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GEN. CLINGMAN is getting better.

THE shortage of Boston's latest defaulter, Reed, is growing. It is now placed at $250,000 to $300,000.

BOSTON has revived some of the blue laws of its earlier history and its courts are unusually busy in consequence.

THE inside history of the recent strike at the Chicago stock-yards is given in our telegraphic columns this morning.

THE Chicago Board of Trade has abolished the put and call system of gambling in grain. Good! Now let the other boards throughout the country follow suit.

THE Mille Lac Indians of the northwest are now giving trouble to the government. Poor Lo, we fear, will be a thorn in the side until he becomes utterly extinct.

THE Oxford boom continues unobstructed. There were double tobacco sales in the Granville capital yesterday. They were the first in the history of the beautiful place but they will not be the last by any means.

THE Davidson (College) Monthly for October comes to us very appropriately in these Thanksgiving times full of good things and in neat and tasty dress. Its editors are Messrs. Hall, Siler and Sparrow, of the Philanthropics, and Messrs. Oates, Grey and Banks of the Eumenians.

ERASTUS BROOKS, the famous New York editor, is dying. He conducted for a long time the Mail, which was later combined with the Express, the combination being now known as the Mail and Express, or the "Cyrus W. Field," "for short," Field owning the entire establishment. Mr. Brooks was a power in his day.

CHARLES R. makes prominent the following in his paper concerning himself: "Its editor has made mistakes, but they have been errors of the head, and not of the heart." He had no heart, therefore, we suppose, in his late anti-democratic candidacy. But then he made no head-way either. He has been left both as to the head and as to the heart, it appears. There's none now so poor as to do him reverence.

AND now a great conspiracy is reported, by which systematic stealing has been going on at Buffalo, New York, in connection with the vast grain elevating interests of that city. The thefts have been the heaviest ever known in Buffalo, and the thieves are men well known, respected, and occupying prominent positions in business and social circles. Thousands of bushels of grain have been stolen from elevators, and the sensation is great in proportion. So goes the corruption of the age, eating its way into every class of society and spreading with the rapidity of a pestilence. Its apparently irresistible progress argues ill for the happiness of coming generations.

IREDELL is one of the most enlightened and advanced counties in the State and so might be expected to have one of the best jails in the State. Yet the Landmark says: "The building itself is a disgrace to the civilization of the century. If it is kept decently it is a wonder. There are no facilities for bathing, and the conveniences of other sorts which are absolutely necessary are of such a character that the atmosphere must always be charged with poisonous odors. A man had better be dead than to be confined in one of the close wooden cells, without light or ventilation, and in short the structure ought to be torn down to the ground. It is a disgrace to us as a civilized people." If this be so of Iredell, what have we not to apprehend with respect to the other counties of the State? This matter of proper county jails should not longer be neglected.

HARD TIMES.

We sympathize deeply with those of our fellow-citizens who are in trouble because of Hard Times. For newspapers it is always a hard time to pay the printers, to pay the paper bills, to pay the heavy telegraph bills, to pay any bills. It is never an easy time for the papers, and as we are subject to "hard times," year in and year out, our familiarity with them renders us a sort of Job's comforter to those who are only occasionally afflicted with the disease. If we are correct, hard times are usually an individual matter. They affect individuals rather than communities. Were we to take a comprehensive view of the civilized world, we would find that the prices of merchandise, of provisions, of the necessaries of life, have largely declined in value, so that the cost of living is less than formerly and the purchasing power of money is greater than formerly. There has been however no reduction in the rates of wages. Therefore it would appear that the wage earners who have employment, instead of suffering from hard times are somewhat better off than formerly. Those who are unemployed are necessarily in trouble; and abroad, especially in England, it seems that there are many unemployed. In the United States the picture is different. All lines of industries are in full blast and there is no lack of employment. Although there have been strikes wherein men abstained from working, these have been merely manœuvres to gain other ends, and the large amounts of money which other workmen have contributed to the support of distant strikers constitute evident proof that the wages of workmen are more than ample for their own sustenance, and that those workmen who contribute out of their weekly wages to suoport the strikers are far from suffering from hard times. That this class of our citizens is not harassed by visions of pinching want is also sufficiently evident from the fact that strikes are ordered on the most trivial pretexts. We may therefore set it down that the times are not hard as to wage earners.

With regard to manufacturers there has been in certain lines great depression, which to some extent remains, consequent upon the undue extension of manufacturing enterprises, and a larger production than the demands of consumption warranted. While this has been particularly the case abroad, it has also been observable in this country, where the tariff on raw materials puts up the price of certain goods so as to prevent exportations, limiting the field of supply merely to the home demand. But the factories, because of strikes, lockouts and suspensions, have measurably overcome this trouble and have worked off the large quantities of goods which a year ago were piled up in their storehouses, and, a brisk trade setting in, are now enabled to run on full time at a profit.

The only remaining class necessary to consider is composed of those who are either directly or indirectly dependent on agriculture for their living. In the agricultural States, these embrace merchants, those engaged in professional work and the farmers themselves. The prices of staple agricultural products are low, a result of the depression of prices abroad, as the prices ruling in the markets of the world exercise almost a controlling influence on the value of these articles with us. Europe measurably fixes the prices of cotton, wheat and provisions, and to some extent the price of tobacco. We make a surplus of all these staple articles, and this surplus sooner or later has to be consumed. The farmers cannot limit production as the manufacturers do, and hence the surplus of their productions weighs down the value of any new crop. Notwithstanding the fact that, because of the general decline in values, the expense of farming has been lessened, the earnings of those engaged in the business are less than ever. So, generally, in the agricultural sections times are hard, and especially is this so with those who owe debts contracted on a basis of former prices for agricultural products. Besides, there are sections of considerable extent where the crops have been failures, and where much embarrassment is consequently experienced. For instance, in South Carolina the condition is said to be deplorable. Also in some parts of North Carolina the failure of the crops has been noteworthy. In these localities hard times are especially observable, and the situation is one to call for sympathy. Indeed, the condition of agriculture in the Atlantic and Southern States in most of the thickly settled communities, is such as to invoke the most intelligrnt investigation as to the facts, and the most careful and persistent search for effective remedies. In a recent number of the New York Evening Post we are told that:

"The difference in the rental values of agricultural land in the country is almost wholly a difference in improvements. We can point out tracts of unoccupied arable land within thirty miles of New York which anybody can have for cultivation on condition of paying the taxes on it The New England States are full of lands of this character. We have heard a professor of political economy in a New England college say that in the course of twelve years' teaching he had never yet found a student who could point out a tract of land in any of those six States where the owner could obtain a rent from a cultivator exceeding the interest on the capital value of the improvements on the land. In other words, rental value for agricultural lands in New England does not exist. Instead of rising in value from year to year, according to the Henry George theory, these lands have been falling in value for thirty years past. Such being the case to the north of us, brought about largely by the immense surplus of agricultural products supplied by the Western States, we have a prophecy of the failure of profitable farming in this section also.

In an article of this kind we can only indicate a possible remedy. With farm products as low as they are, we should avoid the danger of a failure of the crop by profiting by the experience of others. It has been found that in England, because of the system there followed, the difference in production in wet and dry years has been reduced to a minimum; it is not ten per cent. The wheat lands of England average twenty-eight bushels to the acre and the production does not vary three bushels in any year because of the seasons. This result has been reached by thorough underdrainage and preparation for the crop. This is what we need at the South. We need to expend more on the permanent improvement of our farms. To accomplish this, the number of acres to the farm should be brought within proper limits, and every effort should be devoted to improving the soil by underdrainage and thorough culture. Wherever this is done, the evil results of bad seasons will be largely eliminated and the possibility of hard times will be rendered more remote. Certain it is, that hard times wherever existing with us are at present a local trouble; local as to the individual; local as to the section. The evil is not because of too little currency, for there is more currency in the United States just now than ever before in our history It is not because there are no purchasers to be found for what we have to sell, for trade is brisk. It is because the individual persons affected have but little to sell. It is because in some sections very few of the farmers have anything to sell. The crops of most of them have failed.

The only sensible remedy is to so manage the farms as to prevent in future a similar failure, and we have indicated a way to do this which we think worthy of a trial.

We do not get few such encouragements as the following for which we make obeisance to our friend of the Statesville Landmark, but we print this to show how quickly now we reach all points in the State:

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OFFICIAL RETURNS.

As Canvassed Yesterday by the Board of State Canvassers.

FIRST DISTRICT.

COUNTIES.	Louis C. Latham.	L. J. Barrett.
Beaufort,	1876	1547
Camden,	666	521
Carteret,	1094	219
Chowan,	842	817
Currituck,	835	227
Dare,	224	135
Gates,	1118	646
Hertford,	492	350
Hyde,	810	638
Martin,	1240	581
Pamlico,	561	225
Pasquotank,	764	465
Perquimans,	539	936
Pitt,	2090	2277
Tyrrell,	406	336
Washington,	633	755
Total,	13390	10635

Scattering.—Thos G Skinner 13; Jas E Moore 1; C C Pool 136; W F Cherry 1; W M Bond 2; G D Langston 315; Leonidas G Barrett 9; W S Carter 3.

SECOND DISTRICT.

COUNTIES.	F. M. Simmons.	James E. O'Hara.	L. B. Abbott.
Bertie,	1274	1098	117
Craven,	1238	1195	277
Edgecombe,	1636	804	2134
Greene,	1045	1069	2
Halifax,	2098	2462	212
Jones,	767	724	9
Lenoir,	1555	12[illegible]9	81
Northampton,	1436	1146	398
Vance,	1164	854	222
Warren,	1633	692	1107
Wilson,	1950	1144	111
Total,	15158	13060	5020

Scattering.—R H Stancell 1, Turnifold D Simmons 49, G L Arrington 1, James E O'Hara, of Halifax county, 489; Israel B Abbott, of Craven county, 25; J H Moore, 1., J A O'Hara 8, T W Mason 1, J W Grant 1.

THIRD DISTRICT.

COUNTIES.	C. W. McClammy	F D Koonce.
Bladen,	1278	1207
Cumberland,	2404	1472
Duplin,	1738	638
Harnett,		215
Moore,	1773	865
Onslow,	990	856
Pender,	986	749
Sampson,	2033	288
Wayne,	2359	2376
Total,	13561	8166

Scattering.—W J Green 6; A H Jones 32; O J Spears 2; Jno F Muselwhite 2; Jno C Blocker 1; J G Sewell 1152; Cornelius Dunbar 1; Chas W McClammy, Jr., 977; J A Worthy 1; F K Koonce 61.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

COUNTIES.	John W. Graham.	John Nichols.
Alamance,	1871	1341
Chatham,	1724	1586
Durham,	1237	1527
Franklin,	1924	1966
Johnston,	2103	1795
Nash,	1377	1519
Orange,	1279	1041
Wake,	3408	5086
Total,	14423	15861

Scattering.—C M Cooke 1, F N Strudwick 1, L P Berry 1, B F Bunn 1

FIFTH DISTRICT.

COUNTIES.	James W. Reid.	J. M. Brower.
Caswell,	1097	1510
Forsyth,	1821	2024
Granville,	1806	2453
Guilford,	1878	1909
Person	1106	1213
Rockingham,	1585	1473
Stokes,	1049	1276
Surry,	1360	1424
Total,	11702	13282

Scattering.—John R Winston 1184, James M. Winstead 518, J W Winstead 41, J E Boyd 1.

SIXTH DISTRICT.

COUNTIES.	Alfred Rowland.	Chas. R. Jones.
Anson,	1248	137
Brunswick,	757	740
Cabarrus,	1170	725
Columbus,	1507	482
Mecklenburg,	2758	2547
New Hanover,	1050	286
Richmond,	1538	721
Robeson,	2657	1293
Stanly,	839	415
Union,	737	813
Total,	14261	7659

Scattering – Oliver H Dockery 55, W E Mayo 906, S B Alexander 1, Walter L Steele 9, D A Covington 1, ——1.

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

COUNTIES.	J S Henderson.	J E Walker.
Catawba,	1566	60
Davidson,	1835	472
Davie,	1797	20
Iredell,	1306	99
Montgomery,	861	63
Randolph,	1815	438
Rowan,	1496	99
Yadkin,	889	150
Total,	10565	1401

Scattering.—J A Blair 1896, John Ross 3, Blair 72.

EIGHTH DISTRICT.

COUNTIES.	W H H Cowles.	L L Green.
Alexander,	510	274
Alleghany	584	245
Ashe,	1131	1175
Burke,	1010	547
Caldwell,	790	337
Cleveland,	1982	11
Gaston,	1310	309
Lincoln,	719	223
Watauga,	573	788
Wilkes,	1388	1416
Total,	9997	5325

Scattering.—Wm Sneed 1, J S Craig 13, W D Kelly 1, Tyre York 1.

NINTH DISTRICT.

COUNTIES.	T D Johnston.	Wm H Malone.	Alex H Jones.
Buncombe,	1921	2130	407
Cherokee,	496	72	333
Clay,	344		203
Graham,	313	6	45
Haywood,	1218	104	474
Henderson,	596	455	324
Jackson,	930	67	87
McDowell,	912	133	416
Macon,	653	378	187
Madison,	856	1065	179
Mitchell. [Not sent.]			
Polk,	416	470	2
Rutherford,	1370	1324	6
Swain,	567	83	29
Transylvania,	465	110	210
Yancey,	697	617	32
Total,	11754	7014	2934

Scattering.—Joel L Crisp 1, L H Justice 1.

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