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WATER ROUTES.

One of the problems of the age in this and in other countries is cheap transportation, in these days of close competition this being an essential factor.

At intervals for the past ten years or more we have had more or less agitation for the improvement of old water routes...

Several conventions have been held in the Mississippi Valley to promote the improvement of the Mississippi river and its principal tributaries...

It is a somewhat significant fact that at the meeting of the Farmers' National Congress at Atlanta this week the silver question overshadowed all others...

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A BAD ACCIDENT.

On the Wilmington Street Railway—Formerly Attended With No Loss of Life—The Man Hurt—All Employees of the Company—The Car Smashed to Pieces—Businessmen from Manager Skelting.

An accident occurred on the Wilmington Street Railway at 418 p. m. yesterday, in which the escape of three men from instant death seems almost miraculous.

The Herald approves of the declaration in favor of gold, but doesn't like the leaning towards State banks, which, in our opinion, is the most sensible and meritorious feature of the financial plank...

THE CAROLINA CENTRAL.

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NAMELESS OUTRAGES.

By a Negro Convict Upon Two White Women and a Mulatto Girl in Robeson County—Parish in Pursuit of the Brute.

Maxton gives an account of the ravishing of three females—a mulatto girl and two white women—by a brute negro, by a brutal negro. The story of the outrageous assaults as told by the correspondent is as follows:

The Seaboard Air Line officials, Messrs. W. C. Hoffman, Jr., E. St. John and John H. Sharp, left for Washington at Portsmouth on the 7 p. m. train of the Atlantic Coast Line yesterday.

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GAPE FEAR & YADKIN VALLEY.

Plans of the Reorganization Committee for the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railway—With the H. O. G. B. in the Wilmington Central Committee in Battle—Working in the Interest of a Scheme to Break Up the System.

Two prominent business men of Wilmington, recently in Baltimore, gathered some important information concerning the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railway and the proposed plan for its reorganization, as embodied in the following:

The Baltimore committee was organized to represent the bonds of all the divisions of the road, but after their work had progressed to a point that they were about to issue a plan of reorganization, a rival committee was organized in New York purely in the interest of the "A" bondholders...

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THE NEW COTTON BALE.

Further Information About the Cottonized Cotton Bale—It Is Subjected to Some Severe Fire Tests.

Referring to the cylindrical cotton bale, the Baltimore Underwriter says: "The Besanconnet system is not only simpler and far less expensive than the old method, but it altogether avoids the excessive waste and loss from the imperfect and insecure manner of covering the bales heretofore used before placing the cotton on shipboard."

The next greatest fire hazard of cotton is the tendency of fire to eat inwardly into a bale, and to do so in a way that is not only very insidious, but also very difficult to detect...

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CAPTURED AND JAILED.

The Negro Friend Who Assaulted Three Women Captured and Lodged in Jail.

A special to the STAR from Maxton states that the negro friend who assaulted Mrs. Parsh and her daughter, and also a colored girl, last Wednesday (as chronicled in the STAR), was captured in South Carolina, Thursday. He was taken to Lambertson, arraigned before Justice O. C. Falks on a charge of attempted rape and committed to jail.

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SEABOARD AIR-LINE.

RUMORS OF CHANGES THAT ARE HARDLY TRUE.

The war between the State and the city is on again. The Board of Public Buildings, composed of Governor Carr, Secretary of State Cooke, Treasurer Worth and Attorney General Osborne, has brought suit against the Bell Telephone Company to make them remove the telephone poles on the sidewalks of the Governor's Mansion and the Capitol.

Superintendent Leazar says the cotton crop at the penitentiary is about two-thirds as large as usual. The corn crop was a very good one. The Castello brothers, the celebrated acrobats and athletes, who are with Sells, Chicago, are natives of Henderson, N. C.

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THE PRICE OF COTTON.

A Further Advance Depends Upon European Speculation—Whether They Appear in the Market or Not.

Such a scene as that on the Exchange to-day, after the publication of the Bureau report, has seldom been witnessed; the advance of the past week had eliminated the little short interest which had accumulated on the heavy receipts, and the market promptly dropped twelve points with scarcely a transaction when the condition of 65.5 was announced from Washington.

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