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**THE MANUFACTURE OF COTTON GOODS IN JAPAN.**

We heard a prominent cotton manufacturer and capitalist—none other than our fellow townsman Col. Leroy Springs—predict a few years ago that it was only a question of time when Japan would astonish the world by her marvelous development of the cotton manufacturing industry. He said he would want no better opportunity for making money than to go to Japan and establish cotton mills. He spoke of the cheapness, abundance and aptitude of the labor there, and how cheaply machinery and the raw material could be shipped to that country.

Reports from Japan show that Colonel Springs's prediction is rapidly coming to pass. For example, a Washington special in the Charleston Post says:

"Special Agent W. A. Graham Clark of North Carolina, who was appointed by the Department of Commerce and Labor to go to the Orient last summer and secure better markets for American cotton goods has sent a letter from Japan, dealing largely with the rapid development of that country.

In Mr. Clark's letter he points out how the Japanese government is striving to encourage the establishment of all necessary manufactures in order that the nation may be practically independent. Great progress is being made in the establishment of textile factories, and Japan is already exporting coarse cotton goods. In these industries the government lends its aid by loaning money at lower rates than it pays on its foreign loans.

Concerning the growth of the cotton industry, Mr. Clark says: "Today cotton manufacturing is one of the largest industries in Japan, and the Japanese are looking to it more than to any other industry to change their adverse trade balance to a surplus. Their exports are increasing, and "made in Japan" has become a familiar sign in the Orient.

The export of 267,114 bales of yarn during 1905 was the largest recorded with the exception of 1903 when 307,201 bales were shipped. For the first half of 1906 the exports were 124,820 bales.

The great majority of the

yarn exported from Japan goes to Shanghai for distribution in China, where it comes in competition with the yarn from India and also with the native yarn made in China.

The exports of cloth are steadily increasing. The yarn mills have not increased their exports as rapidly, owing to the home demand.

The total exports of manufactures of cotton for the last three years and for six months of 1906 were as follows: 1903, \$3,437,654; 1904, \$3,871,714; 1905, \$5,146,014, first half of present year \$2,662,481.

The Jap having demonstrated to the world his superb fighting powers, he is now going to prove that he is also entitled to rank as a "captain of industry."

**SOME THINGS AN EDITOR FINDS OUT.**

We do not know how long the editor of the Commercial Advance, of St. Matthews, has been engaged in the newspaper business, but he has evidently sat upon the tripod long enough to learn by experience that which every man finds out sooner or later who shoves the pencil in a printing office, as will be seen by the following:

The man who handles the local department of a newspaper learns after due experience not to expect even briefly expressed thanks from a column of pleasant things, but he knoweth as surely as cometh the winter that a single line in which there is an unintentional misrepresentation will cause some one to be heard from as if from a house top. And we may add that when he has made pleasant mentions 999 times of some person, place, or thing, but on the thousandth time fails to do so, he must not expect to be forgotten. The omission may have been from accident, inadvertence or even an entire lack of knowledge. It matters not. The simple fact remains and he will be judged by that.

The Legislature convened yesterday at noon. As there are many new members, as well as old ones desirous of effecting reforms, both houses will likely be flooded with bills during the next ten or more days. The dispensary problem will doubtless prove to be the storm center of the session. Bucket shops, the lien law and compulsory education will also occupy much of the time of the solons.

It was "numerous hitching posts," esteemed Rock Hill Record, that The News recently said had been erected in a back lot here, and not "a hitching post" as you erroneously state. We mildly protest against your invasion of the realms of fiction when commenting on "a big Lancaster improvement." By the way, are Rock Hillians still rushing up to the Mayor's office to plank down their individual dollars to pay for paving the city's streets?

The crime of lynching appears to be on the decrease. Last year there were only 72 lynchings in the United States, while in 1901 there were 135, and 96 in the year following. Of the 72 persons lynched in 1906 only 14 were for criminal assaults on white women. All the victims were negroes except two. The

record according to states is as follows: Alabama, 5; Arkansas, 4; Florida, 6; Georgia, 9; Indian Territory, 1; Kentucky, 3; Louisiana, 9; Mississippi, 12; Maryland, 1; Missouri, 3; North Carolina, 5; South Carolina, 6; Tennessee, 2; Texas, 6.

The Southern's new schedule seems to be working nicely.—Every train, we believe, has thus far practically made its running time. The Southern is to be congratulated on the radical improvement in its service.

**The Stack Letters Appreciated in Georgia as well as Here.**

Editor News: I write a line this a. m. to express my appreciation of the "Stack" letter from the old country. It is well received and, no doubt, will be read with interest. Don't fail to publish his subsequent letters.—You do not remember when I lived in North Carolina (Monroe) in 1850-1, but some of your readers do. At that time a family of Stacks, whom I knew, lived in that neighborhood, from whom, it is likely, your correspondent sprang. Good stock, would you not say.

Yours, etc.,  
J. W. Twitty.

Valdosta, Ga., Jan. 5, 1907.

**Fatal Work of a Bomb Thrower--Had been Refused Loan in a Bank.**

Philadelphia, Jan. 5.—Shortly before noon an unknown man hurled a bomb in the Fourth Street National Bank. The explosion tore the bomb-thrower to pieces and killed W. C. Mc-Lear, assistant cashier. Several more employees and patrons

were injured. Two of the hurt may die.

The bomb-thrower had demanded money from President Rushton. When refused, he took the missile from under his coat and hurled it at Mr. Rushton.

President Rushton after the explosion was rushed to the rooms of the Down Town Club, a dining organization on the eighth floor. He was trembling like a leaf. He told the following:

"A man who gave the name of G. E. Williams, shabbily dressed, came into my office and asked me to lend him \$5,000. I was busy at the time and paid little attention to what the man said. He looked at me very curiously until I became suspicious that he was a crank, and asked him to excuse me for minute.

As I left the man arose and went over to the cashier's window. I noticed him talking to the cashier. The explosion followed next.

**Illness of Rev. J. Walter Simpson.**

Rock Hill Record: Dr. W. R. Simpson was called to Concord, N. C., last Wednesday on account of serious illness of his brother, the Rev. J. Walter Simpson of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church. Mr. Simpson has been sick for some time, but was getting along nicely and the news of his turn for the worse was unlooked for.

Mrs. Wardlaw Russell, of Camden, and Miss Carrie Beckham, of Kershaw, returned home this morning after a visit to their brother, Rev. Mr. Beckham, on Ebenezer avenue.—Rock Hill Record.

**The Rev. J. Meek White—Resignation of His Charges in this County.**

It is now authoritatively known that the Rev. J. Meek White has severed his connection as pastor with the Unity, Gills Creek and Pleasant Hill A. R. P. churches, his resignation, tendered some time ago, having been finally accepted. He will likely remain at his present home at Unity, however, until spring, as he is now engaged in teaching the Bethel school.

Mr. White is an earnest, zealous and effective worker in the Master's vineyard, and his severance of his pastoral relations with the charges referred to, which he has served faithfully and efficiently for several years, is no doubt greatly regretted by the congregations of those churches, as well as by the public generally.

**News in Brief.**

Mr. J. E. Norment, Gov. Heyward's popular and efficient private secretary will engage in the insurance business as soon as relieved of his present duties. . . . Four men were killed and two fatally injured Saturday by the explosion of a powder plant in Winconsin. . . . Three firemen lost their lives in a New York fire Sunday night. . . . Three lives were lost in the burning of a hotel Sunday night in Delhi, New York. . . . Dr. E. J. Osborne has been arrested in Birmingham, Ala., charged with having four wives. . . . An entire family of six persons were killed by illuminating gas Sunday night, in Burlington, Vermont. . . . Over one million immigrants were admitted into the United States during the past year. . . . Bishop Duncan is critically ill at his home in Spartanburg.

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