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TOLD IN A PARAGRAPH.

The South.

A. K. Ward, accused of embezzling
\$200,000, is on trial at Memphis, Tenn.

The miners' strike in Bell County,
Ky., is over and the men have returned
to work.

S. W. Venable, of the Venable To-
bacco Co., died in Petersburg, Va.,
aged 70 years.

The State of Virginia will receive
\$100,000 as collateral inheritance tax
on the Ginter estate.

In North Carolina two railroads are
contemplated from LaGrange, one to
Snow Hill and one to Seven Springs.

At Durham, N. C., the store of J. S.
Manning was entered by burglars and
the safe broken open and \$100 stolen.

Mrs. Atkinson, of West Virginia, says
if she is convicted she will not accept a
pardon from the Governor, her husband.

A portion of the business part of
Richmond, S. C., has been burned and
estimated loss, \$15,000; insurance, \$7,500.

Huber Smith has been elected presi-
dent of the board of education at At-
lanta, Ga., succeeding John Howard Van
Lepre, resigned.

First Hanover Presbyterian, at its meet-
ing at Knoxville, Va., declines to re-
cognize the Women's Christian Temperance
Union.

"Dad" Meiler has confessed the de-
fendant in an assault on Mrs. Gleson at
Newport, Ky., implicating ten other
persons.

Mrs. James Thomas, of Richmond,
Va., an elderly woman of large wealth,
fell down a staircase at Asheville, N. C.,
and was killed.

T. E. Matthews was assassinated at
his home in Capital City, Miss., by John
Fore, the tragedy being the outcome
of a quarrel over a woman.

President John A. Cunningham,
L. L. V. president of the State Normal
School, at Farmville, Va., is
deceased 72 years.

The will of the late Lewis Ginter has
been probated at Richmond, Va. The
estate is valued at between \$7,000,000
and \$8,000,000.

Miss Jennette Bradley, a society
lady of Richmond, Va., fell off of Wal-
ter R. Tyler's yacht and was drowned in
the Lynnhaven river.

A landslide came very near wrecking
the Southern vestibule of the Southern
Railroad near Charlottesville, Va. The
weight of the engine was smashed.

Hon. Chas. W. Jones, former United
States Senator from Florida, died at
Detroit, Mich., after a sickness of sev-
eral weeks. His remains were taken to
Tombago for interment.

At Raleigh, N. C., a young railroad
man, Al. Valson, in a fit of drunken-
ness, shot his wife after quarreling
with her, and then killed himself. His
wife was a slight chance for life.

Sister Gonzaga, the oldest Sister of
Charity, died at Philadelphia, Pa.

County Treasurer Holden, of Goshen,
Ind., is said to be worth \$10,000 in his
accounts.

Trouble is being experienced at At-
lanta, Ill., in enforcing the color line in
the public schools.

John Jacob Astor, Jr., who has built
a summer residence in Greenwich,
Conn., cost \$200,000.

A roll of bank bills, worth \$114, left
in a barn by Farmer Randall, of Islip,
N. Y., was discovered by a hungry horse.

Baltimore won the Temple Cup in the
National Football League, beating
the winners twice in succession.

George Hancock, clerk at John Wan-
amaker's store in New York, is under
arrest for stealing \$1,200 worth of
goods.

Mrs. Mary Devine and others, of Al-
bany, Ill., have saved the State, claiming
\$25,000 for the life of Mrs. Devine's son,
who was hanged for murder twelve years
ago.

A four-foot water main burst on Mall-
town avenue, New York, and considerable
damage was wrought. Ten million
gallons of water seeped down the
street.

David Laffin, of Everett, Mass.,
while on his way to Ireland, stopped at
New York with \$2,000, and after a
night's wanderings woke up with only \$50
left.

The Monmouths are to found a colony
near Houston, Tex., comprising an im-
mense farm, to be colonized by all the
Monmouths now scattered throughout
the West.

The Dexter park pavilion in Chicago,
in which were 500 horses, and a large
number of other buildings has been
burned, and many of the horses
were burned to death.

At Cleveland, Ohio, J. J. Shipyard
has been arrested on a charge of em-
bezzling nearly \$200,000 from F. D.
Johnson and a receiver has been asked
for his firm, which is alleged to be in-
solvent and owing \$2,000,000.

Fire, supposed to have been started
by tramps, destroyed the stock farm of
Burgess Brothers, at Winona, Ill. Thirty
horses, many of which had been
taken premiums at State fairs, at
Springfield, were destroyed. The loss
is \$20,000, with insurance on the barn
alone.

The Spanish cabinet decided to recall
Weyler from Cuba; a decree will be
signed appointing Captain General
Blanco y Arenas governor general.
Weyler denies that he will resist re-
moval from his command.

The dead heroes of the Buena Vista
battlefield, where 8,000 American vol-
unteers under General Zachary Taylor
defeated 20,000 Mexicans under Santa
Anna after a desperate and bloody
battle, lie in a neglected and unmarked
spot near Saltillo, Mexico.

Fruit is going to waste in California
orchards because the growers cannot
get men to pick it. Yet the State is
overrun with fruit.

Fishon McKinn, Episcopal prelate of
Tokyo, said at San Francisco, that 30-
600 of the 120,000 Japanese converts are
Roman Catholics.

Commander Booth-Parker is arrang-
ing to locate 1,000 families at the Sal-
vador Army colony in the Arkansas
Valley.

A Philadelphia merchant is in Bu-
enaville, North Carolina buying
clients. They sell at \$1.50 per
bushel.

Washington.

It is predicted that the Treasury fig-
ures for October will show a deficit of
\$10,000,000.

William C. Decker, of South Caro-
lina, has been appointed consular agent
at Markneukirchen, Germany.

and Day, at Amoy, China, reports
the same plague as ailing.

GOVERNMENT COTTON REPORT

North Carolina Leads in the Decline
With 17 Points.

THE AVERAGE 70 PER CENT.

So the Grain Report Now Shows a
Falling Off, Being 77-Orns and
Bye Increase.

The cotton returns to the Department
of Agriculture indicate an average con-
dition on October 1 of 70 as compared
with 78.3 on September 1, a decrease of
8.3 points. The average condition Octo-
ber 1, 1896, was 69, and the average
condition on October 1, and the average
condition is 74.5. There has been a further
decline more or less marked, in every
cotton-producing State, the decline in
North Carolina being 17 points; in Ten-
nessee 12 points; in South Carolina 10;
in Georgia, Florida and Arkansas 10;
in the Indian Territory 8; in Alabama,
Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas, Okla-
homa and Kansas 7; in Missouri,
Iowa and Nebraska 6; and in Oklahoma 5
points.

Florida is the only State in which the
decline is not attributed wholly or in a
large part to the long continued
drought. The complaints of "too hot
corn," or of an exceptionally small crop,
are almost universal, and the reports
of small crops of cotton are very
numerous. The only favorable reports
are those which relate to the conditions
for picking which are in the main ev-
erything that could be desired.

The average by States are as fol-
lows: Virginia, 29; North Carolina, 70;
South Carolina, 74; Georgia, 70; Flor-
ida, 70; Alabama, 70; Mississippi, 74;
Louisiana, 73; Texas, 74; Arkansas, 70;
Tennessee, 67; Missouri, 74; Oklahoma,
60; Indian Territory, 85.

The Grain Report.

The October report of the statisti-
cian of the Department of Agriculture shows
that the condition of corn on October 1
was 77, as compared with 73.3 on Sep-
tember 1, and 74.3 on October 1, 1896,
and 82.5, the average for the last ten
years. There has been an improve-
ment during the month of 4 points in
Maryland and 1 in Iowa. On the other
hand, there has been a decline of 3
points in Kansas, 2 in Nebraska, 1 in
Ohio, 3 in Illinois, 1 in Missouri and 1
in general decline in the Southern States.

The preliminary estimate of the yield
per acre of corn is 28.1 bushels, an in-
crease of 3.5 bushels per acre over the
October estimate of last year. The pre-
liminary estimate of the yield of the
cotton crop is 1.2 bushels per acre, as
compared with 1.1 bushels per acre in
1896, and 1.1 bushels per acre in 1895,
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