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A NEW INDUSTRIAL EMPIRE.

When the South began to manufacture pig iron the result was watched with a great deal of interest by the iron miners and iron makers of other iron producing sections and few of them thought that within a decade or so Birmingham would be making the prices of pig iron for this country, much less the world, as she is actually doing now.

While the manufacture of pig iron was a new departure, it was but the first step in the direction of a greater industry which would mean incalculably more for the South than the smelting of ore into bars.

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But this second departure has taken place and in such a way as to attract even more attention and more gratifying comment than the first ventures in pig iron making did.

A new industrial empire is in process of creating in the south, its foundations and its organic institutions are the mills and factories projected, under way, or already completed that are transforming that part of the Union from a raw material producer into a producer of manufactured goods.

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ment of successful manufacturing industries leads surely to increased wealth and population.

"But the great mineral wealth of the region about Birmingham could never have been developed, and the big new steel works which are to convert the pig iron of the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Company into steel billets and steel rails would never have been erected if capital had not found in these enterprises the promise of profitable employment.

"With this almost untrodden field for growth in the United States open to an invigorating touch of capital, it ought to be a long time before American investors will need to look abroad for opportunities and to put their money in foreign lands.

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The same rule holds good in the larger domain. A prosperity and promise of growth such as the south has dreamed of in the old times of King Cotton await it now under the new regime of the manufacturer.

Political expediency made some utterance on the trust question a necessity, hence his remarks on trusts. But it will be observed that these remarks are qualified by its strictures practically amount to nothing.

"The tug Blanche, of the Cape Fear Towing and Transportation Co., met with a serious accident about 2 30 o'clock yesterday morning, near buoy No. 5, off Bald Head, at the mouth of the Cape Fear river, and as a result of the same she is now laid up for repairs at Skinner's wharff."

Capt. James Flattery, of the Waban as soon as he discovered the trouble, reversed his engines and tried to avert the accident but it was without avail.

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THE TUG BLANCHE DISABLED YESTERDAY.

She Was Ran Into Off Bald Head by Charleston Tug Waban and Severely Damaged.

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At a meeting of the board of stewards of Grace M. E. church last night at the parsonage, on Third and Walnut streets, the work of the conference year was gone over.

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THE MASONIC FAIR.

The Receipts From the Country Store and the Various Booths During the Entertainment—The Total \$3,654.64.

Table listing receipts from various booths: Concord Chapter Booth \$347.10, St. John's Booth \$61.86, etc.

N. C. CONFERENCE INVITED TO MEET HERE.

The Board of Stewards of Grace Church Unanimously Extends Invitation—Financial Report for Grace.

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DECEMBER MEETINGS HELD YESTERDAY.

Board of County Commissioners Reorganized for the Fiscal Year—Many Routine Matters Were Considered.

The last meeting of the Board of County Commissioners for the fiscal year ending December 31, was held yesterday afternoon at 2 30 o'clock, all members being present.

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ECHOES OF THE FAIR.

The Receipts at the Two Weeks' Entertainment at Masonic Temple Were \$4,572.86.

RESULTS VERY SATISFACTORY. The Expenses Were Nearly a Thousand Dollars—Shares Awarded Last Night—About Fifty Books Are Now Outstanding.

The Masonic Fair, which was held at the Temple for the two weeks ending last Saturday night, was not only a momentous social occasion, but it proved a financial success beyond the expectations of the Masons of Wilmington.

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The board met again last night at 8 o'clock, then in attendance being Chairman Moore and Commissioner McEachern, Holmes, and Alexander.

Col. Noble F. Martin sold a couple of hundred articles of various kinds. The auction sale footed up \$56.50. Among the articles sold at auction was a double barreled shotgun to Mr. C. O. Eyer.

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CHOICE Vegetables

will always find a ready market—but only that farmer can raise them who has studied the great secret how to obtain both quality and quantity by the judicious use of well-balanced fertilizers.

GERMAN KALI WORKS, 99 Nassau St., New York.

GEN. YOUNG IN HOT PURSUIT OF AGINALDO.

Sharp Fighting With Insurgents at Vigan, Philippines Were Driven Out With Severe Punishment.

WASHINGTON, December 6.—General Otis to day cabled the War Department that he had no word of General Young for a week. It is taken to indicate that Young is continuing his hot pursuit of Aguinaldo and probably is in a country where he regards it as unsafe to use couriers.

General Otis' dispatch, which follows, also gives an official account of Lieutenant Colonel Parker's engagement at Vigan:

MANILA, Dec. 6.—Lieutenant Colonel Parker of the Forty-first infantry, commanded at Vigan, province of South Ilocos, when that place was sacked Sunday, December 4, (not last night as previously announced), by the force of insurgents. The American force consisted of Company B, 180 men, a party of whom shared in the first attack, which was made at 4 o'clock in the morning and lasted until 8 o'clock. The Filipinos, who were estimated to have numbered about eight hundred, were commanded by General Mina.

PLEASED WITH THE MESSAGE. Cubans Satisfied That There Will Be No American Civil Governor Appointed.

HAVANA, December 6.—President McKinley's message to Congress has been received by Cubans of all classes with much satisfaction.

NIGHT SWEATS, loss of appetite, weak and impoverished blood, colds, grippe, general weakness and frequent results of malaria. ROBERTS' TASTELESS CHILL TONIC eliminates the malaria, purifies your blood, restores your appetite and tones up your nerves.

A General Advance in Wages of Operatives. BOSTON, MASS., December 6.—The announcement was made this afternoon that the Ameskeg corporation of Manchester, the largest cotton manufacturing concern in this country, will advance the wages of its 8,000 operatives ten per cent. on December 15th. A similar advance will be made at the cotton mills of Amory and Stark Manufacturing Companies of Manchester on the same day. The Suncook mills employ about 1,500.

FOR OVER FIFTY YEARS. MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP has been used for over fifty years by thousands of mothers for their children while teething with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the gum, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for diarrhoea.

THE MODERN MOTHER. Would you like to see your baby become as fat as a pig? Then get Dr. King's New Life Pills. It is a decided improvement in your baby's health.