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DEMOCRATIC NEWSPAPER.

MARION, N. C.

SOUTHERN GIRLS.

THEY ARE STRONG AND QUICK TO LEARN, SAYS A NEW ENGLANDER.

Cheap Cotton and Cheap Labor Turn The Trade in Favor of the South on Plain Goods.

LOWELL, MASS.—With the announcement that the Merrimack, the largest cotton manufacturing company in Lowell, in addition to other concerns which have been mentioned, is to have a Southern plant, the interest in this city in the Southern movement has reached a high pitch. This makes three of the largest establishments in the city to join in the movement, and besides the fact that the capitalists are following it with curiosity, the labor element is inclined to be anxious.

The elements in the problem are thus set forth by Elliott Clark, treasurer, and Mr. A. G. Cullock of the Bott Mills:

"The fact is," said Mr. Clark, "that we can no longer manufacture plain sheetings and drills at a profit in the North. Against \$2 per ton for coal in the South we must pay \$1 to \$1.50. The climate down there is milder, and it does not require so much fuel to heat the mills. The manufacturers there can buy their cotton at a lower price than we can here. Here we must pay freight and brokerage, giving them an advantage of one cent per pound on the retail cotton, which by itself is a fair profit for a mill making coarse yarn goods. The labor, too, costs 60 per cent of what it does here, and there the taxation is not quite half what it is in Lowell.

"These are some of the main reasons why we cannot manufacture the sheeting and drilling in the North in competition with the South. Along with the Dwight and Massachusetts companies, we are compelled to seek a more favorable location for making these goods.

"We have valuable trade marks on these drillings and sheetings, and it would be a pity for us to abandon that kind of work. We can make the goods for, say, about 4 1/2 cents a yard. In the South, with its superior natural advantages, we could produce similar goods for about 3 cents per yard, yielding an excellent profit."

Speaking of the labor element Mr. Cullock said: "About five years ago, the last time we compare our weavers' wages with those on similar work in the South, I found there were many important things discriminating against us. Our weavers worked ten hours a day, or sixty hours a week, and averaged about \$1.15 a day in wages. In the South they worked 72 hours per week and got about 60 to 70 cents a day. In other words, the Southern manufacturer paid 5 to 6 cents per hour; we paid 10 to 11. I believe that they are now running 69 hours a week against our 58 hours.

"To offset these inequalities, we have changed over about half of our plant to the production of a finer class of goods, which the price of raw cotton does not enter so much into the cost of production that it controls the price. These fine goods sell high, and, therefore, allow us to pay living wages. The labor there, while cheap, is of a very fine class. All the female help in the mills there are farmers' daughters, who are glad to work for small wages, which seem large to them, as they are not so accustomed to money as we are here. As the negroes do not work in the cotton mills the white people are quite willing to take up that form of work. These Southern girls are strong, quick to learn and glad to be in the way of earning some money.

"Reports of production from good Southern mills show that the machinery, as a rule, is run a little faster than in the North and the goods are of excellent quality, which is the best proof of the efficiency of the labor in the South."

Mr. Cullock added that he thought New England had seen its best day as a manufacturing center. Lowell had water power and that is all, but the mills are mostly run by steam power. All the additional machinery put in since the water power was exhausted, has had to be run by coal, which is brought here in sailing vessels from Pennsylvania and Maryland, and with the freight to Lowell, makes the fuel very expensive. This, with the cheap cotton and cheap labor in the South, turns the tide in favor of the South on plain goods.

Joseph S. Ludlow, agent of the Merrimack Mills, said: "We have as yet no site selected, but we want to be in a position to do that sort of thing if we find we can't. We are at a great disadvantage here in every department, but especially in our plant work, in consequence of the big cost of coal. Fall River and New Bedford are growing with steam mills because they get their coal for more than \$1 less a ton than we do. We are already manufacturing only the finer grades of cloth in our mills here. Labor is cheaper in the South, because the supply is greater."

The Southern Movement. T. J. Coolidge, treasurer of the Amoskeag Mfg. Co., Boston, says: "I think that Southern mills will increase. We are hampered here by trade unions, strikes and legislation, making it more difficult for us to manufacture at a profit, and unless the Legislature of Massachusetts, instead of doing all it can to injure manufacturers, turns around and assists them, there will be a further loss of business. Fine goods can be made in the South as well as coarse goods. It is claimed that Southern operatives are not as skilled as Northern operatives and that it takes too long to educate them, but this is false. Southern operatives are just as good in every respect, and it is only a question of time when fine goods will be made in the South.

Breakfast Muffins—One cup of sugar, one egg, one tablespoonful of melted butter, one pint of sweet milk, three cups of flour, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder and one of salt. Bake in a greased pan.

PITHY NEWS ITEMS.

Japan continues victorious, and will probably dictate her own terms to the Flowery Kingdom ere long.

Governor Evans, of South Carolina, says that the State dispensary is not only able to purchase liquor now for spot cash, but it also has enough money on hand to repay the \$50,000 due the State and to liquidate all of its back indebtedness, and is doing so as fast as the accounts are examined and audited.

A verdict was rendered for the plaintiff for the full amount sued for with interest from 1891 in the case of the Exchange Bank of Yorkville, S. C., against Hubbard, Price & Co., commission merchants of New York. The amount of the judgment with interest is over \$10,000.

P. H. Allbrook, king bee of a gang of dangerous counterfeiters who have been flooding the Carolinas, Tennessee, Georgia and other Southern States with spurious money for a long time past, was caught near Brunswick, Ga. They dealt in big game and coined only gold metal, considering silver too small to bother with. In addition his gang made excellent counterfeit bills, and there was but little trouble in passing them, so perfect was their work.

The Secret Service division of the Treasury Department has been on his tracks for months.

A new steamship line will be inaugurated between Charleston, S. C., and Philadelphia, Pa., on the 14th inst.

The Dickson-Mason Lumber Co., Asheville, N. C., has been incorporated. Capital stock \$100,000.

The Dwight Manufacturing Co., of Chicago, Mass., has closed an agreement to build a fifty thousand spindle cotton factory at Gadsden, Ala. The site has been located and bids will be opened January 16th. It is intended to build a model manufacturing town, with churches and schools for the operatives.

A \$10,000 fire was caused by natural gas at Barnesville, O.

A big street car strike is on in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Bill Cook, the all-round desperado, was captured in New Mexico.

Workmen at the Carnegie Steel Works, Homestead, Pa., are organizing. It was at these works that the big strike of 1892 occurred.

Sunday night during a raging blizzard, the thermometer registering 8° below zero, a fire broke out in Bradford, Pa., destroying \$175,000 worth of property.

A Sibley Sensation.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The House went into committee of the whole on the currency bill Tuesday, and Mr. Sibley, Democrat, of Pennsylvania, opened the debate with a sensational speech in opposition to the bill. Referring to the published reports that the executive department of the government, in the person of the Secretary of the Treasury, was using its power to influence voters in favor of the bill, Mr. Sibley said: "Mr. Chairman, I have read the constitution of the United States correctly, it defines the powers and duties of the chief executive and the powers and duties of the membership of the house, and I tell you that if ever a rebuke was needed to one who has trampled down the prerogatives of the people, it is to that man who has used his influence, or attempted to use it, to create in himself the sole governing power of this nation. It has come to a time when to the government of this people requires something more than a combination of brains, belly and brass."

Referring to the action of the administration, Mr. Sibley said that, paraphrasing Junius, it could be said that the merits of an administration might be judged by the condition of the people. "Look upon the condition of the people of this country," he said "and you can tell the merits of your administration." Mr. Sibley declared that by the standards of the fathers he believed he was a Democrat; he revered Jefferson and Jackson, and worshipped at their shrine. But if he was to be carried in a conveyance labeled "Democracy," guided by an obstinate driver, over an unknown road, with precipices and chasms yawning on all sides, he was going to jump out, and by no means particular as to where he hit.

Mr. Sibley's thrusts at the President seemed to be enjoyed by quite a number of Representatives, and when he concluded there was a round of applause. While he was speaking, Senators Cameron, Republican, of Pennsylvania, and Stewart, Populist, of Nevada, came into the House and remained to hear him. Mr. Bland, Democrat, of Missouri, and Mr. Johnson, Democrat, of Ohio, also spoke in opposition to the bill, aided by Mr. Coffey, Democrat, of Wyoming, and C. W. Stone, Republican, of Pennsylvania.

The only speech in favor was made by Mr. Cox, Democrat, of Tennessee. Mr. Beltzhoover, Democrat, of Pennsylvania, gave notice of an amendment to the bill, authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to sell \$500,000, 000 of 5-25 year 3 percent bonds, the proceeds of which are to retire the greenbacks and Treasury notes and fund the floating indebtedness of the government.

Appomattox.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—"Surrender," the Virginia postoffice where, under the famous apple tree, Lee handed his sword to Grant, is "Appomattox" once more. The Postoffice Department has found a calling of bringing about the change by calling the new county seat, formerly known as "Nebraska," "West Appomattox" and restoring to the original Appomattox its historic name. An elaborate official explanation accompanying the change shows that the selection of the name "Surrender" was on the advice of Mr. Henry St. George Tucker, the Representative in Congress for that district.

Fewer banks (fifty) were chartered, with less capital (\$5,285,000) in 1894 than in any year since 1879.

Neddy Nebraska.

Rev. Luther P. Ludden, general manager of the Nebraska State Relief Commission, Lincoln, Neb., writes to R. H. Edmonds, editor of the Manufacturers' Record, under date of January 10th, as follows:

"When the great cry came from Russia, I believe Nebraska was the first to forward a train load of supplies. In less than ten days we had three train loads on the way to the mills to be put into what we considered the best product—meal—for the suffering Russians, and if there is any people in the land who will appreciate this effort of the South, it is the people of Nebraska, as they see coming back to them that which they kindly gave two years ago. On behalf of the thousands of drought-sufferers, we desire to thank you and through you the good people who are laboring to make this donation so marked a success."

SUFFERING IN OHIO.

The following pathetic plea to the public, which was read at a mass-meeting in Gloucester, O., graphically describes the situation:

"The people are naked and hungry, and it is your place to see that they have shelter and food; it is your place to do for them all that within your power lies. If one drop of the milk of human kindness runs through your veins, you will open your hearts and purses to these distressed brethren. Sympathy is not what they need and must have—it is food and clothing."

The merchants at Gloucester, as in many other districts, have exhausted their resources, and can do nothing more in the way of relieving the distress, and are compelled to listen to touching appeals of the hungry without being able to respond.

The missionaries and religious organizations have exhausted all their resources, and say it is absolutely impossible for them to do more, but they say without hesitation that the miners must have relief at once.

The Situation at Raleigh.

RALEIGH, N. C.—The Republican caucus resulted in adjournment without taking a ballot for United States Senator. The Pritchard forces fought strenuously for a ballot, but the anti-Pritchard force, which is really the fight against Pritchard, after six ballots, succeeded in a postponement until Monday night when the caucus will reconvene. This is a victory for Candidate A. E. Holton. The Pritchard men are greatly disturbed but great effort is being made to keep them in line. Boyd and Dockery are the dark horses with a possible re-entering of Moss.

Another telegram says: The caucus adjournment means Pritchard on the first ballot Monday evening. His election is conceded.

The first attack on city charters was made by Mr. Grant, of Wayne, in a bill to amend the charter of the city of Goldsboro.

Resolutions were adopted instructing Senators and Representatives in Congress to endeavor to secure the repeal of the 10 per cent. tax on State banks and certain objectionable features of the Internal Revenue laws. Among the bills introduced the chief were to create the county of Scotland out of a part of Richmond; to repeal the election law; to provide for a code commission of 3 and a new code; to protect persons holding first class tickets on railways. An effort was made to pass the Senate bill to repeal the public printing bill, but it failed and the matter was made a special order for Monday. The committee on elections was announced with French, of New Hanover, as chairman. Lusk is chairman of the judiciary committee.

Legislature Organized.

RALEIGH, N. C.—The Senate was organized by the election of Hill E. King, of Onslow, principal clerk; E. Spencer Blackburn, of Wayne, reading clerk; T. N. Halliburton, of Wayne, doorkeeper; A. D. K. Wallace, of Wayne, clerk.

In the House Principal Clerk J. M. Brown, of the last House, called the new House to order. In front of him sat Mr. Henry Clay Brown, formerly a clerk of the House, and acting as assistant clerk. Near him sat Associate Justice Walter Clark, who was to administer the oaths. Mr. Brown, acting under his authority, named Mr. Boyd, door-keeper and notified members having certificates of election to occupy the seats near the Speaker's desk. Rev. D. H. Tuttle, of Raleigh's Central M. E. church, offered the opening prayer.

Z. V. Walser, speaker; S. P. Satterfield, principal clerk; John W. Chapin, reading clerk; J. McDuffie, of Cumberland, E. D. Stanford and J. R. Hancock, of Lenoir, assistant clerks; E. P. Hanser, of Lenoir, engraving clerk; A. J. Moye, of Pitt, doorkeeper, and A. R. Middleton, colored, of Duplin, assistant.

The Cold at Other Places.

The following telegrams dated Saturday, Jan. 12, say nothing about the suffering that is always caused by intense cold:

KNOXVILLE, TENN.—The thermometer registered 12° below zero at 10 o'clock to-night. The mercury dropped 45° after 3 a. m. Four inches of snow fell in four hours. At Bristol the thermometer registered 12° below.

CHARLESTON, W. VA.—The thermometer here registers 12° below zero at 7 o'clock p. m., and the weather is growing colder. There is heavy snow in the mountains.

WHEELING, W. VA.—Between noon and 5 p. m. to-day the thermometer fell 48°.

MANSFIELD, O.—The thermometer is 18° below zero.

ZANESVILLE, O.—From 7 to 10 o'clock to-night the thermometer fell from 34° above to 4° below zero.

COLUMBUS, O.—The mercury is 7° below zero at 10 p. m.

CONNELLSVILLE, PA.—The mercury fell from 20° above to zero in two hours to-day. A blizzard is blowing.

The butter which scored 99 1/2 points and took the first prize at the recent Iowa State convention, was made by Martin Mortensen, a young butter-maker with but six months' experience.

BILL ARP'S LETTER.

THE LATE FREEZE IN FLORIDA HIS THEME OF DISCUSSION.

The Beautiful Picture of a Month Ago Has Suddenly Vanished.

On the wing in Florida. A month ago when I was down here, everything was happy. They had been to harvest their golden crop, and it was bringing a better price than the year before. Most of the growers who could hold their crops, highly profitable. Those who were pinched by poverty or harassed by creditors hurried their crops to market and are thankful. Oranges here are just like cotton in Georgia. Credit is based upon it and the family purchases are governed by it, and there is a debt for fertilizer just like the debt for cotton. Merchants who sell orange growers' packing have just like they watch the cotton grower's skin.

We made much ado over 5-cent cotton the last season, and it was hard to be reconciled, but it was not ruined. If the cotton had been burned the cases would have been parallel. This reminds me of an old negro in our county who lost his wife and two boys by fire and had his crop hit had been worth 10 cents a pound—that would have just ruined me," he said.

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The Governor's Message.

RALEIGH, N. C.—Gov. Carr's message shows that the State's finances are in a good condition, a balance of \$114,531 being on hand Nov. 30, 1894.

Special attention is called to the Auditor's recommendation of equalization of taxes. The State taxes were last year \$1,358,944; the county taxes \$1,058,941. Total, \$2,417,885, or \$1.44 per capita.

Over half the counties have no debts. The total indebtedness of the people is only one twenty-fifth of the taxable value of property. The tax rate is lower than in any other State of the Union. It shows conclusively that the party entrusted with public affairs has given the people such a State government that the light of prosperity from generous taxation is dawning in North Carolina.

A levy of 22 instead of 16 cents school taxes is heartily recommended. The Atlanta exposition is heartily endorsed, and an appropriation for an exhibit there is especially recommended. Participation in the Baltimore exposition of 1897 is also recommended.

A reformatory for youthful criminals is urgently recommended.

In concluding, the Governor says to the Legislature: "The past history of a free, successful State government, free from reckless expenditures, honest in administration, and economical in expenditures, is behind you, a part of the record of the party which now hands over to you the future administration of the State, as far as it pertains to expenditures and economies."

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