

Editors of the Standard: A gentleman at the dinner table the other day remarked that North Carolina was an agricultural State and that he did not wish to see any other calling promoted; this was enough. The fact stated is undoubtedly true—it is an agricultural State worthy of the name, but is the doctrine true, that no other calling should be encouraged? This gentleman would raise his corn, cotton, wheat and tobacco, and send it by his wagon to Charleston, Wilmington, Norfolk or Fayetteville, and exchange them for such necessities as his family required, and perhaps sufficient cash to pay his taxes. Without going to a consideration of all of the particulars which will certainly follow if the doctrine is fully carried out, it is sufficient to observe that in villages and towns would grow up in the interior of the State; no market could be found except upon or near the seaboard. It is true small villages with its count houses, two or three public houses, a few stores, to which inhabitants would congregate as in all the county towns of the State. These towns, it is true, are markets to a limited extent, but they are so much so that their influence is extremely limited, and scarcely left over a wide community. The state of things prior to the improvements in railroads was an exact representation of a community devoted entirely to agriculture. Greenhouses, Salubrity, Charleston and Raleigh had grown to the full limit; they never could grow, under the influence of the doctrine I have alluded to. A market applied is closed to further profitable exchange to those who have more to sell. If sold, it is sold at the price of the buyer. He can't carry his produce home, but is obliged to sell with such very limited markets for the fruits of the soil, there is no encouragement to raise more than will satisfy the wants of nature, and such has been the case with North Carolina for the last fifty years, until the spirit of improvement began to be infused into her veins.

That supposing enterprise should run in the direction which would promote the power and means for manufacture and for mining; every cluster of dwellings will then with persons who may be fed and clothed; they are, so far as these necessities are concerned, a manufacturing people. There are thousands of people now living who will see 50,000, 100,000, 200,000, 300,000, 400,000, 500,000, 600,000, 700,000, 800,000, 900,000, 1,000,000, 1,500,000, 2,000,000, 2,500,000, 3,000,000, 3,500,000, 4,000,000, 4,500,000, 5,000,000, 5,500,000, 6,000,000, 6,500,000, 7,000,000, 7,500,000, 8,000,000, 8,500,000, 9,000,000, 9,500,000, 10,000,000, 10,500,000, 11,000,000, 11,500,000, 12,000,000, 12,500,000, 13,000,000, 13,500,000, 14,000,000, 14,500,000, 15,000,000, 15,500,000, 16,000,000, 16,500,000, 17,000,000, 17,500,000, 18,000,000, 18,500,000, 19,000,000, 19,500,000, 20,000,000, 20,500,000, 21,000,000, 21,500,000, 22,000,000, 22,500,000, 23,000,000, 23,500,000, 24,000,000, 24,500,000, 25,000,000, 25,500,000, 26,000,000, 26,500,000, 27,000,000, 27,500,000, 28,000,000, 28,500,000, 29,000,000, 29,500,000, 30,000,000, 30,500,000, 31,000,000, 31,500,000, 32,000,000, 32,500,000, 33,000,000, 33,500,000, 34,000,000, 34,500,000, 35,000,000, 35,500,000, 36,000,000, 36,500,000, 37,000,000, 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