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THE SOUTH'S MONOPOLIES.

Illuminating Address of

Withers of the A. and M. on the relation of Rainfall and Temperature to the Great Agricultural Monopolies of Cotton and the Other Distinctively Southern Crops—Some Reasons Why the South is the Great Agricultural Section of the Country.

At the recent Southern Commercial Congress held in Atlanta in March, Prof. W. A. Withers of the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts delivered a most interesting address upon "The South's Rainfall and Temperature in Relation to Southern Agricultural Monopolies," which has been published in The Tradesman. By the latter term Professor Withers referred to cotton, tobacco, rice, sweet sugar cane and peanuts but prior to their discussion he developed the thesis that the South is pre-eminently the agricultural section of the United States. Although only one-third the population of the United States lies in the South, that section contains more than one-half of those engaged in agricultural pursuits. Contrary to general belief the South receives greater returns from farm capital invested than any other section. According to the latest census report—considering the twelve leading crops—144,000,000 acres in the South yield a return of about \$2,000,000,000 as compared with 182,000,000 acres in the rest of the country yielding \$2,500,000,000. Reduced to figures per acre this would give the South an income of \$17.23 as against \$14.07 for the rest of the country. The same authority states that the South receives 27 per cent gross income on farm capital invested as compared with 18 per cent for the rest of the country. In spite of these advantages the average Southern farmer's annual income is only \$250, while that of his neighbor elsewhere is \$600. This apparent discrepancy is due to the fact that the Southern farmer cultivates on the average only about one-half as many acres as his Northern or Western neighbor and in doing so uses only about one-half as many horses and mules and about one-sixth as many farm implements. It would be difficult to crowd into the same space a more incisive argument for the spread of scientific, modern methods of agriculture.

Professor Withers passes concisely over the other Southern monopolies to devote most of his attention to cotton. He thinks that the most valuable asset with reference to this monopoly lies in the climate. Although cotton is considered a dry weather crop, Professor Withers believes that it is more damaged by lack of than by excessive moisture. He discusses in detail the average annual rainfall of various sections of the South, showing that the

URGING CLARK TO RUN.

Chief Justice Receiving Many Letters From Friends Who Want to See Him in the Race For the United States Senate.

Raleigh, April 28.—Close friends of Justice Clark say that he is receiving many urgent letters from admirers of various sections of the State urging that he get in the race for the United States Senate along with Senator Simmons, Governor Kitchin and possibly ex-Governor Aycock. They say he is receiving many letters, too, from friends whose first choice is ex-Governor Aycock, but who do not believe that the ex-Governor will enter the race at all. Judge Clark declines to be interviewed on the situation and his purpose, being that he has nothing to say at this time. The impression is growing that he will be avowedly in the race, as many believe he is now so far as actual activities are concerned, before a great while. He can make the race in the State primary for the Senatorship that is expected to be ordered, without resigning the Chief Justiceship of the Supreme Court. And this is what it is believed he will do.

staple flourishes luxuriantly where the growing season alone receives anywhere from 25 to 35 inches of rain. The fact that October and November receive little of this thereby allowing fair weather for picking is noted. Again the condition made famous in the term "Sunny South"—based not on poetic fancy alone but as well upon the actual number of clear days enjoyed—has its beneficial effect. Naturally the mean temperature of 62 degrees as compared with 52 degrees in Pennsylvania and Illinois and 45 degrees in New Hampshire and Wisconsin is a sheer necessary prerequisite to cotton cultivation. Lastly the length of the crop growing season is important. Boston and Topeka have about six months from killing frost to killing frost; Washington, D. C. has about three weeks more than these; Macon has in the neighborhood of eight months, while Mobile enjoys ten.

Professor Withers concluded with a reference to the possibilities of corn culture in the South as evidenced by Jerry Moore's 223 bushels per acre, Mr. Batts' 226 and Captain Drake's 264. "When the Children of Israel had reached the Promised Land," the speaker eloquently concluded, "they were not allowed to go in to possess it because they were afraid to fight the giants who, as they said, dwelt therein. Heaven and Nature have smiled upon the South but the Southern farmer, like the chosen of God of old, must follow the injunction: 'Go Forward.'"

MANY EYES ON HENDERSONVILLE

This Fair City the "Center of Attraction" in North Carolina at the Present Time.

Last year Hendersonville entertained, in a highly pleasing manner, the Inter-National Association of Labor Commissioners and Factory Inspectors during the month of August when the hotels and boarding houses were crowded with visitors. And later on, in December, after the two largest hotels and many boarding houses had closed came the Baptist State Convention, bringing its hundreds of messengers as guests of this city's hospitable citizens. Not the slightest difficulty was experienced in the proper entertainment of either of these conventions. All of which resulted in the praises of fair Hendersonville being echoed and re-echoed throughout North Carolina, the United States and the Dominion of Canada.

This year, the finest resort town in the South—and this is Hendersonville, of course—will experience the privilege of a personal contact with the State Bankers' Association and the North Carolina Retail Merchants Association. It so happens that both meetings are to be held during the week beginning June 20th and the question has arisen, in some quarters, concerning the city's ability to handle the two conventions at the same time. Certainly no such inquiry would have been made by any one who has visited Hendersonville during recent years. But some people do not keep abreast of the times and become apprehensive without the slightest provocation, as in this instance. However, Commissioner of Labor and Printing, M. L. Shipman, who keeps right on boosting his home town from the Raleigh end of the line, has been doing some more talking. He directs attention to the fact that Hendersonville entertained with little trouble, the Baptist State Convention in mid-winter and says the bankers and merchants need have no apprehension of not being cared for when they come next June.

The Raleigh correspondent of the Wilmington Star, Charlotte Observer, Winston-Salem Journal, Greensboro Telegram, Durham Herald and Charlotte News recently sent out the following item referring to the conflict in dates for the meetings:

The North Carolina Bankers' Association and the North Carolina Merchants' Association will both be in session at Hendersonville during the week



of June 20th and there has arisen some question about the accommodations that will be available at that time. State Commissioner of Labor and Printing M. L. Shipman gives the assurance that there will be ample accommodations and that there need not be the least uneasiness on that score. The bankers are to hold their session out at Kanuga Lake and the Merchants' Association will meet in town.

The Raleigh News and Observer carries this statement:

Hendersonville Will Provide for Bankers. "Hendersonville has facilities enough to amply care for the State Bankers Association and the North Carolina Retail Merchants Association at the same time," said Commissioner of Labor and Printing M. L. Shipman today, when it was called to his attention that the dates selected by these two organizations were practically the same. The North Carolina Bankers Association meets at Lake Kanuga, June 22 to 24. Lake Kanuga, it may be stated, is a most beautiful resort village adjacent to Hendersonville, with its tremendous lake and other club features. The North Carolina Retail Merchants Association meets at Hendersonville, June 21 to 23. Hendersonville amply provided for the State Baptist Convention last winter when many of the hotels and boarding houses were closed. But at the time these conventions meet all the hotels and boarding houses will be open and accommodations will be abundant.

And this is from the Raleigh correspondent of the Greensboro Daily News:

Bankers and Merchants Meet. "Since it was discovered that the Bankers' and Merchants' associations are scheduled to meet at Hendersonville this year almost simultaneously there has been some apprehension as to the town's ability to accommodate the delegates. This fear might be well founded if the town happened to be some other, but anyone who knows Hendersonville knows that its capacity is almost unlimited. It entertained with the greatest ease last winter the state Baptist convention and many of the hotels were closed at the time. All of the hotels and numerous boarding houses will be open during the summer and as the conventions are held before the big summer rush starts in Hendersonville will do herself proud by them all right.

The state Bankers' association will hold its meetings at Kanuga lake, a short distance from Hendersonville, June 22-24 and the Retail Merchants' association will meet in Hendersonville June 21-23. Hon. M. L. Shipman says there is plenty of room for them all and some more besides."

That it appears that Hendersonville is receiving a "whole lot" of advertising which will contribute no little towards keeping her in the public eye. Faithful friends are more to be desired than filthy lucre, any way, unless it be in numerous bills of very large denominations.

MR. LIPINSKY GETS BERKELEY.

He Will Transform the Hotel into a Great Department Store, Beginning First of May—One of the Finest in the South—It is Rumored That Mr. Loughran Will Organize Company for Erection of Large Hotel.

One of the most important deals consummated in Asheville for a long time occurred yesterday afternoon shortly before 5 o'clock when the lease of Frank Loughran on the Hotel Berkeley, a property belonging to the Chedester estate, was transferred to S. Lipinsky, proprietor of the Bon Marche, one of the leading dry goods establishments of the city. The lease secured by Mr. Lipinsky runs for fourteen and one-half years.

It was stated today that the Hotel Berkeley would be closed on and after May 1 and that immediately work would begin to transform the four-story structure into a modern department store. Mr. Lipinsky hopes to have this work of reconstruction completed by July 1, when he will remove his establishment from South Main street to the old Berkeley, and also the Bon Marche Annex in the Legal building on Park square.

Mr. Lipinsky plans to make of his property one of the finest department stores in the state. He plans to convert the entire front of the Berkeley into glass and to utilize the second, third and fourth floors and part of the basement for various departments. In addition to the immense stock of goods that the Bon Marche now carries other lines including carpets, rugs, matting, etc., will be installed and all other articles that go to make up a first class and up to date department store.

The announcement that Mr. Lipinsky will establish in Asheville a modern department store is interesting to the purchasing public. Asheville has long needed an up to date department store and the establishment that Mr. Lipinsky purposes conducting will fill that long-felt want.

Mr. Lipinsky is regarded as one of Asheville's most substantial business men. He has been engaged in business here for a long number of years and has established a business that has outgrown its present quarters and made necessary expansion. That the department store located in the Hotel Berkeley and under the management of Mr. Lipinsky will prove just as successful or more so than the Bon Marche has, is certain.

In the transfer of the lease of the Hotel Berkeley to Mr. Lipinsky by Frank Loughran there are interesting rumors relative to a new hotel for Asheville. It is said that Mr. Loughran will turn his attention to the organization of a hotel company for the erection of a large hotel on his holdings at the corner of Haywood street and Walnut, and that it is expected within a short time plans will be ready

DELEGATION TO KNOXVILLE.

A delegation of Hendersonville citizens will attend a great railroad meeting held next Friday in Knoxville. The object of this meeting is to gather information as to the direct route of the Knoxville and Greenville railroad which will be extended from South Carolina into the North Carolina to Knoxville.

Sometime ago a delegation of Hendersonville citizens went to Greenville and met the officials of the road. It is reported that the citizens of Brevard have chartered an entire car to carry the public spirited men who want to pull for Brevard. This city will probably send about twenty citizens to work in the interest of this city and county in getting this great railroad to go through the county. Below is a partial of those who will go: S. V. Pickens, P. F. Patton, B. Jackson, W. H. Justus, Dr. R. A. Child, V. C. V. Shepherd C. M. Pace, G. B. Hill, W. P. Bane, Michael Schenck, W. H. Miller, P. S. Ramsey, S. O. Staton, J. S. Rhodes, J. G. Staton, W. A. Smith, Dr. L. B. Morse.

CURFEW LAW IN ASHEVILLE.

Measure Carried by Big Majority. Bond Issue for School Building.

Asheville, N. C., April 23.—In the municipal election held today the entire democratic ticket was elected, none of the various offices being contested. The proposed \$50,000 bond issue for the city school was endorsed by a total of 863 votes, only 14 votes being cast against it. A total of 836 votes was cast in favor of the proposed curfew law for this city, 122 votes being registered against it.

and a little later actual work will commence on the new hotel. In the meantime W. C. Hawk, who has been in charge of the Berkeley, will be associated with Mr. Loughran in the conduct of the Swannanoa hotel, which Mr. Loughran owns and which has enjoyed excellent seasons since he became proprietor. Relative to the new hotel project, Mr. Loughran at this time has nothing to say. He is one of Asheville's most substantial citizens and one of the largest taxpayers, if not the largest taxpayer in the city. He has been in business here for the past 28 years. He believed in Asheville a quarter of a century ago and he believes in Asheville today and in Asheville's future. He is not afraid to invest his money here and this action on the part of a man of wealth inspires others. It is understood that the Swannanoa hotel will be greatly improved at once.—Gazette News.

STREET CARS FOR HENDERSONVILLE THIS SUMMER

There has been railroad talk and railroad talk and then some more railroad talk in Hendersonville for many moons past, but we have reason to believe that the talk that is now heard in our town is the genuine article.

On last Saturday night a goodly number of Hendersonville's business men met in the court house for the purpose of taking some definite action in regard to raising \$10,000 for the purpose of securing the assurance that a street railroad will be built in Hendersonville this summer.

Mr. H. S. Anderson stated the object of the meeting, telling what he had done in the past towards securing a street railway for our town, and what he believed could be done in the future. Several others present, including Dr. Child, Mr. John L. Orr and Mayor Staton made enthusiastic talks for the railroad, telling of the many benefits it would bring to Hendersonville and how it would enhance the value of property. Mr. Thomas, of Georgia, a railroad builder was called on for a talk. He made the statement that if the citizens of Hendersonville would raise the sum of \$10,000 towards building the road the company that he represented would go to work in one week's time

after that amount was pledged, provided it was done at once, and that within 90 days he would build a street railroad from the Southern depot through Columbia park to Osceola lake.

Owing to the fact that the meeting was on Saturday night when many of the business men could not be present it was agreed to postpone final action upon the matter until Thursday night when another meeting will be held and the matter finally settled.

Before adjournment a committee consisting of six persons were appointed by the mayor to assist Mr. Anderson in waiting upon the citizens to ascertain how much they were willing to subscribe for the road. A Hustler representative saw several of the committee yesterday and they assured him that they were meeting with much success and that they did not think there would be any doubt whatever in raising the amount asked for.

To make a long story short it is up to the people of Hendersonville to say whether they want the street railroad or not. The proposition of Mr. Thomas seemed to many to be the fairest that had ever been offered to Hendersonville, so come to the meeting tonight and help decide the matter.

PASSENGERS SUFFOCATED WHEN PULLMAN BURNED.

Bride of Four Months Was Just Taking Train to Meet Him.

Raleigh, N. C., April 27.—A Pullman of the Atlantic Coast Line train No. 86 known as the Palmetto limited, was destroyed by fire at Rocky Mount early this morning. One passenger, J. Probst, a traveling salesman of New York city, was suffocated to death and the flagman, J. C. Ruse, was injured.

Mall Clerk W. F. Ireland was also injured. The fire is supposed to have started from a leaking gas tank. When the accident occurred there were ten passengers asleep in the car. All escaped except Probst. He was going from Charleston to Richmond and entered the car at Florence, S. C. His

body is in charge of a local undertaker.

Wife Was a Bride. New York, April 27.—Mrs. Jacob Probst, a bride of four months, was just about to start south today to meet her husband in Richmond, Va., tomorrow when she was notified by telephone that he had been killed. She left tonight with her father and brother in law to bring the body home.

End Came After 50 Years' Service to Master.

Wilmington, April 27.—Rev. Archibald McFayden, for more than 50 years in the Presbyterian ministry, with the exception of four years spent in the Confederate army as a lieutenant in the Fifth North Carolina cavalry, died today at Clarkton, aged 75 years. He was a native of Fayetteville.

SCHOOL BONDS CARRIED; STATON RE-ELECTED MAYOR

After one of the most closely contested elections on record in Hendersonville, R. H. Staton, republican, was re-elected mayor of Hendersonville for the next two years over C. E. Brooks, democrat, by a close vote of 13 majority.

Until almost the end of the count Tuesday night the result was in doubt and it took the entire city vote to indicate who had won.

Ideal weather prevailed on election day and many of the town's most prominent citizens took active steps in working for their respective candidates. During the day very little business was transacted at the stores. Everybody seemed to be interested in the election and the polls was crowded all day.

The fight on both sides was princ-

pally carried on each candidate for mayor, although the result shows that one of the republican candidates for re-election of commissioner failed to win out.

The bond issue carried by a handsome majority of over 100 votes. Hendersonville will soon have a beautiful \$15,000 new school building which will be a credit to the city.

In the race for commissioners the republicans elected two while the Democrats only succeeded in getting one member, who carried second as the highest vote polled.

The total votes for town commissioners was as follows: Republican, J. W. McIntyre, 199; Griffith, 203; S. Pace 204. Democrats, J. W. Bailey, 199; J. Mack Rhodes, 196; M. M. Shepherd, 204.

Corn Contests.

Superintendent of public instruction W. S. Shibles has received a letter from the agricultural department at Raleigh, in reference to the best way in the distribution of the \$100 offered by the commissioners of Henderson county on the corn contest next fall.

One of the plans suggested which will be more than likely carried out is the one below.

First prize for highest yield . . . \$25.00
Second Prize for highest yield . . . 15.00
Third prize for highest yield . . . 12.50
Fourth prize for highest yield 10.00
Fifth prize for highest yield . . . 7.50
Sixth prize for highest yield . . . 5.00

Total prizes for yield . . . \$75.00

First prize for greatest profit . . . \$7.50
Second prize for greatest profit 5.00
Third prize for greatest profit . . . 2.50

Total prizes for profits . . . \$15.00

First prize for best kept records \$5.00
Second prize for best kept records 2.50
Third prize for best kept records 1.50
Fourth prize for best kept records 1.00
Total prizes for records . . . \$10.00
Total prizes for yields . . . 75.00
Total prizes for profits . . . 15.00

Grand Total . . . \$100.00

WAS A NON-RESIDENT.

Elected Mayor of Black Mountain, But Is Not Able to Qualify.

Asheville, N. C., May 3.—After electing W. L. Morgan mayor of Black Mountain by a majority of one vote, the voters of that township found that he was a non-resident and the office of mayor passed to Morgan's opponent in today's election, W. C. Hall.

Morgan's exact status was determined when he went to the polls to vote, the registrar refusing him the privilege of franchise on the ground that he (Morgan) was not a resident of Black Mountain township. Subsequent investigation revealed the fact that three months ago Mr. Morgan moved across the corporate limits while his old residence was being torn down to make place for a new one. Mr. Hall was therefore declared the mayor-elect. Both candidates are of democratic persuasion.

Cannon Would Be The Last.

Mr. Gudger thought very bad for Mr. Kitchin to vote with Dalzell and McCall, and then he gets into the same bed with old Cannon. If we had bed with any Republican, Cannon would be the last to be selected.—News and Observer.