

**Cuban Tobacco in Florida.**

**PEOPLE OF FORT MEADE  
JUBILANT OVER AN  
EXPERIMENT.**

The people of Fort Meade, Fla., are enthusiastic over the result of their first year's crop of Cuban tobacco. It had been claimed that the land around Fort Meade would produce tobacco equal to that raised in Cuba, but there is always doubt about such statements until they have been done as in the case of the Fort Meade region. This year's crop was sold there recently at \$1 50 per pound, which is 50 per cent more than the tobacco growers expected to get for it. Buyers went to Fort Meade from New York and bought the tobacco on the spot. They took every pound that was offered and it is impossible to get enough tobacco at Fort Meade to make a cigar.

This statement was made to Dr. J. Harvey Moore by Prof. J. A. Cox, who was for years the principal of the academy at Fort Meade, and resigned to take a seat in the Florida legislature. Mr. Cox says that over \$97,000 was paid out at Fort Meade recently. The tobacco growers at and near that place have employed Cuban experts who are producing as good tobacco as that grown in Cuba. Thus it appears that the cruel policy of Spain is transferring an important industry to the United States from Cuba. There is only a limited portion of the island which produces this world-famed tobacco, and it is possible that as much or more land capable of producing that quality of the fragrant weed may be found in Florida. In that case, if the Republican policy is carried out and a protective duty is placed on tobacco by congress, the Cuban article will find the market of the United States less profitable than it has been heretofore. With growing of cane states, Spain will find Cuba hardly worth contending for at the cost of more blood and treasure.

**PARTRIDGE FIRED  
ON A FILIBUSTER**

**But Couldn't Hit Her, and the  
Bermuda Outran the  
British Cruiser.**

New York, April 1.—A special dispatch to the Evening Sun from Nassau, N. P., says: The British cruiser Partridge, Captain VanEgen commanding, reports that on Sunday last she fired upon a suspicious vessel that resembled the old filibuster Bermuda. The Partridge started on a cruise on March 25, and early on Sunday she sighted the steamship which she at first thought was a West Indian frigate. The vessel refused to show her colors and the Partridge fired two blank shots and then solid shot at the steamship. The range was too long for the shot to be effective, and the Partridge started in pursuit. The cruiser being the slower vessel, the suspicious steamship escaped.

The Partridge returned to Watling's island to look after a schooner that was with the steamship, but she, too, had escaped. It is supposed that the vessels were part of a filibustering expedition that started from Nassau for Cuba. The Partridge will leave again to-day for another search after them.

**A STUBBORN FIGHT**

Habana, April 1.—Lieut. Col. Perez Blanco, with half a battalion of Spanish troops and a detachment of local guerrillas, left Artemisa yesterday and at Brujo encountered a party of rebels occupying strong positions. The fighting was stubborn on both sides, and the insurgents were dislodged with difficulty. Hearing the firing from a distance, Col. Boy with three companies of Spanish troops came to the assistance of Lieut. Col. Blanco's command, and the insurgents were finally driven from the field, carrying with them a number of their dead and wounded. Lieut. Col. Blanco, a lieutenant and four privates were killed, and four privates were wounded.

**THE PRESENT PENSIONERS**

It will be good news to the pensioners of the State whose names are on the present pension rolls to know that the State board has practically settled upon its policy as to them. The new act has been so constructed as not to require those whose names are already on the pension rolls to make new applications. These pensioners will, however, be required to appear before the several township boards for the purpose of classification. These boards will also have the power to erase the name of any pensioner now on the list in case it finds that that name has been improperly placed there.

The board will likely get up and issue this week its special instructions to township boards which is intended to simplify and explain the intricacies of the complex act and give the board's construction of its provisions.—The State.

**Town Destroyed.**

**More Than a Hundred Killed  
and Wounded.**

Guthrie, O. T., March 30.—A cyclone at Chandler, 40 miles east of here, at dusk this evening, destroyed three fourths of the town of 1,500 people, and the latest news is that 150 are badly hurt and a dozen or more killed.

**KRUGER'S GRANDSON.**

Johannesburg, April 1.—Lieut. Eloff, a grandson of President Kruger, who was yesterday suspended from duty for using language that was insulting to Queen Victoria, has gone to Krugersdorp to surrender his command. It is stated that President Kruger is intensely annoyed by the incident, and that he has severely rebuked Lieutenant Eloff, forbidding him to ever again publicly refer to the queen.

According to the Boer version of the affair, the actors in it were elevated with liquor. An unnamed British subject aggressively insulted the Transvaal colors, and is held to have been the aggressor in the first instance. Lieut. Eloff was very indignant at the insult; offered the flag of his country and excitedly interposed to prevent its repetition. The Englishman then taunted Lieut. Eloff with the friendly treatment he had received during his recent visit to England, whither he went for the purpose of testifying before the South African commission, which is inquiring into the circumstances of the raid by Dr. Jameson into the Transvaal. Lieut. Eloff became abusive and used the words that will, in all probability, result in his permanent retirement from the army of the Transvaal.

**Gen. Hampton's Condition.**

Washington, March 31.—Gen. Hampton has been suffering with an attack of acute jaundice, but is greatly improved this morning, after a good night's rest.

**A GREAT EYED EDITOR.**

Mr. James M. Cobb has a fine Jersey cow with her third calf, and she gives so much milk twice a day that it overflows all possible and impossible vessels—wash-tubs, horse-troughs, hogheads, ham-boilers, ash-hoppers—and finally runs down in torrents to Beaver Dam and is borne out to old ocean on the waves of that majestic stream. We have seen all this with our own eyes.—Edfield Chronicle.

**Thurmond Gets Bail.**

Edgefield, March 31.—Solicitor Thurmond is on the streets this evening. He was bailed at Aiken to-day, \$5,000 bond being required. Solicitor Bellinger represented the State.

Ian Maclaren finds that it is not altogether pleasant to be a novelist and Presbyterian minister at the same time. He may have to choose between the adulation enjoyed by Ian Maclaren, the story writer, and the reverence accorded to Rev. John Watson, the presbyter. Some extremely orthodox persons in this country started the harassing of Mr. Watson during his lecturing tour in the United States. They found that he had expressed heretical opinions in some of his books, and denounced him through the papers and magazines in good old Puritan style. Ian Maclaren laughed, and continued to take his royalties for the dreadful books. Moreover, he delivered lectures and after dinner speeches, and altogether behaved himself in a reckless manner that made his blue-nosed accusers shiver in their shoes as they sniffed the brimstone of eternal damnation which may surely be in store for such a desperate man.

Now poor Ian Maclaren is under the lash in England. The Scottish people who keep an eye on the doings of our minister find that he is becoming more unorthodox and worldly every day, and that his last work is distinctly Unitarian. Moreover they think the writing novels is a sinful occupation, and that no Presbyterian minister should be allowed to do it. Mr. Watson wants to know what they are going to do about it, and they tell him forcibly what they will do. Rev. Kennedy Moore, who is making more fuss about the matter than any one, wants Mr. Watson to explain his conduct before the Synod that is to meet in Sunderland next month, and Mr. Watson says he will do it. What can be done with such a contumacious, recalcitrant individual? What gives Mr. Watson encouragement in his independent course—if he needs any, which is not apparent—is that his own congregation at Liverpool, as a body, regards him as a model pastor, and is proud of his popularity as a story-writer and man of the world.

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Statues of women, other than queens, are remarkably rare. A writer in speaking of the subject the other day was able to recall only four; that of Joan of Arc, at Rouen; one of "Sister Dora," that famous nurse, who was thus honored by a public subscription among the working people to whom her life was devoted, and who placed the statue at Walsall; one of Harriet Martineau erected as a memorial of her anti-slavery work in the Boston City Hall, and the last is in honor of a certain Margaret Haughery, a poor milk-seller, who became famous for her self-sacrifice and courage during an epidemic of smallpox in New Orleans.

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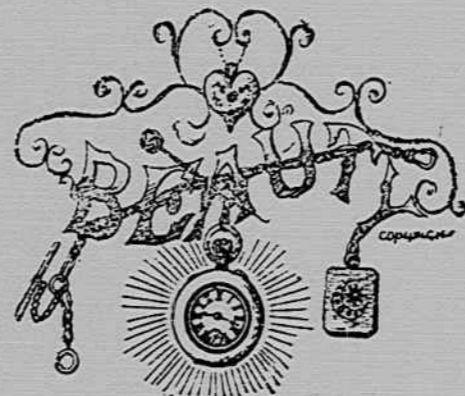
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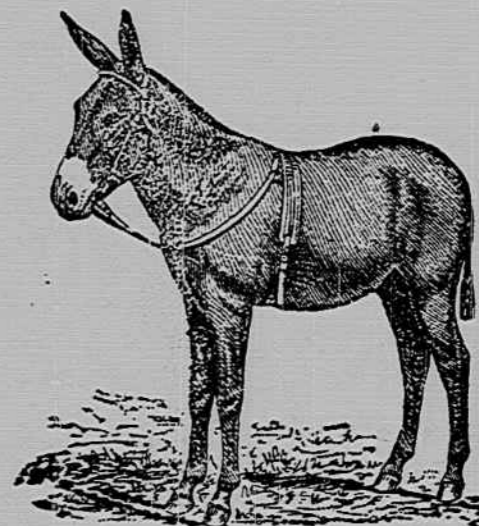
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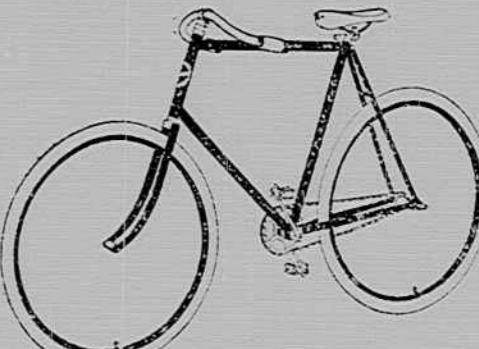
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