

GRAINS ON THE FARM.

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Mr. F. J. Meriam, a Georgia farmer, recently startled the farmers of that State and the president of the State Agricultural Society by giving them a little insight into his farming operations.

At this point a resident broke in and interrupted him to know if he meant what he said.

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ern State for millions of dollars' worth of vegetables, fruits, meats, butter, &c., very much of which, save the fresh vegetables and fruits, is imported from other States, which do not produce them as abundantly or as cheaply as they can be produced in the South.

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GOOD AND BAD ROADS. The U. S. Department of Agriculture has issued a pamphlet, prepared by Mr. M. E. Eldridge, who is in charge of the office of public road inquiry.

An estimate of the cost of bad roads in this country puts it at \$250,000,000 a year. This is practically a tax of \$250,000,000 a year on the people, but as they do not have to put their hands in their pockets and shell out the money they do not seem to realize it, but it is a tax all the same, and they are paying it right along.

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INCREASE IN MANUFACTURED EXPORTS.

One of the most gratifying, and also significant features of our export trade, is the large and steady increase for some years in our exports of manufactures.

Table showing increase in manufactured exports from 1890 to 1898. Columns include years and values in millions of dollars.

It may be noted that nearly all the articles embraced in this table are composed wholly or in part of iron and steel, the significance of which is that this country has reached that point where it can successfully compete with the world in the greatest of the manufacturing industries for iron bears the same relation to the manufacturing industries that cotton, wheat and corn do to the agricultural industry.

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GENERAL ROAD LAW.

Will be Made Operative Through New Hanover County Without Delay.

SUPERINTENDENT ELECTED. Capt. John Barry Elected for Period of One Year at Meeting of Commissioners Yesterday—Line Fence Building Also Considered.

Capt. John Barry was elected County Road Superintendent for New Hanover at a special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners held yesterday afternoon for the purpose of considering this and other questions deferred from the regular meeting of the Board on the first Monday in August.

All members of the Board were present as was also County Attorney W. B. McKoy. The election of Captain Barry was made after an extended conference lasting for more than an hour and a half. His salary, which is left at the discretion of the Board in the act authorizing the election was fixed at \$75 per month, and it is understood that the general road law will become operative in the county at the earliest possible moment.

The election of a superintendent was made in accordance with Chapter 581 of the Public Laws of North Carolina, which is entitled "An act to provide for the better working of the public roads and highways of the State" and which is commonly termed the "general road law."

The committee appointed at the last meeting of the Board to look into the matter of the building of the line fence between New Hanover and Pender counties made necessary by the no-fence law, which goes into effect in New Hanover on December 15th of the present year, submitted the following report:

Your committee appointed on county fence do recommend the following: That said fence shall be of 12 gauge steel wire except bottom strand, which shall be of hog proof barbed wire, the strands to be 2 1/2, 3, 4, 4 1/2, 5, 5 1/2, 6, 7, 8 and 9 inches apart, three or upright to be 6 inches apart in lower 30 inches and 12 inches apart in the upper 30 inches.

That iron posts be used 7 feet long and placed 16 1/2 feet apart and braced each hundred yards with heavy wire as one brace and scantling 4x6 as the other brace. That 10x10 inch black cypress or cedar posts be used for gate posts and each gate post be properly braced by 4x6 inch scantling. We further recommend that bids be asked for: 1st. The entire fence to be complete and erected.

2nd. For fence and iron posts delivered at depot either at Castle Hayne or Scott's Hill. 3rd. For taking material at either of above places and erecting the fence. 4th. That bids be five gals nine feet wide with hinges and fastenings.

Our Gattings and Jorgensens have killed many more innocent people in the Philippines than the hurricane has killed in Porto Rico. The President and Secretary of War should stop the suffering of their own people. —Charleston News and Courier, Dem.

Recently we stated, on what seemed competent information, that the butter made by our neighborhood farmers was spoiled by feeding cows on cotton seed. An expert informs us that perhaps the best butter sent to Augusta from the country comes from cows thus fed, and that it would be hard to beat the butter he makes from cows fed on cotton seed meal and hulls. —Augusta Chronicle, Dem.

SPIRITS STILL ADVANCING.

Sales on the Wharf Yesterday Afternoon at 48 and 49 Cents—Condition of the Market.

Another advance in price of spirits turpentine was a feature in the day's business in naval stores on the local market yesterday. There were no sales in the morning as buyers only offered 47 1/2 @ 48 cents but near the closing yesterday afternoon purchasers became more eager and one-half cent advance was realized.

Speaking of the almost phenomenal rise in prices during the past several weeks the Savannah News of Sunday says: "The situation in the naval store market still continues abnormal. The price of spirits yesterday was 48 cents bid, with a strong demand for export and very little stuff sold. As previously explained the situation is due to the large amount of contracts sold and the shortage in the crop due to the February freeze. The prediction that spirits will go to 50 cents before the end of the month is still freely made.

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NORTH CAROLINA WILL RETAIN THE HORNET.

So Says Capt. George L. Morton, of the N. C. Naval Battalion—Maryland's Boat Too Small.

Capt. Geo. L. Morton, of the North Carolina Naval Battalion, returned to the city yesterday after an absence of more than a week. He was asked by a member of the STAR staff about the statement in the Baltimore Sun, published in a recent issue of the STAR to the effect that the converted cruiser Hornet, now assigned to this port for the use of the North Carolina Naval militia would soon be transferred to Baltimore for the use of the Maryland militia.

We publish in this issue an elaborate disquisition upon the relative merits of the square "standard" bale of cotton and the newly proposed and much advocated round bale. Behind the latter is said to be the strongest "trust" in the world. It is a safe rule for the farmer to adopt, that he should sell to the miller, and the miller to the baler of the farmer, and they will be wise to favor no other.

Two penitentiary convicts sentenced during the recent term of the Criminal Court were carried to Raleigh yesterday by Jailer Mills and Deputy Sheriff Terry. They were both negroes; Jno. Perry, sentenced to life imprisonment for burglary, and W. H. Boyette, given ten years for larceny and receiving stolen goods.

Inspector Rice Here. Mr. F. B. Rice, who recently succeeded Captain Cannon as inspector of bulls for the Charleston district, embarked yesterday for New York, arrived in the city on board the steamship New York yesterday. He will remain in the city for several days and in company with Captain E. E. Groom, boiler inspector for this district, who is expected to arrive from Charleston to day, will on Wednesday inspect the tug Narvassa and the little river steamer Croesus. It was learned yesterday that Mr. Rice would not be required to stand the civil service examination until the early part of October.

MADE OUT NO CASE.

Oliver H. Dockery's Counsel to Make Motion to Re-open the Case.

FOR ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY. In Dockery vs. Bellamy Contest—They Want Congress to Send Committee to Investigate—Contestant's Brief and Motion Received.

It seems that O. H. Dockery and his counsel are at last beginning to realize how very weak their case in contesting the right of Hon. John D. Bellamy to a seat in the Fifty-sixth Congress is. In fact they have totally failed to make out their case, despite all their recent "much ado" about deposition-taking in the various counties of the district.

The announcement of this intention is made in the "Contestant's brief of facts and authorities," and also his motion to reopen the case and for Congress to take additional testimony, copies of which were received in printed form by the contestee, Hon. Jno. D. Bellamy, yesterday. A concluding feature of this voluminous document is the following: Motion to Reopened Court.

In conclusion contestant asks that this congress will reopen this case and take up the investigation of these unparalleled political crimes where he has been forced to leave it, and through its committee bring out and show the House the real situation of the case. He asks that the committee inquire into the election of 1898 that it may judge whether contestee can honorably claim to have been elected by the people of the Sixth Congressional District in a seat in the 56th Congress of the United States from North Carolina.

ON WRIGHTVILLE BEACH.

As a result of Mr. Fallon's advice the Wilmington Seacoast train from Wrightsville Beach arriving in the city at 12:15, 4:30 and 6:45 o'clock yesterday afternoon brought large numbers of cottagers and Seashore and Ocean View Hotel guests. It is estimated that there were nearly 1,000 people on the train leaving the beach at 3:45 o'clock and the other trains were well freighted with cottagers and visitors seeking safety in the city, the people fearing to stay on Wrightsville Beach, especially because of the isolation of the beach from the mainland by banks' channel and the sound, making escape in case of a tidal wave or severe hurricane rather difficult.

The fact is the only cottagers who mustered courage to spend last night on the beach were the families of Mr. E. J. Powers, Mr. J. A. Arringdale, Capt. E. W. Vanouert Lucas, Mr. James Worth, Mr. C. W. Whitlock and Mr. Hall. All the guests from both the hotels came to the city for the night. Mrs. Mayo and family remained at Ocean View Hotel. Several members of Kittle Club also remained on the beach. At no time during the day or up to a late hour last night did the breakers sweep over the beach to the Banks channel. They washed under Ocean View Hotel when the tide was the highest, the water going as far back as the railroad track. This was at high tide early in the afternoon.

A member of the STAR staff visited the beach on the 5:15 train, returning to the city about 7:30. The wind reached the highest velocity attained during the day about 6 o'clock last night. At that time it was almost impossible to walk on the beach or stand in an exposed place about a building, the velocity of the wind being so great as to almost carry you away bodily. The wind, too, was freighted with fine sand which well penetrated the flesh. The view of the ocean was magnificent. As far as the eye could see there stretched a succession of seething billows, some of them apparently twenty or thirty feet high, breaking one over the other in a mad race for the shore, presenting a picture the grandeur of which beggars description.

Quite a number of gentlemen went down on the 7:15 train last night especially to see the storm at sea. Some returned at 10 o'clock last night and others (very few) remained overnight. The train returned to the beach last night at 11 o'clock and remained all night, so as to be at hand should it be necessary to move the few people remaining on the beach to Wrightsville or the city.

At about 11 o'clock last night a STAR reporter was told over the telephone by Capt. Lucas, who spent the night at his cottage, that the wind was blowing fully fifty or sixty miles an hour, but that no damage had apparently been done to the cottages, either by wind or breakers.

BEACHES ABANDONED.

Severe Wind and High Breakers Cause Many Cottagers and Visitors TO SEEK SAFETY IN THE CITY.

Expect to Return to Their Cottages or Hotels To-day or To-morrow—Orion Crowded Last Night—Yesterday's Storm Conditions.

The weather conditions and the approach of the West Indian storm (erstwhile hurricane) was the most general as well as exciting topic among Wilmingtonians and Wrightsville and Carolina Beach cottagers yesterday. Indeed so exciting did the situation become on the two beaches that during the afternoon and evening large numbers of the cottagers and guests at the hotels came up to the city to spend the night. While no damage was done to property, either in the city or on Wrightsville and Carolina Beach, the velocity of the wind, particularly on the two beaches, was sufficient to cause much uneasiness. The Weather Bureau records show that the highest velocity of the wind in the city during the day was thirty miles an hour. This velocity was reached several times, notably about 4:30 A. M. and between 2 and 3 P. M. But on both beaches the wind was several times really terrific, reaching, it is estimated by several competent judges, a velocity of not less than sixty-five miles an hour.

As the day advanced and the fierce storm conditions seemed unabated the advice of Mr. W. H. Fallon, the Weather Observer, was asked by hundreds of people as to the advisability of remaining on the beach during the night. In each instance Mr. Fallon said that while he did not believe there would be any special danger still he thought it best for the cottagers to come up to the city for the night as a matter of precaution.

LIKES THE AMERICAN COMPANY'S PRESS.

An Arkansas Firm Used It Last Season With Great Satisfaction. (From the Commercial Appeal, Memphis, Tenn.) A. J. Clements, of the firm of Clements & Daniel, cotton ginners of Lonoke, Ark., was in the city yesterday. Mr. Clements was seen by a Commercial Appeal representative in the office of the American Cotton Company, in the Continental building, and he said that he was very much pleased with the company's Roundbal press, which he has been operating at his gin the past season. He compressed about 4,000 bales on his Roundbal press, and he said that he had not lost a single bale in the process. Mr. Clements says that one season he had satisfied him of the merits of the American Company's Roundbal press. It is a good thing he says, both for the ginners and the farmer, and his firm will continue its use and abandon its other press entirely.

PROBABLY A SUICIDE.

White Man Tired of Life Dies From the Effects of An Overdose of Laudanum. Edward Roderick, a huckster, aged about 38 years, died yesterday morning at 9:30 o'clock, at his home, No. 720 South Seventh street, from the effects of an overdose of laudanum, taken, as he said, to "end his troubles on earth."

Roderick on Monday afternoon remarked to his sister, Mrs. Josephine Mintz, that he intended to kill himself and on the following night he exhibited to his nephew, Edgar Mintz, a bottle of laudanum, at the same time remarking that he was going to take it; that he was tired of life and wanted to end his miseries.

About 12 o'clock Monday night he went to his home and fell in a stupor to the floor. He was picked up and carried into the house, where he remained unconscious until his death yesterday morning. Dr. W. D. McMillan was summoned a few hours before the death of the unfortunate man, but his services came too late, and Dr. Zachary, to whom the case was given by Dr. McMillan, was unable at the advanced stage of Roderick's stupor, to revive him. On his person was found an empty bottle bearing a laudanum label and there is no doubt that the contents were taken with the object of ending life.

A domestic trouble is said by relatives of the deceased to have been the cause of the rash deed. Deceased leaves a wife and five children. The funeral will be from the late residence this morning at 10 o'clock, the services being conducted by Elder J. W. S. Harvey.

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the surf flowed between them all, breakers actually rolling up on the porches in several instances and washing into cottage hallways. The cottages are, however, so well anchored and have withstood the powerful force of so many storms that the occupants entertained little fear of serious results.

The Night in the City. According to weather prognostications the worst part of the storm was to have reached Wilmington on Tuesday after midnight last night, but up to 3 o'clock this morning, barring an occasional gust of possibly twenty-five miles velocity, there was nothing to suggest the approach of a storm.

At 8 o'clock last night Mr. Fallon, observer at the Wilmington station, made the following report: The storm continues to move slowly up the coast. It is now central between Wilmington and Charleston, and has been accompanied during the day by high northerly winds from Norfolk, Va., to Charleston, S. C., the following maximum wind velocities being reported up to 9 P. M.: Charleston, 56 north; Wilmington and Norfolk, 30 north; another gale is prevailing over the west Gulf coast. Generally cloudy weather and rain prevailed during the day over the Middle and South Atlantic Gulf States, with lower temperature, continuing to night; elsewhere the weather is generally clear, with an area of high clouds extending from the central Ohio valley to the west coast. The centre of the coast storm will probably pass Wilmington during the night, followed Wednesday by decreasing northerly winds.

In speaking of the storm last night, Mr. Fallon, of the Weather Bureau, said that the present storm is moving the slowest of any storm on record for many years. For instance, on August 14th, at 8 A. M., it was between Jacksonville and Tampa; at 10 A. M. August 14th, it was reported off Jacksonville; August 15th, at 8 A. M., it was just south of Charleston, and last night at 8 P. M., just south of Wilmington.

It is very much to be hoped that Wilmington and the beaches have seen all they will get of it.

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