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MILL TALK BY SENATOR PRITCHARD.

He Gives His Views to a Representative of the Boston Journal-Capitalist Who May Want to Come Into the State Will be Cordially Received.

In an interview with Mr. L. A. Coolidge, Washington correspondent of the Boston Journal, Sentor Pritchard says: North Carolina furnishes greater advantages to those who desire to engage in the manufacture of cotton fabrics than any other Southern State. Among our advantages are abundant water power, a salubrious climate and raw material in close proximity to suitable locations for its manufacture. We also have an intelligent and industrious population, a large majority of whom are native born, from which to select our operatives, thus affording a class of laborers who naturally feel a great interest in the welfare of our State; men who will be ready at all times to protect the property of those who may invest their money within our borders.

In this connection I will call attention to the following statement which is found in a hand book issued by the Departmen of Agriculture of our State, entitled "North Carolina and its resources," page 189, under the head of "Cotton Mills, prepared by a practical cotton spinner."

"It is certain that no industry in the State has thriven with such rapidity or been more healthy in its growth than that of cotton manufacturing.

"For many years there has been no cessation in the extension of mill plants or in the erection of new ones and at the present moment there are probably as many or more mills in course of erection than at any other period

"The rapid progress of the last few years is clearly seen from the comparison of a number of looms and spindles now at work with the figures given in the hand book of 1893.

The figures at the date of the last publication were:

Spindles 1893, 506,342, looms 9,128; spindles, 1896, 879,740, looms, 16,633.

This growth is at a rapid rate, but it is none the less healthy. for the mill stock of the State stands fully as high in the estimation of juvestors as those of any other State, and the industry in North Carolina has suffered as little, or perhaps less, than that of any other state in the periodical waves of depression that invade cotton manufacturing all the world over.

Among the difficulties of and the drawbacks to manufacturing in the old world and even in the Eastern States of the Union is the one of transit of raw material and finished product. For a hundred years the spindles of the world have depended almost entirely on America for their supply of cotton, and now, notwithstanding the large crops raised in Egypt, India, China and South America, probably two-thirds of the spindles in existence use cotton that is grown in the South. These mills have to bear heavy freight charges, both on the raw cotton and again on the re-shipment of manufactured goods, goods which still to a large extent are re-imported into this country. Again, the old manufacturing countries have to deal with labor that is organized in trades unions, which insists on high wages, short hours, with

laws that have been incurring all kinds of restrictions and regulations, which, however desirable they may be from a philanthropic or politico-economical standpoint are none the less galling to the average business man. In addition, the older established mills have often to contend with worn out and antiquated plant and machinery.

The business men of North Carolina were among the first to see the opportunities of a new era of cotton manufacturing; how, by adopting the latest and most improved machinery and by placing it in modern mills designed for economical working, they could utilize the willing labor in their midst and the cotton around their doors, thus keeping the money representing the cost of manufacture at home. The difference in value of the average sized crop of North Carolina cotton if sold in manufactured fabrics at about fifteen cents, instead of seven cents in the bale, would amount to \$16,000,000 per annum a larger portion of which sum would remain in the State.

The advantage of North Carolina as a manufacturing section and the reasons that have made it so successful are obvious. Raw material at the mill door, a regular supply of cotton of even grade and staple, absence of obnoxious State restrictions and grand motherly legislation on factory questions, plentiful supply of wood for fuel, or proximity to water powers and an abundance of cheap labor, have all had their influences."

This picture is not overdrawn and it seems to me is enough to convince the most skeptical that North Carolina will, in the near future, rank as one of the leading manufacturing States of this Union.

It is estimated that our available water power is about 3,500, 000 horse power, Prof. Kerr, State geologist, says,

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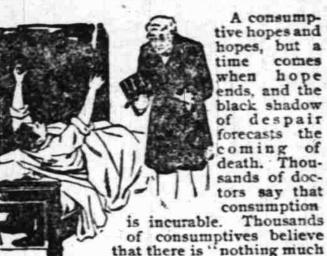
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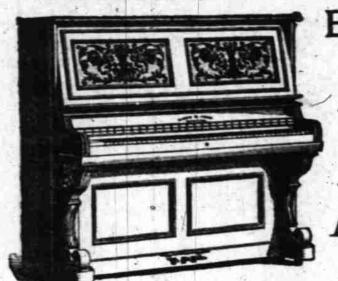
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Blanks can be obtained and applications filed at any time between this and March 1st, but no application will be accepted for the spring examination unless filed in complete form before the closing of business on March 1st.

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