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NEW BERN FAIR, APRIL 16-21.

PROSPERITY IN THE SOUTH.

Cotton Mill Earnings Phenomenally Large. Lumber Interests Active.

BALTIMORE, March 30.—It is estimated that at least $100,000,000 are now going into new industries in the South. With cotton now commanding $10 to $15 a bale more than for some years, the income of the South is increased by $75,-000,000. This indicates that the South will be able to contribute additional capital to the movement of prosperity in that section which is thus summarized by the Manufacturers' Record:

"Southern cotton mills are making phenomenal earnings, and about 100 new mills are under construction, while established mills are steadily enlarging their plants, the aggregate new capital now going into Southern cotton manufacturing being about $25,000,000 to $30,000,000.

"Every iron furnace and coal mine in the South is being pushed to its utmost production at profits that make glad the hearts of stockholders. New coal and ore mines are opened as rapidly as possible, and the South's annual output of 40,000,000 tons of coal and about 6,000,-000 tons of iron will be wonderfully increased during the coming years.

"Phosphate mining is steadily expanding, and coincident with it there is a great increase in fertilizer manufacturing.

"Lumber interests in the South are everywhere prosperous, and the activity in every line of lumber business and woodworking generally is adding millions of dollars to the prosperity of this section and rivaling cotton and iron and coal in its influence upon the South's upbuilding."

The Macrum Investigating Fizzle.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 30.—The investigation of Ex-Consul Macrum's sensational charge, that his official mail, while he was consul at Pretoria, was opened by British military officers, which was undertaken by the House committee on Foreign Affairs, was an amusing fizzle.

Macrum had absolutely nothing to back up the charge, except his unconcealed prejudice against everything British, and his cross examination made it plain that the whole thing was nothing more than a bad case of rattles on his part, which began with the war in South Africa and which he has not yet been able to shake off entirely. It is fortunate for the country that a man of his calibre was not entrusted with any important work.

Porto Rican Bill Next Week.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—The Senate has at last found a solution for the Porto Rico problem, and agreed to vote upon the Porto Rico bill as amended next Tuesday. The amended bill contains the original House bill providing for a tariff of 15 per cent. on Porto Rican products, with a few changes made to meet the views of individual Senators, and the Foraker bill providing a civil government for the island.

It is claimed that votes enough to pass the bill by a substantial majority have been pledged, and that the bill has been endorsed by the President. It is conceded by its opponents that the bill will pass the senate, but they are predicting its defeat in the House. This claim is not admitted by the majority leaders of the House, who say that it will pass.

THE MARKETS.

The following quotations were received by J. E. Latham, New Bern, N. C.

NEW YORK, March 30.

COTTON:—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close
May	9.22	9.28	9.20	9.28
Aug	9.16	9.14	9.04	9.12
Sept	8.34	8.42	8.34	8.42
Nov	7.96	8.03	7.93	8.03
Jan	7.95	8.03	7.95	8.03

CHICAGO MARKETS.

WHEAT:—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close
May	66½	67½	66½	67½
CORN:—				
May	38	38½	38	38½
So. Ry Pfd	50½			50½
Read				57½
A. S. W	50½			50½
T. C. I				87
Leather				13
Con. T				34
W. & L. E	21½			21½

Cotton receipts were 15,000 bales at all ports.

Notice.

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HOW THEY TALK.

Republicans and Populists Held Meeting at Raleigh.

Fusion Machine Against Supt. Mebane. Capitol Dome Wanted for Observing Sun Eclipse. State Charters. Uncertainty Among Planters.

RALEIGH, March 30.—The fusion machine men got together at the Yarboro. Republican State Chairman Holton was rather more communicative than usual and said he had issued his first campaign circular. It deals with what he terms the Democratic pledges against the franchise matter. He expresses his pleasure that his headquarters are not at Raleigh, where newspaper men would bother him by asking questions.

It was quite funny to talk with Republican and Populist machine men and find out what they did. A Populist said: "The Republicans defer to us. They are asking no questions; they want us. When I came here I found Cy. Thompson the bluest man I ever saw, bluer than indigo. Somebody had talked about him for Governor. He had declared he wouldn't accept the nomination for any consideration. After he heard the reports from the east and the west last night he has changed his mind. Those reports have put a different aspect on affairs. Cy. is the best man we can put up, because nobody can say anything against him."

A Populist State committeeman said: "I assure you we didn't do a single thing except talk. We didn't agree on anyone for Governor." On the contrary, another Populist said: "We talked but little about the amendment. I will tell you that our main business was to find out who was the best man to be put up for Governor."

Revenue Collector Duncan, who of course was present, said he believed there was an outlook for the defeat of the amendment and the election of the fusion ticket.

Some of the fusionists tried to make boasts of the news they got from the east, as adverse to the amendment, and said not a few Democrats opposed it, but others admitted that they could see no sign of activity in the east. One of them added that the "slate" would of course be made up at Washington and that Senator Pritchard would pick the men. It seems that not long ago Butler, for Governor and Spencer Blackburn for Lieutenant Governor were thought to be on the slate. A Republican made the prediction that for Governor a Winston-Salem man of prominence would be the nominee, on a sound money protective tariff platform.

The fusion machine is down on State Superintendent Mebane because he favors the amendment. Chairman Simmons, speaking of this, says that if the Republican machine gets down on leading Republicans who favor the amendment, it will array itself against a large majority of its leaders and best organizers in the east, men who have led the party for years. He added that such men could be found in county after county.

The executive committee of the State Fair has decided to offer $2,500 for races. $500 more than heretofore.

A piece of the track of the first railroad in the State was found in making the excavation for the Vance statue base. The piece of rail was placed in the State Museum.

Miss Maggie Cade, daughter of Rev. Baylus Cade, Governor Russell's private secretary, died at her home here.

State Chairman Simmons says that the railroads will give reduced rates from all points coming to and returning from the Democratic State convention here on April 11th. These tickets will be on sale April 9th, 10th and 11th, and will be good through April 14th. Democratic papers are requested to copy this item.

George C. Round, of Manassas, Va., writes to the State authorities asking leave to use the dome of the capitol as a point of view of the total solar eclipse in May. He says that in April, 1869, he was in charge of the United States signal station on the dome.

The State charters the Atlantic Manufacturing Company, of Wilmington. It will make baking powder, snuff and tobacco. A charter is also granted the Farmers' Tobacco Warehouse Company of Smithfield.

A letter says that so far no fertilizers have been delivered in Person, Caswell and Rockingham counties for tobacco; that there is much uncertainty among the tobacco planters, and that great numbers of negro tobacco hands have left, and are leaving, for the coal and iron mines.

Clerk Brown, of the corporation commission, [illegible]

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AGUINALDO'S REVOLT.

Official Documents Show It Was Planned Before The Capture Of Manila.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March, 30th—Captured official Filipino document sent to Congress in compliance with a resolution, show that Aguinaldo's revolt was carefully planned before the capture of Manila.

Among the captured documents made public are letters from the Secretary of the Single Tax Club, of Cincinnati, and the Secretary of the Anti-Expansion Club of St. Louis, the first enclosing a resolution of sympathy and expressing hope for the success of Aguinaldo against the American army, and the last asking Aguinaldo to state the percentage of Filipinos desiring annexation; whether the natives would take constant political interest if granted self-government, and whether they would lay down their arms and enter upon an active industrial life if their independence were recognized.

There was a time when the publication of these letters would have created excitement, but now the general disposition is to smile at the absurd position in which they place their writers.

Schedule of Mails.

Arrival of mails from north and west daily except Sunday, 10:50 a. m.; 5:40 p. m. Wilmington and the south 5:35 p. m.; Morehead City 9:00 a. m.

Leave. North and west 9:00 a. m. and 4:50 p. m.; Wilmington and south 9:00 a. m.; Morehead City 5:50 p. m.

SUNDAYS.

Mails arrive from north and west 9:40 a. m.; 5:40 p. m. Leave 9:00 a. m.; and 5:45 p. m.

The public will please bear in mind that the morning mail for the North and West closes at 8:15 a. m.

That the afternoon mail for north and west closes at 4:50 p. m.

For Morehead City at 5:15 p. m. Also that the afternoon train carries no mail for intermediate points between here and Goldsboro. Respectfully.

SEYMOUR W. HANCOCK

Mch 16, 1900. Postmaster

Lodge Directory.

VICTORY COUNCIL NO. 11, JUNIOR O U A M:—Meet every first and third Wednesday night in Rountree Hall Jas G Delemar, C; G D Gardner, V C; W F Jones, Treas; H W Simpson, R S; W F Richardson, F S.

EUREKA LODGE NO. 7, I. O. O. F. Officers: W. T. Hill, N. G.; J. R. Parker, V. G.; Geo. Green, Rec'd'g Secty; Jas es B. Hill, Financial Secretary; A. E. Pittman, Treas. Regular meetings every Monday night at 7:30 o'clock.

CALUMET ENCAMPMENT, NO. 4, I. O. O. F. Officers:—L L Moody, C P; J G Dalamar, H P; J J Baxter, S W; C H Hall, J W; Geo. Green, Scribe; E Gerock, Treasurer. Regular Encampment, 1st, 3rd, and 5th (if any) Thursday nights in each month at 7:30 o'clock.

NEW BERN LODGE No. 1, F. H. & C— J C Scales, Prest; J H Smith, Recording Sec'y; E E Quidley, Financial Sec'y. Meets in the Knights of Harmony Hall every 1st and 3rd Monday nights in each month.

CRAVEN LODGE No. 1, KNIGHTS OF HARMONY: Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday nights in each month in Rountree's Hall, Pollock street, at 7:30 o'clock. B. B. Hall, President, R. J. Disosway, Sec'y, H. R. Hill, F. Sec'y.

KNIGHTS OF HONOR—Officers: K R Jones, Dictator; G L Vinson, Reporter; W F Rountree, Financial Reporter—New Berne Lodge No. 448 meets the 2nd and 4th Friday nights at 7:30 o'clock in Rountree's Hall, Pollock street.

CANTON [illegible] No. 2, P. M., I. O. O. F. Officers—Geo. Slover, Captain; E. G. Hyman, Lieut.; [illegible]

RUSSIA'S BOLD DEMAND.

Excitement in Japan Caused By New Move, Which May Settle Fate Of Korea.

LONDON, March 29.—News that Russia had boldly demanded a base of land at Masampho, a fine harbor on the south coast of Korea, and that the Korean Government is anxious for outside assistance reached London tonight.

The rivalry between Russia and Japan for this port has been in progress since October Russia wished to obtain possession of the harbor and to convert it into a naval station, which scheme was opposed by Japan.

It is not believed that Russia will strive to gain her point by a sudden appeal to arms, while Japan is certain not to hasten hostilities except as a last resort. For the present, at least, the interests of both Japan and Russia, it is said, will be in maintaining peace.