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DOES THE SOUTH WANT PROTECTION?

We see it often affirmed lately that the South is changing its views on the tariff question and now that there is a growing interest in manufacturing it will adopt the high tariff idea. We don't believe it, but even if it were true it doesn't alter the facts about free trade and protection. The belief in protection which has governed the policy of this nation for a good many years hasn't yet succeeded in making truth out of a fallacy and the addition of a few more interested believers won't change the condition of things.

The high tariff doctrine will have to gain ground pretty fast in the South to make up for what it has lost and is losing in the North. We shall be glad to see all the manufacturing possible in the South, but we don't want to see along with it a sentiment in favor of our national curse, the monstrous tariff that is working injury to all classes of our citizens. We have neither time, space nor inclination to enter here upon an elaborate discussion of this question. It has been gone over again and again by our best thinkers on the subject of political economy. We do not expect, of course, to shed any new light, but we must say our say and have done. Our say is this: We are at a loss to understand how we as a people are willing to tolerate a system of taxation that takes its toll (and a monstrous big one) out of every mouthful of the bread we eat, the clothes we wear, and the commonest and most necessary articles we use in our daily living, the commoner and more necessary the greater the toll; a system that puts enormous profits into the pockets of corporations, and makes the burden of life for the millions a little too heavy to be borne. The wise-aces think they have settled the question when they say: "Look at England with free trade! Are not her working people in worse condition than ours?" This is a proposition that isn't so easily proven as most people

seem to think, but even granting that England's laborers are not so well-to-do as the same class in this country settles nothing. The people of the two countries are not comparable in that way. The commoners of England are only beginning to emerge into anything like the freedom which the American people enjoy. Not free trade is responsible for their abject condition, but the land laws, the franchise laws, the general system by which the poor have until recently had no rights which the wealthy were bound to respect. To attribute the condition of the English working man to free trade is about as sensible as to credit protection with the existence of gold in California and silver in Nevada.

The South can compete with the world on equal terms. She wants no protection that shall make a few capitalists richer, but a free market that shall give the people the necessaries of life at their real value and bring prosperity to all.

The *North Carolina Teacher*, for January, is full of good things. Its general literary articles are scholarly and interesting. It contains many practical helps and suggestions for both teacher and pupil, and its departments relative to the doings of teachers and the progress of education in the State are especially valuable to all engaged in the work. In addition it publishes this month, by way of supplement, a Memorial to the General Assembly of the State relative to the establishment of a State Normal School.

A NEW ENTERPRISE AT CHARLOTTE.

Charlotte is to have another new enterprise in the manufacturing line. Messrs. Milo Martin and Marcellus Gompf, both well known mechanics of this city, have formed a copartnership and will tomorrow commence the placing of machinery in the building at the corner of Ninth street and the railroad, where they propose to establish a new business for the purpose of manufacturing machinery and agricultural implements. The enterprise will be known as the "Charlotte Plow and Machine Company", and special attention will be given for the present to the manufacture and sale of the patent Martin Plow.—*Charlotte Observer*.

A WEALTH OF OPPORTUNITY.

Whatever speculations may be deduced from the exhibit here made, or the lessons it may teach our statesmen, it will not be questioned that the reports furnish evidences of recuperative energy and of material progress and development by the Southern peo-

ple unexampled in the history of our civilization; in short that the new and mightier South is rapidly emerging from the blight and desolations of the civil war, and promises in a short time to attain a high prosperity. * * * The contents of this report will be revelations to the country, even to the Southern people themselves, for they disclose a wealth of opportunities for enterprise and industry which is unparalleled. The advantages of the South for agricultural pursuits, not simply for the cultivation of cotton, sugar and rice, but for agricultural development in all its branches, and for mining the precious metals, for coal and iron, which are more substantial foundations of prosperity, for lumbering and for stock raising, are being appreciated by the people of other parts of the Union, and already thousands of enterprising immigrants from the North and West and millions, even hundreds of millions of capital are pouring into the Southern States.—*From report of U. S. Bureau of Statistics.*

A NEW GLASS FACTORY.

A move is on foot to establish a glass factory at Pee Dee station, a few miles below Wadesboro, on the C. C. Railroad. Mr. P. Linnhan is the projector. At his stone quarry, near Pee Dee, there is a large quantity of flint rock which is valueless for building purposes, but unexcelled for the manufacture of glass. Mr. Linnhan is a competent judge of such things. He has been in the rock business all his life, and in his time has visited every notable glass factory in Scotland, his native country. Recently he sent samples of his flint rock to a glass factory in New York, and received information that the sample sent was the finest in the United States. The proprietors of the factory above mentioned and Mr. Linnhan are expected in the fall, if not earlier, to start a branch factory near Pee Dee.—*Wadesboro Intelligencer*.

THEY WANT IT.

A meeting of a number of gentlemen of Asheville, together with Judge Logan and Mr. T. B. Justice of Rutherfordton, met yesterday afternoon in the rooms of Messrs. Atkinson and Cocks to consult on the question of ways and means and the possibility of obtaining the completion of the Carolina Central Railroad to this point. There is no doubt but that the people here and along the whole line of the proposed route will do all in their power to aid this road in coming here should this step be decided on by the company.—*Asheville Citizen*.

WILMINGTON, N. C. Feb. 6.—Capt. S. W. Nobles has left at the STAR office a sprig plucked from a peach tree with blooms and leaves upon it. It is of the variety known as the "Peen-toe" or "Too-soon" peach.—*Wilmington Star*.