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EDITORIAL NOTES

The value of cotton lost this year for want of picking is estimated to be over \$5,000,000.

The Black Hills have been evacuated by the military, and miners are said to be going by the hundreds.

The length of deep sea cable laid in the world is 70,000 miles. The world telegraphic lines extend over 400,000 miles, and there are 100,000 miles of railroad.

A large number of gentlemen, representing iron works in the Ohio valley, are now in the vicinity of Lynchburg, Va., the object of their trip being to obtain definite information in regard to the iron deposits of the James river valley.

JOHN SURRATT married a Virginia lady last year, and is now teaching school at a village in Maryland, about twenty miles thence. Miss Surratt married a Treasury clerk, but immediately after the nuptials he was dismissed from the department.

The experiments recently made by the Worcester, Mass., Railroad officials with petroleum as fuel for locomotives, have resulted successfully. An engine has been run from Providence to Woonsockett, petroleum being the only fuel used. Other tests and experiments will be made in a few days.

The Philadelphia Sunday Press says in the Hon. Sam Randall district a scheme is on foot to defeat him in the next Congressional Convention, State Senator Nagle, it is said, having lately come out as the candidate. It is rumored that he will be backed by Tom Scott and the Texas Pacific Railroad interest, and that Scott's hostility to Randall arises from the latter's opposition to the Pacific subsidy business last season.

The most notable indication of the keen interest felt in the political struggle of the next year is the call at this early date for the Republican State Convention of Indiana. The next election does not occur until October 2d, 1875, but the Convention is to nominate a State ticket, and select delegates to the National Convention and Presidential Electors is called for February 22d, over seven months in advance of the election. The increasing talk of Senator Morton as a Presidential candidate may have some connection with this early movement of the party in his State, especially as the October elections in Indiana, Ohio and Illinois are reliable indications of how the country will go in the Presidential election a month afterwards.

It is said that California's earnest mark of any commonwealth in the world as a State virtually without debt. A recent writer shows that nominally the State debt is nearly four millions, but of this sum she owes three millions or so to herself. She bought up her bonds and keeps them in trust for her schools, the university and other objects. The actual debt is only about \$700,000, and for this she has the State Capitol, a very expensive building, paid for; the original Inman Army, Normal School, State Armory, and State Prison, etc. In the same connection, it is stated that the county of San Francisco does not owe one cent. The city of San Francisco owes \$1,000,000, while New York, with only four times the population there, owes forty times as much money.

A WASHINGTON special to the New York Times says Mr. Ferry, of Michigan, who has become acting Vice-President by the death of Mr. Wilson, is not regarded as "in accord with the administration on the currency question," and there will "undoubtedly" be an attempt to displace him from the chair. Two years ago he was fierce for "more money," but we have seen newspaper statements this season that he has "modified" his views on that subject. The New York Herald is even more emphatic. It insists that unless Mr. Ferry makes a satisfactory exposition of his views the Senate shall cause him to step down and out.

COTTON MANUFACTURE—ADVANTAGES OF THE U.S.A.

So far as concerns the North, the Baltimore *Gazette* argues that the recent exportation of American cotton goods of the cheaper sorts to England, far from being a matter of jubilation, is, on the contrary, a sign of unhealthiness. Our Baltimore contemporary contends that it grows out of the depressed condition of our cotton manufacturers; can only be regarded as an effort to get rid of a part of the accumulated surplus now on the market, and finding slow sale at unremunerative prices, and, if maintained at all, it must be by reducing the wages of the operatives. This the mill owners are trying to do. The failure of the Fall River strike resulted in forcing theories to accept a reduction of ten per cent. on the former rate of wages, and the mill owners, taking advantage of their victory, and the necessities of their work, people, now insist on a further reduction of ten per cent.

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