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### SOUTH NEEDS LABOR

Why Immigrants From Europe Avoid This Section.

Raymond, the Washington correspondent of the Chicago Tribune, in discussing the distribution of European immigrants, says:

Under the new law the immigrant bureau has been enabled to keep better track of the points of destination of the foreigners who come to this country. During the period from July 1, 1908, to March 1, 1909, there were 328,685 immigrant aliens admitted. As they furnish a constant source for the building up of the labor supply in this country, it is intensely interesting to notice how closely they follow the regular lines of travel. Half a dozen states get almost all the benefit of this increased labor supply as follows:

New York	94,709
Pennsylvania	52,222
Illinois	25,241
Massachusetts	22,069
New Jersey	17,686
Ohio	13,478

Total.....225,405

In other words, six states of the union received two-thirds of all the immigrants for a period of eight months, and this, too, in spite of the fact that during that period 57,063 of the immigrants were classed as farm laborers, and 32,584 as common laborers, and 58,064 as servants. Manifestly the great mass of foreigners coming to the country continue to be of a class which would be better off and have better prospects for the future if they went into villages and on farms instead of flocking to the cities, to railroad camps, to the mines, and to similar places of hard and comparatively unprofitable employment.

The southern people want labor more than anything else in the world. They need a large addition to the labor supply furnished by negroes, and unless they secure it from alien immigrants they cannot possibly hope to develop their great natural resources as they are capable of being developed.

It is a most significant thing that the foreigners are once more abandoning the south almost entirely, and they are doing that, of course, because of reports of officials of Italy, Austria-Hungary, Russia, and other European countries, who found it necessary to advise their home governments that any of their citizens who went into the south under any conditions were liable to imprisonment for a mere money debt or owing to a broken contract with a planter.

It is worth while showing how shortsighted the southern policy has been by calling attention to the fact that for the eight months under consideration, when there was a total immigration into the United States of 328,685, those billeted for Dixie are reported as follows:

Alabama	530
Arkansas	190
Florida	3,019
Georgia	294
Louisiana	1,331
Mississippi	213
North Carolina	174
South Carolina	144
Tennessee	311
Texas	9,928
Virginia	761

There were peculiar conditions in Florida, Louisiana, and Texas, but it is easy to see that in the rest of the south the immigrants had been warned off by their authorities at home, and the chances are they will stay warned off until the southern states are wise enough to repeal their contract labor and peonage provisions.

There could not be a better object lesson, and if the planters, and miners, and lumbermen, and ironmen, and mill owners of the south want to see the bars let down the first thing they will have to do will be to persuade

### Trouble Makers Ousted.

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### The South is Going Dry.

Lay the jest about the julep In the campbhor balls at last, For the miracle has happened, And the older days are past, That which made Milwaukee famous, Does not foam in Tennessee, And the lid in Alabama Is as tight locked as can be, And the comic paper colonel And his cronies well may sigh, For the mint is waving gaily, And the South is going dry.

In the stillside on the hillside In Kentucky, all is still, And the only damp refreshment Must be dipped up from the rill, North Carolina's staidy Governor Gives his soda glass a shove, And discusses local option With the South Carolina Gov. It is useless at the fountain To be winking of the eye, For the cocktail glass is dusty, And the South is going dry.

It is water, water everywhere, And not a drop to drink; We no longer hear the music Of the mellow, crystal drink, And the Colonel and the General And the Major and the Judge, Must to have a little 'nip' To give the appetite an edge, For the eggnog now is nogless, And the 'rye' has gone awry, And the punchbowl holds carnations, And the South is going dry.

their legislatures to wipe from the statute books all the medieval laws intended to keep the negro in a condition of industrial bondage, but which have resulted in putting an absolute stop to the alien immigration indispensable to further progress in the southern states.

About as many foreigners went to North Dakota in the eight months mentioned as were destined for Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia put together, and it is a notable fact that in all these latter states there were serious charges of peonage followed by acquittals in almost every case, so that the representatives of foreign nations two years ago began to display the red flag against those states with the result shown.

### New Road from Lenoir.

There is a movement on foot to raise, by private subscription, a sum varying from \$1,000 to \$2,000 to be used to help the county make a first class road from Lenoir to the Catawba river on the Hickory and Lenoir road, says the Lenoir Topic. The plan is to work out and make any necessary amendments to the old road as far as the Catawba river, a distance of seventeen miles. It is estimated by those who are competent to judge that ten miles of this road can be made a splendid sand clay road at an expense of \$10 per mile, if the money is spent in the proper manner and at the proper time.

It is assumed that the county or the people living on this route will gladly co-operate in this matter. One of the present county commissioners, Mr. J. M. Allred, is a good roads advocate and a man of exceptional judgment in such matters, and he will be urged to take an active interest in this question from the standpoint of a private citizen as well as county commissioner.

The value of this road to the people along the line cannot be estimated, and it would be a feeder to the town of Lenoir. And if properly constructed the road would be a demonstration of what could be done and would unquestionably lead to a great awakening on this vital matter of better public highways.

There should certainly be no difficulty in raising the money necessary for carrying out this scheme, and something should be done at once. In the town and on the proposed line there should be ten men who are abundantly able to give \$50.00 each; twenty who should give \$25.00 each; forty who should give \$10.00; and a large number who could give \$5.00 each.

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### COLD FEET FOR THE FOURTH!



### Citizens Decide Not to Have an Old Time Celebration

Only about 25 citizens assembled at the Hickory club on Monday evening to discuss the matter of a Fourth of July celebration. The committee appointed to raise money reported that about \$375 of the \$400 which it had been considered necessary to raise had been pledged, and that several who were considered safe for contributions had not been seen, so that it was sure that the requisite amount could be secured. They said, however, that some of the merchants expressed themselves as opposed to any celebration, but if one was decided on that they would undoubtedly come in and do their part. After some discussion it was decided to go on and have a celebration, and the chairman was directed to appoint an executive committee, to consist of 12 members, besides himself and the secretary, who should have general charge of the celebration.

The committee, as appointed by the chairman next day, is made up as follows: M. H. Groves, C. H. Geitner, T. L. Hinkle, Z. B. Buchanan, R. D. Latta, A. A. Whitener, R. E. Martin, G. N. Hutten, C. A. Moser, J. D. Elliott, B. E. Blackwelder, W. S. Martin, W. E. Holbrook. The work will be divided between members of this committee, as may be hereafter arranged, and each may be chairman of a sub-committee, to whom special duties will be assigned.

A meeting of this committee was called on Tuesday afternoon but only five or six turned out and, the reports showing little disposition on the part of anyone to take hold and go to work, it was decided to give up the affair entirely and to have no celebration at all.

On hearing the news our pet rooster, who had come out from his retirement especially to crow for this affair, turned up his toes to the daisies, and is now dead to the world.

### Improvement Opposed

Morganton is not to have the much desired removal of its freight depot to the other side of the track if the Southern road can prevent it. At a hearing in Raleigh recently the road contended that there is not room on the north side of the track for the station, and showed its determination to fight against the much needed improvement in every way possible. As a last resort they will contend that the Corporation Commission has no power in the matter.

Mr. Julius H. Pearson appeared in behalf of the Retail Merchants' Association of Morganton and after stating that he had been connected several years ago with railroads in various capacities, summed up the matter very neatly when, in reply to questions by Col. Rodman, counsel for the road, who then asked if conditions had not changed very much in railroad affairs since the time he had been connected with the railroads, he replied:

"Yes, conditions have changed very much in railroads, except as to the freight station at Morganton, and that stood as it had forty years ago, a reply that indicated that after forty years Morganton is certainly entitled to an adequate freight depot, as that which did service forty years ago is hardly fit for the Morganton of today.

After the evidence was in the Commission invited both sides to submit briefs in the case, and it will later render its decision.

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