

TAR HEEL NOTES

The Horticultural Experiment Farm. The North Carolina State Experiment Station has established near Southern Pines a horticultural experiment farm...

Room For More. Judge Fullerton says that none of the cotton mills visited by him in North Carolina is paying less than 20 per cent on the capital invested...

Useful Bulletin. The State Experiment Station has issued a special edition of its excellent bulletin on "Hillside Terraces and Ditches" by Prof. F. E. Emery.

For the State Museum. The State Agricultural Department has bought from the widow of James Cairns of Weaverville, Broombe country fifty specimens for the State Museum...

The First Regiment Will Get the God-damned Cannon. The President has approved the act granting two condemned cannon to the First Regiment, North Carolina State Cavalry...

Tennessee and Ohio Railroad. The project for constructing the Tennessee and Ohio Railroad division between Wilmington and Southport has taken definite shape.

Another Dividend. The Comptroller of the Currency has declared a final dividend of 7 1/2 per cent in favor of the creditors of the People's National Bank of Fayetteville...

Mr. Thomas V. Avent, a pioneer of tobacco raising in Nash county, cleared \$350 an acre on a much of his tobacco crop this year.

INMAN ON COTTON.

Looking for a Still Further Advance. Referring to the recent activity and strong advance in cotton Mr. John H. Inman, of New York, expressed his views as follows: "On October 16th, just five months ago, March cotton sold in this market at 9.50."

Exports and Imports for February. A statement issued by the bureau of statistics shows the exports of domestic merchandise during February last amounted to \$67,366,185...

Society Courtships. Mrs. Parvenue—I am thinking of going slumming to-morrow. Mrs. Mayfair—Ah! Going to call on your relatives, I presume.—Pick-Me-Up.

European Letter.

ROME, ITALY, March 7, 1896. Our stay in Rome has been extremely pleasant and profitable. Now, I want to mention what we have seen during the last week.

A thousand more soldiers left here for Africa, to recruit the ranks of the wounded. They departed amidst the bursts of martial music and great enthusiasm.

On the Aventine we saw a very handsome new monastery, a vista opening upon St. Peter's, and St. Sabina, an old church dating from the early fifth century.

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Walking along a street the other day I saw a crowd collected in front of a house and looking up, I thought, at it. A nearer approach showed the house to be a Catholic school or home for young girls.

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UNIFORM BALES.

REASONS WHY WE SHOULD HAVE A STANDARD COTTON BALE.

Extract from a Paper Endorsed by the American Cotton Growers' Protective Association.

The American cotton bale compares very unfavorably to that from any other country. Nearly all bales of East Indian Cotton, for example, when they arrive in Europe are as neat as a bale of dry goods.

More than half the American crop is exported to foreign countries in steam vessels, and the charter rates on the ships are figured according to their cubical capacity.

The standard of density at southern ports is 22 1/2 pounds per cubic foot. If this could be brought up to 25 or 30 pounds there would be an immediate cheapening of freight rates.

If cotton compressed to 22 1/2 pounds per cubic foot can be carried for 50c. per 100 pounds from Galveston or New Orleans to a European port, which on an average Texas bale of 525 pounds amounts to \$2.62, the ship would carry cotton of 30 pounds density for \$1.98 per bale, saving 64 cents, or about one-eighth of a cent per pound.

Furthermore, these ungainly bales are much more liable to waste and damage than smaller ones. A pattern of bagging does not cover a 36-inch bale as well as one 28 inches wide.

All these things are taken into account by the carrier, the insurance man, the dealer, the spinner, and duly charged for, and the farmer pays the bill.

Also, there are gins in use in which the cotton is fed into the baling box from both sides in such a manner that the bale is really in two parts, which do not knit together in the center, so that when heavy pressure is applied the bale gives way in the middle and spreads out to the sides so that no compress can make a merchantable bale of compressed cotton of it.

to conform to, make your standard not exceeding 28 inches in width and 58 inches in length.

Let each and every one of you at once make it his business to personally examine every gin in his vicinity and see that the baling box is altered to the standard size.

TEXAS DIVISION AMERICAN COTTON GROWERS' PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION. WACO, TEXAS, February 24th, 1896.

To the Cotton Growers and Ginners of Texas:

GENTLEMEN—Your attention is called to the attached paper on "Standard Cotton Bales" read to the American Cotton Growers' Protective Association at Memphis, Tennessee, January 23rd, '96, and at the meeting of the Texas Division of said association held in Waco the 18th instant.

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Yours very respectfully, E. S. PETERS, President.

P. S.—All farmers into whose hands this may come are requested to urge the ginners to conform to it.

URUAN DIFFICULTY SETTLED. It is Now Practically Eliminated From the Venezuelan Dispute.

THE RESOLUTION FALLS FLAT. Unlikely That the President or Ambassador Bayard Will Take Any Notice of the House's Action.

A County Taken from Texas. The claim of the United States to the territory known as Greer county, to which the State of Texas also made claim, was affirmed by the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, announced by Mr. Justice Harlan.

The Total Visible Supply of Cotton. The total visible supply of cotton for the world 3,484,767 bales of which 2,981,596 bales are American against 4,620,283 bales and 4,302,183 bales respectively last year.

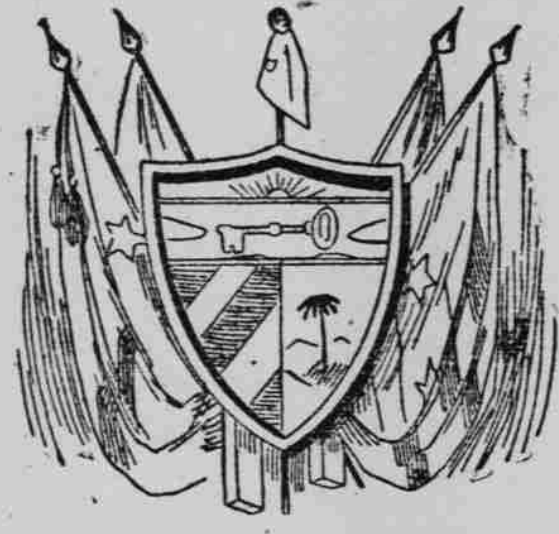
HARD BATTLE IN CUBA.

The Patriots After Two Hours' Desperate Fighting Defeat the Spaniards.

IMPORTANT EXPEDITION LANDS.

In the Darkness General Collazo's Fighters Slipped Ashore and Carried With Them 750,000 Cartridges, 1200 Rifles, 2100 Machetes and 400 Revolvers.

HAVANA, March 19.—News has been received here of an important battle near Candelaria, in Pinar del Rio, the extreme western province. The government troops were unable to drive the insurgents back, and retired from their position with considerable loss.



ARMS OF THE CUBAN REPUBLIC.

The fight was begun on a line parallel with the roadway. The Spanish forces deployed, the Tarifa battalion, a section of the Victoria Cavalry, and a detachment of artillery formed, the vanguard and opening fire upon the enemy.

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PATRIOTS LAND IN CUBA.

General Collazo and Men Evade the Spanish War Ships.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 19.—A steamer Three Friends, of Jacksonville, arrived here, having succeeded in landing in Cuba General Enrique Collazo, Major Charles Hernandez, and Duke Estrada, besides fifty-four men taken off the schooner Ardies from Tampa, and the entire cargo of arms and ammunition.

THE CUBAN ARMY'S STRENGTH. Insurgent Soldiers Now Number Nearly Forty-three Thousand.

POWDER MILLS BLOWN UP. Five Men Killed and Fifty Injured, Seventeen Fatally, at Rifton, N. Y.

CUBA'S SUGAR CROP. The Probable Shortage as Compared With That of a Normal Year.

FATAL COLLISION. A boiler explosion at McLarkin's Mill near Caledonia, Ala., resulted in the death of Simon Watts, a farmer, Alexander Grace, a laborer at the mill, and Allan Hollinger, the fireman.

Bimetallists Determined. At a large meeting of the Bimetallist League in London it was determined to continue active campaign with the bimetallicists of France, Germany, and Belgium.

Delegates for McKinley. The Republican State Convention of Wisconsin selected delegates at-large to St. Louis and instructed them to vote for McKinley for President, thirty out of thirty-four counties of Alabama were carried by McKinley men.

WAY FOR SETTLEMENT OPEN.

Negotiations to End the Venezuelan Dispute in Progress.

In the British House of Commons Sir Albert Kaye Rolitt, Independent Conservative member for the South Division of Islington, asked what truth there was in the reports that the United States Government had expressed willingness that the Venezuelan dispute should be referred to a joint committee for consideration and settlement.

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OUR MINISTER WAS RIGHT.

Had Mr. Terrell Been Supported, Massachusetts Would Have Been Averted.

A private letter from a gentleman in Constantinople, familiar with recent occurrences in Armenia, says: "The request made by the Duke of Westminster that the United States should depart from their policy of non-interference in the affairs of the Ottoman Empire, in order to strengthen the hands of Sir Philip Currie in protecting all natives educated in missionary schools attract attention."

THE HOUSE.

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THE FIFTY-FOURTH CONGRESS.

A Synopsis of the Proceedings of Both Houses.

THE SENATE. MONDAY. There were three speeches made in the Senate Monday. The first was made by Senator Lodge in favor of such a change in the immigration laws as will keep out illiterate and ignorant immigrants; the second was by Mr. Pugh in favor of the change in the laws in favor of the United States with the same rights as gold; the third was by Mr. Morgan in support of the conference on the Cuban liberty resolutions.

In a four-hour speech Tuesday Senator Morgan closed his defense of the action of the committee on foreign relations in reporting the Cuban resolutions. Senator Pugh also closed his speech, which began on Monday in favor of the free coinage of silver. There was nothing else of importance.

On Wednesday in the Senate a short debate was had upon a joint resolution directing the Secretary of the Interior to execute the land opening to settlement some two million acres of land in the eastern part of Utah which have been part of the Ute-Comanche Indian reservation.

The Dupont election case was then taken up and Mr. Thurston addressed the body in support of Mr. Dupont's election.

The Cuban debate continued in the Senate on Thursday. No action was taken. No other business was transacted.

In the Senate on Friday the discussion of the Cuban resolutions was continued, but final action was not taken.

The chairman of the committee on privileges and elections made a favorable report on the joint resolution for the election of United States Senators by the people.

Also Senator Hill reported on the calendar and passed a bill for the relief of settlers upon lands within the indemnity limits of the grant to the New Orleans Pacific Railway Company.

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The legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill was reported from the appropriations committee by Mr. Cullom, who gave notice that he would ask the Senate to take it up for consideration next Monday.

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The House observed St. Patrick's Day by devoting its session entirely to the consideration of the bill reported last week by the committee on ways and means providing a revision of the customs administrative act of June 10th, 1890, by making changes to sections 1 to 15 inclusive, and 19 of the act.

No substantial amendment was made to the bill, and after five hours' consideration in committee of the whole it was reported to the House and passed without a division.

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The report of the elections committee declaring vacant the seat occupied by Mr. Charles J. Boatner, of Louisiana, was adopted by a strict party vote.

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