

The Commonwealth

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ENCOURAGING FIGURES.

The New York Journal of Commerce, a standard authority, makes the announcement that \$120,000,000 was invested in Southern development within the last year. This shows a steady increase, and must encourage all who have the welfare of the South at heart.

But this rate of growth can and will be greatly stimulated. This is patent to all who keep posted, and read correctly the signs of the times.

For the first time since the great civil war, the South is in a position to exact a fair price for her products, and to aid in her own development. Her banking capital is ample, and it grows as her wealth increases. This enables the Southern people to engage in enterprises which keeps the money in their midst. All know what a vast benefit this is to any people.

This article is too short to enlarge on this feature of Southern development, but an article in The Herald of Sunday by Mr. Campbell about insurance, must convince Southerners that, rates and other things being equal, they should not only patronize Southern insurance companies, but aid in building them up in every possible way.

We need not allude to recent astounding developments, showing the waste, extravagance and theft of innumerable millions of dollars by Northern life insurance companies, for even where life and fire companies are honestly conducted, there is every argument to give home companies the preference.

All the money the home companies earn, invest and pay out to employes, is a direct benefit to the Southern people, and especially to those who patronize them. It is reciprocity carried out to the most profitable results.

Many persons who give the subject little thought are caught by an array of figures strung out at great length, and imagine that home companies with less capital are not as safe as Northern and foreign companies with large capital. This is a popular error easily dissipated by the facts. Take the companies in this State, and though none of them has a very large capital, they have all stood the test. The great fires at Yazoo City and McComb City never checked their growth and usefulness in the least, and the stock of the Mississippi Home in this city, and we suppose that of the others, has steadily appreciated in value.

Now let us suppose that the Southern states did their full share of life and fire insurance in the South, and in the North. Who could estimate the millions that would then be invested with the Southern people?—Vicksburg Herald.

HOLIDAY EDITION.

The Commonwealth will issue a handsome Holiday Edition on the 15th of December. The design of the cover page picture of this edition is printed in an artistic combination of beautiful colors, and is decidedly one of the prettiest and most appropriate representations of the real Christmas that has ever been gotten up.

A large number of extra copies of this splendid Holiday Edition of The Commonwealth will be printed and distributed in the territory adjacent to Greenwood, and an opportunity is offered our merchants to reach the people who do their trading here.

Those desiring space in this magnificent Holiday Edition should make arrangements for same on or before the 10th of December.

A representative of The Commonwealth will call on the business men in the meantime and take their orders for such space as may be desired in same.

We are offering special inducements in the Dress Goods and Silks line. Some 50c numbers we are throwing out at 25c.

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QUICK ACTION.

Ex-Attorney-General Monroe McClurg of Greenwood got quick action in a case in which he was interested here today. The case was that of John Robinson vs. the state on a forfeited recognizance from Carroll county. Mr. McClurg had been employed to cure a defect in the service of an attorney formerly connected with the case, and found that he had to come down to Jackson and act at once. The record shows that the court met on the 19th of October, 1903, that the summons for his client was issued and served on the 20th, and that judgment was rendered by default on the 22d, the attorney and client being out of the courtroom. Effort was made to correct the record by showing that the writs were issued on the 10th of October, instead of the 20th, and Mr. McClurg moved to strike out all the affidavits to that effect, which he says will be done. Arriving in Jackson early this morning, he hunted up Attorney-General Williams, went with him to the supreme court consultation room, got the judges together and made his statement, thus getting the case before the court in time to save it from disposal without any hearing on the part of his client. The case involves a judgment against a fine piece of property.—Jackson Cor. Commercial Appeal, Nov. 25th.

The country newspapers are in a dilemma. Not long ago this paper was besought by an association of the "patent medicine" concerns of the country which has been organized to defend "patent medicine" against the attacks which two or three magazines have been waging against it, and a few days ago one of the same magazines sent in a lot of matter to be published in aid of their fight on the medicine folks. The patent medicine people think because they run a lot of advertising in the country press, which they pay about half rates for, the country papers ought to take up the fight and defend them; when the fact is, they get much more than they are entitled to under their advertising contract. The magazines want a lot of free advertising. This paper will not be much loser if the two combatants put each other out of business. Let them fight it out, and then let the devil take the victor, if he thinks he can stand it.—Durant News.

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F. R. Austin Dry Goods Co.

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Delta Lumber Co.

I. M. Osborne, of Hixwood, remembered us substantially while in the city last Wednesday.

J. G. Taylor, colored, of Brent, paid his subscription to this paper while here at the circus last Friday.

On some items we may be a little high, but think of the better grade of the materials and the promptness of delivery.

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This Edition will be one of the handsomest ever printed in Mississippi, the cover pages being the best work of the Lithographers' Art. A large number of extra papers will be printed and distributed. A good deal of Advertising space has already been contracted for, and every business house in Greenwood should be represented IN THIS EDITION.

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