

There has been more building done in North Carolina during the past six months than during any previous six months of her history.

In every large town or city in the State, during the past six months, contractors have hardly been able to get enough material or mechanics to do their work, so great has been the demand for both labor and material.

But while the above is true as to the towns, the rural sections have not heretofore been so blessed, but at last the country-farmers are feeling its effects and becoming more hopeful and encouraged.

The price of cotton is higher in North Carolina than in New York, and nearly all the cotton now raised in this State is manufactured here.

This would have seemed incredible a few years ago, when most of the North Carolina cotton was shipped to Norfolk and New York, where the price was always higher than it was in this State.

In the first place it greatly benefits our farmers, who now have almost at their doors a better market than they can find elsewhere.

It is therefore to the best interests of the cotton planter to encourage the building of cotton mills all over our State, so as to have a home market and stimulate the demand for their cotton.

WAR is imminent and hostilities may begin any day between Great Britain and the Boers in the Transvaal.

The sympathy of most people in this country seems to be with the Boers, though it is consistent and natural for those Americans who advocate war on the Filipinos to excuse Great Britain for making war on these Boers.

It is to be hoped that all the Democratic editors in North Carolina will be at Raleigh next Tuesday, and join the Democratic Editorial Association which will then be organized.

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Washington Letter.

That Mr. McKinley is getting afraid of the Philippine question, and of imperialism generally, was shown by the announcement, practically official, made this week, that the administration had no further Philippine policy than to whip the Filipinos into submission and then turn the whole matter over to the Congress.

Admiral Dewey is a diplomat as well as a fighting man. He determined as soon as he heard about it that he would not join Mr. McKinley's political show in its flying trip to the west.

When Boss Hanna was in Washington this week everybody noticed what a change had come over him. He no longer talked of the election in Ohio as a walk-over for the Republicans.

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News from the Philippines shows that the Filipinos are by no means idle while this government is preparing to crush them. They have been attacking our troops at several points this week with great vigor.

Either Mr. McKinley must suppose that John Sherman has no friends left in Ohio or his enmity towards the old man has made him reckless of the consequences of putting a new indignity upon him.

That the people seldom err in their judgment of men and things has been once more demonstrated, in Washington during Dewey week.

The question of arbitration always strikes those whose interests would be passed upon differently from what it does a rank outsider. In other words, most men will always agree that the other folks ought to arbitrate their disputes.

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The Penitentiary Farms.

At the request and direction of Superintendent Day, of the penitentiary, A. B. Young and James T. Legrand, of the board of directors, have made a very complete examination of the penitentiary farms. They arrived here today.

They estimate the pork yield at 90,000 pounds, and this is heavier than ever before; Legrand says five times heavier than it was last year. Day said that if all this held out the penitentiary will self-sustaining.

W. M. ROGERS.

His House Besieged.

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Mr. Holder thinks he could have shipped from the house to some woods near by and captured, or shot, his assailants. He did get his gun and started to do this, but his wife and daughter clung to him so he could not shake them off.

Dr. Lee Shoots His Father. Charleston, S. C., Oct. 6.—News has just been received of a terrible tragedy at Lydia, Darlington county, yesterday afternoon.

Run Over By an Engine. Jacksonville, Fla., Oct. 6.—While Mr. James J. Evans and his 16-year-old daughter were returning from prayer meeting at Lakeland on Thursday night, they were run over by an engine in the yard of the Savannah, Florida and Western railroad.

A Model Farmer.

Jonesboro, N. C., Oct. 7.—Mr. L. Acree, of this place, not only knows the mill business, but is a model farmer. In May last, I think it was, I drove over to Jonesboro and noticed a farm on the left of the road whose owner seemed to know what he was doing.

Bryan and the Farmers.

Blakesburg, La., Oct. 7.—Four thousand farmers, with their wives, sons and daughters, assembled in Blakesburg and assisted in the Bryan functions in an immense tent today.

Mount Airy News: Mr. Calloway Main, of Ashe, met a horrible death near Wilkesboro a few days ago. While drunk he fell out of his wagon in front of one of the "fore" wheels.

LAND SALE—By virtue of an order of the superior court of Chatham county I will sell for public auction, at the court-house door in Pilsboro, on SATURDAY, the 11th day of November, 1899, the following land, situate in Hadley township, Chatham county, adjoining the lands of E. V. Steinhagen, G. W. Ferry and others, containing about one hundred acres, and being the same formerly belonging to the late Mrs. Martha L. Headen.

1100 ACRES FOR SALE. For sale on easy terms about eleven hundred acres of land, near the town of Pittsboro, in lots to suit purchasers.

LAND SALE—By virtue of an order of the superior court of Chatham county made in the civil action wherein Victor Montgomery is plaintiff and W. H. Dorsett and wife are defendants, I will sell for cash at public auction at the court-house door at Pilsboro, on MONDAY, the 6th day of November, 1899, the following tract of land, situate in Chatham county, lying on the waters of Bear Creek, adjoining the lands of Frank Fields, Green Brewer and others beginning at a post oak, Hanson's line, thence east 214 poles to a stone and post, Brewer's line, thence north 100 poles with the dividing line to a stone and post, thence west 214 poles to a post oak, Siler's and Hanson's corner, thence south 100 poles to the beginning, and containing about 136 acres.

W. L. DOUGLAS \$3 SHOE GEN. FURN. And other specialties for Gentlemen, Ladies, Boys and Misses are made in the best in the world.

Dewey Will Visit Atlanta.

Washington, Oct. 7.—Admiral Dewey today promised a committee of prominent citizens of Atlanta, Ga., that he would soon visit that city. The admiral assured his callers also that he would gladly officiate at the presentation of the sword voted by the people of the State of Georgia to Lieutenant Brumby, the admiral's flag officer.

The committee was enthusiastic over the cordiality of its reception by Admiral Dewey and the interest he manifested in the forthcoming Brumby presentation ceremony. The occasion of the sword presentation to this young officer who has figured so prominently in connection with Admiral Dewey's achievements will be a gala one in Atlanta, one in which the whole Southland will join.

TICKETS GOOD FOR THIRTY DAYS.

A Cheap Excursion Trip to Washington, Baltimore or Philadelphia, by the Seaboard Air Line.

You can buy of any Seaboard Air Line Agent tickets to the Philadelphia Export Exposition at the rate of one and one-third fares for the round trip.

Millions of dollars have been spent on this mammoth industrial exposition, an education in itself.

The natives of Korea have developed a strong prejudice against the operation of electric cars in their country, owing to the fact the company allows women to ride in the vehicles.

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ARE YOU BANKRUPT in health, constitution undermined by extravagance in eating, by disregarding the laws of nature, or physical capital all gone, if so, NEVER DESPAIR. Tutt's Liver Pills will cure you. For sick headache, dyspepsia, sour stomach, malaria, torpid liver, constipation, biliousness and all kindred diseases. Tutt's Liver Pills an absolute cure.

PATENTS. Cavaats, and Trade-Marks obtained, and all Patent business conducted for MODERATE FEES. G. A. SNOW & CO. OFF. PATENT OFFICE, WASHINGTON, D. C.

LUMBER AND COTTING. Always on hand a lot of Lumber both dressed and undressed. Also Framing and Shingles. Bills cut to order. B. NOOE JR. Pittsboro, N. C. Feb. 2, 1899.

W. J. Hunter. CHAPEL HILL, N. C. LIVERY AND FEED STABLES. HORSES AND VEHICLES HIRSD AT REASONABLE RATES.

COTTON GINNERS OUGHT TO INSURE THEIR PROPERTY IN THE N. C. HOME INSURANCE CO. This is a Home company and deserves the patronage of all North Carolinians.

IMPORTANT SALE! One Thousand Acres!

SEABOARD AIR LINE LIMITED TRAINS. DOUBLE DAILY SERVICE TO ALL PORTS NORTH, SOUTH AND SOUTH-WEST. Schedules in Effect Dec. 11, 1899.

Table with columns for Southbound and Northbound train schedules, listing destinations like New York, Philadelphia, and Baltimore with arrival and departure times.

TRAINS LEAVE PITTSBORO. 3:20 p. m. 9:30 a. m. Trains Arrive at Pittsboro. 11:25 a. m. 5:25 p. m. Daily except Sunday.

Table with columns for TRAINS GOING SOUTH, listing destinations like Weldon, Rocky Mount, and Fayetteville with arrival and departure times.

Table with columns for TRAINS GOING NORTH, listing destinations like Weldon, Rocky Mount, and Fayetteville with arrival and departure times.

Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, Atlantic and North Carolina Coast Line Railroad Company of South Carolina. Condensed Schedule.