

A FIELD FOR EXPANSION.

There has been much said and written within the past two years about expansion, both territorial and commercial—territorial as a basis for commercial expansion. But, strange to say, the eyes of the expansionists have been turned to the East, the far East, to the lands of the yellow people, as if they offer the inviting field for expansion, and the only field. The principal reason advanced by the expansionists, who defend the forcible possession of the Philippines, is that holding them will enable us to extend our trade in China. and on that ground the Southern people are appealed to endorse the Republican policy of "benevolent assimilation," because China offers a market for some kinds of cotton goods manufactured in the South. Some Southern cotton manufacturers and others have been captured by that delusion, when it is doubtful if having the Philippines would add anything whatever to the sales of Southern cotton goods in China. There is a far greater probability that ultimately it would destroy the trade our Southern mill men now have in China.

There is now one cotton mill in Manila, which has been in operation a long time. It employs about four hundred operatives who are said to be cheerful and moderately skillful workers, and well contented although they receive on an average about seven cents a day. With the population of Manila and the labor available a dozen or more such mills might be successfully operated there. There are a dozen towns in the island of Luzon where mills could be operated. There are towns also in the four other principal islands where mills could be operated. It is said that cotton has been and can be successfully grown in the islands. What kind of cotton it is we do not know. Cotton, such as it is, might also be imported from India, and finer qualities from the United States and from Egypt. If the cotton manufacturers of Japan can afford to import cotton from the United States, manufacture it into cloth and sell it in China in competition with the goods from Europe and this country, why couldn't mill operators in the Philippines do likewise? English manufacturers to get nearer to their markets in India and China, and get the benefit of cheap labor, have established mills in India, and in Hong Kong and Shanghai, and why may not English and American mill men do the same in the Philippines, when they come under stable government and there will no longer be danger of uprisings and revolutionary movements? This is on the assumption, of course, that American supremacy be firmly established.

Having to compete with the manufacturers in Europe, who already have foothold in China, and with Japan, with her cheap labor, how long would it be before the shrewd New England mill men who sought trade in the East would be establishing mills in the Philippines, and the Southern mill men would find themselves confronted not only by European and Japanese competition, but by Yankee competition right on the very threshold, so to speak, of China? As we see it the prospects for building up the Southern cotton trade in China would be much better without the Philippines than with them. As to the Philippines themselves as purchasers of Southern cotton goods they offer no inducement, for one moderately large American city would use more cotton goods in the course of a year than the whole bunch of them.

But leaving the Philippines and "benevolent assimilation" out of the question, there is not enough in the cotton trade of China present or prospective to justify the amount of attention that has been centered upon it, and all the talk about its importance and the persistent efforts to secure a permanent foothold there. There are about 350,000,000 of people in China, and that is the biggest thing about her. Trade with 350,000,000 of people has a captivating sound naturally, but when the characteristics of the people, their economical habits, limited wants, and limited capacity to supply them are considered the captivating feature becomes less captivating.

The total imports of goods into China, such goods as she ships here, don't amount to \$48,000,000 a year, and of this we ship less than ten millions to something over twenty millions for Great Britain, and a little over twelve millions for Japan. If the whole amount were divided among the 350,000,000 Chinese it would not amount to four cents a head, and there is no particular reason to believe that it would improve much in the near future, because the condition and habits of those slow going people will change but little. They will change with time, of course, because they can't continue to plod along in the ruts and slumber contented as they have done for a thousand years or more for the crowding of

the nations and the progress of the world will jostle them out of that; but when they are awakened it will be to establish their own cotton factories and other industrial plants to supply their own needs and make them independent of other nations. By that time their superstitious reverence for their earth gods will have vanished with more of their inherited foolishness and they will no longer shrink from disturbing and offending them by digging minerals from the earth, and her vast deposits of iron and coal will be worked, mills and factories will grow out of them, and the awakened, rejuvenated China will begin to figure as a commercial factor—not only as a buyer, but as a seller. There is a better field, a far better field, for the expansion of the Southern cotton trade on the Western continent, among the millions of people north of us and the millions south of us.

TOO MUCH FOR THE WHISTLE.

Congressman John D. Shafroth, of Colorado, has just returned from travels in China and the Philippines. In politics he is what is called a Silver Republican. While in the Philippines he studied the situation and thus gives the result of his observations: "Peace has been practically restored. There is still a little insurrection in Samar, but aside from that everything is fairly quiet. I do not believe, however, that the relation of the islands will be profitable, as the government will have to expend a great deal of money on them, even in time of peace. It costs now between \$60,000,000 and \$75,000,000 a year to keep the islands quiet, and even if the number is reduced to 30,000, the expenses will still be greater than the profits from the islands will warrant. The islands are unquestionably rich, but their benefit to the United States will not materialize until a generation or two shall have passed and the need for an army in the islands shall have gone." As a commercial transaction his opinion is that we will never get back our money on that trade, even taking the best view of it, and in that there are a good many who agree with him. Owing to the distance, to the climate, to the characteristics of the people and other things the obstacles to American colonization are insurmountable, and even if that were practicable it must, in the nature of things, be very slow. If the people there voluntarily came under our flag as the people of Porto Rico did, and had not been whipped and forced in, Americans might be safe and colonization practicable without American guns for protection, but with the bitter feeling of these people, and their characteristic treachery, there never can be cordial relations between them and their conquerors, and that's what they consider the Americans, for whom notwithstanding pretences of friendliness, they entertain a more intense hatred than they do for the Spaniards.

As far as holding them goes this doesn't make so much difference, for we can do that; but when it comes to Americanizing the islands, to putting them under stable government, when life and property would be respected and progress possible, and such development as would make a fair return for the money expended on them, that is a different matter. In taking them at the price we have paid, and with what we will have to pay for years to come, we are simply paying too much for the whistle.

Philip Gonzales, in the New Jersey penitentiary for counterfeiting, does not like the bill of fare in that institution, and has politely requested Governor Vorhees to transfer him to Sing Sing, where he can get fruit and cake. Some of the northern papers insist that the settlement of the race question be left to Booker T. Washington. If the negroes do as Washington would have them do, they wouldn't be any race problem to solve. You need not be in a hurry to rush off to the Klondike. The British inspector of mines there says they will hold out for twenty years, and for the next ten years will yield annually \$15,000,000 worth of the yellow metal. It is said that when the late John Sherman ran for office he never carried his own county, and was always elected by the votes of other counties. He was most popular with the people who knew least about him.

Between June 17th and September 30th 4,889,863 persons patronized the public baths of Philadelphia. We take it from this that some of the denizens of that town must have bathed more than once. In 1790 the negro population of this country was 19.27 per cent. of the total; now it is only 11.58 per cent. While the negroes are increasing in numbers, they are not increasing in proportion to the whites.

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Cargoes of Cotton. Two cargoes of cotton for foreign export were cleared yesterday by Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son. The first consisted of 9,010 bales, valued at \$922,000, and went via the British steamer Orathorne to Bremen, Germany. The second consisted of 5,232 bales valued at \$290,000 and was via the British steamer Niparima for Ghent, Belgium. A Thousand Tongues. Could not express the capture of Annie E. Springer, of 1185 Howard street, Philadelphia, Pa., when she foundered Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption had completely cured her of a hacking cough that for many years had made life a burden. Nothing but a doctor could give her no help, but she says of this Royal Cure: "It soon removed the pain in my chest and I can now sleep soundly, something I can scarcely remember doing before. I feel like sounding its praises throughout the universe." So will every one who tries Dr. King's New Discovery for any trouble of the Throat, Chest or Lung. Price 50 cents and \$1.00. Trial bottles 10 cents, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. Every bottle guaranteed.

NO WONDER. The Steel Trust is one of the protected concerns that sells its products for less in foreign markets than it charges its home customers. In commenting upon its exhibit of profits for the past six months the Pittsburgh Post says: "When it is recalled that the immense product of the Steel Trust is marketed in this country and paid for by American consumers, only the surplus going abroad, and that the price paid by American consumers exceeds by \$10.00 a ton the same goods can be delivered in England, it is not wonder the remarkable exhibit of net profits made by the Steel Trust. Fifty-five millions of dollars net profits on six months' business in meeting the wants of 80,000,000 American consumers tells the story. Ten dollars and fifty cents a ton more for American manufacturers at home than is asked in Europe for the same product explains the why and wherefore, and how Americans submit to unjust, exorbitant and needless taxation that the European may get American goods cheaper than they are sold at home."

This Trust is opposed to any reduction of the tariff, while it is shipping its manufactures across the seas and selling them for \$10.50 a ton less than it charges in the home market. When it does that and makes such an exhibition of profits, can it make any respectable claim to protection, the only effect of which is to enable it to levy monstrous tribute on the American people while giving its foreign customers the benefit of competition in the open markets? It makes the boast that it can manufacture steel goods cheaper than the manufacturers of any other country can, and the trade journals of foreign countries, speaking for the steel manufacturers whom they represent, admit this, and yet the spokesmen of this Trust object to any revision of the tariff that might encourage outside competition with this monopolistic combine, which is squeezing millions a year out of the American people who are forced to trade with it.

Patriotism is a good thing but some persons have a superfluity of it, and this when combined with a weak brain is bad, as in the case of an 83 year old denizen of Indiana, who brooded over the death of President McKinley and danger to the Republic, until he went into his barn and hanged himself. He was a justice of the peace. A report comes from Manila that the company which was attacked and 48 of whom were slaughtered in Samar had been warned by a priest of the contemplated attack and yet they permitted themselves to be taken by surprise. This is surprising, when it is to be supposed that they would have been, forewarned as they were, on guard.

The boss ranch man of Australia is an Irishman named McCaughey. He went to that country poor, but now owns a ranch thirty-six miles long and forty miles wide, in addition to which he rents about a million acres. He owns more sheep than any other man in the world. Cotton is grown in 73 out of the 97 counties in North Carolina. Caldwell is the smallest producer with 8 bales and Robeson the largest with 27,349 bales. Pretty Wedding Last Night. At 9 o'clock last night, at the residence of the bride's parents, 108 South Third street, a very pretty marriage was celebrated. Miss Gertrude Barnes, the lovely daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Barnes, was united in matrimony to Mr. James M. Bordeaux. The beautiful and impressive ceremony was performed by Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. The parlor was tastefully decorated with palms, ferns and cut flowers. Elegant refreshments were served. The bride wore a beautiful grey cloth suit, with a bouquet of roses and maiden hair ferns. Numerous beautiful presents were received by the popular young couple.

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A POSTOFFICE CASE.

Prominent Man of Columbus County On Trial in the Federal Court.

HEARING WILL BE LENGTHY.

Jabel Register is charged with Tampering With Registered Mail at Vineland—Large Number of Witnesses—Other Matters.

For the most part the session of the United States Court was taken up yesterday in a trial of the case against Jabel Register, of Vineland, Columbus county, N. C., who is charged with tampering with registered letters passing through the postoffice at that point, his sister being postmaster and being a clerk in the office. The case was taken up about 11:30 o'clock yesterday morning and will likely require the remainder of the week for hearing. Only nine witnesses for the prosecution had been examined when an adjournment for the day was had at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. There are twenty other witnesses for the government and a number for the defendant. The case is familiar to STAR readers, extended reference having been made to the same at the time of the preliminary examination a month or two ago. The prosecution is being conducted by District Attorney Bernard and Assistant District Attorney Spears. The defendant is represented by Hon. Jno. D. Bellamy and Herbert McClammy, Esq.

Mr. D. C. Owings, the postoffice inspector, who worked up the case against the accused, was the first witness examined yesterday. Following were other witnesses examined during the day. Postmaster J. F. King, of Excelsior, N. C.; J. A. Wright, citizen of Moline, N. C.; J. B. Long, mail carrier from Vineland to Haddock; Postmaster T. F. Floyd, of Sue, N. C.; Postmaster J. B. Hill, of Eoka, N. C.; T. J. Hennessy, secretary and treasurer of the Greer Drug Company, Charlotte, S. C., to whom money was forwarded by registered letter; T. F. Johnson, registry clerk in the postoffice at Charlotte. Every inch of ground is being fought by counsel on each side and some express the opinion that the trial will not even be concluded this week. Mr. Register is a well-to-do family man in Columbus county and had given bond for his appearance. Following is the jury to determine upon the guilt or innocence of the defendant: Paul S. Steed, Jordan Sessoms, J. W. Underwood, Brate Slaughter, G. R. Bate, E. A. Maultsby, J. L. Matthews, D. H. Maultsby, J. J. Bowden, A. D. Thompson, Hiram Simpson, W. E. Cowan. The court convened yesterday morning at 10 o'clock as usual and with the exception of a recess from 1 to 3 o'clock for dinner, was in continuous session until 5 P. M. The following unimportant matters were disposed of prior to the taking up of the Register case: Rosetta Hill, Cumberland, retelling, pleaded guilty; judgment suspended, defendant having been in jail three months; defendant cautioned. Jno. McKinnon, Cumberland, retelling, pleaded guilty; 30 days in jail and fined \$100, to be discharged at end of 30 days. Dan Turner, Cumberland, retelling, verdict not guilty. P. A. Canady, Cumberland, illicit distilling, continued. Not a true bill was returned in the case of E. F. Freeman, of Robeson county.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT.

Only a Few Unimportant Cases Were Disposed of Yesterday—Absence of Attorneys.

Barring four unimportant cases, two of which were for divorce, there was nothing doing in the Superior Court yesterday and the jury was discharged for the day at the dinner hour. The sheriff returned the following talemans summoned: W. P. Dickinson, J. W. Winders, J. B. Elkins, J. M. Hewitt and Jas. Roderick; as not found, G. W. Tucker, J. H. Sumner, Samuel Carmon, Thos. J. Burnett, J. Walter Williamson, H. F. Canady and J. R. Brown.

In the divorce suits of William Bryant vs. Ella McMillan Bryant, and Ellen M. Jones vs. Wm. H. Jones, judgment was absolute. In case of J. Davis vs. Peter W. Davis an alias summons was ordered. In the suit of Thomas & Mercer vs. Mrs. L. M. Cooke, a jury was duly empaneled and after hearing the evidence the jury in the Superior Court yesterday found for the plaintiff and the court dismissed the court finding a fact that the defendant was a married woman and not abandoned by her husband at the time of the contract. The case of Julius Hahn, trading as the Southern Distilling Company vs. S. M. Taylor & Son, was set for yesterday, but owing to the necessary attendance of several attorneys interested in the case upon the Federal Court, Judge Allen allowed a postponement until Saturday, on which day the docket is always light. The following talemans were ordered summoned for today: T. M. Emerson, J. A. Kelly, J. Y. King, J. W. Carmichael, W. S. Walker, J. M. Bunting, W. M. Cumming, J. H. Dreher, W. H. Brown, Nell McClinton, Jno. B. Quetch and Vran Swann.

NEGRO KILLED YESTERDAY.

Rip Sawyer at Hilton Lumber Company Struck by Timber and Died Going to the Hospital.

Wm. Gillespie, colored, an employee of the Hilton Lumber Company, while operating a rip saw at the plant of the company in this city yesterday at 12:40 o'clock received injuries which resulted in his death twenty minutes later, while he was being conveyed in an ambulance to the James Walker Memorial Hospital. Gillespie was standing in front and feeding the saw when a piece of timber in some way was caught and thrown back upon him with much violence. His right arm was broken, three or four ribs were fractured and he also received internal injuries, which quickly proved fatal. Dr. C. D. Bell, the coroner, went to the scene of the negro's death but deemed an inquest unnecessary. The names of several witnesses were, however, obtained. Gillespie is a Duplin county negro and has a wife and three children living at No. 614 North Seventh street. His remains were taken to his home.

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FUNERAL YESTERDAY.

Remains of the Late W. A. Vlach Tenderly Laid to Rest in Oakdale.

SERVICES LARGELY ATTENDED.

Floral Tributes Many and Very Handsome. Mark of Respect at British Vice-Consulate—Railroad and City Officials in Attendance.

All that was mortal of the late Wm. A. Vlach, General Auditor of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway, was laid to rest in Oakdale Cemetery yesterday in the presence of hundreds of friends and grief-stricken relatives. The funeral services were conducted from the First Presbyterian Church at 11 o'clock by the Rev. Dr. J. M. Wells, the pastor. In attendance upon the services were Atlantic Coast Line officials, clerks, Aldermen and officials of the city; members of the brotherhood of St. George and St. Andrew, of which deceased was a member; friends and relatives. As the remains were borne into the church the choir softly rendered "It is Well With My Soul." The services were then opened by the reading by Dr. Wells and the singing by the congregation of the hymn: "I Have Heard the Voice of Jesus Say." Dr. Wells then read a comforting passage of scripture beginning with "Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God as I also believed in the Father." This was followed by a very fervent invocation for the family and bereaved ones and the choir sang with much feeling: "Nearer My God to Thee." Dr. Wells then spoke very appropriately along the line of the nobility of a high Christian life and as the concluding verse was sung of the hymn "Swear, Hark My Soul, Angelic Songs are swelling," the remains were tenderly borne from the church and thence to Oakdale Cemetery, where the interment was made. The pall bearers upon the sad occasion were as follows: Honorary, Mr. H. C. McQueen, Mr. Jas. F. Post, Col. Warren G. Elliott, Capt. Jno. F. Divise, Mr. Jno. R. Kenly, and Mr. Thos. Wilson; active, Messrs. C. W. Worth, Horace P. Clark, E. B. Pleasant, Geo. T. LeGrand, E. Borden and James H. Chadbourne, Jr. The floral tributes were many and very beautiful. One of the most handsome was from the clerks in the late General Auditor's office and another from the clerks in the Traffic and Claim offices of the A. C. L. During the hour of the funeral the general offices of the Coast Line in this city were closed and a very large number of employees were present at the funeral. The offices of the city were also closed and many of the officials at the funeral. The flags of the British Vice-Consulate and of the seven British steamers in port were half masted by Mr. Sprunt's request yesterday, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Mr. Vlach. Such honor to a private citizen is an unusual occurrence and proves the high esteem in which the deceased was held. The following out-of-town officials were here for the funeral: Messrs. Thomas Wilson, of Wilson; T. A. Wilcox, of Florence; B. E. Smith and C. O. Olney, of Charleston; W. G. Childs and J. T. Barron, of Columbia; B. A. Williams, of Richmond; Spencer LeGrand, of Norfolk; Herbert L. Borden and J. S. Hartzell, of New York.

MARRIED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

Mr. Davis Wedded Miss McLaurin—The Groom's Brother is Wed To-day.

At the residence of the bride's grandfather, Mr. Horace A. Bagg, No. 114 North Sixth street, a very pretty marriage ceremony was celebrated at 5:45 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when Mr. Edwin Yates Davis led to the hymeneal altar Miss Lilly Belle McLaurin, the accomplished daughter of Mr. L. H. McLaurin, and the two were made one in impressive words spoken by the Rev. J. N. Cole, pastor of Grace M. E. church. The house was tastefully decorated for the event, and there were present only a few intimate friends of the bride and groom. Mr. and Mrs. Davis left last night at 7 o'clock for a bridal tour North. On their way they will stop at Petersburg, Va., to attend the marriage in that city at high noon to-day of the groom's brother, Mr. W. E. Davis, and Miss Louise Knight. The ceremony will be performed in the Methodist Church at Petersburg, and both couples will leave this afternoon for the Pan-American Exposition.

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FAIR PROSPECTS NEXT WEEK.

South Building is Now in Progress and Brilliant Success is Assured—Large Crowds Will be Here.

Work on the building of booths by the merchants for the Carnival next week has begun in dead earnest and a large number in gala attire will likely be ready for the grand opening Monday night. The "welcome arch" at the Elks' Temple is also being built as rapidly as possible and will be very beautiful. The country store booth in front of the postoffice building will be completed by the end of the week and will be one of the largest as well as the most attractive in the Carnival district. Merchants who have not hitherto entertained the idea of building a booth are asked to do so now. There will be hundreds and hundreds of visitors here during the week and it will be too late to build when the Carnival has begun. Fresh encouragement comes to the Elks each day for the success of the event and every loyal citizen of Wilmington owes it to the city to put his shoulder to the wheel and help "push it along." Many new features are being added daily and the crowds will be large without a doubt.

BAD WRECK NEAR MONROE.

Engineer and Fireman Killed—Forty Cars and Two Engines Destroyed.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. RALEIGH, N. C., Oct. 7.—A special to the News and Observer from Monroe, N. C., says: The southbound through freight of forty cars and two engines was wrecked about two miles west of here this morning. The train was rounding a sharp curve and the first engine jumped the track, tearing it up and causing the other engine and cars to pile up in a complete wreck. Engineer Dickard and a colored fireman were killed. The body of Engineer Dickard has not been found, being buried under a beech tree near the wreck. The whole of Monroe turned out to view the wreck and to see the merchandise that is scattered around and tangled in the wreck. Both engines are entirely destroyed, and the cars are hopelessly shattered. The building was badly damaged by the explosion, all the windows were broken as well as the plate windows in the kitchen. 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