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The *Southern Protectionist* is out and we hereby extend the hand of welcome. It contains twenty-eight columns, is neatly printed and has something in it. It says as good words as can be said for the bad cause of protection, and beyond that (above it, we think) aims to be a good county newspaper. We wish it abundant success.

The *Manufacturers' Record* has just entered upon its thirteenth year and celebrated the event by a magnificent sixty page issue devoted to the cotton manufacturing industry in the South. While we do not agree with this journal on its tariff ideas, we do agree with its energetic and wise method of advertising the splendid resources of the South. It deserves the heartiest support of all who desire to see these states move on to their high place of wealth and power.

Feeling rather disturbed in mind by delay in receiving the outfit for our newspaper and job office at Jonesboro, we sent out on Tuesday a circular explaining matters to our friends and bespeaking their kind forbearance. Since then the material has come to hand and we believe we can promise to do a little better than our circular stated. At any rate we shall endeavor to present the first issue of the Jonesboro LEADER on the 21st or 22nd inst. We think you will admit, when you see it, that it was worth waiting for.

Some of our friends have shaken their heads at us for starting to publish another newspaper in Moore County. "Four already, and yours will make five and another one threatening" they say dolefully. We view the situation with the utmost cheerfulness, however. We know as certainly now as we shall three months or six months hence just what can be done with this enterprise. It is not a venture. It starts in response to a definite call. Its subscription list is assured; its advertising patronage is assured. It has a sure field of its own and will work that field thoroughly. There will be no putting down 2 and waiting for the other 2 to come along. The 2 and 2 are here and together they'll make 4, sure. Those who have time may figure on the problem of paying business for five newspapers in Moore County. We hope there is, for we like plenty of newspapers. They make things lively. But that is a problem that doesn't concern us. We are at work on the problem of furnishing our subscribers a \$2.00 newspaper for \$1.00 and shall keep at that right along.

## A FRIGHTFUL EXAMPLE.

England is held up by the protectionists as a frightful example of the effects of free trade. "See!" they cry "free trade England has no surplus in its treasury, but gets deeper in debt every year. She has millions of paupers; her poor people are poorer than ours; her facilities for education are not so good. See what free trade has done!" It doesn't seem possible, does it, that free trade could do such disastrous things. We had supposed that the maintaining of an enormously expensive royal family might have the effect of depleting the treasury to some extent. In our ignorance, we thought that England's standing army and expensive navy might still further drain that treasury. We had likewise labored under the impression that some of the English colonies were rather costly luxuries. So far as the making of paupers goes, it was our idea that the wretched land system of England, and her mistaken Irish policy had something to do with that. It seems, however, that free trade has done it, is doing it, all. What a monster this free trade is!

## THE COLUMBIA ANNEX.

Columbia College seems likely to establish an "Annex" for young women. This is a good sign. The growth of the movement for higher education is shown by the increasing tendency to set up a branch establishment for girls by the side of each big college that still excludes them. Nevertheless, the annex system can be only temporary. It is lop-sided and illogical. So long as the branch establishment is distinctly an annex, an offshoot and an afterthought, affording less conveniences and facilities than the college proper, it is unfair to the girls. And when it is proposed to make the annex an independent college, with advantages equal to those enjoyed by the young men, in the way of grounds, laboratories, library, etc., why then, as the *New York Independent* says:

"The financing which calls for two equal institutions, equally expensive to do the same work, one for young men and the other for young women, who could perfectly well be educated together, appeals for approval to prejudice more than to reason."

The *reductio ad absurdum* of the system is to be found in such a case as occurred a few years ago at Harvard. The elective class in Sanskrit at the university consisted of one young man; the elective class at the annex of one young woman. The Sanskrit professor had to give every lecture twice over, each time to an audience of one, because the traditions of the venerable university did not admit of those two students listening to a lecture together. Human common sense is not going to stand that sort of thing forever. Every college that says A—Annex—will sooner or later have to say B—Both sexes admitted. Meanwhile, an annex for girls is vastly better than nothing.—*Woman's Journal*.