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LOOKING TO THE SOUTH. We saw a statement in a Chattanooga paper a few days ago to the effect that a resident of that city had received a letter from a prominent citizen of Boston in which he said that there was a large amount of money in that city which would soon find its way South for investment.

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gard of the amounts that these new settlers have themselves. The colony system, which has been so encouragingly inaugurated will be continued on even a larger scale, and this means the building of towns and the construction of railroads to reach them.

The activity in industrial enterprise is not going to be confined to the building of cotton mills, although these will furnish an inviting opportunity for the investment of millions of dollars, but will extend to iron mills, wood working establishments, manufacturing of agricultural implements, carriage and wagon factories, railway car shops, for all of which there is a wide and inviting field in the South on account of the demand and the abundance of the material necessary, and last, but not least, woolen mills, which now make but little showing, but which in time will become a great industry in this country.

All the signs indicate that in the near future the South will be the section of industrial progress and business activity in this country. Capital will come and when it comes it will come to stay.

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the House had been Democratic, with the same proportionate vote free coinage would have been overwhelmingly carried. There is nothing in the vote on which the Democratic gold organ can congratulate itself unless it is on the fact that a measure which received the endorsement of a majority of Democrats in both Houses of Congress was defeated by Republican votes.

After a thorough investigation of the Waller matter by this Government it is satisfied that Waller was wrong, and that France was justified in the action taken against him and the punishment inflicted. But the French Government has agreed to release him on condition that this Government make no claim for damages and that the affair thus terminate, a proposition which has been accepted by this Government, and thus ends that incident.

Mr. J. W. Woodson, of Cuero, Texas, says the Mexican weevil did an immense amount of damage to the cotton crop in that State last year, the crop in whole countries south of Cuero not amounting to enough to justify packing. There is danger of its spreading and becoming a serious menace in that and other cotton States unless some effective way can be found to check its progress and stamp it out.

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RALEIGH NEWS BUDGET. THE CATHODE RAY A NORTH CAROLINIAN'S DISCOVERY.

Used in the State Thirty Years Ago at Laboratory. Recently Offered by the Governor for a Murderer-Sentenced to Death at Home-Rev. Dr. Yates-Convention of School Superintendents-Entertainment at the Executive Mansion-Farmers' Institute-Capt. E. A. Ashe.

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 15. Mr. Wilson, of the Railroad Commission, says that North Carolina makes inventions for the world and other States take them up in after years and get the credit for inventing them and also the rewards. He says the Cathode ray which is startling the world was used in this State thirty years ago, at Ashboro, in Randolph county. He says Dr. Worth held a man up before a crowd of people and distinctly saw two blackberries in him. The Major thinks this is the way with all North Carolina inventions.

The Governor recently offered a reward of \$500 for the capture of Newton Mace, of Madison county, who murdered Deputy Sheriff White. Mace broke jail with twelve other murderers. The Governor has received word that Mace was captured by G. M. Bailey. Senator Jeter C. Pritchard is now at his home in Marsh. He is at this time to defend several parties in murder cases.

It is said that S. Otto Wilson and ex-Judge Spier, Whittier went to see M. L. Wood on their trip to the East. Neither of them would state their destination when they left. Dr. E. A. Yates, Presiding Elder of this circuit, held quarterly meetings at both of the Methodist churches yesterday.

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THE NEWBORN FAIR. The Advance Preparations-Indications Point to a Most Successful Fair.

Col. Julian S. Carr, of Durham, will make another big display at the East Carolina Fair this year. He will have a factory exhibit, a farm exhibit, and a stock and poultry exhibit, from Occochee farm.

Mr. W. M. Benninger, of Walnutport, Pa., is exhibiting a pair of Holstein cattle, Southdown sheep and poultry. There will be a splendid poultry display, and breeders from other States have signified their intention of exhibiting.

An incubator of one of the most approved makes will be exhibited in operation. It has already been set so that the hatching will be going on during the big days at the Fair. A glass front will give a good view of the hatching operations.

The racetrack is ahead of former years. The racing feature will be a grand one. The entries embrace those from several States. An announced before, expert high wire walking and other attractions will be going on free in front of the grand stand before and after the races and between the heats.

The grand stand has been improved by attractions which will give a more perfect view of track to all occupying seats, no matter what portion of the stand they are in. The yards have been put in good order, and evergreen and other decorations have been engaged to make them present a gala appearance.

The white wash brush is being freely used here, and is coming in for a good share of attention. Everything at the grounds is practically in readiness to receive and to send your exhibits, and the week-long week be on hand to enjoy the Fair.

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STEAMER COMMODORE. The Suez Canal Pilgrimage Took Her Departure Last Night-Sailed for Charleston, S. C., With a Full Complement of Officers and Men.

The steamer Commodore which came to Wilmington last Summer from New Haven, Conn., with clearance papers showing she was on route to Cartagena, was seized by the United States Marshal on complaint of violation of the neutrality laws of the United States, and subsequently released by order of the United States District Court here, which last night shortly after eleven o'clock, for Charleston, S. C.

At ten o'clock yesterday morning smoke was being issued from her funnel, and all through the day provision was being made for an early departure. Last night a STAR reporter visited the wharf and found it a busy scene.

At eleven o'clock Capt. Samuel Hughes in steatorious tones, gave the order to loosen halyards, and the supposed Cuban filibuster, slowly backed out into the stream and when in position and in answer to the pilot's call of "full steam ahead" down the river. Not until then had the crowd any idea of her speed, and a cheer burst forth from the small gathering of enthusiastic well-wishers who had assembled to witness her departure.

The crew is composed of twelve Wilmington men and three officers who came here to take charge of the vessel. The complement of officers is as follows: Captain, Samuel Hughes of New York; pilot and first mate, J. H. Williams of Southport; second mate, Frank Grier of Dover; chief engineer, J. E. Thurston; assistant engineer, J. P. Smith; and others, Wm. Risley and R. C. Smith, of this city.

They are all picked men. Mr. Jeff Smith figured in the war between the States and was an engineer on the steamer Nichero of the Brazilian revolution.

The Commodore cleared for Charleston, S. C., but at the same time without its being really necessary, as she took out a coastwise license and surrendered her register, which naturally admitted her to travel on the high seas. There seems to be a universal hope here that she may go through to Cuba and land her cargo in the hands of the "Spanish Lizard."

TO HELP CUBA OPENLY. "We have grown tired of having our ships stopped, our officers arrested, and our line libelled by Spaniards, and we propose to give them a new kind of medicine," said Captain William Kerr, second mate of the Hart Steamer, Philadelphia, Wednesday, and he then proceeded to give the information that the company would adopt a policy which would not only enable the Spanish authorities to consider a boat laden with ammunition and stores had been lying at Wilmington, N. C., since the cargo would go to Cuba.

"I am telling this to let Spain and others know what we are doing," he remarked. "The steamer Commodore is now at Wilmington," said Captain Kerr, "loaded with arms, ammunition, dynamite and stores. She is loaded so full that the boat is deep; so deep that they could not get anybody to take her out of port. That boat has been here for several months. To-night at 10 o'clock, Captain Samuel Hughes, of the Laurada, will take the Commodore to Cuba, with him P. E. Thurston, chief engineer of the ship. They will take the Commodore to Charleston. The cargo will go to Cuba."

No person can come aboard until he shows the Cuban flag. If Cuba wants to buy ammunition and supplies of us, I do not see why we should not sell to her. We are not prepared to open our ports any longer, but will be open in our traffic."

The Washington Star of last Thursday says: "Senator Dupuy de Lome, the Spanish Minister, was shown the statement of Capt. William Kerr, second mate of the steamship line, who said that a steamer loaded with munitions of war intended for the Cubans would leave Wilmington, N. C., to-night at 10 o'clock. It is the same one which left New London, Conn., last autumn, and has been lying at Wilmington since September. He does not intend to take any steps in the matter, and will leave it entirely with the United States authorities to see that the cargo does not carry arms to Cuba, or interfere with the United States government, so long as the shipments are not accompanied by bodies of men, thus bringing it within the designation of an "armed expedition."

The Government is forced into this position by the decisions of the courts, which have uniformly held against the Government in all cases where it has sought to libel vessels loaded with munitions of war for the use of forces in rebellion against the authorities of a friendly nation.

In this connection the attention of the treasury officials was called to the statement of Capt. Kerr of the Hart Steamer Company to the effect that the Commodore of that line, now lying at Wilmington, N. C., was loaded with arms, supplies and ammunition, including dynamite, and that Capt. Hughes of the Laurada, would take the Commodore to take the Commodore to Charleston, S. C., and that the arms, etc., would be at once shipped to the Cuban insurgents.

When questioned as to what anything would be done to prevent the shipment of the arms, the officials answered that nothing could be done and the collector at Wilmington had been instructed to give the vessel clearance papers whenever asked for. Nothing will be done to interfere with the vessel's movements so long as she does not take more than a full complement of men as crew to navigate the vessel. In that contingency the vessel will be libelled and the men arrested, and she will be taken to New York and arms together form an "armed expedition," within the meaning of the law. If, however, the vessel is captured by Spanish warships, she can have no recourse to the United States, as her owners must themselves take all chances of capture.

The Roseboro Case. Referring to the former Express agent at Roseboro, the Clinton Democrat says: "Many ask what is to become of S. W. Grier. The Democrat is informed that there is no indictment against him unless one is made he cannot be prosecuted." The Democrat