

FORGING AHEAD.

Yesterday we published an article showing how the South was forging ahead in point of population as compared with other sections, and herein we present some figures, for which we are indebted to the Baltimore Manufacturers' Record, showing how she is forging ahead as a manufacturing section. Last week's issue publishes an elaborate analysis of the census figures on the industrial development in the South, from which we quote the following:

Table with 2 columns: State, Value of Products. Rows include Alabama, Arkansas, D.C., Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, N. Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, W. Virginia.

The South has become a manufacturer on a billion-dollar scale—indeed, it is better to say on a billion-and-a-half-dollar scale, for the value of the products of its factories in 1900, according to preliminary figures of the twelfth census, was \$1,466,689,495, which was greater by nearly \$450,000,000 than the value of the products of manufactures in the United States in 1880.

Under present and prospective conditions this applies to North Carolina with more force than ever, for by law, with the adoption of the constitutional amendment, not only the illiterate negro is disfranchised but the illiterate white man also is disfranchised after 1908, so that the boys now growing up who come of age by that time must learn to read and write before they can become entitled to the franchise.

From all the accounts we have the negroes are showing much, and a commendable, interest in this matter, and are very active in preparing themselves to meet the constitutional requirement as to reading and writing.

This narrows the question down to whether the white people will be lukewarm and indifferent while the negroes are active in the efforts to maintain their position as a political factor in the State. There are about forty thousand of them who can vote, and with those who will learn to read and write before 1908 they will form a mighty factor, will hold the balance of power and being better informed than heretofore will be apt to insist on having more to say about party management and party policies.

But there are other considerations outside of politics which should inspire an interest and stimulate efforts in this direction. Regard for the youth of the State, to enable them to take their part in the battle of life and be better able to take care of themselves should do it, and so should regard for the prosperity of the State, for the educated citizen is a very attractive one to most people.

There is one gratifying feature in the figures given above which shows that while some of the Southern States have forged ahead rapidly the others have made fair progress, which would have justified much more than has been said about them. But there are some of them which possess exceptional advantages as manufacturing States.

THE LOGIC OF THE SITUATION

Last year was reported to be rather a bad year, comparatively, for Southern cotton mills and yet they consumed 100,000 more bales than they did the preceding year. With the rate of gain as compared with the Northern mills they will soon catch up with and lead them in the number of bales consumed.

"The consumption of cotton in Southern cotton mills begins to bear a large proportion to the total consumed in the United States and Canada. Mr. Heater of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange, reported, for example, a taking by Southern mills in 1901, up to December 15, of 136 bales, as against 898,751 bales taken by Northern and Canadian spinners. The gain over the preceding year in Southern takings was over 100,000 bales. It is at this point that the logic of the situation will compel the transference of the cotton industry to the South."

The logic of the situation is that the cotton manufacturing industry must ultimately center in the South not simply to be near the base of supplies, but that the manufacturers may avail themselves of the superior advantages the South offers to that industry. This will not be in a few years nor in a decade, because there is too much money already invested in manufacturing plants in other manufacturing centers, and those plants will be kept running as long as there is any margin of profit on their output.

But the trend of capital is this way, for it will come in when the raw materials can be most easily reached and cheaply put down at the manufacturing plant. The next ten years will witness much of that and the onward progress of the South's manufacturing industries.

INTEREST IN EDUCATION.

General Aycock is taking a great deal of interest in popular education, but not any more than he should, or any more than any citizen who looks to the future prosperity of his State and welfare of its people should take. Every State which is wise and would build well for the future should put the means of at least a rudimentary education within the reach of all of its sons and daughters.

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HEAD-ACHE

It is only one form of the suffering resulting from a diseased condition of the sensitive, woefully organized brain. The only way to cure the headache is to cure the diseases which cause it.

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INFLUENCE OF GOOD DEEDS AND WORDS.

A traveler through dusty road Strewed acorns on the grass; And one look rood and sprouted up And grew into a tree.

To breathe its early vows And Age was pleased, in heat of noon, To bow beneath its boughs; The dourness loved its dangling twigs, The birds sweet music bore; It stood, a glory in its place, A blessing evermore.

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

—Smithfield Herald: Mr. J. B. Smith of Meadow township, last year had 6½ acres in tobacco, from which he realized \$1,030.

—Kinston Free Press: Mr. Jno. Sanderlin, of this county, had the misfortune to lose his barn and stable by fire, resulting in the loss of about \$250 with no insurance. The fire is supposed to have been of incendiary origin.

—Winston Journal: The death of Rev. J. N. Jefferson occurred Thursday night after a brief illness with the lungs. He was 68 years of age and was a retired divine of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, having served as a minister of the gospel for sixty years in that denomination.

—Nashville Graphic: Mr. Watson Battle, a well known citizen of this county, died at Manchester, Va., last Monday after a short illness of pneumonia. Mr. Battle for some time has been suffering with the lungs and it was several months ago he went to Manchester to visit friends and where he succumbed to the dread disease. He was 70 years of age.

—Wadesboro 10 Years Ago: Intelligence: Pine Bluff, Miss., Oct. 10, 1891. Mr. George B. Parker, of this place, received a handsome Maltese cat, by express, from Pine Bluff. The cat was sent him by Mr. John C. Parker, of Pine Bluff, and he had been with Mr. Parker for several days and then disappeared, and nothing more was heard of it until a short time ago, when it turned up at his home at Pine Bluff. The distance traveled by the cat on the return trip was something like 50 miles, as Pine Bluff is about that distance from Wadesboro.

—Monroe Enquirer: The Henderson Bros. Mill Co. has entered suit against Mr. John D. Medlin for \$5,000 damages. The plaintiff alleges that Mr. Medlin has circulated the report that the Henderson Bros. Mill Co. is about to be sold to the State. From what we learn from stock dealers not a mule will be brought from the Western States to this county, they are so cheap that they can be bought here cheaper than they can be bought in Kansas City.

—Fayetteville Observer: Phoebe McNeill, a negro girl 17 years of age, residing in this city, was charged with selling whiskey. She carried her six-month-old baby to jail with her. The case was taken up on Monday afternoon by Wm. Perry and Albina Walker, charged with burning the barn of Robeson Elliot in Fies Hill Sunday night. The case was taken up on Monday afternoon by Wm. Perry and Albina Walker, charged with burning the barn of Robeson Elliot in Fies Hill Sunday night.

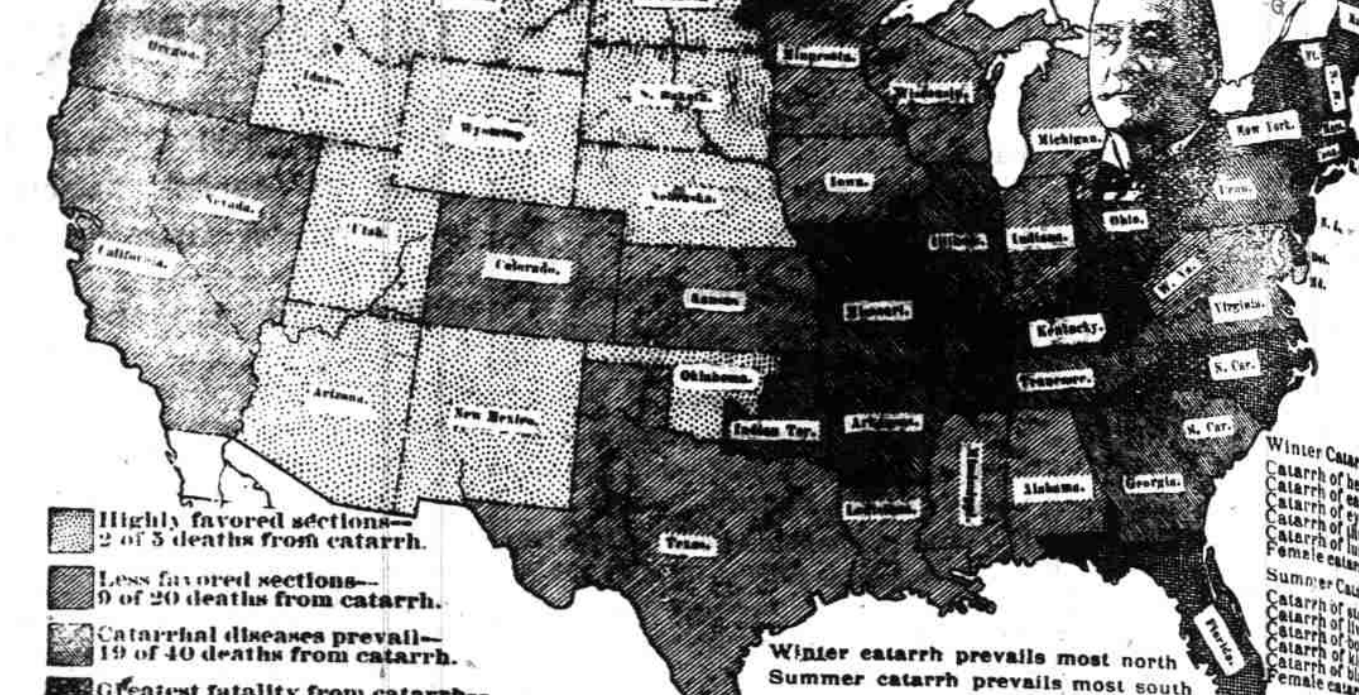
—Will wonders ever cease? Inquire the friends of Mrs. L. Pease, of Lawrence, Kan. They know the lady has been unable to have her hair in seven years on account of kidney and liver trouble, nervous prostration and general debility; but, "Three bottles of Electric Bitters enabled me to walk, and I feel like a new person." Women suffering from headache, Backache, Nervousness, Stomach troubles, Melancholy, Fainting and Dizziness will find a priceless blessing. Try it. Satisfaction is guaranteed by R. R. BELLAMY. Only 50c.

—The Sports Cousin: "Just my luck! Half an hour ago I proposed to that American girl and was accepted and now my horse has won a great race and the man who got married for at least two years. It's awful." —Life.

—The Widow: "I hope you will like them, my dear Dr. Blessen. I prepared them with my own hands. Dr. Blessen, my dear lady, your kindness quite unmans me—er—all I can say is—may the Lord preserve you." —Brooklyn Life.

The U. S. Census Report of Catarrh

COMPILED BY THE GREATEST LIVING AUTHORITY ON CATARRHAL DISEASES.



Winter catarrh prevails most north. Summer catarrh prevails most south. The Cause of Most Bodily Ills is Catarrh. MRS. BELVA A. LOCKWOOD, of New York City, writes: "I have used your Peruna and I find it an invaluable remedy for cold, catarrh and kindred diseases; also a good tonic for feeble and old people, or those run down and with nerves unstrung. I desire, also, to say that it has no evil effects." Mrs. Lockwood's residence is Washington, D. C.

COMMERCIAL. WILMINGTON MARKET. (Quoted officially at the closing by the Produce Exchange.) STAR OFFICE, January 18. SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 41c per gallon for machine made caeks and 40c per gallon for country caeks.

ROBIN—Market firm at \$1.00 per barrel for strained and \$1.05 per barrel for good strained. CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market steady at \$1.10 per barrel for hard, \$2.00 for dip, and for virgin. Quotations same day last year: Spirit turpentine steady at 37½¢; rosin steady at \$1.20; tar firm at \$1.30; crude turpentine steady at \$1.30.

RECEIPTS. Spirit turpentine 182 Koin 182 Tar 186 Receipts same day last year—88 caeks spirit turpentine, 2,688 barrels rosin, 787 barrels tar, 87 barrels crude turpentine.

COUNTRY PRODUCE. PEANUTS—North Carolina, fancy, Prime, 70c; extra prime, 75c; fancy, Virginia, Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c. Spanish, 75c. COORN—Firm; 85¢ per bushel for white. N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 15¢ per pound; shoulders, 13¢ per pound; sides, 12¢.

FINANCIAL MARKETS. New York, Jan. 18.—Money on call steady at 3 per cent; the market closed 1/2 per cent; 3 per cent Prime Sterling exchange 1/4 per cent. Prime Sterling exchange 1/4 per cent. Prime Sterling exchange 1/4 per cent.

PRODUCE MARKETS. New York, Jan. 18.—Flour market was firm and moderately active. Winter patents \$3 75; 40s. Wheat—Spot firm; 3rd red 85¢; 4th red 80¢; 5th red 75¢; 6th red 70¢; 7th red 65¢; 8th red 60¢; 9th red 55¢; 10th red 50¢.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS. CHARLESTON, Jan. 18.—Spirits turpentine and rosin unchanged. NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—Rosin steady. Standard common to good \$1 50. Spirit turpentine firm at 40¢.

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