

in connection with the fact that the increase has been steady for two decades, the volume being larger in some years than in others, but showing a steady increase for these decades.

This is a triumph of American genius in inventing and applying labor-saving machinery which has reduced the cost of production to a figure that more than counterbalances the much talked of "cheap labor" on the other side of the two oceans, and also to the American business methods and energy that could work the way and establish markets where the European competitors once had a practical monopoly.

It is not supposable that having accomplished so much our manufacturers will relax their efforts to do more, or will surrender any of the ground they have captured.

We are yet not well across the threshold of foreign trade in manufactures. This will yet be the world's greatest market for these things.

Mr. Winston, of Bertie county, has been contributing to the solution of the convict labor problem, in a somewhat practical way, to which the Raleigh News & Observer, of Friday refers as follows:

"Perhaps the bill of the greatest importance passed during the day was that introduced some time ago by Mr. Winston of Bertie, providing for the establishment of county convict farms, and for working convicts on the public roads. The bill permits the county to purchase a county farm upon which convicts are to be employed. It also provides for working them on the county roads under such regulations as the county commissioners may prescribe.

"If a county does not purchase a farm the court is to sentence convicted persons to the farms of other counties. All persons sentenced to as much as five years must go to these farms.

"Mr. Winston gave an interesting account of the working of convicts in Bertie county. That county has a farm upon which the home for the Aged and Infirm is located. The work has been the raising of food supplies for the poor and prisoners, and results in saving at least a thousand dollars annually.

"Mr. Winston said that the use of convicts had effected a saving of over \$1,000 a year for the past three years in Bertie. The convicts available for such use are those under sentence of five years or less.

"The bill passed without debate, members remarking on all sides that they regarded it as an excellent measure.

"The law is not obligatory, but gives the counties power if desired, to thus dispose of their convicts. It also takes convicts from counties which may not desire to avail themselves of the law.

"This bill will relieve the penitentiary of more than half its convicts and will greatly simplify the management of that institution. It would result in purchasing at least one farm for State convicts.

'EMBALMED' BEEF.

It seems that we are to have an investigation of the "embalmed" beef charges made by General Miles, who insists, notwithstanding the denials to the contrary, and the reported findings of the whitewash investigating committee, that "embalmed" beef and other beef not fit for use was shipped to the soldiers in our own camps and in Cuba and Porto Rico. In published interviews he has declared that he can substantiate those charges by unquestionable proof thus practically challenging authoritative denial. His statements were so positive and showed so little consideration for those ranking above him that they were compelled to notice them, and hence the court of inquiry talked about. These charges are true or there has been an immense amount of lying done about this thing, lying not only by men of the rank and file, by men holding subordinate commands and by army physicians, but by men holding high position. That the committee which sat in Washington saw fit to ignore all this testimony and report that the meat which was furnished to the army was "good," without making any exceptions, is strange, to say the least of it, and was well calculated to put General Miles upon his mettle, after he had, so frequently, so emphatically and, as he says, with positive proof, asserted the contrary.

The fact is that since this controversy began those in authority have apparently been dodging and much more anxious to suppress the truth than to bring it to light, and the probabilities are that their action is now inspired by the hope that they may be able to suppress Miles.

INCREASE IN TAXABLE VALUES.

According to the report of State Auditor Ayer, the increase in the value of taxable property for 1898 over 1897, foots at \$6,885,689.76, divided as follows: on real and personal property \$2,392,920.00; telegraph property \$383,619.72; steamboat property \$16,120.00; railroad property \$4,063,030.04. The aggregate value of property listed for taxation was \$265,867,197.99, the highest figure ever reached. He estimates, judging from 81 counties reported, that the increase for this year over last will be about \$2,500,000.

In view of the "hard times" this is not a bad showing for North Carolina, and is an encouraging contrast to some of the other Southern States which do a good deal more boasting, where the tax estimates show a decrease instead of an increase in values. It shows also that our people have been moving and hustling, although they have not been doing much talking. It may be incidentally remarked, too, that some of our assessments are very low, especially on land, much of which is listed at a ridiculously low figure.

There were 457 cases of typhoid fever in Philadelphia last week, the result of bad drinking water, and yet the average Philadelphian takes more interest in the pending Senatorial election in that State than he does in the drinking water.

It is said that Switzerland takes in about \$24,000,000 a year for feeding and lodging tourists and \$6,000,000 from the sale of souvenirs, and a very large part of this is paid by Americans, who have equally as fine if not finer scenery in their own country.

Considering its late experience in electing a U. S. Senator, the House of Delegates in West Virginia is now in favor of letting the people elect Senators and has so declared by a vote of 57 to 4.

A Delaware man who went to Philadelphia became so absent-minded that he forgot his name and couldn't identify himself until he saw his picture. Philadelphia has a queer effect on some people.

It is said that the Philadelphia Record made \$343,000 in 1897. There are lots of Southern newspapers that didn't make half of that.

The latest show curiosity in London is Hassen Ali, an Egyptian, who claims to be eight feet five inches tall, and he says he isn't stretching it.

Hall Caine says he likes this country. No doubt. Hall has made some pretty nice hauls of cash out of this country.

There were no new developments in the small pox situation yesterday. The patient is closely confined and there is no danger of a contagion. Dr. McMillan is giving the matter the closest attention, and in company with Capt. Robert Green, made several visits to the pest house yesterday.

There were receipts yesterday of 285 bales of cotton against 327 of the corresponding day last year. Sixty-two of the number were brought by the Opaco from her Georgetown trip.

ATLANTIC AND YADKIN RAILWAY COMPANY.

First Meeting of Stockholders Held Yesterday—Recess Taken Until Monday—Organization Perfected.

The first meeting of the stockholders of the Atlantic and Yadkin Railway Company was held, according to previous advertisement in the STAR, in the offices of the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad Company on Front street yesterday at noon. All stockholders were represented and organization was perfected. However, the meeting took a recess until tomorrow (Monday) at 10 A. M. without transacting any business pertaining to assuming management of the C. F. & Y. V. railroad, for the purchase of which the Atlantic and Yadkin was organized. These matters were all deferred until the meeting to be held tomorrow.

The STAR has it from high authority that the Atlantic and Yadkin is to be a party, will assume the management of the C. F. & Y. V. early this week. However, no official announcement has yet been made.

CAPE FEAR & YADKIN SALE.

Purchase Adjusted—Distribution to Bondholders As Soon As Costs and Expenses Are Determined.

[Baltimore Sun.]—Messrs. Henry Walters, B. F. Newcomer, Michael Jenkins and Warren G. Elliott, purchasers of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad on account of the Atlantic Coast Line, yesterday turned in as part payment about \$1,000,000 of bonds which were controlled by the New York committee and they were cancelled by Mr. E. S. Martin and Mr. Clement Manly, the master commissioner appointed by Judge Simonon to make the sale and distribute the proceeds. A cash payment of \$1,000,000 was made, which will be used to pay off the bonds held in Baltimore.

The purchasers have now fully adjusted the purchase money with the commissioners, who have been in Baltimore for a few days. The distribution to the bondholders will be made as soon as the costs and expenses have been determined by the United States Circuit Court. This will be done as soon as Judge Simonon is able to hear the case or designate another judge to hear it. The matter is delayed by Judge Simonon's illness, but he is reported to be convalescent. The Baltimore committee are making every effort to expedite the distribution. The decree of sale ordered in solvent national banks in the State of North Carolina, to be selected by the commissioners.

TO CONSOLIDATE ROADS.

The Seaboard Air Line to Become a Compact System.

[News and Observer.]—A bill has been prepared and will be introduced in the General Assembly to-day to amend the charter of the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad Company and authorize it to consolidate with the Seaboard and Roanoke and other companies composing the Seaboard Air Line. The effect of which will be to consolidate all of these roads and domesticate them as one corporation under the charter of the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad Company.

The rights of minority stockholders seem to be fully protected, by requiring the payment to them, if they do not desire to go into the new arrangement, of the full value of their stock.

Thus, the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad Company is to be made the one corporation; all others to be merged into it.

The Sun and the Star.

"Please leave off your Port Almanac reports, which are generally 25 or 30 minutes in error between the rising of the sun and the going down of the same, and oblige."

The above, from Fayetteville, was referred to our weather observer, who tells the STAR that the sun "rises and sets," so far as Wilmington is concerned, at the time appointed therefor by Turner's Almanac and Capt. E. D. Williams' commercial calendar. Perhaps the time clock in Fayetteville—not the sun—is in fault. Years ago it was dilatory, and the Observer on one occasion printed the following: "It's a race, it's a race," cried a wag as he "raced" in as full as a mouse. "The race is between the stopped watch of the town."

Sportsmen Homeward Bound.

Seven gentlemen from Chester, Pa., who have been in this section for past several weeks on a hunting and fishing expedition, spent Friday in the city and left for their homes on the evening train. They seemed delighted with their sojourn in this section. A cage containing a number of partridges was among the "curios" which they carried back with them. The party consisted of Hon. Thos. Clayton, Mr. William Hughes, Mr. Jno. Paul, Mr. David B. McClure, Mr. Andrew McClure, Mr. Chas. Longbottom and Mr. William H. Hall.

Prominent Tobacco Manufacturer.

Mr. W. W. Wood, of the firm of Berger-Wood Tobacco Co., manufacturers of plug and twist tobaccos at Greensboro, spent yesterday in the city. Mr. Wood was one of the pioneer tobacco manufacturers of Winston and is recognized in tobacco circles as the highest authority on the best methods of manufacturing fine chewing tobacco. He leaves for Charleston to-day.

AN EYE-WITNESS TO HOMICIDE.

T. J. Newsom Tells a Star Reporter Particulars of the Renner Shooting.

Mr. T. J. Newsom returned from a business trip through Robeson county yesterday. To a member of the STAR staff he said last night that he was an eye-witness to the shooting of a drunk negro man by Mr. R. S. Dixon at Renner Wednesday, a report of which was published in the telegraphic columns of the STAR yesterday. Mr. Newsom says that the killing was thoroughly justifiable. The negro was in the act of throwing a heavy iron weight at Mr. Dixon and had a second one in his hand. The trouble was occasioned by the insistence, on the part of the negro, that Mr. Dixon, as express and depot agent, refused to him money paid several days before by the negro for an express money order. The negro had bought the money order and sent it with an order for whiskey, had never heard from the order and demanded that Mr. Dixon refund the money, which of course he could not do. He told Mr. Dixon that if he did not pay him, back the money he would kill him and was proceeding to put the threat into execution when Mr. Dixon shot him dead.

Case of Carolina Cooperaage Co.

A petition in involuntary bankruptcy, signed by the Atlantic National Bank of Wilmington, the Wilmington Iron Works, Messrs. A. H. Slocomb, C. M. Whitlock and Mrs. Minnie Nimocks, creditors of the Carolina Cooperaage Co., has been filed with Mr. W. H. Shaw, Clerk of the United States District Court, by their attorneys, Jno. D. Bellamy, Esq., and Franklin McNeill, Esq., who left Wednesday night for Raleigh to present the paper to Judge Purnell, who will set a date for the hearing and inaugurate a legal movement to set aside the execution by which their plant in Wilmington is held by the sheriff to satisfy the judgment recently rendered against the company for damages to the young man Tyner, while in its employ.

MARRIAGE AT MOUNT OLIVE.

Miss Flowers Happily Married to Mr. J. A. Westbrook—Now on a Bridal Tour.

Mr. F. S. Westbrook returned yesterday from Mt. Olive, where, as noted in a previous issue, he went to attend the marriage of Mr. J. A. Westbrook to Miss Eliza Flowers, which was celebrated in the Mt. Olive Presbyterian church Wednesday night.

The pastor, Rev. Mr. Bagwell, was assisted in the ceremony by Rev. N. M. Journey. The church was prettily decorated and crowded with friends and relatives of bride and groom. The ushers were Mr. Wade Lofton, and Mr. Earnest Flowers (brother of the bride), of Mt. Olive, Mr. Ben. Bowen, of Wilson and Mr. F. S. Westbrook of Wilmington. There were no bridal attendants.

After the marriage a reception was in progress at the residence of the grooming up P. M., when Mr. and Mrs. Westbrook left on the north-bound train for a bridal tour. They will be at home Mt. Olive after the 15th inst.

CHARGED WITH FALSE PRETENCE.

Two Mount Olive Negroes Arrested by Police Officers Yesterday Morning.

Joe Korngay and James Husey, both colored, were arrested yesterday morning by Sergeant Orrell and Policeman Woebbe in compliance with a telegram from Justice Jno. R. Smith, of Mount Olive, charging the first named with false pretence and the latter, who is a minor, with having left home without the consent of his parents.

The telegram also authorized the arrest of two other negroes on a similar charge of false pretence, but they were not apprehended. The party had set out for Georgia and the negroes arrested were awaiting the arrival of the south-bound train when they were arrested.

Justice Smith arrived on the 5:45 o'clock train yesterday afternoon, identified the negroes and left with them on the north-bound train last night for Mount Olive, where he will try them on the charges preferred.

The Negro Soldiers.

Nineteen of the colored troops, of the Third N. C. Regiment, recently mustered out at Macon, Ga., came on the S. A. L. train at 12:05 o'clock yesterday. Most of them were members of the Newbern company, and left on the 2:35 o'clock train for home. Only about six of the Wilmington company were among the number. The others are expected via the S. A. L. to-day.

Example of Negro Insolence.

Two young colored boys, were arrested yesterday afternoon for making an attack with rocks upon two little daughters of night jailor Branch at the City Hall, while they were playing about the yard near their home on Barry street. One of the little girls, who was rolling a baby carriage, was quite painfully injured by one of the rocks, which struck her in the mouth. The boys will be tried to-morrow morning.

RHEUMATISM

No disease that attacks the human body is so universal as rheumatism.

Almost everyone is liable to suffer from it, in some form or other.

Exhaustion of nerve force is the underlying cause.

The immediate cause is the presence of certain morbid waste material in the blood and tissues.

Rheumatism occurs in several forms; there is acute rheumatism, or rheumatic fever; there is what is termed sub-acute rheumatism. There is chronic, muscular, inflammatory, deforming rheumatism, and there is rheumatic gout.

Over-work, or whatever induces an undue exhaustion of nerve force, will aggravate the disease, or hasten its appearance.

The aches that accompany the disease in its incipient stages are often, for a time, attributed to other less serious causes.

The cure for so deep-seated a trouble never can be an ignorant preparation that will only dull the pain or give temporary relief. There are a thousand and one so-called medicines for rheumatism that not only never effect a cure, but unfortunately are often the means of discouraging people who use them.

Paine's celery compound is as little related to these worthless preparations as an honest gold coin is to a clumsy counterfeit.

Paine's celery compound is a specific for the cure of rheumatism in any of its forms.

The first "friendly pain"—friendly, because it gives early notice before serious mischief has occurred—should send you at once to the druggist's for a bottle of this remedy. It will cure your rheumatism. It will so cleanse, invigorate and rejuvenate the blood that every organ of the body will share immediately in the healthier condition. It will build up and make you strong.

Its peculiar ability to increase the amount of blood and stimulate the action of the liver and kidneys has made it the regular prescription of the best physicians.

Thousands of people have been cured of rheumatism by Paine's celery compound.

Mrs. H. C. Danolds, of Rochester, N. Y., writes: "Last season I had a severe attack of muscular rheumatism. At first I used a good deal of liniment, but in spite of it the rheumatism increased. I then began using Paine's celery compound, and the second bottle cured me completely. I recommend Paine's celery compound most heartily as an invaluable remedy to all who are afflicted."

Other people—scores of them in every town of any size in the country, have written similar letters, appreciative and grateful, to the proprietors of this wonderful remedy—the best of all blood purifiers and nerve restorers, the discovery of Dartmouth's greatest professor.

Whoever has used it has recommended it to others.

And that is the reason that the demand for Paine's celery compound is greater to-day than for any other remedy in the world.

A CASE OF SMALLPOX.

George Hysner, a White Tramp, Sent to the Pest House Yesterday—Superintendent's Prompt Action.

Wilmington now has a well developed case of smallpox. The patient is George Hysner, a white tramp, and he came to the city late Thursday night and applied at the City Hall for lodging. He was sent below to the station house and was allowed to sleep in the corridor by the furnace. Early yesterday morning he left the City Hall and applied for admission to the Marine Hospital, where it was found that he had smallpox in a very advanced stage.

Dr. McMillan, Superintendent of Health, was immediately notified and in a very short time, with the assistance of Capt. Robert Green, chief quarantine officer, he had Hysner in the pest house in Hart's vineyard, about three miles from the city. Messrs. T. Swain and C. W. Knold, after being re-vaccinated, were installed as nurse and guard respectively.

Three negroes who were confined in the guard house with him on Thursday night, were promptly vaccinated by Dr. McMillan, assisted by Dr. Zachary, and Dr. McMillan personally gave the station house a thorough fumigation about noon.

The patient says that he is a native of Erie, N. Y., and that he left that city October 7th became a sailor, subsequently deserted his vessel at Cleveland, Ohio, and came to Newport News, Va., where he was arrested and placed in jail with a negro who had smallpox. Later he was released without vaccination. He beat his way to Brinkley, several miles from Wilmington, and reached here Thursday night. He says that eruptions appeared on his face Sunday.

The promptness with which Dr. McMillan had the patient isolated is sufficient guarantee that there is no danger of a contagion. Hysner came in contact with very few persons before his isolation.

NO-FENCE LAW.

The New Hanover Bill Has Not Yet Gone to the Senate.

[Special Star Telegram.]—The only amendment thus far made to the bill for a stock or no-fence law for New Hanover county, is a change of the date when the law is to go into effect. The change is from October 1st, 1898, to January 1st, 1900. The bill has not yet gone to the Senate.

VIRGINIA-CAROLINA CHEMICAL

Reduction in Prices of Fertilizers—What Mr. Borden and Others Have to Say. Two Views of It.

[Charleston News and Courier.]—Yesterday Mr. Borden, local manager for the Virginia and Carolina Company, was shown the following article, which appeared in the Macon Telegraph of January 31:

"The recent purchase by the Virginia and Carolina Chemical Company of many of the leading fertilizer factories in the South, it is said, will cause a reduction, instead of an increase, in prices of commercial fertilizers. When it became known that this company had bought up the Southern factories the natural conclusion was that it was done for the purpose of raising the price. A gentleman who is posted, but is not in any way connected with the concern, told the Telegraph reporter yesterday that the chemical company had already cut prices so as to drive out the Baltimore and Northern fertilizers. You may look out for a lively fertilizer war as far as rates are concerned, he said, and, remarkable to relate, the farmer will get the benefit of it. You know, as a rule, the farmer gets the worst end of everything that is sold, but in this particular case he will receive all of the benefit of the cut rates. Just to what extent the rate cutting will be carried I don't know, and, in fact, it is hard to say, as the war has just started, but it is liable to be carried to a great extent." All of the fertilizer factories have big stocks on hand, as this is the time of year when the demand for fertilizers is sold, but in this particular case he will receive all of the benefit of the cut rates. Just to what extent the rate cutting will be carried I don't know, and, in fact, it is hard to say, as the war has just started, but it is liable to be carried to a great extent." All of the fertilizer factories have big stocks on hand, as this is the time of year when the demand for fertilizers is sold, but in this particular case he will receive all of the benefit of the cut rates. Just to what extent the rate cutting will be carried I don't know, and, in fact, it is hard to say, as the war has just started, but it is liable to be carried to a great extent." 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