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Significant Facts.

There are two facts derivable from the statistics of Massachusetts, first: that the emigration from that State has been large, over 1,000,000 during the last hundred years...

- 1.—Domestic and professional, 32,720
2.—Government and personal service, 434,580
3.—Trade and transportation, 104,935
4.—Agriculture, fisheries, etc., 81,156
5.—Manufactures and mechanical industries, 316,459
6.—Non-productive, 65,430
7.—Students of all grades, 282,784
8.—Not given, including children, 374,129

There is another fact that is calculated to arrest attention. The birth rates of natives is less than the death rates. The main cause of the deterioration is well known, and one English writer, Hopworth Dixon, has given some significant information connected therewith.

The real increase of population, according to Dr. Allen, is owing to the influx of foreigners, chiefly Irish and German. Dr. Allen says that whilst the population of New England is but 20 per cent. Roman Catholic, that actually 75 per cent. of the births are of Roman Catholic parentage.

Mr. John Welsh, of Philadelphia, Nominated a Great Surprise. (Special to Baltimore Gazette.)

The nomination of Mr. John Welsh, of Philadelphia, to the British mission, following so closely on the heels of the Simon Cameron fiasco, has created great consternation among the statesmen in the Senate.

Mr. Welsh was chairman of the Board of Finance of the International Exhibition. He is one of the best men of Philadelphia, in which city he was born in 1805.

OF THE PAST GENERATION.

A correspondent writing from Lumberton, Robeson county, gives us the following: Frederick Harden, of Robeson county, was born July 4th, 1776, served as a private soldier in Capt. McHatter's company North Carolina volunteers, at Fort Johnston, 1813 and 1814.

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sound memory; relates skirmishes of the "old war" between the Whigs and Tories. A gentleman informs us that Mrs. Campbell, near Antioch Church, Robeson county is in her 105th year.

THE ATLANTIC INLAND WATER ROUTE.

Our people have never given that attention to the proposed Atlantic Inland Water Route that its real importance entitles it to. From some cause an indifference, a lethargy has marked the course of many of our citizens from whom naturally a warm interest and sympathy would have been expected.

From recent information we are encouraged with the hope that the Atlantic Inland Water Route will no longer be overlooked. The enterprise promises after so long a time to assume a practical business shape.

But Congress has always hesitated about the matter. It was apparent that after the U. S. Government had constructed the canal, or series of canals, that an additional expense would be incurred annually in keeping the work in proper condition.

But the cause that has heretofore deterred Congress from making the necessary appropriations need not prevent the undertaking of the work any longer. We learn that the New River Canal Company has bridged the line of water way that is now open in the North and in the South, by constructing an inland water route between Pamlico Sound, in this State, and Charleston, South Carolina.

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ments as the work progresses. It is thus that the matter is put in a practical form.

We are glad to learn that this plan meets with favor among those Senators and Representatives in Congress who have had charge of the matter heretofore. From Wilmington to the Chesapeake Bay there are two practical routes, each of which has advocates.

The benefits that would flow to Wilmington through this proposed new passage-way would be very large. Of this there can scarcely be any doubt.

Everybody who reads newspapers knows something about old Zack Chandler, the irrepressible and truculent Radical-bull-dozer from Michigan.

What his hearers wanted, what the country wanted, what the citizens of all governments wanted, was common sense, and plenty of it.

Now, that is indeed sensible and practical. It reads very much like some of the utterances of Mr. Hayes.

We intended noticing a somewhat remarkable letter written by Mr. Justice Strong of the Supreme Court, in regard to the Electoral Commission, but other matters have engaged our attention.

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The only war news of importance is a reported threatened invasion of Egypt by an Abyssinian army of 130,000 men, and the formation of a Redian army of 70,000 men to cross the Balkan mountains and to make an attack upon Adrianople without waiting for the fall of Mevna.

We call attention to the communication of "Oregon," copied from the Greensboro Patriot, on the Mt. Airy Narrow Gauge Railroad. We trust the importance of this road will not be overlooked by the go-ahead, earnest, intelligent business men of Wilmington.

Senator Oliver P. Morton is dead. His life-record is complete. By it he will be judged by his fellow-men.

Charles E. Lawson, Deputy Postmaster at Magnolia, N. C., charged with robbing a registered letter. The evidence being of a positive character, admitting of no defence, the defendant pled guilty.

Conrad Hauseman, charged with stealing, or obtaining by fraud, a letter from the Wilmington postoffice, was tried and convicted.

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SUPREME COURT.

The Case of Robert Smith.—The Argument Commenced. The case of the State v. Robert L. Smith was resumed in the Superior Court yesterday.

Court was again opened at 11 P. M., when defendant's counsel announced that no witnesses would be introduced for the defence. It having been determined that there would be two speeches on each side, His Honor stated that he would hear one speech for the prosecution and one for the defence last evening and the remaining arguments to-day.

The interest in this important case conditions unabated. Among the spectators Bladen county is largely represented, while Wilmington contributes sufficiently to the number to keep the court room crowded.

After being charged by the Court, the jury retired at 10 o'clock and Court took a recess of an hour. During the absence of the jury public opinion was very much divided as to the verdict that would be rendered.

A little later, the judge came into court. The clerk called the roll and each juror answered to his name. "Gentlemen of the jury, have you agreed upon a verdict?" asked the general clerk.

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THE COTTON TRADE.

Review of the Cotton Trade.—A Very Unfavorable Exhibit.—The Proceedings before the Cotton Trade Commission, as reported by the London, Nov. 1.

The Times, in its city article, has summarized the annual review of the cotton trade, just issued by Ellison & Co., of Liverpool, and says: "It is full of evidence that the trade has been dull and dragging, and the immediate prospect is far from bright."

Several countries have slightly increased the number of their spindles during the season, but the increase has been insignificant, and that of Great Britain has been a decrease.

Spinning of future prospects, Ellison & Co. estimate the yield of the American crop at about 4,500,000 bales, of which the United States themselves will take 1,500,000, leaving 3,000,000 for export.

With so much against the cotton trade of Europe is likely to drag on for some time as it has done. So far as has been, nothing more than a steady pace is likely to be maintained in the immediate future.

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Spirits Turpentine.

Tarboro Southern: Teal Hoel, on Monday evening, was moderately filled with Tarboro's most select citizens to hear the dramatic recitation in costume by Miss Mary Manly and Mr. Louis H. Hayward, of Raleigh.

Winston Sentinel: Cole, the circus man, says he lost money in North Carolina. Two years ago, when he exhibited in this place, he found an immense crowd, and he took advantage of the eagerness of the people and raised the price of the seats to one dollar.

Currituck items in Elizabeth City Economist: A colored man was attacked by a she-bear with a cub, a few nights since. The man made his escape by running. The next night they were both killed. A rattlesnake was killed near Jarvisburg, on Friday 4th inst., that had a dozen rattles and a button, showing his age to be between twenty and thirty.

Wilson Advertiser: While the train was passing from the Weldon fair on Wednesday night, crowded with men, women and children, some reckless mischief-makers fired a pistol into the general crowd for whose safety no providential interposition, serious damage would have been done.

Alamance Gleazer: Alexander Furety, a negro boy about fifteen years old, was convicted of larceny at Orange Court, and upon the suggestion of Hon. Josiah Turner, his counsel, that he ought to be liberated instead of sent to the penitentiary, His Honor agreed to suspend judgment if the boy's father would, in the presence of the sheriff, give him the wad of money that his counsel said was the proper amount for which to secure his freedom, and of course he has lapped the boy before now and put him to work.

Charlotte Observer: The Lutheran entertainment a few nights ago proved such a success that those who had it in charge have been repeatedly asked to repeat it. The series of meetings which are now in progress at Calvary Mission Church are being attended nearly as well as were those about two weeks ago. More than twenty-five persons have already professed religion, as a result of the meetings now in progress, and a great many penitents are at the altar.

Salisbury Watchman: We learn that Mr. Benjamin Coleman, who was so drastically cut with a knife in the hands of his father, George Coleman, some months ago, and who was under bond for his appearance at the present term of the Superior Court, has run away and will not appear. He left money to pay the forfeiture on his bond. His motive, as stated to some of his neighbors, was to get beyond the knowledge and reach of his father, who feared would renew his assault upon him.

Raleigh News: We learn from a gentleman just returned from the western part of the State that John Baxter Turpin had a second trial at Haywood Superior Court, last week, on a charge of killing Craghton Morrow, and received a verdict of "Not guilty." The Secretary of the North Carolina Agricultural Society was requested by the Executive Committee, by resolution, on Thursday night, to state that all articles awarded as premiums will remain at the Fair Grounds at the risk of the owner, if not claimed prior to the 10th of November.

Revenue collections during the month of October, reported by the collector of this (the sixth collection) district, amounted to \$28,828.38. For the same month last year the collections were \$31,775.28. During the month ending yesterday, there have been five interments in Elmwood Cemetery, three of whom were children. Neither of the adults died within the limits of the city. In Pinewood colored cemetery there were also five interments. This is a very remarkable showing for a city whose population is estimated at less than 9,000.

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A terrible railway accident has occurred on a Rockwell railway in the vicinity of the Dow, seven cars containing nearly 400 Abolition prisoners on their way to Liberia, were completely destroyed, and not a single man of the Abolitionists survived. They were, as usual, chained together.