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COTTON AND TOBACCO.

The two leading "money crops" of the South are cotton and tobacco, both crops for which there is a world demand.

Experience should be a teacher, and yet the average farmer learns but little from this teacher. This is no reflection upon the intelligence of the farmer.

If cotton and tobacco were the "money crops" they are supposed to be the planters of the South would be the planters of the South with more than \$10,000,000 worth of cotton they have grown and sold since 1860.

Tobacco has built up tobacco manufacturing towns, and made millionaires out of men who started without a dollar, but it hasn't made any millionaires nor many thousands out of the men who grew the weed.

There are different methods, however, pursued by the cotton manufacturer and the tobacco manufacturer, compared with the methods pursued by the men who grow the cotton and the tobacco.

Why can't the same business methods that obtain in the factory be put into practice on the farm, where they would be really more effective than in the factory or in the shop.

In the central part of the State they can be produced in abundance, and of fine quality, and we doubt

DECLINES TO ACCEPT.

As was, doubtless, anticipated the Cuban convention has declined to accept in entirety the demands made by this Government in the eight clauses published a few days ago.

There are millions of acres in the South that the life has been eaten out of by the excessive cultivation of both of these crops, and the growers eventually were forced to seek homes in the West, where grain and grass grow.

Elsewhere we have written about cotton and tobacco culture, and the folly of centering attention on these to the neglect of other crops.

This difference of opinion that exists, and the various interests involved, will doubtless result in a compromise by virtue of which the United States Government will be conceded the privilege of coal mining stations and the right to keep its eye upon Cuba and stand as a peacemaker and protector in case of necessity.

Masked robbers in a town in Poland recently paid a nocturnal visit to a parish priest and demanded 1,200 rubles that he had collected to pay a debt on his church.

They have some marvels of strength among the safe crackers of Chicago. It is recorded that a couple of them drove up to a millionaire's house the other day, when one held the horse and the other climbed the front porch, entered a window and came out with a 300 pound safe.

A Pennsylvania man was so jubilant over winning a wager he made that Quay would go back to the Senate that he celebrated it by giving a banquet to fifty-five invited friends.

The latest official reports from the Philippines show that 721 of our soldiers have been killed, 452 have died from wounds and 3,599 have been incapacitated by wounds.

THE STATE JUDICIAL DISTRICT.

Proposed Redistricting Gives New Haven Twelve Weeks of Court.

The bill now before the Legislative committee providing for a reapportionment of the State to provide for sixteen judicial districts in lieu of the six present, which have been abolished.

Other bills passed: To fix the salary of State Librarian at \$1,000, and allow \$300 for an assistant; to incorporate the Southport & Western Railroad Company; for relief of taxpayers of Harnett county; to establish a State's prison parole commission.

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CURRENT COMMENT.

Possibly if Gunner Morgan would shoot his cuffs and obtain a monopoly and avoid the example set by certain of his superiors in talking too much he might pull through the society portion of the program.

There was another heated discussion over the Fayetteville Anti-Dispensary Bill, participated in principally by McIntire, of Robeson, and London against, and Ward and McNeill for the bill.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Fayetteville Anti-Dispensary Bill Passed the Senate After a Long Discussion.

Representatives of Cumberland county received to-night telegrams urging the enactment of a law for absolute prohibition in Fayetteville and the county.

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TO SELL OLD COURT HOUSE.

Bill Passed Both Houses—Amended by Motion So That Naval Reserves May Have an Option on the Building and Pay for It With Bonds.

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Senatorial Districts.

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There is said to be bright prospect of the meeting of the State Teachers' Assembly at Wrightville beach about the 10th of June.

President Jacobi, of the Chamber of Commerce, has recently received letters from Prof. J. A. Holt and former State Superintendent C. H. Mcbaae expressing themselves in favor of the Teachers' assembly meeting here this year, and intimating that they will visit Wilmington in a few days to look over the field.

The North Carolina Bar Association meets at Wrightville June 24th 29th, inclusive, and there is no reasonable belief that the encampment of both regiments of the State Guard will be held at Wrightville a little later.

Suits Against the Seaboard. Lloyd C. McKay, of Phoenix, Brunswick county, has begun three other suits against the Seaboard Air Line for damage done to his land.

Spirits Turpentine. Asheville Courier: Little Clyde, the three-year son of Mr. Louter M. Stout, was burned so badly that he died from the effects after suffering for several weeks.

Sanford Express: After an illness of only two days Mr. Platt Ballard died at his home at Margaretsville on last Thursday.

Father and Son Arrested. Charged With the Murder of Wife and Mother at Birmingham, Ala.

Battleship Massachusetts Will Remain at Pensacola Until the Fleet Sails for Havana.

Public Building Bills. Passed Both Houses With Increases in Amounts Appropriated.

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