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W. C. RINEARSON

After a Tour of the South This Observing Man Is Capable of Judging.

Having lately returned from the land of cotton, that monarch that holds sway all over the world, without whose dictum the wheels of the earth's progress would stop, I am moved to say that with each visit I make to the "White Country" I am more deeply impressed with the stupendous growth of that section, its power and glorious future.

"Keep your eye on the South," Jay Gould said a quarter of a century ago. "It is a new country, an El Dorado of riches." He was not more prophetic then time has proved. It is computed that more than $300,000,000 of money has been added to the wealth of the South in the last two years. If any part of the United States has cause for pride in the census returns of the past 12 months it is that section. Providence has been kind throughout its entire domain.

Glancing backward, during the period between the years 1890 and 1905 the capital invested in the cotton belt was increased from $181,416,000 to $379,467,915 or 106 per cent. The Southern Cotton Growers' Association is an organization with more power than Wall street. It literally holds the money power in the hollow of its hand.

The result of its conference on January 11 had a significance of national import. And yet, a few words might tell the tale of the result. "Hold for 15 cents, encourage the cultivation of less acreage and and larger crops." Cotton need fear no rival, knowing that it produces, in value, more than iron and steel combined. Let the cotton crop but half fail and the heart of industry beats more slowly; fully fail and the word "panic" has found a new meaning. It would require a brain omniscient to comprehend the vastness of the past year. The idea that India, Egypt or any other foreign country will become a formidable competitor of the South in cotton growing need not be seriously considered (if ever) for the next half century. The largest drawback to such a probability is the indifference of the people of Oriental lands to agricultural pursuits.

To one thing the South points with perdonable pride, its success in discouraging industrial unions. Capital is master, and will likely remain so. The race question is one that the South alone can settle. It goes without saying that the Southerner better knows the negro than does the Northerner, and for the sake of the entire country should be allowed to solve the problem as best he may. The negro is satisfied in the South, and that many of them have developed a tendency toward economy to board their earnings is looked upon by the South as an evidence of improvement, and is larely encouraged by employers.

So today, 40 years after the surrender of the gallant remnant of the Confederate army at Appomattox, we see old Dixie rise from the ashes of desolation, a conqueror of conquerors, showing such mighty recuperation as history does not record of any other section of the earth under like conditions. It would be impossible to conceive of anything of which the South could be deprived and suffer to any large extent. All the products of all generous landsare hers, whether cereals, fruits vegetables or minerals, not to mention her world power, cotton.

In Georgia cotton is the major commodity, but her timber and milling interests are enormous. In Alabama iron is still the important factor, but coal, lime, limestone and dolomite are to be reckoned with. The same may be said of the entire cotton belt. There is a derision that seems hard to throttle in the Northern mind. It is, that the largest impetus to Southern development obtains through Norther capital. In reality, the South is largely owned by Southerners. This is not true 20 years ago, but is a fact today. The South regards as the most signal point in its development the establishment of the land and industrial agency organized by Samuel Spencer, of the Southern Railway (Queen & Crescent) System some years ago. This, together with the reorganization of the Richmond Valley system by J. P. Morgan, was taken as the birth of the era that has wrought such immense power for the cotton country. Following this came the entrance of the Pennsylvania interest into the board of the C. & O. and N. & W., this completing the circle of friendly interests.

The Illinois Central, originally built to run between Chicago and New Orleans, realized the fact that Cincinnati was the logical distributing station for the South, and so was made its Northern terminus. The Manufacturer's Record, of Baltimore, will accept no advertising, it will be remembered, from any other city north of the Mason and Dixon line, because no other is likely to advance so much the development of the South.

I have been greatly pleased in my recent tours through the Cotton States to recognize the kindly feeling that is growing there for this city. It is ancient history why an estrangement grew up between us. That the South felt justifiable in their withdrawal of trade from us is a sentiment shared by many of our own people. But old things have passed away and the breach has been healed as much by our own endeavor as by the generous spirit of the South that is not slow to forgive. The South is fully alive to the fact that this city is its natural market, and that it can purchase everything needful here with as little expense as elsewhere, with railroad facilities giving us the balance of power. The South is our natural commercial tributary, just as Chicago is that of the Northwest. My attention has been directed recently to the interest developing in the South in our Fall Festival. This endeavor upon our part to enlarge the opportunities of advertising our commercial strength, and to obtain ideas from other sections, is sure to evolve great things in the future. I am glad to see the purpose upon the part of the Festival directorate to extend its aims to the enlargement of our relations with the South. The interest of serious nature taken in the Festival by the Industrial Bureau, Advertisers' and Commercial Clubs and all other organizations that have for their purpose the honor and glory of Cincinnati is in itself an object lesson to the South, and proves the evidence of our own faith in the project. The future of this city as a great metropolis depends upon our own works, and that spirit of fairness without which no greatness may be assured.

During the yellow fever panic of 1905 the Southern people appealed to the management of the Queen and Crescent Route for extra accommodations for transportation of refugees to the North. This was not only readily conceded, but Cincinnati most hospitably opened its arms to receive them, a fact that caused large gratitude throughout the South.

W. C. RINEARSON.
Cincinnati, Ohio.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

[OFFICIAL.]

REGULAR MEETING.

BIRMINGHAM, May 14, 1906.

President Johnston in the chair.

Trustees present—Snow, O'Neal, Mills, Crawford, Schlaack. Absent—Whitehead.

Snow moved, supported by O'Neal, that the bills be allowed as read.

Voted by roll call. Ayes—Snow, O'Neal, Crawford, Mills. Nays—None.

WATER WORKS FUND.

A. Harvey Sons	$ 29 46
E. R. Smith & Co.	127 54
Grand Trunk Ry.	6 27
E. A. Randall	50 00
John Keyser	8 10
Wm. Reynolds	6 15
Robert Hutchison	1 35

GENERAL EXPENSE FUND.

Johnston & Shaw	$37 50
Wilson Bray	40 30
Whitehead & Mitchell	2 90
Birmingham Eccentric	74 00
Village Improvement Society	25 65

HIGHWAY FUND.

John Alley	$32 40

Mills moved, supported by Snow, that an order of $25 be drawn in favor of the President of the village improvement society. Carried.

Snow moved supported by Mills that Crawford be appointed a committee of one to buy four burners for burning rubbish. Carried.

Minutes read and approved.

Moved to adjourn. Carried.

G. H. SATTERLEE, CLERK.

D. M. JOHNSTON, President.

Notice.

The Board of Review for the Township of Bloomfield will meet at A. W. Campbell's office Tuesday, May 22, for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment roll of said township.

Dated May 15, 1906.

T. H. COBB,
Township Clerk.

BASE BALL.

The lovers of base ball were treated to a great game of ball last Saturday between the high school teams of Birmingham and Ypsilanti, the boys are playing great ball and their games should be liberally patronized. Blanding was in great form and held the Ypsi boys down to one hit.

The following is the score.

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R.	H.	E.
Ypsilanti,	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1
Birmingham,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	4	2

Batteries—Baker and Grant; Blanding and Hanna.

The following games are scheduled for the coming season;

B. B. S. vs.	Asylum at Pontiac,	May 19
"	O. K. Jrs. at Birmingham	May 26
"	Delray at Birmingham	May 30
"	Wyandotte at Wyandotte	June 2
"	Woodcock A. C. at Birmingham,	June 9
"	Delray at Delray	June 16
"	Wyandotte at Birmingham	June 23

AN OFFER TO CURE INDIGESTION

No Reason Why Any Birmingham Reader Should Suffer Any Longer.

Many observant Birmingham people who have been reading from time to time of the remarkable cures made by Pepsikola tablets have wondered if it really is true that this remedy will cure stomach trouble and indigestion. However, the truth of this statement can easily be verified. Drop into the store any time you are passing, and we will be pleased to give you the names of a number of prominent people in town who can truthfully tell of the benefits derived from the use of these tablets. If you are troubled with sour stomach, heartburn, palpitation, wind belching, fullness or distress after eating, or any other of the symptoms of dyspepsia, you owe it to yourself to give this prescription for indigestion and stomach trouble a ten days' trial, and if after using one 25 cent box you can honestly say you have not received the benefits boxed for Whitehead & Mitchell and Cobb & Cobb will pay back your money without the least hesitation.

HELP THE CARRIER

By Sending Mail on Route—It Is to Your Own Interest to Do So---Try It.

People who reside on a rural delivery route should buy all their stamps, postal cards, money orders etc, from their carrier and also send their registered letters through him. They should also make it a point to mail all their letters on their route instead of taking them to some postoffice. The postoffice department is just now keeping a close watch on the receipts of the various rural delivery routes, us well as the total amount of the cancelled stamps.

The carriers are required to report regularly on these matters. For a time this part of their work was discontinued, but it was recently again put in force by the department and it is thought that the reason for establishing the rule again is so that the poorly patronized routes may be determined and possibly be discontinued or supplied only three times a week.

The expense of the rural delivery o mail is a big item to the government and of course they are desirous of ascertaining just where the business of the routes will warrant their being continued. Hence it surely behooves every person living on a route to mail all their letters, etc., with their carriers and thus make as large a showing as possible in his cancellations.

The Birmingham carriers report that there are many people on their routes who make a practice of mailing their letters at the Birmingham or some other nearby postoffice. The route which is supplying these people with their mail, of course, gets no credit for letters mailed in that way." Mail your letters on your own route and thereby work for your own interest.

Some Sparling Specials

Our readers will not fail to notice J. Sparling & Co's big new advt. this week on account of its artistic beauty to say nothing of the big values for little money contained therein.

Notice to Water Taker.

By order of the village board, on May 28th, '06 ten per cent penalty will be added and the water shut off on all who have not paid their rate.

Clad with a coat of oily wool new to his skin, the caribou is covered exteriorly with a dense pelage of fine quills. Every one thus clothed, we say, is a cork jacket, and when this is prime the creature seems on the water rather than in the water. No other quadruped that I know swims as high as the caribou, says a writer in Scribner's Magazine.

Their speed afloat is so great that it takes the best of canoemen to overtake a vigorous buck. A good paddler is supposed to cover about six miles an hour, so the caribou probably goes five. There are many kinds of wood land and rough country over which the caribou cannot travel so fast as this.

What wonder, then, that they are so ready to take to the water as soon as they find it in their course. Mr. Munn assured me that several times he saw caribou swim a broad bay that was in their line, though a trifling deflection would have given them easy walking along the shore to the same point, and with but little increase of distance.

Still After Scalps.

Church—I see an Indian girl has come to New York to attend Barnard college with a view of becoming a lawyer.

Gotham—She's not satisfied to scalp people in the same way her ancestors did, probably.—Yonkers Statesman.

Pen Travels.

A fast penman will write at the rate of 30 words a minute, which means that in an hour's steady writing he has drawn his pen a space of 2160 yards.

MORTGAGE SALE.—WHEREAS DEFAULT has been made for more than thirty days in the payment of interest on a mortgage dated October 21, 1904, made by William Graeber, widow, to Peter Baxter, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds in Oakland county, November 7, 1904, in Liber 307 of Mortgages, at pages 66 and 67, and which said mortgage was on the 24th day of May, 1905, duly assigned by Peter Baxter to the Oakland County Savings Bank, of Pontiac, Michigan, which said assignment was recorded on the 23d day of August, 1905, in Liber 312 of Mortgages, on page 30, of said Land County Register of Deeds' office, and which said mortgage is still owned by the Oakland County Savings Bank, and whereas the said Oakland County Savings Bank, by virtue of the right given it in said mortgage, has elected to make and hereby makes the whole principal thereof, and all accrued interest thereon now due and payable, and whereas the whole amount now claimed to be due and unpaid on said mortgage is the sum of $2464 of principal and interest, and also $125.00 as an attorney fee provided by law, and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the same, or any part thereof, and no agreement having been made by the 31st DAY OF JULY, 1906, at one o'clock p. m., there will be sold at the easterly entrance of the Court House, in the City of Pontiac, Oakland County, Michigan (that being the place for holding the Circuit Court for said county) by public auction to the highest bidder, the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as will be necessary to satisfy the amount due on said mortgage as above set forth, with interest thereon and the costs and expenses allowed by law and provided for in said mortgage, said premises being described as follows, to-wit: Commencing at the northeast corner of the west half of the southeast quarter of section thirty-two (32) in town two (2) north, range ten (10) east, thence running west on the quarter-section line seven (7) rods, thence south and parallel with the east line of the said west half of the southeast quarter above described seven (7) rods, thence east seven (7) rods, thence north on the southeast subdivision line seven (7) rods to place of beginning, being the same land heretofore deeded by George and Elmira Wright to Melvin H. Reed, August 5, 1861, said premises being situated in the Township of Bloomfield, Oakland county, Michigan.—Dated May 8, 1906.

OAKLAND COUNTY SAVINGS BANK,
Assignees of Mortgagee.
PATTERSON & PATTERSON, Attorneys for Mortgagee, Pontiac Mich. may-25-jul

A ROYAL OAK

One of the Legends That Gave Our Neighboring Village Its Royal Name.

Below we give a version of how Royal Oak received its name. We have another good story regarding this question up our sleeve and some day intend to make it known to the world. Until we do you will have to believe this one.

Away back in the early part of the 18th century a company of surveyors started out to survey the section which embraced what is now known as Oakland county.

At that time this was a mere wilderness thickly wooded and inhabited only by the Indians. As the exploring party went on into the woods, they were impressed with the fact that nearly all the trees were oak, which was in fact the predominant variety of timber in this vicinity in earlier times.

After the party had traveled through the wilderness for several hours and had become tired out they stopped to rest under a mammoth oak whose wide spreading branches seemed to them to reach almost to the clouds. One of the surveyors cast his eye upward at this king of the forest and exclaimed, "Isn't this a royal oak." From this, the story goes, the township came to be called Royal Oak. The tree in question stood on land now owned by David Evans, in the north part of the village, near the cemetery, the stump which was six or more feet trough, was still to be seen up to a year or so ago. This township is today considered one of the richest in the county, being noted particularly for its fine stock farms. The most prominent of these are the large farms of F. A. Baker and Geo. Hendrie. At one time the land where these fine farms are now located, was a vast cranberry swamp, from which hundreds of bushels of cranberries were gathered every year. This township also boasts of one of the finest mineral water wells to be found anywhere hundreds of barrels of which are shipped from here annually.

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Boston Excursion via the Wabash.

The Wabash R'y will sell excursion tickets to Boston, May 31 to June 9, via Niagara Falls and direct line, via Montreal, or via New York, at one fare plus $2.00 for the round trip. Extended return limit July 15, 1906. Write for printed matter and full details.

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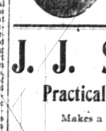

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