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## OPPORTUNITIES OF THE SOUTH

### GREAT RESOURCES AWAITING DEVELOPMENT.

Addresses Made Before the Southern Commercial Congress Show That There is Vast Wealth Latent in Water Power Now Flowing Uselessly to the Sea, in Cotton and Timber.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Opportunities lying within the grasp of Dixie land, a recapitulation of the vast and varied resources of the Southland, and what needs be done to promote the commerce of that section, were presented to the Southern Commercial Congress at the morning session today by a number of speakers.

That the cotton crop of the South is the mainstay of all the financial institutions of the country was the declaration with which Harvie Jordan, president of the Southern Cotton Association, opened today's initial meeting. Other addresses were made by G. W. Keiner, commissioner of agriculture of Virginia, on "The Neglected Agriculture Opportunities of the South;" R. S. Kellogg, assistant forester of the United States Forest Service, on "Perpetrating the Timber Wealth of the South," and by Hugh MacRae, of Wilmington, N. C., on "Colonization Opportunities in the Southern States."

Willet M. Hays, assistant secretary of agriculture, spoke on "The Neglected Opportunities of the South." He referred to the immense water power now owing to the sea unused and the ruthless deforestation which is now sending material needed at home to other sections and to other lands. Eighty per cent. of the people of the South are, he said, engaged in agriculture and the small family farms, with improved methods of agriculture, can be made to raise the price of land so high that the hereditary owners of large estates and the capitalists cannot afford to hold them.

The erosion of hilly fields in the South is a form of neglect, Mr. Hays says, which cannot be remedied, but future high prices will demand the use of such tracts for forest products. A more widespread evil has been the abuse of arable soils, which, however, can be restored.

The opportunities for specialized farming in the South are great, the speaker said, and there is much need for vocational education. Northern farmers now looking to Canada should turn their attention to the South and the Southern highlanders should seek the valleys. The negroes should be given vocational training. Their masters before the war appreciated the value of training them for the farm, the shop and the kitchen, but since the war this has been neglected. The basic and wonderful teaching of the demonstration farm is being taken to the South under joint federal and private expenditure, and even more important is the training of boys and girls of school age.

R. S. Kellogg, assistant forester of the United States Forest Service, discussed "The Timber Resources of the South." Twelve Southern states, he said, contain 200,000,000 acres of timber land, covering nearly one-half their surface. The total annual value of the products of Southern forests is not less than \$450,000,000. The timber also has a value as a soil cover in conserving the water power of the section. The Southern forests are mostly in private hands, but the states have a duty in the management of cut-over land not suitable for farming. Such tracts should be made into state forest reserves. The federal government, too, has a duty. Interstate relations are such that individual states should not be expected to protect the Appalachian forests in which the great rivers, from the Ohio to the Savannah, have their heads. The national government should purchase and make them national forests.

Hugh MacRae, of Wilmington, N. C., spoke on "Colonization Opportunities in the Southern States." For many years, he said, the South had an abundance of common labor and the supply of capital was insufficient to afford full opportunities for

the laborers. This resulted in a wage scale lower than in the North and West, and the immigrant was easily attracted to the other sections. This turned the tide of immigration away from the South.

The South cannot expect easily to turn the tide from its accustomed channel, but a way to prepare for the emergent need of labor seems to make available the great areas of unused lands for the establishment of colonies for agricultural immigrant immigration, the speaker thought, would prove the happiest and most logical solution of the race problem, which many thinkers admit is the most serious facing the South.

George E. Tew, of Washington, addressed the congress on "Opportunities for Invention in the South." He quoted census figures showing the proportion of patents to population in the various states ranging from one to every 1,157 in Connecticut, down to one to every 15,992 in Mississippi. South Carolina showed marked advance, with one to every 2,062.

Invention is not inherent to any soil, said the speaker. Yankee ingenuity, so-called, is nothing but common mental ability working in a groove.

Mr. Tew urged the Southern manufacturer to promote invention by offering rewards, employing inventors as such, establishing factory reference libraries equipped with printed specifications and other similar means.

### MARCONI GOES FOR PRIZE.

Inventor Will Receive \$20,000 Noble Award at Stockholm Dec. 11.

London, Dec. 4.—William Marconi left London this evening on his way to Stockholm, where he will receive the Noble Prize for physics, the value of which is \$20,000. The prize was originally worth double that sum but this year it was divided.

Mr. Marconi will deliver his lecture on December 10 and receive the award the next day. Mrs. Marconi accompanies him.

### Twenty Below Zero.

Norfolk, Neb., Dec. 8.—North Nebraska, Southern and Western South Dakota and Northern Wyoming today suffered from the coldest weather of the winter. The temperature in Norfolk dropped to 12 below; at Deadwood it was 17 below zero, and at Lander, Wyo., it was 20 below.

### COLD SNAP IN THE WEST.

Temperature Hovering About the Zero Point.

Chicago, December 8.—With the temperature near the zero point over practically all of the Middle West, telegraph companies here today found themselves severely handicapped in transmitting messages. The intense cold following the snowstorm contracted the wires and snapped them at many points.

The breaks are not confined to any one direction, but have disturbed every line out of Chicago, and in addition to hampering message service, have interfered with the dispatching of trains.

The lines of the Western Union Telegraph Company and those of the Postal Telegraph Company are equally affected, and officials declared that the present conditions are as bad as at any time in years.

### Wedded at Father's Coffin.

Chicago, Nov. 29.—Standing by the coffin containing the body of her father, Miss Juanita C. Howard was married today to Irving Herriot.

The last wish of Mr. Howard, who was fatally injured by an automobile last week, was that his daughter should be married in his presence. Before the license could be obtained Mr. Howard, who was known as the "father of the American Derby," had become unconscious. He died in that condition. The funeral service was set for this afternoon.

Our Turner's Almanacs for 1910 have been received and our subscribers who will pay a year ahead can get one free. Do not wait till the first of the year, but come in and renew and get one, under the conditions which they are offered. We are giving them away daily now.

## NEAR BEER TAX OF \$1,000 VALID

### MAY BE LEVIED BY CITIES AND DANNENBURG LOSES.

Judge Brown for the Supreme Court Decides That Cities May Levy a \$1,000 License Tax on Near Beer Saloons, That Such Tax is Not Discriminative, Prohibitive or Forbidden by the Constitution.

The Supreme Court yesterday handed down the opinions in fifteen cases. The near beer license case was among the number.

In State v. Dannenburg, Judge Brown in his usual clear-cut and able manner writes the opinion for the court deciding that a license tax of \$1,000 on near beer saloons is not discriminative, unreasonable, prohibitive or otherwise forbidden by either the State Constitution or by the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution. The facts in the case are as follows: The Board of Aldermen of Charlotte imposed a license tax of \$1,000 on all persons selling near beer or kindred drinks in that city. To test the legality of the ordinance, Dannenburg refused to take out a license and sold a pint of near beer. He was arrested, tried and convicted before the city recorder, which conviction was sustained by the Superior court of Mecklenburg county. An appeal was taken to the Supreme Court.

Dannenburg contended that the city of Charlotte did not have the power under its charter to lay any license tax on near beer. Judge Brown, in the opinion, states that the city charter gives the Board of Aldermen power to levy license taxes and makes it a misdemeanor to carry on any business, trade or profession which has been licensed, without first obtaining license from the city. He states that the selling of near beer is now an established business in prohibition territory which under such provisions in a city charter a license tax may be imposed upon.

It was also contended that the \$1,000 license imposed by the city was discriminative, and prohibitive and therefore forbidden by the State Constitution. Judge Brown states that the tax is not discriminative as it is imposed upon all persons selling near beer in Charlotte. He further states that the presumption is that a license tax imposed by a city ordinance is not prohibitive; that as a matter of police regulation as well as for revenue, the license tax can be made large enough to stamp out "joints." The Legislature of 1909 having imposed a license of \$20 on persons selling near beer, a municipality cannot prohibit the sale but may impose such additional tax as will guarantee police control or regulation as well as a source of revenue. He says "in fixing the proper license tax upon dealers in near beer and kindred drinks, we conclude upon reason and precedent that municipal authorities may consider the question both from the standpoint of revenue and police regulations and the cost thereof provides they do not thereby prohibit and annihilate the business entirely."

He mentions the fact that two near beer saloons exist in Charlotte which pay the \$1,000 license tax and concludes that such license tax is not discriminative, or prohibitive.—News and Observer 2nd.

### 24 MEN IN DEATH HOUSES.

Number of Convicted Murderers in the State is Largest in Years.

Albany, Dec. 4.—Within the death houses of the three prisons of the State twenty-four men, convicted of murder in the first degree are awaiting either death or a determination of their cases by the Court of Appeals. Not in years, if ever before, have so many condemned criminals been housed within the prisons at one time, and the increasing number at Sing Sing Prison, where sixteen convicted murderers are confined, has necessitated the construction of additional cells to accommodate them. Auburn shelters four doomed men, and a like number are under the death watch in Clinton Prison.

## HEARS MESSAGE AND ADJOURNS

### CONGRESS TAKES A RECESS UNTIL TODAY.

Republicans Consider Text Sound Party Doctrine. Democrats Approve of President's Efforts to Economize, but Deprecate His Position on Monroe Doctrine.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Having assembled and received the President's annual message, Congress today found itself literally "out of work," and in consequence both houses adjourned until Friday, when, if some of the various committees fail to provide something to do, adjournment will be taken until Monday next.

The formality of reading the message aloud consumed about an hour and a half in each house today. When the conclusion was reached the House immediately adjourned, but the Senate remained in session for some time afterwards, an executive session being held before that body adjourned.

Little fault was found with the message among the Republicans, who seemed to agree that it was as satisfactory a document as the President could prepare and remain consistent with the party's campaign pledges. The Democrats approved of the President's efforts to economize, but deprecated his suggestion that the Monroe doctrine had practically become obsolete.

"The message is written in the President's customary terse, vigorous style," commented Representative Payne, the majority leader in the House, while Representative Clark, the minority leader, thought about all that could be said about the message was that it was comparatively brief, "as discussion of almost all important matters is relegated to special messages."

In both houses the message was subjected to the most careful scrutiny, and while the members paid little attention to its perfunctory reading by the clerks, they buried their heads between its pages and digested as much of it as they could at one reading.

### WANTS EXECUTOR REMOVED.

Mrs. W. A. Stewart Has Caused Restraining Order to be Issued.

Dunn, Dec. 5.—A little bit of sensation was created this week in the law circles when Mrs. Stewart, widow of W. A. Stewart, deceased, caused a restraining order to be served on the Coast Line and H. C. McNeil, executor, to stop payment to the said McNeil by the railroad company of the judgment of \$25,000 rendered against the railroad company at the November term of Harnett superior court for the killing of W. A. Stewart. The injunction has been issued in an action which has been brought for the removal of Mr. McNeil as executor. This is a surprise to the community as Mr. McNeil is a man of high character and standing, and it has been generally understood that Mrs. Stewart was entirely satisfied with his management of the estate.

Dr. John M. Faison, of Duplin, will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress in the Third District next year.

### BLIZZARD IN THE WEST.

Snow Driven in Clouds Before a Gale of Wind.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—Blinding clouds of snow, accompanied by lower temperature and a 35-mile-an-hour wind, swept over Chicago and the surrounding territory today, bringing death to three persons. One of the victims, a laborer, was found dead from cold and exposure. The other two were railroad switchmen, who, blinded by snow, were run over by engines. The snowfall in this city was four inches, and reports from outside points told of 15 inches on the level.

The Southwest is in the grip of the most severe cold wave of the season, with temperatures ranging

from 8 degrees above zero at Oklahoma City to 4 below at Concordia and Dodge City, Kan.

Denver reports the entire state of Colorado is shivering in the coldest December weather in 31 years. Ten below zero was reached last night. Bitterly cold weather is also reported from Southern Wyoming, 18 below being recorded at Laramie last night.

### STATE NEWS.

A. W. Douglass, aged 50, a carpenter, fell dead on top of a house he was building at Durham Tuesday.

The Kingsdale Lumber Plant near Lumberton was burned one night last week. The loss was about \$50,000.

The Internal Revenue receipts for November in this, the Eastern North Carolina district, amounted to \$226,852.38.

Hedrick's livery stables at Lexington were burned Sunday night. Twenty-six horses and mules perished in the flames.

The Nash County Manufacturing Company's plant at Spring Hope was destroyed by fire Saturday. The company was engaged in the manufacture of sash, doors, blinds, mantels, etc., and did a large business. The loss is placed at \$8,000. The origin of fire is unknown.

A verdict declaring Lee H. Battle, former cashier of the wrecked City National Bank, of Greensboro not guilty of abstractions, false entries and misleading reports for which he was indicted, was returned Saturday by the jury which for two weeks had listened to the evidence in the case before the United States court at Greensboro.

The Baptist State Convention met in the 79th annual session at Wadesboro Tuesday night. The sermon was preached by Rev. G. T. Watkins, of Goldsboro, after which the body was called to order by the retiring president, Prof. J. B. Carlyle. Mr. W. C. Dowd, editor of the Charlotte News, was elected president and Mr. N. B. Broughton, of Raleigh, was elected secretary for the 27th time.

### Operation for Cataract.

Kenly, Dec. 7.—Mr. R. H. Watkins, of Kenly, was successfully operated on for cataract at his home near Kenly by Dr. Wakefield, the Charlotte Eye Specialist.

Mr. Watkins is nearly forty years of age and has been practically blind from childhood. The doctor estimates the probabilities in favor of useful vision being restored as 95 per cent.

### The Marvel of Cotton.

Figuring in round numbers, but near enough to show the trend, we get some results that are impressive.

Ten years ago the South was making 10,000,000 bales of cotton. This yielded in money \$300,000,000. Now the South makes 12,000,000 bales, which, at current prices, will yield for the crop nearly \$800,000,000.

This section now has an aggregate of 10,000,000 spindles in all its cotton mills. The cost of a cotton mill such as is usually built in the South is \$20 per spindle. Therefore the total cost of all the cotton mills in the South is about \$200,000,000.

Gross advance in the value of the cotton crop now over what it was ten years ago is something like \$500,000,000. Out of the profits from one crop the farmers could buy all the cotton mills and have \$300,000,000 profit left over.

The \$200,000,000 for the cotton mills is invested for a long time.

The \$500,000,000 increase which the farmer receives is annual.—Charlotte Observer.

Mr. R. B. Raney, one of Raleigh's best known citizens, died Tuesday after a short illness. He was not quite 50 years of age. He will long be known as one of the city's greatest benefactors; the Olivia Raney Library standing as a monument to his love for his wife and his city.

Many persons find themselves affected with a persistent cough after an attack of influenza. As this cough can be promptly cured by the use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy it should not be allowed to run on until it becomes troublesome. Sold by Hood Bros.

## BLOODSHED IN AN OHIO RIOT

### GUARDS FOUGHT BATTLE WITH STRIKERS AT BRIDGEPORT, O.

Injunction is asked For. Infantry and Calvary Rushed to the City—2,000 Tin Plate Workers Involved and Trouble May Spread.

Bridgeport, Ohio, Dec. 4.—This city is under martial law tonight. Two thousand striking employes of the Aetna-Standard plant of the American Sheet and Tin Plate Company, a subsidiary of the United States Steel Corporation, have been rioting since last night. A regiment of infantry, a squadron of cavalry, and more than 150 Deputy Sheriffs and company police guard the city and tin plate mills. Five men have been shot and more or less seriously wounded during the last twenty-four hours. A Federal court injunction has been asked for in Columbus, O., to restrain the strikers from interfering with the operation of the plant.

Gov. Harmon at Columbus is being kept in close touch with the situation, and has conferred full military power on Brig. Gen. John C. Speaks, which is in command of both civil and State authorities here.

The lawlessness which brought on the present situation was the result of a fight early today. One of the mill guards stepped outside of the mill inclosure to escort another guard to a cab. A fusillade of shots were directed at the women. Two bullets struck one of the men, but the wounds were not serious. A third guard, rushing from the inclosure, dragged the two men to safety.

The shooting from the mob of strike sympathizers outside the mill gates continued until daybreak, when Sheriff Armine wired to Gov. Harmon for troops, saying in his message: "We fear another Homestead strike and much bloodshed."

### KILLED MAN OVER WHISKEY.

Jesse Robinson Killed His brother-in-law.

Snow Hill, N. C., Dec. 6.—Last night, near Ormondsville Jesse Robinson was killed by Walter Faulkner, the facts as found by coroner's jury today was that the killing occurred over whiskey, both parties being intoxicated. Walter Faulkner has made his escape. Just before the killing both parties was said to be on good terms and it is said that they were brother-in-laws. They had been riding together. Faulkner asked Robinson to give him a drink of whiskey. Robinson refused, and Faulkner got his gun and shot Robinson. The good people of the community deplore this homicide.—News and Observer.

### North Carolina Baptists Statistics.

Raleigh, Dec. 7.—Statistics ready for presentation to the North Carolina Baptist convention in Wadesboro this week show 1,399 Baptists churches and 1,681 Sunday schools in the state; total church membership, 217,967, Sunday school membership 153,464, with probably 3,000 church members in addition in churches that have not yet reported. During the year there have been 12,752 baptisms, an average of one baptism for every 18 members. Baptisms are reported from 1,346 of the 1,399 churches in the state. The denomination has raised \$136,855.33 for all purposes, a gain of \$13,300 over the year previous. There has been expended for state missions this year \$41,346.13.

### Change of Appointments.

Rev. Thomas J. Hood, of Wayne county, has accepted the pastorate of Pauline Baptist church and will preach there each third Sunday at 11 o'clock and Saturday before at 3 o'clock. He will preach at Dupree school house each third Sunday at 3 o'clock.

Rev. J. E. Hoyle of Wake Forest, is expected to preach at Thanksgiving and Live Oak churches the second Sunday in December at the usual hours. He will not reach there in time for the Saturday appointment.