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THE REPLY OF THE AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

We have examined the very lucid, calm and convincing paper of the Department of Agriculture in reply to the strictures that have been made upon its management. It is exceedingly well done.

The reply of the Department concerning its management and expenditures is comprehensive and meets every charge, we believe, great and small. The whole matter of the State exhibit at the New Orleans Exposition is gone into most elaborately.

The defence of the management seems to be equally satisfactory in reference to the Experiment Station, the charge of extravagance, the Pyrite Survey and so on.

We have known the distinguished and accomplished gentleman who is at the head of the Department, Montford McGehee, Esq., for some thirty-seven years, and we know whereof we affirm.

The New York Star is edited by Dana, who is Assistant Secretary of War under Stanton. It contains a very severe attack on Gen. Sherman, and accuses him of being ready in his dealing with Gen. Johnston to throw away the whole stakes for which the North had fought.

The negro emigrants who went from South Carolina are stranded at Jackson, Miss. There are 150 of them, and they left home to work near Little Rock, Ark.

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WHAT IS SAID OF THE TARIFF BILL.

The papers are discussing the points in the Morrison Tariff bill. Of course views are variant and of every shade. The Augusta Chronicle, for instance, a Southern Protection paper, thinks it "shows more design without more intelligence," and says "the discrimination seems to be heavily against the South."

The Washington Post bubbles over with delight, and thinks that all genuine Tariff reformers will be satisfied with it. Hardly, but they may vote for it, upon the principle that a nibble at a loaf is better than no nibble.

The New York Star also seems well pleased, and thinks all anti-Protection men should vote for it. The New York Times, Republican, but in favor of reduction, says the reductions proposed are the united work of Morrison and Hewitt.

The Times thinks that all Democrats who favor reform in the Tariff should vote for it, as "can be made the basis of proper legislation." It complains of the "beggarly amount of taxation" remitted in the free list.

Mr. Hewitt is an iron manufacturer. It could not be expected that a Tariff scheme in which he was a joint workman would meet the exigencies of the hour or favor reform to any great extent.

The country, as is held by anti-Protectionists, needs a very thorough, scientific and decided reduction of the War Tariff. The proposed scheme will not probably reduce the average below 38 per cent, if so much. This proves it a very High Tariff still.

We have read the two papers of Gen. Beauregard in the North American Review on "The Shiloh Campaign" and we are constrained to say this: they are well done, are conclusive as to the main point aimed at, and are important contributions to the literature of the great war between the States.

Railroad Bridge Accident.

The local freight train on the Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta Railroad, which left the company's depot in this city yesterday morning at 6 o'clock, met with an accident at the railroad bridge over the Northeast river, near Hilton, by which one span of the bridge was demolished and a portion of the train of cars was thrown into the river.

The train consisted of a locomotive and tender and a number of box and flat cars. Before it reached Hilton bridge one of the flat-cars about midway the train got off the track and ran for a considerable distance on the crosses. When the train reached the bridge the derailed car swung across the track.

This accident will seriously interfere with through traffic for awhile, but the railroad authorities have gone to work vigorously with a large number of men and quantities of material, and hope to have the gap repaired by Tuesday next.

The damage to the bridge is estimated by outside parties at not less than twenty thousand dollars. It is owned jointly by the three companies using it: the Carolina Central, Columbia & Augusta and Wilmington & Weldon Railroads one-fourth each.

The depth of water in the river where the span fell in is about thirty feet. Hundreds of persons visited the scene of the accident yesterday, and it will probably continue to be a centre of attraction for several days.

Accident to a Citizen of Wilmington.

The Charlotte Observer of Friday last, gives an account of an accident to Col. T. Anthony, of the firm of Anthony & Bryce, of this city, which occurred in the place on Thursday last. Some person it seems had placed five torpedoes on the track of the Carolina Central Railroad at the Trade street crossing in that city.

Cotton Receipts and Exports.

The receipts of cotton at this port yesterday were 26 bales, against 390 bales the corresponding date last year, for the week ending yesterday, the receipts were 1,298 bales, against 789 bales for the week ending February 21, 1885—an increase of 548 bales.

Peonants.

The advance in the price of peonants at Petersburg, Va., caused a large increase in the receipts last week. There was also a considerable stock stored there to await an advance. The movement in consequence was unusually heavy, involving many thousands of sacks.

An Animated Discussion on the Blair Bill.

Two colored "gentlemen" discussed that all absorbing question—the Education bill—at the corner of Dock and Water streets yesterday. One of the two had been fishing in the "dock," and caught nothing; the other had just emerged from a "saloon" where "shorts" are dispensed, that will make a poor darkey feel as rich as a bloated bond-holder.

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Items from Fayetteville—Two Children Badly Burned—A Residence on Fire.

Dispatches to the STAR from Fayetteville, say that about four o'clock on Wednesday afternoon last a little boy and girl—children of Mr. Charles Calais—were badly burned, and that Mrs. Calais, the mother of the children, received severe injuries while trying to extinguish the flames.

Meeting of Citizens on the Public Building.

Pursuant to the announcement made in the STAR yesterday, that a public meeting would be held in the rooms of the Produce Exchange to consider the matter of securing an increased appropriation by the Congress for a public building in Wilmington, there was a large gathering of merchants, business men and others at the place mentioned on noon.

NEW YORK.

The Stock Market—Prices Somewhat Higher. (By Telegraph to the Morning Star.) New York, Feb. 20.—Interest in the stock market today has centered in news affecting the reorganization of the Reading Company, and the effect of that news upon coal stocks, especially Lackawanna.

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Spirits Turpentine.

Asheville Advances: The Ducktown train, with three car loads of cattle, ran off the track near Nantahala mountain yesterday, and was delayed several hours.

Greensboro Workman.

Clark committed a part of the sentence imposing a fine and imprisonment on W. H. Brothers for contempt of court. A fine of \$30 stood firm, the imprisonment was reduced to about three hours.

New Bern Journal.

Ed. Stanly and J. F. Green, the messengers of Charleston, who were arrested on the city yesterday six five pound bad buttons, "shuttlers" and twenty-seven "beater buttons" a rich old lady work con-

Asheville Citizen.

The Charlotte and Courier says Northern travel to Florida this season is very much larger than ever before, and the flow has just begun. The authorities of the Asheville & Spartanburg Road are making earnest efforts to have road money.

Roomingman Zocker.

On last Friday night, 19th inst., Mr. G. E. Washburn's store was entered and robbed of about one hundred dollars. There was a conflict on our streets between Mr. Wm. McClellan, harness maker, and Wash Twitty, colored, in which McClellan was severely injured.

AND STILL ANOTHER.

West Virginia Contributor to the Sumner's History of Viciousness. (By Telegraph to the Morning Star.) MARTINSBURG, W. Va., Feb. 19.—Three weeks ago Joe Burns, a renegade looking negro, committed an outrageous assault upon Miss Fellers, of Baltimore, while on a excursion around the harbor.

WISCONSIN.

A Dangerous Counterfeit Silver Dollar. (By Telegraph to the Morning Star.) LA CROIXE, Feb. 19.—Teller Henderson, of the La Crosse horticultural society, discovered a counterfeit silver dollar that is pronounced by all the bank people in this city to be the most dangerous counterfeit money in circulation.

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