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FACTORIES -- ACTIVITY.

Factories Impart New Life and Promote Activity; People Keep Busy.

LIVLIEST TOWNS FACTORY TOWNS

Take the dullest and most prosaic town and erect within its borders a busy, thriving manufacturing institution where large numbers of workmen are employed and a new life is at once imparted to the place. The dull memory of the past gives away to the sound of the steam whistle and the clangor of the shop. The streets no longer look deserted. People move with an active restlessness in strange contrast to the times when no manufacturing was carried on in their midst. The liveliest towns that we have in this county are those wholly devoted to manufacturing. The dreariest towns, where dry rot is visible on every hand, are those wherein no workshops are to be found. Manufacturing towns are not only more active, but as a rule they are prosperous as well as being far more enterprising and afford better social and commercial advantages. The typical manufacturing towns are found in New England, in fact the Connecticut river may be said to be lined with them. It is invigorating to the mind, as well as to the sight, to travel through these towns, which justly may be termed "bee hives of industry." An air of thrift and enterprise is everywhere displayed. The proprietors of the industrial institutions, the tradesmen, the artisans and other citizens exhibit every outward indication of that contentment and happiness which arise from a prosperous condition.

There is a reason for this—a social as well as a business reason. First, the presence of workshops and factories in the midst of a community is in itself a source of activity. These institutions drawing to them daily their scores and their hundreds of workmen bring life and activity, not for a week, or a month, but as long as they are in operation. But in towns purely commercial, or in lazy, seaport towns where the bulk of the male portion of the population is at sea, there is a too perceptible lack of life and animation. This can be better observed than described. But to one standing in a manufacturing town at the morning hour, at noon, or at night, when the workmen are wending their way to and from work, there need be little said to prove whence the vitality of the town arises.

Let us get together and secure for our town factories of some kind. Because we have failed in one or two instances to land suppose enterprises, don't give up; remember the old axiom, "If you don't at first succeed, try, try, again." Should an individual, who is facing vexing problems and who has none to encourage, give up, he should be pitied, but a body of men—clear headed business men who have one another to lean upon and advise with and to encourage—should they give up the fight for commercial prosperity they should be hissed.—Williamston enterprise.

DIXIE TAKES OBSERVER TO TASK

Whose Communication Appeared In the Issue of October 11th, Auent the Choir of Bethany Church.

DIXIE DEFENDS THE BETHANY CHOIR.

I have been waiting to see a reply to "Observer" for some time. And perhaps "Dixie" is not as close an observer little communications as He is of Music. But I will say as one who loves music, and all good things that have a tendency to promote peace on earth and good will towards mankind and to build up Christ's Kingdom here on earth.

I do believe Mr. Observer is right in part of his observations, and think it's good. But it is wrong to make an ungrounded statement, under any circumstances; and just here, I will say I am responsible only for what I say, admitting there has been much said about Bethany choir and the musical talent of Perrytown. But let it be understood that our Perrytown correspondent has not said much of it. And when we do right others will find it out; for we do not light a candle and sit it under a bushel. If I have the right conception of Mr. Observer's letter, he did not finish with the right kind of spirit. And I here state my reason for saying so:

A good spirit never leads any one to do wrong. Observer said: "As a matter fact Bethany choir sings almost an octave higher, so it is impossible for both to sing together to any advantage."

This statement is not true and ungrounded; and if any one doubts what I say let him come and hear us.

And Observer continued: "For that reason Bethany rejects the use of an organ."

Again, this statement is untrue. I would like to Mr. Observer's motive in making such statements, as they are hurtful and discreditable. I am one who loves vocal music, and I love the truth as well. And hereafter if any one has any thing to say about me say it. But let it be the truth. Let our motto be: Speak the truth, or speak nothing.

MEMBER OF THE CHOIR

NEWS FROM PERRY TOWN

Today is Thanksgiving and we all have our offerings ready and to thank our Maker for what He has done for us during the year.

Many of our townsmen were glad to shake the hand of Editor Kenney last Saturday, especially the writer, who is always glad to see him anywhere and at any time.

Our farmers are grunting because they can't get any money for their produce at the present.

Miss Willie Byrum spent Saturday with her brother, Robert Byrum.

Sunday School at Bethany closed Sunday, the 24th. There were many interesting recitations and some good speeches. Bethany choir gave some excellent music. The exact program of exercises will appear later.

Mess. Leon W. Hughes, H. L. Perry, W. W. Perry, and R. L. Byrum visited the Exposition last week.

Miss Villa Montague began the

OVER A MILLION BALES.

Report Shows 7,311,202 Bales Ginned to November 14th, Against 8,562,240.

GINNED FOR THE YEAR OF 1906.

The Census Bureau of Nov. 11th issued its report on ginning cotton for the growth of 1907 to November 14th showing a total of 7,311,202 bales counting round as half bales, compared with 8,462,242 bales for 1906 and 7,501,180 for 1905. The total number of round bales included is 142,609 for 1907 and 200,866 for 1906 and 200,006 for 1905. Sea Island included, 42,708 for 1907 and 30,671 for 1906 and 64,103 for 1905. The number of active ginneries was 26,571 for 1907.

Following is the report by States, giving running bales (counting round as half bales and excluding linters), and number of active ginneries:

- Alabama, 761,139 bales and 3,370 ginneries.
- Arkansas, 386,770 bales and 2,042 ginneries.
- Florida, 35,565 bales and 237 ginneries.
- Georgia, 1,375,111 bales and 4,439 ginneries.
- Kentucky, 766 bales and 2 ginneries.
- Louisiana, 349,840 bales and 1,729 ginneries.
- Mississippi, 792,727 bales and 3,398 ginneries.
- Missouri, 15,102 bales and 70 ginneries.
- New Mexico, 24 bales and 1 ginneries.
- North Carolina, 401,852 bales and 2,603 ginneries.
- Oklahoma, 491,274 bales and 924 ginneries.
- South Carolina, 847,455 bales and 3,119 ginneries.
- Tennessee, 140,921 bales and 629 ginneries.
- Texas, 1,709,583 bales and 8,925 ginneries.
- Virginia, 3,674 bales and 83 ginneries.
- The distribution of the Sea Island

fall term of public school at the Perry school house Monday week.

Messrs. J. T. Newbern and Thos. Cullipher passed through town Sunday.

Mrs. Mary A. Cale, who has been sick, is some better at this writing.

Mrs. M. J. Boyce and daughter, Dicey, have returned to their home in Edenboro, after spending some days with relatives and friends in town.

If "Mr. Observer" was present at the closing exercises of Bethany Sunday School, we wonder if he thought "heard dogs chasing a fox," or "the rumbling of a locomotive"? And wonder if the choir sang an "octave higher than others"? Wonder! It strikes us he heard some good singing under the leadership of Mr. W. F. Daniel. We may not be the "best" there is, but we lack right smart of being the "worst" there is. And don't you really, really think so DIXIE

PROPOSED CHANGE IN SCHEDULE

The W. & P. May Change the Present Schedule—Reversing that of the Two Trains

IT RESTS WITH THE WILL OF PEOPLE

The Wellington & Powellville R. R. is contemplating a change in the present schedule of the passenger and mail train. The change proposed is simply a reversal of the present schedules of the freight and passenger trains. It would mean that the Passenger train would leave Ahoskie for Windsor on the arrival of the north and southbound Coast Line trains, bringing both mails immediately here, arriving about 12 some thing. The freight train, pulling a coach, would leave here in morning connecting with the Coast Line for Norfolk. It would also mean that our mail would lie over in Ahoskie all day like it now does. And it would likewise insure connection for one desiring to leave Norfolk in the morning. One could eat breakfast there and dinner here. The officials of the road would like to know what the people think about it. It looks to us like an improvement on the present.

JENKINS — POWELL.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. F. Powell, of South Norfolk, was the scene of a pretty wedding one evening last week when their daughter, Miss Lillian Irene became the bride of Mr. E. L. Jenkins, a successful South Norfolk merchant. Miss Maud Odum was maid of honor, and Mr. W. T. Powell best man, while Messrs. B. Townsend and Elvie White were ushers.

DANCING PROVES FATAL.

Many men and women catch colds at dances which terminate in pneumonia and consumption. After exposure, if Foley's Honey and Tar is taken it will break up a cold and no serious results need be feared. Refuse any but the genuine in a yellow package. Windsor Pharmacy.

cotton for 1907 by states is:
 Florida, 44,497.
 Georgia, 22,671.
 South Carolina, 5,335.
 There were ginned 6,128,562 bales to November 1, 1907. The statistics of this report for November 14th are subject to slight correction when checked against the individual returns of the ginneries being transmitted by mail.

THE ESTIMATED YIELD

Of the Cotton Crop for Year 1907, Compiled by Commissioners Agriculture.

THE TOTAL ESTIMATE \$11 412 826

At a meeting of the Commissioners of Agriculture of the various Southern States, held in South Carolina last week, the following estimate of the cotton crop for 1907 was made:

- Alabama: 1,135,000.
- Arkansas: 900,000.
- Florida: 45,000.
- Georgia: 1,750,000.
- Indian Territory: 400,000.
- Kentucky: 3,500.
- Louisiana: 750,000.
- Mississippi: 1,500,000.
- Missouri: 50,000.
- North Carolina: 532,645.
- Oklahoma: 435,677.
- South Carolina: 1,090,507.
- Tennessee: 35,500.
- Virginia: 15,000.
- Texas: 2,500,000.
- Total: 11,412,829.
- Total for 1906 was: 13,430,734.

Pointed Paragraphs.

- A crank is a person who thinks you are a crank.
- Experience begotten by matrimony is a great teacher.
- With old age comes the knowledge of lost opportunities.
- Insomnia is one of the infant ailments that is contagious.
- When a man will diet himself it's with something he won't eat any way.
- A woman can never get so fat that she doesn't wonder how some other woman's dress maker can fit her.
- It's the man who hasn't any balance in the bank who makes the most fuss about cashing only small checks.
- Sand is one of the important ingredients in the elixir of success.
- While the telegraph annihilates distance the messenger boy kills time.
- But the woman with a history is never anxious to dispose of a single copy.

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