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CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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Port Almanac—May 27.
Sun Rises..... 4.47 A M
Sun Sets..... 7.07 P M
Day's Length..... 14 h 20 m
High Water at Southport..... 7.32 A M
High Water at Wilmington 9.15 A M

The Weather.
U. S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE.
WEATHER BUREAU.
WILMINGTON, N. C., May 28.
Meteorological data for yesterday:
Temperature: 8 a. m., 75°; 8 p. m., 78°
maximum, 85°; minimum, 68°; mean, 78°.
Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall for
the month up to date, .85.

COTTON REGION BULLETIN.
Light rains in nearly all districts of
the cotton belt are reported for the 24
hours ended at 8 a. m. yesterday. The
average maximum temperature ranged
from 81 to 93 degrees.
FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.
Local showers in the morning, fol-
lowed by fair weather; warmer southerly
winds.
The barometer has fallen rapidly on
the Atlantic coast and slowly in the
Southwest and at Rocky Mountain sta-
tions. It has risen rapidly in the Lake
region and the upper Mississippi valley.
It is warmer on the Atlantic coast and
cooler from the Gulf States northward
over the Lake regions.
Generally fair weather will prevail in
the Northwest and the Gulf States.
Showers and thunder-storms are indi-
cated for New England, Virginia and the
Carolinas, followed by fair weather.

OUTLINES.

An additional tax of 75 cents per bar-
rel on beer was proposed in the Senate
as an amendment to the Filled Cheese
bill. Mr. Butler's bond bill was discussed,
but it went over without action.
An exciting discussion, involving the
question of State aid to the Church, oc-
curred in the Southern Presbyterian
Assembly over a report on the Assembly's
Home and School at Fredericksburg,
Va. The order prohibiting
the exportation of Cuban tobacco has
been modified so that the contracts en-
tered into before the publication of the
order will be respected. The Demo-
crats of Cook county, Illinois, elected
five silver delegates to the State Con-
vention. Judge & Walker, of At-
lanta, Ga., have been awarded the con-
tract for the interior finish work of the
public building at Newbern.
Further details of the Michigan cyclone
show that forty persons were killed and
as many more injured; the village of
Oakwood was practically destroyed. —
The Spaniards in Havana are elated over
the decision of the United States Su-
preme Court in the case of the filibuster-
ing steamer Horsa. — The Demo-
cratic Convention of Oklahoma declared
for the free coinage of silver. — The
coronation of the Emperor and Empress
of Russia was attended by imposing cer-
emonies. — N. Y. markets: Money on call
was easy at 1 1/2 @ 3 per cent; cotton quiet;
middling gulf 8 1/2-16; middling uplands
8 1/2-16; Southern flour easy; common to
extra fair \$2.20 @ 2.30 good to choice \$2.80
@ 3.10; wheat—spot more active for ex-
port and weaker; corn—spot weaker and
more active; No. 2 at elevator 34 1/2; coffee
35 1/2; spirits turpentine dull but steady
at 20 @ 20 1/2; rosin quiet and steady;
strained common to good \$1.80 @ 1.85.

A pneumatic tire company has
been organized in London with a
capital of \$30,000,000. It evidently
expects to do a good deal of in-
flating.

Atlanta is to have a bicycle fac-
tory. We think there is one in Chat-
tanoocha but are not sure. There
ought to be at least a dozen in the
South.

There has been a loss of \$14,000-
000 of gold from the Treasury since
April, and fears are now entertained
that the reserve may fall below
\$100,000,000 before the export
season closes.

A contemporary remarks that
there are "more millionaires in New
York and Brooklyn than in all the
rest of the country." And they are
solid for the gold standard. They
know a good thing—for them—when
they see it.

Hon. Warner Miller of New York,
has "no desire to stir up any trouble
or create any dissensions," but
nevertheless, however, and notwith-
standing he does not hesitate to
blandly remark that some of Mr.
Platt's proceedings are "infamous
and outrageous."

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

Attention is called to the follow-
ing REDUCED RATES of Subscription
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TO CITY SUBSCRIBERS.
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carrier at any point in the city at 12
cents per week, or 45 cents per
month.

The gold papers characterize the
recent vote in the Senate on issuing
bonds in time of peace, without au-
thority of Congress, as a blow at the
public credit. It was no such thing.
It was simply a step taken to compel
the Treasury to live up to the con-
tract with Government creditors, and
prevent the Government from issuing
bonds to borrow gold when it
has at its disposal other good and
lawful money to meet its obliga-
tions.

The Washington correspondent of
the New York Times writes that
"silver is gaining ground" and that
the "free coinage men are likely to
make trouble at Chicago." Not a
bit of it. If the gold men gracefully
accept the inevitable and loyally
come to law there will not be a bit
of trouble and everything will be
lovely.

Li Hung Chang has to pay \$28,000
for the apartments he will occupy in
Moscow during the coronation festi-
vities. Amusements like that come
high but when an old rooster like Li
goes in for fun he expects to pay for
it, and as he runs about all the big
paw shops in China he doesn't mind
spending a few thousands to put on
style.

The French doctors, dentists, &c.,
want protection from outsiders. A
hundred and eighteen Paris doctors
have sent a petition asking that the
Government refuse permission to
any new comer to practice medicine,
dentistry, &c., in France until he be-
comes a naturalized citizen.

A society has been organized in
Philadelphia, the members of which
pledge themselves never to invite
another person to drink intoxicating
liquors nor to accept such invitation
from another person. There is some-
thing in this both from a temperance
and economic standpoint.

Miss Stone, of Philadelphia, is a
bustler. She has gone into the oil
region of Tennessee, leased lots of
land, and proposes to drill a dozen
or more wells in the Fall. We pre-
sent our compliments to Miss Stone
and hope she will strike some
gushers.

Senator Quay has returned from
his pilgrimage to Canton, but is as
mute as an oyster and only "smiles"
when they ask him to say something.
The presumption is that he and Mc-
Kinley both "smiled" when they met,
and they both shook when they
parted.

Hon. T. B. Reed leaned to talk
French some time ago. He will learn
to walk Spanish at St. Louis.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.
NOTICE—To the public.
A & N C R—Schedule.
JAS D NUTT—Soda water.
J. H. REHDER & CO—This week.
OPERA HOUSE—Juvenile Operetta.
NOTICE—To the Democratic voters of
New Hanover county.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS
Fortunate Paragraphs Pertaining Primarily
to People and Pointedly Printed.

Dr. Jas. E. Matthews is sick and
confined to his house with fever.

—Mr. J. Q. Bell, of Rocky Point,
was a visitor in the city yesterday.

—Mr. R. G. Church, of Balti-
more, is in the city, a guest at The
Purcell.

—Mr. Arthur W. Belden returned
yesterday from the University of North
Carolina.

—Mr. Delos Thomas, of Winston,
was among the visitors in the city
yesterday.

—Misses Fannie and Eva Willis
have returned to the city from a visit
to friends at Fayetteville.

—Messrs. Jas. Kyle and E. D.
Kyle, of Fayetteville, were in the city
yesterday on business.

—Mr. Thos. Cartwright, of Balti-
more, was in the city yesterday, regis-
tered at The Purcell.

—Mr. B. H. Southworth, of New
York, was among the arrivals in the city
yesterday, stopping at The Purcell.

—The STAR regrets to learn that
Mrs. Graham Davis, here on a visit to
her father, Dr. A. J. DeRosset, is seri-
ously ill.

—Messrs. A. F. Patrick, Jackson-
ville; B. R. Taylor, Fayetteville; J. F.
McNair, Laurinburg; E. T. Cansler,
Charlotte; R. D. Caldwell, Laurinburg;
N. A. Sinclair, Fayetteville; were among
the arrivals in the city yesterday.

For a good time go to Dr. Blue
Mountain Joe's Big Free Shows. Two
performances daily. Admission free.
Seats 10c.

LOCAL DOTS.

Items of Interest Gathered Here
and There and Briefly Noted.
—A few roasting-ears were in
market yesterday—the first of the season.
—Local forecast for to-day: Gen-
erally fair; warm; increasing cloudiness
in the afternoon; south winds.
—The three Democrats most
prominently mentioned now for the
nomination for Governor are Julian S.
Carr, Walter Clark and James C. McRae.
—The noise created by rapidly
driven vehicles on Seventh street at
about daylight is very annoying to
those wishing to sleep, north of Market
street.

—The Fayetteville Observer notes
the fact that Dr. H. W. Lilly, of that
town, who is a capitalist, a manufacturer
and a bank president, is an uncompromis-
ing silver man.
—The usual Wednesday evening
services at Grace M. E. church will be
held at 8 a. m. to-night. Those attend-
ing will please bring their Triumphant
Song Books with them.

—The Charlotte Observer says:
"The Court of Claims has recommended
to Congress the payment of letter car-
rier claims for 1905. Raleigh, \$1,094.78;
Wilmington, \$4,280.05."
—In Justice Bunting's court yester-
day Tom Ennett, colored, charged
with assault with a deadly weapon, was
sent to jail, failing to give bond for ap-
pearance at the Criminal Court.
—The ministers and delegates to
the Wilmington District Conference,
M. E. Church South, which convenes at
Jacksonville on to-morrow, will leave
this afternoon on the W. N. & N. R. R.
—Messrs. D. Quinlivan, P. H.
Hayden, T. Quinlivan and W. F.
Ketchum, horse shoers and coach build-
ers, announce that their shops will be
closed every Saturday at 1 p. m. during
the warm season.

—The Cape Fear & Yadkin Val-
ley Railway Company have issued a
new circular giving a list of cotton mills
located on the line of the road, showing
the class of goods manufactured, the
number of looms, spindles, and bales of
cotton consumed per year.
—The Assistant Secretary of the
Navy, Mr. Wm. McAdoo, is expected to
arrive here about June 15th, to inspect
the North Carolina Naval Reserves in
this city, which rank No. 1 in the
United States. He will come on the
government dispatch boat Dolphin.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
Interesting Exercises at the Union—Large
Audience—The Hemenway To-Day.
A large audience gathered at the
Union School yesterday to witness the
closing exercises of the Union School.
More than 100 pupils took part and
the following programme was rendered:
1. Opening Chorus, by pupils of
Primary Grades.
2. "Tommy Tompkins." Song and
Chorus.
3. "Days of My Youth."
4. "Three O'ld Maids of Lea."
5. "Red Riding Hood Drill."
6. "Shaking Quakers."
7. "Indian Drums."
8. Song, "Over the Hills."
The superintendent announced that
during the year the enrollment was 807,
which was 100 more pupils than last
year.

On to-day the public is invited to
attend the exercises at the Hemenway
School at 10.30 a. m.

The Precinct Boundaries.
For the information of the Democrats
of the First and Fifth Wards, which
have been divided into five and four
precincts, respectively, the STAR states
that maps of the poll holders, so that all
who are uncertain as to their location can
determine this point. The division of the
Third and Fourth Wards is so simple
that no map is necessary.

The first precinct of the Third Ward
lies west of the centre of Seventh street,
and the second precinct east of that
line.
The first precinct of the Fourth Ward
lies west of the centre of Fourth street.
The second precinct lies east of that
line.
The boundaries of the precincts of the
First and Fifth Wards are complicated,
but the maps referred to above will
show the "local habitation" of every
voter.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.
Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton
Yesterday.
Wilmington & Weldon R. R.—3
bales cotton, 17 casks spirits turpentine,
31 bbls rosin, 39 bbls tar, 4 bbls crude
turpentine.
Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta R.
R.—7 casks spirits turpentine, 76 bbls
rosin.
Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley R. R.—
53 casks spirits turpentine, 148 bbls
rosin.
Steamer D. Murchison—58 casks
spirits turpentine, 133 bbls rosin, 33 bbls
tar, 36 bbls crude turpentine.
Schooner William—36 casks spirits
turpentine, 59 bbls rosin.
Total receipts—Cotton, 3 bales; spirits
turpentine, 169 casks; rosin, 443 bbls;
tar, 63 bbls; crude turpentine, 40 bbls.

One Coat a Week.
Hereafter advertisements to go in our
"Business Locals" department will be
charged one cent per word for each in-
sertion; but no advertisement, however
short, will be taken for less than 30 cents.
This is a reduction from former rates
and it is also a convenience to adver-
tisers who can calculate the exact cost
of their advertisements, which must be
paid for always in advance.

If there is anything you want
advertised for, let us know anything you
don't want? Advertise it in the
Business Locals of the STAR. One
cent a word. But no ad. taken for
less than 30 cents.

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EXCURSION TO SOUTHPORT

By the Heptasoph—Pleasant Trip Down
the River and Out to Sea—Entertainment
at Southport.
The excursion given by the Hepta-
soph, or Seven Wise Men, to Southport
yesterday was a great success.
The steamer Wilmington left the city
at 9.30 a. m., with a large crowd on
board.
The Columbia Italian string band dis-
coursed sweet music on the way down
the river and at Southport, which was
highly enjoyed, and many of the
younger added to their joy by engaging
in the dance.

The boat arrived at Southport at 12
m. Many of the excursionists pro-
ceeded to the pavilion, where refresh-
ments were served, while others re-
mained on board to take a trip on old
ocean. The boat went about three
miles to sea and returned to Southport
at 3.30 p. m.

The boat strolled over the beautiful
town of Southport, and many greetings
from its clever and hospitable citizens,
the crowd assembled at the pavilion to
witness one of the most laughable en-
tertainments ever given in that little
town. It was opened by Mr. T. J. Gore,
in the Mighty Miracle of Windom, and
then a brief history of the Order
was given by Mr. E. W. Jewell. He
said in substance, this grand and an-
cient Order was founded on the
teachings of the Seven Wise Men of
Greece, and was introduced into the
United States on the 6th day of April,
A. D. 1859, by Dr. Alexander L.
Saunders, and was organized in Wil-
mington, N. C., the 9th of April, 1859.
It has from that time rapidly grown
in membership, and is now in a flourish-
ing condition. It lays great stress upon
the number seven. He gave many an-
cient and modern customs in which the
number seven is used.
The sham initiation of a candidate
was highly enjoyed by the audience,
after which a comic song by Mr. K. W.
Jewell closed the performance.
The boat left Southport at 5 p. m.,
and arrived in Wilmington at 7.30, with
every face beaming with happiness.

Redeemed Bates S. A. L.
On account of the commencement
of the Oxford Female Seminary, the
Seaboard Air Line has authorized the
sale of return tickets to that point at re-
duced rates. From Wilmington, N. C.,
\$7.25. Tickets on sale May 23rd to 26th
with final limit for return May 27th.
The Seaboard Air Line has author-
ized the extension of tickets sold on ac-
count of the meeting of the Confederate
Veterans to that limit.
On account of the Commencement of
Biddle University (colored) Charlotte,
N. C., the Seaboard Air Line has author-
ized the sale of return tickets to that
point at reduced rates. From Wilmington
\$5.00. Tickets on sale May 28th to 31st
inclusive, good to return to and includ-
ing June 5th. Rate from Wilmington
\$6.80.

On account of the Commencement of
Peace Institute, Raleigh, N. C., round
trip tickets will be sold to that point
by the Seaboard Air Line at reduced rates.
Rate from Wilmington \$5.30. Tickets
on sale May 28th to 30th; final limit
June 5th.
On account of the Epworth League
Sunday School Convention, Statesville,
N. C., the Seaboard Air Line has author-
ized the sale of return tickets to that
point at reduced rates. Rate from Wil-
mington \$10.75. Tickets on sale May
28th-31st inclusive, final limit June
5th.

Funeral of Dr. Pritchard.
The news of the funeral of Rev.
Dr. Pritchard, which took place in Char-
lotte Sunday.
The hour set for the funeral was 5
o'clock, but the church was filled long
before that time. The people kept com-
ing however until they surrounded the
church on all sides and lining the street
in front while the impressive services
were being held over the body.

Every evangelist pastor in the city
was upon the platform, most of them
taking some part in the service. Mr.
Pruett, Baptist City Missionary, opened
the service with prayer, followed by a
quartet composed of Miss Freeman,
Messrs. Bryan, Scott and Summey.
Rev. J. R. Hawkins gave out hymn 648,
Rev. O. L. Stringfellow, of Raleigh,
read a chapter of scripture and Dr.
Brooks offered prayer.
Dr. Chas. E. Taylor, President of
Wake Forest College, was the principal
speaker and was followed by Rev. Jno.
A. Preston, of the First Presbyterian
Church, Rev. Dr. W. S. Bowman, of St.
Mark's Lutheran Church and Rev. C. L.
Hoffman, of St. Peter's Episcopal
Church.

The closing prayer was offered by
Rev. H. L. Atkins, when Rev. Mr. Tur-
rentine read out hymn 639, after which
the body was borne from the church to
the grave. It was the longest funeral
procession ever known in Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. James Melvin Before Squire
McGowan.
Mr. James Melvin and wife, Mrs.
Mary A. Melvin, the couple who had a
scuffle on Water street Monday after-
noon for the possession of a child, in
which Mrs. Melvin came off victorious
(as told in the STAR), were in Justice
McGowan's Court yesterday morning.
Mrs. Melvin having been arrested upon
complaint of her husband, charging her
with assault and battery. After an in-
vestigation of the case, the magistrate
decided that the defendant was not
guilty and required the prosecuting wit-
ness (Mr. Melvin) to pay the costs.

"The Jolly Farmers."
The entertainment to be given at the
Opera House next Friday night will be
immensely popular, no doubt. Seventy-
five carefully selected vocalists from
the Union and Hemenway schools will pre-
sent "The Jolly Farmers," a juvenile
operetta for which the performers have
been in careful training for some time
past. The box sheet will be opened at
Yates' to-morrow morning. Admission
25 cents, children 15 cents. No extra
charge to adults for reserved seats.

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RALEIGH NEWS BUDGET

CATTLE QUARANTINE RESTRICTIONS
REMOVED.
Federal Court Convened—Governor's Guard
Will Attend the Richmond, Va., Ses-
sion—Commencement at the A. & M.
College—Dissensions Handled Down by
the Supreme Court.
[Special Star Correspondence.]
RALEIGH, N. C., May 29.
The Committee of Richmond cattle
brokers, who came here to see Gov-
ernor Carr regarding the quarantine
line in North Carolina, has been to
Washington to see the Secretary of Ag-
riculture. Although Secretary Morton
was out of Washington, they succeeded
in their mission. The arrangement was
effected with the Bureau of Animal In-
dustry, and fifteen western counties will
be released from the quarantine regula-
tions, subject to the approval of Gov.
Carr, which is certain to be given.

Raleigh will send possibly two hun-
dred citizens to the reunion at Rich-
mond, Va., next month. The Govern-
or's Guard will go, sixty strong.
The boys of the A. & M. College are
now in the midst of their examinations.
Their Commencement exercises begin
the 9th of June.
Kesnich's Richmond band will be here
for a week and will likely give a number
of concerts here and in neighboring
towns. They have a week intervening
between the Wake Forest and Univer-
sity Commencements, where they have
been engaged.

It is said that a number of Populists
aligned with the Democrats in the pri-
maries and the Convention in Pitt
county.
Federal Court convened to-day, Judge
Seymour presiding. This term of the
court is in marked contrast to the term
last December, when the who's who was
flooded with moonshiners. Three hun-
dred cases were docketed then; 150 are
open in that section, and most of these
are continued cases.
Gov. Carr honors a requisition from
the Governor of South Carolina for the
delivery of James Belton under arrest at
Charlotte. He is wanted for rapping a
six-year old child in Kershaw county.
[Special Star Telegram.]
The Supreme Court has adjourned
sine die. The following decisions were
hand down:
Solomon vs. Bates, from New Han-
over. Motion to modify opinion de-
nied.
Elberse vs. Railroad, from Richmond;
affirmed.
Taylor vs. Smith, from Craven; error.
State Treasurer vs. Commissioners of
Craven; affirmed.
Weisel vs. Cobb, from Pasquotank;
two appeals decided against defendant.

REV. THOS. H. PRITCHARD, D. D.
Resolutions Adopted by Brooklyn Baptist
Sunday School.
On Sunday afternoon, at 4 p. m., in
Brooklyn Baptist Church, a memorial
meeting was held in memory of the late
Dr. Pritchard. Rev. J. W. Kramer
spoke of Dr. Pritchard as a friend to the
poor. Mr. S. L. Smith spoke of the
great work he had done for Brook-
lyn Baptist Church, and Mr. J. H. McDougall
spoke of many of his noble charac-
teristics. Mr. I. C. Gore offered the follow-
ing resolution:
"Since the Almighty God has re-
moved from earth our friend and
brother, Rev. Thos. H. Pritchard, D. D.,
be it resolved, That in his death the
Baptist cause has lost a strong man, and
humanity a warm friend; that we deplore
the fact that he is with us no more; that
we believe he is already wearing the
crown of the faithful; that we extend our
sympathies to his family in this hour
of separation; that we recommend them
to the mercy of his God; that a copy
of these resolutions be sent to our pa-
pers for publication, and one to his
family."
BROOKLYN BAPTIST S. S.
May 24, 1896.

OPERA HOUSE.
Private of Passage to be Presented This and
To-morrow Evening.
There was a rehearsal at the Opera
House last night of the "Pirates of
Passage," the beautiful three-act
opera to be presented to the public to-
night and to-morrow evening for the
benefit of Cape Fear Chapter
of the Daughters of the Con-
federacy. It is an event that
the music lovers of the city have been
looking forward to with pleasurable
anticipations for some time past, and
that these anticipations will be realized,
there can be no question. The opera
itself is bright and sparkling, with
picturesque and novel situations, catchy
songs, and the performers the very best
of the amateur talent of the city, as-
sisted by Miss Donnelly, of Washington,
D. C., and Prof. Baker, of Atlanta, who
take leading roles in the presentation of
the piece.

The box sheet for to-night's perform-
ance is open at Yates'; reserved seats
75c; general admission 50c.

About The Pledge.
The STAR is authorized by Chairman
Borden to state that a misunderstanding
exists in the pledge that appears in the
call for the Democratic primaries. The
poll holders will exact no pledge unless
some Democrat other than the poll
holders. It is taken for granted that
every Democrat who takes part in the
primaries will abide by the decision of
the State and County conventions.

Thompson School Commencement.
The closing exercises of Thompson
School, at Siler City, will occur May 31st
to June 2nd. Rev. T. M. Johnson, of
Henderson, N. C., will preach the an-
nual sermon; Dr. Jno. C. Kilgo, president
of Trinity College, will deliver the lit-
erary address Tuesday, June 2d. Re-
union of old students Monday, June 1st.
The C. F. & Y. V. R. R. will give excu-
sion rates to all visitors and passenger
coaches will be attached to freight trains.

Dr. Pritchard's Library and Insurance.
Charlotte Observer: Mrs. Pritchard
yesterday went through Dr. Pritchard's
library at the Baptist church, and gave
half of the books to the Sunday school
of Tryon street church, and the rest to
Wake Forest College.
Dr. Pritchard's life was insured for
\$10,000. He had a policy of \$3,000 in
the Royal Arcanum and \$3,000 in the
Knights of Honor, besides other insur-
ance.

INSURGENTS MOVE WESTWARD.
Advance Guard of Gomez's Reinforcement
Tears Up a Railroad and Does Other
Damage.
HAVANA, CUBA, May 24.—A rebel
column, estimated at one thousand men,
crossed the Havana and Pinar del Rio
Railroad on the day before yesterday,
twelve miles out, tearing up the track
and cutting the telegraph wires, thus
temporarily interrupting traffic between
this city and the trocha, and continuing
their march westward. The name of the
leader is unknown. This is believed to
be the advance guard of the reinforce-
ment General Gomez is sending to Ma-
coco's rescue.
More than ten thousand insurgents,
comprising Gomez's main column, are
reported to have encamped yesterday
just beyond Union de los Reyes, this
morning resuming their march west-
ward over the same route as Macoco's
forces followed in December and Jan-
uary last. Great excitement prevails in
Spanish military circles. Ten trains left
Havana at midnight to bring troops
from the trocha to strengthen the Gov-
ernment posts between this city and
Batabano, in the hope of checking
Gomez's movement toward Pinar del
Rio.

GOMEZ IN HAVANA.
News has just been received that
Gomez's right wing has entered Havana
Province, beyond Jaruco. Two flying
squadrons of the rebel cavalry, under
General Maso and Colonel Radigues,
estimated at one thousand each, en-
camped last night on the Mirra plan-
tation between this city and Batabano.
Several railway bridges in this province
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PROGRESS OF THE FIGHT.
The Battle of the Metals—The Result in
States Whose Conventions Have Been
Held.
The following shows the standing on
the money question of the States in which
conventions have thus far been held:

States.	Gold Standard.	Free Silver.
Alabama	—	28
Colorado	—	92
Idaho	—	—
Massachusetts	30	—
Michigan	23	—
Mississippi	—	19
Minnesota	—	84
Nebraska	—	—
New Hampshire	8	—
New Jersey	20	—
Oregon	—	—
Pennsylvania	64	—
Rhode Island	8	—
South Carolina	—	18
South Dakota	8	—
Tennessee	—	24
Washington	—	8
Wyoming	—	—
Totals	168	188
Total number of delegates to be elected	910	354
Total number elected to date	84	186
For gold	186	—
For free silver	—	186
STAR's present estimate of total gold standard vote	885	—
STAR's present estimate of total sil- ver vote	—	625

CROPS AND POLITICS.

Extract from Circular Letter of Jas. L. An-
thony, Banker, New York.
NEW YORK, May 28.—Silver exports
still continue, and are an important fac-
tor that cannot be ignored, and general
exports show a satisfactory increase over
last year.
While the stock market has been un-
settled on account of the political con-
ditions with which we are surrounded,
the bears have had very little comfort,
and purchases made the week ending
May 16th have shown a fair profit in
most instances.
The most prominent candidate on the
Republican side for the presidential
nomination, while he has made no pub-
lic utterance as to the gold standard,
will not receive the nomination unless
he comes out flatfooted in favor of the
best money in the world, nor do we be-
lieve that any candidate on the Repub-
lican ticket can be nominated where
there is no shadow of a doubt as to his
convictions upon this subject.

The wheat market has continued
nervous as we predicted. There has
been, however, a good trading market,
and good profits have been made by
those who purchased on all weak spots
and took fair profits. Each day con-
firms the statements we have made as
regards the Northwest section, and
when it is taken into account that North
Dakota alone furnishes an average crop
of about 65,000,000 bushels, and that
scarcely an acre has been seeded there
yet, and that the total Spring crop of
the country amounts to about 900,000-
000 bushels, and that except in Missouri,
Kansas and Texas, and a few points
contiguous thereto, crops are not as-
sured, must convince the most skeptical
that we are a long way off from even a
moderate Spring wheat crop at the
present time. Harvesting has begun in
Kansas and in Texas, and the crop there
is beyond the slightest danger, and will
probably turn out to be among the
largest, if not the largest crop ever har-
vested in that section.

The mercantile situation while un-
settled holds its own, but without much
further improvement.
The cotton crop still shows a large in-
crease over last year, and as we
predicted receipts are increasing and
the exports are not large, and cotton, as
stated it would do, has declined mate-
rially, and we see no reason to expect
anything like the present prices for the
new crop.
The foreign situation remains about
the same politically, but the gold price
has fallen, and there show that nothing is
needed but a proper gold plank in the
platform of both parties, and proper can-
didates nominated to turn all the sur-
plus money of Europe to our doors.

INSURGENTS MOVE WESTWARD.
Advance Guard of Gomez's Reinforcement
Tears Up a Railroad and Does Other
Damage.
HAVANA, CUBA, May 24.—A rebel
column, estimated at one thousand men,
crossed the Havana and Pinar del Rio
Railroad on the day before yesterday,
twelve miles out, tearing up the track
and cutting the telegraph wires, thus
temporarily interrupting traffic between
this city and the trocha, and continuing
their march westward. The name of the
leader is unknown. This is believed to
be the advance guard of the reinforce-
ment General Gomez is sending to Ma-
coco's rescue.
More than ten thousand insurgents,
comprising Gomez's main column, are
reported to have encamped yesterday
just beyond Union de los Reyes, this
morning resuming their march west-
ward over the same route as Macoco's
forces followed in December and Jan-
uary last. Great excitement prevails in
Spanish military circles. Ten trains left
Havana at midnight to bring troops
from the trocha to strengthen the Gov-
ernment posts between this city and
Batabano, in the hope of checking
Gomez's movement toward Pinar del
Rio.

GOMEZ IN HAVANA.
News has just been received that
Gomez's right wing has entered Havana
Province, beyond Jaruco. Two flying
squadrons of the rebel cavalry, under
General Maso and Colonel Radigues,
estimated at one thousand each, en-
camped last night on the Mirra plan-
tation between this city and Batabano.
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