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There are 14,000 men out of employment in Toronto, Canada, and they are crying aloud for work or bread. There isn't any tariff reform business going on over the line just now.

There are 16,000 bachelors in Manitoba, and the winters are pretty cold in that country too. This item should be extensively circulated in New England.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE STAR—A grand success. HEINSBERGER—Bicycle training school ENTERTAINMENT—Ladies of Grace Ch.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Permanent Paragraphs Pertaining Principally to People and Politically Printed.

—Col. W. R. Kenan has gone North, presumably to Washington.

—"Capt." Jim Cutts, of the "Short Cut," spent Sunday in the city with relatives.

—Col. E. R. Moore, who has been sick for some time past, is still confined to his house.

—Mr. David C. Stanback, of Durham, is in the city for a few days on a business visit.

—Mr. T. Q. Hall, of Wallace, N. C., was a welcome visitor at the STAR office yesterday.

—Mr. Ewen Johnson, an old subscriber to the STAR, died recently, near Richardson, N. C., in his 78th year.

—Mr. J. W. Vernelson, formerly of Wilmington, but now of Norfolk, Va., was a welcome visitor in the city yesterday.

—Mr. Robert Henning, of Richmond, who has been in the city sick, left for home Sunday night. "Bob" is an old Wilmington boy.

—Capt. H. H. Smith, city editor of the STAR, was too sick yesterday to report for duty. He has the sympathy of many friends in his sickness, and in his serious loss by the fire Sunday morning, as well.

—Messrs. J. C. Scarborough, W. E. Jenkins, North Carolina; W. C. Woodard, Rocky Mount; J. R. Ruffin, Winston; P. C. Humphrey, Goldsboro; W. H. Pyke, Southport, were among the visitors in the city yesterday.

THE WEATHER.

U. S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE. WEATHER BUREAU. WILMINGTON, N. C., Feb. 27.

Meteorological data for twenty-four hours ending at 8 p. m. last night: Maximum temperature 50°; minimum temperature 34°.

Normal temperature for the day, deduced from twenty years' observation, 52°.

Departure from normal, minus 10°. Sum of departure since January 1st, 1894, plus 69°.

Rainfall for the month up to date 8.53 inches FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

For North Carolina and South Carolina, fair; warmer; variable winds.

LOCAL FORECAST For to-day: Fair; warmer Tuesday afternoon; westerly winds, becoming light.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta R. R.—170 bales cotton, 2 casks spirits turpentine, 9 bbls. rosin, 14 bbls. tar.

Wilmington & Weldon R. R.—59 bales cotton, 3 casks spirits turpentine, 13 bbls. tar.

C. F. & Y. V. R. R.—3 bale cotton, 3 casks spirits turpentine, 235 bbls. rosin, 44 bbls. tar.

Total receipts—Cotton, 271 bales; spirits turpentine, 13 casks; rosin, 234 bbls.; tar, 88 bbls.

—The new coupon plan of the STAR is an educational one, and of a very high order. Each series of the Stoddard Art Album will be worth many times twelve cents, as it contains sixteen photographic views of noted places of the world, accompanied with descriptive articles of great historical value.

LOCAL DOTS.

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There and Briefly Noted.

—Some of the firemen took big risks at the Parsley mill yesterday.

—Cotton receipts at this port for the past two days foot up 271 bales, against 88 last year.

—Another fruit vessel is in port, with a large cargo of West India fruit, mostly oranges.

—Things were quiet in police circles yesterday and last night, only two arrests being made—both for disorderly conduct.

—The Street Railway Company put on extra cars yesterday morning to carry the people who wished to go to the fire at Hilton.

—Squire McCall has thrown out his skirmish line, and is getting ready at the Orton ice house, to keep things cool during the coming season.

—The stage of water in the Cape Fear river at Fayetteville at 8 a. m. yesterday was 11 feet. No change during the previous twenty-four hours.

—The very large number of orders received from ladies for the Stoddard Portfolios shows that the STAR is popular with maids and matrons alike.

—Those who have ordered the first Four Series of the Stoddard Art Album, should now order Series 5 and 6. Save the coupons. There are 10 more Series yet to come.

—The negro, Silas Miller, who was thrown from a horse in front of the old court house Saturday evening, striking his head on the Street Railway track, was improving yesterday.

MARCH WEATHER.

Record of Observations for the Month of March for Twenty-Three Years.

The Chief of the Weather Bureau directs the publication of the following data, compiled from the record of observations for the month of March, taken at this station for a period of twenty-three years.

It is believed that the facts thus set forth will prove of interest to the public, as well as the special student, showing as they do the average and extreme conditions of the more important meteorological elements and the range within which such variations may be expected to keep during any corresponding month.

Mean or normal temperature, 54°; the warmest March was that of 1878, with an average of 60°; the coldest March was that of 1874, with an average of 48°; the highest temperature during any March was 84° on 24th, 1878; the lowest temperature during any March was 20° on 5th, 1878; average date on which last "killing" frost occurred (in spring) March 30th, 1873.

Average precipitation for the month (rain and melted snow), 4.17 inches; average number of days with .01 of an inch or more, 11. The greatest monthly precipitation was 6.55 inches in 1871; the least monthly precipitation was 1.48 inches in 1887. The greatest amount of precipitation recorded in any 24 consecutive hours was 4.75 inches on March 27th, 1889.

Average number of cloudless days, 12; average number of partly cloudy days, 10; average number of cloudy days, 9.

The prevailing winds have been from the southwest. The highest velocity of the wind during any March was 54 miles on the 17th, 1876.

NEWBORN NOTES.

Snow in Newbern—Steamer Neuse Grounded—Removal of Fair Exhibits—The New Postmaster.

NEWBERN, N. C., February 26.—Saturday morning the weather here commenced getting cold and cloudy, with a strong northeast wind, and by night the thermometer was lower than it has been this winter. Before day yesterday morning we had a blinding snow storm, lasting till 8 a. m. Then rain continued all day, and the three or four inches of snow was melted away.

The steamer Neuse, from Elizabeth City, due here at 8 a. m. yesterday, did not arrive until 3 p. m. She grounded at Roanoke Island during the storm Saturday night. Except the delay but little damage was sustained.

Most of the exhibits at the Fair were gotten away Saturday. A few of the visitors are still here.

Mr. Matt Manly, Newbern's new postmaster, is expected to take charge of the office this week.

Damaged by Water. The goods of a number of merchants, both wholesale and retail, were damaged considerably by water Sunday when the heavy snow on the roof-tops began to melt, and the injury in many instances was great. The snow had blocked the drain pipes running from the roofs and when rain began falling it melted the snow and created a small pond on many business houses. Among the heaviest losers were Messrs. R. W. Hicks, Worth & Worth, Gieves Hardware Company, M. Bear Bros., F. Rheinstein & Co., P. Heinsberger, Wilmington Paper Company and Davis & Zoeller. Those who discovered it Sunday had men at work shovelling the snow off.

WHAT WILL THE CROP BE?

Hubbard, Price & Co. Bill stand by Their Figures—They Do not Expect More Than 7,100,000 Bales—Some Figures on Fertilizer Sales.

The following is the latest review of cotton sent out by Hubbard, Price & Co.:

It is an old saying that a thunder-storm clears the atmosphere, and generalization in the application of this idea permits reference to it in connection with cotton market during the past week. The trade had fallen into a condition of utter stagnation. Fluctuations until Monday night were within a limit of from four to five points and were not representative of any fresh influence.

Since that time, however, there has been, considering the price at which the article is selling, a sharp decline, and as a result the market seems to rest upon a more satisfactory basis. The weakly-held long cotton has been closed out; the liquidation of the March position is complete; and those who have sold have parted with their property to buyers of unquestioned financial strength, one very prominent concern in the New York market having been very large buyers on Tuesday. As is always the case under such conditions, the short interest has been augmented and will become an effective fulcrum upon which to use the leverage of a bull movement when the trend of the market shall have changed.

Receipts thus far are perhaps a little larger than had been expected for the week. This is due no doubt to the slight increase in the sales of spot cotton resulting from the same weariness on the part of the bulls that has induced the liquidation in futures. The fear of another attempt to illegalize trading in cotton for future delivery by the introduction of Mr. Hatch's Anti-Option Bill in the House of Representatives has, too, perhaps, been a deterrent to buyers. The feeling, though, in the trade with regard to the matter is one of apparent security, relying as it does upon President Cleveland's veto and upon senatorial obstruction to secure immunity to the trade from any such demagogic nonsense. The comparatively small takings of the English spinners, as shown from day to day by the sales of spot cotton in the Liverpool market, is really the main reason for the decline that has developed, and any revival of demand in that quarter will doubtless be met only at higher prices.

The new crop and its possibilities are already coming to be a factor in the situation, and in this connection it is interesting to know that the consumption of fertilizers will probably be substantially less than last year. Baltimore and Richmond are two of the great fertilizer manufacturing centres of this country, and from these cities the product is distributed to the cotton fields of the South. A canvass of the trade in Baltimore indicates that the demand is poor and the output decidedly less than at the same time last year. In the English spinners, however, the demand is very cautious, and the sales are evidently less than they were a year ago. My opinion is that the sale of fertilizers in this State will be decidedly less than last year.

The net crop movement for the week will probably be 25,000 bales less than for the corresponding week last year, and by the first of March the movement will in all probability be 235,000 bales behind the movement up to the same time in 1890, when the crop turned out 7,311,000 bales. This, in our opinion, abundantly confirms our own estimate of 7,100,000 for we cannot believe that the crop movement from the first of March will be as large as it was in 1890. The export movement is already 927,000 bales larger than it was up to this time last year, and the probability of a very light supply during the Summer seems to be growing stronger. The visible supply is commencing to show a weekly reduction, and if the trade revival, which is unquestionably in progress in Europe, shall with the passage of a very light supply during the winter of the ocean and commence in America, active times may be expected. In view of this contingency the developments of the next crop should be closely watched.

A COSTLY FIRE.

WALTER L. PARSLEY'S SAW-MILL PLANT DESTROYED.

Loss Estimated at \$30,000—Insurance, \$13,500—Large Crowds Witness the Configuration—The Fire Department Responds Promptly to the Alarm.

Fire was discovered yesterday morning at 9.30 o'clock in the northwest corner of Walter L. Parsley's saw-mill plant, in the extreme northern suburbs of the city. It was discovered by workmen employed on the premises, and an alarm was immediately turned in, which was promptly answered by the Fire Department, which in a comparatively short time, considering the distance, was upon the scene. At this time the entire flooring and planing mill was in a complete blaze and the fire had gained much headway. The C. F. & Y. V. railroad passenger steamboat Compton was soon landed at one of the wharves and was playing two streams on the flames, that were being blown high into the air by the wind which was blowing a regular northeast gale. The tug Marie, under Capt. Edgar Williams, was also on hand putting in good work with her streams of water.

The fire originated from a spark from the mill which flew into the two-story planing mill. The flames went from there to the two-story lumber shed, thence to the boiler room and engine house, and then destroyed the three large dry-kilns. The above buildings were burned to the ground, and now not a vestige is left. The office was destroyed, and a residence back of the office was badly scorched and also damaged by water. The office furniture was mostly saved. The fire continued burning until about 6 o'clock and last night a body of firemen were stationed at the mill to prevent its rekindling or as a safe-guard. The firemen did very fine work under the circumstances, as the heat and smoke was intense. They succeeded in saving much other property. Two box cars were on the dummy line track, one loaded with lumber and another partly loaded. There were four others there, but these were pulled out and saved. One of those lost belonged to the S. I. C. I. R. R. and the other to the Central R. R. of Georgia.

The mill proper was not injured, owing to the wind blowing in the opposite direction. There was altogether about six hundred thousand feet of lumber lost, mostly cedar, juniper and pine flooring. The loss is estimated at \$30,000, and insurance about \$13,500. Several alarms were turned in, and large crowds gathered on the high bluffs to witness the progress of the flames, which was a beautiful sight.

It was only about three years ago that there was another large fire on the same spot, the planing mill having been burned then, but the loss was lighter than that of yesterday. The firm was then Parsley & Wiggins.

The following is the insurance: The insurance on that portion of the plant which was entirely destroyed, amounted to \$13,500, divided among the following agencies: \$1,000 with Hanover Insurance Company, represented by Major Walker Taylor's Agency; American of New York, \$600, St. Paul, \$1,000, with J. H. Boatwright; Lion, \$750, National \$750, with W. W. Harris & Co.; Virginia State, \$500, with Joseph D. Smith; Phoenix, \$1,000, London, \$1,000, with W. W. Hodges; Palatine, \$667, Southern, \$1,000, Niagara, \$1,000, Virginia Fire and Marine, \$1,000, with M. S. Willard. The above was on the flooring mills &c. The following is the insurance on the dry-kilns: Virginia Fire and Marine \$666, with M. S. Willard; North Carolina Home, \$500, Aina, \$500, Hartford, \$500, Orient, \$500, with Atkinson and Son. The residence adjoining the mill, which is occupied by Mr. Walter Rutland and owned by Mr. Walter L. Parsley, was insured for \$1,500, but was only slightly damaged by heat and water.

The destroyed property will be rebuilt.

Permanent Fair Association.

In response to a suggestion in the STAR of Sunday, that "a permanent Fair Association should be organized in Wilmington," and the inquiry, "What say the business men?" there was much favorable comment yesterday.

Many merchants who were approached by a STAR representative yesterday said they would either take stock or subscribe liberally to an association of that kind. One merchant signified his willingness to take five shares at a hundred dollars each, and another said he would subscribe one hundred dollars outright. Those who attended the Newbern Fair are enthusiastic, and say that Wilmington, with her advantages, should be able to support a permanent Fair if our sister city, Newbern, can do it, and make money, too, by the operation. A list will be circulated in a few days by some of the enterprising merchants to give those who wish a chance to subscribe or take stock.

—"The cry is still they come"—that is, the orders for the Stoddard Portfolios of Photographs.

CLIP THE STAR COUPONS.

SERIES 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the Stoddard Art Album may now be ordered.

—Rev. F. W. E. Peschau, D. D., pastor of Zion Lutheran church of this city, will on to-morrow (Sunday), close the first year of his pastorate here. The time seems short, indeed, since Dr. Peschau commenced his work, but in that time sixty-eight members have been added to the church and every department has gained in strength and numbers. Dr. Peschau is not only an able minister of the gospel, but a very earnest man, and he is greatly beloved by his parishioners.

First Anniversary. Carolina Court No. 8,900, of the Ancient Order of Foresters, will celebrate the first anniversary of its organization Monday night, March 5th. The committee of arrangements are—Messrs. Geo. Zeigler, Geo. Statten and G. W. Bornemann. Admission only by tickets.

—Clip the STAR coupons. Series 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the Stoddard Art Album may now be ordered.