

PLAIN TALK FOR BUSINESS MEN.

A HUGE COTTON FACTORY NOW IN SIGHT.

Awake, Arise, or Be Forever Fallen.

No state in the Union can surpass ours in facilities and natural advantages for cotton factories; and no county or town can surpass and few can equal Laurens. We have a climate that can't be beat on earth, pure water and as healthy as it is on the lofty peaks of the Blue Ridge. Our people are hard-working and industrious, we make from forty to sixty thousand bales of cotton, and we have all the advantages that railroads can give. It costs but little to live here and while our town is comparatively small, it possesses all the advantages of a city, and yet none of those serious disadvantages. The place is growing—making marked and permanent progress daily—and is destined to continue for years to come. Numerous small industries are springing up, and with a magnificent cotton mill to consume the cotton of the county, who would undertake to foretell the future of Laurens! During the past week this subject has agitated the business men of this community considerably. A prominent merchant of Charleston has guaranteed that if Laurens could by any possibility raise \$100,000 he would place the same amount alongside of it for this enterprise. Said he, "you must have a factory and that too a good one. A big one. The day of small factories has passed and the largest factories are the paying ones. Mills all over the South are paying enormous profits and they cannot begin to supply the demand for goods."

Now we know that some people are disposed to look upon any promise of Charleston with distrust, but when we see that money is daily loaned out at six per cent, and when we see that many factories are paying even this year as high as twenty one per cent and none less than ten, who can doubt that the money will be forth-coming.

In the hands of the people of Laurens the matter must rest. If they have a mind, they can catch that tide which leads to fortune.

Now suppose we had a factory, who would it benefit?

1st, The farmers. No argument is needed to show this, for it was shown by facts last season. We all know that even the cross-roads towns of Piedmont and Pelzer and every other place with a factory, paid from three-quarters to one cent more for cotton than other places.

Suppose we had a factory with 1000 operatives. We would have \$1900 distributed in each in town every day, year in and year out. Is there any industry or enterprise that would not be benefitted by this? Money could be kept at home, and general prosperity would result. Aside from public spirit, mere dollars and cents to be saved, calls upon us to bestir ourselves or die.

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