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FREE LUMBER FACTS.

DEMOCRATIC POLICY CLOSES HALF THE LUMBER MILLS.

Sixty Thousand Lumbermen Losing at the Rate of Forty Million Dollars a Year in Wages—Canadian Competition Kills American Trade

I believe we can make no permanent progress in the direction of tariff reform until we free from taxation the raw materials which lie at the foundation of our industries.

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The farmers of Nebraska have a little score to settle with Hon. William Jennings Bryan, just as the eleven thousand odd people in that State have who were compelled to draw all their savings out of the savings banks to enable them to exist during the hard times that Bryan voted for when he helped to pass the Gorman-Wilson hybrid tariff.

Democracy meant disaster to the farmers of Nebraska, just as it did to the farmers in every other State. After three years of Democracy and only a couple of years of the advance step toward free trade the value of Nebraska live stock fell to \$55,381,849 at the beginning of 1896, a loss of \$41,065,979 in three years.

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ALL AROUND THE WORLD.

THE LATEST NEWS ARRANGED PARAGRAPHERICALLY.

Happenings Both Home and Foreign, As Well as From the North, East and West.

Notes From the South. J. Sterling Morton, Secretary of Agriculture, was hanged in effigy at Alexander, Va.

Arthur Dunlap, aged 11 years, accidentally shot his brother Willie, three years older, at Atlanta, Ga.

James Sanders, a farmer, living near Daisy, Tenn., was killed by a charge from his own gun while on a squirrel hunt.

The Daughters of the Confederacy of the State of Georgia met in Macon. Hon. T. R. Cobb, of Atlanta, addressed the meeting.

In Person county, North Carolina, a race riot between whites and blacks was brought about by politics. Several wounded, but none seriously.

The toll gates of Franklin county, Ky., has been raised and every gate on the three roads in the northwestern part of the county destroyed.

One negro was killed and two others fatally wounded in a riot at Hager Station, Florida. They had quarreled with their employer at a lumber mill.

Joseph D. Kierman, lawyer, notary public and reporter for the New Orleans Telegram, was fined \$10 and sent to the parish prison 15 days for disturbing the Palmer and Buckner meeting there.

The Supreme Court of Georgia has denied a new trial to Tom Delk, the young outlaw under sentence of death for the murder of the sheriff of Pike county. Taylor Delk, the father of Tom, was given another chance to prove his innocence.

Throughout the North Rabbits are causing an epidemic of diphtheria in some parts of Iowa.

December wheat took a big tumble on the Chicago board of trade Thursday.

A Russian passenger from Havana, Cuba, dies of yellow fever at Swinburne Island, N. Y.

John B. Gentry tried for a first report of 2 minutes for a harness horse Tuesday at Terre Haute but failed, his time being 2:04.

H. B. Schnaubelt, a member of the band of anarchists who caused the Haymarket riots in Chicago, Ill., died in San Francisco, Cal.

The House of Bishops, in session in New York, has decided not to elect a bishop for Asheville, N. C., because of poor financial condition of the State's diocese.

Thursday President Cleveland made a speech on the occasion of the nequecentennial anniversary of the College of New Jersey, at Princeton. He refused to be made an LL. D.

The prevalence of typhoid fever at Salt Lake City, Utah, caused the board of health there to inspect the water supply. It was found to be pure. The disease was attributed to bad milk.

A prominent Episcopal rector of Philadelphia, Pa., has signed an agreement with the wardens of his church that he will never preach over fifteen minutes, except on special and extraordinary occasions.

The Board of Inquiry at Ellis Island, New York, has decided that the 167 Armenians who arrived last week from Turkey cannot be admitted to this country. Judgment is suspended with regard to some fifteen or twenty of the number.

Political Dots. There will be no fusion between Populists and Democrats in Georgia.

Foreign. The British parliament will reassemble January 25th.

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CREAM OF THE NEWS, CULLED FROM THE DAILY PAPERS.

Which Will be of More or Less Interest to the General Reader.

It is stated by officials that the reports coming from New Orleans as to an exciting controversy at Havana between Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, United States Consul General, and Gen. Weyler, over the attempted apprehension of a Mexican named Fernandez on board of the American ship Vigilante, signifies a significance and importance to the event not warranted by the facts. If there was any apprehension that the fact that he had been captured must have been confined entirely to Havana, for the law on the subject is so clear that his application has been so firmly established, that the fact that he had been captured in no doubt as to the outcome. Consul General Lee has not informed the State Department of the fact and the fact that he had not deemed it worthy of the expense of cabling, but will treat it only in the routine way through mail, is evidence of the impor-



UNITED STATES CONSUL LEE.

Minister Lazo Arriga of Guatemala has returned from a visit to the Capital of America which was very brief and the only business transacted was that of changing the annual meeting from the Wednesday after Easter, which in practice has been found generally inconvenient to the second Wednesday of October in order to coincide with the annual meeting of the American Consuls. The following statement before adjourning: "The board wishes it to be understood by the public that there are absolutely no factions among the members of the American Consuls. The election of the candidates for the rectorship was practically unanimous. The position taken by the party of Conservatism or Liberalism, Nationalism or Americanism, is to misrepresent the whole situation. All the members of the board are equally American in spirit. They have but one thought and that is the welfare of the university and its steady progress to the highest Catholic education."

The roof and upper walls of Ebenezer (colored) Methodist Church, in the ruins Samuel Brown, Wm. Johnson, A. W. Dufferin and Abraham Lee, an negro, were taken out after a week of the storm, and several were injured internally. The church was damaged by the recent storm and men were engaged in making repairs.

Leutenant C. H. Lyman, of the cruiser Montgomery has been convicted by a naval court of drunkenness while the ship lay at anchor in the harbor of Havana. He has been sentenced to lose six numbers in his grade. The sentence has been approved by Admiral Bance, who ordered the trial.

WORSE THAN IN CUBA.

Spanish Brutality Wholly Unrestrained in the Philippines. A San Francisco (Cal.) special to a local paper, says: The Cuban atrocities are mild compared with those taking place in the Philippine Islands, where the Spanish are trying to suppress a revolt of the natives. Some indication of affairs have been learned from Oriental papers. The most shocking incident of the bloody reprisals was the treatment of a Spanish lieutenant and his family.

The Spanish had captured a number of prisoners and as an object lesson to the natives disemboweled two and hung the bodies from the masts of a ship. The infuriated rebels, eager for vengeance, gathered a force and hurried to the home of a Spanish lieutenant on the outskirts of Manila, where they captured the lieutenant and his 12-year-old daughter, and then began a bloody scene of torture. The most savage part of the proceedings was the death of the lieutenant's wife and daughter. The lieutenant's skin was slit all over his body. The torturers crucified him, plucking him out through the eyes and inserting a red-hot iron into the eye sockets. They tortured the woman and girl, giving the fullest play to their animal instincts and causing a ghastly and prolonged agony before the dying eyes of the husband and father.

The Spanish are doing their best to keep the news of these atrocities from leaving the islands, and are inspecting all the mail. They particularly desired to keep unknown the death of thirty-eight prisoners in one night in "the black hole."

Deaths and Absconds to Europe. A special from Augusta, Ga., says: J. Barry Walker, treasurer of the Port Royal Railroad, at Port Royal, S. C., absconded, and when the books of the company were turned over to President John B. Cleveland, it was found that Walker was short \$20,000 or \$30,000. It is believed the stealing has been going on for some time. At the time the shortage was discovered he was then on his way to Europe with \$10,000 in cash of the railroad's money. He had been in the employ of the company for years, and was considered a most exemplary man of high social standing. He is about 35 years of age, and it has only been a few weeks since he was married to a daughter of Dr. White, who is now heart-broken.

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The London Daily Standard of a recent date prints a dispatch from Madrid, Spain, corresponding saying that Queen Regent Christina presided at the meeting of the council of ministers, Senor Canovas del Castillo, the prime minister, presented a summary of the events which have occurred in Spain and the colonies within the past three months and a forecast of the near future. The outlook, he said, showed that great distress existed among the people in the southern and eastern portions of the kingdom which would render the collection of taxes during the coming winter a slow work. The withdrawal of 200,000 men from the army and militia within the past twenty months, he said, was severely felt and Spain would in consequence be obliged to import large amounts of breadstuffs. The prospect of the war against the insurgents in Cuba and the troubles in the Philippine Islands had diminished the exports of manufactured and agricultural products to the West Indies and the Philippine Islands, causing great distress and discontent. In the towns and rural districts there was visible a feeling of impatience and anxiety, all classes of the people having been led to hope for a speedy and decisive results from their sacrifices. Everybody, the premier said, recognized the fact that the present long continuance at the present pace, Patriotism and national pride alone can check the criticism and the impatience of the Liberals, Democrats, Carlists, and even the Republicans have a sort of instinctive presentiment that impels them to cohesion with a view of averting the international complications and the dreaded intervention of the United States government. The gloomiest feature of the situation, the premier declared, is the difficulty which the government finds in obtaining a loan of one billion pesetas to defray the expense of the war in Cuba and the Philippine Islands to strengthen the finances of the country.

The Spanish press is almost unanimous in approving the idea advanced by the premier of appealing to the public for a loan of one billion pesetas for the continuation of the war to a successful issue.

AMERICAN CLAIMS. A special from Madrid says: At a meeting of the cabinet the claim of the United States government for damages for loss sustained by Americans in consequence of the enforcement of Captain General Weyler's decree prohibiting the export of tobacco to Cuba was considered, but no decision in the matter was reached. The cabinet adopted a resolution to send General Weyler's report to the time ago mentioned as General Weyler's possible successor in the captain generalship of Cuba and Brigadier General Zapata, to the Philippines to investigate the shipments from the Pacific coast to India, and the decrease in the Russian yield are important here, and caused buying of enormous quantities for export, with engagements of freight room at highest rates. The Atlantic exports about 900,000 larger than last year, for the week have been 1,000,000 bushels, while flour increased, against 6,686 last year. Corn moved largely and at lower prices, having declined a cent for the week. Cotton has advanced 1-16 per cent. and heavy receipts from plantations. Estimates for the yield vary all the way from \$9,000,000 bales to much less, but the immense growth that the yield will be large.

The most striking feature of industrial returns is the enormous quantities of shipments upon the stricken. These are already enough to make business rather lively for a time, and many others are pending, which will probably be helpful to the winter. The volume of business shown by exchanges has been 8.7 per cent. less than last year, and 9.2 per cent. less than the corresponding week, have been 274 in the United States, against 231 last year, and 69 in Canada, against 89 last year.

GENERAL TRADE. General trade continues along conservative lines