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The Old South.

We hear so much about the development of the new south that we would probably forget what the old south produced were it not for reminders like that just published in the Times-Democrat of New Orleans. In 1860 the south raised 5,190,000 bales of cotton, 187,000,000 pounds of rice and 302,000,000 pounds of sugar. In each case the south's production was the entire country's production. Practically all of the molasses and nearly all of the tobacco produced in the United States came from the south. Corn is largely a product of the north, but official statistics show that almost half of the entire country's crop in ante-bellum days was raised south of Mason and Dixon's line. The difference in wheat was greater, but many people in the north would be surprised to learn that the south raised more than a third as much wheat in 1860 as the rest of the country. The south produced nearly five times as many bushels of potatoes that year as the north and over three times as many bushels of beans and peas.

During the ten years immediately preceding the civil war the south built more miles of railroad than any other section of the country, except the newly settled west. Her production of flour doubled in that decade, as did her yield in lumber, while her manufacture of machines and machinery quadrupled. In calling public attention to these facts, the Manufacturers' Record of Baltimore takes occasion to remind us of the part taken by the southern of ante-bellum days in the development of the new south. "Many of the men," it says, "who took a most active part in the war are leaders in the industrial development of the south. It is to the credit of the most successful cotton mills and mills, you will find that the men to whom much of the south's present prosperity is due were men who gave force and strength to the southern army in its four years' fight."

An eminent jurist practicing in this city, but of national fame, returning from court to his office one day was told by his managing clerk that he had secured a new client. "And did you get a retainer?" "I did, sir; \$100." "What?" cried the legal luminary, his eyes sparkling with indignation, "do you mean to tell me that so low a retainer as \$100 has been accepted in this office?" "Why," said the abashed clerk in his most deprecating tones, "it was all the man had in the world." "Oh, in that case," said his mollified employer, "if you took all the man had you could do no more. You behaved quite professionally, quite professionally, sir, and you will rise."—New York Commercial.

Iva, the five-year-old daughter of Charles Willis, of Newcastle, Del., was attacked fiercely recently and badly bitten by a pet kitten with which she was playing. The animal bit the girl in the neck and close to the left eye, and also scratched her fearfully. When the child's mother arrived the kitten was clawing at the little girl's head and had to be driven away by force.

What strikes the traveler most forcibly on seeing Jerusalem for the first time is the littleness of everything. The Mount of Olives is a little mound; Mount Moriah is scarcely a perceptible rise of the ground; Mount Zion is a gentle hill; the valley of Jehosaphat is a deep, ugly gulch, with scarcely enough water in it to wet a postage stamp, and the Tyropeoon valley is an alley.

The shoemaker of Brockton, Mass., who started out to make a pair of shoes for each governor of the United States has been obliged to stop work on account of illness. Ten autograph letters have already been received from governors who have been the recipients of his unique gift.

In some parts of Kansas teachers are being paid \$30 per month and have only one scholar in their schools.

A Mexican War Veteran Talks.

Waco, Texas, Dec. 14.—Capt. James Skinner of Ross had business which brought him to Waco to-day. He came in his farm wagon accompanied by his wife and son. Capt. Skinner won and wears the medals of the Texas war of independence and the Mexican war. In the latter he served in Col. Jack Hays' regiment, a body of men who served in some of the hottest engagements under Gen. Zach Taylor. Capt. Skinner sat in Judge Goodrich's courtroom this morning and told some of his experiences. He said: "The government allows us \$8 a month for serving in a war which added enormous territory and great honor to the stars and stripes." Asked to give a recollection of early days in Texas, he said: "I helped chase the Mexican marauders who stole all the archives of the court of the Bexar district at San Antonio and kidnaped the judge and the clerks. We had a wild run to the Rio Grande and over to the other side of the boundary river. That was a bad country in those days. We had no bread or salt and lived on raw beef part of the time. When the beef gave out we ate a mule." Capt. Skinner had experience in fighting with a flintlock rifle against Indians some of which are thrilling as any stories of fiction. Regarding Gen. Taylor the old veteran remarked that the general was something of a disciplinarian. "He enforced respect for officers to a degree rather repugnant to some of the wild and woolly fighters and once he issued an order that a subordinate or private cursing a superior should be shot. I don't know that I ever took the cork flew out and the air was kept blue in that field. Billy Anderson, a Texas rifleman, who had followed Sam Houston, took the initiative. He opened on Gen. Taylor and delivered volleys of accentuated epithets embracing in the scope of his maledictions all the company and regimental officers and so on up to the commander-in-chief. The other men took it up and there were choruses of strong ejaculations in all directions representing many months of pent up emotions." Capt. Skinner has pleasant recollections of the women of Mexico, who were merciful to prisoners of war and continued to supply them with water and food although doing so entailed suffering and punishment on themselves. "I saw men on that campaign south of the Rio Grande fry and eat green hides freshly stripped from beavers. We contended a good deal with short rations while serving in the war with Mexico."—Dallas News.

The latest story of a wonderful gold find in Alaska is of a lake whose bed is literally paved deep with gold dust. The lake is 1,000 yards long, 400 yards wide and 150 feet deep. It is fed by water from a glacier, and its only outlet is a little stream two feet deep, but of incredible swiftness. The assay of the sand which a sea captain brought to Seattle recently showed \$8 to \$10 a cubic yard, and on that basis a man alone could take out \$10,000 a year.

A pretty German fashion was followed at a recent wedding in New York, when the bride removed her wreath of flowers and placed it upon the head of one of her bridesmaids, who were clustered round her in a circle. The bride was blind-folded, and after turning around six times placed the wreath upon the head of the maiden whom she touched. The one thus crowned will, according to tradition, be the next bride.

A convict in the Joliet penitentiary has a depression in the top of his head deep enough to hold half a gill of water. Although he is perfectly sane, he complains because the doctors say it is impossible for him to use the depression as a drinking cup for his own use.

End of Alexander Collier.

New York, Dec. 14.—Two men were the only mourners at Woodlawn cemetery yesterday at the funeral services over the body of Alexander Collier, a man who a few years ago was known in every European capital. In the civil war he was a noted blockade runner, who established quarters at Wilmington, N. C. Under the guns at Fort Fisher this "blockade king" carried on a thriving trade in contraband articles of war and exported the cotton of the south.

Collier, who at one time could have drawn his check for millions of dollars, died almost destitute and his funeral expenses were paid by a son of an old friend. There is no name on the coffin plate, for he died under the assumed name of George McNeil.

Following their successful trades and speculations during the war Alexander Collier & Co. went into the cotton and cotton goods business and opened branch houses in Egypt, Austria and South America. Operations were begun on a gigantic scale and in an effort to corner cotton goods in all the markets of the world in the early '70's Collier & Co. made the largest failure known in the history of commerce. The liabilities above available assets were more than \$200,000,000. Alexander Collier, the head of the house, who was held responsible for the failure, had to flee from England and he was spirited away to the private yacht of a friend, in which he sailed to Barcelona, Spain.

His flight from England caused an immense sensation and though pursued by creditors and detectives he successfully eluded them. From Spain he went direct to South America, and in a few years reappeared at White Sulphur Springs, N. J.

After making another fortune and losing it he drifted to New York, where he went to live at the Colonial hotel in One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street. There he was found by several friends, among them Richard Lamb, eldest son of Col. Lamb of Fort Fisher. These men experienced much difficulty in aiding him on account of his pride.

After the Recent Elections.

And still we are moderately gay—not uproariously merry nor obstreperously hilarious, but cheerful in a subdued and chastened sort of way. It is in such times as this that we love to comfort ourselves with proverbs, such as:

1. Every cloud has a silver lining.
2. The darkest hour is just before the dawn.
3. Sweet are the uses of adversity.
4. Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth.
5. A kick is more persuasive than an argument to a dumbo.
6. Behind a frowning providence he hides a smiling face.
7. Afflictions, though they seem severe, are oft in mercy sent.
8. Nil desperandum.
9. Never give up the ship.
10. E pluribus unum.
11. Blessed are they that mourn.

We advise our democratic readers to get these sayings by heart. We regret to say that they are better reading than anything they find in our news columns this morning. Our experience has been that in times of affliction a good proverb is better than a drink, though some people have been known to take both.—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

Recent negotiations between the governments of Germany and the United States brought to light the fact that we are represented at several German courts by a dead man. Bancroft, the celebrated American historian, was accredited to several German states as United States minister in 1867. When the German states formed a union, our government failed to recall its minister, and Mr. Bancroft continued to remain our representative in South Germany, the fact of his death having been overlooked.

Overmyer's Mission.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Lease has broken into print again and declares that David Overmyer will be the next governor of Kansas. Stranger things have happened in that state, but if Overmyer ever becomes governor it will not be brought about through a combination of oath-bound organizations such as Mrs. Lease describes.

"The Mystic Brotherhood" may conclude to support him, but he will never participate in its councils. Of all the men who have in recent years figured prominently in Kansas politics Overmyer is the only one who has steadily declined to sacrifice principle for temporary success. He has kept himself free from the suspicion of trimming. For ten years he has waged a relentless warfare against the fade and fanaticism which have made Kansas ridiculous. With his friends clamoring for him to accept a nomination as congressman-at-large from the populists, when a nomination was equivalent to an election and no pledges were to be exacted, he declined it because secret political societies were at variance with democratic teachings and traditions.

Overmyer will continue to fight in the open until the people of Kansas shall have been educated to an appreciation of honesty, until they shall have been taught that perjury is a crime against society and that religion must not be used as a cloak to shield hypocrisy.—St. Louis Republic.

Where the Farmer Loses.

Recent investigations of the department of agriculture show that it costs \$946,000,000 to carry the products of the farm to market every year. Of this sum the department estimates that two-thirds might be saved by improvement of the roads. This in plain English means that the farmers are wasting \$631,000,000 every year in carrying the products of their farms to market. The wear and tear of machinery, the injury to teams and the loss of time caused by poor highways are potent factors cutting off the profits of the farm. In the time allotted for road making in Texas many of the public thoroughfares are simply "gone over" without ever being thoroughly worked. In most cases merely temporary improvements are made which the next rain totally destroys, leaving the roads frequently in an almost impassable state.

In a few sections the great loss to the farmers is realized, and in consequence good road improvements are being agitated with very beneficial results. The greater part of the state is far behind in the matter, however, and the sooner the people are waked up to the fact of their loss the greater will be the advantage to be derived from a good road crusade.—Fort Worth Gazette.

Some people believe that humanity is changing, or rather, has changed. A well informed gentleman recently said: "Human friendship is a thing of the past. Money is a man's only true friend. With money you can buy every worldly comfort and more friends than you want. Without money you are not admitted to society, and the very men you have lifted from the gutter will not give you a meal when you are hungry. Humanity has changed, and the devil take the hindmost is the order of the day. It does look a little that way don't it."—Texas Harp.

Jefferson, Tex., Dec. 11.—Mrs. D. B. Culbertson, wife of Congressman Culbertson and mother of Gov. Chas. A. Culbertson, died this morning of heart disease after a long and painful illness.

The programme of the Republicans is to do as little as possible. Their luck in relying upon Democratic dissensions has surpassed their wildest hopes.

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Short Items of Interest.

The British postal telegraph is run at an annual net loss of \$13,000,000. The pear crop of Georgia, estimated at 300,000 barrels, is the largest on record. The next national republican convention has been fixed for St. Louis, June 16th, 1896. Debs has been asked by a Chicago pastor to speak in his church on the relation of the church to labor. Indians waylaid and killed H. H. Merrill and his sixteen-year-old daughter near Ash Springs, Ariz. Being forced to resign his cadetship at West Point, Henry Bittman shot himself at Wamego, Kansas. Fifty farmers from Michigan, Nebraska and Iowa will colonize a tract of land south of Norfolk, Va. The Georgia house of representatives defeated the Bush bill, which was practically a state prohibition bill. Nearly \$90,000 was subscribed or pledged by St. Louis citizens to get the national republican convention for that city. At the age of eighty William J. Murray, of Toledo, decided to eat no more and died after forty-seven days' fasting. Volunteer Life-Savers, of New York City, ask the board of education to add swimming to the public school curriculum. A forgotten and unenforced city ordinance of Chicago if declared still in force will put \$2,500,000 into the city treasury. To protect his grandmother from the insults of Desperado Groves Beaver, Charles Hoffman shot him dead at Raise Run, West Virginia. For stealing \$3,000 worth of diamonds from Miss Florence McClelland, of St. Louis, "Diamond Sam" Casney got three years in prison. In the suit of Gus A. Myer against W. C. P. Breckinridge, the defendant failed to give any evidence in support of his claim. With \$70,000 in precious stones on his person Anto Hodynyl, a New York diamond merchant, fell from a wagon at Peoria, Ill., and soon died. By buying off the collateral heirs for \$400,000, it is alleged, the children of the late James Fair, of San Francisco, have practically settled the will case. What is probably the longest stretch of unsupported telephone wire is that which crosses Wallenstadt Lake, in Switzerland, a distance of a mile and a half. Two boys discovered a natural ice cave in Pike county, Pa., a short time ago. The floor is a solid block of ice and has been dug into seven feet without reaching water. Representatives of banks in fifteen states, meeting at Des Moines, formed the Bankers' Mutual Casualty Company, to insure banks against burglary and train robbery. There is a movement on foot for the establishment of industrial schools for the training and education of the Russian convicts' children in the penal settlements of Siberia. In consequence of the high price of wheat in Australia a California steamer has sailed for Sydney with 1,000 tons of that cereal, three other cargoes will arrive at Brisbane within a month. Sandow, the strong man, has a big brain as well as a big body. He is quite an ingenious fellow, and among his inventions are an improvement on the bicycle and a combination trunk and bathtub for travelers. Joseph Ross, uncle of the famous Charlie Ross, and one of the most energetic searchers after the lad who, in 1874, was abducted from his Germantown, Pa., home, died at his home in Philadelphia the other day, aged seventy. A mouse nibbled through the insulated covering of an electric light supply wire in a tomato factory in Salem, N. J., and a fire resulted, which stewed 8,000 gallons of skinned tomatoes. These were given away to the poor people of the town.

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