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WHY WE CAN COMPETE.

English manufacturers are very much concerned about American competition, the success of which they do not fully understand.

No industrial question at the present time has so been an interest to British manufacturers as that connected with American competition.

It is not surprising that a good many Englishmen have an idea that the success of American competition will be merely transitory.

With the exercise of ordinary intelligence they will yet, if they have not already done so, discover that there is nothing in that.

An elaborate report upon an investigation of the effect of machinery on the cost of production, prepared by the Commissioner of Labor, Hon. Carl D. Wright, has just been issued.

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has been the most prominent market for the introduction of novel American machines. It is, however, in another branch of business that our manufacturers have made the most important progress in recent years.

The high price of copper is giving a boom to copper mining just now, and this may last for some time for the increased application of electricity as a motive power.

These are only a few suggestions which may serve to explain why American manufacturers have now attained a position where they are enabled to compete with those of other nations in nearly all finished products.

A striking object lesson on this line was furnished on the Eastern Chinese Railway, part of the trunk line of the Trans-Siberian Railway from St. Petersburg to Port Arthur.

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THE SCHOONER GOLD LEAF. Captain Williamson Tells an Interesting Story of His Adventure With the Storm Last Week.

Capt. W. J. Williamson, of the schooner Gold Leaf, which went ashore at Tubbs, Brunswick county, during the recent storm, in the city yesterday and tells a most interesting story of his extraordinary experience with wind and wave on this occasion.

At 8 o'clock Monday night the storm became so terrific that the cables of the sturdy little craft were parted with a snap and the schooner went adrift, moving at great speed south by south west straight out to sea.

At 2 o'clock Tuesday morning when the little schooner was seventy-five miles out to sea, according to the reckoning of Capt. Williamson, the wind shifted to the south, and they began to drift in.

There was an adjourned meeting of the Board of County Commissioners yesterday afternoon, Col. Moore, the chairman, and Commissioners Alexander and Holmes being present.

Prof. Kalb, of Germany, predicts a mash up of the earth to morrow at 3 o'clock P. M. sharp, by a collision with the Temple comet.

A new explosive, called theorie, has been invented, which, it is said, will not explode in fire nor without concussion.

MR. GEORGE HARRISS DIED YESTERDAY.

End of a Long, Useful and Honorable Career—Prominent in Commercial Circles Over a Half Century.

There passed away yesterday morning one of Wilmington's most prominent citizens, Mr. George Harriss, who died at 5:30 A. M., at his residence 515 Princess street.

Mr. Harriss was engaged in business up to three weeks ago, but for the past year his health has been such that he was not able to give active attention to his duties.

At a meeting of the board of trustees of the Seamen's Friend Society of Wilmington was called by the president of the society, Mr. James Sprunt, at half past twelve yesterday.

It was ordered that Robert H. Stamp for have an abatement in the tax assessment of his property in Block 198 from \$6,000 to \$3,500 and his personal property be listed at \$1,000.

Receipts—Balance from September account, \$3,832.43; W. H. Biddle, marriage license, \$25.55; Clerk Superior Court, \$6.00; Sheriff Walter G. MacRae, property tax, \$11,203.30; rents, \$59.00; bank taxes, \$56.01; Sheriff Walter G. MacRae, Schedule B tax, \$1,147.51; dividend from First National Bank, \$194.31. Total, \$16,242.21.

The report shows a balance to November account of \$24,050.99. There is a balance also to the credit of the special county fund of \$732.44.

THE MASONIC TEMPLE

Historical Sketch of the Movement to Erect the Handsome Structure.

Completion of the Home of the Masons to Be Celebrated by a Great Fair Next Week—Preparations for the Coming Event.

As the handsome Masonic Temple approaches its completion, which is to be celebrated by the great fair to be held here from November 20th to December 3rd, it will be of more than ordinary interest to STAR readers generally.

At different times between its incorporation and the spring of 1898 various schemes were considered for the building of a Temple, but did not materialize.

Finally, in the spring of 1898, the then directors, Messrs. M. S. Willard, F. E. Bagley, James M. Noble, H. P. Smallbones and Iredell Meares, conceived and matured the plan by which the Temple is now building.

WHEREAS, God in His wisdom has removed by death from our midst George Harriss, a member of our Board of Trustees and one of the oldest shipping merchants in our community, who served continuously from 1872 to 1899.

The funeral of Mr. Harriss will take place at 10:30 o'clock this morning at the First Presbyterian Church.

COUNTY TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT.

Audited by the Commissioners Yesterday. Routine Business Considered at Meeting—The County Fence.

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Disbursements—Outdoor poor, \$379.19; Hospital, \$271.75; County Home, \$132.35; public buildings, \$116.49; roads and bridges, \$205.47; tax listing, \$157.00; stationery and advertising, \$15.75; Superior Court, \$333.80; Criminal Court, \$18.90; jail, \$294.75; magistrates, \$3.16; attorney, \$25.00; R. E. Givner, Deeds, \$13.75; coroner, \$75.55; Superintendent of Health, \$75; Commissioners, \$50; Clerk for Commissioners, \$50; janitor, \$45; Treasurer, \$187.31. Total—\$2,473.32.

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CLAIM FOR DAMAGES SETTLED.

The Clyde Steamship Company has settled a claim for damages with Mrs. Sarah A. Lindquist, widow of the late Charles Lindquist, who was burned to death as the result of an explosion on one of the company's steamships in New York, particulars of which are known to STAR readers.

An exchange hopefully remarks that "Kentucky may do better next year." If she doesn't she had better get out of the voting business.

renowned and skilled builder, and has been performed in a satisfactory manner, except for the unavoidable delays which have been chiefly caused by the unprecedented demands for skilled labor and material all over the country.

The dedication of the Temple will occur on the 21st day of November, 1899, when the grand officers of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina will be present and participate in the ceremony.

Our citizens, as well as the Masons, experience a pride and gratification at the erection of a building, which reflects credit upon the enterprise of the order and of the city.

Chatham Record: An old colored man, named Nathan Taylor, died near the city on Sunday, when he was over 88 years old.

Sanford Express: The "top crop" of cotton is a failure. It was killed by the early frost. The cotton crop in this section this year is short.

N. C. TOBACCO ASSOCIATION. Call issued to Planters to Meet in Raleigh December Sixth to Organize for Mutual Protection.

DR. BULL'S COUGH SYRUP. Cures a Cough or Cold at once. It is the best for Bronchitis, Grippe, Hoarseness, Whooping-Cough, and all other Coughs. It is sold by all Druggists. Price 25 cents a bottle. For all lung trouble.