

### South's Farm Advance.

Comparison by the National Agricultural Department of the values of corn, wheat, oat, barley, rye, buckwheat, flax-seed, rice, potatoes, hay, tobacco and cotton in 1899 and 1908 makes a most gratifying exhibit of farm development in the South. The values in the whole country increased from \$2,511,155,000 to \$4,897,939,477, or by 75.1 per cent. California shows a decrease of 6 per cent, and 18 other States—Illinois, Iowa, Ohio, Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, Pennsylvania, New York, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia, Maryland, Vermont, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Delaware and Rhode Island—showed an increase percentage less than the average percentage of the whole country. In actual value Texas led the country in 1908, moving from the third place that it held in 1899. In percentage of increase Oklahoma led in 1908, with 257 per cent. In this particular Georgia led in the South, with 135 per cent. The rates of increase in other Southern States not already mentioned were: South Carolina, 116 per cent; West Virginia, 104; Texas, 101; Florida, 99; North Carolina, 99; Alabama, 83; Arkansas, 81; Louisiana, 77, and Mississippi, 76.

### School Tax Pays for Itself in Increased Land Values.

Probably in every community which votes local tax for schools, land values in a very few years advance to double the amount of school-tax money voted. And this is but one of a hundred ways in which better schools pay for themselves many times over. The whole life of the community is richer and finer wherever there is a good school at its center; the citizens feel a pride in it such as they never felt before, and everything in the neighborhood begins to catch step with the new standard of progress thus set up. It is not the fertility of the land that makes it valuable; it is the intelligence of the community in which it is situated. Land in Africa to-day is more fertile than the average Southern farmer of the uplands ever saw, but it is practically worthless because of an ignorant population, while land in Belgium, originally little more than a sand waste, has become intensely valuable by reason of the presence of an intelligent population, and intensely fertile by reason of the wise methods of cultivation practiced by these intelligent farmers. Even if a man has no boy or girl to send, the school tax investment is a good one for any property-holder because of the increase in values that always results from the presence of an intelligent citizenship.

Much is being said just now about the vast undeveloped resources of the South; and the resources are unquestionably here. They will be developed too. The only question is by whom it is to be done. If the children of the South are given practical training in the arts and sciences, they will do the work and reap the profits from it; if they are permitted to grow up ignorant and untrained, men from other sections will be made mere hewers of wood and drawers of water for alien capital and alien knowledge.—Progressive Farmer.

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The date for the Catawba County Fair to be held in Hickory, has been changed from Oct. 8 to Oct. 15. A mass meeting will be held in the rooms of the Hickory club Monday night, Sept. 20. Let all those who are interested be present.

The premium list will be out about Friday, Sept. 17. W. J. Shuford, the secretary, will furnish copies to all who apply. Mr. Shuford states that while they have quite a large amount of cash and merchandise already promised, any contributions will be gratefully accepted. The Shuford National Bank, of Newton, offers a prize of \$10 in gold to the farmer writing the best paper of less than 1000 words on "why Catawba county should have good roads." The paper winning this prize will be issued in pamphlet form and distributed throughout the county. All articles to compete for this prize must be in the hands of the secretary not later than Oct. 10. The prize will be awarded the day of the fair.

### Mrs. Tate's Address.

Saturday afternoon Mrs. L. B. Tate, M. D., a missionary of the Southern Presbyterian church to Korea, spoke to an audience of ladies in the Presbyterian church. Mrs. Tate did not take a text, but she had something interesting to say. Her theme was the life of the Korean people. Before her was a table covered with curios, not nameless articles bought at the shops, but a personal collection gathered during her twelve years of service among these people of the Orient. Each curious carried with it a story of the life of the people—of their social and domestic habits, their moral conceptions and intellectual statues, their religious beliefs and peculiarities of worship.

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### Business Looking Up.

Business seems to be looking up. Everybody appears to be in good spirits. Our merchants are opening up a large stock of fall and winter goods. Stock and all kinds of produce bring a fair and ready price. Think of eggs bringing 25 cents a dozen at this season!

The shops and all the manufacturing plants are running on full time. They report orders good. The people are buying lots and building residences. Real estate business has been a little dull, and the price of property has declined some, but it is climbing up again. In the last ten days a good deal of real estate has changed hands. "Watch Hickory grow." will ever be our motto.

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