

To Capture Capital.

In his New Orleans interview Mr Richard H. Edmonds, editor of the Manufacturers' Record of Baltimore, reads a lecture to Southern legislative bodies that we trust will be borne in mind by all who make up these bodies.

Recalling conditions of a year ago, when the industries and the railroads of the South were crowded with business beyond their ability to handle, when the farmers found an ever-widening market and there were more jobs than there were men to fill them, Mr. Edmonds contrasted this happy and prosperous period with the dullness and dejection of the present, and attributed the sad change to unwise legislation.

"This change," said Mr. Edmonds, "which has meant such great losses to every class of people through the South, is due very largely—and so far as the South is concerned, almost wholly—to unwise legislation enacted and threatened. Capital never has been invested in any country that will not grant it protection, and it never will be. * * * If the South wants to see prosperous conditions brought about, if it wants to see every wasted water-power utilized for the creation of electrical purposes, if it wants to see its railroads double-tracked and thousands of miles in construction, if it wants to see its cotton mills hum with activity to such an extent as to furnish a profitable market for every bale of cotton that can be produced, if it wants to see every coal and iron mine taxed to its utmost capacity and every mechanic and day laborer busy at high rates of wages, it has only to right about face and say to the world in tones so loud as to be heard in every financial center of the world that henceforth and forever the South will stand for the conservative upbuilding of America, and not be swayed by agitations."

In some respects the sober, common sense of the South is returning. Not again is this section likely to witness the mad and frantic mania against railroads and other industries that marked the conduct of too many legislative bodies of the South during the past year. But we have not wholly thrown off the spell of demagoguery and fanaticism. It still remains for the South to treat some questions with conservative wisdom instead of with the intemperance of zealotism.

There is no section in the world with more inherent richness of resource than the South. It furnishes the greatest opportunities for investment, but the business world feels that the unwise legislation indulged in or threatened has endangered the safety of investment. In consequence, as Mr. Edmonds points out, capital is literally jumping over the South and landing in Mexico. We have only to call to it as it passes over, show a disposition to be temperate in our legislation, and it will settle itself down upon the land, bringing prosperity in abundance.

Let our public men get rid of fads and political expedients and adopt the principles of public economy as their watchword, and it will not be long before these Southern States will rival the East in all that goes to make the wealth of a community.—Memphis Commercial-Appeal.

Corn in Florida.

I live in middle Florida, and I find a great difference between growing corn here and in middle Georgia, where I was reared. Seed is a vital matter with all crops, but with corn it is very important to have a stand of all the same age. Unless you have good seed you won't get a stand. I never do get anything but stalk and fodder from a replant, therefore I commence to select my seed corn early in the winter. I select ears that are well developed and full to the end, then when I get ready to plant I go over it all again and select the best of what I have, and nub off a little of both ends, and then it is ready.

Now to prepare my land I break very shallow with a turning plow. I am careful not to turn up the yellow dirt. The common pine land in this section has 'nt any clay soil and is subject to "white-bud" if planted in the yellow dirt. After breaking land I take a Gant guano distributor, put on a six-inch shovel plow, setting it to run very flat and shallow so as to allow the soil to roll back in furrow. I lay off rows seven feet. I think it best to get full heavy ears. I use 100 pounds per acre. I then take my corn dropper, which has two small discs that run in shovel furrow and mix fertilizer and soil and drops and covers corn at one operation. When corn is up say three inches high I take turning plow and get off about eighteen inches from the corn, turning soil to corn. This puts it in a valley. I then let it stand eight days, then side with sweep, covering all vegetation, then wait eight days more, take a large turning plow turn soil to corn not filling up sweep furrow completely, then run out middle with large sweep, drop my pinders and cover with cultivator, in eight days side corn with 36-inch scrape and scooter; when pinders are up side them with same plow; my crop is made and laid by with fourteen furrows per row. With fairly good seasons I make twenty-five or thirty barrels per acre, and fatten more meat than enough to run my family.—Southern Ruralist.

Order for Publication.

In Circuit Court, State of Florida, First Judicial Circuit, Washington County, In Chancery.
William P. Buxton, Complainant,
vs.
Bettie Buxton, Defendant.
BILL FOR DIVORCE.

It appearing by affidavit appended to the bill filed in the above-stated cause that Bettie Buxton the defendant therein named is a non-resident of the State of Florida, and is a resident of the City of Mobile, State of Alabama, over the age of twenty-one years; it is therefore ordered that said non-resident defendant be and is hereby required to appear to the bill of complaint filed in said cause on or before Monday, the 4th day of May, A. D. 1908, otherwise the allegations of said bill will be taken as confessed by said defendant.

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