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NOT THE RIGHT TIME.

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MINOR MENTION.

Hon. J. L. Wilson, Republican Congressman-at-large from the young State of Washington is in distress because he can't get for his State what he considers a proper share of the appropriations for river and harbor improvements.

THE STAR.

Art Series Department, Wilmington, N. C. N. B.—Subscribers to The Weekly Star are required to send One Coupon only, and twelve cents for each Series.

PLINY'S BAZAR.

There was a good shower here yesterday evening. Rain was much needed to lay the dust and revive drooping vegetation.

DEATH OF DR. J. A. GIBSON.

Dr. John Amos Gibson, brother of the late Hayward W. Gibson, died at his home in Newbern last Wednesday, the 78th year of his age.

POSTAL CHANGES.

Appointments of postmasters are announced as follows: Antonio, Cumberland county, N. C., Margaret A. McCaffrey.

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any way responsible for the financial reverses or for the business depression which attended them.

When the anti-Mormon agitation was revived some years ago and Congress began to legislate with a view to abolishing polygamy and the power of the Mormon Church, Brigham Young began to look out for new territory to settle his people upon, and secured concessions from the Government of Mexico for a large extent of country in Northern Mexico.

As far back as 1839 when there was a Republican President and a Republican Secretary of the Treasury the money rings in the Eastern money centers began plotting for an issue of Government bonds for the double purpose of prolonging the lease of life for the national banks, and to forestall the agitation of the silver question by adding to the volume of the currency which they could do with the notes which they could put into circulation on the strength of the bonds, and thus make it appear that there was no need to coin more silver.

When Mr. Foster stepped out and left an empty Treasury, the same game was played on his successor, Mr. Carlisle, and when he refused to acquiesce, they began to put on the thumbscrews, presented their paper for redemption at the Treasury, compelled the Secretary of the Treasury to acknowledge the Treasury bankrupt and to cross the gold reserve line and pay out of that, which he did, until he was forced to issue bonds and go upon the market.

There is a good deal of stealing going on these days, but grave stealing is an unusual offence. That is the charge made against a Bethlehem, Pa., citizen, who was too poor to pay for a grave in the cemetery for his dead child, but who entered the cemetery at night and buried it. He was arrested the following day charged with stealing a grave.

The city of Macon, Ga., has decided to have a sewerage system and has given the contract for piping to an Anjston, Ala., firm, whose bid was \$13,000 lower than those of Northern and Western competitors.

Trains on the Southern Pacific Railroad are now guarded by armed men to protect them from the hustling train robber. If this thing keeps on we may expect to see iron-armored cars some of these days.

When the Czar of Russia gets right mad he plants his hand on the top of his head. As the Czar is a phenomenally muscular fellow this is better than planting it under the other fellow's ear.

There will be plenty of peaches and millions of melons this year. This season will be the general impression of the people of fruit and melon districts of Georgia, as expressed to a representative of the Journal while on a recent tour of investigation to learn if the cold snap did any damage to the fruit crop.

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HOLD DOWN THE ACREAGE.

Good Advice to Planters—It is Not Too Late to Heed it in Some of the States. The annexed article from the Augusta Chronicle, embodying an extract from a letter of Mr. A. B. Shepperson, is worthy of serious attention.

It would seem that the low price of cotton which has prevailed for the past few years would be the strongest argument against too much acreage in cotton, but there is so much speculation in the fleecy staple, that even the farmer catches the air of chance that seems to hang about it, and feels every year that he will try it just one more time, and that he is bound to win next time, and strike a year of high prices. He don't want to catch the high price year on a high-price year, so he puts in full acreage and probably a few more than the year previous.

Cotton is very low and therefore there is room for considerable advance to take place before the planting and the planting and such an advance might cause an increased acreage, which would unquestionably result unfortunately for the South.

THE CHARLOTTE CIGARETTE.

The Prohibitory Tax to Go Into Effect April 1—But the Dealers Will Try to Show That the Law is Unconstitutional. Some time since says the Charlotte News, the Board of Aldermen of Charlotte, N. C., passed an ordinance of \$300 per year on each dealer in cigarettes.

The following directors have been appointed for the year ending March 31, 1894, by the Board of Directors of the Atlantic National Bank of this city: STAR.

Mr. Jerry Roberts, yard conductor of the C. F. & Y. V. R. R., was run over by a shifting train and horribly mangled at the freight depot in Fayetteville Wednesday afternoon last, dying that night at 9:30 o'clock.

Mr. Black (Dem., of Georgia) read from an agricultural bulletin to show the technical character of the language used, and created considerable amusement by repeating some of the terms, and subsequently explaining their meaning in plain English. During the course of his reading the members left their seats and gathered about the speaker and in the area of the chamber. Members interrupted the reading with jocular remarks.

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THE SEIGNIORAGE BILL.

Passed the Senate by Yeas 44, Nays 31. The Vote in Detail—Committee Reports in the House. The Senate by Yeas 44, Nays 31.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—A resolution was offered by Mr. Gallinger (Rep., N. H.) and laid over temporarily, calling on the Secretaries of the Treasury and Interior for the names of all clerks appointed, promoted, reduced or dismissed in their respective departments since March 4th, 1893, with the State to which each is credited.

It is true that diminished consumption, due to financial depression and other causes, has been in a great measure responsible for the failure of the wool last crop to successfully neutralize the effects of the preceding bumper crops; but it must also be admitted that the failure of prices to improve has been equally due to other causes.

The vote was taken and the bill was passed—yeas 44, nays 31, as follows: Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Bate, Berry, Blackman, Chandler, Colquhoun, Cockrell, Cole, Colquhoun, Daniel, Dubois, Faulkner, George, Gordon, Hansbrough, Harris, Hunt, Irby, Jones of Arkansas, Kyle, Lindsay, McLaurin, Martin, Mills, Mitchell of Oregon, Morgan, Pasco, Peffer, Perkins, Pettigrew, Power, Pugh, Quay, Ransom, Roach, Shoup, Stewart, Teller, Turpe, Vest, Voorhees, White and Wilson.

The Democrats who voted against the bill were Messrs. Bruce, Caffery, Gorman, McPherson, Mitchell (Wisconsin), Murphy, Palmer, Smith and Vilas. The Republicans, Messrs. Allen, Kyle, Peffer, voters for it.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS.

OAXACAO, MEXICO, March 17.—Advices were received here to-day from the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, stating that there is great excitement among the people of that section over the repeated and severe earthquake shocks that have occurred there during the past ten days.

A DESPERATE CONVICT.

NASHVILLE, TENN., March 17.—A special from Birmingham, Ala., says a city convict, Charles Fleming, was released from the State penitentiary at Birmingham and escaped from his cell on Sunday last, and was immediately summoned and ordered him to surrender. The negro snatched the officer's pistol from his hand and fired one ball into Burkhalter's body, another into the horse and put a third through his own brain, dying instantly.

WARM WIRELETS.

Percy Trueblood, a 14-year-old son of James Trueblood, a prominent citizen of Chattanooga, died yesterday of injuries received from playing football. An antagonist's knee struck him in the groin, causing a rupture. He suffered intense agony for twelve hours.

The City Council of Fredericksburg, Va., has passed a resolution to erect a monument to the memory of the late Mrs. Cleveland and Mrs. Cleveland, Vice-President Stevenson, Chief Justice Fuller and members of the cabinet and their ladies as well as other distinguished persons, to attend the dedication of the Mary Washington monument on May 10.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

Moore's Journal: Near Waxhaw, last Saturday, Mr. James Richardson died of typhoid fever. Mrs. Jane Walters, wife of Mr. Phillip Walters, of Lanes Creek township, died of paralysis, Saturday, the 3d.

Concord Standard: Billy Culp and son George have found a new gold mine, which is said to be very rich. It is in Morgan township, Rowan county, about four miles east of Gold Hill. The ore is exceedingly rich and the vein a very one.

Winston Sentinel: Lum Sprinkle, a white convict, who broke out of the Davie county jail and was recaptured several weeks since, made his second escape last Sunday. He managed to get the cell door open, and while the assistant jailer was feeding the other prisoners, Lum escaped.

Rockingham Record: In conversation with a prominent farmer of this county the other day he remarked that the prospect for a large small-grain crop in this county has been better than before, and that more acreage is being planted to these crops and less would be given to the cotton crop than had been given since the war.

Goldboro Headlight: The death of Mrs. William Reeves occurred of pneumonia Saturday night, at her home in the Webbston section, aged 85 years. While chopping on a log Saturday Mr. Robert Boyce of Gold Hill, the township, had the misfortune to lose the axe strike his right foot, cutting off three of his toes.

Wilson Advance: Mr. W. Corbett, one of the largest merchants of Wilson, N. C., has been ordered by the benefit of his creditors Saturday night, March 10th, to Mr. W. P. Simpson. We learn that the liabilities are about \$18,000, and that the assets are \$10,000. Mr. Corbett was the proprietor of three stores and a beer bottling establishment, and did a large business here.

Rocky Mount Argonaut: Mining rocks are going right ahead in Nash county. It is not long before we will have one of the bustling mining camps in America in this vicinity. Bob Ricks says that farming is well advanced in this county. They have ordered the necessary machinery, which will arrive here in a few weeks.

Weldon News: We are sorry to learn that Rev. R. T. Vann, while out hunting a few days ago with a party of friends, was shot in the neck and lodged in the county jail Tuesday. He was acting strangely for a month, and during the last week the greatest suffering attended his attack and his mind has become affected from several causes and his friends brought him here until he could be taken to the State hospital to receive proper and necessary treatment.

Maxton Scottish Chief: Mr. Z. T. Fulmore, father of Judge Fulmore, of Texas, who resides near Rowland, in this county, died on Tuesday evening. He was about 89 years of age, and regret to learn that last Thursday night Mr. Rod McLearn, of John's Station, had his barn, with a large lot of corn, cobs, fodder, etc., destroyed by fire. Loss about one thousand dollars. The fire was caused by a stray shot which hit a horse, one mule, a cow, wagon and farm implements destroyed by fire.

Raleigh News and Observer: Commissioner of Agriculture John Robinson has received a letter from Mr. H. W. Chandler, of Newbern, stating that he intends to come to this State and will probably settle in Wilkes county. He says he will also bring several families of negroes with him to settle. Besides raising fruits and other agricultural products, Mr. Chandler proposes to breed stock and will bring with him a number of fine dogs, including a French coach horse and an improved poultry, hogs, etc. Mr. Norman Astley of New York, writes also that he has bought a farm in Burke county and will locate his residence there. Both the above were attracted to the State through the medium of the "North Carolina Hand Book."

Fayetteville Observer: Col. Calvin Pemberton, the youngest brother of our own General Pemberton, Col. John A. Pemberton, died at his home near Little Rock, Arkansas, on Tuesday, February 27th. Mr. Green, who so badly cut the heart of the late General, was in Branch, Sunday before last, and was lodged in jail to await the result of the wounds, has been admitted to bail, and is now free. He is in a sorry state of health, and is improving slowly.

Charlotte News: Crab Orchard is at present greatly sturred up over the mad dogs. Three have been killed in the townships during the last week. Yesterday afternoon a genuine mad dog was found on Mr. Mc Davis' farm. He was having fits and biting everything he came in contact with. He had many sheep and several dogs, all of which have been killed. The dog, however, got away and has not been killed yet.