

The Government Has the Power.
In the case of United States vs. Gettysburg Electric Railway Company, in which was involved the question whether the government had the power to take and preserve the battlefield of Gettysburg by the exercise of the power of eminent domain, Mr. Justice Peckham, in rendering the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, says: "The end to be attained by this proposed use, as provided for by the act of Congress, is legitimate, and lies within the scope of the Constitution. The battle of Gettysburg was one of the greatest battles of the world. The numbers contained in the opposing armies were great; the sacrifice of life was dreadful, while the bravery and indeed heroism, displayed by both the contending forces, rank with the highest exhibition of those qualities ever made by man."

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Owing to a two years' drought on the Pacific side of Nicaragua, the coffee crop has been much reduced, and instead of the 200,000 reported, it is not believed that the crop will exceed 100,000 quintals.

Albia, Iowa, is afflicted with a painful disease, which the doctors there call the "pink eye." The eyes get very sore and give great pain. A large number of people have the disease, and it is spreading rapidly.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, Lucas County, Ohio.
I, Frank J. Cheney, do hereby certify that he is the partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business at Toledo, Ohio, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every copy of the "Gladness Comes" which cannot be accounted for by the usual circulation of said work, and that he is in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1894.

How Merit Counts.
"My father got a box of merit counts from a friend who had obtained them somewhere in the West. He has had some very bad long times, and these merit counts are the only thing that has ever benefited him."

Please send by Express C. O. D. half-dozen boxes, no money now, with the order of selling a great deal of it here. Very truly,
J. T. Starnes, Toledo, Ohio.
501 Cranston St., Providence, R. I.
1 box by mail for \$5. In stamps.

The Confederate Re-Union.
Great preparations are being made in Richmond for the approaching Confederate Re-Union. The "Times" of Virginia, in giving more space to it than any other paper. The price of the DAILY TIMES is \$1 per year, twelve weeks One Dollar.

New is the Time to Care Your Cereals with Hinder-orns. It takes them out perfectly and gives comfort. Ask your druggist, etc.

Horse Rearing does not prosper in New England, and the Charter Oak Park, at Hartford, Conn., is offered for sale.

Supplies from Caracas, Venezuela. Mr. Thomas, of New York, has secured a supply of "Brown's Bronchial Trochoc" Avoid imitations.

Hothouse peaches are now on sale in New York City at \$1.25 apiece, or \$12 a dozen.

When an article has been sold for 31 years, in spite of competition and cheap imitations, it must have superior quality. "Dobbin's Electric Hoop" has been constantly made and sold since 1863. Ask your grocer for it. Best of all.

YITS stopped free by Dr. KERRY'S GREAT NERVE RESTORER. No other first-class medicine. Treatise and "Dobbin's Hoop" free. Dr. KERRY'S GREAT NERVE RESTORER.

Every Mother Should Always Have a bottle of Parker's Ginger Tonic. No other good for pain, weakness, indigestion and sleeplessness.

Dr. Whelan's Soothing Syrup for children (teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, always cures, cures wind, colic, etc.)

Mothers
Anxiously watch declining health of their daughters. So many are cut off by consumption in early years that it is a real cause for anxiety. In the early stages, when not beyond the reach of medicine, Hood's Sarsaparilla will restore the quality and quantity of the blood and thus give good health. Read the following letter:
"I had just to write about my daughter, Cora, aged 13. She was completely run down, declining, but that tried feeling, and friends said she would not live over three months. She had a bad cough and nothing seemed to do her any good. I happened to read about Hood's Sarsaparilla and had her give it a trial. From the very first dose she began to get better. After taking a few bottles she was completely cured and her health has been the best ever since." Mrs. Adria Pack, 15 Railroad Place, Amsterdam, N. Y.
"I will say that my mother has not stated my case in as strong words as I would have done. Hood's Sarsaparilla has truly cured me, and I am now well." Coza Pack, Amherst, N. Y.
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Cleanses and beautifies the hair. Restores it to its natural color and growth. Never fails to restore gray hair to its natural color. Cures scalp diseases and itching. Sold everywhere.

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Morphine Habit Cured in 10 Days. Dr. J. P. HENNE, Lebanon, Ohio.

WISCONSIN'S CURE FOR CONSUMPTION
Cures all cases of Consumption. Cures all cases of Consumption. Cures all cases of Consumption.

WEATHER-CROP BULLETIN
Issued by the North Carolina State Weather Service, for Week Ending Saturday, April 4th.

The past winter, on the whole, has been a very favorable one for farm work in North Carolina. Although the first three months were below the normal in temperature the deficiencies were not great, and the effect was chiefly to delay the blooming of fruit-trees, so that several sharp frosts in March did little, if any, damage. There was an excess of rain-fall in February, but March was relatively dry, and favored uninterrupted farm work. Plowing and other preparations for planting are generally well advanced. The cool weather during March was unfavorable for truck crops in the Eastern District, necessitating some replanting. By the last week of March plum and peach trees were in bloom, and the strawberry vines had set berries in the east. In the eastern portions of the State forest trees are coming green.

EASTERN DISTRICT.—The past week in the Eastern District was generally favorable, although the rain on March 29th to April 2d interrupted farm work. There was a little too much rain only along the northern coast. The last three days were clear, cool and windy. Frost occurred on two mornings, which injured strawberries, but the winds were so brisk that little damage is thought to have occurred to fruit trees, of which peach, plum and cherries are in bloom. Spring seems rather late and vegetation backward. Truck crops, though retarded by cool weather, seem to be doing well. Vegetables are just coming up in the North, and are much further advanced in the South. Considerable progress has been made with gardens. Irish potatoes have been planted, and sweet potato slips are being bedded. Corn planting is well advanced. Farmers, on the average, are well up with their work, and their lands are well prepared.

CENTRAL DISTRICT.—The first four days of the week were warm and rainy, and greatly benefited small grain, the rain interrupting farm work in the central and northern portions, where the rain-fall was heaviest. The last days were too cool and windy. Frost and ice formed, and many reports of damage to the peach crop were received, but it is very probable that the wind prevented the formation of frost much above the ground, and that the damage to fruit has been over estimated. Peach, pear and plum trees are now in bloom. The ground dried out rapidly and work was well in hand the last part of the week. March corn has been planted in the South, and some cotton. The condition of wheat, oats and rye is very diversified, though these crops are looking very well on good lands, and made much progress during the first warm, rainy days of the week. Tobacco plants are looking well; are plentiful, but small. Irish potatoes have been planted, and gardening is progressing in the South. Farmers are well up with their work.

WESTERN DISTRICT.—In the western and northern portions of this district there were some heavy rains on the 1st and 3d, especially in Yancey, Madison and Buncombe counties, which washed lands, damaged crops, and caused floods in the mountain streams. In general the rainfall on the first four days of the week, with warm weather, was beneficial, though interrupting farm work. The ground was slightly frozen on the 3d and 4th, and peaches have probably been damaged on low ground. Peach trees have commenced to bloom in the north, and are nearly all out in the south. Some corn has been planted, and a fair crop of spring oats, which are up, with good stand in some sections. The majority of reports indicate that wheat looks well, is green and growing. Tobacco plants are coming up very well. Some potatoes have been planted. Vegetation, of course, is much later in this district, except in the South, than in others, and spring appears later. Energetic farmers are fully up with their work.

On the whole the crop season of 1896 begins very favorably in North Carolina.

RIVER AND HARBOR BILL.
The Total Amount Appropriated is Ten Million Dollars.

The River and Harbor bill of the Fifty-fourth Congress, over which there has been more speculation and anxiety among members than any other bill, has now been completed by the committee on Rivers and Harbors and reported to the House by Chairman Hooper. The total amount appropriated by the bill is, in round numbers, ten millions and provision is made for continuing works already under way, contracts to be made by the Secretary of War for works which will cost \$51,000,000.

Appropriations and contracts for the Southern States follow:
Maryland—Patuxent channel, \$50,000; Patuxent channel to Curtis Bay, \$50,000; Chincoteague Bay, Va., to Delaware Bay, \$25,000; Potomac river to Washington \$100,000.
Virginia—James, \$120,000; York, \$100,000; Norfolk harbor, \$100,000; Virginia to Albemarle Sound, \$100,000.
Georgia—Brunswick, \$15,000.
South Carolina—Winyaw Bay, \$110,000; Charleston harbor, \$112,000; Pensacola, \$100,000; Key West, \$80,000; Charlotte, \$15,000; Carrabelle, \$10,000.
Louisiana—Mouth of Calcasieu river, contracts \$25; continuing \$10,000.
North Carolina—Cape Fear, below Wilmington, \$100,000.
South Carolina—Great Pee Dee, \$12,000; Santee, \$48,000.
Georgia—Altamaha, \$10,000; Chattahoochee, \$25,000; Ocmulgee, \$10,000; Oconee, \$10,000; Savannah, \$15,000; Coosa, between Rome, Ga., and Wetumpka, Ala., \$100,000; Savannah, Ga., to Fernandina, Fla., \$14,000.
Alabama—Alabama river, \$40,000; Black Warrior and Tom Bigger, \$115,000; Tom Bigger, from Demopolis, Ala., to Columbus, Miss., \$50,000.

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Total Visible Supply of Cotton.
The total visible supply of cotton for the world is 3,288,849 bales, of which 2,877,649 are American against 4,408,385 bales and 4,117,185 bales respectively last year; receipts of cotton this week at all interior ports 29,645 bales; receipts from the plantations 37,690 bales; crop in sight 6,461,886 bales.

THE FIFTY-FOURTH CONGRESS.
A Synopsis of the Proceedings of Both Houses.

THE SENATE.
WEDNESDAY.
In the Senate on Wednesday Mr. Butler, of North Carolina, introduced a bill, which was referred to the Finance Committee, providing that payment of notes, bills, checks, etc., shall be in legal tender money, irrespective of any stamp or other mark. Mr. Butler explained that his object was to stop gold mortgages and gold notes. It did not affect existing contracts.

THE HOUSE.
WEDNESDAY.
The House devoted the whole of Wednesday to the consideration of the sundry civil appropriation bill.

THE SENATE.
THURSDAY.
Most of the time of the Senate Thursday was devoted to the discussion of the right of deposit of gold to a post in that body. No vote was taken.

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THE SENATE.
FRIDAY.
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BILL ARP'S LETTER.
Some Remarks on the Present Political Situation.

William Says the United States Senate Should be Abolished.

These times remind me very much of the times when I sold goods nearly fifty years ago, when cotton was \$ to 7 cents a pound and bacon about the same as cotton; chickens were 12 cents, eggs 5 cents a dozen and sweet potatoes 25 cents a bushel; sugar and coffee were twelve pounds to the dollar. We called them the few years hard times and the negroes felt the pressure too and improvised a song with a chorus of "Hard Times Come Again No More." But gradually there came on a change for the better and prices of everything advanced just as cotton advanced. That is why cotton was called King. It seemed to regulate everything. And so we thought that these hard times would soon pass, but they show no sign. Nearly everything has come down to hard times prices and the consumers could live cheap enough if they could get anything to do. There is the rub.

THE IRISHMAN.
The Irishman who came over here complained that chickens were 2 shillings in Ireland and he could get one over in Ireland for a sixpence. "Well, why didn't you stay over there and buy them?" said the market man. "Faith and begorra, I couldn't get the sixpence," he replied. That is the condition of the country. The necessities of life are cheap enough. The farmers and producers claim that they are too cheap. They want some kind of a tariff that will make everything they have to buy as cheap as dirt and raise the price of what they have to sell. An Irishman heard a Dutch butcher say that the way to make money "was to buy sheep (cheap) and sell deer (dear)." He didn't understand how that could be done and asked a Scotchman, who ruminated over it, and said it was to buy mutton and sell it for venison. But we can't do that.

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