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RESPECTING IMMIGRATION. The immigration to this country last year numbers in round figures about 500,000, ten per cent. more than the year previous.

The farmers who had money, as most of them had, took advantage of the easy terms offered by the Government, bought farms and made them homes.

The foreign blood that runs in the veins of Americans should forever prevent any prejudice against foreigners as foreigners, for none of us can go back very far without running against foreign parentage.

In the early days of the Republic it was as wise as it was generous to throw open the gates and offer a refuge to the oppressed of all nations.

But the conditions are somewhat changed now. There is comparatively little of the once vast unpeopled territory left.

But whether it be good or bad, it is a question whether it is good policy now to encourage this vast immigration in the future as we have in the past.

Is not our population of 63,000,000 growing fast enough by natural increase, and wouldn't it be the part of wisdom to retain what is left of the unoccupied public domain for the use of this increase?

Within another generation, at the rate at which the public lands are being entered and settled, there will be very little of the public domain left, and when that comes then comes the process of crowding, and that is never good.

An overcrowded city is not healthy either morally or physically, and an overcrowded country is no better than an overcrowded city.

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The valuable property advertised in the STAR for sale at auction by Messrs. Cronly & Morris, belonging to Maj. C. M. Stedman, was sold privately yesterday by the firm mentioned to Mr. G. W. Williams for \$25,000 cash.

Dr. Gallinger who succeeds Blair in the United States Senate from New Hampshire, may not match him in wind, but he is a great deal better looking man, if he is baldheaded.

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WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 1891.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The Oyster War. A dispatch to the Norfolk Virginian, from Elizabeth City, N. C., Jan. 31, says: "One or two hundred vessels owned and manned by non-residents of this State, have been poaching upon the oyster beds in the lower sounds of North Carolina."

The same paper says: A detachment of ten members of the Norfolk Light Artillery Blues, under command of Capt. M. C. Keeling, left yesterday morning for the oyster beds in the lower sounds of North Carolina.

The steamer will go to Newbern, Washington, and Beaufort, notifying dredgers of the passage of the law. As she proceeds on the return trip if any dredgers are found continuing to ravish the oyster beds they will be arrested, even if their boats have to be blown out of the water and their crews killed.

RAILROAD NEWS.

The Cape Fear and Cincinnati and its Western Connections.

The Blacksburg (S. C.) News says: "Vice President George B. Morton, of the Cape Fear and Cincinnati Railroad Company, accompanied by Mr. D. A. Thomas, of Gaffney City, S. C., was in town yesterday and remained a short time. This road is surveying a line from Gaffney City to Shelby, where they wish to connect with the Carolina Central and the Southern and Western Air Line."

Mr. Morton stated that work would begin at Gaffney City some time between the 1st and 15th of February. His company is anxious to make the connection mentioned above at Shelby."

The Lancaster (S. C.) Ledger says that the charter of the Asheville, Atlanta and Knoxville Road has been transferred to the Cape Fear and Cincinnati Railroad Company. The terminal points will be Southport at the mouth of the Cape Fear River and Chattanooga, Tenn. In this State the road will pass through Gaffney City, Lockhart Shoals, Chester, Rosville, Catawba Falls, Camden and Charleston. Mr. C. H. Ragsdale, chief engineer, has already located the road from Gaffney City to Kennedy Shoals on Broad River. He informs us that the contract for the grading from Gaffney to Catawba Falls has been given out, and by the terms thereof the work must be completed by July 1st next.

Grading commenced January 1st at Kennedy Shoals, and during the next two months a force of hands will be put to work at Catawba Falls.

WILMINGTON'S EXPORTS.

An Increase in All Leading Articles the Past Year as Compared with 1889. The annual statement of exports—foreign and domestic—for the year ended December 31st, 1890, as compiled by Col. Jno. L. Cantwell, secretary of the Produce Exchange, is summarized as follows:

Cotton, 154,066 bales; spirits turpentine, 70,285 casks; rosin, 385,523 bbls.; tar, 71,969 bbls.; crude turpentine, 19,083 bbls.; timber and lumber, 40,065,567 feet; pitch, 5,315 bbls.; peanuts, 73,121 bbls.; cotton goods, 2,770 pkgs; yarns, 678 bales; paper stock, 1,314 bales; shingles, 89,350,064; cases spirits turpentine, 12, cases tar, 4,139.

For the year ended Dec. 31st, 1889, the exports were: Cotton, 123,494 bales; spirits turpentine, 61,636 casks; rosin, 331,837 bbls.; tar, 68,865 bbls.; pitch, 5,269 bbls.; timber and lumber, 40,339,205 feet; peanuts, 80,202 bbls.; cotton goods, 2,913 pkgs; yarns, 243 bales; paper stock, 1,358 bales; shingles, 7,816,912; spirits turpentine in cases, 114 pkgs; in cases, 5,507.

The statement shows a considerable increase in exports of all articles during the past year as compared with 1889.

A Distressing Accident.

Rev. R. C. Beaman's little daughter, Mary, a child of about four years, met with a serious accident last Sunday at the residence of her parents in this city. While descending the stairway she fell and struck her head, causing concussion of the brain. Yesterday afternoon a surgical operation was performed upon the child by three physicians, and the result was so satisfactory that strong hopes are entertained of her recovery.

Ootton.

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Mr. Peebles, from the Grand Lodge of colored masons, asking for the establishment of an industrial school for colored pupils.

PETITIONS.

Mr. Holman, to prohibit the sale of liquor near certain churches.

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