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SOUTHERN PROSPERITY—IS IT REAL OR IMAGINARY?

It is pleasant to know that one of the most fruitful topics of the day is progress in the South. Every-week articles discussing the industries of the South come under our eye that are full of hope and encouragement.

The census shows growth in population and in productions, but the census fails to give the number of mortgages and liens upon farms and the indebtedness of the people.

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We are glad to see mentioned that English mill owners are purchasing notes in the South. This is to be encouraged every way.

South will have grown prudent and wise when it will cease to raise as much cotton as it does, and when it raises its food, its cattle, its hogs, its horses and mules, and manufactures on a large scale.

Said an old gentleman to us once, who is some 86 years of age and never accumulated a dollar although a very industrious, sober man: "I have heard people say that they were one year behind hand. But I am always one year before hand. I am working this year to pay for what I consumed at home last year."

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"When a man is born deficient in mental faculties we call him a fool. If he is totally destitute of these faculties we call him an idiot. When a man is deficient in moral qualities he is a criminal—in nature if not in deed; if he is totally destitute of moral qualities he is a moral idiot."

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ARREST OF A SUPPOSED MURDERER.—THE PRIME COMMITTED IN GEORGIA IN 1877.

While men were arrested in this city yesterday, by Officer T. O. Bunting, on suspicion of being one Obadiah Ross, wanted for the murder of Mr. N. F. Corwell, of Jefferson county, Georgia, about four years ago.

It appears that in the winter of 1877, in Savannah, by some means received information that Ross was living in Sampson county, in this State, where he was married about three months ago.

The necessary papers for his arrest and detention were thereupon issued and sent to the authorities of Sampson. Upon their receipt in that county, however, it was ascertained that the suspected individual had suddenly changed his quarters to Duplin, and the papers were thereupon transferred to the authorities of that county, and the same instructions given.

It was soon ascertained, however, that the "bird" had again flown, and this time settled in Wilmington. The documents were there forwarded to this city to Chief of Police Brock, who tested them over to Constable Bunting, who soon "bagged" the individual answering to the description of the alleged murderer, and he was lodged in the county jail to await further developments.

In the meantime the proper authorities in Savannah have been telegraphed to and requested to send some one to identify the prisoner.

The murdered man, Corwell, was formerly a merchant of Savannah, but at the time of the killing was doing business at Barlow, Ga. About midnight one cold night in December, 1877, the store occupied by Mr. Corwell, and in one room of which he resided, was discovered on fire, and the flames spread so rapidly that in a short time the place was entirely destroyed.

It was known that Mr. Corwell slept in the rear of the store, and upon search being made part of the charred remains of the body was found in the ruins. It was the general opinion that the man had been broken open and robbed and then set on fire to cover the crime.

Soon afterwards one McDaniel was arrested and confessed, implicating five others in the crime, including Obadiah Ross, and all but Ross were subsequently arrested. Constable Bunting has a photograph of Ross, and it suits the man he has arrested to perfection.

The man himself claims that his name is J. H. Williams, and that he is from Lenoir county, where he has been working at his trade of an engineer in various saw-mills. He has been here about three weeks trying to get work.

Not the Night Man—J. H. Williams Discharged. Sheriff Driscoll, of Jefferson county, Ga., arrived here yesterday, in response to a telegram, to view the prisoner arrested by Constable Bunting on suspicion of being Obadiah Ross, one of the alleged murderers of Mr. Corwell, of Georgia.

He visited the county jail, saw the prisoner, and, after a careful examination, announced that he was not Obadiah Ross. The resemblance between the two men is so close, however, that Officer Bunting does not wonder that the sheriff has arrested him for Ross; that he would have been readily taken for him in the neighborhood where the crime was committed, and that he would have arrested him himself had he met him in Georgia.

The only difference between the two men is in their height, the prisoner being a little taller. Both have a scar over the eye, the evidence of a knife or gun-shot wound in the hip, and dyed moustaches. And in fact, the prisoner was heard on one occasion singing a song which had formerly been a favorite with Ross.

Spirits Turpentine.—Raleigh Visitor: Mr. Heid is gradually improving. His mind is clear, and the difficulty he experienced in utterance has vanished. He now walks about with ease.

The N. C. Local Ministers' Conference (seventh annual session) will convene at Rockingham, on Thursday, July 21st, at 10 o'clock, A. M. The President, L. Branson, Secretary, D. D. Branson, and visitors will get tickets on most of the roads at reduced rates.

Greenville Express: Sheriff Warren has travelled in Falkland, Belvoir, Palestine and Greenville. To-wasps this week and he says "scorpions of the South are not so numerous as they were some time since."

New Bern Nat'l Hotel: During the thunderstorm of yesterday morning the lightning struck the residence of Solomon Redick, situated in the "bottom" opposite Johnson Church, on South Second street. The stroke descended upon the chimney, which, together with the fireplace, in the lower room it demolished, and seriously injured Redick's wife and three children, who fortunately, however, soon recovered. The kitchen attached to the house in the northwestern part of the city was also struck, but sustained no further damage than the partial destruction of the chimney.

Hekory Press: Dr. J. B. Bobbitt was thrown from a buggy on public square, Wednesday, and painfully bruised by two bicyclists, one of which struck over him. A very severe laceration was passed over this county on Tuesday. The wind was strong, and in some parts the rain was heavy. The small fruit tree left in the orchard. The lightning killed a horse belonging to Mr. W. R. Sell, and a cow belonging to the estate of the late Mr. Daniel Lezar. A party at a part of the roof of the Eagle Hotel in Asheville was blown off.

Concord Sun: The number of deaths in this county is distressing. A good deal of sickness prevails. Cholera infantum is carrying off the children, while the old people are dying from various causes. The small pox is making its appearance in a quarantine camp a week or two ago, but settled down to work and are proving themselves useful citizens. The men are breaking stone to macadamize Depot street and the women are making hats, and how to work and do it well.

Charlotte Observer: They tell of an anecdote of the late John W. Lewis, a fire in a brick kiln some distance from him, when approaching Gastonia one night last week; and thinking it another train he reversed his engine and ran back to Lowell before stopping. The small pox case at Concord, the R. & D. Railroad Company about \$1,200, the county \$150, and the town \$125.

Raleigh News-Observer: Yesterday Anderson Jones and Lily Harris, both dusky denizens of a settlement in Panther Branch township, were lodged in jail for fighting. The woman was actually cut by the contestant who makes the greatest speed. Reports from various sections tend to show that the rain of Friday was pretty general throughout the country.

Goldboro Messenger: The report of Col. Holt, President of the North Carolina Railroad Company, shows the following record: The small debt of the company up to the end of the fiscal year ending May 31, 1881: Receipts from all sources, \$271,840.85; expenses for the year, including amounts paid in settlement of old claims, expenses of Directors and Finance Committee, \$200,000.00; leaving a balance paid interest on debt, \$236,706.47; leaving a balance of \$244,634.38, which has been applied to the payment of dividends, &c.; total debt of the company reported at the last annual meeting was \$293,701.83; the present debt is \$377,903.93; from which deduct assets, as shown by the Secretary's report, of \$102,063.12; and we have the actual debt unpaid for \$245,141.26.

Winston Leader: That dreadful disease and child-destroyer, diphtheria, has made its appearance in the neighborhood of Kernersville. We learn from the News that Mr. Jas. H. Francis, near Love's Church, has lost the third child, dying on the 8th, one on the 19th and one on the 15th. Such an evening of sorrow and distress is not often witnessed in the history of our town, as was Sunday evening last. The outgoing train bore the remains of a young wife, and she coming train brought in the remains of budding youth.

There was a show at Franklin a few days ago, and a free fight followed. The fight began in a store and drifted into the street. Whiskey started it. The Reporter says: "No sooner did the news reach the lower part of the town than the vast crowd around the show tent in one scolding mass moved up the street to the scene of strife. Private parties attempted to subvert the fight but the intoxicated parties swore they would not be arrested—that there were not men enough in town to arrest them, and they defied all authority. They seemed to want to fight a crowd of men, and a crowd which caused a general fight and riot. At the first N. G. Allan, proprietor of the Railroad House, was knocked in the head with a bow handle for putting one of the parties to bed. Mr. A. Allan was severely the worst wound, which was not considered serious. Others who were hurt more or less were Parker Berry, Bud Kinland, Judge Hargens, Reuben Eastwood, John W. Hargens and brother-in-law and William Elmora. The sheriff, laboring under the mistaken idea that a man would not be arrested without a warrant, made no arrest until some time after the fighting had ceased. The Fenian brothers, who are said to have done most of the fighting, are in jail, and Parker Berry, William Elmora and Jack Elmora were released on bond.

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