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price of many of the things our planters and farmers have to buy, such as clothing, farming and household utensils, cotton ties, bagging, &c., horses and mules, all of which will much more than offset the reduction in the price of cotton, so that on the whole, instead of being in a worse condition with cotton low they are in a better condition than when it was higher.

This improved condition is not confined to the agricultural industry but embraces all of the industries upon which our people are dependent. The cotton manufacturing industry is making notable progress, and new mills are being constantly added to those already in operation, which are kept busily employed to fill orders, while many of the New England mills are closed because their operatives refuse to work at the wages offered.

The iron industry is also full of activity and is forging right along to the front, while other industries not so important as either of these, but still factors in the prosperity of our section are springing up in all directions, not in great numbers, perhaps, but enough to show that the industrial movement is not confined to a few things only, nor to any particular section of the South.

There never was a greater disposition among the farming people of other States to seek homes in the South, and this movement has assumed such proportions that purchases of large bodies of land, for colonies, and smaller bodies for individuals are events of almost daily occurrence. And this is but the beginning of the migratory movement, which is being encouraged by enterprising, progressive citizens, and by the railroad companies whose lines traverse this section.

Nor has there ever been more of a disposition among outside capitalists, European as well as American, to invest money in Southern enterprises. But recently one of the largest cotton manufacturing companies in New England decided to abandon the manufacture of coarse fabrics in its home plant and to erect another large plant in the South, and for that purpose has increased its capital stock about \$1,000,000, which it proposes to put into the new plant. The agent sent down to survey the field and select a location seems to have been impressed with the advantages and inducements Birmingham, Ala., offers, and will probably recommend that as the site.

The business of our railroads is constantly improving, and there is no better index of industrial progress than that. They are not only increasing their business, but they are building and equipping to be prepared for a much larger business in the future, and are thus spending sums of money that bespeak unbounded confidence in the future of this section. There is no sentiment, or caste-in-air building in railroad construction or operation. It is all business, cool, calculating, open-eyed business.

This is the situation and the outlook we see and thousands of others see it, observers not only in the South but in the North, where the outlook for the South is fully recognized and freely commented upon by many of the leading papers of that section, which are doing much by their comments to draw favorable attention to the South.

There is but one thing that may mar this prospect, or operate to hinder its realization, and that is the endorsement by the people of the wild and visionary schemes advocated by some addle-brained men who imagine that the world has been going wrong, and that they were born to right it, and to right the American part of it have suggested schemes as utterly devoid of sense or practicability as if they had emanated from some insane asylum, in addition to which they show such hostility to capital, and have declaimed so long and loudly against it that capital is exceedingly timid about getting within reach of them, or into a State or section where they have or are likely to have a dominating influence.

There is not much danger of this in the South, where the people as a rule are conservative and level-headed, but there is a possibility of it, if the conservative, sensible people should from either indifference or over confidence let the visionaries or mercenary or ambitious plotters steal a march on them. To realize this bright prospect confidence in the good order and stability of our Governments must be maintained, and to do that the confidence-destructors must be sent to the rear and kept there.

The Republican income tax was in operation for ten years. When the proposition for its repeal was before Congress, Senators Morton and Sherman both opposed it and pronounced the income tax the fairest and most equitable system of taxation that had ever been devised. And it is. It is the only way possible to make wealth bear its fair proportion of taxation.

A DESPERATE FIGHT.

The keeper of the jail at Fayetteville attacked by a prisoner. Persons who arrived in the city last evening by train on the C. F. & V. V. railroad brought information of a desperate fight in the jail at Fayetteville between the jailor and his assistant and a prisoner. The story as told to a STAR reporter was that the jailor, Mr. W. R. Clark, went into the jail to feed the prisoners, about noon yesterday, accompanied by his assistant, Mr. Gus Bramble, a young man about twenty-two years of age, who carried the provisions. As soon as Mr. Clark unlocked the door a bulky negro, confined on the charge of theft, struck him, knocking him down. He then jumped on Mr. Clark and Mr. Bramble being beaten the negro over the head with a large key. Mr. Clark, while underneath the negro, managed to get his pistol out and fired four shots, three of which struck Mr. Bramble in the leg and the other taking effect in the jailor's stomach. Mr. Bramble's injuries are only flesh wounds, but very painful, while it is thought the negro's wound is serious, if not fatal.

CITY MARKETS.

At the market yesterday the stock in dealers' hands would not early in the day; growl fowls at 70c to 75c per pair, and chickens at 15c to 20c apiece. Eggs retailed at 15c per dozen. The post-hunters are slaying coots by the hundreds; the birds were free of sale yesterday at 25c to 35c per dozen, plucked and ready for the spit. Rice and sugar, but the few bunches on sale, fat as butter, were taken readily at 30 to 40c per dozen. In the vegetable market sweet potatoes were abundant, at 50c to 60c per bushel; white potatoes, 5c per quart; cabbage, 5 to 10c each; okra, 5c per dozen; tomatoes, 5c per quart; beans (lima) 10c per quart; (snap), two quarts for 5c; field peas, 5c per quart; turnips, 5c per bunch. The butchers' stalls were filled with the finest of beef, veal and mutton, at the usual prices. In the fish market there were mullets in abundance, large row-fish at 20c per string; pig-fish 10c per string, and sounders 15 to 20c. Oysters (Sound) 12 1/2 to 15c per quart; clams, 10c; crabs, soft-shell, 50c per dozen; channel, 10c per dozen.

CONFEDERATE VETERANS.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Oct. 6, 1894. [General Order No. 19.]—All camps and organizations of Confederate Veterans of North Carolina are hereby notified that on Thursday the 29th day of October, the annual meeting of the North Carolina Veterans Association will meet in Raleigh at the Fair grounds, when important matters will be discussed. Therefore, I request that every effort will be made to have large delegations present to attend the annual meeting and to join in the services of the old soldiers. All old soldiers are requested to attend. E. D. HALL, President of the Confederate Veterans Association.

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THE DECLINE IN COTTON.

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Confession of George Mills, on Trial at Raleigh for the Murder of His Niece, Iana Wimberly. By Telegraph to the Morning Star. RALEIGH, N. C., October 4.—George Mills, who has been on trial here for his life during the past three days for the seduction and murder of his niece, Iana Wimberly, confessed the crime this evening. He was sent to the grand jury room as a witness against Jack Wimberly, the father of the murdered girl, and it was in this jury room that he made the confession. He told a story full of the most horrible and revolting details. How at the instance of the girl's father, Jack Wimberly, who had said to him, "Take Iana away and never bring her back here alive," he induced her to accompany him to a neighbor's house. On the way was an old unoccupied house. Into this house he took her and with her to take the contents of a bottle he handed her and it would produce an abortion, the girl having been betrayed and being then pregnant. "The drug," said Mills, "was audanum which Wimberly had procured for the purpose. The poor girl drank the drug, but it did not have the desired effect." Mills then, so he says, struck her several times with a club. She screamed and plead but away off in that lonely house at the dead of night no one could hear her. He finally left her for dead and returned with the tale that somebody had murdered Iana, and threatened to kill him. The girl was not dead; she lived two days but never regained consciousness. Mills was arrested, and he is almost an idiot, half-blind and half-witted. His trial will continue, notwithstanding his confession. The jury trying him know nothing of the confession. Jack Wimberly was jailed this evening. He was the principal witness against Mills. Now Mills will be the principal witness against him, and the lives of both are at stake.

CAPE HATERAS.

The Proposed New Steel Light-House on Diamond Shoals. WASHINGTON, October 4.—The members of the Light-House Board are much gratified to learn that the wooden ferry used in the coast and geodetic survey in boring to determine the character of the foundation for the proposed new steel light-house on Diamond Shoals, Cape Hatteras, had weathered the late severe hurricane without damage. The only serious effect of the gale was the broken flagstaff at the station. The secretary of the Light-House Board, to-day expressed the belief that comparatively light wooden piling could be