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**For President,
1900:
Hon. W. J. Bryan,
Of Nebraska.**

OUR FARMERS' OPPORTUNITY.

The Raleigh Post, of Sunday, gives a list of the manufacturing enterprises in North Carolina. It is a long list and shows a very large amount of money invested. The Post thinks that it shows general prosperity. We rejoice at the prospect. If the large number of those the Post mentions materialize and others are inaugurated, as doubtless they will be, the material prosperity of the State will be greatly enhanced. The farmers will change largely from cultivating fields of cotton and tobacco to raising grain, the grasses, stock, vegetables, fruits and dairy products. With a large manufacturing population in almost every town in the State, the demand for such products will be greatly increased and will induce farmers to change their crops. The change will bring prosperity to the tillers of the soil and make their business attractive and popular. It is in this way that the manufacturing enterprises will become great factors to bring about general prosperity. The manufacturers will, in most cases, become wealthy; their capital will give employment to many thousands and greatly and rapidly increase the population of the towns, the operatives will make a living and will spend their earnings with the merchants and shopkeepers. Of course, all that will be very nice and seems to be the prosperity we are looking for and desire. But if it were to stop there and not revolutionize our system of agriculture, the end sought would not be reached. The farmers must be so affected that they will become prosperous. We rejoice that every manufacturing enterprise not only invests capital and gives employment to many who need it, but causes a change in agricultural methods which will bring prosperity to the farmers. No man can farm in North Carolina and make cotton and tobacco at present prices, rear and educate a family, and become materially better off in this world's goods. With the great change in crops, which manufacturing enterprises will inaugurate in every part of the State, will come prosperity to the farmers. Then, and not till then, will there be general prosperity.

Jefferson Davis.

The meeting of the United Daughters of the Confederacy in Richmond recently with the ceremonies attendant upon the dedication of the several memorials to members of Jefferson Davis' family has occasioned a certain renewal of interest in the great chieftain himself, and comment is noticeably kinder in the North than heretofore. Few men have lived in the century now closing, who in the acknowledged elements which constitute in the Saxon understanding of greatness, have surpassed Jefferson Davis. He was, to begin with, a born soldier and when asked late in life by his daughter Winnie to express the summa bonum of his ambition replied, "to break squares with cavalry." He won Buena Vista by adopting Hannibal's renowned use of the wedge or Y-shaped movement. A scholar of universal range, acquired no

one seemed to know how or when to a life of unvarying action, an orator of no mean parts, as was often testified to by the most diverse audiences, he survived all his contemporaries to write like Caesar a classic of his own great doings. The first two hundred pages of his history is an example of close knit logic the equal of which it will be hard to find in any literature. Not Jefferson himself has so welded the links in vindicating the supremacy of the States, not alone as constitutionally warranted, but as needful to the charter's existence. He had the isolation of many great men—of Caesar, Wellington and Washington; but was a kindred spirit with Sidney Johnson, Lucius Lamar and Dick Taylor; while for men like Bedford Forest, Pat Cleburn and John P. Hood he had the pride of a preceptor. He bowed to no man, but for Robert Lee and Bishop Polk he felt a respect almost equaling reverence. He wrote half a column one day on Ben Butler and made his infamy immortal. If he did not hate Joe Johnson only his Christianity prevented; certainly there is an underlying thread through all his book inducing one to believe that on Johnson's head was to fall the cardinal errors of the Confederacy, preventing success. They did not fall, the reproach is uttered and yet one feels that it is withheld for pride's sake—pride in withholding from outsiders family troubles. He endured vicissitudes rare in these latter days of gentle manners and public prints. Martyrdom was imposed upon him, trial denied him, torture tried upon old and feeble limbs, all the hired pens employed to defame, his very courage, which shown liked a fixed star, lied about and weakness imputed to a nerve, which the Numidian lion could not have faced without sinking. Having carried through an eventful travail to the weight of an empire, destined to death in birth, he held aloof from common companionship in his later years and personified the dignity, self-respect and civil obedience of a thwarted, proud people pledged to peace and an abandonment of their undertaking by a thin thread of a promise, behind which, however, was honor. It will be an ill day for decency in general, and American decency in particular, when his name is suffered to rust.—Morganton Herald.

The Meteor Display.

The meteor display on November 14, 15 and 16 was disappointing. Unfavorable conditions hampered the astronomers at the Naval Observatory at Washington on the 14th; clouds prevented observations until 3 o'clock a. m., and it was only partially clear at any time. Paths of ten Leonid meteors were plotted on the star chart. One of these was as bright as a second magnitude star, but the others were fainter. The conditions at the Harvard Observatory were very unfavorable for observing the meteoric display. The efforts of the observers met with some success, however. On November 16 twenty meteors were seen about 5 o'clock a. m., at Chicago; the student watchers had an opportunity which was denied to the astronomers of the Yerkes Observatory. At the Flower Observatory of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, the watchers recorded 102 meteors, 69 of which were Leonids. Nearly all the meteors observed were faint, only a few of them being of the second magnitude. Most of the non-Leonids were scarcely discernible. In no instance did a meteor leave a trail visible for more than a few seconds. The Harvard Observatory counted 64, but the display hardly came up to the expectations of the astronomers. Professor Howe, of the University of Denver, reported that he counted 18 Leonids besides a large number of meteors in other portions of the sky. On November 14 many students of Princeton stayed out long after midnight to observe them, and in order that all might have an opportunity of observing them, the bells in the town rang to wake up the students at one o'clock. No photographs were taken of the few stray meteors which were seen. At McGill University photographs of 156 meteors were obtained. At Lima, Peru, at half past

12 o'clock on November 15, there was a strong earthquake shock, but no celestial phenomena were observed. By the falling of an aerolite seven miles south of Crescent City, Ill., a residence was partly wrecked, tearing away a portion of the upper story. The aerolite buried itself in the ground about three feet from the foundation of the house. In England a balloon made an ascension for the purpose of observing the Leonid shower. The observer saw only five meteors, and they were obliged to make a sudden descent, as the balloon was drifting toward the sea. As a result two of the three occupants of the balloon were injured. Generally speaking the European observations proved a failure, except in the Austrian Alps, where, on November 15, no less than 300 Leonids were seen and photographed. One hundred were seen at Paris, and a fair display at Brussels. The most interesting report received from the observations in the United States on November 15 is a dispatch, unsubstantiated as yet by astronomical authorities, to the effect that a large meteorite fell in the woods just east of Webster City, Ia. The dispatch said that the falling body came down with a terrific roar and, all seething and smoking, plowed out a hole in the ground 50 feet square. If the report is verified, the find will be more than usually interesting, because, while meteorites at times fall to the earth, it is not known that any of the Leonids have hitherto penetrated through the earth's dense atmosphere without being entirely consumed.—Scientific American.

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