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Agricultural Conditions in the South More Depressed Than Ever.

Washington, June 19.—The Industrial Commission has somewhat changed its plan for the work of the sub-commissions during the summer months by revoking its order for the appointment of special commissions to investigate the elevator trust and the mining industry west of the Mississippi River, and instead authorizing all the regular sub-commissions to sit during July and August. Under this arrangement the Agricultural Commission will take up the elevator question, going to the Northwestern States for this purpose, and the Mining Commission will go West for the purpose of looking into the conditions affecting mining in that district. The latter commission will hold its first meeting in Denver on the 12th of July. The sub-commission on manufacture will make a tour of New England during the summer.

James Barrett, vice-president of the Georgia State Agricultural Society, was the only witness before the commission today. He spoke upon the agricultural conditions of the South, saying that they were worse today than they had ever been in the history of the country. He said the cotton interest was especially depressed, prices last year amounted to a little over 4c. a pound. At this price a man could not save himself if he paid wages amounting to more than \$3 a month. Planters generally pay about \$6 a month for wages, and at such rates they could not prevent loss if they received less than six cents per pound.

Mr. Barrett said that nine-tenths of the cotton grown was mortgaged before it matured. Rates of interest and commission were high and the merchants were gradually coming into possession of the land.

The banks charge 10 per cent for money for 3 months' time. He advanced the idea that the National Bank Act has done vast damage in outlawing real estate as security for money loaned to these banks and that all told this act was to the South the most damaging legislation that had ever been enacted.

The witness said that nearly all the plantation labor was done by negroes, and that there was practically no immigration because of the cheapness of labor and the social conditions.

The railroad rates were such as to render it impossible to longer make watermelon growing profitable, and the same was true of other garden products. "The railroads are both the daddy and the mammy of the trusts," he asserted.

Mr. Barrett said the census of 1890 had shown that Augusta, where he lives, was the most illiterate place in the United States, and he thought the fact was due to the presence of too much politics in the schools.—News & Observer.

SUNDAY'S papers contained an article on the Constitutional Amendment from the pen of Hon. C. B. Aycock. He sets forth the need of and the benefits to the State from its adoption. His argument is able and convincing and we will endeavor to give it to our readers in our next issue.

NORTH CAROLINA securities were never better, if ever so good. Only recently North Carolina six per cent bonds sold in Baltimore for \$140, a premium of \$40 on \$100; on our local markets they cannot be bought for less than from 30 to 33 1/2 per cent. premium. The recent sale of bonds by the treasurer to pay the indebtedness of the penitentiary, bonds bearing four per cent. interest sold for 3 1/2 per cent. premium to a state bank. The financial condition of the whole State is getting better.

Fierce Fighting With Filipinos.

Gen. Wheaton's Command Attacked in the Rear by Friendly Natives.

Manila, June 19.—A battalion of the Fourth infantry, which left Imus where Gen. Wheaton is in command, this morning, to reconnoitre towards Peres Las Marinas, where it is believed most of the rebels who escaped from Paraque and Bacoor had fled, was attacked in the rear by apparently friendly natives. This brought on a sharp engagement lasting several hours, resulting in five Americans being killed and about twenty-five being wounded. The loss of the rebels was very heavy.

The battalion soon exhausted its ammunition and at 2:30 this afternoon General Wheaton and his staff with the second battalion, two mounted guns and one field-piece, went to reinforce the troops attacked. General Wheaton was fired on in a road and had a narrow escape. Later the third battalion was ordered to the front and formed on the Las Marinas road. Heavy firing on both sides followed, the artillery being freely used.

The enemy was located in the woods at 4 o'clock, showing signs of retreating, as the rebels were being pressed very hard. One gun of the Sixth artillery, in an advantageous position, did great execution.

The fighting was still in progress at 5 o'clock, at which time the Americans had secured a quantity of Filipino arms which had been abandoned in the woods.

The scene of the fight is over twenty miles from Manila.

Manila, June 19.—10:45 A. M.—The United States transport Sherman, which sailed from San Francisco May 24th with 1,800 men and seventy-five officers, under command of Brigadier General Fred. D. Grant, has arrived here after a smooth voyage. One private died after the transport arrived. The troops brought by the transport will go to the island of Negros to relieve the California volunteers. General Bates, who arrived on the transport, and General Grant, will probably be assigned to the commands of the volunteer generals, some of whom will leave for home soon.

Generals Hale and Funston desire to accompany their respective regiments home. The Utah artillery, it is announced, will accompany the Nebraskan troops on board the transport Hancock, leaving their guns here. The Pennsylvanians will start for home on the transport Senator this week. The Indiana sailed to-day with 500 discharged and sick soldiers. She will go into dock for a few days at Nagasaki, Japan.—Cable to Wilmington Star.

Washington, June 20.—General Otis, in a cablegram to the War Department, gives the following brief account of the operations south of Manila yesterday:

"Manila, June 20.
"Adjutant General, Washington:

"Wheaton is at Imus, Cavite province, with four guns, four battalions of the Fourth and Fourteenth Infantry, Nevada troop cavalry; sent battalion south on reconnaissance in direction of Dasmariñas yesterday morning, where the enemy was reported concentrating scattered forces; the battalions encountered the enemy's force of 2,000 marching to attack Imus, successfully impeding its progress.

"Wheaton, with two guns and two battalions, hurried forward, repulsed the enemy with heavy loss, the enemy leaving over 100 dead on the field. Our loss was 5 killed, 23 wounded. Wheaton was re-enforced last night by a battalion of the Ninth Infantry; he is driving the enemy beyond Dasmariñas, now in his possession. Casualties to-day not reported. Wheaton's qualities for bold and successful attack unsurpassed.
(Signed) "Otis."

It has gone out that the legislature changed the law in regard to taking oaths and dispensed with kissing the bible. Such seems, however, to have been an error. A bill was introduced to that effect but it failed to pass. No oath is legal unless the book is kissed, except it be from religious scruples. All magistrates and persons qualified to administer oaths should note this fact.

Bird Call Patented.

Mr. Hardy H. Draughon of Mingo, Sampson County, has recently received a patent from the government at Washington which it granted him on a Bird Call—an invention of his and which he has been using successfully for some time. With the instrument almost any person can soon learn to imitate the noise of many kinds of birds, more particularly hawks, crows and turkeys. Mr. Draughon made the call of two pieces of ivory and with it imitates the cry of hawks perfectly and by using it he has become the champion hawk-killer of this country. His services are sought in many communities where hawks are bad after the chickens of the farmers, and when he goes after them he always gets about all the hawks in the neighborhood. In the last few years he has called up with his bird call, and killed more than three thousand hawks.

He does his work by going into the woods, secreting himself, and with his invention begins to make the sharp shrill cry of the hawks and in a few moments a hawk will come and perch nearby, then with his gun he brings him down. He uses it also very successfully in calling up crows and turkeys. His invention is a great help to hunters and very valuable in ridding the country of the chicken-eating hawks.

Mr. Draughon is making preparation for the manufacture of the instrument and will probably soon have it on the market. He has had already quite a number of applications to purchase his patent.

No Smallpox in the County.

Last Thursday Dr. O. L. Denning, the county superintendent of health, went up to Buckhorn township to investigate the smallpox rumor that came from that section. He found no smallpox there but a man had been in that community with varicoid, and the Dr. found it necessary to put several families in that section under quarantine regulations—that is requiring them to remain on their own premises and have no communication with others for twenty days. Mr. A. L. Baugheon was made quarantine officer and given full authority to enforce it.

The man who carried the disease down in that community is John Spence who resides in or near Raleigh. He is a "holiness" preacher and held services at some church in that community after he was taken with the disease. He broke out with it at his father's, who is old and very sick, and remained there until the authorities of Wake county sent after him and took him to the pest house where the physician in charge pronounced it varicoid—smallpox in a mild form, or after vaccination. Spence is the only patient in the pest house at Raleigh now.

Our townsman Mr. E. T. Spence was on a visit to his father when John Spence, his brother, was there sick, and he is there yet, under the quarantine regulations. Every effort will be made to prevent the disease from spreading should any one be taken sick with the disease. All the citizens that had been exposed to Spence were anxious for the quarantine except one, and he was disposed not to regard it, but upon the admonition of the Superintendent of Health, he agreed to obey. This fellow is a fire baptised sanctificationist.

The post office, Polk, in that community receives nor sends off any mail.

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His Body Partly Eaten.

Circle City, Alaska, May 29.—(Via San Francisco, Cal., June 19.)—A story of possible cannibalism on the Yukon trail has just reached here. Three men left here for Dahl River on December 5th, for Jimtown, and were not heard of again till the steamer Rideout which arrived to-day brought a terrible tale of suffering and horror.

The men were Michael Daly, Victor Edair and M. Provost. They were from Providence R. I., Woonsocket, R. I., and Brockton Mass., respectively. Their bodies were discovered seventeen miles from the mouth of Old Man's Creek, they having lost the trail and become bewildered. Having left Dahl River with only three weeks' food, but which was amply sufficient for the 150 miles to Jimtown, they were soon reduced to starvation.

Daly's body was found partly eaten, on the stove in the tent just as it was left when death overtook the others. Some scraps of moosehide and moccasins were found, of which they were endeavoring to make a stew. Daly's body was identified by the clothes. The other two men were found dead five miles away from the tent. The fact of the tent flaps being shut down when found would seem to preclude the possibility of Daly's body having been eaten by animals. The other men doubtless were driven by hungry to the awful extremity of cannibalism.

Four hundred dollars were found on the bodies.

The seven boats which wintered at Dahl River are all safe.

Help Needed.

Tribune's Relief Fund for Storm Sufferers.

To the Public:

A large arrear of country around Thomasville was devastated by last Thursday's hail storm. Many families are left entirely destitute, everything they had being destroyed, crops, gardens, chickens, fruits, grapes, and even the blackberries and persimmons.

These people will suffer if not speedily aided, and the Tribune calls upon the generous public to lend our stricken fellow-citizens all the aid they can.

Contributions may be sent to the Tribune, or to either of the gentlemen named below, whom the Tribune has taken the liberty to name as a relief committee, Rev. W. H. Rich, G. A. Thompson, J. M. Morris and W. E. Thompson, and all contributions will be duly acknowledged through the columns of the Tribune, and distributed among the sufferers. Send in your donations, and help a stricken people.

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Beautiful Shirt waist, former price \$1.25, now going at 89c.
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