

LOOKING SOUTH FOR SUPPLY OF ORES

Virginia Furnaces and Ore Properties Bought by Pennsylvania Concern Driven South.

RAILROAD BUILDING IN DIXIE

Twelve-Million-Dollar Contract to Build Georgia Railroad Has Been Closed.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] BALTIMORE, June 15.—The Manufacturers' Record in this week's issue presents a number of very striking facts indicative of the widespread activity in Southern business affairs.

Coming South for Ore.

Showing the tendency of iron and steel people of other sections to invest in Southern iron properties is the purchase by a group of Pennsylvania concerns of three furnaces and large ore properties in Virginia.

New Orleans Sky-Scraper.

An indicative of Southern business activity, as are the closing of this railroad contract and the purchase of this iron property, is the announcement of the letting of the contract in New Orleans for the building of a hotel to cost \$2,500,000.

More Railway Improvements.

Another significant fact is the expenditure of \$10,000,000 during the past year upon improvements by railroads centering in Atlanta, including the construction of new roads, double-tracking the building of terminals, grade revisions, etc.

BUSY RICHMOND AS NOW AND THEN

products and supplying them to the South. Further eastward along the river front the wharves were more important than now, and numbers of schooners and small steamers and sloops were tied up discharging their cargoes and taking on Richmond's manufactured products.

But the Richmond of to-day receives thousands of tons of freight, where fifty years ago it received five. Steamers still ply the river, and in addition thereto, steam railway trains wind in and out among the sinuous curves of the historic river.

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than six million dollars are invested in tobacco; the output exceeds \$20,000,000 annually.

The iron industries of the city have been diversified and multiplied, and the capacity and facilities of the old plants greatly enlarged.

There are ten thousand people employed in the tobacco interests, as many more in the iron, brass, steel and other metal industries, and ten millions of capital invested.

The jobbing trade has more than kept pace with the manufacturing interests, and is even more diversified and probably as much or more money is invested therein.

In 1860 to 1865, and, indeed, for years thereafter, the merchants of Richmond and those from all over the South were accustomed to make periodic trips to Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York to purchase their stocks of goods.

conservative and far-sighted business man. Senator John W. Daniel and Governor J. Hoge Tyler, vice-presidents, are so well known to the people of Virginia that a single word as to their great worth, popularity or what not would be superfluous.



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Since the first of the year he has assumed charge of field work in addition to his other duties, in which he has able assistance, and the fact that the company's May business was more than four times as much as December proves his ability as an organizer and manager of men.

try merchant and those of other cities in Virginia made their replenishment of stocks. But the jobbing trade of old Richmond was insignificant then compared to what it is to-day.

In the war period, the Spotswood Hotel, at Eighth and Main, the old Union Hotel at Nineteenth and Main (now used as a mission); the old Columbian Hotel, on Shockoe Slip; the St. Charles, then in the busy centre of urban activity; the American Hotel, the Exchange and the Ballard House, and finally the Powhatan House, are nearly all his memories for surviving in the swift evolution of the hotel.

The American is scarcely recognized in the modernized Lexington of to-day, and the Powhatan, after various changes of name and appearance, is the Ford's Hotel of to-day.

In 1860 Broad Street west of Brook Avenue was taken up by the Fredericksburg railway embankment, and was impassable. Its straggling buildings could hardly have been called business houses, for the business of the city was done on Main and Cary Streets.

Mr. Robert F. Bopes, vice-president and treasurer of the company, was born in Maryland, but until a few years ago, when he came to Lynchburg and organized the American National Bank, of which he is now president, lived in West Virginia, where he still retains large business interests.

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