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Management of Southern Railway is Making it Helpful Factor in Southern Development.

Washington.—A most encouraging view of conditions in the Southeast is presented in the annual report of the Southern Railway company, which states that one of the most important factors in the strength of the company's position is the industrial and agricultural development of the territory traversed by its lines. The marked agricultural progress due to the general adoption of approved methods by the farmers of the Southeast, particularly the increase of diversified farming, and the diversification of industries are noted.

The management of the company, with a broad conception of its relations to the public, is making the railway not merely a carrier of the people and products of the South, but also a helpful factor in Southern development. The report sets out the efforts being put forward to increase the prosperity of the people already in the Southeast, and, to attract investors and desirable settlers to the territory served by the lines of the Southern railway. A review is given of the work being done by the cotton culture department, which is teaching farmers, in localities where it is possible the boll weevil may spread, to successfully combat the insect should it ever appear in their fields, and thus maintain their production instead of having to learn how to deal with it after it appears. The work of this department will be extended to cover all territory along the company's lines to which there is even a remote danger that the weevil may spread. The importance to the South of maintaining its monopoly of cotton production is pointed out in connection with the vigorous efforts being made to raise cotton in other parts of the world. The report shows that the company is also encouraging live stock raising and dairying in its territory. Recognition is given the newspapers of the Southeast for their valuable assistance and also to commercial organizations, to banks and individuals who have aided the company in all its efforts to advance the agricultural prosperity of the Southeast.

The more important additions and betterments completed and undertaken during the year are shown, among them the double track lines through Lynchburg, Va., and into Chattanooga, Tenn., 38 miles of double track between Atlanta and Gainesville, Ga., modern lap-sidings on the line between Atlanta and Macon, Ga., Knoxville and Chattanooga, Tenn., and Morristown, Tenn., and Asheville, N. C., new freight station and office building at Atlanta, additional freight station and yard facilities at Macon, and additional wharf facilities at Mobile, Ala.

The Old Rosin Beds in Demand

Mr. A. B. McDonald, who was here last week, informed The Express that it was thought that the old rosin beds would yield the owners a good profit. These rosin beds were found near where turpentine stills were operated when that was one of the leading industries of this section of North Carolina. The turpentine was distilled and the refuse, or what was thought to be inferior rosin, not worth hauling to Fayetteville, was carried out and dumped in a pile or in some stream. As turpentine is now in such great demand and as the supply is so limited, these rosin beds will probably be bought by parties who will ship the rosin to Savannah, where it is bringing from \$6 to \$7.50 per barrel. A gentleman who is engaged in buying up and shipping this rosin, called to see Mr. McDonald at his home near Vass a few days ago for the purpose of seeing his rosin beds with a view to buying them. No doubt rosin beds can be found in this section where stills were operated years ago. We see it stated that parties are engaged in digging up a rosin bed in Hoke county and that it is thought that it will produce at least one thousand barrels. There is money in that pile of rosin. The still from which it was dumped must have been operated for many years. Thirty years ago hundreds of turpentine stills were in operation in the long leaf pine belt of the State. This was before the saw-mills got in their work. For years Wilmington was one of the greatest naval stores markets in the South. That was when North Carolina was appropriately called the "Tar Heel State."

A ladder at angle of 44.5 degrees is more stable than the footing of the man who depends upon what a majority of the voters will do.

"We suppose that there's a reason for it, remarked Squire Spicem," as he pronounced the solemn words that made them one, but we'll just leave off the finding of it until that when the eyes of the blind shall be opened.

If the advocates of the split-log drag would do a bit of personal demagoguery work, some of the unbelievers might be made over into converts.

Used Another Man's Legs.

In the hall of the house of representatives there is a painting of George Washington. He looks a most commanding person, with the stature of a giant and a flawless physique. But looking at the portrait recently a public man commented:

"That is a good deal of a sham. George Washington never looked like that, though I've no doubt he would have been proud to appear so magnificent."

"Notice the legs," the speaker continued. "They are perfect beauties, but they are not Washington's. They are the legs of General Smith of New Jersey, a soldier of the Revolution."

"It happened this way," he explained in conclusion: "Washington had quite unimpressive legs, and the artist who painted that picture was so dissatisfied with their shape that he persuaded General Smith to lend his faultless members as models. So, while we have the face and torso of our great first president, the supporting legs are those of one of his generals. Long may they stand!"—Washington Post.

Not the Answer He Expected.

One of Lord Desborough's best anecdotes relates to a clergyman who was far more at home in the hunting field than in the pulpit, says London Tit-Bits. On the morning of a meet he was much annoyed at having to officiate at a funeral; but, this ever, he mounted his horse and started in pursuit of his friends. On the road he sought information of an old woman with a donkey cart.

"Well," she said, "if you ride to the top of the hill you will come to a 'meenster.' Then if you turn to the right you will be likely to come up with them."

Handing her a shilling, he said, "My good woman, why did you call the sign post a minister?"

"Why, you see, sir, it's like this: We used to call 'em sign posts, but since you've been in these parts we call 'em ministers, 'cos, though they points other folks the way, they never goes themselves. Go on, Noddy!"

Death in Factory Fires.

The question is often debated as to whether persons who lose their lives in a fire developing with great rapidity undergo extreme physical suffering. An authoritative opinion is expressed by the New York Medical Journal, which says: "Unnecessary anguish of mind has probably been felt by relatives of unfortunate workers killed in factory fires by reflection of the supposedly agonizing pain caused by such a death. Where a great bulk of highly inflammable substances is quickly consumed in a closed space the result is the production of large quantities of carbon monoxide. This gas is well known, combines with the haemoglobin of the blood to form a compound that refuses to combine with oxygen. The result is a speedy and probably painless asphyxiation before the flames have had a chance to attack the bodies of the victims."

Dainty Snails.

The writer who qualified the snail as "foul and unclean" was guilty of a libel. Snails are most dainty feeders and strict vegetarians, as many gardeners know to their cost. Apparently three centuries ago snails were more popular in England than they are now. The fastidious author of "The Faerie Queene" gives a recipe for their preparation: With our sharp weapons we shall thee fray And take the castle that thou lyst in; We shall thee fray out of thy fowle skin, And in a dish, with onions and pepper, We shall thee dress with strong viro-gars.

—London Standard.

Few Gold Leaf Kills.

The Chinese consul at San Francisco discussed at a dinner his country's customs.

"There is one custom," said a young girl, "that I can't understand, and that is the Chinese custom of committing suicide by eating gold leaf. I can't understand how gold can kill."

"The partaker, no doubt," smiled the consul, "succumbs from a consciousness of inward guilt."—Los Angeles Times.

Manuscript Letters Rare.

Manuscripts and holograph letters from living literary celebrities should be hoarded with great care by their recipients. The prospect is that they will grow increasingly rare. Autograph signatures are probably all that the next generation will be able to bid for in the auction rooms and add to its collections.—New York Tribune.

Disinterested Advice.

"I have told my constituents that I regarded myself as a servant of the people," said Senator Sorghum. "Yes," replied Farmer Corn-tassel, "but you want to keep people from gettin' an idea that you're one of these servants who are always on the lookout for tips."—Washington Star.

A Weather Prophet.

"Now, Mrs. Brown, I have pinned up your new almanac." "Ob, thank 'ee, miss, thank 'ee, but my corns tell me the weather far better than any of they 'ere almanacs!"—London Opinion.

In the Barnyard.

"Look how queerly that hen is acting. Do you think she is hatching a plot?" "No; I think she is plotting a hatch."—Baltimore American.


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