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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.

"The South has become a manufacturer on a billion-dollar scale—indeed, it was 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 \$1,466,669,495, which was greater by nearly \$450,000,000 than the value of the products of manufactures in the United States in 1890.

Table titled 'Value of Products, 1890-1900' with columns for State and Value. Includes Alabama, Arkansas, Fla., etc.

The analysis shows that the average rate of capital in the South during the ten years was 75.1 per cent., and that this rate was exceeded in eight States, with Louisiana leading with 225.3 per cent. Louisiana led also in the actual increase of capital, \$78,330,173, though Maryland led in the amount of capital invested in 1900, \$163,423,260.

These are interesting figures, but their full significance may not be fully understood by those who are not familiar with the conditions that have prevailed in the South for much of the time since the war and the obstacles against which our "captains of industry," to use one of President Roosevelt's phrases, had to contend.

When Southern men embarked in iron and steel-making the same might have been predicted with even more appearance of plausibility, for while some Southern men did have some experience in the manufacture of cotton they had literally none in the manufacture of iron and steel.

But in addition to this was the limited capital in this section and the consequent difficulty of raising money to invest in new enterprises, the success of which remained to be demonstrated. These new enterprises had to be established to enter the field with others of a similar character in other sections which had been long established, were under skillful and experienced management, and had ample capital at their command, with unlimited credit if it became necessary to use that.

INTEREST IN EDUCATION.

ten years ago. Success commands confidence and establishes credit. Capital instead of having to be sought seeks the successful field.

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.

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.

Business has been so systematized in the North that every manufacturing business of any importance is run on the trust plan, trusts representing many millions of dollars, with credit in proportion.

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 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.

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.

It is estimated that the trans-Siberian railroad will cost Russia about \$600,000,000 before it is finished, about twice as much as the first estimates.

TEACHERS' MEETING.

Instructors in County Institutions Met at the Court House Yesterday.

Address by Professor Catlett on Modern Methods—Reports from All Districts Were Very Encouraging—Petition for Increased Salaries.

The meeting of the teachers of the various public schools in the county at the office of Prof. Washington Catlett, the superintendent, yesterday morning was fraught with much interest and profit to those who were present.

As a result of the meeting a nucleus was formed for the organization of a Teachers' Association and many other matters of interest were transacted.

The exercises were opened by an entertaining and instructive talk by Prof. Catlett on the best methods of teaching mathematics and reading.

Prof. Catlett's remarks were followed by an informal discussion of general school work in which all the teachers participated and manifested a lively interest.

Prof. Catlett says he thinks the best of teachers in New Hanover are in the State and he never knew enthusiasm to run higher.

Perhaps the most important consideration of the meeting yesterday was the question of salaries. There has been much discussion of late in the State in regard to the pay of public school teachers.

There is a proposition to erect a monument to Levi Coffin, who, before the war, was manager of the "underground railroad," by which stolen slaves were run from the South to the North.

A San Francisco firm has been buying the Government and the soldiers in the Philippines by shipping them stuffed quinine capsules.

THE SMALLPOX CONTAGION.

Local Health Department on the Qui Vive. Warsaw Quarantines Against Cities—Dr. Taylor Here.

The smallpox situation in Eastern North Carolina appears to have approached the serious. Although no cases or evidence of the disease have developed in Wilmington or immediate surrounding country, the health department is expecting an outbreak at any moment and are preparing for it.

From Wilson, Rocky Mount, Goldsboro and Clinton there comes report of the prevalence of the disease, and traveling men say, except at Wilmington, there is much disturbance among the people over it.

Dr. Joshua Taylor, of Washington, N. C., State smallpox inspector, arrived in the city yesterday morning from the infected district and had a brief informal conference with Dr. Harper.

Dr. Taylor went to Clinton to investigate three particular cases in prominent families there, one of the patients being a Miss Patrick, who has a mild case.

There is commendable progress in beautifying the grounds of the various schools and the teachers report that the entire country has received inspiration from this source and many country residences are being made more beautiful for the work begun by the children.

The school on Middle Sound, District No. 3, has won special distinction in the establishment of its library and improvement of its grounds, and as a reward for the energy of the teacher and pupils a movement is on foot to have the County Board of Education present to that institution a handsome flag.

Southport Standard: "Deputy Book reached here on Saturday with Frank Age in custody, who was committed to jail from Justice McKeithan's hearing on a charge of robbing Dr. Henry on Monday night of last week.

Southport Standard: "The action of the city of Southport against S. W. Rogers was decided by Judge McNeill against the city. The suit originated by his refusal to pay the tax on a building agent, and the ordinance of the city was null and void.

Heavy receipts of timber by raft on the river country. Timber in the up-country last season were well nigh a failure and many farmers turned their attention to timber cutting.

WILMINGTON STREET RAILWAY CO.

Certificate of Reorganization Filed at Raleigh—State Taxable Property. (Special Star Telegram.)

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 17.—A certificate of reorganization of the Wilmington Street Railway Company was filed today in the office of the Secretary of State.

The State Auditor to-day issued a report showing the taxable real and personal property in North Carolina and the tax derived therefrom.

The State Treasurer issued an annual statement to-day showing that the total receipts, general and special, for the year ending November 30th, 1901, were \$1,744,650.20 and disbursements, \$1,690,872.73.

The many friends of Mr. Robert H. Skyles, son of our esteemed towns people, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Skyles, who died last week during the holidays, have recently been appointed secretary of the Geological Survey of North Carolina.

Mr. James Lytle McNeil wedded to Miss Gertrude McIntosh Thursday. (Special Star Correspondence.) LAURENCE, N. C., Jan. 16.—At half past five o'clock this afternoon the marriage of Mr. Jas. Lytle McNeil and Miss Gertrude McIntosh was celebrated in the Methodist church here.

John Sharkless, colored, was sent over to jail for the higher court by Mayor Waddell yesterday on the charge of false pretense. Sharkless was arrested by Policeman Frank George at Fourth and Bladen streets.

MEXICO'S EARTHQUAKE. Eight Persons Were Killed and Five Injured at Chilpancingo. By Telegram to the Morning Star. MEXICO CITY, Jan. 18.—The latest telegram from Chilpancingo places the number of killed by the earthquake at eight and the injured five. Among the latter is the Governor who is only slightly hurt.

Why the Line Was Endless. The following story is told of a poor Irish sailor: After pulling in 40 to 50 fathoms of line, which put his patience severely to the test, he called out to the mate, "Sure, it's as long as today and tomorrow it's a good work for any five men in the ship, but look to it! What! More of it yet! Och, me heart! The sea's mighty deep, to be sure!"

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REPORT OF THE CANAL COMMISSION.

Unanimously Recommends Acceptance of the Offer of the Panama Company.

The Report Was Transmitted to President Roosevelt Last Evening—It is Very Volunuous—Will Be Sent to Congress Probably Monday.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The supplemental report of the Isthmian Canal Commission on the proposition of the Panama Canal Company to dispose of its property to the United States for \$40,000,000 was delivered to President Roosevelt this evening.

The report goes fully into the steps which must be taken in order to insure a perfect title to the United States, for in addition to the present Panama Canal Company, the United States and the Colombian government must be reckoned with.

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THE LATE JAS. H. CHADBOURN. Tribute of Respect to His Memory by the Cape Fear Pilots. At a special meeting of the Cape Fear Pilots, held at their office yesterday, the committee appointed for the purpose of preparing a suitable tribute of respect to the memory of the late James H. Chadbourne, presented the following:

For sixteen years he served as chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Navigation and Pilotage. His excellent judgment, impartial decisions and painstaking service endeared him to all; for his keen sense of justice has many times been apparent. It was while in this capacity, through his wise foresight, that the widows and orphans of deceased pilots were provided for, and for nearly thirty-five years he has been identified with us forever.

Boers Say There is No Truth in Rumors of Peace Negotiations. By Cable to the Morning Star. LONDON, January 18.—Dr. Leyds, the representative in Europe of the Transvaal, according to a dispatch from Amsterdam to Reuters' Telegram Company, had a conference today with the Boer delegation at the Hague at the house of Mr. Wolmarans.

A MISSING GASHIER. Affairs of the Commercial Bank of Faltos, Mo., in Bad Condition. By Telegram to the Morning Star. FULTON, Mo., Jan. 18.—Further investigation into the affairs of the Commercial Bank, which has been closed, following the disappearance of its cashier, Philip S. Adams, shows the bank to be in a much worse condition than was first reported. An additional shortage of \$5,800 in collections since January 1, was discovered to-day.

It is estimated that the trans-Siberian railroad will cost Russia about \$600,000,000 before it is finished, about twice as much as the first estimates. But it will pay in the development of the vast region through which it runs.

SMITHFIELD HERALD: Mr. J. E. Smith, of Meadown township, last year had 84 acres in tobacco, from which he received \$1,000,000.

KINSTON FREE PRESS: Mr. Jno. Sanderlin, of this county, had the misfortune to lose his barn and stables by fire yesterday morning. The loss was about \$260 with no insurance.

WINSTON JOURNAL: The death of Rev. J. N. Jefferson occurred Thursday night after a brief illness with a relapse. Mr. Jefferson was in the eighty-third year of his age and had been ill about a month.

NASHVILLE GRAPHIC: Mr. Watson Battle, a well known citizen of this county, died at Manchester, last Monday after a short illness of pneumonia. Mr. Battle for some time had been in feeble health, and he died about 11 months ago.

WADSWORTH MESSENGER INTELLIGENCER: On the 10th of last October the fire in the store of this place, received a handsome Maltese cat, by express, from Pine Bluff. The cat was sent him by Mr. John T. Patrick.

MONROE ENQUIRER: The Henderson Boiler Mill Co. has entered suit against Mr. John D. Medlin for \$6,000 damages. The plaintiff alleges that Mr. Medlin has circulated the report that the Henderson Boiler Mill is guilty of the adulteration of flour sold at its mill.

FAYETTEVILLE OBSERVER: Phoebe McNeill, a negro girl 17 years of age, was placed in jail Thursday by United States Commissioner Morrissey, charged with selling whiskey. She carried her six month old baby to jail with her.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. The Urgent Deficiency Appropriation Bill Reported by Committee—It Carries \$16,701,445.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The House of Representatives was in session less than an hour to-day. Only routine business was transacted, the most important feature of which was the reporting by Mr. Cannon, chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, of an urgency deficiency bill. The bill will be called up for consideration next Monday.

The Senate amendments to the House bill appropriating \$90,000 for a government exhibit and floor space at the Charleston Exposition were agreed to and the bill was passed. The urgent deficiency appropriation bill was completed by the appropriation committee to day and reported to the House. It contains an item of \$3,150,000 for the payment of rebates to tobacco manufacturers as provided in the war revenue reduction act.

A THRILLING INCIDENT. Woman and Man Rescued by Firemen from a Burning Building.

BOSTON, MASS., Jan. 18.—Out from across to a fire escape a few feet away, Mrs. Helen M. York and John Blanch, linotype operators, stood in a window of the fourth floor of a Milton Place building to night with flames below and behind them. A slow fire in a room raised a column of smoke which topped round reached the window where Mrs. York was trying to keep her dress from taking fire.

DEFAULTING TOWN TREASURER. Admits That He is Guilty of Both Forgery and Embezzlement.

WELLESLEY, MASS., Jan. 18.—In a statement made to the select men of this place, former town Treasurer Albert Jennings, who was arrested Thursday night on charge of forging a note for \$5,000, admits that he is guilty both of forgery and embezzlement and that the amount involved is \$28,000. The statement Jennings says: "I will take my oath that all the money which I have obtained by forgery and embezzlement was \$28,000."

BEERS SAY THERE IS NO TRUTH IN RUMORS OF PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

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