

MISERABLE MEXICO.

One of the numerous inexplicable absurdities in the recent 50-cent dollar speech of Governor Altgeld was the assertion that Mexico is a country to be envied by the United States generally and that in particular railroads in Mexico are profitable investments.

It is not necessary to republish statistics from official sources which appeared in the columns of the Times-Herald a short time before Governor Altgeld made the discovery that Mexico is an ideal country for labor and railway capital. Those statistics showed that instead of making progress Mexico is not as well off in any essential respects as she was ten years ago.

As to railways in Mexico, although the country keeps busy eleven months and has earned on an average for ten years between \$25,000,000 and \$30,000,000 in silver, only about 900 miles of railway out of a total of 5,000 miles has been built by Mexican wealth, which finds it more profitable to coin silver for China.

The Mexican railway, which has just issued its report for the half year ending with 1895, shows gross earnings amounting to \$293,215, against \$291,003 for the corresponding period last year. This gain is not exactly prosperity.

Labor in Mexico being worth for railroad construction from 6 to 10 cents per day, and in silver, the roads in the country furnished traffic ought to make money, especially with their government grants. Except, however, for the silver mine monopolies there is little profit for capital in Mexico up to the present time.

The prosperity of Mexico—always excepting the silver monopoly—is a myth for purposes of comparison with other countries.—Chicago Times-Herald.

EUROPE AGAINST AMERICA.

Under this caption the Jacksonville Time-Union says that there is no doubt of the fact that there is forming among the nations of Europe an antagonistic to the United States. Every threat of trouble with a European power has shown that the sympathies of other European nations have been with that power.

THE KIND OF DEMOCRAT HE IS.

How striking in comparison were the remarks made by the Hon. Josiah Patterson in a speech delivered by him in Atlanta on Thursday night on the financial question, to the remarks of Tillman and Bailey, in the same city, on the same subject, a few evenings before.

"I have no venom on my tongue for any fellow Democrat," said he, "and no treachery in my heart for the party to which I belong. I am wedded to the Democratic party for weal or woe now and forever."

These were the opening words of Mr. Patterson's speech, and had he said nothing more there could have been no question of his manhood and true Democracy. But he declared further that Democrats could differ upon minor issues, and even upon some greater principles of the party, but above them all was first to be considered the party, and he would not turn his back upon it for such causes.

These are strong, manly sentiments and are in striking contrast with the vituperation and denunciation employed by Tillman and Bailey in speaking of Democrats who differ with them upon certain questions now before the country. There is nothing too bad for them, and the worst they can say, is in their judgment too good for those who differ with them. It is a great shame to say so, but such is the fact.—Ex.

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MORE NONSENSE FROM CUBA.

A newspaper published in Havana is clamoring for an immediate declaration of war by Spain against the United States, and argues that "at the breaking out of hostilities the Southern States would secede, and Mexico would invade Texas to recover the territory lost in the war of fifty years ago."

This is one of the most ridiculous things ever uttered by any newspaper, and it is only noticed that the people of this country may get an idea of how we are regarded by the Spaniards in Cuba, who ought to know better, but don't.

As to the action of the Southern States in event of war between Spain and this country, why, the best troops would come from the Southland, and almost any one of the States of the South could clean Weyer and his gang off the Island in a short time, while Texas alone could do a plenty for Mexico—but the proposition is ridiculous to think of.—Norfolk Virginian.

NORTH CAROLINA LEADS THE WORLD.

The World's Exposition, acting under the act of Congress, has awarded a beautiful gold medal and diploma to the late ex-Gov. Thos. M. Holt for the best wheat exhibit at the World's Fair. It is a great compliment to North Carolina to get the prize when its wheat was in competition with the whole world, and especially with the great wheat growing countries of the Argentine Republic, Russia, Austria, England, France, Belgium and Germany.

The wheat that took the first prize was grown on Governor Holt's famous farm in Davidson Co., known as "Linwood Farm." Governor Holt was one of the best farmers in

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the State, and always took the greatest pride in his crops.

The diploma, signed by the officers of the Exposition, sets forth that the award is made for purity. The yield is 26 bushels per acre. It is illustrated with all the names of the wheat producing countries.

The medal is very elegant and beautiful, and North Carolina is proud of the distinction it confers.—News & Observer.

Latham, Alexander & Co., bankers and commission merchants of New York, have issued a circular relating to the cotton acreage of the current year. Their estimates are based upon 2,521 replies from planters, commission merchants, brokers and bankers, from every cotton growing country in the South, and their finding is that the acreage is increased 2,737,000 or 14 1/4 per cent. over last year. The planting of the crop was about one week earlier than last year in all the States excepting Texas and Florida, where it was one or two weeks later than last year.

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The Southern Stock-Mutual Insurance Company of Greensboro, N. C., has been doing business here a little more than a year, and the money our people have paid this company for fire insurance has come back to us multiplied several times. This company has just made a loan of \$4,000 to the Central Land Company of Salisbury, of which the undersigned are directors, and with the proceeds of this loan many homes are being built on the Central Land Company's property to accommodate Salisbury's increasing population.

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Asheville, N. C., May 26, 1896. We desire to cite below an instance of the benefit which North Carolina enterprises, if encouraged and fostered, can be to our public institutions.

The Asheville Library Association has just secured a loan of \$2,000 on its building and lot on Church street, and it happens that the lender of this amount is the Southern Stock-Mutual Insurance Company of Greensboro, N. C. This company has been writing insurance in Asheville for more than a year, and now brings back in the form of this loan every dollar that has been paid to it by Asheville property holders.

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It is not an inspiring thing to talk over a long distance phone. Business men may stand it all right, for their minds are full of other matters, but to one who goes into the thing simply for the experience and that he may say that he has done it the effect is crushing. It leaves one awed and disturbed by the thought of his own insignificance and the greatness of "things."

But the telephone girls seem to be troubled by no such thoughts. Apparently they experience no awe whatever. Each one is busy answering those who shriek wildly for connections with some faraway part of the country and keeping a watchful eye on the second hand of the clock before her. That second hand means considerable to her. The well worn statement that "talk is cheap" applies in no way to talk over the long distance phone.

Five minutes' conversation with a friend in Boston, even an intimate friend and using short words, is worth in the estimation of the telephone company \$10. The same with a friend in New York, if it is possible for a Chicago man to find a friend in New York, comes to \$0. If the friend happens to be in Washington, the talker gets off with a payment of only \$7.50. It has been suggested that this scale of prices is dictated by the fact that Boston talk wears out the phone quicker than any other, but the company states upon its honor that it is simply because Boston is farthest away.

Connection with Boston was called for, not because there was any necessity of talking with Boston, but simply to see what it is like to talk to some one some 1,300 miles away. "Hello, Boston!"

The speaker did not raise his voice. He was strongly tempted to, but had been told to speak in natural tones. "Hello, Chicago!" came the answer clearly and distinctly. The man at the phone started. The voice sounded as though the speaker were close at his side. It seemed as though there ought to be some difficulty in hearing at that distance, but there was none. The words were even more distinct than when heard over the short distance phone.

"Did you say 'Hello?'" asked the Chicago man. "Yes."

"Then you outraged all precedent. You should have said—oh, I don't know what!—some long word."

The Boston "central" laughed. The "central" was a girl, and her laugh sounded remarkably interesting. The Chicago man wondered what she looked like.

"Do you always wear a diamond stud with a colored shirt, and say 'weal,' and talk about pork packing, and get three divorces a year?" inquired the Boston end of the conversation. "No," said Chicago promptly. "I'm not married. Never have been."

"Well?"

The Chicago man stopped to think. He should not have done it. It costs just as much to think with the receiver at one's ear as to say words like "reprehensibility." The five minutes were up, and he was out off. The occurrence was unfortunate. It might have been a romance. To expenses, \$10.—Chicago Tribune.

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