

**THE SOUTH'S OPPORTUNITIES.**

**President of Southern Railway Shows How the Resources of This Country May be Further Developed by the Diversification of Crops and Manufacturing Industries.**

To the Editor of the Lancaster News: It has occurred to me that it may not be improper for me to address you and other representative editors in the Southern States on a subject which I believe to be of great importance to the future prosperity of our section.

My duties require me to keep in touch, as nearly as possible, with business conditions throughout the country, and especially in the South. Since the beginning of the business depression from which the country is now recovering, I have been greatly impressed with evidence which has come to me that, while business all over the United States has been unfavorably affected, the effects of the depression have been felt most severely, as a general rule, in those communities the energies of which are devoted principally to the production of a single commodity, or of a few commodities, and that business has been relatively less affected in those communities in which production is more diversified. I have been impressed especially with the fact that the business depression has been relatively less severe in those Southern localities in which attention has been given to the growing of fruits and vegetables. There has been a steady market for these products, and, although prices have not in some instances been as high as in other seasons, I believe they have generally yielded profits to the growers.

The press of the South has already accomplished much by advocating diversification of agriculture and manufacturing, and, looking back over the past 25 years, we can realize that much has been accomplished in this direction. I believe, however, that the time is especially opportune for continuing our efforts in this direction and for urging that each Southern community shall make the most of the opportunities which a revival of business will open up to it.

Nature has favored the South with practically inexhaustible resources of great variety, and the industrious and resourceful Southern people have shown their ability to take up and carry to success new lines of industry. I believe, therefore, that you will agree with me as to the desirability of encouraging still greater diversification of industry in the direction of utilizing to the fullest extent the natural resources of our section.

Without attempting to enumerate the lines in which progress in this direction is possible, I would suggest that, in many localities, agricultural prosperity might be advanced by further diversification of farming, especially in the direction of producing the fruits and vegetables best suited for each locality;

that live stock and dairying might profitably receive more attention in some localities, and that, in connection with a larger production of fruits and vegetables, there are many localities in which canning and preserving industries might profitably be carried on more extensively than at present.

Industrially, I believe it should be the aim of the South to add to the profits of producing raw materials the profits of manufacturing, by converting Southern raw materials, as far as possible, into articles ready for use. As indicating what may be done along this line, I may refer to the cotton textile industry. Although the South has substantial monopoly in the production of the most widely used textile fibre in the world, some of us are old enough to remember when it was believed in many quarters that cotton manufacturing on a large scale could not be established successfully in the South. The Southern people first demonstrated their ability to make the coarser grades of cotton fabrics, and they are now demonstrating their ability to make the finer grades as well and to bleach and finish the products of their mills. I think we may look forward with confidence to the further development of this great industry and of industries depending upon it, such as the manufacture of cotton goods into articles of clothing ready for wear.

I might enumerate a long list of opportunities for the further development of manufacturing. It would include the conversion, on a larger scale, of Southern-made leather into boots and shoes, harness and belting, in Southern factories, and the conversion of the products of Southern forests and mines into a long list of articles ready for use. I have said enough, however, to suggest to you the point I wish to make, which is, that I believe that all of us who have the prosperity of the South at heart should do all in our power to encourage the diversification of Southern industry and the conversion in Southern factories of Southern products into articles ready for use rather than their shipment to other sections in the form of raw materials or of partly manufactured commodities. I need not assure you of my great interest in every movement for the advancement of a Southern community, and you know that this company through its Land and Industrial Department, stands ready at all times to co-operate in every proper way with individuals and communities along its lines for the establishment of new industries, the promotion of such immigration as may be desired by each community, and the general advancement of Southern prosperity.

Yours very truly,  
W. W. Finley, President,  
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**Prominent Young York County Man Killed While Calling on Young Lady in Laurers--Was Shot by Her Father.**

Laurens special in Charleston Sunday News: J. Louis Williamson, a prominent young farmer of York County, and a son of J. L. Williamson, of that county, was shot and mortally wounded last night by J. Henry Garrison, the shooting occurring at Garrison's home at Gray Court, a little town ten miles West of Laurens. Young Williamson lived three hours after the shooting, being conscious for some time and realizing that he could not recover.

It seems that young Williamson was a visitor at the Garrison home as the guest of Miss Mary Garrison, the daughter of Mr. J. H. Garrison. Last evening Miss Garrison and her visitor were alone in the family parlor. About 11 o'clock it appears that Mr. Garrison went out on the piazza for a drink of water. Observing the young people he concluded from appearances that the young man was not acting as he should and fired upon him with a shotgun.

Mr. Garrison came to Laurens early this morning and gave himself up to the officers. Bail will be asked at once.

Mr. Williamson died in three hours. He received careful attention from Dr. C. E. Rodgers, for whom Mr. Garrison went immediately after the shooting. The load, from a shotgun, took effect in the abdomen.

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