

THE OLD CAMP GROUND.

The Progress of the South by One Who Has Been Absent Seventeen Years.

Industries That Have Been Completed Within the Past Ten Years.

BRIDGEPORT, Ala.,—After 17 years I am visiting the old camp-ground. Seventeen years ago I stood on these red hills and contemplated the solid South, and to-day I cannot find the "historic spot."

THE VALLEY PEOPLE Are greatly changed, however. Up what was then a wild gorge now runs a railroad; land near here is held at \$50 an acre; coal mines and iron furnaces are not far away, and several new and neat villages adorn the vicinity.

REMA, ROME AND DALTON RAILROAD, On which we found nine iron furnaces, all put up within ten years. Taking them in reverse order—that is, from Rome southward—they are: 1. The Ridge Valley, Georgia, which makes car-wheel iron, warm blast.

2. The Etna, Georgia; car-wheel iron, cold blast. 3. Tecumseh, Alabama; Hon. Willard Warner's furnace, previously described. 4. The Stonewall, Alabama; hot blast.

5. Rock Run, Alabama; warm blast; turns out car-wheel iron. 6. The two furnaces at Woodstock, Alabama; warm blast; turn out car-wheel iron.

7. The Alabama furnace; warm blast, car-wheel iron. 8. The Shelby furnaces; warm blast, car-wheel iron. 9. The Brassfield. There are two furnaces, of which one has just blown in; the other has been idle some time, and we could not learn that anything like a revival was in progress with it.

Among other furnaces in Alabama which we could not visit I heard most frequent mention of the Round Mountain furnace on the Coosa, now in active operation. Also the Cornwall, just now idle, and the Edwards furnace on the A. G. S. railroad, a coke burner, turning out first-class foundry and mill iron. At OXMORE, on the S. & N. railroad, six miles south of Birmingham. Many Cincinnati men are interested, and the enterprise there is everywhere spoken of in the south as a "great Yankee town."

To sum up—Alabama contains 32,462,080 acres of which 20,430,952 are still in virgin forest! In other words, in 1880 seven-tenths of the State was in timber. So it is no old worn out country. The railroad development now gives railroad fare: Liverpool to Tuscaloosa, \$36; New York to Tuscaloosa, \$13.

In the climate emerging, and are the people below average in vigor? Well, you would not have thought so if you had met them in battle or noted the marches and privations they endured in 1861-65. One-fifth of Alabama's entire white population served in the confederate army, and the State came out of the war with 10,000 square miles of desolation and 60,000 widows. At Chickamauga the Alabama regiment lost two-fifths of their number dead or wounded, and at Franklin nearly two-thirds of their remnants stood without flinching until they were shot down. In one case three regiments were consolidated in one after Chickamauga, and of the new one only one-third ever appeared in ranks after the charge at Franklin.

And are not these our countrymen who could so bravely fight and die for what they believed the right? I claim them one and all for mine. INTO GEORGIA. By the S., R. & D. road, and then a two-day's halt at Rome, which is set on seven hills, at the junction of the Oostenaule and Etowah, and for a small place exactly fills the celebrated old woman's description of Pittsburg: "In the forks of the two is Rome, a dirty place, but there is a little of beauty down there." And they seemed to drive it so as to show us their best for the editorial association of Georgia met there during our stay, and the city adorned them with a boat race on the Oostenaule, a business parade and other displays. The draymen got up a very creditable display. Nearly all of them were colored, and to the Honor eye it looked a little odd to see black marshals dashing about on blooded horses, black musicians, a wagon full of colored ladies in character dress, and here and there a white drayman like a spot on the procession. The banners stated that Rome had bought and worked or shipped 108,000 bales of cotton this commercial year. The city also boasts of having the best water works in the south, and is generally a regular metropolis of Georgia Yankees. I was much pleased with the general appearance of the Georgia editors, whose convention I attended for one day, and remarked that, unlike our Indiana editors, they attended to business before they did their junketing. Thence we went to ATLANTA.

And about three days, finding the people considerably excited over the great cotton exposition, which is to come off in October. Its scope has been greatly enlarged, until it is to be an exposition of everything which interests the south. Mr. H. L. Kimball, who has charge of the exposition building and general arrangements, is a decided success. He is a native of Maine, one of six brothers, all of whom are original and progressive. H. L. was once Democratic candidate for governor of Maine, but in the south in war time he became a Republican. He carried things with such a high hand during reconstruction times that the old south party invited him to leave as soon as they got the power. Not long afterward Atlanta seen that she needed just such a man and invited him back. He came and made several enterprises successful and ran for mayor, lacking but fifty votes of an election. When the great opera house he was interested in failed to pay, he said he would make it pay by using it for the Georgia state house. They laughed at him, but all the same he brought the capital of Georgia to Atlanta, and the offices are now in the old opera house. The revolution in a small way was so quiet and quickly done that the American people have scarcely found it out, and most of the common schools yet teach that Milledgeville is the capital. When the cotton exposition was projected the unanimous voice was for Kimball to manage it. In 1870, March 12, he broke ground for the Kimball hotel, and on the 19th of October it was ready for guests. Unfortunately there are \$650,000 in it, on which dividends are scarce. And so it is with most of his great works—he makes them succeed, and they help the city, but he gains no lucre thereby. His plan for the exposition buildings is for a series of wooden structures, in the style of movable cotton mills, and to be used as such afterwards.

There will be a special department for railroads, in which they are expected to display specimens of all minerals along their lines. Atlanta talks familiarly of her 45,000 people, and I judge she has about that many. She is in the hill country, on the edge of the hill country, begins to yield to the level lands of the far south, and it is to be the commercial metropolis of three states. Thence we journey leisurely to Chattanooga, of which more anon.

DEATH OF MARIE LAVEAU A Woman With a Wonderful History, Almost a Century Old, Carried to the Tomb Yesterday Evening.

New Orleans, June 21.—Those who have passed by the quaint old house on St. Ann, between Rampart and Burgundy streets, with the high, frail-looking fence in front over which a tree or two is visible, have, till within the last few years, noticed through the open gateway a decrepit old lady with snow-white hair, and a smile of peace and contentment lighting up her golden features. For a few years past she has been missed from her accustomed place. The feeble old lady lay upon her bed, with her daughter and grandchildren around her ministering to her wants. On Wednesday the invalid sank into the sleep which knows no waking. Those whom she had befriended crowded into the little room where she was in order to obtain a last look at the features, smiling even in death, of her who had been so kind to them. At 5 o'clock yesterday evening Marie Laveau was buried in her family tomb in St. Louis cemetery No. 1. Her remains were followed to the grave by a large concourse of people, the most prominent and the most humble joining in paying their last respects to the dead. Father Mignot conducted the funeral services. Marie Laveau was born ninety-eight years ago. Her father was a rich planter, who was prominent in the legislature of this state. Her mother was Marguerite Henry, and her grandmother was Marguerite Semard. All were beautiful women of color. The gift of beauty was hereditary in the family, and Marie inherited it in the

fullest degree. When she was twenty-five years old she was led to the altar by a young man who thought as if you had met them in battle or noted the marches and privations they endured in 1861-65. One-fifth of Alabama's entire white population served in the confederate army, and the State came out of the war with 10,000 square miles of desolation and 60,000 widows.

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