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Commander Peary will make a fatal mistake if he does not get Mr. Wiswall to do a "little figuring" on Dr. Cook's observations.

The magnetic wave that paralyzed telegraph wires over half the world might have been caused by the hot air Taft is giving the West on the tariff.

We suggest that the American Society of Scientific Research take up the New County matter and do a little practicing before they tackle the polar controversy.

It is rather singular that Count Zeppelin's air navigation school opened with only four pupils, when the foot-ball colleges always open at their full capacity.

There is money in 12 cents cotton when a farmer can gather 4,100 pounds of seed cotton from two acres. But such tales of fabulous yields do not excite much comment now.

Wylie said Farnum gave him \$400 to help him (Wylie) get elected on the board. Now the Sumter Watchman and Southron wants to know who got the \$400. If Wylie's "conscience" is forcing his confessions he has omitted the most important part of his testimony.

The cotton manufacturers are worried because the price of yarns is not advancing along with the price of cotton. But the southern consumer is not worried over the price of the manufactured article. He is perfectly willing to pay \$20 for a \$10 suit if the price of cotton will go to 15 cents per pound.

The cotton crop is shorter than it has been in years and the second ginner's report, issued on Monday, was decidedly "bullish" but the price of cotton did not advance but 25 points in New York. If the condition had been reversed cotton would have dropped 100 points. The bears are making a strong fight on the market, but for once in their lives the farmers have the situation in hand and they ought to hold it. When the south sells enough cotton to pay its debts it will be independent and the surplus cotton ought to be stored in bonded warehouses and kept there until the price reaches 15 cents per pound. The Herald has never believed in 15 cents cotton but everything points so strongly to a higher price for the staple that it firmly believes cotton will reach the 15 cents notch before January 1st. The farmers of the south will make a mistake to sell more than enough cotton to pay their debts. They ought to make the most of this opportunity to force the price of the staple to a new high level.

Southern spinners are unnecessarily alarmed over the high price of cotton and the low price of yarn. Several years ago when the mill situation was so acute the spinners held a meeting in Charlotte to discuss ways and means of putting the price of the raw material and the manufactured article further apart. After several pessimists had addressed the meeting and declared that bankruptcy was staring every southern cotton mill in the face, D. A. Tompkins said he was not afraid to invest money in southern mill stocks as long as a bale of cotton

was shipped across the Mason and Dixon line. His optimism, backed by the sound philosophy of his words, put new life into the manufacturers and they returned home and went to work with renewed energy. In the face of present conditions the position assumed by southern manufacturers is without justification. European spinners are buying heavily and cotton is being rushed to Liverpool as fast as the steamships can carry it. New England is not holding meetings and howling over the high price of cotton, but is buying every bale it can get its hands on at present prices. If the southern manufacturer can't compete with the New England and European manufacturer the fault cannot be attributed to the high price of cotton; there is something wrong with the management of his mill.

Speaking of the death of Ex-Governor McSweeney the Gaffney Ledger says: "He arose from obscurity to a position of honor through a chain of circumstances, and acquired a comfortable competence through industry." But then are not all of us, more or less, creatures of circumstances? Scores of good presidents are pouring over ledgers and account books, and thousands of men of executive ability are moulding and shaping steel bars in machine shops. Tillman will go down in history as a great man, but is it not possible that Tillman would have remained in obscurity if a spirit of unrest had not seized the masses of the people just about the time Tillman made his appearance in the political arena? The time will come when Roosevelt's name will adorn the pages of history, but the world might have never heard of Roosevelt if it had not been for the Spanish-American war, while on the other hand the map of Europe would have remained unchanged had Napoleon been born 40 years earlier. Look at the lives of nearly all the great statesmen and warriors whose names are linked with the history of the world and it will be found that some great political upheaval brought them into prominence. And so does that irresistible something that moulds and shapes the lives of men go right on down to the humbler walks of life. Philosophers call it "opportunity," the thoughtless and indifferent call it "luck," but whatever it is most men succeed because of it, while very few succeed in spite of it.

Here is the way the papers will write up weddings ten years hence: "The bride looked very well in a traveling dress, but all eyes were centered upon the groom. He wore a dark suit that fitted his form perfectly and in his dainty gloved hands he carried a small rose. His curly hair was beautifully done, and a delicate odor of hair oil of the best quality floated down the aisle as he passed. The young people will miss him now that he is married. He is loved by all for his many accomplishments, his tender grace and his winning ways. The bride commands a good salary as book-keeper and the groom will miss none of the luxuries to which he has been accustomed. A crowd of pretty men saw him off at the depot.

A gold chain and locket which were lost in Buckingham a few days ago were recovered in a singular manner. A gentleman and his wife, to whom the articles belonged, lost them during a walk. Several days after what seemed to be the chain and locket were seen hanging upon a telephone wire. A ladder was obtained, and as there was nothing to rest it against some men held it a perpendicular position while the lady's husband ascended and unwound the chain from the wire. The find proved to be the lost treasure. The theory is that the articles were picked up by a jackdaw which alighted on the telephone wire and that the wind caused the chain to swing until it became wound around the wire.

There will be a special meeting of the Civic League on Friday afternoon promptly at 5.30 o'clock in the Town Hall. All members are urged to be present as important business is to be transacted. New members are also cordially invited to join. It is time for the members of the League to get busy after the summer's rest and it is earnestly hoped that all will come to this meeting with new ideas and plans for civic improvement.

Mr. J. W. Moore butchered a cow a few days ago that had two hearts. The hearts were distinctly formed and were not growing together or twin hearts, as one might suppose.—Camden Messenger.

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