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We are again sending bills to our subscribers. In the aggregate they amount to a very large sum.

OUR TWO GREAT PRODUCTS.

The two great exportable products of the United States are wheat and cotton, one the staple of the Northwest and the other of the South.

Both the American wheat and cotton growers have competitors to contend against now that they did not have twenty years ago and with whom they must continue to compete.

And so was the acreage of cotton immensely increased by the planters themselves, and by the renters and their workers—former slaves, most of them, who know little or nothing about raising anything but cotton.

We find in a bulletin issued by the U. S. Department of Agriculture some interesting and instructive figures of the principal wheat growing countries in the world, which shows that the American wheat grower has to contend against it.

Table with 4 columns: Country, Acreage, and other statistics for wheat production.

This table shows a large increase in all but one of these countries while two are added which raised very little wheat and exported scarcely any fifteen years ago.

These figures also show an aggregate gain per annum for the last five years over the first five of 153,996,493 bushels, the only country showing a decrease being India.

average wheat yield of the United States is now about twelve bushels to the acre, which would leave the grower in bad shape even with wheat at a dollar a bushel, if he had to depend on that alone.

The American farmer has had and still has the advantage of labor-saving machinery, which has enabled him to cultivate more acres than his competitors, which offsets some of the advantages they have.

High priced wheat has been the dream of the American farmer, but the day of high priced wheat as a steady thing has passed, and it need only be expected under extraordinary conditions, such as short crops, famines or war that would reduce the output of some of the principal producing countries.

In the long run perhaps it would be better for the American farmer, in view of the competition that he must contend against, that prices do not run very high, for that would reduce consumption by making it more difficult for consumers to buy.

There has been much said and written about the enormous pension expenditures of this country, but all that has been said and written has had no more effect in keeping them down than their whistling would avert a storm.

The following newly elected county officers have qualified before the Clerk of the Superior Court, and filed a sworn statement of the expenses incurred for their election in the last campaign, and will enter upon their duties to-morrow.

The following elected magistrates for Wilmington Township, have qualified and filed sworn statements of their expenses: Thomas Rivera, Jr., R. McN. Williams, Andrew J. Hewlett, Godfrey Willis, Jr., Abel S. Robinson, Jas. R. Melton, Aaron Lockamy, J. P. Bowen, Thomas Smith, Jas. G. Norwood, Elijah Lane, A. J. Allen, J. H. Shaw, Lewis H. Bryan, R. F. Gore and J. H. Harger.

The Legislature of Pennsylvania has appointed a committee to investigate the subject of convict labor and to report as to the best way to employ that labor without injury to legitimate industry.

not physically able to perform heavy manual labor. Working them on State farms does interfere, perhaps, with the farming industry in the neighborhood of the farms, but not enough to be of material importance, for the amount of stuff they put upon the market does not affect prices; but the way to employ convicts to get permanent benefit from their labor is to put them to road building, not in little squads here and there, but in numbers sufficient to be employed economically and systematically. A thousand convicts so employed continuously would in a few years give roads that would benefit in numerous ways, add immensely to the value of property, and thus increase the State's revenue from taxes.

The lack of news from General Weyler is one of the best indications that he is not meeting with much success in his campaign against Maceo. If he had accomplished anything of material importance he would not be long in heralding it to the world, especially at this time when his success or failure may decide the issue between Spain and the Cubans.

Mr. Pigford and family found refuge with Mr. A. K. Holden and wife, who occupy part of the Carolina Central railroad building opposite the burned house.

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What becomes of the pins? has never been satisfactorily answered, nor is it satisfactorily answered what has become of the 16,000,000 of old copper cents that have disappeared.

MINOR MENTION.

It is said that France will spend 200,000,000 francs on more war ships. This is a frank admission that France hasn't ships enough.

COUNTY AFFAIRS.

The new Board of Commissioners Will Take Office To-morrow—Magistrates Elected Who Have Not Completed with the Law—A List of Those Who Have Popular Qualification.

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FIRE ON FRONT STREET.

Mr. John B. Pritchard's Residence Burned—Narrow Escape of the Inmates—Very Little of the Furniture or Other Effects Saved.

The fire broke out about two o'clock this morning in the two-story frame building on North Front street, between Chesnut and Grace, occupied by Mr. John B. Pritchard. The family and a number of boarders, some twelve or fifteen persons in all, had narrow escapes and saved very little of their effects.

The fire broke out in a two-story annex to the building, used as a kitchen. A colored woman employed as a cook by the family occupied a room above the kitchen and it was not known whether she had escaped or not.

ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONERS.

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Mr. H. McL. Green, the wide-awake Chairman of the County Democratic Executive Committee, was canvassing yesterday for signatures to an application to be presented to Judge E. T. Boykin for the appointment of two additional Commissioners for New Hanover county.

The law has been twice printed in full in the STAR since the election; but it may be briefly stated here that the basis of the application to the Judge is (1) that five electors must make affidavits before the Clerk of the Superior Court that they verily believe that the business of the county, if left entirely in the hands of the three Commissioners elected by the people, will be properly managed.

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ALPHONSO AVERY.

A Son of Judge Avery Assailed and Stabbed by Two Negroes—His Condition Critical.

RALEIGH GOS. JIP.

Another Republican Legislator Pleads Not to Support Pritchard—Governor-Elect Russell Not a Candidate For the U. S. Senate.

Another Republican Legislator pleads Avert that he will not support Pritchard, Governor-Elect Russell's friends assert that his inauguration will be the most quiet and simple in the history of the State.

The British steamship Grafos arrived yesterday evening, from Liverpool. She is a County Commission ship, and is on her way to New York, via the route of the Atlantic Coast Line.

FOR THE TRUCKERS.

The Atlantic Coast Line Will Run a Fast Express From Wilmington to New York to Accommodate Shippers.

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COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

The Law Providing for Appointment of Additional Commissioners.

Nearly All the Eastern Counties Will Take Action in the Matter—Governor-Elect Russell Not a Candidate For the U. S. Senate.

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RICH FINDS OF GOLD.

In GRANVILLE AND VANCE COUNTIES. Deputy Collector J. A. Moffitt Killed by Ditch Diggers in Roca County, N. C.

The people of Granville and Vance counties have the gold fever. Six months ago quartz richly imbedded with gold was discovered on a tract of hilly rugged land, ten miles in length and five miles in width, situated between two streams in the counties of Granville and Vance.

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THE WAR IN CUBA.

REPORTS OF ENGAGEMENTS BETWEEN INSURGENTS AND SPANIARDS. A Battle in Havana Province With Losses on Both Sides—Special Reports of an Engagement in Matanzas Province.

HAVANA, Dec. 6.—Major Ciruela, with the San Quentin battalion, after a march to the mountains in the Baracoa hills, near Punta Brava, Havana province, the night lasted two hours, at the expiration of which time the rebels were dispersed, leaving in their flight thirty-three of their dead on the field and carrying away a great many more.

SUIT FOR LARGE AMOUNT.

Brought by Creditors in Behalf of the Southern Railway.

RICHMOND, VA., December 5.

A suit involving nearly \$180,000 was instituted in the United States Circuit Court here to-day. It is brought by Cass H. Carter, George Sherman and Andrew J. Thoms, creditors and residents of the State of New York, who sue for the benefit of the Southern Railway and Plant Terminals Railway and Warehouse Company, a corporation existing under the laws of Virginia.

FORMAL PROTEST.

By the German Government Against the Proclamation of President Cleveland Regarding Tonnage Tax on German Vessels in American Ports.

WASHINGTON, December 5.

The formal protest of the German Government against the proclamation of the President re-imposing the tonnage tax on German vessels in American ports has been received at the Department of State. The President's reply to this protest and his re-assertion of the grounds on which the United States has acquiesced in Germany's protest, have been published in the message on Monday next.

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