

A GREAT WAVE OF PROSPERITY. It is Sweeping Over the Land Far and Wide.

THE RAILWAYS A BAROMETER.

Their Operations During the Past Year Show the Trend of Business in Almost Every Line—Some Solid Facts and Figures.

(Furnished by Mr. Robert Lancaster Williams, of the Banking House of John L. Williams & Sons.)

A year ago there were still to be heard occasional cries of "where is the McKinley boom?" "where is the wave of prosperity?" and a certain remaining spirit of dissatisfaction and discontent was seeking relief of feelings by occasional flings at the administration, and at the general condition of things, because wealth was not being distributed on a silver waiter freely to everybody everywhere.

Gradually and almost imperceptibly the tide did turn and has been gathering strength until at the present time there is sweeping over this country, and a wave of industrial and commercial activity, the like of which has scarcely ever been seen.

To whatever it may be attributed, here are the evidences of an advance not all from one locality, or one line of business, but the testimony is borne down upon us from all sections and all lines of industry, almost every town and hamlet seeming to be enjoying a certain amount of prosperity.

The calamity howler has at last found chance for a holiday because people haven't time to listen, and only a few still find heart to cry against capital and condemn all that stands for successful business sagacity and enterprise, and whom hard times would around their very doors labor can scarcely be found, for a future and a better.

There has probably never been a time in the history of this country when so many men have been employed at the high rates of wages as at the present time. During the past few years, all kinds of storms and troubles have disturbed our financial and commercial system, and at one time that future looked gloomy indeed.

Finally took a firm stand to clear the atmosphere and to hold together the sections of the country in order that we all might work, shoulder to shoulder, for a future and a better.

The United States gold reserve, amounting to \$340,000,000, is the highest ever attained.

The balance of trade in favor of the United States for the present year reaches the enormous sum of \$400,000,000.

Bank clearing for the third week in December reached \$186,000,000, the next highest on record being \$180,000,000 in 1881.

While activity seems to be the order of the day all over the United States, still this has been said to be distinctly the South's opportunity. Here, too, we find so much to prove it that it is impossible to enumerate.

A hacking cough is a dangerous cough.

Wyer's Cherry Pectoral

has been curing hacking coughs for 60 years.

Not earnings—1898, \$283,557; 1897, \$231,421; 1896, \$232,046.

Year ending June 30th: Gross earnings—1898, \$455,892; 1897, \$391,537; 1896, \$425,494.

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News have been completed at a cost of \$101,922 over and above the insurance received from the burning of the old pier.

There seems to be a very general feeling that the outlook for 1899 is very bright. All seem hopeful and not only hopeful, but determined.

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"77" Is Dr. Humphrey's Specific for Coughs, Colds, Influenza and GRIP.

Advantages of using "Seventy-seven." The early use of "77" prevents the Grip.

THE NEW YEAR. It Comes in with the Promise of Peace and Plenty.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL. Interesting Facts About Richmond's Citizens and Other Matters.

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LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Will Convene in Raleigh Next Wednesday Morning. DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS TUESDAY.

They Will Meet at Night to Select a Speaker, Clerk and Other Officers. Mormons Planning to Establish a Colony on Eastern Coast.

RALEIGH, N. C., December 31.—Special.—The members of the Legislature will begin to arrive to-morrow.

ANNUNCIATIONS. Great Events That Transpired During the Year 1898.

The London Spectator gives the following resume of the notable events of the year, which has just ended.

Mr. W. H. Harrison, attorney for the Chesapeake, yesterday filed a motion in the Circuit Court of the City of Richmond.

Barber Dies Suddenly. Robert Reed, a colored barber, living at No. 411 E. Third street, died suddenly.

A FLAGMAN HURT. J. E. Hawkins Mashed Between the Car and Depot Platform.

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The Best Prescription to Prevent a Doctor's Bill is to Wear a Globe Overcoat.

\$4.00, \$5.00, \$7.50, \$10.00, \$12.00

are the prices placed on good serviceable garments. The double guarantee protects you if you buy one at FOUR or TWELVE dollars.

98c. to \$2.98. FLYER--Men's Bleached Canton Flannel Drawers, worth 75c. 25c for

THE GLOBE BROAD AND SEVENTH STS. SITE OF THE OLD RICHMOND THEATRE

peace. The best pacificator was the Chinese embargo, which diverted men's minds from the West African business.

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RAIN PREVENTED THE HUNT. The rain yesterday afternoon stopped the members of the Lee Hunt Club from having their regular hunt.

THE VIRGINIA STATE INSURANCE COMPANY. Among the many signs of better times are the numerous advertisements for insurance companies.

NEW BANKS IN RICHMOND. There is a new bank in Richmond, the Virginia State Insurance Company.

It makes no difference what agent you employ, if you employ a Virginia State Insurance Company agent, you will get the best results.

HOSTETTER'S KIDNEY PILLS. Healthy kidneys filter impurities from the blood and keep it red and pure. Sick kidneys don't.