

Table with 10 columns: Month, Spindles, Cotton, etc. showing production statistics for various months.

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The Washington Post of Friday contains a telling cartoon on the Panama event. There is an outline of North America and the isthmus Panama is represented as a 'jump-out-of-the-box'...

Under date of Washington, November, 13th, Tom Pease in a special to the Raleigh Post, says the North Carolina delegation in Congress is hostile to the nomination of Cleveland next year. Senator Simmons said this: 'With Roosevelt as the Republican nominee, North Carolina would, after a hard fight, give Cleveland her vote, should he by any means receive the Democratic presidential nomination.'

The Springfield (Mass.) Republican thinks the action of the shipping administration in recognizing and treating with Panama was altogether too hasty and too much like 'hair trigger diplomacy.'

The Irishman, said to be the largest ocean-going steamship that ever went to New Orleans, loaded last week at the Stuyvesant docks with 50,000 bales of cotton. The vessel is 310 feet long and 62 feet beam, with a draft of 29 feet 6 inches when loaded.

A cablegram from Paris tells us that the Lebadry Bros., have in 1 hour and 35 minutes covered a distance of 46 miles with their airship. If they are going to have fast air sailers like that people who 'fly high' will be in danger.

The Democrats in the House of Representatives in Washington have decided on a strenuous opposition to the Republican programme although they have a Cannon in the speaker's chair to over-awe leader Williams' followers.

When Roosevelt breaks bread on Thanksgiving Day, it is to be hoped he will not be comforted by a Crum from Charleston. Perhaps Mr. Bryan got so used to being the 'it' of Democracy he still thinks he's 'it.'

VERDICT SET ASIDE.

Judge Peebles in Wake Superior Court Criticised Findings by a Jury. GAVE VERDICT FOR \$30,000.

Contrary to Evidence and Court's Charge, Said His Honor—Bassett Resolution Was Turned Down by County School Superintendents.

(Special Star Telegram.) RALEIGH, N. C., Nov. 12.—Judge Peebles in the Superior Court here today set aside a verdict returned by the jury, giving George Smith, a 19-year-old brakeman, thirty thousand dollars damages against the Seaboard Air Line for the loss of his right leg and right arm. Judge Peebles said he never knew a verdict more contrary to the evidence and judge's charge, and declared it the largest damages ever given by a North Carolina jury for total disability. T. B. Womack, counsel for the Seaboard, made the motion to set aside.

By a vote of 17 to 9 the State Convention of County School Superintendents tabled without debate the resolution by Superintendent Costin, of Gates, denouncing the article by Prof. Bassett on the race question. The full text of the resolution was as follows: 'WHEREAS, There is a condition of mutual unrest throughout the country in regard to the so-called race problem; and

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OF INTEREST TO TRUCK GROWERS.

Representative Thomas Introduces Bill in Congress—Morris's Greek. Representative Charles R. Thomas, Friday, introduced a bill in Congress providing for a reciprocity agreement with Canada, looking to the abolition of the duty of two cents a pound upon American strawberries. The bill is said to be of vast importance to the strawberry growers, and truckers as a whole, of Eastern North Carolina, especially the farmers of Columbus, Wayne, Duplin, Sampson and Pender counties, and means that if it could be enacted into law, a new market for them and the saving of thousands of dollars. The bill is backed up by the Eastern Carolina Truckers' Association. At the present there is a duty of two cents a pound on strawberries shipped to Canada. Mr. Thomas is dead in earnest, and if he is allowed to do so will offer his bill as an amendment to the Cuban reciprocity measure. The bill introduced to-day authorizes the President to enter into a commercial treaty with Great Britain, with a view to reciprocity between the United States and Canada as to the tariff on strawberries.

Other bills introduced by Mr. Thomas Friday were: To appropriate ten thousand dollars to close and beautify the grounds and repair the monument of the Moore's Creek battle field, authorizing the secretary of the treasury to place a clock on the new government building in the city of New Bern, appropriating ten thousand dollars therefor.

THREATENED LYNCHING AVERTED. Tarboro Sheriff Drove Cross Country to Save Negro's Neck—Raleigh News. (Special Star Telegram.) RALEIGH, N. C., Nov. 14.—George McRae, an eighteen year old negro employe, was horribly mangled on the freight yards of the Seaboard Air Line this forenoon. He was caught between freight cars and died within an hour. The South in a hundred years except Lee is a gross insult to the intelligence of the South.

'The statement that the negro will finally win equality is repugnant and revolting to the South, and womanhood of the South, and has no foundation of condition or sentiment, which would make it impossible. Therefore, be it

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A MAP OF THE COUNTY. Revival of the Effort to Have One Prepared for New Hanover. Prof. Washington Cattlett, superintendent of county schools, has just returned from the great educational meeting in Raleigh and from suggestions received there as to the value of such a work, he has revived the talk in Wilmington of the almost absolute necessity of an accurate and comprehensive map of New Hanover county. While Prof. Cattlett is personally interested in the matter only from an educational point of view, he says that he finds that a map of the county is regarded as almost indispensable by a large number of people here, who must now rely on out-of-date prints and surveys for their information concerning the geographical make-up of the county. Prof. Cattlett called the matter to the attention of Chairman McEachern, of the Board of County Commissioners, who gave him his encouragement. It is estimated that a map of the kind desired could be made for \$800 or less. Several of the county superintendents of education whom Prof. Cattlett met at Raleigh said they had secured maps of their counties and were using them to great advantage.

ONE MAN DROWNED. Sloop from Hyde County Run Down and Sunk by a Steamer. (By Telegram to the Morning Star.) RALEIGH, N. C., Nov. 14.—A special from Washington, N. C., says the sloop Castle, from Albemarle Bay, Hyde county, bound to this city by seven o'clock on Monday night, was capsized and wrecked on the shoals of the Albemarle, near the mouth of the river, when off Indian Island last night. The sloop was run down by the Old Dominion steamer Albemarle, which cut her completely in two. Captain T. W. Midyette, in charge of the Castle, was drowned. T. B. Silversides, the mate and Peleg Warner, a passenger, were saved. The Castle, according to statements from those on the Albemarle and Castle, had no lights exhibited, hence she was not seen by the pilot on the steamer until late. Captain Midyette was at the wheel of the Castle and in attempting to cross the bow of the Albemarle missed his calculation and ran into the shoals. The sloop was 200 feet long, fourteen feet beam and was owned by T. B. Silversides, of Hyde county.

GUNNING FOR DUAKS. Grover Cleveland and Party Arrived Yesterday in Norfolk, Va. (By Telegram to the Morning Star.) NORFOLK, VA., Nov. 14.—Former President Cleveland, accompanied by Dr. Paul Van Dyke, of Princeton, Andrew D. Jones and Ernest Gittings of Baltimore, arrived in Norfolk this morning and left shortly afterwards for the Back Bay Gunning Club, the guests of Joseph Zellinger, of Norfolk, president of the Back Bay Gunning Club.

Edwards & Adams and W. B. Edwards, general merchandise dealers at Emory, Tex., have filed a joint petition in bankruptcy, with liabilities of \$90,000 and assets about the same.

AN EVENT OF SOCIETY.

Wilmington Light Infantry Will Give Big Theatrical Production Last of December. AS TO THE ARRANGEMENTS. Capt. A. P. Adrian and Committee are at Work for Success of Event—Mr. Gowen Will Direct Play—Benefit of Armory Fund—Gast.

Without a doubt one of the leading society events of the mid-Winter will be an elaborate production of some approved light comedy or society melodrama of the highest class to be given in the Academy of Music under the auspices of the Wilmington Light Infantry the latter part of December. The affair will be for the benefit of the armory fund of the company and among the best histrionic talent in the city will be employed in the cast, which will consist of some eight or ten male and female characters, with a perfect avalanche of high class specialties and vaudeville features.

Capt. Adrian and leading members of the company have been quietly at work upon the arrangements for the event for some time, but only last week did the affair assume definite shape which came in the appointment of Capt. Adrian and Lieut. Geo. P. James and McRae Hatch as a committee of impressarios to select the play and engage the players. Half the battle was immediately won in the engagement of Wilmington's popular young thespian, Mr. James H. Cowan, as director. Mr. Cowan has had several conferences with the committee and the result thus far has been highly pleasing. In a few days an approved piece for production will be selected and rehearsals will begin promptly.

The production will be marked by special scenic effects and the vaudeville features will be strictly polite and of an exceptionally high order. The W. L. I. Quartette will contribute several songs of a patriotic and military order, while the other musical numbers will be the best that are possible to be engaged. One strong feature will be a war scene with battle effect, introducing the entire Wilmington Light Infantry in uniform. There will also be in this connection a thrilling tableaux, representing some feature of military life, with special drills of a unique and striking affair. The gentlemen composing the cast will come from the roster of the company, while a number of ladies will be chosen from among friends of the infantrymen. Every member of the W. L. I. is entreated over the forthcoming engagement, and if success can be spelled out of their efforts it will come in large and full measure.

EARLY MORN EXPLOSION.

Fifty Gallon Tank of Gasoline Went Off With Loud Report on Launch—The Escape of Two Men. A fifty gallon tank of gasoline aboard the launch 'Venus,' formerly the 'Morning Star,' exploded Saturday morning about 6:30 o'clock as the craft was being made ready at foot of Market street for her usual trip to the mill of the Pittsburg Lumber Co., up the river. Fortunately no one was seriously hurt, though the boat was partially wrecked, causing a loss of something less than a hundred dollars. The explosion was heard a distance of several blocks and that two men in the immediate vicinity were not blown into atoms was a miracle. The fog was very dense on the river yesterday morning and the atmosphere was heavy and close. Mr. R. H. Jarman, the engineer, and Mr. John Reynolds, the pilot, came down as usual to get the launch in readiness to take company employes living in the city up to the plant. The engine failed to operate and a lantern was lighted in order that the men could see to adjust the machinery. The pipe leading from the tank to the engine is supposed to have been leaking and the gas in the atmosphere to have ignited from the lantern. At any rate, the two men saw a flash at the foot just in time to jump to a flat alongside which the launch was lying. But for the warning of a second given them, the consequences might have been fatal. As it was Messrs. Jarman and Reynolds were only slightly burned about their faces and hands. The fire department responded to an alarm from box 41 on account of the explosion, but the flames incident thereto had been extinguished when the apparatus came.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

Greenboro Telegram: The Southern is said to be making good time on its double track. At the best it can do, the double track will be completed about a year or two later than it should have been. Goldsboro Argus: The President's argument in favor of Cuban reciprocity applies equally as well to the rest of the Dingley tariff. It is, in fact, the only tariff argument, and it should be so regarded by Congress. Maxton Scottish Chief: Col. E. F. McRae has secured through the Fish Commission, directed by Hon. G. B. Patterson, a nice bucket of black bass fish to be placed in his pond. Others of our mill people would do well to follow suit.

Greenboro Telegram: The promoters of the Appalachian Park movement are entitled to sympathy. They have made vigorous and manly efforts to get their plan through but the prospect now is that they will have to wait some time yet before seeing their hopes realized. Raleigh Post: Another evidence of the growing prosperity of the North Carolina is the fact that the North Carolina Midland Railroad Company—connecting Winston-Salem with Mooreville,—to pay dividends to its stockholders. At a meeting of stockholders on Wednesday a dividend of 24 per cent was declared.

TERRIBLE RAILROAD WRECK.

Rear End Collision on the Illinois Central. Twenty Negro Section Hands Killed. Others Injured. (By Telegram to the Morning Star.) NEW ORLEANS, NOV. 14.—A rear end collision on the Illinois Central railroad, near Kentwood, La., 55 miles from New Orleans to-night, resulted in the killing of twenty negroes. Ten other negroes and three white men were injured, some of them fatally. The collision was between the McComb City accommodation and the Northern Express bound to Chicago. The McComb City train left here at 4:30 P. M. It should have side-tracked to let the Express leave at 5:30 P. M. go by, but got behind because of a delay in the station. The Express ran the rear coach of the Accommodation, filled with negroes, and when the train started it was completely wrecked. The engine of the Express did not leave the track and after an hour's delay the through train proceeded on her way. Physicians from McComb City and Kentwood were sent to the scene of the disaster. A list of the dead or injured was received at the railroad offices here.

A GIANTIC COMBINATION.

Formed by John D. Rockefeller, George Gould, J. H. Hill and Other Capitalists—Steel Trust and Railroads. (By Telegram to the Morning Star.) PITTSBURGH, Nov. 14.—The Post to-morrow will publish a story to the effect that a combination formed by John D. Rockefeller, George Gould, J. H. Hill and other capitalists has practically secured control of the United States Steel Corporation; that the acquiring of the New York Central and its feeders by the Rockefeller-Gould plan to secure control of all railroads from the West to the seaboard, including the Baltimore and Ohio, and eventually the Pennsylvania railroad. The scheme it is claimed is a plain business proposition in which the syndicate has undertaken to secure control of the greatest tonnage producer in the world (the United States Steel Corporation) and provide means for its transportation as well as for the immense tonnage made possible by the advent of the Wash into the Pittsburg coal and coke producing districts. The article claims that the time is not far distant when in its fight against the Pennsylvania railroad the Rockefeller-Gould syndicate will have at its disposal the enormous tonnage of the United States Steel Corporation and of the Pittsburg Coal Company.

DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY.

Convention Closed Its Session at Charleston, S. C., After the Election of Officers. MEET AGAIN IN ST. LOUIS. Changes in the Constitution and By-Laws Discussed—No Conclusion Reached. Excursion to Sullivan's Island. Guests of City Council. (By Telegram to the Morning Star.) CHARLESTON, S. C., Nov. 14.—The Daughters of the Confederacy to-day elected the following officers: President—Mrs. A. T. Smythe, of Charleston. First Vice President—Mrs. Basil Drake, of Kentucky. Second Vice President—Mrs. J. D. Beale, of Alabama. Recording Secretary—Mrs. Jno. P. Hickman, of Kentucky. Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. V. C. Leonard, of West Virginia. Treasurer—Mrs. J. J. Leigh, of Virginia. Custodian—Mrs. S. E. Gabbett, of Georgia. St. Louis was selected as the next meeting place. The closing session of the United Daughters of the Confederacy did not end until midnight and the convention closed enthusiastically with the singing of the Long Mistle Dore. After the morning session the visitors, as guests of the City Council, went on an excursion to Sullivan's Island and the Isle of Palms. All of them visited Fort Mifflin, but by courtesy of the commanding officer, Col. J. H. Patterson, many of the ladies went to Fort Sumter rather than the Isle of Palms. Under escort of Captain Jordan and Lieutenant Barker, U. S. A., the government vessel General Howe made two trips from Sullivan's Island to historic Fort Sumter, where every attention was shown to the visitors. After their return to the city, at the afternoon and evening sessions, there were protracted discussions as to changes in the constitution and by-laws, but no important resolutions were reached. The main proceedings were the selection of St. Louis, next October, as the place of meeting, and the reorganization of the organization of the Daughters of the Confederacy, Virginia, West Virginia and Utah. A committee was appointed to confer with similar committees of the Veterans and Sons of Veterans as to the propriety of revising and the adoption of a new constitution of the 'Dixie,' such committee to report at the next annual convention.

RHODE ISLAND COTTON MILLS.

A General Cut in Wages Ordered—In All About 25,000 Hands Will Have Their Pay Reduced. (By Telegram to the Morning Star.) PROVIDENCE, R. I., Nov. 14.—The cotton manufacturers of Rhode Island, following the recent action of Fall River mill owners in deciding on a reduction of 10 per cent in wages, No. 24, have ordered a general cut in wages, affecting practically every mill in the State and several in Massachusetts and Connecticut. The reduction will become operative in some plants on November 23rd, and in others a week later. In all, about 25,000 hands will have their pay reduced. The first mills owned by Rhode Island men to announce the cut were those of the Caineburg and Wauregan companies, in Danielson and Wauregan, Conn. The Goddard Brothers, one of the largest manufacturing firms in Rhode Island, then posted notices in their big mills at Hope, Lonsdale and Berkley, R. I., and Blackstone, Mass., and announcements of similar tenor were rapidly made by other mills in the Blackstone valley, including those of the McComb City accommodation, employing 3,000 hands, and those controlled by Robert Knight in Rhode Island and Massachusetts which employ 6,000 to 7,000.

SAN DOMINGO REVOLUTION.

French Steamer Will Attempt to Force the Blockade of Puerto Plata. CAPE HAITIEN, HAITI, Nov. 14.—The French steamer St. Simon, with General Jiminez, head of the Dominican revolution, on board, has left Port-au-Prince, Haiti, with the intention, according to report, of forcing the blockade of Puerto Plata on the northern coast of San Domingo. The Haitian authorities formally opposed the landing in Hayti of Gen. Jiminez, in view of the fact that the steamer is not permitted to do so. It is said that if the St. Simon is interfered with by the will ask for the assistance of the German cruiser Casselle or any other of the German warships which may be in Dominican waters. Telegraph communication with the interior of San Domingo was reestablished yesterday morning, but now is again interrupted and it is reported that severe fighting was occurred before San Domingo.

VALISE STOLEN.

Containing \$260,000 of Securities of a Texas Railway. (By Telegram to the Morning Star.) ST. LOUIS, Nov. 14.—A special to the Post-Dispatch from Dallas, Tex., says: President Chas. N. Alexander, of the Velasco, Brazos & Northern Railway, has reported to the detective department of the City Hall that thieves last night stole a valise from his buggy containing \$260,000 worth of securities of the railroad. The buggy from which the property was stolen was hitched on one of the most prominent corners of the business district, while President Alexander was in an office consulting with other persons. The Dowager Duchess of Roxburgh, Lady Isabel, Lady Kerr and Captain Reginald W. A. G. of the Roxburgh-Goslet wedding party, were passengers on the steamer Campanis, sailing for Liverpool yesterday from New York.

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