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THE LABOR PROBLEM.

The labor problem has already become a troublesome one in some sections of the South. There are portions of this State where hands enough could not be obtained this year to pick the cotton in the fields, and in consequence much remains unpicked.

As there is no probability of the situation becoming any better, the labor problem will continue to confront the Southern farmer and the question is how will he solve it.

One is the reduction of the cultivated acreage, which has already been forced in some sections. Another is the larger use of labor-saving machinery, which is true economy, whether labor be plentiful or scarce.

Another is the diversification of crops, which avoids the necessity of employing a large number of hands at certain periods to plant or harvest, work that must be done quickly.

The surprising thing in this connection is that Virginia has not become a great cattle raising State. For this, for it is splendidly adapted to stock raising both on account of its natural advantages as a producer of the grasses and other foods that stock thrive best upon, and also the advantage of proximity to great cities which furnish markets for all the fat cattle, mutton, pork, etc., that could be sent to them.

ought to be great stock raising States.

The article we quote from the Times shows the advantage in the small cost of running a stock farm as illustrated by the experience of Rev. Tom Dixon, who failed to make a farm pay raising the ordinary crops, with one hundred negroes and makes it pay handsomely raising cattle, to be shipped to England, employing only two white men and no negroes.

But there is other value in cattle besides the market value, and the farmer profits in other ways besides the money he receives for the cattle sold. They are land enrichers, and while fattening themselves they are also giving fertility to the acres upon which they graze, making them greater producers and adding to their value in dollars if the owner should desire at some time to sell his farm.

We hold that there can be no really good farm without stock, and that with stock a very ordinary farmer may be made a very good one. It should be the aim of every farmer to raise some cattle, and as many as possible and as good as possible.

HOW TO MAKE A TOWN GROW.

The question as to the particular kind of industries which should receive the most encouragement is attracting attention in some of the towns of Pennsylvania. As it is a question in which towns in the South are also interested, we clip the following from the Philadelphia Press:

The Pottsville Board of Trade, which has been bustling around to get new industries for the town, has a proposition before it for a new silk mill. It also discloses that a mill already in operation cannot get enough hands.

Silk mills have been a favorite sort of industry in the towns in the eastern part of the State. They have spread largely from New Jersey, and shirt factories, knitting mills, and similar light manufacturing establishments have been encouraged along with them.

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the people of a town to encourage diversified industries, those that give employment to the different classes of labor, that give work to the head of the family, and also to the younger members of the family, whose work may be necessary to the support of the family.

WILL HE BOUNCE THEM?

Since the removal of Collector Bingham, of Alabama, for the activity he showed in excluding "the man and brother" from the Republican State convention, there is said to be some uneasiness among the Federal office-holders in this State who were active in carrying out Senator Pritchard's freeze-out programme.

It didn't take long (after the election) to spot and bounce Mr. Bingham and it certainly should not take long to spot the active co-operators with Senator Pritchard. Of course he is beyond chastisement, but every one who knows anything about Republican conventions in this State knows that they are practically run by federal office holders—U. S. marshals, deputies, internal revenue fellows, postmasters, &c.

Speaking of the acquittal of Moloney the New York Herald remarks that "there is something radically defective in a system of criminal procedure that takes nearly four years to dispose of a case and imposes upon the people a cost of more than a quarter of a million dollars." It does look that way. But they have too many \$50 a day experts in New York.

There is a farmer in Virginia who does not think a crying baby so much of a nuisance as he once did. His got a big crying fit on it a few nights ago and waked him just in time to discover that his barn was on fire. He hustled around and saved it, and now says baby may cry all it wants to.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture estimates the corn crop of this country of this country this year at 2,543,000,000 bushels. Now it will be in order for the Beef Trust to discover a shortage in the cattle supply to account for the high prices of beef.

Hoboken, N. J., is suffering from a plague of white rats that roam over the town and have almost driven the tenants out of many houses. These rodents are the progeny of a pair of rats that escaped from the owner some time ago.

Mr. Zamolo, who publishes a paper in English at Tokio, Japan, recently traveled in this country and was annoyed by the attention he attracted when travelling. And yet the average American editor works hard to attract attention.

There is a proposition before the Italian Government to pension a woman, on the ground that she has rendered eminent services to the country by filling up the ranks of the infantry. She is the mother of sixty-two children.

Some of the aborigines of Australia know how to utilize things, and eat butterflies, which are very numerous. They have ways of catching them into traps, pull off the wings, press the bodies into cakes, and revel in the luxury.

As Hon. Ohas. E. Littlefield, of Maine, has gotten through with his spellbinding job in the Pacific region, he can now turn his undivided attention to building that trust-smashing bill that we heard so much talk about last Summer.

John S. Billy, of Missouri, buried his money where the burglars couldn't get away with it. He put it in land, and owns 180,000 acres; 35,000 in land, in Missouri, 15,000 in Arkansas, and patches in other Western States.

PRESIDENT ELLIOTT.

Elected Yesterday By Directors of the Atlantic Coast Line of Connecticut.

MAY REMOVE TO BALTIMORE

Mr. Walters Retains Chairmanship of the Board—Mr. Robert D. Cronly Made Secretary of Parent Company. Meeting Held Yesterday.

One of the most important items of railroad news that has come this way in a long time is contained in the following special, authorized telegram received by the STAR yesterday afternoon:

"At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Atlantic Coast Line Company of Connecticut, held in Baltimore today, Mr. E. Walters resigned as president and Mr. Warren G. Elliott was elected as his successor. Mr. Walters retains the position of chairman of the Board. Mr. Robert D. Cronly was elected secretary of the Company.

"It is understood that Mr. Elliott's headquarters will hereafter be in Baltimore."

The following in regard to the meeting was received by the Associated Press last night: "BALTIMORE, November 15.—A directors' meeting of the Atlantic Coast Line Company of Connecticut, the parent company of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, the resignation of President Henry Walters was received and accepted and Warren G. Elliott was elected President to succeed him. Michael Jenkins, of this city, was elected a director and R. D. Cronly secretary."

OUR TOBACCO WAREHOUSE.

Mr. Gaylord Talks Interestingly to the Editor of Southport Standard. (Southport Standard, 15th.)

Mr. Geo. O. Gaylord, who is one of the enterprising spirits behind the Wilmington tobacco warehouse proposition, talked with us on Saturday last. He says that during the Carnival in Wilmington Mr. James Dodd, who was here a few weeks ago, and to whom Mr. Gaylord desired to back the handle of "Professor," has been very busy in that city in meeting farmers of the Wilmington vicinity and explaining to them the growth and curing of the tobacco plant. He says that Mr. Dodd spent the week there in that business, and that about 800 farmers were secured by him who will plant tobacco this year.

NEWCAPE FEAR STEAMBOAT.

Capt. W. H. Ward Will Begin Construction of Freight and Passenger Craft.

Capt. W. H. Ward, the well known Cape Fear steamboat man, who recently sold the tug Buck to Charleston parties, has purchased machinery for a new boat to run on the Cape Fear river and tributaries, principally along the Black river, and he will begin its construction to-morrow at Point Caswell.

The new steamer will be a "stern wheeler" for freight and passenger traffic and will be ready for her trial trip about Jan. 1st. Mr. Luther Sherman, the well known ship carpenter, has the contract for the wood work of the new steamer and the Wilmington Iron Works will place the machinery.

An Early Morning Hold-Up.

A bold attempt at highway robbery was made just before day yesterday morning upon young Mr. Haywood S. King, 14 years of age and a son of Officer R. King of the police force. The young man had arisen early to begin his day's duties and while walking along the sidewalk on Queen, between Fifth and Sixth streets, a negro sprang from behind a tree and in a threatening attitude, demanded that the young man hold up his hands. The negro had cocked without his host, for Mr. King threw his hand to his hip pocket as if to draw a weapon—he had none—whereupon the negro took flight and ran.

Young Lady's Painful Accident.

Miss Lillie Gorman, twenty years of age and a daughter of Mr. Marcellus Gorman, 714 Castle street, lost three fingers of her left hand in a very painful accident at the Wilmington Cotton Mills yesterday morning. Her hand was accidentally caught in a loom frame at which she was working and the three fingers were taken off almost in an instant, with the exception of the middle finger, which was so badly lacerated that it had to be amputated later. Dr. Russell and Hall attended to the young lady's injuries at the home of her mother.

Engine Jumped the Track.

Florence Times, 14th: "The engine of through freight No. 309 ran off the switch at Maysville last night and the wrecking train had to be sent to pull it back on the track again. The mishap delayed the train several hours. No. 33, from Augusta, did not reach Florence until 11 o'clock."

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THE TOBACCO WAREHOUSE.

Application Made Yesterday For Incorporation of Company That Will Operate a Market in Wilmington.

A tobacco market for Wilmington next season is now assured. Application was made yesterday to the Secretary of State for a charter, and the same will doubtless be granted within a few days. The incorporators named in the application are Messrs. Geo. R. French, W. E. Worsh, Geo. O. Gaylord, Gabriel Holmes and E. P. McNair. Of course, there are many other shareholders, but the above are named in the application. The capital stock to begin business upon is \$50,000, but the company will have the privilege to increase at any time to \$100,000.

As soon as the charter is received the company will set immediately to work. Two large warehouses, steam stables, price houses, stable, etc., will be built and a splendid market will be the boast of the city next season. The company will encourage the cultivation of tobacco in this section as far as possible. Ultimately it is proposed to make Wilmington a large tobacco exporting station. The incorporators of the new company and shareholders in the same are among Wilmington's very best business men, and the enterprise will no doubt succeed from the very start.

THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

Change of Date Some Time Ago Was for Wise Purpose—The Orphanage.

The North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will hold its annual session in Grace church, Wilmington, beginning Wednesday, December 3rd, and concluding the first of the week following. The conference is one of the largest bodies in North Carolina and there are usually in attendance from 300 to 400 ministers and delegates from the different churches in the bounds of the Conference. Bishop A. Coke Smith, who, up to last year, was in the Virginia Conference, but who was elected bishop by the General Conference in Galveston last Summer, will preside.

The usual time of holding the conference was changed by Bishop Smith and for a very wise purpose, viz: Because the Conference took many of the pastors away from their churches on Thanksgiving. In order to call attention to this Rev. J. B. Hurley, representing the Methodist Orphanage of the State, has issued a letter to the members of the North Carolina Conference calling upon them to give special consideration to the orphanage matter on Thanksgiving and to take up a collection for that cause. The main building of the orphanage now in process of construction will cost \$28,000 and every cent of the money is needed at once.

Prominent Robesonian Dead.

Rev. A. R. Pittman, the oldest minister in Robeson county and a devout, good man, died last Sunday morning at his home near Rembert, N. C. He was buried Monday at Ashpole, near which place he was born. From the organization of the Robeson Baptist Association he has been moderator, while the late Mr. Proctor was, during the same period, clerk. The two worked many years together, and in death were not long separated.

Compliments to Chairman.

In speaking of the splendid Democratic victory in Pender last week, the Pender Chronicle, of Burgaw, says: "This excellent showing of Pender county is due to the energy and enthusiasm of our county chairman, Mr. J. T. Bland. Although Mr. Bland had no fear that Pender county would not give a Democratic majority, yet he did not rest content with this, but exerted himself to make this majority as large as possible."

INCREASING WAGES.

New York Central and Pittsburg and Lake Erie R. R. Company. BY TELEGRAPH TO THE MORNING STAR. NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—It became known to-day that the New York Central railroad recently has increased the wages of some 15,000 men in the employ by from 8 to 13 per cent. The increase adds nearly \$1,000,000 a year to the pay roll of the company. Three reasons are given for the policy of living: "The increased cost of living, the wish of the management to equalize the wages in all parts of the system, and to the company's desire to recognize faithful and efficient service."

THE COAL SHORTAGE.

Southern Railway Hears Complaint of Knoxville Chamber of Commerce. BY TELEGRAPH TO THE MORNING STAR. KNOXVILLE, TENN., Nov. 15.—General Manager Ackert, of the Southern Railway, to-day heard the Knoxville Chamber of Commerce coal committee's complaints as to coal car shortage in this section. Mr. Ackert laid the responsibility for the scarcity of coal here largely upon coal operators, many of whom, he said, bill their coal to markets in the Carolinas, Georgia and other States at advanced prices, when they know the Southern's traffic is blocked at Ashpole, Spencer and Chattanooga. He said if the operators would bill more of this coal to Knoxville it would relieve the situation here and also help to break the blockade.

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ON THE RIVER FRONT

Vessels That Came Into and Went From Wilmington Harbor Yesterday.

THE MENHADEN FACTORIES.

Atlantic Fisheries Company Began Operations Upon Strength of Good Hauls. By Incoming Steamers—Cargo of Veneering Timber.

The steamers Atlantic and Beatrice, of the Atlantic Fisheries Company, arrived from the North Friday night and the factory of the company at Old Brunswick, upon the strength of good hauls made by the incoming steamers, began operation yesterday. For a time it was feared the catch of "fat backs" off the Cape Fear coast this season would be a failure, but recently the hauls have been very good indeed and both companies operating rendering plants at Old Brunswick now look forward to a successful season. It is said that all the steamers engaged in fishing brought in 300,000 barrels of menhaden yesterday. As previously noted in these columns, the Cape Fear Fisheries Company, the larger of the factories down the river, has seven steamers in its fleet of fishing vessels. They are the Ramger, Hathaway, Hudson, Emphrey, Walter Adams, and Quick Step Arizona. The season in North Carolina was kept up remarkably well this year, hence the delay in beginning operation by the factories South.

SAD DEATH IN FAYETTEVILLE.

Mrs. Edward J. Hale Passed Away Wednesday Afternoon. Mrs. Edward J. Hale, wife of Maj. E. J. Hale, editor of the Fayetteville Observer, and a lady of many rare accomplishments and traits of beautiful Christian character, passed away at the family home in Fayetteville Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. She was a daughter of the late Col. Thomas Hill, of New Hanover and Chatham counties, and came of distinguished ancestry. She was a lineal descendant of Sir John Yeamans, first Governor of North Carolina. The news of her death brought intense sorrow to the hearts of many Wilmington friends and acquaintances.

Death at Delgado.

Mrs. A. E. Faircloth, wife of a well known resident of Delgado, died at 5 A. M. yesterday at the family home, Cottage No. 101. She leaves a husband and two children, aged about 10 and 12 years, respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Faircloth were from the A. and Y. train this morning to Roseboro, Sampson county, for interment.

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DAMAGE BY VOLCANIC ERUPTION IN GUATEMALA.

Total Loss to Plantations Estimated at More Than Five Million Dollars. Loss of Life Was Small.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—James C. McNally, the United States consul general at Guatemala City has made a report to the State Department in regard to the eruption of the Santa Maria volcano, which occurred October 24th, causing the total ruin of the best coffee plantations in Guatemala as well as half the coffee crop for the year, the total known loss being estimated at more than \$5,000,000. He says: "The volcano is still active, and ashes are falling on places thirty miles distant from the crater. The valuable coffee plantations, noted for a large and fine production, are to-day covered with from three to ten feet of mud and ashes as well as other matter from the crater, and the tops of the coffee trees are scarcely noticeable. The losses to the owners of plantations is at this time incalculable, but it is conceded as conservative that the coffee loss will reach between \$80,000 and 400,000 quintals of 100 pounds each.

"Most of the ruined plantations were owned by Germans and the absolute loss of the property is devastating to many who were before the 24th inst. reputed to be wealthy.

"Many owners had borrowed money on the present crop while others had mortgaged their plantations to foreign banking houses, which carries a measure of misfortune to Europe. The reported loss of life is meagre and it is thought that the eruption has done little in the vicinity of the volcano at the first signs of trouble from that source. Telegraphic communication from towns contiguous to the volcano is cut off."

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

Newton Enterprise: Many farmers are afraid that they have missed it again this year in sowing wheat. Some say the fly is doing more damage than ever before.

Mr. Amos Stroud, of Trent town-ship, this county, died Thursday night at the advanced age of 83 years. Mr. Stroud was one of the oldest citizens of the county.

Kinston Free Press: It is said that the sweet potato crop is unusually fine this year in this section. The largest yield of the largest potatoes is raised this year that ever has been raised to the acreage.

Scotland Neck Commonwealth: Mr. C. T. Lawrence Monday showed a large collection of potatoes in his baggy. Fickling by three or four hundred weighed 1 1/2 pounds, the largest weighing six pounds and three ounces and measuring 19x2 1/2 inches.

Louisburg Times: Tobacco continues to roll in and our steamers are full of it. Several hundred more steamers could get employment here. All of the prize houses are full up with tobacco, and the buyers want real sweet more if they were here.

Maxton Scottish Chief: We deeply regret to announce the assignment on Monday of our townman, Mr. J. W. Elwell, the proprietor of the general store, to the custody of the United States Department in preparing the treaty, was suggested by President Palma, and that it is acceptable to Minister Squiers. The negotiations for a reciprocity treaty have been removed from Washington to Havana and being technically now in the hands of Minister Squiers, so far as the United States is concerned, he is in need of assistance when treating such complex matters as tariff schedules.

Reports from Cuba are to the effect that the Cubans are divided upon the question of reciprocity, especially as regards the conditions demanded and offered. The Cuban Senate is reported to be favoring the treaty as offered, with a few minor changes, and there is no doubt expressed that the Senate will accept the treaty when it is amended by General Bliss. This is trouble in the Cuban House, which seems to be inclined to not independently of the United States. General Bliss will present definite propositions from this government. He will state the extreme concession which the United States will grant, which is twenty per cent. on Cuban products, and will give the Cubans the lowest possible rates of some commodities which this country will demand of Cuba. It is expected that General Bliss will be in Havana, and that after his propositions are made but a very short time will be necessary to reply before the negotiations will terminate. The opinion at the department is that there has been too much procrastination, and that the Cubans will not be unreasonable and that delays will not be acceptable to this country.

HOMICIDE AT GREENVILLE.

A Farmer Shot and Killed By An Unknown Negro—Freight Conductor Killed By a Merchant. BY TELEGRAPH TO THE MORNING STAR. GREENVILLE, S. C., Nov. 15.—Samuel Williams, a white farmer, was shot and instantly killed this afternoon by an unknown negro. The negro had robbed Williams' house early in the morning, and had been pursued and captured. Williams and another man were on their way to the jail with the prisoner when he snatched Williams' pistol and shot him dead. The negro escaped, but is being closely pursued by the sheriff.

F. F. Bush, a well known merchant of this city, this morning shot and killed J. Stephens, a freight conductor on the Southern railway. The shooting is said to have been the result of intimate relations between Stephens and Mr. Bush. In the altercation Stephens attempted to pull his pistol but Bush got the drop on him and fired. Stephens was thirty years old and unmarried, and it is said that letters were written and been pursued by Mrs. Bush in which he was urged to settle the matter with Bush. Mrs. Bush is now said to be living with an uncle in Texas.

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ROOSEVELT HAS MORE HARD LUCK.

In His Hunt For Bear in the Mississippi Calabreke—Twice He Narrowly Missed a Chance For a Shot.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

SMITHS, MISS., Nov. 15.—No fresh bear skin had been hung up to-day at the camp on the Little Sunflower up to 4:30 o'clock this afternoon. At that hour the President, who had been hunting for a bear which was started early in the morning, but the remainder of the party had abandoned the chase, and twenty of the best dog-hunters had straggled back to camp, completely worn out.

The President had hard luck to-day; twice he narrowly missed a chance for a shot. The first time he missed it, shortly after leaving this morning; Holt Collier, with half the hounds, followed the trail of one bear down the river and nothing had been heard of him at 4 o'clock. The other bear went in the opposite direction and gave the President, the members of the party and the rest of the dogs a merry chase. He was a big fellow, and kept well ahead of the dogs. He was out of several times and thrashed up and down the brush over an area of about four square miles. Once Mr. Dickinson and Major Helm heard him very close by, but they did not get a glimpse of him. At one stage Mr. Foose, who was with the dogs, heard the dogs quivering through the woods above them and by hard riding he and the President managed to reach a cut-off ahead of the pack. They waited at the Point. Foose felt certain that the President was at last to have a shot, but they were too late.

In about five minutes the dogs swept by in full cry, within thirty yards of them, but Old Point felt no more before they got there. Two hours later the President had another unfortunate experience. The dogs were by this time playing out, and he was a big fellow, and kept well ahead of the dogs. He was out of several times and thrashed up and down the brush over an area of about four square miles. Once Mr. Dickinson and Major Helm heard him very close by, but they did not get a glimpse of him. At one stage Mr. Foose, who was with the dogs, heard the dogs quivering through the woods above them and by hard riding he and the President managed to reach a cut-off ahead of the pack. They waited at the Point. Foose felt certain that the President was at last to have a shot, but they were too late.

The fact that he disposed of the dogs so easily indicated that he was a large strong brute, and this was proved later when he turned out the ideal water hole where the first bear was bayed yesterday.

Secretary Cortelyou and Dr. Long, who were in the thicket some time before the splash, but the animal did not stop and neither of them got up in time for a shot. When they examined the queer, but handsome, footprints where he was in, which measured eight inches across, the experts declared that this indicated that he was very large, probably weighing four hundred pounds.

The only member of the party who bagged anything was Judge Dickinson. He caught a string of trout in the Sandhills. To-morrow there will be no hunt, the dogs will be rested and the pursuit of bear will be resumed Monday.

LONG CONFERENCE ON THE SUBJECT OF CUBA.

Cubans Must Understand That Delay in Settlement of Tariff Matter Will Not Be Acceptable. BY TELEGRAPH TO THE MORNING STAR. WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—Before Secretary Root left for New York to-day he had a long conference on the subject of Cuba with Secretary Hay. Beyond the general statement that the conference related to Cuban reciprocity and the other matters included in the Platt amendment, it was impossible to extract any information as to what took place. It has, however, been conclusively step has been taken within the last few days. It is gathered now that the presence of General Bliss, who is going to Havana, has been a factor in the negotiations for a reciprocity treaty. The negotiations for a reciprocity treaty have been removed from Washington to Havana and being technically now in the hands of Minister Squiers, so far as the United States is concerned, he is in need of assistance when treating such complex matters as tariff schedules.

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