

SOUTHERN WOMEN SHOULD SECEDE

Time For Daughters of Revolution to Separate.

ANIMUS OF THE NORTH

Seek to Undermine the Wall That Holds Back Pollution.

THE ROOSEVELT-WASHINGTON DINNER

Our Southern Patriotic Societies Sever Their Northern Connections. Nothing Would Gratify More Our Patriotic People.

Thirty-seven years ago this spring we passed and forlorn at Appomattox the sword. Since then we have been loyal citizens—I might say subjects of the United States. For a whole generation we have stopped little short of ourselves in our acquiescence in Northern opinions, and in a desperate and unglorified effort to see the question decided in the war through Northern eyes. Defying the promptings of reason and experience, we have to the verge of justification striven to convince ourselves that our former attitude on these questions was not only visionary but harmful in its bearings. Even when we saw the logic of events has refuted our present arguments against our former selves by proving that the principles for which we drew the sword were vital and eternal, an eager desire for peace and harmony has made us slow to accept its results.

Meanwhile what is the animus of the Northern people?

Although their historians and jurists have been constrained to declare that secession was not treason, the men whom Northern defence of the Constitution drove to resort to it as the last and only remedy, are still declared to be traitors. The Federal Government in all its utterances still knows no name for the war other than that of the rebellion. The war question, so long to us a matter of more than life and death, for it involved the safety and integrity of our blood and our ultimate destiny, has been their hobby—a hobby for quack moralists and politicians to air their vapourings on.

The North has evinced no spirit of brotherhood in this matter; no disposition to acknowledge the far-reaching wrong and error for which the two sections are jointly responsible—though the North more so than the South—of bringing the black man hither, nor any desire to solve the problem of his presence here with least harm to both races.

The wholesome instincts of the Southern people, backed by their ripest wisdom, have firmly convinced them that in any one way no miscegenation and their ultimate complete destruction as a race is averted. That way is by never for a moment lowering the adamantine barriers that so lately severed the white man from the black. The North, beginning in the year 1783, has exhausted the resources of Federal legislation in the endeavor to bring upon the South racial equality with the bleeding train of evils. We had flat-headed pacifists that this spirit was dead or dying. But can we longer believe so of the time of the Roosevelt-Washington dinner? Has not the whole North in the person of the chosen and highest representative by this act sought to undermine the moral wall that holds back this tide of pollution? Did not the President's action find quick and countless echoes at the North, and that in its highest places? Has not President Roosevelt placed this outrage by another in which he is joining with anarchists the Southern people as Confederate soldiers strove bravely to avert the twin evils of civil war and of social degradation, and such a magnification? Evidences to the spirit which actuated him is still living at the North.

Now it seems to me that the time has come for us to protest against all this as emphatically and energetically as we can. Let me very emphatically state that I would be for our Southern patriotic societies to sever their Northern connections. I have reason to believe

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that among the North Carolina Daughters of the Revolution there is a strong sentiment in favor of secession from the general order. It is probably as strong among the Daughters of the American Revolution. Nor would I slander our other patriotic orders by intimating that it is weak with them. However, I am sure that nothing would be more grateful to our people than to see the Southern members of the two above named Northern organizations—for Northern in spirit they most essentially are—sever their present affiliations and uniting form a society which would cherish Southern ideals and do full justice to Southern history.

This secession will not be to keep alive sectional strife but to inculcate high and broad principles which alone can ultimately heal it. As a people we justly regard the war for Southern independence as more patriotic than the revolution—the war for American independence. The principles involved were not dissimilar, though far more was involved in the later than in the earlier struggle. Both were struggles for commercial rights as against centralism, imperialism. The latter was, in that it carried also the element of social supremacy, which in its finality, is really social integrity, we hold, and the future will hold, to have been infinitely the more momentous of the two. The first was won in the field. The goal of battle having been decided against us in the latter, all that is left to us is by an inflexible adherence to the principles, until the time defeated, to further their peaceful triumph.

Therefore let's form our town associations which can look back with pride upon our history as a whole; which can see in Davis and Lee the logical successors, the lineal descendants in patriotism, of Jefferson and of Washington; who can see in the earnest, ragged Confederates but a younger generation of earnest, ragged continentals. Let our daughters shun the places where their presence must be accompanied with even a hint of apology.

The time is now ripe for this secession of Southern women. Nothing would gratify more our patriotic people than to see the Southern members of the revolutionary societies separate themselves from the Northern organizations—for Northern in spirit they most essentially are—and found in their places societies which would cherish Southern ideals and do full justice to Southern history. The time is now ripe for this secession. I would most like to see North Carolina take the lead in it. Other Southern States would be almost sure to follow, and affiliate with us. If not I am sure that our own revolutionary history is rich and stirring enough to keep us engaged.

I have every reason to believe that this sentiment is strong among the North Carolina Daughters of the Revolution. It is probably equally strong among the Daughters of the American Revolution. If the branches of these two societies in this State would sever their connection from the Northern organization and unite they could form a strong nucleus. It is probably as strong among the Daughters of the American Revolution. I believe that nothing would be more grateful to our patriotic people than to see the Southern members of these two Northern organizations—for Northern in spirit they most essentially are—sever their present affiliations and uniting form a society which would cherish Southern ideals and do full justice to Southern history. I would most like to see North Carolina take the initiative. Other Southern States would be almost sure to follow and affiliate. If not surely our own Revolutionary history is rich and stirring enough to keep our women engaged.

If I am correctly informed there exists within at least one of these organizations very cogent reasons for secession. It seems certain that our delegates to the general convention will soon be called on to affiliate with delegates from Mormon communities, and most likely Mormon sentiments, the antithesis of Southernism in its attitude to woman. While the admission of negroes into the Federation of Women's Clubs has not yet been allowed, its mere suggestion should and doubtless will cause Southern women to break off. By the constitution of one of these societies negro women are clearly eligible for membership. Nor can any State division or local chapter exclude them, the right of admission resting with the general committee and the right to exclude them being expressly withheld from all State divisions and local chapters.

The necessity for disunion was a deplorable one. Its consummation would undoubtedly have brought more evils in its train. But would those evils have been as great as those which seem now inseparable? We are told that secession have gone on ad infinitum till not only each State but likewise each county or each township might have seceded and set up for itself. The answer to this is that the instinct of self preservation, the co-operation instinct of our race and the tendency of the age would have prevented further subdivision than the welfare demanded.

O. W. BLACKNALL.

Trio of Big Speakers.

(Special to the News and Observer.) Auburn, N. C., March 8.—Dr. Geo. T. Winston will lecture at Mt. Moriah Academy Friday, March 14. In April Prof. W. R. Cullom, of Wake Forest, N. C., will lecture. Governor C. B. Aycock will deliver our commencement address May 15th. New students continue to arrive.

THE PINE OUTPUT

John Harker Writes on North Carolina Pine.

A Steady Increase in its Consumption in the Past Ten or Twelve Years. Output Now 1,000,000,000 Feet.

John Harker, of Wiley, Harker & Co., No. 45 Broadway, has written for the New York Commercial the following article on North Carolina pine:

New York, March 5.—There has been a steady increase in the consumption of North Carolina pine in the past ten or twelve years. The kiln-dried output is now about 800,000,000 feet annually. About 200,000,000 feet of air dried lumber is also used, so that altogether about 1,000,000,000 feet of this kind of pine are distributed each year. Prior to 1885 little or none of the pine was kiln dried, as the manufactures in the South did not have sufficient facilities. With the introduction of dry kilns the product was forced more and more to the front as a cheap and desirable wood, especially adapted for interior building and box purposes. While it is harder than the ordinary white pine it is soft enough to be worked easily.

THE SHIPPING POINTS.

The principal shipping points are Norfolk, Va., and tributaries into that city; Washington, New Bern, Georgetown and Wilmington in North Carolina. The largest distributing fields are New York, Pennsylvania and the New England States, but there is also a lively demand from every other part of the country. Prices for a number of years show how firmly this lumber has maintained its hold. In 1887 it commanded fair figures and this continued the case until 1893, the panic year. Then until 1898, like every other community, it shared in the general depression. Early in 1899 prices began to soar and they touched the high water mark in December of that year. There was an average increase of \$1 to \$5 per thousand feet. In the next spring there was a fall and prices receded about \$2 per thousand. A reaction in the fall of 1900 advanced prices \$1. In 1901 the scale was satisfactory, the average high standard of two years before being maintained.

Unusual activity marks the opening of the present season. New lists of prices were adopted on January 16 by the North Carolina Pine Association at Norfolk. This has proved a wise move, the schedule being fully maintained. In fact, all the manufacturers have orders ahead that will keep them busy at least until May. The situation was never stronger and the demand never more healthy. Sales are now being made at as high prices as North Carolina pine ever brought.

CONTROLLED BY A FEW.

Timber holdings of North Carolina pine, all in that State and Virginia, are in a few hands. The largest holders are the Atlantic Coast Lumber Company, of Georgetown, S. C., which has about 1,000,000,000 feet of standing timber; the Camp Manufacturing Company, of Franklin, Va., with estimated holdings of 800,000,000 feet; the Surrey Lumber Company, of Baltimore, upwards of 700,000,000 feet; the Cape Fear Lumber Company, of which Wiley, Harker & Co. are exclusive selling agents, having large mills at Wilmington, N. C., upwards of 500,000,000 feet. These four concerns, with a few others of less magnitude, control at least 80 per cent of the entire product. Figuring the total holdings and the annual output it is clear that in a short time this virgin timber will become scarce.

It may be remembered that two years ago Charles R. Flint, August Belmont and others tried to consolidate the lumber companies. While their efforts were not successful there is a prospect of an agreement being reached among the large holders, with a view to advancing the trade in this lumber to a higher plane than at present, for there are a number of ways in which profits may be increased reasonably by united action.

SUPPLY MAY BE EXHAUSTED.

Today North Carolina pine is the cheapest wood in the market available for the purposes for which it is used. Ten years from now there will be little of it unless steps are taken at once to stop waste, especially the cutting of young trees by small companies; also something could be done in planting.

Taking into account the growing scarcity of white pine and the fact that our lumber is now being used in its place to a great extent, the importance of doing everything possible for the North Carolina pine is unquestionable. The Southern factories are now equipped with the best modern appliances and turn out the lumber in a workmanlike manner, so that it comes North ready for instant use. Labor being cheaper in the South, it is generally found desirable for consumers to order the dressed lumber, but there is also some demand for undressed grades which are made into lumber in Northern planing mills and factories.

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REPORT ON SUFFRAGE

It Will be Taken Up in the Constitutional Convention Monday.

(By the Associated Press.)

Richmond, Va., March 8.—The suffrage conference decided this morning to take up the suffrage report in conference Monday, as soon as the Constitutional Convention is called together and the journal and roll call are read, and to continue this course until the matter is decided, allowing no other question to divert attention. Telegrams were ordered sent to all Democratic members to be present on Monday, and if there is not a quorum, a "call of the house" will certainly be had. Republican members will have one or two weeks' vacation.

There was an hour of debate over a resolution offered by Mr. Thom—that the convention adjourn each day, beginning Monday, immediately after assembling and the suffrage conference be called, and that the suffrage report be considered in conference until a decision is reached, to the exclusion of everything else. The resolution was adopted.

FLOURING AND GRIST MILLS.

North Carolina Has \$2,905,310 Invested. Value Products \$8,867,462.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, March 8.—The Census Department's summary of statistics of flouring and grist mills of the United States in 1900, shows a total of 25,258, such establishments with an aggregate capital of \$218,714,104, wage earners averaging 37,973 drawing \$17,705,418 in wages. Miscellaneous expenses \$10,325,588, and cost of material used \$475,826,317.

The total value of the products of these mills in 1900 was \$569,719,063, which comprises 102,524,004 barrels of flour valued at \$348,183,800; 40,035,977 barrels of corn meal valued at \$73,177,402; and other products valued at \$139,357,861. The capital and value of products respectively, of these mills in Southern States follows:

State	Capital	Value
Alabama	\$1,047,961	\$8,319,757
Arkansas	1,183,052	3,708,709
Florida	123,416	302,737
Georgia	2,504,023	8,330,439
Louisiana	121,281	388,326
Mississippi	225,325	932,816
North Carolina	2,905,310	8,867,462
South Carolina	652,533	2,347,790
Tennessee	5,321,037	21,798,929
Virginia	4,682,688	12,687,267

British Copy from Uncle Sam.

London, March 8.—The new army regulations proposed by the War Secretary, Mr. Reddick, providing for increased pay and other reforms which have created so much comment, appear to have been directly copied from the United States. Major Arthur Lee, M. P., formerly British military attaché at Washington, has made a statement to this effect to a representative of The Associated Press.

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