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President Cleveland is again suffering from rheumatism, though his condition has become somewhat easier.

There are two hundred and fifty-five million dollars in solid gold on deposit at the Federal Treasury in Washington. That is more than any government on earth can show.

President Monroe practised the same kind of "Jeffersonian Simplicity" that Thomas Jefferson himself practised--that is, he was extravagant, was profusely hospitable, and spent his income freely in other ways. After having exhausted all his own property, and borrowing from his relations, he was dependent the last years of his life upon charity.

Temple Theatre in Philadelphia was destroyed by fire Dec. 27. It was owned by William Singely, proprietor of the Philadelphia Record. The building was formerly known as the Masonic Temple having been built by the Grand Lodge of Masons of Pennsylvania and occupied by the Masons for lodge purposes from 1855 to 1873. At that time it was the finest Masonic structure in this country, and probably remained such till the new and still finer Masonic Temple was finished in 1873. Loss upwards of half a million dollars. Two firemen were killed, and another sustained severe injuries.

THE MORMON PROBLEM.

A Correspondent at Ogden of the Washington Post expresses his belief that the Mormon problem is slowly solving itself. It seems some prominent and wealthy dignitaries of the Church have renounced polygamy. Last Spring Lester Herrick, a wealthy Bishop of the Church suddenly went west on a trip to the coast taking his legitimate wife and leaving three separate families behind him for whom, however, he had abundantly provided. John Sharp, another brother of the Church in Salt Lake City, superintendent of the Utah Central R. R., decided a year ago to "leave his religion" on the occasion of his having to plead to an indictment charging him with unlawful cohabitation. The bidding away of John Sage, first president of the Church, to escape trial under indictment, and the bail jumping of John Cannon, second president of the Church, seem to have occasioned much unfavorable comment among the more intelligent Mormons. Sage is reputed to be a man of more than average ability, shrewd but honorable in his dealings. We are prepared from our own knowledge to characterize Cannon as being a man of more than average ability, possessing a capacity of adroit management and skilful fetch. He once wrote us pleasantly referring to our visit to Salt Lake City, in 1871, in the following words:

I remember with pleasure your visit to Salt Lake City. I am not at present connected with the Desert News. Upon my election to Congress I found it incompatible with my duties as Delegate to maintain my connection with that paper but I shall take pleasure in bringing the subject [of collecting beads and other Indian relics] to the attention of the Editor, who will I am sure render all the aid in his power through the columns of his paper to bring the subject to the notice of the people. I shall also request copies of some of our works that are printed in the phonetic alphabet to be sent to Prof. Haldeman. I may say, however, that it is not the intention at the present time to continue the publication of our works in that alphabet. We have become convinced that the letters are too uniform to be easily read and that they are trying to the eyes. The Board of Regents of the Desert University had not decided when I left home, what characters they would adopt; but I think they will eventually decide upon Pitman's alphabet, with perhaps, a few slight changes, as being the best adapted

for the purpose. The subject of phonetic spelling is one that is very near the heart of President Young and he looks upon it as a mission which himself and people are in a better position to carry out practically and successfully than any other community."

THE CAUSES OF DEPRESSION--THE HOMESTEAD LAW.

There is a widespread opinion that the present law as to homesteads is a source of great evil to the State. Whether sound or otherwise there is no denying that the conviction exists and is widening that no little of the hard times is to be laid at the door of the "Homestead Law." That the people of North Carolina are not as well off as the rose-colored pictures we have seen presented in our exchanges would have people to believe is not to be denied. Northern papers that know very little of North Carolina and its people have represented a degree of prosperity that we felt convinced did not exist. Those highly tinted accounts were caught up and went the rounds of the State press. The Star copied none of them for it was well persuaded that they were false and misleading. So satisfied were we of this that a few months ago we wrote upon it and also gleaned a column of opinions from exchanges, in and out of the State, to show that the so-called Southern boom was exaggerated, and that farming in the South did not pay.

Of course there are individuals in every community that make money and prosper. Of course there are signs of genuine prosperity in certain sections of counties, and some of the towns are growing and flourishing to an unenvied degree. For this we are glad. But the system of farming has not been such as to make those engaged in it prosperous as a class. The mortgage system has had more to do with the depressed condition among the farmers than the "Homestead Law," we are well persuaded.

It is simply impossible that farmers should thrive in cultivating poor, unimproved lands, with prices of products low, and interest on money very high. Let it be tried when it may, and the man who pays from 12 to 30 per cent. extra for supplies, and mortgages land and crops to be grown hereafter, will always "come out at the little end of the horn."

In times of financial distress there are always many theorists and theories as to what causes the depression. Each person thinks he has discovered the true cause of the embarrassments of the country. We have no idea that any one cause brings about the bad results. There are usually several causes at work, and must be considered in discussing remedies to be applied.

The mortgage system is a curse. There will be no sound financial health among farmers who resort to it. Then the system of making prosperity rest upon one crop is dangerous and often disastrous. The plan of keeping smoke-houses and corn-cribs in Illinois, Ohio and Kentucky is not a wise one and has not "panned out" rickly. Looking to the North for a hundred articles to be purchased for home use when they can all be produced at home is another bad sign. Extravagance and fast living are other causes at work to keep people down. The credit system begets extravagance.

The "Homestead Law" is thought to be potential in the direction of poverty. This view widens with the months. If true then the Legislature should take hold and subject the law to heroic treatment.

As an indication of this sentiment we note the issuing of a circular by Mr. H. A. Forney, of Newton, N. C. It is a discussion of and a protest against the present "Hattel Mortgage system of credit," which it is claimed "is the child of the Homestead system." In a letter to us of the 11th ult., Mr. Forney says: "Our people want to be rid of the 'Homestead,' which we allege is the cause of all this trouble and hard times, not only in Catawba county, but all over the State. Something must be done, or we are a ruined and bankrupt people. I don't know whether our Legislators have the manhood to face the storm or not, they are about as afraid of the 'Homestead' as they are of the dog tax, but our farmers are going to take this matter in their own hands sooner or later, despite of the politicians. You will see the ball is rolling now."--Wilmington Star.

STATE NEWS.

Sampson county jail is 102 years old.

It is said there are 7,500 Episcopalians in the State.

Menroe Enquirer-Express: A car load of corn was received here a few days ago which cost two hundred and forty dollars in Louisville, Ky. The freight on it was one hundred and twenty five dollars.

Wadesboro Times: Col. N. Frederick has leased the Purcell House, Wilmington. The best wishes of his friends go with him. An earthquake shock was felt here about 11 o'clock Sunday night.

Murphy Bulletin: Never in the history of our town has it enjoyed such a building boom as has been going on for the past few months. The carpenter's saw and hammer is heard in every direction.

Smithfield Herald: Mrs. Benjamin Thatcher, of Perquimans county, lost her eyesight one night last week in a remarkable way. A kerosene lamp was on the point of explosion. She attempted to blow out the flame. As her face was near the lamp it exploded, throwing flaming oil and pieces of glass into her eyes, causing loss of her eyesight and terrible injuries to the face.

Winston Sentinel: Hurrah for old David! She has fought the good fight and won, and her good people are to be congratulated upon her recent decision to subscribe \$100,000 worth of bonds to the South Atlantic & Northwestern Railroad, a thoroughfare which when completed will contribute largely to her wealth and prosperity. Brother Moor-ing, of the Mocksville Times, did effectual work through his paper in the recent election and his reward will surely come.

Murphy Bulletin: There are speculators in the Western portion of the county buying all the good lumber trees they can get some parties selling as low as twenty-five cents per tree. This is going to injure our home enterprise if it is not stopped. You will repeat when it is too late. Mr. A. G. Kinsey's iron, marble and tale property, on the Notla river five miles from town, is said to contain the largest deposit of tale that has ever been discovered in this country. He has taken out fully one thousand tons in putting his quarries in shape for rapid work. Mr. Kinsey claims that he can now quarry the tale at an expense of twenty-five cents per ton.

Webster Herald: Among the many valuable discoveries of mineral that have been made, and that are still being brought to light, in the vicinity of Webster, that of a fine bed of magnetic iron by Mr. Schreiber, is not of the least moment nor lowest value. Mr. S. showed us, a few days ago, a fine specimen of this ore which is very pure in iron and highly magnetic, and which will, we are informed by those who know, compare favorably with that taken from the noted Cranberry mines in Mitchell county, and from which the best of Bessemer steel has been made. The ore is said to be in large quantities and within easy hauling distance to Webster. The finding of this valuable bed of ore will be an important factor in the building and working of our new railroad.

Wilmington Star: A party of gentlemen left Wilmington yesterday by private conveyance, to go over the line of the proposed extension of the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railroad from Fayetteville to this city. It is understood that by the terms of the agreement made between the railroad company and the representatives of the city that work on the extension will begin at Wilmington, and that the first payment will be made when the first five miles are finished; and subsequent payments made as the work progresses. If the agreement is approved by the Board of Aldermen and the Board of Audit and Finance of the city, the question-subscription or no subscription--will be submitted to the qualified voters of the city at the election in March next.

New York Sun: The New York police on Monday night of last week sent out a general alarm describing Bingham thus: Insane, 25 years old, 6 feet high, dark complexion, brown hair and eyes, nose deformed, scars in neck, brown osercoat and Derby hat. The ticket agent in the Pennsylvania Railroad depot in Jersey City, says that a man accurately answering the description came to the window about 8:30 o'clock on Monday morning. He made the motion of writing with his lead pencil on the sill, and the agent passed out a piece of paper. He wrote on it: "Council Bluffs, second class," and got his ticket. A few minutes afterwards he boarded his train. The agent said that the mute did not exhibit any signs of insanity. On the contrary, he appeared to be a bright, shrewd fellow.

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