

The railway mileage of Europe, Asia and Africa now aggregates 153,650 miles.

A widower's association has been formed in Dresden, Germany.

The Argentine Republic is rapidly becoming a prominent competitor in the business of supplying grain to the European markets.

The railway companies of the United States have no reasonable cause, asserts the New York News, to complain of their business for the fiscal year.

The reclamation of the arid wastes of southwestern desert lands proceeds marvelously apace.

General Nelson A. Miles, after having passed through the hardships of war and faced the terrors of battle, declares in the Atlanta Journal that American football is a risk too great for him to regard with favor.

A Postmaster in the Toils. SPARTANBURG, S. C.—A. F. McDowell, a former postmaster at Walker, S. C., was convicted in the United States court at Greenville, S. C., for falsification of stamps.

According to the Spectator, a St. Petersburg paper, Russia, unlike other European countries, incorporates in the army only one-fourth of the young men who are drafted every year.

Every little while the police arrest a man with a kit of burglars' tools in his possession, and one naturally wonders where they all come from.

A Negro Boy Lynched. A special to the Herald from Sherman, Ala., says that Douglas, a 13-year-old colored boy who yesterday shot and killed Deputy Sheriff Cowlett, who attempted to levy upon a cow which belonged to Douglas' mother, was hanged by a mob and the body riddled with bullets.

MR. CARTELL'S SILENT BRIDE.

She Had Vowed Never to Speak to Him Again, but the Marriage Came Off.

TRIMBLE, TENN.—Mrs. Jerry Cartell of near Trimble, has just broken a rash vow which she made over twelve months ago, and which she regretted having ever made.

Overjoyed at the happy termination of affairs he hurried to the home of Miss Fannie, and was received warmly and affectionately, but without a word of welcome.

The courtship proceeded with pencil and paper for several months, and then they were joined together in the holy bonds of matrimony.

Last Christmas Mr. Cartell made his wife a present of a handsome and costly pair of vases. The other morning the husband was bringing in an armful of wood and struck one of the vases and knocked it to the floor, where it broke into a hundred pieces.

"Oh, Jerry, look what you have done!" cried Mrs. Cartell. She was horribly shocked at speaking to her husband, and believed that she had been stricken dumb.

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STANTON, VA.—Two well-dressed strangers came to the Virginia Hotel four days ago and registered from Louisville, Ky. They left yesterday, leaving their bill of \$17 unpaid, and the following note:

North Carolina's Cup of Happiness Full.

Thursday was a great day for North Carolina. Governor Elias Carr, of the multifarious and multicolored masthead, at a grand luncheon of New river oysters at Jacksonville, and then went on to Newbern and reviewed the naval parade and the Wilmington Light Infantry, and inspected the Fish, Oyster and Game Fair.

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Some Bits of the History of Cotton Culture in South Carolina.

Cotton was early sown in Charleston. The packages in which it was put up varied in weight from one to thirty pounds. In 1787 the fleecy staple was taken to the City by the Sea from Orangeburg, Newberry, and, perhaps, from Union, and sold at two pence a pound to the merchants, who resold it mainly to the ladies to make "patch-work bed-quilts."

In 1794 Dr. James Otis Prentiss planted cotton for market near Orangeburg, S. C. He introduced the Rev. John Ingham, a Revolutionary soldier, planted cotton to sell at Belleville, in St. Matthews parish. In 1796 cultivators of this crop appeared in several parts of the State.

General Hampton was the first man in South Carolina to use water as the propelling power of Whitney's cotton gin. Fifty years ago Col. Wade Hampton wrote Whitmarsh B. Seabrook:

It has been written that General Hampton's gins were furnished by an ingenious artisan of Georgia assisted by William Munson, of Richmond. These gins were roughly constructed; still they were models for others made in 1801 by William Munson and James Boatwright, of Columbia.

Textile Industrial Supremacy. In the trade reports of the week appears an item to the effect that all the cotton mills in North Carolina have reported dividends of from 8 to 16 per cent. on the operations of the past year.

"Singing in the Ears." That unpleasant sensation known as singing in the ear generally results from the hardening of the wax. It may frequently be removed at once by syringing the ear with a little warm water or by dropping a little glycerine oil into the ear at bedtime.

HOW SHE IS A MASON.

Mrs. Lease Once Saw What Some One Said Was an Initiation. CHICAGO, ILL.—Mrs. Mary Lease, of Kansas, was in the city en route to New York. She was asked about her Masonic connections and replied:

Senator Cameron "In It." BRAUFORD, S. C.—The State constables seized two cases of choice brandy consigned to Senator J. D. Cameron, St. Helena Island, from Washington. The Senator is unfortunate, as he has been getting his cases all along unmolested and seemed lulled into security by accustomed escape from detection.

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Rejects the Acreage 20 Per Cent.

The Farmers' State Agricultural Society of Alabama, which has been in session at Birmingham, decided to recommend to Alabama farmers that they reduce the acreage of cotton 20 per cent, and to substitute for this reduction crops that will supply home consumption, thus avoiding the tax of transportation and other costs.

Where the South's Money Goes.

Under the above heading the Savannah News preaches a sermon against the disposition of Southern people of all classes, from cotton planters to cotton commission merchants, to speculate in cotton.

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GEN. JUBAL A. EARLY DEAD.

He Met Death Unflinchingly and Crossed Over the River to Rest Under the Shade of the Trees.

LYNCHBURG, VA.—United States Senator John W. Daniel in a sad voice announced that his old commander, Gen. Jubal A. Early, at whose bedside he has been a constant watcher for some days, had gone to his eternal reward.

General Early died at 10.30. He passed away quietly in the presence of his family and physicians, his kindred and several intimate friends.

OLD STARTING EUROPE-WARD.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Treasury Department is informed that a million and a quarter of gold was engaged in New York Friday for export.

AGAIN IN THE STOCKHOLDERS' HANDS.

WINNSBORO, S. C.—On Thursday A. G. Brice, of Chester, moved before Judge Watts to have the Chester & Cheraw Railroad taken out of the hands of the receiver, David Hemphill, of Chester, and returned into the hands of the stockholders.

GLADSTONE REFUSED A PEERAGE.

LONDON.—Mr. Gladstone dined with the Queen, and recommended Lord Rosebery to succeed him as Premier. He refused a peerage, offered by the Queen.

PITHY NEWS ITEMS

A. S. Tompkins, of Edgefield, S. C., has been appointed permanent receiver for the Chester (S. C.) Mfg. Co.

The 226 new looms of the Pacolet (S. C.) Mill commenced running February 15th.

The burned lamp black factory at Wilmington, N. C., is to be rebuilt.

A new factory is to be built at Statesville, N. C., 5 1/2 stories high.

Jackson Bros., of Salisbury, Md., have purchased a tract of about 20,000 acres of timber land in Halifax and Nash counties, N. C.

A cotton mill is proposed at Abbeville, S. C., and steps have been taken to organize a company.

The Tugaloo Iron Works, capital \$12,000, has been organized at Abbeville, S. C., where they will establish their plant.

A new flour mill is being built at Greenville, S. C.

Pennsylvania capitalists, now at Newport News, Va., are said to be considering the erection of a large tannery.

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THE PRESIDENT'S EXPEDITION.

He Witnesses Seine Hauling by Steam on the Coast of North Carolina and Also Visits Points of Historic Interest.

ELIZABETH CITY, N. C.—President Cleveland and party are moving still farther away from civilization. In the morning the Violette was lying at Long Point, near the foot of the Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal.

The fisher's at this point are among the most extensive on the Atlantic coast. Sea and herring and striped bass or rock fish have already begun their spring migration from the deep waters of the Atlantic to the spawning grounds.

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SHE WAS NOT KILLED.

A Woman Sends Her Photograph to the Solicitor as Proof that She is Still Alive.

AIKEN, S. C.—A Kershaw county mystery is about to be solved. A white man, who was thought to be murdered, is alive in Aiken county.

Among the most famous of New England's fine spinning mills are the Hadley Mills, of Massachusetts, with 50,000 spindles.

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They are Coming South. (Springfield Republican.) To those over-confident people who have been claiming all along that New England had nothing to fear from Southern competition in cotton manufacturing, the report of a correspondent to the American Wool and Cotton Reporter will prove disturbing.

FIFTY-THIRD CONGRESS. The Senate. 47th DAY.—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee, by its Chairman, Mr. Morgan, presented the report on the Hawaiian investigation.