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Clinching Prosperity

Mr. J. F. Sanders Has a Big Thing In Hand.

Competing With Norfolk.

Few Cities Have an Industry Which are More Up-to-Date Than the Elizabeth City Iron Works. A Combination of Two Active Business Concerns.

Few cities with less than ten thousand inhabitants have as many large industries to boast as have the people of Elizabeth City. Last week we spoke of the Pinner Cheroot, and again in looking over the field we have taken liberty of poking our reportorial nose into another large plant, which is today in its highest state of perfection. For some time Elizabeth City boasted of two very valuable foundries. These two plants were owned and operated by Messrs. J. F. Sanders and George Scott. Mr. Sanders was the oldest recognized machinist, while Mr. Scott brought with him some of the finest and latest modeled machinery ever placed in this city, or even in eastern Carolina. Years of thought and painstaking experience had made the name of "Sanders," as applied to good machinery or moulding, a synonym for that which was perfect. One of Mr. J. F. Sanders chief characteristics is his determination to have things exactly as represented. Few men who possess this trait fail to give satisfaction. It is a type of the old school of workmen, who invariably lay emphasis on a good record, brought about by fair dealing. Having lived in this section for about twenty-nine years, Mr. Sanders has made friends, who trusted in his ability, and his plant was acknowledged the leading one. Mr. Brad Sanders, a son of the beforementioned J. F. Sanders, grew up under his fathers able directions until he had sufficiently satisfied the older gentlemen's ideas of what a good machinist and foundryman should be. Then this young gentleman was given charge of a part of the business. The two Sanders had it all their way until the arrival of Mr. Scott, with his up to date machinery. Then things began to look as though the "Sanders" were going to have a fight for first place; but not so. Mr. Scott, had simply introduced to them those essential parts of a big plant which the Sanders plant had already aspired to, and as soon as the Scott, plant proved the efficacy of the new machinery, Mr. Sanders determined to own it. So as time passed the Elizabeth City Iron Works began to find ways and means to own its rivals mammoth business, and plant. It was thus that two of the largest enterprizes in the eastern part of the state consolidated on January 1st, 1903. The Sanders plant covered 24x60 feet, with an engine room 20x24 feet and a storage room 20x20 feet. The Scott plant foundry was 50x50, with machine shops 50x100 feet. It is hard to say which of these two firms were doing the best business at this time. At any rate Norfolk must have felt the difference in her trade, for the fishermen, and others, who needed

Freight Statistics of Elizabeth City, N. C., For Year 1902.

ARTICLES.	No. Ft. Pkgs.	No. Tons.	Reduction.	Amt. Gained.	REMARKS.
Lumber	98,117,187	147,175	Per. M. \$100	\$88,117	Received, and shipped from this port
Piling	Pieces 70,000	25,000	Each .50	25,000	From Albemarle Sound via E City, North
Logs	70,735,000	232,947		00,000	For local trade and manufacturing
Cooper timber	cords 27,000	18,500	1.00	18,500	For local trade and manufacturing
Shingles	15,500,000	68,250	.25	8,812	Manufactured here and shipped
Brick		4,340	Per Ton .75	3,255	Those received and those mfd and shipped
Grain		10,750	.50	5,385	Purchased by merchants and mill men here
Fertilizer and lime		62,812	.50	26,156	Handled here
Coal		8,600	.50	4,300	Received for home consumption
Cotton seed		2,700	.50	1,385	Purchased in this section and shipped
Bales of cotton	25,500	6,390	.50	3,194	Local and through cotton
Hogsheads of tobacco	15,231	7,714	.50	3,807	In transit
Mill and feed stuff		6,775	.50	3,387	Home consumption and distribution
Oysters and green peas	110,000	3,880	.50	1,940	Canned here and shipped abroad
Groceries and can goods		17,782	.50	8,891	Local trade and for distribution
Hay		8,000	.50	4,000	" " " "
Salt, coffee and sugar		1,580	.50	760	" " " "
Bags peanuts	3,264	130	.50	65	" " " "
Hardware, machinery, &c		390	.50	195	" " " "
Farm implements		175	.50	87	" " " "
Tar and oil	Bbls 6,000	1,500	.50	750	" " " "
Egg crates	15,000	875			" " " "
Bbls potatoes	55,556	2,829			" " " "
Packages truck	121,000	3,625			Mostly in transit for the north
Packages of fish	55,500	5,500			Local trade and distribution
Vessels of oysters	508	22,720			Local factories and in transit
Vessel loads of melons	67	1,200			" " " "
Dead and live stock	7,250	4,486			" " " "
Fresh meats		250			Local trade
Packages cakes, crack'rs	37,500	600			" " and distribution
Dry goods	19,042	978			" " " only
Cord wood	6,600	2,300			" " " "
Car loads furniture	105	225			" " " "
Coops poultry	5,600	1,400			Mostly in transit
Horses and mules	467	234			Local trade
Empty barrels, crates, etc	326,114	1,624			Handled here
Butter dishes	7,000,000				Manufactured here
Knitting mill		1,000			Goods received and shipped out
Cotton factory		2,500			" " " " " "
Elizabeth City		334			" " " " " "
Electric Light Co.		2,000			" " " " " "
Total No. tons		689,172			

Prepared for the purpose of showing the net gain in Reduced Freight Rates to be derived per annum, by establishing the Proposed Inland Water-Way from Norfolk Harbor to Beaufort Inlet, N. C.

foundry supplies were quick to see the difference between going all the way to Norfolk, and buying from a first class plant here. So it was that prosperity fell into the hands of the two foundries and after the consolidation the Sanders plant having absorbed the Scott foundry, the work increased more rapidly than it had even been anticipated. Today the big foundry is in the zenith of success. The successful manufacture of special machinery, for all purposes and repairs, castings of every description, duplicate parts for every imaginable thing in the machine line, such as engine repairing and parts, plow castings, screws, nuts, bolts, taps, rivets, and it may be said anything from a nail to a massive ship rudder, capable of guiding a first class battleship in the navy, can be sent out in perfect style from the Sanders plant. The man who cannot find a tiny screw for delicate work can find it at Mr. Sanders shop, or one of his efficient force can quickly make it. The man who is looking for an immense iron mould and who figures on transportation from New York city, can find what he wants or have it made at Mr. Sanders place. One of the chief things which struck The Tar Heel man at the Sanders plant was the systematic manner in which every part of the plant is conducted. The office and store room are separate and complete, under the special supervision

of the senior member of the firm. On the inside of the foundry may be found many massive and valuable machines. It is a fact worthy of notice that Norfolk has not a single piece of foundry machinery which cannot be found at the Sanders plant. In the shops, young Mr. Sanders, holds the reins. Here under this energetic and painstaking young foreman and member of the firm, are dozens of the best workmen, obtainable. These men are continually watching their individual lines of the work. Every man keeps a pencil record of his days work, showing just what piece he has worked on and what relation his work has had on the days out-put. Thus the best men are soon learned and the machinery requiring the most skill and care is given to the man best adapted to his particular work. The moulding rooms are always busy; the big steel and iron lathes are continually turning out the highest grade of work. Seven lathes capable of holding iron 60 feet in length, down to a tack, are ever revolving, and at each of these lathes stands a man who knows that his work, when wrong, is charged up to him. This makes the men careful and gives the real secret of the success of the "Sanders" name, when applied to machinery or casting. Heavy iron drills are also found, each being manned by an expert machinist. The plant has formerly been carried on with a steam plant, but

during the past week an electric motor, of powerful voltage, does the work. This is another example of the up-to-dateness of the Elizabeth City Iron Works. Outside the shop the work is superintended by Mr. Jeff Davis, who is fully aware of the importance of his end of the business. Mr. Davis is an all around machinist and foundryman. There is little in his line which he does not understand and that is the reason he was given a chance to become a member of the firm, which has made such a good reputation. This member of the firm, is a fit mate for the two "Sanders," who, with him, form a strong team. In conclusion The Tar Heel would suggest to her readers throughout the seven adjacent counties in which her 3,600 subscribers reside, that before they place orders in the hands of Norfolk foundrymen they call at The Elizabeth City Iron Works and catch a conception of what can be done for them here. WANTED:—Fifty Young Ladies to operate electric power machines on ladies shirt waists. Easy work. Good wages while you learn. Large wages after you become expert. Address, with references, The LeRoy Shirt Waist Company, Berkley, Va.

Russia Resents Foreign Offer. St. Petersburg, May 19.—The Russian government has received no representations from the government of the United States in regard to the Kischineff massacres, beyond an inquiry through Ambassador McCormick several days ago, whether the money supplies which were being offered from all parts of America for the sufferers would be acceptable to the Russian government. The Foreign Office replied that while it greatly appreciated the American generosity there was no need for relief as the wants of the inhabitants of Kischineff would be looked after. There is no doubt that while Russian officials much regret the Kischineff massacre they resent what they call the anti-Russian agitation in American, "which they claim is fomented by the influential English press." There was a party given at the home of Miss Mildred Spence at her home on Road street last Friday night. The entertainment was given by a number of young ladies and the Spence home was tendered by Miss Mildred Spence. Music and songs were rendered and cream and cake was served. Everyone declared themselves highly delighted with the evenings amusement and Miss Spence was voted a most charming young hostess. Subscribe to the Tar Heel only \$1.50 a year.

Fraternity Organized

The Mystic Circle Takes in a Number of Ladies.

The Election of Officers.

Many of Elizabeth Citys Best People Form the New Lodge membership. Both Ladies and Gentlemen Admissible to the New Order.

The Fraternal Order of the Mystic Circle met Wednesday night and held an interesting meeting. There were present a number of ladies among them being some of the most popular society folks of this city. Those whose names were enrolled were Mrs. George M. Daniels, Mrs. A. B. Ferguson, Mrs. W. M. Ferguson, Mrs. L. E. Skinner, Mrs. H. B. Walker and Misses. Leath Hill, Jennie Ballance, Minnie Lou Bell, Glennie Bell, Lillian M. Brothers, Adlai Savills, Sadie Wilcox, and Mrs. Cassie Morrisett. The following have been entered though not yet initiated; Misses Katie Ehringhaus, Mary Grice, Mattie Cartwright, Mae Ried and Eva Pailin.

The Fraternal order has now been in existence for some weeks. It was first introduced here by Mr. George M. Walker, who has proved himself a worthy member of the order. The fraternity is an old one and is a good social and insurance order. It has many members among the gentlemen and promises to be one of the foremost orders of the kind in this city.

At a recent meeting the officers were elected: Geo. W. Daniels, Worthy Ruler; F. G. Thompson, Vice Ruler; Capt. Wainright, Past Worthy Ruler; A. E. Perkinson, Chaplain; T. T. Turner, Worthy Tres. J. P. Thompson, Worthy Collector.

The Tar Heel congratulates the new order in having such an excellent class of membership. All of the members are from the best people and the Fraternal Mystic Circle has already gained great popularity in our city. It is a good order for any young man or woman who desires insurance at a low rate with good good lodge benefits. Mr. Walker has made himself very popular since his sojourn here, and the lodge which he has instituted will no doubt miss him, when he has closed his imitative work in Elizabeth City to open new lodges in other fields.

The Tar Heel Register.

The following is the register, of visitors to The Tar Heel office during the past week: Mr. William Carter, of Durants Neck; Mr. D. L. Midgett, of Manns Harbor; Mr. C. B. Burgess, of Shiloh; Mr. C. S. Ballance, of Mumford; Mr. James A. Key, of Mumford; Mr. D. O. Newberry, of Columbia; Mr. J. T. Jones, of Manns Harbor; Mr. N. H. Swain, of Powells Point Messrs. S. W. Chappell and E. L. Chappell, of Belvidere; Messrs Thad. Snowden and Patrick Keeton, of Kehukee; C. P. Midgett and C. W. Midgett, of Rodanthe.