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HOW TO BUILD TOWNS. This is a day of booms. Booms are a Western invention, and have been worked more or less throughout the West where they have built more imaginary towns than one could shake a stick at in thirty days.

The boom hasn't struck North Carolina yet, and there are no indications that it will, something on which North Carolina is to be congratulated. The nearest approach to it is the Land Improvement Companies which have been organized in many towns, and which, if properly managed, may be made the instruments of the advancement and prosperity of the towns where they operate, but, if not wisely managed, may be incalculable harm.

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Minor Mention. Maj. Burke, of Louisiana, at one time owner of the New Orleans Times-Democrat, State Treasurer, and one of the most prominent and respected men in the State, defaulted for several hundred thousand dollars, and before the defalcation was discovered went to Europe. He was in London when the discovery was made, and wrote home that he would return and explain everything satisfactorily and make good any deficiency which might appear, when pressing business which then detained him permitted him to leave London. His business in London it seems was to organize a stock company to work some supposed to be rich gold claims in Honduras to which he had secured a right by patents from the Government of Honduras, secured through its President, Brogan, whose friendship he won while the latter was visiting the New Orleans Exposition, of which Maj. Burke was director general. Burke has been heard from frequently, and was reported to be in Injun and cutting a wide swath in Honduras. The last report from him, however, represents him to be in a state of collapse and his big company bursted. He had an idea that the bed of a certain river was filled with gold washed from the hills, and he spent about \$1,000,000 of the company's money and his

wife's fortune in changing the course of this river, which was a big job, employing several hundred men for a year or more. When it was done they didn't find gold enough in it to plug a tooth.

The baccharat discussion grows in England, and as it grows the Prince of Wales finds himself getting into deeper and hotter water. He seems to have been stung by the intimation that he divulged the secret of the gaming table and emphatically denies it, but he does not seem to be worried over the fact that he violated army regulations by gambling with a subaltern officer, and conducting an offence which would expel that officer from the army if known, by pledging to keep it secret. This is the feature of the case which is going to prove the most serious to him, for as Sir Wm. Cumming has been dismissed from the army, his friends who already say that the jury was packed to convict him, will inquire by what system of justice or right the Prince of Wales, Gen. Owen Williams and Lord Curzon (master of Her Majesty's buck hounds), are allowed to remain, when they not only violated army regulations by gambling with a subaltern officer but also by pledging secrecy conducted an offence, the penalty of which is expulsion from the army. This issue can't be dodged, for notice has been served in the House of Commons that the War Department will be asked to tell next Monday what action it will take, which means that it is expected to take some action.

A MONEY COMBINE.

The money kings of the East are combining and the farmers of the West are to be their victims. Over \$80,000,000 in gold has been exported from this country within this year, there being an unusual demand for gold, especially from Russia, which is hoarding it to meet, it is said, some indebtedness which shortly matures. This large exportation, of course, makes money in this country that much the scarcer and harder to get, and makes it that much more difficult for Western farmers who have mortgages to meet, to meet them even if they have something to sell.

Their misfortune is that these mortgages are held by the men who control this volume of outgoing gold. Owing to the poor crops of last year most of the farmers who have given mortgages will be compelled to ask for an extension of time until this year's crop comes into market. They will have to ask the extension from the men who are manipulating this gold movement.

It is said that anticipating the requests for an extension of time they have formed combines not to grant extensions unless upon a gold basis, the result of which will be that the farmer who, for instance, has given a \$1,000 mortgage will be compelled to pay the holder of the mortgage \$1,000 in gold, or its equivalent in other currency, silver or paper.

When the silver coinage bill comes up for discussion or when the subject becomes a theme of discussion before Congress takes it into consideration, they will take advantage of these large exportations of gold to raise the price of gold and thus try to scare Congressmen into opposition to the free coinage bill. They may, perhaps, by the time the extended mortgages fall due raise the price of gold twenty-five or thirty per cent, so that the farmer who owes them \$1,000 will be compelled to raise \$1,000 in gold to pay up or \$1,250 in silver or paper money to do it. When the farmer hauls his grain or pork to market he will find the prices fixed on the high standard gold basis so that instead of receiving a dollar a bushel for his wheat he will get seventy-five cents and so proportionally on everything else he has to sell, although he receives his pay in silver or paper. It will take 1,250 bushels of wheat, worth a dollar a bushel in silver or paper, to pay off that \$1,000 debt.

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THE PRINCE OF WALES.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS DISTURBED BY THE SITUATION OF AFFAIRS.

Sir William Gordon Cumming and His Bride—Germany's Tariff on Grain—The Rupture of Voronius.

LONDON, June 18.—The Prince of Wales and the Duke of Cambridge came to town this morning on, it is said, important business. The Prince of Wales leaves London this afternoon in order to be present at the Royal picnic to-day at Virgin Water. It is generally understood the Prince's flying visit is connected with the baccharat scandal. The Prince of Wales, who at first was disposed to treat the baccharat matter lightly, has now awakened to the seriousness of his position.

The London correspondent of the Times writes that the Prince of Wales is generally known as a royal rebel, and that he is generally known as a royal rebel, and that he is generally known as a royal rebel.

Among the immigrants arrived in this country last month were 13,468 Italian, 8,000 more than came from Germany and 5,497 more than came from Ireland.

Death of Mrs. M. L. Gardiner. Mrs. Minnie Lou Gardiner, who died Thursday the 14th inst., at the residence of her brother, Dr. W. D. McMillan at Magnolia, N. C., was the youngest daughter of the late Dugald McMillan, of Pender county, and widow of the late H. S. Gardiner, who perished in Greeley's Arctic expedition in 1884. She was 31 years of age, and postmistress at Magnolia up to the time of her death.

Diocese of East Carolina Consent to the consecration of Rev. Phillips Brooks. The Standing Committee of the Diocese of East Carolina, at a meeting held last evening, gave consent to the consecration of the Rev. Phillips Brooks, D. D., as Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts. The members of the committee—Rev. Jas. C. Huske, D. D., Rev. Jas. Carnichael, D. D., Rev. Robert Strange, Dr. A. J. DeRosset, Mr. Geo. H. Roberts—were all present.

Crops in Brunswick. The Southport Leader reports the crop situation in Brunswick as follows: PHENIX—Weather cool with plenty of rain; peanuts unusually good; corn fine; potatoes backward; rice fair; gardens splendid. Work retarded by freshet in river. SHALLOT—Crops fair, though cotton is small, caused by cold. Apples are falling from the trees; and it seems that very few can mature.

The Mathewman Holdouts. Mayor Ricard yesterday received a telegram from Mr. Thos. A. Skidmore, Brooklyn, N. Y., employer of Mr. Mathewman, who was killed in this city the last Monday evening by Robt. H. Trask. The telegram reads as follows: BROOKLYN, N. Y., June 11th. Hon. Mayor, City of Wilmington, N. C.: Thanks for allowing my man to come home. He will be at trial as requested by you. Thank the citizens for their warm sympathy towards the widow. I will see that she wants for nothing. THOS. A. SKIDMORE.

TOBACCO COUNTIES.

Census Statistics for North Carolina, Showing Area, Production and Value of Crop.

Table showing tobacco statistics for various counties in North Carolina, including area, production, and value.

ALABAMA BRAGS. A Son of Ex-Congressman Shelly Fatally Shot—A Lad Instantly Killed at a Saw Mill.

BIRMINGHAM, June 11.—At Selma, last night, McConell Shelly, son of ex-Congressman G. H. Shelly, went into a saloon with a friend, Sumter Leak, Jr., and told the saloon-keeper, B. F. Burch, to send a dispatch for him. He had been informed that the telegraph office was there, but Burch supposed that Shelly was joking and refused him to send a dispatch for him. Shelly found that he had been joked, and being in liquor, he and his companion jerked off their coats and proposed to whip the saloon-keeper. Burch went out and returned with a rifle, and ordered them out of his house. They advanced on him, Shelly armed with a hammer, and Burch fired, the ball striking Shelly just below the nipple. Shelly will probably die.

FREE COINAGE. The Committee Claim Votes Enough to Carry it Through the Next Congress.

WASHINGTON, June 11.—A meeting of the free coinage silver committee, which was to have been held in Washington on the 18th inst., will take place on the same date at the Hoffman House in New York instead. They will meet at 10 o'clock in the morning and take up the consideration of free coinage where they left it at the last meeting. The proposition for a compromise on the coinage of products of American industry is not regarded favorably by the committee and they say they will have nothing but free coinage in the fullest sense of the term, and claim to have sufficient votes to carry it through the next Congress.

AGUSTA'S EXPOSITION. Ex-President Cleveland Invited to Attend.

NEW YORK, June 11.—Messrs. Walsh, Branch and Cowles, of Augusta, Ga., called on Mr. Cleveland on board the steamer Puritan this afternoon, just before her departure for Fall River, Massachusetts, and extended to him and Mrs. Cleveland an invitation to visit the Exposition at Augusta, Maine, on the 29th of August. Hon. Thos. E. Watson, of Georgia, will attend the meeting at Goldsboro.

LATE WASHINGTON NEWS.

Silver Purchases—Green Goods Men Sentenced—Telegraphers at the Bat.

WASHINGTON, June 13.—The amount of silver offered for sale to-day was \$93,500 ounces, and the amount purchased \$43,000 ounces, at 98¢98.15c. A telegram received at the Postoffice Department to-day announces that at their trial at Raleigh, N. C., June 11, W. H. Robinson, Frank J. Reid and Joseph I. Ellington, who, it was charged, were conducting a thriving "green goods game" at Clayton, Princeton and Lemay, N. C., were convicted and sentenced as follows: Robinson and Reid each 18 months in the penitentiary at Columbus, Ohio; Ellington's sentence suspended, in view of mitigating circumstances—that is, being a tool of the others—and upon plea of guilty being made, one-third of the costs was imposed, amounting to \$102. Robinson is said to have been an old offender. He was arrested at Arcola, N. C., over a year ago and convicted. His sentence was suspended during good behavior; but it seems he could not resist the temptation to violate the law.

The count of cash in the vaults of the Treasury consequent upon the recent change in the office of Treasurer, has so far resulted in the discovery of a discrepancy of one dollar. This is missing from a bag of silver in a vault containing \$70,000.00. The bag was broken open by its own weight and decay of the canvas, and its contents were scattered among other bags in the vault. It contained 1,000 silver dollars, all of one which were found, and that one which probably turned up before the examination of the vault is concluded. Otherwise, ex-Treasurer Huston would have to make it up.

A FEARFUL WRECK. Twenty-five Cars Thrown Into a Ravine—Three Men Killed and Others Injured.

ALTON, Pa., June 12.—While coming down the mountain from Lloydsville to Bellwood, on the Pennsylvania & Northwestern railroad last night, a heavy coal train got beyond control and dashing down the grade at a fearful rate of speed, was piled up and smashed into kindling wood at a curve on the side of a deep ravine about three miles north of Bellwood. An engine and twenty-five passenger coaches with coal lay piled up in a mass of broken wood and twisted iron at the bottom of the ravine and among the debris were the bodies of the conductor, engineer and one brakeman, with almost all semblance of humanity crushed out of them. The other train hands were more or less injured, but all were more or less injured. The track is torn up and blocked for a long distance, and passengers are being transferred by way of Alton and Creson.

CHINESE OUTRAGES. Attacks Upon Christian Missions—Missionaries Compelled to Flee for Their Lives.

LONDON, June 12.—Dispatches from Shanghai announce fresh excesses upon the part of the anti-European element in the population of China. Attacks upon Christian missions in the interior continue. In one case Chinese troops sent to repress the rioters aided them and made matters still worse. More serious rioting has occurred at Takatang, where the missionaries were compelled to flee for their lives. The ladies arrived at Kin Kiang, one of the treaty ports on the Kiang river, near Kin Kiang, several missionary establishments have been looted and burned by riotous Chinese.

AN IMPORTANT SUIT. Settled in a Peculiar Way in the U. S. Court at Charlotte.

HOMICIDE AT FORT MONROE.

Edward A. Hanegan Killed by Thornton C. Haines.

FORT MONROE, Va., June 12.—Edward A. Hanegan, a young man from Washington, was shot and killed this evening by Thornton C. Haines, son of Colonel Peter C. Haines, of the engineer corps of the army. The two young men came here from Washington a few days ago, and were rooming together. They went out rowing this evening and got into a quarrel when Haines shot Hanegan through the heart. The body has been taken to the hospital to await the action of the coroner. Haines went to Col. Frank, post commander, and surrendered himself. He claims the shooting was done in self-defense.

INSANITY AND MURDER. A Horrible Affair near Scottsboro, Ala.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., June 13.—A special from Scottsboro to the Aco-Herald tells a horrible story. This morning Mr. and Mrs. Allen Young, who live near the town, were out for a walk in the field to plant corn. Nothing was heard of them until just before noon, when their ten year old daughter started to the field with dinner for her father. On the way she found the corpse of her mother lying by the path with a horrible gash on her forehead, seemingly made by a rock. Her husband could nowhere be found. The last seen of him was a boy who saw him in the woods some time after the deed, skinning a buck from a hickory sapling. He was, presumably, preparing to hang himself. He has been known to be mentally unbalanced, but it had never taken the form of enmity towards his wife, with whom he lived on the most pleasant terms.

GREENSBORO. Greensboro started out on the night track when she organized the steel and iron works which will give employment to a large number of skilled workmen, and will doubtless lead to the establishment of numerous other kindred industries. The prospective establishment of these steel and iron works has done more to give an impulse to activity and inspire confidence in the future of that town than a dozen land companies and forty volumes of "writings" would do.

GREENSBORO. The land improvement companies get good enough as far as they go, when they are not run for mere purposes of speculation, and when the object is not to make credulous people pay big money for cheap property upon which fictitious value has been put, because they introduce modern improvements and awaken a progressive spirit which possibly might have been awakened without them, but they should be accompanied by industrial enterprises to be really effective in promoting the growth and permanent prosperity of the towns in which they are organized.

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