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RESOURCES OF THE UNITED STATES

With the great nations of Europe wasting their wealth and their resources with heedless disregard, and this country being forced to depend more and more upon its own capital, agricultural and mineral resources, the question of our undeveloped stores takes on an interest such as it never before has had. In this connection the National Geographic Society has prepared a statement which says:

"In addition to the wonderful agricultural and mineral development which already has taken place in the United States, and which makes this country outrank any other in the world in the value of her crops and the product of her mines, we have vast undeveloped resources. We have more coal, more petroleum, more phosphate, and more copper than any other country. Our coal reserves reach such an overwhelming total as to make the combined coal reserves of the next six greatest producing nations—of whom are at war—dwindle in to significance. Zinc, lead, silver, timber, salt, iron ore, and other staples of commerce are here in undeveloped abundance. Alaska is the greatest of our unexploited treasure troves.

"The largest body of unused and neglected land in the United States is Alaska. It is now nearly a century since we purchased this territory, and it contains today less than 40,000 white inhabitants, less than 1,000 for each year it has been in possession. The purchase was made as a means of protection against possible aggression of a foreign nation and without hope that it would be even self-supporting in the intervening 46 years we have given it little more than the most casual concern; yet its mines, fisheries, and furs alone have added to our wealth the grand sum of \$500,000,000. Individual fortunes have been made in that country larger than the price paid to Russia for the whole territory.

"Its waters are teeming in rich skins and fish. How rich we know, because they have been proved. But how rich its lands are in gold and copper, coal and oil, iron and tin, no one knows. The prospector has gone far enough, however, to tell us that no other section of our land today makes so rich a mineral promise. And in agriculture the government itself demonstrated that Alaska will produce in abundance all that can be raised in the Scandinavian countries. (Sitka has cooler summers and warmer winters than Washington, D. C.), the hardy cereals and vegetables, the meats and the berries

off which nine million people live in Norway, Sweden and Finland. It has been estimated that there are 50,000,000 acres of this land that will make homes for a people as sturdy as those of New England. Alaska can be made self-sustaining agriculturally.

"It is a territory one-fifth the size of the United States containing less than 1,000 miles of anything that can be called a wagon road. It has a few inconceivable stretches of railroad, which terminate either in the wilderness or at a private industry. Alaska does not by any means comprise all of our undeveloped resources. Vast stretches of the Great American Desert will remain to be reclaimed for fruit, grain, vegetable and grazing land. Millions of acres of coal lands are in store ready to be opened as the need for their resources arise. Southwestern oil fields are storing vast quantities of petroleum for future use. Innumerable water-powers throughout the Middle West and West are waiting to be harnessed. Our vast deposits of phosphate rock, embracing millions of acres and containing billions of tons of phosphate, undoubtedly form the world's greatest supply. These deposits run for hundreds of miles thru Wyoming, Utah, Montana, and Idaho. In 1910 the United States produced 52 per cent of the world's phosphate output.

"A discovery of a deposit of potash within the United States was made some time ago, though little has been done in the way of its development. The Department of the Interior has expressed the hope that this supply would for some time at least make the farmers of this country independent of foreign resources. It lies, however, still undeveloped. Germany, up to now, has had a world monopoly of potash."

IN ANOTHER COUNTY

Concerning crop conditions in Edgecombe the Tarboro Southerner moralizes in this wise:

"The greatest reward in the world is the dollar and we love it so that it gives us more pangs and fears than wars or women have." Since the war began we have borrowed all the trouble that we could, and today are acting the part of a coward in not meeting the situation squarely and bravely.

"Conditions in Edgecombe are very much better than they were in 1889, conditions which were met and in a few months overcome. In that year there was only two-fifths of a cotton crop made. It was sold around seven cents. There was not corn or meat raised to begin to supply the needs of the county. The late V. W. Lund near Whitakers was probably the only man in the county to raise peanuts for market. There was no tobacco cultivated outside of a fence jam.

"What are the conditions today? The county has made its bread and almost enough meat. Its cotton crop is over the average and in addition to this the tobacco crop will more than pay the more than the entire cotton crop of 1889 and then some. Enough peanuts have been made to buy that crop three times over. The profits on the peanut and tobacco crop will more than pay the losses on the cotton crop.

"It is true that some people are badly behind financially, this is true every year. But conditions do not warrant the fears that we indulge in. By giving way to these fears, hiding our money, refusing to pay debts when we can, we are acting cowardly and doing nothing in our power to bring about the realization of our fears.

"If all will do their part the most that can be said for Edgecombe is that we have worked a year for little or no pay."

SOCIETY

Mr and Mrs F F Cohoon entertained Wednesday evening at their home on Road street in honor of Mr. A E Cohoon of Portland, Oregon.

The Christmas idea was carried out in the decorations, holly and pine boughs being used in profusion.

Those enjoying Mr. and Mrs. Cohoon's hospitality were: Mrs S S Lamb, Mrs F G Jacobs, Mrs A B C Lamb, Mrs C E Thompson, Mrs. Happer Stewart, Mrs Morrisette. Mrs A L Pendleton, Mrs W L Cohoon, Miss Edna Kramer, Miss Besie McMullan, Miss May Pendleton, Miss Eloise Robinson, Miss Helen Robinson, Miss Margaret Culpepper, Miss Bessie Cohoon, Miss Fannie McMullan, Miss Maule Grice, Miss Rawlings of Wilson; Messrs. J E Hughes, Will Foreman, W G Gaither, J M Harney, W L Small, W I Wood, C E Thompson, Dr A L Pendleton, Norman Whitehurst.

Refreshments were served in two courses by the hostess. Mr. R B C Lamb presided at the punch bowl.

Mrs. F. F. Cohoon entertained the "Round Dozen Club" Tuesday evening at her home on Road street.

Those present were: Mrs C I Robins, Mrs C W Melick, Mr C A Ashby, Mrs J B Griggs, Mr I M Meekins, Mrs Tom Jones, Miss Catherine Albertson, Mrs Eliza Chandler, Miss Maria Albertson.

Miss Lillie Grandy was chairman of the program committee and a splendid one was arranged. Miss Catherine Albertson and Mrs C W Melick read recitations of France which was followed by discussions of France and French life. Mrs C H Robinson gave interesting reminiscences of Parisian life as a traveler sees it. Then followed current comment which was very instructive.

Refreshments were served by the hostess in two courses at the close of the evening.

Miss Margaret Dawson entertained a number of her friends Thursday evening.

The guests were: Miss Mildred Commander, Jessie Overton of Norfolk, Pauline Beveridge, Evelyn Jones, Jennie Kramer, Messrs Roy Simmons, Aubrey McCabe, Raymond Evans, Clarence Reid, Kenneth Etheridge, Victor Hooper, Willie Woolly, Fay Hursey.

Refreshments were served by the hostess.

Miss Evelyn Munden entertained a number of her friends Thursday night at a Watch party in honor of her guest, Miss Thelma Munden of Norfolk. The game of "five hundred" was played. Refreshments were served. The guests were Misses Mae Garret, Mary Ward, Lillian Brice, Claudine Koontz of South Mills, Jeanie Cohoon, Eleanor Hall, Carrie Bright.

The Elizabeth City Barren Philathea-Philathea Union will meet to-night at seven-thirty in the Annex of the First Methodist Church.

Mr. Joseph C. Davis, formerly with Suskin & Berry of Washington has accepted a position with the C. H. Robinson Company.

Messrs. C. O. Robinson, J. J. Hughes, R T Bell left Monday for New York on business.

Mr Russell E Snowden left Saturday for Columbus, Miss., on a consulting engineering trip.

Prof. J. H. Whedbee of Weeksville was in the city on business Saturday.

Mr B J Forbes of Newland was in the City Monday and a pleasant caller at the Advance office.

Rev. H. P. Lamb of Tyner was in the city Monday on business.

Rev. C. W. Sawyer of Camden was here Saturday.

Mr. William Nixon of Sumbury was here last week.

BARKLEY—HOOPER

Elizabeth City, N. C. Jan. 2.—John Barkley and Miss Annie L. Hooper, daughter of Isaac Hooper, were married last night at the residence of J S Seeley on Matthews street. Dr. Henning, pastor of the First Baptist Church, performed the marriage ceremony in the presence of a few intimate friends of the couple.

LOST!

LOST—Large Pointer Dog—Liver and White.—strayed away last Thursday. Wore black collar with his name 'Bruce' and owners name engraved on same. Return to me and receive reward. S. H. JOHNSON.

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GREGORY HOLDS JOB

Sanitary Inspector Gregory, requested by the board at its December meeting to hand in his resignation, failed to comply last night and when Alderman Cohoon made a motion that the office be declared vacant he was voted down.

Mr. Gregory is now on thirty days probation and his retaining his office is left to the discretion of the mayor.

Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) will be given away very shortly—Everyone who wishes can get a share—Further details later.—(adv.)

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