Littleton.

Miss Urtie Crawley, of near Littleton, is the guest of Mrs. W. S. Sledge, this week.

Mr. J. Boone and Miss Mary Hollingsworth, of near Castalia, spent Thursday with Miss Lula Hedgepeth.

Mrs. Neal and daughter, Miss Minnie, spent Xmas at home after having been at Oxford since September.

Hickory Rock opened up with a full school Monday.

Rev. H. Scholz delivered a grand sermon at Mt. Gilead Sunday morning.

On Wednesday night of last week the doors of the home of Mrs. Jno Hedgepeth were thrown open to her many friends and quite a large crowd assembled. When the hour came for them to take their departure, they reported an enjoyable evening, and all expressed themselves as being highly pleased with the manner in which Mrs. Hedgepeth had entertained her guests. Wishing all a happy and prosperous New Year of 1910.

"Gondolier"

Dr. S. Rapport, of Durham, will be stopping at the Louisburg Hotel, Wed. Jan. 26th, for one day only. Remember that you pay nothing for examination of your eyes in buying glasses of me and I furnish only the best quality glasses at a moderate price.

THE MOVING PEOPLE

THEIR MOVEMENTS IN AND OUT OF TOWN.

Those Who Have Visited Louisburg the Past Week—Those Who Have Gone Elsewhere for Business or Pleasure.

Dr. W. F. Furman spent the holidays with his people here.

Miss Sue Alston and Georgia Joyner spent Monday at Nashville.

Mr. B. H. Perry, of Henderson, visited Franklin county this week.

Mr. D. C. Strickland, of Apex, was a visitor to Louisburg the past week.

Mr. John A. Sheets, of Raleigh, spent several days in town this week.

Mr. T. A. Person, of Greenville, visited his people in Louisburg the past week.

Mr. W. Y. Mann, of Carlsruhe, Ark., spent some time with his people here through the holidays.

Attorney General and Mrs. T. W. Bickett returned this week from a visit to Washington, D. C.

Mr. Arthur Arrington and son, who have been visiting here, returned to their home in Richmond Tuesday.

Rev. Josiah Crundup, of Rockingham, spent Tuesday night in town, guests of his sister, Mrs. R. P. Taylor.

Miss Mary Webb, who spent the holidays with her people at Mapleville has returned to her school at Halifax.

Mrs. J. Roberta Dickens, of Rocky Mount, who has taken a position as teacher in the Louisburg College, arrived Monday.

Miss Bessie Strange left the past week for Lewisburg, Tenn., where she will spend some time visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. M. F. Heuck, accompanied by Mrs. John Houck, left Wednesday for Winston-Salem where they will visit Mrs. E. G. Kern.

Mr. W. E. White left Tuesday for Winston-Salem and other points. While gone he will buy a nice stock of furniture for his store here.

Miss Mary Williams, who has been visiting relatives at Sutherland, Va., returned home yesterday, accompanied by Miss Bessie Sutherland, who will spend some time with relatives here.

Mr. G. L. Aycock left Tuesday for Elberon, where he was married on Wednesday to Miss Mary E. Goodwyn. They will take a bridal tour of a few days to Washington and Baltimore.

Among the number who passed through town the past week from Mapleville on their way to school we note E. J. Newell, University, J. O. Newell, College Physicians, and Surgeons, Baltimore; J. H. Uzzell, Jr., University of Maryland, Baltimore; and Miss Minnie Neal, Oxford Seminary.

Schloss Slush.

If cotton is not king the chances are that his seed may be.

Mr. Gratias Williams, local manager of the Home Telephone Company at Emporia, Va., made a brief visit to his brother, Mr. J. S. Williams, last week.

Mr. H. P. Speed, our faithful rural route postmaster, is smiling at his friends and patrons through the windows of a handsome new cab. Mr. Speed is now comfortably fixed for business. The snow may fly and the wind may blow through outside whiskers but he can sit still and go right along staving, "I'll stand the storm till the winds blow over."

The W. A. Gonnell Shuttle Company, the new enterprise at this place, are getting large quantities of dogwood. The mill was moved in to

day and will be put in operation sometime this week. It takes "cords" of dogwood to run the factory, and lots of money will be put in circulation to get it, and while its going we shall have no particular objection if some of it finds its way back here from whence it takes its flight.

Christmas was rather quiet down on the border and passed off very pleasantly around Scholers and its suburbs.

An impromptu dance was held at the store on Christmas eve, night by some of the young folks, and a few others who were not quite so young as they used to be, but it was strictly a stag entertainment.

Sometime ago Junius Alsten showed his wisdom by touching the weak spot of his "brethering." He conceived the idea of raising his house on an easy plan. He caught two large, fat "varmints," and told his wife she "knoved how to fix 'em to suit a hungry man's taste." Ella "baked 'em possums good and brown, and piled de taters all aroun." The invitation was given and the house was raised—or thereabout.

Mrs. George Manning and little daughter, Elizabeth, left last week to visit her sister, Mrs. D. T. Smithwick, in Louisburg.

Mr. Robert Egerton was an early Christmas visitor to his many friends here, who were glad to see him. Mr. Egerton is now living in Tennessee, but he still prays with his face towards "Jerusalem."

Mr. — Strickland, manager of the Shuttle Factory, moved his family here today.

Dr. J. B. Williams is wheeling on his rounds in a new red buggy.

Married—On Wednesday evening January 6, at the home of the bride's mother, Mr. Peter Patterson and Miss Lucy Dickerson. Justice John J. Cooper officiating.

Mrs. J. S. Williams, who has been indisposed the past few days, was able to sit up today.

Mr. Benjamin Harris died at his home near this place about 5 o'clock

on the morning of December 31st. His body was laid to rest at 3 p. m., on New Year's day, Rev. Geo. M. Duke, conducting the funeral services. Mr. Harris was perhaps the oldest citizen in this community, being 98 years of age, his birth dating from thirteen years before the "stars fell." He was a quiet, peaceful man honest and upright in his life and a good neighbor. Seven children survive, six sons and one daughter.

Our little city is getting to be so prominent that the S. A. L. has put on three operators. Messrs. Cooke, Sikmer and Mackster. They work eight hours a piece each day and night.

Our tobacco market opened up with prices strong on all grades. Tobacco is selling better than before Xmas. Our market has done exceedingly well with the short crops. Without a doubt we have had the best market that we have ever had.

Notice

Louisburg Rifles, Co. D. 3rd Infantry: You are hereby ordered to report at your armory for drill the following dates: January 21 and 28, February 11 and 18 and on March 8 for inspection by the United States and State Inspectors. If any member has any property that belongs to the company, return it to the armory at first drill. There will be rifle practice in your armory every Monday, Wednesday and Friday night until further notice. Captain Banks is very anxious for all of the members to attend these practices as they add very much to the shooting in camp. Armory will be open on the above nights at 7 o'clock. By order of

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Youngsville Items.

Miss Nellie Winston left last Thursday for a visit to relatives in Franklin.

Misses Emma, Mary and Quinns Alford, of near Louisburg, spent Saturday in town.

Mr. J. B. Massenburgh, the popular barer for the American Tobacco Co., returned last Friday, bringing his wife and little boy with him. They are stopping at the hotel.

E. L. Beasley has returned from

a visit to relatives in Apex.

Mrs. Mollie Winston and family have moved out to the George Winston place where her son, H. M. Winston, has taken charge of the plantation.

V. R. Purgess has moved his family to the house recently occupied by Mrs. Mollie Winston, and R. H. Wilson has moved his family to the house vacated by Mr. Purgess.

We regret very much to announce the death of Mr. Otho Scarborough, which occurred last Sunday afternoon at his grandfather's, Mr. L. G. Jordans. The deceased had been in poor health for some time but had only been in bed a few days and his death coming so soon was a surprise. Otho was 19 years old and leaves two brothers, his father, mother and sister being dead. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Harrell of the Baptist church. The following young men, playmates of the deceased, acted as pall bearers: Hermon, Edwin and Genatus Winston, Gully Strickland, Wade Hight and Tommy Moss. The remains were laid to rest in the cemetery surrounded by a large number of friends. The family have the sympathy of the entire community.

After a lingering illness with pneumonia the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Massey departed this life Tuesday night, at 8 o'clock. The bereaved parents have our sympathy in this their sad hour. The remains were taken out to Oak Level cemetery where they were tenderly laid to rest by loving friends.

Messrs. I. F. Fuller and L. E. Winston are attending the Grand Lodge of Masons at Raleigh this week as representatives of Youngsville Lodge No. 377.

Rev. G. F. Harrell the new pastor of the Baptist church spent a short time in town this week and made a very favorable impression on our people. He will preach his first sermon here next Sunday morning.

We learn that Mr. R. N. Williams health is improving since he has been staying in the country for J. W. Winston. They bought a chicken and we learn that he flew across the road with Newton. He was in town this week and had fattened up so we think it would take a large chicken to act as an air ship for him now.

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