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GOING BEHIND THE RETURNS.

The whole Presidential question rests upon this pivot—whether the Commission has the legal right to go behind the decisions of the Returning Boards?

That the Republican line of attack or defence, whichever it may be considered, is as indicated above, is apparent from the speeches of Mr. Matthews, Mr. Stoughton, and especially, of Mr. Everts. They all assume that the action of the Returning Boards is final...

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Such an inquiry, by such an investigating committee, who had been duly, legally, fairly elected President and Vice President of the United States.

The common sense of the American people—the common instinct of honest parties desires that the candidate, who comes into office at all, shall come in with clean hands and a clear conscience.

THE USURY BILL A LAW.

The Usury Bill, of which we gave an analysis soon after it passed the Senate, yesterday passed the House on its third and final reading by a vote of 57 ayes, 38 nays.

COTTON.

The New York Financial Chronicle states that a very important turn has taken place in regard to cotton. For several years the supply of cotton and cotton fabrics has been greater than the demand.

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On the foregoing premises, the overall supply should increase, in Great Britain, 80,000,000 pounds, the Continent, 60,000,000 pounds, United States, 30,000,000 pounds.

So our theory is, if the South will make not more than 3,000,000 bales, it will receive more actual money than if it made 6,000,000.

LET A SHEEP AND DOG LAW BE PASSED.

One of the most intelligent farmers in the county of New Hanover was in our office a week or so ago, when he said he was beginning to raise sheep on a larger scale, hoping that a dog law would be passed.

Did men who become candidates before the people for the Legislature ever really investigate the subject of sheep raising—what a tremendous source of profit it is to any people who pursue it intelligently?

Why have not legislators considered this important subject before, and provided such enactments as were necessary to prompt and stimulate the raising of sheep? Have they been ignorant of the vast advantages arising from this mode of investment?

There ought not to be any difficulty in this matter. We complain of poverty and high taxes, and our heavy burdens, and yet we voluntarily assume a burden that is far greater than that which we bear.

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REBELLION AND MURDER.

A correspondent, writing us from Timonville, S. C., under date of Friday, February 9th, says: "This morning, about 5 A. M., Mr. Wm. T. Hill, of this place, was aroused by his dogs barking, and as he went out of his back steps was shot through the head and instantly killed."

CURRENT EVENTS.

England has about 100,000 miles of telegraph wire in operation. The heavy snow drifts have destroyed thousands of partridges in Berks county, Pa., during the winter.

TWINNINGS.

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The State Grange convened at 11 o'clock on Wednesday, February 14th, for the purpose of electing officers for the year 1912.

The report of the committee relative to making a loan from the State of \$15,000 was debated at length, and approved by the members present.

LETTER FROM SENATOR TROY.

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Before recess, prior to the inauguration of Governor Vance, I introduced resolutions calling on Professor Kerr for all information in his possession that would be useful in the enactment of such laws as would meet the requirements of sections 17 and 3 of the Constitution in the establishment of an Agricultural Department.

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