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PERSONS LEAVING THE CITY

During the summer can have THE NORFOLK VIRGINIAN mailed to them by ordering it at this office, either in person or by letter.

The Manufacturers' Record reported eleven cotton mills organized last week in the four States of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama.

Gen. Campos intimates that the Cuban rebellion is a small affair and that if he had about a million soldiers and a few million doubloons he could suppress it in a few years.—Exchange, Gen. Campos is a great man.

THE VIRGINIAN has received an invitation to attend the reunion of the veterans of the old Eighteenth North Carolina regiment at Clarkton, N. C., Wednesday, August 15th. There will be short speeches from old soldiers, a veteran's drill, and an address of welcome. The citizens of Clarkton extend a general invitation to every one to come.

Next week the Iowa Democracy will declare against the free and unlimited coinage of silver. Later in August the Ohio Democracy will do likewise. Kentucky, Iowa and Ohio, all within a few weeks, repudiating the free silver fraud make a big hole in that great West which we have been told was solid for the Peffer-Bland-Stewart theory of finance. And when the roll of the other Western States is called the list of sound money constituencies will be largely increased.—Atlanta Journal.

A LIBERAL POLICY.

One of the latest ideas of the Seaboard Air Line, in its endeavor to develop the resources of the country through which it traverses, is the distribution of information giving special instructions to growers for the canning of fruits and vegetables. It has also decided to offer a valuable prize to the first of its agents who succeeds in having a fruit and vegetable packing plant established within four miles of his station. Such a liberal policy must result in great good to those whom the road seeks to benefit and itself as well.

THE FUTURE OF THE SOUTH.

There is no longer any doubt that the tide of immigration is turning Southward, and that the efforts which are being made to encourage the movement is creating alarm in the West which hitherto has enjoyed a monopoly of the business. As an evidence of the uneasiness felt in the West because of the activity displayed by certain States of the South in securing immigration, the San Diego Union, of San Francisco sends out this warning:

"In its efforts to secure colonists this State, and the entire Pacific coast, now have a formidable competitor. The new South is reaching out for the very class of people from whose number the population of this State has of late years received such liberal accessions. Georgia and South Carolina. These States have the advantage of being reached at small expense from the overcrowded centers, and the farmer who settles in either of them is near the great markets of the country. In addition to these advantages, too, these States are offering many tempting inducements. They have their agents all over the North and middle West, and these emissaries are not idle. For the prospective settler reduced fares are provided to the State line, and after that is crossed there is no charge for transportation. A similar arrangement is provided for those who merely go to spy out the land. In fact, nothing is being left undone by these ambitious States to promote rapid colonization. On this subject there seems to be entire unanimity between the people and the railways, the interests of both being identical."

In order to show what immigration will do, it is only necessary to cite what it has done for the West, and here are some of the examples gathered by the

Florida Times Union: In 1810 Mississippi had 40,352 people, and Illinois had 12,282. In 1890 Mississippi had 1,289,600, while Illinois had 3,826,351. In 1820 Mississippi had 74,448, while Missouri had 66,557 people. In 1890 the population of Missouri was 2,679,184. In 1830 Florida had 34,730 people, as compared with 31,639 in Michigan. In 1890 Florida's population was 391,422, while that of Michigan was 2,032,839. In 1810 Florida had 54,417 people, while Iowa had 13,112. In 1890 Iowa's population was 1,911,836. In 1850 Florida's population was 87,445, while California's was 92,597. In 1890 California's population was 1,298,130. In 1860 the population of Florida was 140,424. Then Kansas and Minnesota had 107,296 and 173,023 people, respectively. In 1890 they had 1,127,046 and 1,301,826. In 1870 Nebraska had only 122,993 people. In twenty years the number had increased to 1,058,910. In 1880 the Dakotas had only 135,177 people. In 1890 they had nearly five times as many.

The South has now nearly 25,000,000 people, and our contemporary is of the opinion that it is quite probable that with the natural increase, added to the increase from immigration, the census of 1990 will show 30,000,000 people living in the South—a population equal to that of England and Wales, and only about 9,000,000 short of the population of France.

THE JURY SYSTEM. Where an Essential Reform is Needed.

From Richmond State, August 1st, 1895. The Norfolk Virginian says: "While the result of the verdict in the Massey-Pilot suit, as to the amount awarded by the jury, is disappointing to general expectation, it is but just to Mr. Massey to record the fact, that ten of the jurymen were for heavy damages, for the jury that had been so cruelly and so conspicuously indicted upon his reputation by the Pilot articles. This is an instance of jury trial, which presents reasons calling for reform. It may be all right to require the unanimous vote of twelve men when a question of life is at stake, but in matters of business, one man, or two or three or four, should not be a stumbling block to prevent a decision that the large majority of the jury favor."

It too often happens, as in this case, that the majority yields to the minority, so that the verdict returned is not the verdict of the many, but of the few. A Norfolk correspondent whom we understand to be the managing editor of the Pilot, says that the telegraph reports as to how the jury stood were "gross exaggerations" and that the highest amount of damages proposed by any juror was \$1,000. Seeing that the verdict was for \$1,600, we suppose the above is a typographical error, but, however, that may be, we have the word of one of the leading men of the jury for the statement that the amount of damages proposed in the jury room ranged from \$50,000 down, and we have the word of another juror for the statement that the majority were opposed to giving the verdict as rendered, and yielded to the minority for the reason that a hung jury would indicate that some of the jurors thought Mr. Massey guilty when such was not the fact, and the majority were unwilling to send out such an impression. The statement was made in the presence of still another juror who did not deny it, and we have no doubt of its correctness. Accepting that statement as true, it is evident that this was a minority verdict, and in the eyes of the majority an unjust verdict to Mr. Massey. The minority ruled and the majority had to do the best they could. We cite this case simply as an illustration, and we very much incline to the opinion that in civil cases the majority rule would often be other wise give more equitable results.

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