

Lafayette.

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The pride of all hearts and the de-

ter, Robersonville needs manufactur-ing enterprises. Liberal inducements will be made for the location here of factories. Among those that could advantageously be planted here, are: Cotton mills, cotton seed oil mills. peanut's cleaners, furniture factories, veneering plants, box factories and other wood-working plants, canneries, wineries, etc. 1111 The list might be indefinitely extended.

The Soil. As great as are the opportunities here for the investment of capital in In the month of May, 1587, the first industrial pursuits, those in agricul-

pected next season. Several farmers have gone into the

ultivation of the scuppernong for the market, and find it profitable. Qne has nine acres devoted to the culture of this grape; another ten, and a third fifteen. The scuppernong is sold to wineries in Norfolk and other towns in Virginia, bringing from 75 cents to \$1.00 per bushel. As it is indigenous to this soil, it grows almost to perfection without special attention being given to its culture. In 1906, \$2,300

worth of scuppernongs were shipped from Robersonville.

Another rich field for enterprise

Among the principal merchants are:

J. H. Roberson & Co., A. S. Roberson & Co., Jenkins & Roberson, Bailey & Barnhill, R. L. Smith & Co., and Roberson & Brown.

There are three physicians in Rob-ersonville, one dentist and one lawyer. The Masons, Odd Fellows, Woodmen of the World and Charitable Brotherhood have lodges here. Schools and Churches.

There are three churches in Rober sonville, the Christian, Methodist and Missionary Baptist.

The public school building is a twostory structure, excellently equipped fort, N. C. in its eight rooms. It is surrounded by a large play ground covering three acres. There are ten grades and seven teachers, the superintendent being John D. Everatt, a most estimable citizen and instructor. A music school is conducted in connection with the public school. The session is eight months, and fast year the attendince was 200. The school library has 800 volumes. J. C. Smith is chairman of the board of trustees. Henich. Robersonville is situated in the piny woods section and enjoys a mild clinavigation. mate and pure water. The average spring and fall temperature is 65 degrees Farenheit; summer 75 and winter 45. Dr. R. H. Hargrove, who has been practicing medicine here 30 years, says there is no disease peculiar to this section. During the past 30 cent waters, consisting of Pamlico, years he has seen only six cases of Albemarle, Currituck and Croatan pernicious malarial fever, and none of these originated in this section. The death rate is very low, and the low mortality may be due to the strong and vigorous constitutions of the peo- ting of the canal through Adams There is a large variety of ple. foods, and a few mineral springs. As examples of longevity are Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Outerbridge. He was 84 years of age last February, and the greatest pine timber sections in she is 74. They have been married 54 the world. The digging of this canal markets of the North, and even in he was teaching. Leading citizens of Carolina surrounding the most magni-Martin and other counties have ficent bodies of inland waters in the studied under him. He has taught in entire country with the exception of both the public schools and academy, mediate section is the fact that they and at one time had the only school not only owe no debts, but live in ex- in the county. He taught in Robersonville fifteen years.

work cutting a ten-foot channel for a distance of sixteen miles, which when completed will open up 2,700 square miles of navigable sounds and 2,500 linear miles of navigable rivers. There is no southern outlet to all this vast area of water, and its only navigable outlet is through the canal routes leading to Norfolk. When the canal through Adaras' creek, which the federal government is now digging is completed there will be a continuous ten-foot channel for navigation inside of Hatteran and through the

sounds from Norfolk, Va., to Beausaving crews maintained there by Uncle Sam to give warning and suc-Years ago there were severa lets to the ocean along the fringe of sand that circles the sounds of North Carolina and forms a barrier to octan commerce. These inlets gave ocean channels to such hustling towns as Elizabeth City, Washington, Edenton, New Bern, Plymouth and Oriental, but they have long since filled with sand. Hatteras, Ocracoke and New Inlets were once traversed by coast-

vastness and far-reaching depths, could accommodate the navies of the world

This splendid harbor is not only haven of refuge for coastwise ships in heavy weather, but also possesses the unique distinction of being the near-

est Atlantic port to the Panama Canal. Although a commercial gateway to Atlantic coastwise ocean travel and a harbor of refuge for stormtossed ships, Lookout is as much separated from the State, of which it is a part, as is Cape Cod, Mass. Its sole inhabitants are the lighthouse and life-

Named in monor of Him. It is interesting to recall at this time, when the city of Fayetteville is about to celebrate the anniversary of the singing of the Liberty Point dec-laration of independence, the visit of General Lafayette to Fayetteville in 1825, the town having been named in his honor. The same carriage in which Lafayette was transported through the streets of the town on that occasion will be used tomorrow in the parade in the Liberty Point celebration, and will carry the orator of the day, Chief Justice Walter Clark. Lafayette was welcomed in a speech by Judge Toomer, whose portrait was recently presented to the Supreme court. The speech was eloquent and interesting, and is presented below, togethe rwith the response made by Lafayette.

readers.

white man placed his feet upon the ture are as great. Numerous creeks without the outlay of much capital, is soil of Martin county. Ralph Lane, water the surrounding country, and honey-making. It opens a large field governor of the Colonies established the land is as fertile as any in the for immediate returns. There are by Sir Walter Knieigh, lured by the State. If it were in the West, where more hives in Martin county than in lust for gold, ascended the Roanoke the tide of immigration has been high. any other county in North Carolina.

river well into what is now the county of Martin, but his quest was a failure. The colonies were beside themselves with passion for gold, the Indians having invented wonderful tales of the rich deposits along the stream, and when disillusioned respecting the oc-currence of the precious mineral they turned their backs upon what now are known to be "acres of diamonds." The most extraordinary stories related by the willy savages could not have exaggerated the value of the territory which then for the first time was seen by the white man.

For the Location There of

Manufacturing Enterprises---

Splendid Possibilities for the

Home-seeker and the Wealth

Seeker---Evidence of New

Life, Solid and Substantial

BY EDWARD L. CONN.

Growth.

As the last trek to the last frontier has been made, which carries the latest pioneer to Asia, the land from which the initial migrations of the Aryan race occurred, an interesting writer in one of the leading magazines is prompted to remark: "The fronis prompted to remark: "The fron-tier is no longer in the West. The frontier will soon be 'in the South, where values are lower than in the West today." The movement among the farmers of the Northwest to find more pleasant homes has already begun, and the capitalists of the North are looking to the South for opportunties for investment. Robersonville

offers both. The visitor to Robersonville is impressed by the amount of building underway, the music of hammer, saw and trowel being heard from early vastly fertile, the larger part of the morning till sundown. Although a "boom" is disclaimed, yet there is every evidence of new life, of sub-stantial and solid growth, of enter-teen inches below the surface. Beprise and prosperity. This is easily accounted for by reason of the unsur-passed back-country which lends a try that has held sway ever since the permanent and powerful support to the town; of the excellent advantages the town presents as a trading point, and its superior position as an indus-trial center. Of but a few years' development, Robersonville is a fine example of those rising towns in North Carolina, which have taken hold of lands for truck, grain, forage crops the new spirit in commerce and indus- and fruits. This is the natural home try, abandoned traditions which retard growth, and can offer inducements delicious grapes. second to none to the wealth-seeker and home-seeker. The town is just at the starting point of its career: ville is more than half a bale, and those who enter now, in the language many farmers secure a bale to the of the miner, will get in on the ground acre, while some have taken from imfloor. Within a few years property proved lands a bale and a half to the values in Robersonville will be double lacre. what they are today.

Robersonville is located on the Plymouth and Tarboro branch of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway, in the west- and tobacco from 800 to 1,000 pounds ern section of Martin county, about to the acre. six miles from the Edgecombe county line. It is eleven miles from Wil-liamston, Martin's capital, and four miles from Parmele, the Atlantic Coast bly adapted to the growing of red Line junction. Plymouth is 33 miles to pelover and hay, making it possi-distant; Rocky Mount, 36; and Wel- ble for those who will plant less of don, 56. Prior to 1882 the present what are called the money crops and

J. H. ROBERSON & CO.'S STORE.

it could not be bought for \$200 an yet the industry is only in its infancy. years. Mr. Outerbridge was the fore- will be a new day for all of that imacre, and the better climate is thrown Honey from this section is sold on the most educator in the county while mensely wealthy section of North in with many other natural advantages which do not favor the immi-Western Carolina.

grant-settled sections of America. The One of the surest evidences of the bottoms of alluvial lands are extensive, prosperity of the farmers in this imcellently built and furnished homes, has a day foundation twelve to eigh- and they board there, too, raising most of their home supplies.

cause of the extensive lumber indus- The Woods-Manufacturing Possibilities.

coming of the railroad, farming has All of the woods that occur in the not begun to assume the proportions eastern piny region of the State are of which it is capable. The diversity found in abundance in this section. of soils makes the culturre of any crop the red gum, which has never been practicable, and the adequate transout, predominating. Furniture facportation facilities make it profitable. tories are using this timber for veneer-The principal crops are peanuts, coting and there is now a growing deton and tobacco, but there are no finer mand for it. An old, widely experienced wood-worker now residing in Robersonville, who, for many years of the scuppernong, one of the most was engaged in the timber business in the West, and has an intimate The average yield per acre of cotton knowledge of wood shops of various in the section tributary to Robersonkinds, said that in his knowledge red gum is being substituted for walnut. No wood that he knows, he stated, is susceptible of so fine a polish. It is now being used as tops for sewing-

machines, tables, furniture, etc., and From 50 to 75 bushels of corn are its use will be broadened. There are produced to the acre; peanuts from vast quantities of the red gum here, 1,000 to 1,500 pounds to the acre. and the owners will sell the timber at a reasonable price in order that the land may be cultivated. The sweet gum and papaw can be utilized in the manufacture of bread trays, wooden bowls, etc., and it could be supplied here to an almost unlimited extent. The black gum can be turned into

baskets and crates fo rthe truckers. The Swamps. The swamps, beginning about a

mile from Robersonville and running from eight to ten miles in one direction are covered by virgin of the growth kanank and Collie, all of which come together about twelve miles from what is called Tranter's creek, which ing.

empties into the Tar river, eighteen There is one thing I would like to

AT MEMPHIS. Comrade J. J. Lewis Says The L. O'B. Branch Corps Got the Cream of the Pot at the Big Confederate Reunion. Dear Mr. Editor: I would be pleased if you would be so kind as to allow give a small account of our trip to Memphis, Tenn.

We had a very pleasant trip, thanks to all the officials, and arrived at our destination all "O. K." We had lodgings at Mr. R. J. Morrison's, where we were looked after with all kindness that we could wish for, Mr. Morrison and his good lady being as good and Congress. Intelligence, aggressive kind to us as we could ask for. They ness, ingenuity and patience is, how left nothing undone to give us a good and pleasant time, and may the good time that Mr. Small spent in advo-Lord watch over and protect them all cacy of the project, the speeches that

has no end.

could be done for our comfort, in fact, he commanded the attention of Convariows everybody was made welcome, and gress and a survey of the proposed rums and papaw. There are three of you may be sure we did not fail to route was authorized. This was the these swamps, known as the Flat, Hus- take advantage of it all. I do not beginning, or more correctly speaking know that we ever have been more the turning of the tide. The survey royally treated at any of the reunions Robersonville. The drainings form we have had the pleasure of attend-

wise ships, but gradually the shifting sands peculiar to the North Carolina coast have crept into these outlets and they no longer permit of ocean

And now after years and years of patient waiting the federal government has gone ahead at an expenditure of half a million dollars to give, a navigable outlet to these magnifisounds and Neuse, Chowan, Pamlico and Allegator rivers, on which are located New Bern and other numerous and important communities. The cutcreek will afford an ocean outlet via Beaufort, and will open up a back country famous for its truck, farms, fishing and game. It is also one of the great lakes.

The Value of an Effort.

Ten years ago there came to Congress from North Carolina a man who has lived near these inland waters through a well-spent life, and who was impressed with the fact that nature's handlcap in the obstruction of these channel outlets could be overcome by the ingenuity of man. He was thoroughly cognizant of this helplessness of all that fertlie section by reason of its almost landlocked water facilities, the greater part of which are within the confines of the district he represents, and he resolved to dedicate his work as a national legislator to their improvement and the development of a natural commerce that was corked up, so to speak. To him came the inspiration of an inland waterway, first projected by George Washington, but which had never had a sufficiently ardent and aggressive champion to push it to a successful issue.' That man was John H Small, the Congressman from the First North Carolina district. A less courageous person would have given up in disgust, for he not only encountered scepticism on the part of friends, but he met with rebuffs and many hard knocks in the halls of ever, not without its reward. The through this life, and at last bring he delivered in its behalf, few apprethem to that everlasting peace that clate, but he had the never die spirit in his make up and after six years of The people of Memphis did all that what many regarded as futile effort, called for an appropriation of about three million dollars, and that is no easy sum to prize out of the federal

cor to the people of the sea, though

cor to the people of the sea, though only ten miles removed from the thriv-ing towns of Morehead City and Beau-fort, N. C. To make this magnificent natural harbor at Lookout a commercial and practical part of the State of North Carolina was the object of legislation which Senator Simmons Induced Con-gress to give its sanction of approval gress to give its sanction of approval

sress to give its sanction of approval at the last session of Congress. A survey of this body of water, which is known as the harbor of refuge at Cape Lookout, was thus authorised and the instructions of Congress are now being carried out by Capt. Earle I. Brown, U. S. A., the engineer in charge of river and harbor work in Southeastern Carolina. The Nation's Natural Watering Re-sort. The harbor at Lookout is formed by a sand projection into the sea in the shape of a fish hook. Extending a distance of some five miles with varying widths averaging a half a mile this fish hook projection of sand rears itself to splendid heights. Cap-ped here and there with a naturat turf and vegetable growth, and the ocean everywhere, it presents a most (Continued on Page Two.)



THE RESOLUTIONS.

The resolutions passed by the Cape Fear Patriots at "Liberty Point," Fayetteville, North Carolina, June 20th, 1775, are as follows:

"The Association, June 20, 1775.

"The actual commencement of hostilities against the Continent, by the British troops, in the bloody scene on the 19th of April last, near Boston, the increase of arbitrary impositions from a wicked and despotic ministry, and the dread of instigated insurrections in the colonies, are causes sufficient to drive an oppressed people to the use of arms. We, therefore, the subscribers of Cumberland county, holding ourselves bound by the most sacred of all obligations, the duty of good citizens towards an injured country, and thoroughly convinced, that, under every tie of religion and honor, and associate as a hand in her defence against every foe, hereby solemnly engaging, that whenever our continental or provincial councils shall decree it necessary, we will go forth and be ready to sacrifice our lives and fortunes to secure her freedom and safety. This obligation to continue in force until a reconciliation shall take place between Great Britain and America, upon constitutional principles, an event we most ardently desire; and we will hold all those persons inimical to liberty of the colonies, who shall refuse to subscribe to this association; and we will in all things follow the advice of our general committee respecting the pur-poses aforesaid, the preservation of peace and good order, and the safety of individual and private prop-



THE CELEBRATED RALEIGH OLD "VETS" HAD A GRAND TIME

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