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Late rains in the Western States have advanced the prospects of the corn crop.

Mr. Stephens opened the canvass in Georgia with a speech in Atlanta Tuesday night.

Hogs are selling in Chicago at \$2.25 per hundred, the highest price paid in twenty-two years.

Tug Wilson, the prize fighter, has sailed for England with his pockets filled with greenbacks.

Confederate bonds are on the boom again in Richmond, Va., where they are quoted at \$7.50 per hundred.

A Miss Bozeman, aged 115 years, died a few years ago in the poor house in Halifax county, this State.

The cashier of the robbed bank at Kewanee, Illinois, has confessed his guilt and returned part of the money.

Girls that run off from their homes to get married not unfrequently come back to their homes to be taken care of.

Dorsey is doing a little bull-dozing. He intimates that he will write the secret history of the last presidential campaign.

The Boston Herald declares that apathy, disgust, indifference and independence among the masses are sapping the Republican party.

Colonel Buford, the Kentucky horse-racer, has been converted, but he hasn't got entirely over the habit of saying damn it, when he gets mad.

If we were a betting man we would wager on the Star-Routers not being convicted. Send Dorsey to the penitentiary? Not much.

Ex-Gov. Sprague may be ruined financially, but he bosses the little State of Rhode Island and defies the courts in regular Arabi Pasha style.

It is said in Virginia that Mahone is losing his grip. As Billy is not much larger than a full grown bar of soap he ought not to have a very large sized grip.

This is the centennial year of Thomas H. Benton, John C. Calhoun, Lewis Cass, Martin Van Buren and Daniel Webster, each having been born in 1782.

Charles O'Connor, the straight-out Democratic candidate for the presidency against Horace Greeley, is 75, and is one of the liveliest old gentlemen at Nantucket.

Mahone has evidently raised an insurrection in the Readjuster camp in Virginia, and a number of his old pals are going for him red-eyed and are vigorously showing up his selfish trickery.

Philadelphia Record: In view of the precarious situation of the bosses in New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and elsewhere, John Sherman is glad that he is not one of them.

The city authorities of San Francisco are trying to crush out the Chinese laundries. The easiest way to abolish the Chinese laundry is for the denizens of that burg to have no washing done.

The Government receipts for the month of August were over a thousand dollars a minute. It accumulates in the treasury so rapidly that they don't know what to do with it.

The British have another foe to encounter in Egypt, which may give them more trouble than Arabi Pasha. The cholera is reported to have made its appearance in Alexandria.

The Philadelphia Record remarks that it indicates a high state of public morality when Jay Gould and his organs attack Gov. Cornell for dabbling in a blind pool. Perhaps they object to his going it blind.

Some of the Western papers are reproducing that hair-lifting encounter between two girls about a man they were both in love with, first published as occurring in Robeson county in this State, and locating it in Macon county, Georgia.

THE INTERNAL REVENUE LAWS. The repeal of the internal revenue laws has been discussed more within the past year than within any time since their enactment, and some among the most ardent advocates of the abolition of the system are to be found among leading R-publicans, who when they regarded the system necessary to meet the demands of the government, were strong supporters of it.

It is in opposition to the spirit of our free institutions, establishes indirectly, if not directly, an espionage over the business transactions of our people, and never was and never will be popular. It has begotten more ill-feeling and bad blood among the people, especially in the liquor and tobacco manufacturing districts of the country than all other laws ever framed by Congress, and it is a public demoralizer, because the profits to be made by violating its requirements tempt the unscrupulous, and invite another class to become spies and informers for the gain they can make thereby.

It is not as bad, it is true, as it was a few years ago, when the land was filled with hordes of so-called detectives and revenue employes, who invaded any citizen's premises at will in search for articles supposed to be concealed to evade the payment of the government tax. Many a guilty man, guilty perhaps from ignorance of the actual requirements of the law, or because he did not deem it any great crime to violate a law which he regarded as unjust and oppressive, and many an innocent man, convicted by the false testimony of informers who made money by his conviction, have been sent to prison for years, and some of them are now serving penal terms in penitentiaries. If it were one of the best and most equitable systems in the world the abuses to which it has been and may be subjected is a sufficient reason for its abolition.

The Democrats lost a splendid opportunity when they were in a majority in Congress in not moving all along the line for its prompt abolition, for they would have struck a popular chord and thousands of people who were not in accord with the Democratic party would have come in on that issue. But for some unaccountable reason the Democrats failed to move in the matter, and even yet the party has taken no step in that direction. It will doubtless wait until the National Republican convention meets, adopts a resolution or two on the subject, and then the Democratic convention which follows will probably do the same thing, giving the Republicans the start and the credit. In politics it has been and still is an almost omnipotent machine, through whose agency the Republican party has been kept splendidly organized, and which furnished not only thousands upon thousands of dollars to defray campaign expenses, but an army of interested, enthusiastic workers, who never tire in their labors from the time the campaign opens till the ballot box is closed on the day of election. It has been the life and the soul of the Republican party in the past, and on that party is absolutely dependent for its future retention of power.

It is a mighty agency in the hands of any party, and for this reason, if for no other, the good people who desire reform, and to see the government run in the interest of the people and not of a set of political manipulators, should and do demand its abolition, and the sentiment will grow until the demand will echo from all sections of the Republic, and will make itself heard among the law-makers at Washington. We of the South, especially in the liquor and tobacco producing States, are especially interested in it, for here the system is felt in all its enormity, hampering as it does these industries and giving a practical monopoly to those who have the means to meet the demands of the law. It discriminates against the poor man and is oppressive. The sooner it is wiped out the better for the people and the better for the government.

SENSIBLE CHAT. The Shelby Aurora of this week, in commenting on a note from a colored man on the subject of a teachers institute concludes with the following sensible remarks: "The negroes need more work, more education and less politics. The whites also have too much politics on the brain. Let both races keep cool and do not get excited over political lies. The office holders are the only men benefitted at most of our elections. Cotton picking will pay better this fall than idly discussing the state of the nation or the political outlook. More wheat and corn and less politics is needed in North Carolina." Politics is good enough, and the people should take interest enough in it to see good and competent men chosen, but these long, noisy, exciting campaigns, distract, cause the loss of thousands of dollars of valuable time, create ill feeling between the followers of opposing leaders, and in more ways than one do more harm than good. As a rule these days people go to political meeting not to hear a rational discussion of issues maintained, but to hear the other side scored, and the one that does the hardest scoring is the one that generally draws best.

The denizens of Texas will have a jolly time this winter. Peaches are so abundant and cheap that vast quantities of them are being converted into brandy.

North Carolina Crop Report--A Good Showing. RALEIGH, N. C., Sept. 1.--The North Carolina department of agriculture has reports from 66 counties making 370,000 bales of cotton by the census returns. These now give an average condition of 85 per cent. The weather has been too wet but an open fall of late frost will advance the condition materially. Seventy-two counties report crop 108, thirty-two counties growing 21,000,000 pounds of tobacco by census returns report an average of 100. The yield of wheat and oats is exceptional heavy, running to six and eight millions bushels respectively. Rice in twenty counties averages 65. The weather is favorable for maturing all crops.

Weather. WASHINGTON, Sept. 1.--For the Middle Atlantic States fair weather, preceded by local rains, variable winds, mostly westerly, stationary or higher barometer and temperature. For the South Atlantic States partly cloudy weather and local rains, mostly southerly, stationary barometer, and stationary or higher temperature.

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Hogs and Corn in the West. A Cincinnati telegram on the 26th says: Corn is high and likely to continue high for some time to come. All grains have been strong. There have been large purchases of September futures of corn, and in fact October and November futures have run stiff and have hardened. Sales of November futures have been astonishingly large.

This decrease is due in part to farmers holding hogs in the West, and in part to the unfavorable condition of the season or summer pastures, partly to the high prices which corn brings, all of which operate to keep hogs out of the slaughter pens.

Loss of Life and Property by the Concho Flood. SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Sept. 1.--About one hundred and twenty persons were drowned by the Concho flood, and 15,000 sheep, cattle and horses were lost. The loss of property is estimated at \$750,000. The river rose fifty feet. Bodies are coming to the surface daily.

Dismissal of the Police--Excitement in Dublin. DUBLIN, Sept. 1.--Over 300 members of the Metropolitan police force have been dismissed. It is expected that hundreds of members will resign. Great excitement prevails in the city and all police stations are occupied by strong guards of military.

Drawing of a U. S. Naval Officer. NORFOLK, Va., Sept. 1.--The Potomac River Steamer brings intelligence of the drowning of chief engineer Wm. Wood of the United States Navy yesterday morning about 10 o'clock while crossing Little Creek at Point Lookout in a sail boat.

The Champion Boat Race. RICHFIELD SPRINGS, Sept. 1.--Courtney won the boat race here today in the unprecedented time of 19 minutes 21 1/2 seconds. The race was between Courtney and Lee, in 19 minutes 25 1/2 seconds. The water was smooth as glass.

Tobacco Sales in Danville. DANVILLE, Va., Sept. 1.--During the last 11 months there were sold in this market, 2,475,000 pounds of leaf tobacco at an average of \$2.75 per hundred, against 2,780,000 pounds at \$1.25 for the same period the preceding year.

A Fearful Prediction. We predict if the Democracy succeed in getting control of the National purse strings Washington will be filled with a crowd of more ravenous wolves than ever congregated there since the formation of the Government, and the voice of such reformers as Mr. Pendleton and the conservative remonstrances of such pure Democrats as Senator Bayard, will be utterly lost amid the howlings of the eager-eyed and gaunt-bellied pack.

A CARD. To the Ladies of Charlotte. Having received a great many letters from every section of the State, I have concluded to canvass the State for the purpose of introducing it, and in Charlotte on the 14th and 15th of September, at the Central Hotel, I will be pleased to have the ladies interested in the subject call on me between the hours of 9 and 12 a. m., and 2 to 6 p. m., when I can give them more extended information than by letter. When not convenient for the parties to visit me I will call on them, if requested.

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NOTICE. THE sale of 3 days station excursion tickets has August 24th, and said tickets call on Columbia and Raleigh, and said tickets where tickets are sold at a special rate of 3 cents per mile each way, and return three days.

Lotteries. The Public is requested carefully to notice the new and enlarged Scheme to be drawn Monthly. CAPITAL PRIZE, \$75,000. Tickets only \$5. Shares in Proportion. L.S.L. Louisiana State Lottery Company.

Seasonable Goods. In great variety, just received at the CHINA STORE. J. Brookfield & Co. Lot of elegant BABY CARRIAGES, REFRIGERATORS and ICE CHESTS, FLY FANS AND FLY TRAPS, ICE CREAM FREEZERS, best made, AIR-TIGHT FRUIT JARS, WATER COOLERS, PORCELAIN LINED, Mocking Bird Cages, Canary and Breeding Cages, Baby Swings, etc., etc.

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MINERAL LAND FOR SALE. A BARREN is offered in a tract of land in Meigs County, Va., lying on the road from Butler to Norton, and about 12 miles from Butler.

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