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was at the bottom of the clandestine substitution of the word gold for the word coin in the act of 1874, and this same selfishness in the disguise of patriotism is at the bottom of the hostility to silver coinage now. With them it is not a question of too much silver, it is a question of no more silver, and as far as they are concerned no silver at all. They have silver now just where they want it and there they intend to keep it if it be in their power to do it.

MINOR MENTION.

The attention of Southern fruit-growers has been so much centered on the peach that the apple has been comparatively speaking lost sight of as a marketable product. There is doubtless more profit in the peach if it be got into market early, but there are so many going into the business and all striving for the early peach and the early market, the probabilities are that it will not be many years before this industry is overdone, and the profits become small compared with what they are now. We venture to say that if the same attention were given in Piedmont North Carolina to the cultivation of apples as there is in some portions of it to the cultivation of the peach it would prove in the end a surer and a more profitable business. There are as fine apple grown here, as fine in flavor, size and beauty, as are grown anywhere in the world, and yet it is only within the past few years that a North Carolina apple has been offered for sale outside of North Carolina, and even now the cities of the State depend upon Northern orchards for their supplies. We pay twice as much for them as we should and then very often they are nothing but brag. There is no reason why North Carolina orchards should not at least supply the North Carolina demand for apples, for in point of transportation they certainly should be delivered at any point on our railroads as cheaply as they can be delivered from Boston, New York or Philadelphia. But there is one thing our apple shippers must learn, and that is to pick the fruit from the trees and not knock it off with a club, and to pack it right, not ship it in bulk like paving stones or pumpkins. If the apples were carefully culled, and shipped in boxes as some of the Massachusetts apple growers ship theirs, instead of barrels, they could be packed better in cars, the freight would probably be less, they would keep better and command better prices. The apple grower who will grow the best kind of apples and give the attention to picking and packing that he should will always be able to count on a steady and profitable market without going outside of his own State, for the apple, unpretending as it is, is still the king of fruits.

The dispensary law of South Carolina has been a subject of contention ever since it went into operation, and probably will be as long as it is in operation, whether it be finally sustained by the courts or not. The action of the State constables, who, under instructions ignored Judge Goff's restraining order and seized packages of beer shipped from Augusta, Georgia, will bring this question to a crisis, and decide, as far as Judge Goff's court is able to decide, how far the dispensary law can go, and how far the State authorities can go in enforcing it. Our impression is that the State authorities have put their foot in it, for a similar case came up during Governor Tillman's administration, when he undertook to seize liquors consigned to persons in the State, and the decisions went against him, and the decisions went against him, and the decisions went against him.

Gen. Beaver, of Pennsylvania, is said to have discovered a new process of making tin-plate which will reduce the cost to the minimum and give tin-plate making in this country a boost.

The Supreme Court of Wisconsin has recently rendered a decision that a sentence of imprisonment for life acts as a decree of divorce, without any other proceeding.

JAKE KILRAIN TRAINING. He Says He Will Be Twenty-Four Lighter Than When He Last Met O'Donnell. [Baltimore Sun.] Jake Kilrain is training for his fight with O'Donnell before the Seaside Athletic Club, at Coney Island, on May 6. Kilrain now weighs about 218 pounds, and by the day of the fight he expects to be down to 200 pounds.

Early every morning he goes into the country for a long walk and a run. Yesterday he was out in the neighborhood of Walbrook Park and did not return to his hotel until his dining hour, 8:30 p. m. He ate a hearty dinner, especially prepared for him. He does his indoor work in a gymnasium fitted up in the hotel.

In speaking of his coming match Kilrain said: "I will be in fine condition when I go into the ring. I am now sixteen pounds lighter than I was ten days before, and O'Donnell is a much heavier man than when I fought in Boston. Besides the confidence with which my condition inspires me, I feel sure that I can repeat what I have done and will again be the winner. We are matched to spar twenty-five rounds, but I don't think the battle will last that long. The winner is to get 75 per cent. of the gate receipts and the loser 25 per cent. The other 50 per cent. of the gate receipts goes to the Seaside Club."

Besides the trial of a number of his Baltimore admirers will go with him to New York to witness the battle.

The trial of Oscar Wilde and Alfred Taylor was resumed yesterday in London. The young man Wood, who testified at the Bow Street examination, repeated his story in a more detailed manner. He was cross-examined by Sir Edward Clarke, who showed that the witness was a blackmailer.

KITCHEN MARKET.

Vegetables in Season in Full Supply—Strawberries, Fish, and Poultry. Spring vegetables have the call in the city markets just now. Truckers are coming to the front and sending in supplies of "green truck" sufficient to meet the wants of everybody, and at reasonable prices. At Front street market yesterday asparagus sold at 25 cents per bunch; beans, 30c; turnips, 5c; radishes, 5c; onions, 5c; spinach, 40c per peck; turnip salad, 15c per peck; collards, 10c per head lettuce, 5c. Strawberries were in moderate supply and sold at 25 to 40 cents per quart.

The fish dealers sold at 40 to 60 cents per pair; flounders, 20 cents per string; croakers, 10c, and trout 15c. Channel crabs were on sale in great abundance at 10 cents per dozen; clams and Sound oysters, 15c to 15c per quart, and conchs 25 cents apiece.

The butchers' stalls were laden with beef, pork, veal and mutton, at the usual rates. Poultry was scarce and in demand. Grown fowls sold at 30 to 35 cents per pair; spring chickens 15 to 20 cents each. Eggs 12 1/2 cents per dozen.

Important B. and L. A. Case. An important case has just been argued before the Supreme Court. It is that of Meroney vs. the Atlantic National Building and Loan Association, and the News and Observer say, will indirectly test the validity of the Building and Loan law passed by the last General Assembly. The questions involved are partly whether, by Building and Loan Associations, premiums and fines may be charged and commissions on foreclosure of mortgages and whether contracts contrary to the North Carolina law are usurious. The decision of the case is said to involve the investment in the State of about a million dollars.

Cape Fear Case. At a meeting of the Executive Council of Cape Fear Camp No. 264, U. C. V., held Friday night, April 26th, 1895, the following were elected delegates to represent the Camp at the re-union to be held at Houston, Texas, on May 28th, 29th, and 30th, 1895.

Wm. L. DeRosset, (Chairman), L. S. Belden, Wm. L. Harlowe, Saml. Carmon G. J. Toney, Junius Davis, F. W. Kercher, T. D. Meares.

At the same meeting the following were elected members of the Camp: Wiley T. Johnson, Jesse Wilder, W. D. McMillan M. D., B. F. Penney, J. W. Booker.

George Washington Clay, a colored citizen from Middle Sound, who sells crabs in Front street market, called at the STAR office yesterday to advertise his business. He proved an immense attraction to the sporting editor, who approximately sized him up as follows: Six feet and three inches high, weight 200 pounds, active as a cat, and with an arm's reach that would excite the envy of any pugilist. George Washington Clay would make fine material for the prize ring if his physical structure is supplemented with the necessary skill.

Special reports received by the Houston Post from over two hundred correspondents in Texas indicate that the cotton acreage in that State will decrease 17 1/2 per cent, while the acreage in other crops, especially grain, will be largely increased. It is true, it means a decrease of 200,000 bales in Texas even if the season shall prove as favorable as that of last year. But if the season is no better than the average the production may be lessened to the extent of 700,000 bales. It is true, however, that the decrease in acreage is overestimated.

The funeral of W. F. Jones, a former employe at Parley's saw mill, who died in this city last Wednesday, took place yesterday at South Washington, Pender county. The remains were escorted from Wilmington to the place of burial by committees from Eyota Tribe No. 5, I. O. O. F., and Orion Lodge No. 67, I. O. O. F. The pall bearers were Messrs. R. Davis, W. E. Meares, Walker Taylor, of Eyota Tribe, and Messrs. J. E. Gordon, Geo. Smith and Jno. Williams, of Orion Lodge.

A Deputy Sheriff Mugged by Negroes. Deputy Sheriff J. A. Sutton went last night to Eighth and Nixon streets to arrest a young negro, Joe Thompson, charged with disorderly conduct. He made the arrest, but before he had gone half a block with his prisoner, a crowd of negroes assembled and took Thompson from him by force. The negroes were armed with sticks, knives and bricks. Deputy Sutton was in a dangerous predicament and he had persisted in bringing Thompson he would have been handled roughly by the mob.

Sheep-Killing Dogs. It is said that fifteen head of sheep belonging to Mr. I. B. Rhodes have been killed by dogs during the last few days, at Mr. Rhodes' place near Capt. S. W. Noble's vineyard, some three miles from town. Several of the sheep-killing dogs have been shot.

The STAR gives more reading matter, and in greater variety, than any daily newspaper in the State. And it is the only North Carolina daily of the first-class that can be had for Six Dollars a year, or Fifty Cents a month.

When a cashier robs a bank systematically through a series of years, and is finally detected, it is called a "shortage." When a "crook" opens a bank safe with dynamite and abstracts the contents it is called a robbery.

HOLLAND'S HEGIRA.

TRUSTED CASHIER FLEES FROM THE WRAITH TO COME. "No Power on Earth Could Make Mr. Holland Leave" He Said—This Was Merely a Joke—The Remarkable Statement He Made That He Had No Cash.

The embezzlement, forgery and final escape of the pious fraud Holland is still attracting unusual attention throughout the State. Charlotte people were amazed at his rascality, and now they seem to be surprised that he has sought safety in flight. His escape, which was announced in the telegraphic department of the STAR yesterday, is thus more fully described in the Charlotte News:

"Another turn has been given the case of ex-cashier Jas. R. Holland. He is not to be found. He has skipped and the wires have been kept hot this afternoon trying to over-haul him. The flight of the ex-cashier is a surprise, even in the face of the fact that he apparently had every opportunity to skip—except the wire itself. Only yesterday he was assured Dr. McAden that he had no intention of leaving. 'No power on earth,' he said, 'could make me leave. I will stay here and face it out—let the worst come.' It was supposed, too, that Holland's movements were watched and that he could not leave town undetected. Mr. Miller and the bank men evidently were not so sure of his security. He did not appear at the bank this morning. He was wanted during the day for some purpose and Mr. Wilson tried to locate him in Scotland. He was surprised that Mr. Holland was not to be found. Mrs. Holland stated that he had left the house last night and she had not seen or heard of him since, neither did she know where he had gone or his whereabouts. It was then made clear that he had skipped.

Bank Examiner Miller at once applied to the State Commissioner and secured a warrant for his arrest on charge of "embezzling large sums of money from the Merchants and Farmers Bank." The warrant was placed in the hands of Marshal Allison, of Statesville.

It is known that Holland had no cash, and without that he could make but little speed in getting away from Charlotte. It is probable that some friend realizing the desperate situation that he was in, gave him money to aid in his escape. To have remained meant for Holland a term in the Albany penitentiary. That would have been inevitable. All sorts of conjectures are advanced as to his disappearance. A theory that has gained ground and that seems to be honest was some, that he has conspired with the bank to back up the supposition by the difficulties of his surroundings and the hopelessness of any attempt on his part to successfully get out of the country. His disappearance is a mystery.

At 1 o'clock to-day, and as he left in the earlier part of last night he has had a good start. He is a man of a strikingly handsome person, dark complexion, with the face, with gray whiskers and gray hair. It would be a hard matter for him to alter his appearance so that he would not be immediately recognized by an acquaintance.

So far as is known nothing new has come to light in the bank to-day, and it is believed that the worst has been made public. It had enough in all concealed money, and the extent of Holland's delinquency is known, and it is known also that the bank is safe and doing business as if nothing had happened. The doctor who is interested in another direction. The people want to know where Holland is. The News hopes to clear up this latest mystery in a short time.

A reward of \$1,000 is offered for Holland's arrest.

MATTERS IN WELDON.

Hill's Theatre Company—Soreas Robbed—Two White Men Arrested. [Star Correspondence.] WELDON, N. C., April 28. G. A. Hill's Theatre Company has given three good shows here this week. They are highly complimented and are very clever and refined people.

On Sunday night two stores were broken into here and yesterday two white men by the names of Whitley and Bell were arrested and tried before Justice. The doctor who is interested in another direction. The people want to know where Holland is. The News hopes to clear up this latest mystery in a short time.

A Serious Accident. The Baltimore Sun of Wednesday has the following painful intelligence concerning a brother of Mr. John R. Kenly, General Manager of the Atlantic Coast Line, of this city: Mr. Edward G. Kenly, 1636 Bolton street, met with an accident in the Fidelity Building, corner of Charles and Lexington streets, that may cause the loss of one of his legs. He was taken to the Maryland General Hospital and attended by Dr. Ridgely B. Warfield.

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The Assignment Law. The L. B. Wyatt Assignment Case Which is Set for Next Tuesday is Expected to Develop an Important Decision. [Raleigh News and Observer.] There is another important case besides that of Carr and others vs. Coke to come before the Superior Court at its present term involving the validity of the Assignment Law.

On the day after the passage of the law, Mr. L. R. Wyatt made an assignment giving preferences, wherefore various creditors obtained judgments against him, levied upon his property and were proceeding to sell the same, when he and his assignees brought an action against them, alleging the invalidity of the law and asking for an injunction to stop the sale. The case was argued on Tuesday next. Messrs. J. N. Holding and Strong & Strong represent the plaintiffs; the defendants are represented by Messrs. Haywood & Haywood and others. There seems no doubt but that the Court will have jurisdiction in the case and that the question of the validity of the law will be decided in every aspect. A well known lawyer whose attention was called yesterday to the case said his opinion was that the law (so-called) would be declared null and void.

VICE PRESIDENT ST. JOHN.

A Careful, Considerate and Successful Railroad Manager—He is Charmed with the South. A staff correspondent of the News and Observer, writing from Weldon, says: "I met on the train yesterday a gentleman high up in Seaboard Air Line management and a staunch friend of Mr. John St. John, the recent election of whom has made this gentleman very popular. 'All these fears of wholesale changes and displacement of men are unfounded and all you people will before long find out that Mr. St. John is a careful, considerate and successful railroad manager, a staunch and valuable friend not only of the railroad system with which he is connected, but of every State and community in the South.' 'Mr. St. John,' continued the gentleman, 'is the most thoroughly Southern man you ever saw. It is true he has not been long in the South, but he is already perfectly charmed with the country, and believes that there is practically no limit to its future possibilities and greatness. Indeed, he is the happiest man you ever met, and in less than a year every man on the system will love him, and your people everywhere will realize that he is their friend.' 'In the exercise of his best judgment, he may now and then inaugurate minor changes in the working force that may sometimes seem unnecessary and unfair, but he will never do so without consulting Mr. St. John, and he dares not to predict a brilliant, popular and successful career for him as a Southern railroad manager.' 'He is the same time he is kind and considerate, if in his opinion it were necessary to displace the best subordinate in the system in order to more nearly perfect the operating force, he would do so without a moment's hesitation, and yet if an office boy were detained by sickness or other disability, St. John would never rest until he had done all in his power for his relief and would be found wending his way to see and minister unto him, however humble his habitation might be.' 'All this is very pleasant to contemplate and our people will sincerely hope that this personal friend and associate of Mr. St. John knows whereof he speaks.' - FRUIT AND VEGETABLE CROPS.

Thousands of Car Loads of Peaches, Watermelons and Vegetables to Be Shipped from Georgia and Florida—A Suggestion as to New Markets. Truckers and fruit raisers everywhere will read with interest this from the Savannah News:

If the season continues favorable the fruit and vegetable crops of Georgia and Florida will be enormous. We published a letter yesterday from a Fort Valley peach grower, who said he would have fully 100,000 bushels of peaches from his orchard, and that the peach crop in the vicinity of Fort Valley would amount to 750,000 bushels. And it must not be forgotten that all the peach orchards of the State are not in the immediate vicinity of Fort Valley. The peach orchards of South Georgia, and North and Central Florida are loaded with fruit. In some localities the blight has afflicted the trees to some extent, but it will hardly be general.

The outlook for melons is rather startling for those who hope for good prices. A dispatch in the Morning News to-day states that Florida will produce about 1,000,000 melons, and that the Georgia crop will be almost, if not quite, as large.

The vegetables are already moving from Florida, and the crop is greater than in any previous year. The prospect for vegetables in this section is very promising. The railroads and steamships will soon have all they can do to move the product of the orchards and fields. Their carrying capacity will be taxed to the utmost limit until the end of the watermelon season.

Even now the fruit and vegetable growers ought to be thinking about finding new markets for their products. The coast cities, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York and Boston cannot take all the produce of the South, and the inland cities must be reached. If they are not the Eastern markets will be glutted and prices will drop so low that fruit will have to be left on the trees and rot on the ground. There ought to be a regular system of distribution so that no one market would be overstocked. Such distribution cannot be had without organization.

Another Defalcation. The Farmer's Bank at Roxboro, N. C. Closed—The Cashier in Jail. [Special Star Telegram.] RALEIGH, April 27.—State Treasurer Worth to-day received the following telegram from special bank examiner W. H. Palmer: "Have discovered irregularities in the Farmer's bank at Roxboro, N. C. The cashier, W. A. Jones, has gone to jail. Advise me."

Treasurer Worth sent Mr. Palmer to Roxboro to examine the bank when the alleged robbery was made.

The bank officials knew nothing of Mr. Palmer's movements. It is presumed that the cashier of the bank did the robbing. The State had a thousand dollars deposited in the bank. The Governor appointed Doctor Kirby, of the Asylum, and Doctors Hines and Carr, commission to hold an inquisition as to the sanity of George Mills, the murderer. The examination was made this evening. The commission will report next week. Mills has been put in the condemned cell.

By Southern Associated Press. Jones denies any participation in or knowledge of the robbery. He admits a shortage of \$9,800, and has made a statement concerning the same. The doors of the bank have been closed and the State Treasurer notified.

A warrant was sworn out this evening by bank officials for Jones' arrest, and he is now in jail awaiting a hearing. It is not known what the real shortage is, but none think the depositors are in any danger, though the stockholders will lose heavily.

The Mobile and Birmingham railroad, extending from Mobile Junction, Ala., was sold yesterday and bid in by T. G. Rush, representing the bondholders, for \$250,000. There was no other bidder. The plan of re-organization has already been effected, and the road will be re-organized and otherwise improved as soon as possible after July 1st.

At Galveston, Texas last night, Dan Creedon knocked out Billy McCarthy in less than one minute.

FIRE IN CHARLOTTE.

IN THE BUSINESS PORTION OF THE CITY. Several Buildings Burned—Loss Between \$75,000 and \$100,000—Insurance Will Cover Three-fourths of the Losses. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., April 28.—One of the severest fires in the history of Charlotte, occurred this afternoon. The immense brick warehouse of S. Sanders and Blackwood on College street was discovered to be ablaze at 3:30 o'clock in the third story of the portion occupied by the hardware department of Brown, Weddington & Co. The room was stored with wagons and wooden goods. The building could not be saved and the fire broke out soon after in the part of the building occupied by the cotton brokerage firm of Howell, Orr & Co., which was burned, and the stores of Harrison Watts, W. K. Burwell and H. G. Springs. The stores of J. W. Brown, J. T. Scarborough, J. A. Overcash, Southern Cotton Company, H. G. Link, Field Bros., R. A. Dancan, W. H. Hoover and the offices of J. H. Sloan & Co. were crushed in by falling walls.

Flare leaps across the street several times and ignited saloons and livery stables there, and they were saved with but slight damage. The origin of the fire is unknown. The losses will be between \$75,000 and \$100,000, perhaps three-quarters covered by insurance.

AN INTERESTING SUBJECT.

WHAT HUBBARD BROTHERS & CO. NOW THINK ABOUT COTTON.

Decrease in Fertilizers 35 Per Cent.—A Question of the Future of Cotton. Hubbard Bros. & Co.'s weekly cotton letter says:

Under the fear of a continued drought in Texas, the market advanced to the highest point of the season early in the week, and the volume of speculative purchases was increased to the satisfaction of those who entertained the most sanguine views of the future course of prices. On this advance it is believed the leaders of the bull movement parted with the largest portion of their holdings and are now waiting to determine whether the advance has discounted the improvement in trade or not. Rains have fallen in many sections of Texas where they were needed, and while the winter rainfall in that State is deficient, it is believed that sufficient rain has fallen to give the plant a fair start. In the other sections of the cotton belt the farming operations are well advanced, and while there will be a reduction in acreage, it will not be as large with cotton at present prices as it would have been at the beginning of the season. Many planters would willingly increase their acreage now were they able to obtain the necessary advances for labor and supplies. The merchants are not so sanguine in their increase of the amount already due them from the farmers. We see no reason to change our views regarding the decrease in the amount of fertilizers which have been used this morning and we therefore believe that 70 to 75 per cent. of last season's production will be placed in the hands of the planters.

At the moment the market has the appearance of being overdone, and is technically known as overbought, as the influence which have brought about this advance seem to have expended their force for the moment. The market is now established upon this place of prices will be affected by the conditions of the growing crop. With this distinction from other years, namely, that crop accounts will continue to be made upon prices in consequence of the renewed speculative feeling throughout the world; that we are entering into a period of uncertainty through the enormous production of gold and that good crop advices will not be received as indicating the surplus yield unless they are exceptional from every section of the cotton belt.

A reaction from the present advance would be only natural and quite in order, and may occur at any time, as the supply of cotton is not sufficient for the consumption this year, and will leave a surplus, the effect of which may be felt later in the season when crop advices are distinctly more favorable, as they usually are. The market is now established upon this place of prices will be affected by the conditions of the growing crop. With this distinction from other years, namely, that crop accounts will continue to be made upon prices in consequence of the renewed speculative feeling throughout the world; that we are entering into a period of uncertainty through the enormous production of gold and that good crop advices will not be received as indicating the surplus yield unless they are exceptional from every section of the cotton belt.

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A good many sheriffs have failed to settle their taxes with the State Treasurer, having, by special permission from the Legislature until May the first to settle. Mr. Worth is corresponding with the sheriffs with a view of having a prompt settlement.

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The papers in the case of Cook vs. Meares, from Wilmington, arrived here this morning. It is likely that it will be taken up next week, though a decision in the Jones-Ewart case will decide it. The Fourth ward is the only hopelessly republican ward in the city. Now there is division among the "publick beelers" and the "dimmycrats" are remaining quiet. There were two tickets in the republican primary for alderman and one was defeated by a very small margin. The defeated ticket is suing and they have issued a circular calling for a mass meeting Monday night. The circular says: "no one will be allowed in this meeting who did not vote and work for the success of co-operation at the last election." The bolt is causing quite a stir.

There were at least five bridges extensively damaged in this county by recent rains. All the damaged ones have been repaired and ferries established where bridges were swept away. A suit was brought by a man named Cox in the Superior Court against the North Carolina Railroad for injuries sustained while assisting a daughter on the passenger car of the Southern Railway. Cox slipped and fell, breaking his arm. He sued for \$5,000. Judge Starback decided that the North Carolina Railroad is not responsible for the negligence of the car of the Richmond & Danville Railroad's receivers. The Special Commissioner from Washington who came here to adjudicate the claims of the letter carriers for changes for overtime, which amounted to over \$20,000, has returned to Washington. The Commissioner examined the records and took evidence from the carriers.

SPEAKER CRISP In Favor of Free Coinage of Silver—Thinks the Democratic Should Nominate a Western Man For President. By Telegraph to the Morning Star. ATLENTA, Ga. April 27.—Speaker Crisp, in an interview at his home in America, declared himself to-day to be in favor of the free coinage of silver. He believes the Democrats should nominate a Western man with a military record for President, and says the party should not nominate Mr. Cullum. He said that no man should have a third term.

The Speaker is in fairly good health. His physician has ordered that he should leave shortly for Asheville, N. C.

COTTON CROP COMMENT.

A PHYSICAL IMPOSSIBILITY FOR THE SOUTH TO MAKE A LARGE COTTON CROP THIS YEAR.

Decrease in Use of Fertilizers Estimated at Fifty Per Cent. and in Acreage Fifteen to Twenty-Five Per Cent.—Everything Points to a Short Crop, but Bread and Meat Should be Provided. While the STAR thinks the August Chronicle overestimates both the reduced acreage and the decrease in use of fertilizers, it agrees with that paper in its general conclusions as given in the annexed extract:

Fortunately no amount of advice will change the determination of our planters. They have made up their minds, and even if they determined upon a change, it is not in their power to alter them to alter their plans. The first of May is close at hand and the cotton that is not in the ground at that time is not likely to amount to much in quantity when the harvest comes. We hold that it is a physical impossibility for the South to raise a large crop this year. The season is from two to four weeks late to begin with, and larger acreage has been devoted to food and forage crops. The use of fertilizers has been reduced fifty per cent, and the cotton acreage is from fifteen to twenty-five per cent. less than last year. If the situation was made by our planters to raise a large crop this year, we believe that they could not be successful, because the conditions natural and economic are against them.

The Chronicle is against dealing in futures, but this is one time when the game has been made for the planter. The position taken by Mr. Inman and others on the bull side has greatly strengthened the market. The statistical position of cotton is weak by reason of the enormous quantity in sight, but the bold, strong game of Mr. Inman and his associates has advanced the price of cotton.

When the world recognizes that the market and cotton conditions render it impossible for the South to raise this year any such crop as last, the market will be greatly strengthened, but with the enormous quantity in sight, in sight, we see no reason why cotton should go higher at this time. Speculation may put cotton up higher, but the demand from spinners is not likely to do so, in view of the fact that they are to draw upon until the present crop is well under way, and its probable yield can be estimated.

With a short crop this year, and everything points unerringly that way, cotton will undoubtedly command a good price this fall; but our people should make bread and meat for home consumption, and not speculate in cotton. Then cotton will take care of itself, and not depend upon speculation but upon legitimate demand for its market value.

MILLS THE MURDERER.

PETITION TO GOVERNOR CARR TO COMMUTE THE DEATH SENTENCE.

The Contest for the Judgeship of the Western Criminal Court Taken Up by the Supreme Court—Republicans at Large—County Bridges in Wake Damaged by Floods. [Star Correspondence.] RALEIGH, N. C., April 27.

The petition in behalf of George Mills was carried to the Governor's office this morning by a delegation composed of Col. Argo (Miller's attorney), Mrs. Fannie Hays, of the King's Daughters, Mrs. Worth, the State Treasurer's wife, and others. Mr. Hays and Mrs. Worth called on Mills at his home and had quite a long talk with him. Colonel Argo has a letter from Solicitor Poul who prosecuted Mills in his trial and helped prosecute Wemberly in the trial of both for the murder of James Wimberly, in which he says he does not think Mills murdered James Wimberly of his own will and accord. He also said that his own opinion is that the trial was changed since the Wimberly trial. This letter will be given the Governor, Judge Bynum, who tried