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WHY AMERICA LEADS

It is universally conceded that in productive capacity where skill and method are essential, the United States lead the world.

In the older countries the workman is regarded as a mere machine, employed to do a certain kind of work, and that is all that is expected of him.

The European farmer, who still sows his grain by hand and harvests with the scythe, thinks he is reading a fairy tale when he reads of the American farmer riding his plow.

The European butcher would think he was reading a fairy tale when he read about a hog going alive into the fourth story of one of our big slaughtering plants.

The European paper maker would think he was reading a fairy tale when he read of a tree standing in the forest being cut down and converted into paper in a few hours.

In European countries they have sometimes had tasks to overcome the hostility to labor-saving devices, because workmen have an idea that they would be deprived of work by the use of such machinery.

SENIOR PLATT'S LETTER.

No one who reads Senator Platt's letter in reply to the inquiry of Secretary Root, which letter was given to the Cuban committee, will doubt for a moment that the Administration is playing a tricky game in refusing to accept the constitution adopted by the construction war-

It may be argued that this letter was not an official document issued by one whose name would give it legal standing, which may be true, but the question was as to the construction of the language and the scope of the doubtful clauses.

The result of this multiplied power of production has been a corresponding cheapening of production, and cheapening of prices, with a comparative increase of consumption, with the result that the people of the United States use more iron per capita than any other people in the world.

RESULT OF TREE SLAUGHTERING.

The great damage done along the Catawba and other rivers in Western North Carolina by the recent floods is said to be directly the result of the great slaughter of timber on the hill sides which has been going on for some time.

The velocity of the water, said Mr. Myers, was greater than ever before. At Rock Hill the current ran about ten miles an hour, which is a terrific and hurtful pace for the Catawba.

The bees in Trinidad are cute. Instead of laboring and wasting time making wax to build their honeycombs, they gather the resinous exudation of trees and utilize that. They find the rubber trees very handy.

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If this country were as densely populated to the square mile as England it would have a population of 1,194,000,000. When that time comes the farmer will not be bothered to find a market for his truck.

CURRENT COMMENT.

And now we are told that the Filipinos do not even know whether they are "appurtenant" or not. Possibly they are just plain chattels.— Norfolk Virginian—Pilot, Dem.

Our sales to Asia in 1891 were \$90,300,000, in 1900 \$204,755,000, a gain of \$114,455,000 in ten years. In the same years our sales to Europe gained \$338,450,000.

If we add to the army of nearly one million pensioners the soldiers in the field, the sailors in the navy and the great array of names borne on the civil list it will be found that about one person in ten of the adult population of the country has a direct pecuniary relation to our paternal Federal Government.

ESTIMATE OF THE COTTON ACREAGE.

Messrs. Latham, Alexander & Co. make a statement for the United States. With the view of obtaining the most reliable information possible concerning the cotton acreage of the United States for 1901, Messrs. Latham, Alexander & Co., bankers and cotton commission merchants, New York, addressed 4,000 letters to banks, bankers, cotton commission merchants and responsible planters, embracing every cotton growing country in the South.

Edison's storage battery, which it is now said he has made a success of, will relegate the trolley wire, dynamo, gas engines and all that sort of thing. Storage batteries have been used for propelling street cars, &c., but for various reasons they did not fill the bill, which, it is claimed, Edison's does.

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Death of Mr. B. C. Bowden. Mr. Benjamin C. Bowden, one of the best known and most valued citizens of Duplin county, died early Saturday morning at his home at Kenansville, N. C., in the 72nd year of his age.

Mr. Hugh Blackwell. Mr. Hugh Burke Blackwell, the eldest son of Dr. C. S. Blackwell, of this city, will be graduated this week from the University of Virginia, after completing a full four year's course of nine months each year in medicine.

SEASHORE HOTEL OPENING.

Brilliant Affair at Wrightsville Beach Last Evening—A Throng of Visitors to the Popular Resort. The final opening of the remodeled Seashore Hotel took place Saturday at Wrightsville beach. It was like an evening at the season's height.

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FISH, ETC. Clam Fritters. Soft Crabs. Cold Meats. Deviled Crabs. Ham. Slices. Saratoga Chips. French Fried. Potatoes. Polka Salad. Corned Beef. Rolls. Biscuits. Bread. Dry, Buttered or Milk Toast.

THE OCEAN VIEW COMPANY.

Will Complete Its New Hotel at Wrightsville This Week—The Management. Contractor D. Hanna has a force of thirty-two men hard at work rebuilding the Ocean View property at Wrightsville beach, which was burned several weeks ago.

A quarrel then broke out among the second and several speculators, who included the well-known factors Malato, Thomexoux, Sautisacher and others. Several challenges were exchanged and finally friends succeeded in leading away M. Regis who was furious over the second's decision.

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Horred Toad from Arizona. The reptilian editor of the STAR was favored with a call yesterday from Mr. C. G. Miller, of Castle Hayne, who exhibited one of the genuine horned toads sent him by mail by a friend in Arizona. It is a great curiosity and the reptile editor, while it was not strictly in his line, was glad to get a peep at the queer looking creature.

Census Bulletin Giving the Population of Incorporated Places. By Telegram to the Morning Star. WASHINGTON, June 8.—The Census Office today issued a bulletin giving the population of incorporated places in the country. The bulletin shows that there are 10,602 such places as compared with 7,478 in 1890.

RAILROAD TRAINS BLOWN TO ATOMS.

Rear-End Collision Exploded a Car of Dynamite Near Bing-hampton, N. Y. Three Others Fatally Injured—Towns in the Neighborhood Suffered—Spar-rolling Houses Damaged. Shock Felt Thirty Miles. By Telegram to the Morning Star.

BINGHAMPTON, N. Y., June 8.—At 9:30 P. M. a heavy explosion shook this city. Street car men just in from Union, ten miles west of here, say it is reported there that a car of dynamite blew up at Vestal, across the river from Union, killing four men and badly wrecking surrounding houses.

The explosion completely demolished the freight cars. Much damage was done by the concussion, most of the windows in Vestal, and Union across the river from Vestal, being shattered. Birmingham plate glass fronts did not escape, many of the largest glasses in the center of the city being broken. The shock was felt at a distance of thirty miles.

WARM WIRELETS.

Joseph Farrand Tuttle, D. D., for thirty years president of Washburn college, died yesterday at Crawfordsville, Ind. The new battleship Illinois left Newport News for Boston yesterday for the official trial trip next Tuesday for the New England coast.

The duel with swords. PARIS, June 8.—The duel with swords which was begun yesterday in the Parc des Sautes between Max Regis (the anti-Semite Mayor of Algiers) and M. Laberdeque, an Algerian journalist, and which was adjourned after nineteen resumed rounds had been fought, was resumed this morning. M. Regis was seriously wounded in the forearm, a copious flow of blood resulting and the duel thereupon was stopped.

Alabamas' convention. A Design Adopted for the Great Seal of the State. By Telegram to the Morning Star. MONTGOMERY, ALA., June 8.—Gen. Samford introduced an ordinance today in the constitutional convention to establish a great seal for the State. It will authorize the purchase of Emma Samson, showing the ford of Black Creek to General Forrest, one of the romantic incidents of the war on Alabama, as the subject of the design.

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Escaped lynching. White Man Charged With Criminal Assault at Mt. Carmel, Ill. By Telegram to the Morning Star. PRINCETON, IND., June 8.—Henry Reynolds, white, thirty years of age, who was arrested in Mount Carmel, Ill., Friday night, charged with assaulting Lida Chase, the 13 year old daughter of a prominent farmer, was lodged in jail here today. Fifty men having crossed the river, intending to lynch him. News of their coming caused the authorities at Mount Carmel to promptly to stop his preliminary hearing and he was sent to Princeton at once under guard of the sheriff and a posse. Extra precautions have been taken to protect the prisoner from further attempts at lynching. Reynolds has confessed. The girl is in a serious condition.

THREE DESPERATE CONVICTS.

Only One Living Survivor to Serve Out a Sentence of Twenty-one Years' Imprisonment. By Telegram to the Morning Star. TORONTO, Ont., June 7. Of the three men, Fred Lee Rice, Thomas Jones and Frank Rutledge, extradited from Chicago to stand trial for the robbery of a bank at Aurora, Ont., Rice is the only living survivor to serve out the twenty-one years imprisonment to which he was sentenced this morning. Two tragedies have put Jones and Rutledge beyond the reach of the law. Jones died from bullet wounds received in a desperate attempt to escape from the officers who were transporting the prisoners from the court house to the jail last Tuesday and Rutledge committed suicide to-day by jumping from the gallery in the jail to the stone court, thirty feet below.

Madame Monnier kept her daughter incarcerated for twenty-five years. Horrible Disclosures. By Cable to the Morning Star. PARIS, June 8.—The sensation of the week has been the arrest of Madame Monnier, a rich and miserly land owner of the neighborhood of Poitiers, and her son, a former sub-prefect of the department of Vienne and a leader of Poitiers' society, on charges of incest with his daughter, Blanche Monnier, daughter of Madame Monnier, for twenty-five years in a room of Madame Monnier's house. The case was mysteriously notified of the woman's detention, entered the house and found Mile. Monnier shut up in a room, in a state of starvation, stark naked, and so emaciated that she appeared to be a living skeleton. The room was covered with filth, bones, refuse, food, worms, rats and all kinds of vermin.

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Chicago may. American Woman Arrested in Paris for Complicity in a Robbery. By Cable to the Morning Star. PARIS, June 8.—The police of this city have arrested an American woman named May Churchill, who had maintained intimate relations with "Ton" Edwards, one of the burglars who robbed the Paris office of the American Express Company in April, the authorities having decided to charge her with complicity in the robbery. She was formerly a music hall performer and had made a tour of the United States under the sobriquet of "Chicago May."

Florida steamer. Will Run Between Duluth and Mackinaw During the Summer. By Telegram to the Morning Star. ORANBURG, N. Y., June 8.—The steamship Miami has arrived up the St. Lawrence from Miami, Fla., and after calling here cleared for Duluth. She is 254 feet long, 40 feet beam, 11 feet draught, twin-screw and can carry 2,200 passengers. She will run between Duluth and Mackinaw during the summer, returning in the Fall to run between Florida and West India ports. The enlargement of the St. Lawrence canal is introducing a number of strangers to the lake shipping.

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