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From C. T. C. Deake's paper read before the Press Convention.

In point of latitude North Carolina occupies a middle ground between the semi-tropical States of the South, and the colder regions of the North, so that she is not only enabled to produce the fruits and vegetables of one section side by side with those of the other, but her native forests combine the stately pines and balsams of the North with the cypress and magnolias of the South Again: within her borders are embraced the low lands of tide water and the highest peaks of the Atlantic slope. Again: in a geological point of view within her territory is embraced every strata and formation known in geology, and as these give character to the soil, we have in North Carolina the climate and soil suitable to the growth of almost every tree known to the forestry of North America; and it is of the native forest trees and the forestry of North Carolina that we propose to speak at the present time

From an economical point of view, the question of due proportion of forest, either native or cultivated, is not less complicated or less important than in its purely physical aspects. Of all the raw materials which nature supplies for use in the mechanic arts, wood is undoubtedly the most useful, and at the same time the most indispensible to social progress. It has been estimated by those who have made this branch of social science a study, that upon the whole, taking civilized Europe and America together, from 20 to 28 per cent. of well wooded surface is indispensable for the maintenance of the normal conditions of people, and for the supply of materials so essential to every branch of human industry and every form of social life This proportion of wooded land to that under cultivation, is considered of so much importance that in many of the Northwestern States large bounties are offerep for the planting of timber, and efforts are made even by legislative enactments to avert the want experienced by the scarcity of timber and forest trees. In many of the States the timber question is the most important and all-absorbing one * * * Those who have made this subject a study, in speaking of the resources of the Pine regions around the great lakes of the Northwest, say that at the present rate of consumption the supply will be exhausted in ten or twelve years, and then the demand will be upon the South, where, owing to the humidity of the climate, the growth is quicker, and when the timber of a given region is cut down and removed, another growth will soon take its place. We have alluded to these facts for the purpose of showing the advantage that we in North Carolina possess.

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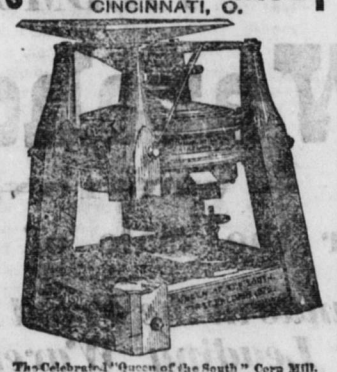

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