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THURSDAY MORNING, DEC. 2, 1897.

Yesterday was a day that proved how near the land of the sky is to paradise.

The plan reported to have been proposed by President McKinley for currency reform may be boiled down to exchanging greenbacks for gold certificates.

The report that Nathaniel Willis (colored) the alleged murderer of a young white man named Stephens, was lynched by burning has been found to be untrue. It was published in many papers in the south and copied by northern papers, being furnished as a special telegram from Southport. Willis is safely lodged in Horry (S. C.) county jail at Conway. The story was of a character to reflect seriously on the community in which the "lynching" was alleged to have occurred and it is a pity that its denial will not reach every part of the country in which it was given publicity.

The recently converted, but radically republican, New York, Sun, is sickening the president and congress on to get up another tariff bill to "stop the deficit and provide the government with adequate revenue." It declares that "Mr. Dingley and his republican colleagues of the committee on ways and means will not do their whole duty unless they frankly admit that measure as a revenue producer and devote their best energies and best intellectual efforts to perfecting it. No pride of authorship and no Mitawberish procrastination should stand in the way of prompt and effectual treatment of existing deficiencies."

Havana is the chief breeding place for the yellow fever that inflicts itself on the southern states of this country. It has been suggested that on this ground alone it would pay the United States to wipe out the existing government of Cuba. Year after year the dirt and carelessness of the Spaniards in Havana breed yellow fever, and in the absence of proper quarantine spreads it along the gulf states, inflicting untold misery upon the families which suffer from disease and death. Not only is this misery spread along the lower part of the country, but general business is damaged to an alarming extent. No exact data on this subject has been collected, but a short time ago commercial papers estimated the loss to this country at \$100,000,000.

The proposition of the Richmond chamber of commerce to petition the legislature to grant to the municipality the right to exempt manufacturing plants from municipal taxation is attracting much attention. The leader of that city, regards the action of the legislature as unnecessary and cites instances in which cities have gone ahead and made such exemptions on their own authority. There is no doubt, however, as to the wisdom and good policy of adopting this means of promoting the industrial welfare of a community. It is a very strong inducement to capitalists to begin a new enterprise, and in the course of time the property will pay taxes, so that the city in this way not only secures desirable enterprises that give employment to labor, but it is also building up taxable values.

The jury in the Thorne murder trial will congratulate themselves that they did not believe the defendant's testimony, for within a half hour after they had rendered their verdict that he was guilty of the crime the prisoner confessed that they were right.

"I am glad it is over and the verdict

given," said the murderer. "I am convicted and I am contented. It was I who killed Guddensuppe and I cut up his body. Every word that Mrs. Nack said upon the stand was substantially correct. When I was on the stand I lied when telling the story as I did, but I lied to clear myself. It is no use carrying it any further. I am guilty and am convicted. It is what I expected and what I suppose people think I deserve, and perhaps I do." Thorne told a very clever, lying story in the hands of his expert lawyer, to save his life, and if the jury had had that willingness that appears to exist with some juries to catch at any straw to save a murderer's neck, the scoundrel might have gone free of his miserable life been preserved at the expense of the state in a prison.

A bulletin has been prepared by the United States department of agriculture in answer to many requests for publication on the production of milk and its care while on the farm. A few pages are given to the explanation of the causes of changes in the milk; these are followed by references to the chief ways in which milk is contaminated and a description of the methods by which such contamination may be avoided. The herd, the employees, the stable and its disinfection, the dairy house, utensils, and water are discussed. Different steps in dairy work—milking, straining, aerating, cooling, storing, hauling—are discussed in turn. Fifty rules for the dairy are given, arranged under the following heads: The owner and his helpers, the stable, the cows, milking and the utensils. Illustrations show the appearance of bacteria in milk, some objectionable features and some model features of dairy barns, and improved strainers and coolers. The bulletin includes fifty dairy rules. The bulletin can be secured free of charge from the secretary of agriculture, or a member of congress and is entitled "Farmers' Bulletin No. 63, Care of Milk on the Farm."

From the statistics of the present year's abundant harvests the Atlanta Constitution publishes some selected figures that strikingly show the importance of this country as a grain producer: Selecting five of our cereal products, viz, corn, wheat, oats, rye and barley, it appears that the total yield of these products for the year 1897 aggregates not less than 3,205,052,000 bushels.

This amount is divided among the various products in the following manner: Corn 1,897,280,000 bushels, wheat 492,000,000 bushels, oats 722,704,000 bushels, barley 68,650,000 bushels and rye 27,418,000 bushels. Of course, these figures are not given out as absolutely accurate, but as most of the terms have already come in the verified statistics are not apt to differ widely from the result above indicated.

As compared with last year's figures covering these same products there appears to be something of a shortage in the present year's harvest, due mainly to the failure of the corn crop. This crop from the returns at hand seems to be short of last year's by nearly 400,000,000 bushels, the total crop for 1896 being 2,288, 676,165 bushels, against only 1,897,280,000 bushels for the crop of 1897. This shortage in the present year's corn crop is partially supplied by the enormous yield of wheat, the crop for 1897 aggregating 492,000,000 bushels against 427,000,000 bushels for the crop of 1896. According to these figures, the wheat crop for the present year is 65,000,000 bushels in excess of last year's crop. Another increase of some 15,000,000 bushels is noted in this year's crop of oats. Altogether the grain harvest of 1897 is not as large as in former years, but its present magnitude, nevertheless, suffices to show the very great importance which attaches to the agricultural resources of this country.

As the United States is a great producer of cereals, it follows also that she is a great exporter of cereals. Europe is largely dependent upon us for bread-stuffs, and consequently most of our cereal exports find their way into the European market.

TOPICS OF TODAY.

The expenditure in this country for war, including army, navy, pensions and militia, is \$204,122,758, or \$2.90 per capita. The expense for education is \$184,453,780, or \$2.61 per capita.

If those three train robbers of New Mexico, shall be hanged, it will do more to discourage the industry than anything that has been done about it, since the first train was robbed, says an exchange, and there is solid truth in the remark.

At the recent election in Salt Lake City where women have the same rights of suffrage as men, all the women candidates for office were defeated, and defeated badly. They were slaughtered by the votes of their own sex, who, it seems, were unwilling to lift any of their number to official pre-eminence. The male citizens of the Mormon capital have a very soft swag in the game of politics.—Chicago Chronicle.

In a special Raleigh letter in yesterday's Observer the fact was adverted to that by the census of 1890 it was shown that the negroes are 35 per cent. of the population of North Carolina and that of the vote cast last year 215,889 was by whites and 114,704 by blacks. These figures were, of course, known approximately before, but they bring into bold relief our previous contention that it is not the negroes who are responsible for the present situation of affairs in this state, but the white people. In a few counties the negroes dominate by reason of superior numbers, but since the democrats, in 1876, took these counties out of their hands, and since these same counties were among the first to go into the Farmer's Alliance and through the vestibule into the populist party, it would seem that no kick is coming to them. The sooner we are candid with ourselves, stop blaming the negro for our woes and place the responsibility for them where it belongs, the sooner we will get right again.—Charlotte Observer.

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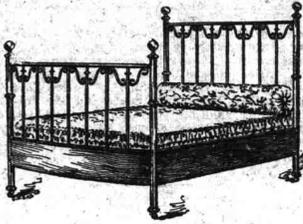
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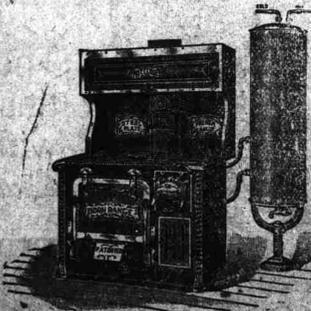
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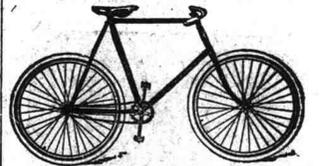
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