

The South More Prosperous than the North.

It is self evident that the industrial advance of the South during the last few years has been marvelous, and there is every indication that it is a thoroughly healthy and permanent growth. It is no sudden matter, but rather only the beginning of the wonderful advancement the South is about to make in adding to its own and the nation's wealth. A surplus of a full hundred millions this year will fit it for more than doubling that surplus next year, and the next decade will witness the South closely pressing the North in every channel available for industry. The South will largely multiply its demand for iron and coal from its own mines and furnaces; and the day is close at hand when its cotton will be all spun and mainly woven by its water power and its labor. And when furnaces and cotton mills dot the South wherever needed, every form of diversified industry will follow. It is fairly probable that the next decade will present a more prosperous industry in the South than the North. There are many natural causes which contribute to that result, and the Southern people are now, for the first time, prepared to utilize their great advantages.

Oranges in Palestine.

Orange culture, according to the British Consul at Jerusalem, flourishes in the Holy Land. The trees flourish best near the seacoast. There are in Jaffa alone 500 different gardens, containing no less than 800,000 trees. Of these gardens 150 are ranked as first class, the balance being second and third in rank. The cost of irrigation and other expenses are reckoned in first class gardens one-fifth, and sometimes the value of the crop, and in the inferior gardens about one-third to one half. The trees do not suffer from any noxious insects, fungus growth or diseases of any kind, and both climate and soil are admirably adapted to produce healthy trees. The ground between the trees is cultivated and interspersed with palm trees, bananas, apple, etc. The average cost to the producer of 1,000 oranges is \$5, and the capital invested in orange culture is expected to return 12 to 15 per cent. The 1,000 oranges is reckoned at 1,500, so that after sorting there will be 1,000 quite fit for exportation. The chief markets are London and Odessa. Besides there is an inferior orange grown for home consumption, cultivated direct from the seed.



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