

SWAIN COUNTY HERALD, CHARLESTON, N. C. H. A. HODGE Editor and Proprietor.

The Tradesman for January 1st contains a vast amount of valuable and interesting matter relative to the growth and prosperity of the Southern States. We wish our space would permit printing some of the tables in full, but we can give only a brief summary. From these tables we find that North Carolina has had an increase of \$52,083,993 in taxable wealth since 1880, which is an increase of 30 per cent. In gross increase the state is ninth, and in percentage eighth, among the Southern States. In the way of industries established within the past year, the state shows 41 cotton and woolen mills, leading all the others, 9 cigar and tobacco factories, in which it also leads, 46 wood working establishments, being fourth, 2 agricultural implement factories, 6 brick works, two boot and shoe factories, 10 canning factories, 1 compress, 8 electric light works, 4 fertilizer factories, 5 flour and grist mills, 5 foundry and machine shops, 2 gas works, 2 ice factories, 12 mines and quarries, 3 oil mills, 2 potteries, 5 railroads, 3 street railways, 3 water works, and 21 miscellaneous establishments, a total of 192. The total increase in wealth for the Southern States in 1880 has been \$1,304,176,604, and of population 2,581,878.

The Tradesman also devotes a page to the consideration of valuable commercial minerals. In mentioning the counties of Western N. C. where these minerals are found we noticed the entire absence of Swain, although the names of all the counties surrounding us are given. This seems a little hard, as long as we know that these minerals exist in larger quantities in the county, but is perhaps explained by the general lack of information that exists as to our resources. This state of things will not long exist. The R. & D. R. R. already gives us an outlet and we hope confidently for the building of a cross line up the Tennessee river in the near future. With two such lines, Swain county will be well provided for—and even with the one we may open up and develop the county so that capitalists may be induced to come and invest. Of minerals we know that gold, silver, copper, lead, asbestos, mica, corundum and iron have been clearly identified and some, if not all of these exist in paying quantities. Open up your properties, gentlemen, bring specimens to the Herald office where they may be put on exhibition and by every means in your power enlighten the outside world as to our advantages. If you find anything good, bring it in, the Herald will gladly make it known.

By a recent decision of the state Supreme Court the titles to about 250,000 acres of land in this and adjoining counties have been declared invalid. Imme diately thereafter several parties made a rush to enter these lands and more, long and expensive lawsuits will result. This matter of land titles is a serious drawback to the country. A good title is the first requisite of purchasers. Inability to give it has turned away many a man. We believe it would pay this county richly to have an accurate survey and plat of the county made, and by act of legislature or otherwise as may be necessary, establish all holdings and titles thereto according to such plat. Then our registry law would have perfect effect, abstracts of title would be relied upon implicitly and a much freer spirit of investment would result. Gentlemen of the County Commission, taxpayers, think of this, and having thought, act.

Take care of your stock! It may seem like a large outlay to build warm and dry sheds and barns for stock, but it is economy so to do. What you lay out in logs and the labor of putting up such buildings will be more than saved in grain and fodder. There is no excuse for any farmer in Swain county allowing his stock to stand out. The material, logs, shakes and pins can be cut on the farms and a few days work being added, the thing is done. Besides the question of economy, the comfort of your stock should be considered. How would you like standing out these sharp nights? And yet in powers of endurance, man is superior to the brute. Take care of the dumb servants who labor for you and have a right to expect kind, humane treatment in return.

We want every man in Swain county to aid us in a little scheme for the better advertisement of the county. We have an abundance of room in the front end of the Herald office, and propose to fit up shelves and cabinets for displaying the agricultural, forest and mineral products of the county. Bring in good specimens of your minerals, and help us make this the finest display in the state. Our office is particularly well located for this purpose. Every stranger arriving in Charleston must pass our door and we shall take special pains to have them see what the county can put forth.

The following extract is from a letter printed in The Patriot of Jackson, Mich. It was written at Oakland, Cal.

I have now been here four months, and I have been diligent in acquainting myself with facts and figures and sights. Three or four state boards are constantly gathering and publishing matters relating to the development of the state, at the expense of the people in all branches of industry. The board of trade has a large room in this city constantly filled with new and worthy productions, local fairs are frequent, boards of trade in all important towns and counties, and societies and agents all over the state are publishing reports and discussions and experiences and maps to make known the advantages of different localities. More of such work is done in a single year here than has been done in Michigan in two hundred years.

When I first came here the Mechanics' fair was being held. It is open for six weeks each year, and counties compete for prizes from \$1,000 down. Some of the county exhibits would make a good Michigan state fair. The fruits and perishable articles are kept fresh the whole time. Everything, from a peanut up to a plank twelve feet wide is shown.

There is a lesson herein for Western North Carolina. During the last two or three years California has had a boom, and the rush of visitors and settlers has been much greater in number than during the wild days of '49 and '50. Why is this? Simply because the State has been widely and thoroughly advertised. Every advantage of soil, climate, product and scenery has been written up and talked about till almost every man, woman and child in the civilized countries of the world is fully posted, and can tell you that California is not far from the world's isle of plenty, and can tell you that California is not far from the world's silver mines and its gold. Californians are receiving their reward. They have boomed their state and the boom is on. Why cannot this mountain plateau be similarly treated? We have climate, soil, scenery and products that need but be made known and people will come to us. At present there is a most profound ignorance on the subject, and the readers of the Herald may rest assured that it lies with the inhabitants of this section to make known their advantages if they desire or expect any great immigration. Organize first. Let every town and county have a board whose business it is to keep a record of facts of interest, and as far as their means will allow, publish and circulate the same. Let there be some one whose duty it is to inquire out strangers, to see that they are hospitably entertained, that they have their attention called to any peculiar attraction in the neighborhood and to assist them in all possible ways to make any investment or inquiries they may desire. The Herald office is at the disposal of the citizens of Charleston at any time for such a purpose as this.

SWAIN COUNTY offers special attractions to sportsmen. There is a wide field from which to choose. Back in the big mountains to the north, north-west and west here and wild cats will give lively sport, and deer are plentiful enough to make their chase interesting. Nearer town, deer and wild turkey are abundant, and everywhere partridges and quail abound. There are enough to keep guns and dogs busy, and when their owners are tired of that kind of sport and desire to follow the quieter paths in imitation of good old Isaac Walton, they will find our brooks and branches plentifully stocked with speckled beauties. Always and ever they will have the most magnificent mountain scenery around them, and the air they will breathe is loaded with health and strength giving properties. No section east of the Rocky mountains can offer equal inducements. Here we have the untamed wilderness and civilized comforts both within reach. In case of accident or sickness, help and good treatment can be procured promptly. The telegraph can be relied on to give prompt information of any business disarrangement. If a man can enjoy such sports anywhere, he can enjoy them most completely here. Charleston offers special inducements to sportsmen. Railroad, telegraph, hotel, provisions, horses, guides and close proximity to the best hunting and fishing in the state.

A FINE investment awaits the right man here in Charleston. There is a lack of dwelling houses and several families in the North could be induced to come on, if they could be assured of suitable houses to move into. Lumber is cheap, land is cheap and both can be had in abundance. Two hundred and fifty or three hundred dollars will buy a lot and erect a house on it that will rent for five dollars a month. Figure it out for yourself. Some practical builder with a small capital could make a nice thing out of this.

MR. JOHN S. SMILEY, County Superintendent of schools for Swain county, has prepared a careful table to show the statistics of school work for the county. We regret that we cannot present them in full. We give below some portion of the report verbatim and a summary of the balance, feeling that the subject matter is of too great importance to be entirely omitted. If there is any one subject on which we are cranky, it is the educational question, and we are always particularly willing to give publicity to items of interest connected therewith. We hope the citizens of Swain county will give this report careful consideration and labor earnestly to make further improvement the coming year.

Nothing speaks more loudly for a state or community than good schools. One of the first questions asked by people who think of moving is, "what schools do they have?" and ability to answer "good ones" often assures a valuable increase to the population. The report made by Mr. Smiley has caused him a great deal of labor and is deserving of high praise. A copy of it is posted at the court house where all desiring to do so, can inspect it at length. Office Board of Education, Swain county, N. C. Monday, Jan. 7th 1888. To the Honorable Board of Education: I have the honor to submit a tabulated statement of the Public Schools of Swain County for the year 1888, which I think to be the most complete exhibit of our educational work ever compiled. Facts and figures tell so much in fewer words, that I deemed it expedient to resort to that method, instead of a lengthy letter or document of "I think so's" and "supposes," without the proof of what I say. By comparing the present statement with that of 1887, it will be seen that there was an increase of 106 pupils, of four schools; in the number taught, an increase of 93 in spelling; an increase of 154 in studying readers; an increase of 125 in studying writing; an increase of 170 in studying arithmetic; an increase of 55 in grammar; an increase of 32 in geography, etc., which shows that the efforts of the teachers have been to do more work by an increase in the various studies in their schools. Notwithstanding the sickness that has been in a majority of our schools for the year of 1888, we also had an increased attendance. There was also an increase in the length of school of two weeks. The average attendance was increased 100, and the per cent of increase was actually better, in the schools taught than it was in the year 1887, by two per cent, 1887 being 80, and 1888, 82 per cent. Our per cent of enrollment for 1888, is 65, being about two-thirds of our people on the side of literature and learning.

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ADDITIONAL PERSONALS.

Mr. Blackburn has a telegram from New York saying that the carpets for his hotel were shipped on the fourth instant. Mrs. A. B. Allison has received a telegram from Mr. Allison saying that he had sold his stock and would be home Friday of this week.

INVITATION.

To the pastors and members of the Baptist and Presbyterian churches of Charleston: You are cordially invited to hold your regular meetings in the Southern Methodist church of this place. Our doors are open to you on your regular days of worship. Trusting an acceptance of this offer, we are, your brethren in Christ.

Done by order of the S. M. E. church of Charleston. I. B. Conley.

NOTICE TEACHERS!

There will be a ten days session of the Swain County Teachers' Institute held at Charleston, commencing on first Monday in Feb. 1889, and to be closed with an examination. Teachers will bring their school books. By order of the Board of Education. Jno S. SMILEY, Co. Supt.

Notice of Trustee's Sale.

By virtue of two certain Deeds in Trust made by W. R. Randall, the first recorded in Book 1, of Mortgage Deeds, of Swain county, pages 266 and following, on the 29th day of Nov., 1888, the second recorded in Book 1, of Mortgage Deeds, of Swain county, pages 294 and 295, on January 7, 1889, I will sell for cash, on Tuesday the 12th day of March 1889 at the Court house in Charleston, Swain county, N. C., all the lands conveyed to me in Trust by said Deeds to secure the debts named in said Deeds amounting to about \$2,500. The same being the lands on Deep Creek in said county where the said W. R. Randall lives, etc. For further information call on the undersigned Trustee at Charleston, N. C. E. EVERETT, Trustee. Charleston, N. C. Jan. 7, 1889. 10

Feed Onions to the Children.

A prominent physician has been buying a barrel of onions, and being grieved about his purchase, said: "I always have boiled onions for dinner for the benefit of my children. I like onions, too. They are the best medicine I know of for preventing colds. Feed onions, raw, boiled or baked, to the children three or four times a week, and they'll grow up healthy and strong. No worms, no scurvy, no diphtheria where children eat plentifully of onions every day." Another distinguished physician confirmed the foregoing statement, adding: "I couldn't give better advice, no matter how hard I might try."—Bulgaria Express.

About Swearing Off.

A great deal of sport is now made of New Year's Day as a "swearing off time." It is not uncommon to hear the question put in a sarcastic way: "Well, have you sworn off yet?" The witty fellows on the newspapers take it up and grind out innumerable jokes about weak-minded men who "turn over a new leaf" on New Year, and turn back to it again in less than a fortnight. But, with all this fun and ridicule, the fact remains that the beginning of a new year is a most fitting time to leave off bad habits, to resolve to profit by mistakes and follies of the past, and to go through the new year better than you did the old one. So pay no attention to the current gibes and jeers at the custom of "swearing off" on the New Year; and if you see mistakes and follies that you desire to abandon and to leave forever behind, now is the time to do it. The fact is you should have done so long ago. One can begin a reform in his own habits at any time, and should never wait until any particular day for making that start, but having put it off until now, don't delay longer. Begin and end the New Year right.

Farmers Alliances.

We notice there is a very great interest manifested by the farmers of Buncombe, Henderson and other counties in Western North Carolina, in the organization of Farmers Alliances, and we are glad to know that some of the farmers of Cherokee have become interested in the matter and are taking steps to organize alliances in this county. When the farmers unite for the bettering of their condition, the results which follow are not only of benefit to themselves, but to all classes of our people. The farmer is the backbone of the country and when he flourishes, the whole country prospers. We hope soon to hear of the alliances being organized in every county and township in Western North Carolina.—Murphy Advance.

Forests Temper Bleak Climates.

Large areas of forest favorably affect the climate of the neighboring localities. The shaded and porous soil absorbs moisture, and cool air fills the glades and sheltered valleys. This cool air modifies the temperature, and mixing with passing warm currents, precipitates the vapor they contain and causes showers to fall where otherwise none could be produced except from widely prevailing conditions. In a wooded country it is not unusual to see a shower falling within sight where the sun is shining overhead. Comparatively slight causes affect the weather, and as a few ounces may overbalance a great weight that is nicely poised, so the influence of a small tract of woodland may be the cause of considerable variations in the weather over a wide area. Hence farmers should

not neglect this means of restoring the balance which has been destroyed by the cutting away of the timber during past years.—New York Times.

To Editor Of Herald:

SIR—I want the Herald to speak out and advise our town board of aldermen in anything on which they may be slack. I know it is hard to relieve everybody when you are doing public work. I would like to have a sidewalk alongside of my lot, to the bridge, but if I can't get it from the town, perhaps I can make it myself, as I have been doing. I am not so certain about this. I am glad to see sidewalks anywhere in town. We must clean up our mud holes in the streets, and those broad woodpiles 50 by 100 ft. and only two sticks deep, had we not? Truly one of you. I. B. Conley.

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