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### SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

Hillsboro Observer: The tobacco crop in this county is said to be the finest in many years, fine cures being made.

Roanoke Beacon: While there has been quite a number of houses built during the past few months, yet the cry is "more houses."

Winston Daily: Mr. David Smith, one of the oldest citizens of the county, died at his home in Abbott's Creek township, yesterday. He was 70 years of age and was once a commissioner of the Fourth county.

Beaufort Sentinel: Morehead City is to have a large shunting house. The oysters are to be shipped in barrels and canned in Baltimore. One of our most prominent farmers said Saturday that Cartwright county would produce over twice as much cotton this year ago produced last year.

Roxboro Courier: From what we can learn the farmers generally are getting good crops of tobacco this year, and the crop is a fine one. Mr. Logan met with quite a painful accident at the planing mills last week. His sleeve caught in the machinery and broke his arm before he could get it loose.

Chatham Record: Rev. O. T. Edwards baptized thirteen persons at Mount Olive last Sunday and the same number at Liberty on the Sunday previous. The six-year-old son of Mr. Asa Gunter, of Oakland township, accidentally broke his left leg on Saturday. He was opening a gate, which fell on him.

More troublesome this season than ever before known in this county. Many farmers, while plowing up their land to sow corn, have been run over by their fields by the swarms of yellow jackets and their teams have been severely stung by them.

Wilson Advance: Fruit has never been scarcer in Wilson than has been the case this year. There have not been a peach this year, while the crop is by no means tempting, so little and knotty are those that reach maturity.

We saw a brighter prospect for an abundant crop of cotton as presents itself now. The fields are white with the fleecy staple, and we believe the biggest crop of years will be harvested. There were one hundred bales sold here last Saturday. The amount of money that the peanut crop will turn loose in Wilson county will astonish the people. From a strictly cotton county Wilson has grown into a county of diversified crops, surpassed by few counties in the State.

Laurinburg Exchange: There were seven conversions at a recent revival in the colored Baptist church here. No intoxicating drink is allowed to be sold here now, but parties are seen drunk just the same. Some of our moneyed men talk of a cotton factory for our town. In attempting to cross a ditch last Saturday evening, Mrs. J. R. Britt fell and broke her left leg just above the ankle. She resists herself before the doctor could get to her, and is getting along all right.

Mrs. Nancy Clark died last Saturday, at the age of 87 years. She was the wife of George Davis, both of whom were arrested here last March were tried in Wadesboro for forcibly entering and stealing from the store of Mr. I. H. Horton then given one year each in the penitentiary last week.

Mt. Holly News: We are informed that rock is being quarried for the foundation of an addition to St. Mary's College building. Several kilns of brick have already been built, and it is expected that the new addition is completed. St. Mary's will be a most imposing structure. It is reported that while Mr. H. B. Moore, of Lowndes county, was away from home, attending the Congressional Convention, a number of dishonest men went to the house and took \$1,000, white, and gave her a severe beating. No cause is assigned for this action.

Catawba: A young child, named fatal among the children in this section—three small colored children have died in one family since Wednesday last week. Also, three white children have died in the same period of that fearful disease.

Goldboro Mercury: The Goldboro Fair will open October 21st. From present prospects it will be the best ever held in this section. It is very late on account of the warm and dry weather. There were 150 bales brought to this market Saturday. From our Private and confidential sources we learn that while Mr. D. N. Hinton and a young lady were out driving Sunday evening, they accidentally ran over an old lady named Mrs. G. She received severe injuries which will probably secure her from advanced age. Will Jordan and Scofield Brown, both colored, who on the night of April 23, burglarized the store of Ricketts Hatch, at Mt. Olive, were tried in court yesterday, and sentenced to ten years each in the penitentiary. Eliza Williams, colored, who was arrested at Ricketts Store Saturday, was "sent up" for one year.

Greenville Reflector: Rev. J. T. Phillips, closed a successful meeting at May's Chapel, Beaver Dam township, on Sunday. He baptized 100 converts, converts on Saturday and on Sunday. A young man named W. B. Wagstaff, who came to this county to cure tobacco in the colored men's barracks week before last of typhoid fever, believe. He was from up near Milton, we believe. Mr. S. P. Erwin has left young man of excellent character and was held in highest esteem by his employers and his associates.

The funeral will take place this morning at half-past nine o'clock from the First Baptist Church.

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He who receives but does not give is like the Lead Seal. All the fresh floods of Jordan cannot sweeten his dead, salt depths. So all the streams of God's bounty cannot sweeten a heart that has no outlet; is ever receiving yet never full and overflowing.—Joshua Strong.

### OHIO AND INDIANA TO THE REPUBLICANS.

Ohio and Indiana to the Republicans in 1888 and elected Harrison as it had the three Republican presidents who preceded him.

And, yet, although this force of colored voters hold the destiny of the Republican party in their hands and save it from destruction when did the Republican managers ever have the candor to acknowledge this and recognize their negro allies as political equals? They receive no recognition although without them the party would go to pieces in short order. They are its salvation, its life. To them it owes all it has and all the victories it has won since 1872, and yet it has neither the candor nor the gratitude to acknowledge it in any way. The remarkable thing is that the colored voters on the other side of the line do not compel them to acknowledge it.

### THE BALANCE OF POWER.

When the leaders of the Republican party emancipated the negroes who were held in slavery they did so not because they were particularly anxious that they should be set free, but because setting them free would cripple their masters who were then engaged in a great struggle for independence; so when they enfranchised the emancipated slave they did so not because they were particularly anxious that he should have the right of suffrage on his own account but because they thought that the negro vote, which they felt sure they could control, would be a powerful factor in perpetuating the party and securing it a lease of power for many years.

As there was no authority under the Constitution by which the slaves could be emancipated without the consent of their owners so there was no authority under the Constitution by which the emancipated slaves could be enfranchised. The more honest of the Republican leaders acknowledged this, admitting that it was not constitutional, but extra constitutional, claiming that it was justified by necessity, as emancipation was.

The scheme worked pretty well for awhile, but they felt too confident, felt too sure that the party was safe from defeat, became bold and reckless, and by their excesses drove the white people of the South into almost solid column against them, and the result was defeat and sudden collapse of the scheme which promised so much and started out so encouragingly to them. They lost the control of the Southern States which they hoped to make secure through the colored vote, and although they have made several desperate attempts to regain it they have never been able to do so. But they have not given up trying, for that is one of the main objects of the Lodge Force bill, which has passed the House and is awaiting the action of the Senate.

But if they failed in their calculations on the value of the Southern negro vote to them and met with such serious disappointment in that which they achieved much in another direction where they had made but little calculation and upon which they put but little dependence. The same act which enfranchised the ex-slaves of the South at the same time enfranchised the negroes of the North, who, though numerically bearing no comparison to the colored voters of the South, have proved of inestimably more value to the Republican party.

There are in round figures about 200,000 colored voters in the North who vote the Republican ticket almost to a man. These 200,000 hold the balance of power between the Democratic and Republican parties and by voting solidly for the Republican party, as they do, they have enabled it to hold its grip upon power, which would have been broken long ago, had it not been for the powerful support of this comparatively small, but under the circumstances, mighty factor. It is in their distribution their potency lies, for they are so distributed that they hold the balance of power in several States, the carrying of which is necessary to Republican triumph in presidential elections. The following table, which we clip from the *National Democrat*, shows the strength of the colored vote in the States named, in 1880:

Connecticut	3,852
Illinois	13,686
Indiana	10,789
Massachusetts	5,936
Michigan	6,130
Maryland	48,684
Missouri	33,048
New Jersey	10,780
New York	20,039
Ohio	21,796
Pennsylvania	23,889
Rhode Island	1,886
West Virginia	6,884

Maryland and Missouri are both Democratic States but the colored vote helps to elect Republicans to Congress, while West Virginia is a debatable State and always made so by the colored vote. The others with the exception of Massachusetts (which is not so certainly Republican now) and Pennsylvania, could be depended upon as reliably Democratic if this colored vote were eliminated from the count. It was the colored vote which gave New York,

### MINOR MENTION.

Ever since last Tuesday the majority in the House has been trying in vain to hold a quorum together and have not been able to do it, even to approve the journal of Tuesday. The members answer roll call and then quietly retire, leaving the House without quorum. They can get members in but there is no way to keep them in after they get them. Reed issued orders, once to the door keeper some time ago to prevent members from leaving the Hall but this led to a live altercation between a member and the door keeper, and Reed concluded he had better not try to enforce that order. He then threatened to lock the doors but on reflection he decided that he had better not try that. As the matter stands now, with so many absentees, the Democrats there seem to be masters of the situation, and can block proceedings until the Republican absentees are called in. The object of this filibustering seems to be to stave off the Venable-Langston contested case and prevent the unseating of Venable, which the majority propose to do when they succeed in getting the case before the House. The only way they can succeed in doing this is to call in the absentees so that they can make a quorum of their own parties.

Mr. Ingalls, of Kansas, seems to be anxious to figure as a Force bill champion, apparently not being willing to let Codfish Hoar, who had been running that thing in the Senate, have all the glory. Perhaps he was inspired by the result in Reed's district to make this issue in Kansas in the coming Senatorial fight, hoping to thus divert the attention of the people from the tariff and other public questions in which they have been taking, for the comfort of Mr. Ingalls and other protective boomers, entirely too much interest during the past year. This will give Mr. Ingalls a chance to hoist the same old shirt and give it some vigorous flairs, which he will find it much easier and more congenial to do than to answer the troublesome questions that might be asked about the tariff, the bursted surplus, and other features of the record which this Republican Congress has made.

It seems that the Democratic minority in the House has resolved to use their power to filibuster to prevent the majority from carrying out such purely partisan measures as they may have in view. A threat is made to interfere with the redistricting of Ohio, as done by the late Democratic legislature, to pass an apportionment bill on a basis to increase the Republican majority in the House, etc., which the Democrats can defeat by a persistent filibuster, unless the Republican absentees are called in. With Reed's recent interdiction by the Republicans of his district the majority in the House is even more aggressive than before, and Reed, inflated by his victory, is more imperious. It is possible unless the Republicans draw in their horns, that the final disposition of the tariff bill may be delayed some time, which would be bad for the importers who have imported their big stocks of goods.

### ALL ABOUT RICE.

Prospects and Prices—The Planters Advised to Hold for Higher Prices.

The Savannah News says: Rice is coming in rather slowly. The rains of last week and the showers of the present week have retarded the rice harvest. Some rice from the Altamaha and the Savannah river plantations has come to the mills and a little has found its way to market from the Ogeechee, but planters are interested more in caring for their crops than rushing the grain to the market, and especially so as the prices of two weeks ago have not been maintained. The market, however, is fair, good being firm at 5 1/2. The *News and Courier* of Thursday reports the Charleston markets firm at 5 1/2 to 5 3/4 for good. The New Orleans *Times-Democrat's* report of Tuesday says: The receipts of rough rice were liberal, and as the demand was good and millers took hold freely prices were fairly well maintained. Clean rice was also in fair demand and firm. The turnout of the mills is large, but the taking of the market is also liberal. Good is quoted at 5 1/2.

The Louisiana *Planter*, an authority among rice men, in a review of the rice position, last Saturday, says: Signal proof of the accuracy of the views of the *Planter* has been given during the past two weeks. With the first sign of a glut the market tumbled precipitately, falling a dollar per barrel, and \$3.90 was the top price. A few rainy days intervening discovered an active demand for clean rice and inadequate supply of rough, and the market jumped up again 5 1/2 per barrel, and sales were made at 5 1/2 and above. There come now again signs of glut, and forced sales are made at low prices, notwithstanding the fact that the rice markets of the world are bare of stock and the prices high. There is but one way for the rice planter to resist all this and get a fair price for his rice, and that is to stubbornly hold on to it until it brings a price that exhibits a proper parity with the general markets of the world, all things considered. No good rough rice should be sold under \$4, and if held long enough, say two, three or four months, it will surely bring that price. The best rice arriving is now bringing \$4 and something above, but not much of it brings this, and free receipts are certain to further depress prices unless the rice is ordered into store.

### PIKE STRAW BAGGING.

Its Manufacture May Become a Great Industry in North Carolina—A Complaint that May Be Remedied.

Thousands of landholders in North Carolina are interested in everything pertaining to the manufacture of pine straw bagging, and the following, from the *Savannah News*, is reproduced for their benefit:

It is hardly probable that there is any defect in pine straw bagging that cannot be easily remedied. The slight stains observed in some instances on the cotton covered with this bagging are probably due to imperfect methods employed in its manufacture. If this is the case the manufacturers will be able, doubtless to find a remedy for the defect without much trouble.

Last year a good deal of cotton was covered with pine straw bagging, as far as is known, that it stained the cotton. The complaint this year are not such as to justify the conclusion that it will be found to be unsuitable as a wrapping for cotton. They are only such as are calculated to put the manufacturers of it on notice that it possesses a defect that they should set about correcting at once.

There is no doubt that both cotton factors and cotton exporters would be glad to see pine straw bagging, or any other bagging that would call into life another source of industry, and be of general use. If pine straw could be made available for the manufacture of a wholly satisfactory wrapping for cotton hundreds and thousands of dollars more now go to the North for jute bagging would be kept at home. The forests of the South contain an unlimited supply of pine straw, and if a cloth could be made out of it that could be sold as cheaply as jute bagging many pine straw cloth factories would be erected at once. They would employ thousands of people, and other thousands would find profitable employment in gathering the straw. Indeed, the benefit to the South would be about as great as if a cheap process should be discovered for making a covering for cotton out of the fiber of the cotton stalk.

It is surprising how much has been accomplished with pine straw in the short time it has been utilized for the manufacture of various articles which have come into general use. It has already been used for making hats, suggested as a suitable material for making a wrapping for cotton, and now pine straw bagging is furnished almost as cheaply as jute bagging, and, with the exception of the one fault complained of, gives about as much satisfaction. That fault, it is pretty safe to say, is not one that cannot be remedied. Indeed, it is probable it will be remedied as soon as the attention of the manufacturers is called to it.

### STATE TOPICS.

Asheville has a sensation, nothing less than some live volcanoes in the neighborhood of Bee Tree Creek, twelve miles east of the city. Smoke has been seen for the third time since the Charleston earthquake, emitting from seven peaks of the Blue Ridge, which are now called the "Seven Smoking Mountains." A reliable citizen has informed the *Citizen* that he has seen vast columns of smoke rising to a height of three hundred feet from Watch Knob, Rocky Knob, and five other peaks visible from Bee Tree creek, and what's more this smoke has a strong sulphurous odor. As the people in the vicinity of these mountains have no particular hankering for volcanoes which emit so much black smoke with sulphuric accompaniments they are naturally alarmed and are thinking about pulling up stakes and striking out in an opposite direction. We have seen smoke curling up pretty high in the mountain section, but the general impression was that it arose from moonshine industries

### IN THE RAILROAD WORLD.

The Georgia, Carolina and Northern. The trestle of the bridge on Long Cane, on the Georgia, Carolina and Northern Railroad, is being pushed to completion, and will be ready for the track by the 1st of October. The crossings have been laid on the roadbed from Long Cane to Abbeville, and the rails will be put down in a few days. Abbeville expects to have a kind of gala week when the first train comes in over this road.

The Florence Railroad will soon be completed from Rowland, N. C., to Fayetteville, a distance of a little over forty miles. The company is now buying up the various rights of way necessary, and construction will begin very soon.

The Carolina, Sumter and Northern. The extension of the Carolina, Sumter and Northern Railroad from the large depot of hands at work, and the road will be completed in a few months. There has been but little trouble in regard to the right of way through the counties, and no delay has been experienced in the work of construction.

The Santee and Little River Road. The affairs of the Mount Pleasant, Santee and Little River railroad seem to be in statu quo just at present. The working of the company are still working for rights of way, which work is of necessity slow.

The A. C. L. Augusta Extension. The people of Graniteville and vicinity are looking forward to the completion of the Augusta extension of the Atlantic Coast Line from Sumter, benefiting them greatly in various ways. Among other advantages they expect to derive is the utilization of their kaolin shales. It is well known that the best deposit of kaolin in the South is to be found on the line of this proposed road. Many years ago a kiln was operated very successfully, but was finally abandoned for various reasons. A road through this country will revive the interest and make the lands of the greatest value.

### RIVER AND MARINE.

Messrs. Funch, Edye & Co., in their freight report, September 9th say: "Our advices from all the cotton ports state that there has been very little demand of late for freight, a fact attributed to the disinclination on the part of Europe to make purchases, in consequence of the declining and unsettled condition of the cotton markets. Since the collapse in Liverpool the sales of cotton have already increased at that place; spinners here, as well as abroad, are said to have only light stocks on hand, and it is therefore expected that our market, under an increased demand, will shortly settle down to a firm basis at prices which will bring us lots of orders, and a good inquiry for steam tonnage to load at the Southern ports. As to the crop itself, the prospects are as bright as they ever were, whilst the movement of cotton continues to be exceptionally free. We are offered from the Atlantic coast 5-16d and 5 per cent. to the U. K. or Continent with \$1.30 for stevedoring and compressing, October and November loading. Owners show no inclination to charter at this rate, whilst transactions reported below demonstrate their readiness to accept from the Gulf ports 21-6d. and 6 per cent., with stevedoring and compressing fixed at \$1 per bale."

The British steamship *Elthburgh* is reported as having sailed from Buenos Ayres, August 30th for Wilmington. Also, the British steamships *Leontide*, from Hull, Eng., September 3rd; *British* steamship *Thurston*, from Brazil August 16th (was at Malta August 29th); and the Spanish steamship *Julio* from Hull, Eng., September 8d.

WILSON EXCITED.

A Woman Found Dead on the Railroad—Supposed to Have Been Murdered.

It was reported yesterday that a young white woman, neatly dressed, was killed on the W. & W. railroad near Wilson by the north-bound mail train which left Wilmington Wednesday night. It was said that the woman was asleep on the track. Later information is to the effect that the woman's name is Driver, that she was in company with a white man named Jonathan Rountree, and they were eloping from Black Creek, where Rountree's wife and family live. The couple left Black Creek Monday evening together, walking, passing through Wilson early in the night en route for Toisnot to take the train, and, becoming tired, they lay down to rest and fell asleep. The train struck the woman, Rountree said, and broke her neck, he escaping without a scratch.

The people do not believe the story and there was much excitement. The body of the woman, which had been buried by Rountree, was to have been exhumed yesterday and an inquest held.

Sampson County Convention.

The Democrats of Sampson county at the Convention in Clinton on Thursday last, nominated Messrs. W. K. Pigford and R. R. Bell for members of the State Legislature.

The old county ticket was renominated as follows: For Clerk of Superior Court, J. S. Bazel; Register of Deeds, O. F. Herring; Sheriff, J. M. Spelt; Treasurer, J. R. Beaman; Coroner, Dr. R. H. Hollady; Surveyor, Arthur Lee, of Newton Grove.

Vance was unanimously endorsed.

For Coffee Drinkers.

A Wilmington merchant advises housekeepers to be particular in buying coffee, and before using it to have it washed. He mentions seeing a sample of a lot offered for sale recently in this city, the grain appearing very green and pretty. After washing and rubbing the sample, however, many of the grains were black and it was found that the coffee was hardly fit for use at all.

Barnum & Bailey's circus is on its way South.

### CAPE FEAR & YADKIN VALLEY.

A Tour of Inspection Over the Road.

Major A. M. Campbell, Col. J. B. Starr, Col. Jno. A. Pemberton, and Capt. N. W. Ray, of Fayetteville, Maj. J. M. Vaughn, of Madison, and Mr. W. E. Bevil, of Greensboro, were appointed a committee at the last meeting of the stockholders of the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley railroad to make a tour of inspection over the road from Mt. Airy to Wilmington, and also to take in the branches on the upper division. In accordance with this resolution the above named gentlemen arrived in this city last night on the president's private car accompanied by Col. J. A. Gray and Mr. R. P. Gray. The committee report the road in first class condition, and are well pleased with their trip. They will remain here until this afternoon and will then return home.

FIRST OF THE FLEET.

The Steamship *Piston* With 7,450 Bales of Cotton for Liverpool.

The British steamship *Piston*, 1,561 tons, cleared yesterday for Liverpool, Eng., with a cargo of 7,450 bales of cotton, weighing 3,794,094 pounds and valued at \$385,000. Vessel and cargo by Messrs. Alex. Sprunt & Son.

The *Piston* was the first of the cotton fleet this season. She arrived here September 2nd, and went into berth at the Champion Compress. Her cargo—nearly five bales of 500 pounds weight each to the registered ton—shows the good work accomplished by Wilmington compresses and Wilmington stevedores.

The first steamship last year was the *Bourgeois* (Spanish) which arrived September 12th and cleared September 21st with 2,470 bales cotton and 1,300 barrels rosin.

The Charleston, S. C., papers, speaking of the largest steamship now in that port—the *Thordis*, 1,539 tons register—say that last season the *Thordis* sailed from Charleston with 6,664 bales of cotton—about four and one-third bales to the registered ton.

Pender Superior Court.

Capt. Herbert Ward, of the steamer *Delta*, who shot and wounded Calvin Loftin, a colored man who attacked him with bricks at Point Caswell some time since (as published at the time in the STAR), was tried in the Superior Court for Pender county at Burgaw last Wednesday. The judgment of the court was a fine of \$25 each against Capt. Ward and Loftin.

A suit for recovery of land, instituted by Mr. J. Corbett against Mr. B. F. Keith, Jr., which has been in litigation for some years, was settled in favor of the defendant, Mr. Keith; the costs, amounting to several hundred dollars falling on the plaintiff.

There were no other cases of importance, and the Court adjourned for the term yesterday.

### REV. SAM JONES' MEETINGS.

The Tabernacle Finished—Arrangements with Railroads for Reduced Rates.

The tabernacle for the Rev. Sam Jones' meetings is finished, except that electric lights are yet to be placed in it. The committee of arrangements had an interview with railroad officials yesterday in regard to obtaining reduced rates on all the roads for persons at other places who may desire to attend the meetings.

The Carolina Central offers reduced rates for round trip tickets—from places named to Wilmington during the meetings—as follows: From Hamlet, \$5 40; Laurinburg, \$4 80; Maxton, \$4 50; Lumberton, \$3 60; Clarkton, \$2 45; Council, \$1 90; Cronly, 95 cents. And proportionate rates from intermediate points.

Sudden Death of Mr. B. F. Platt.

Mr. Benj. F. Platt, son of Mr. John T. Platt, died of a congestive chill yesterday morning at his father's residence on Mulberry street. The deceased was employed at Messrs. Burr & Bailey's machine shops and was at work there Friday, seemingly in good health, but drank copiously of iced water in the afternoon, while overheated, and this it is supposed, caused the fatal sickness.

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### THE MONETARY PRESSURE.

The President and Secretary Window Seeking to Avert a Panic.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, September 18.—There was a long consultation to-day by wire between the President, at Cresson, and acting Secretary Batchelor and Assistant Secretary Nettleton, at the Treasury Department, concerning the stringency in the money market, during which the whole situation was thoroughly gone over. The President, it is understood, stated that it is his desire to arrest a panic in the money market and that some shall be permitted to occur if the Treasury Department can prevent it. The views of the President were telegraphed to Secretary Window, at New York, who at noon sent the following message to the President: "Have had a conference with leading financiers. There appears to be considerable serious consequences, and I fully advised, and will take such action as I think the situation requires."

Secretary Window has also been in consultation by wire with Mr. McKinley, chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, and others, in regard to the propriety of extending the date fixed by the Senate for the withdrawal of bonded merchandise under the existing schedules at February 1st, 1891, instead of November 1st, 1890. An official statement given out to this effect to-night by Assistant Secretary Nettleton. Of course it remains for Congress to carry this agreement into effect, but of that the Treasury Department feel assured.

A caucus of Republican members of the House to-night agreed to the procedure outlined in Mr. McKinley's resolution in regard to the tariff bill, published elsewhere. There was strong opposition, led by Mr. Payson, of Illinois, but the opposition was outvoted.

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—Secretary Window arrived at the Sub-Treasury at 11:30 to-day, and notices were at once sent to a number of bankers to attend a conference and exchange views with him. Among the first to attend were James B. Colgate, President Knox, of the Bank of the Republic; President Coe, of the American Exchange Bank; President Vermilyea, of the United National Bank; President Perkins, of the Importers and Traders' Bank; President Simmons, of the Fourth National Bank; President Cameron, of the Citizens National Bank; President Barker, and Vice President of the First National Bank, Isaac Sagman, and others very prominent in financial circles.

### DECEIVING THE FARMER.

Sonator Vance Exposes the Humbuggery in the Tariff.

Extract from Speech in Senate.

It is useless to deceive him or try to deceive him any longer with protective duties on eggs and split peas and cabbage heads and dried apples. It is useless to bait him any longer with free fiddlestrings, skeletons, acorns, salted guts, nutmegs and Zante currants. Tempting as this bait is, the farmer prefers to have cheap ties for his cotton and twine for the shives of plenty which he reaps from the earth, cheap trace chains to pull his plow and fence wire to inclose his fields, cheap blankets, cheap bagging for his cotton, cheap tinware for his household and cheap window glass for his house.

Look over that free list, Mr. President, and no impartial mind can see a single solitary article which is largely imported of any particular benefit to the farmer in his business. He will see every one of them either for the benefit of the rich or for the benefit of the manufacturer. It is not right, sir; it is not just; sir; it is almost a sin; it is going to say; impiety itself to thus oppress men who, as the instruments of the Almighty, answer for to the prayer He taught us to utter: "Give us this day our daily bread."

TWINKLINGS.

A true word is often spoken in jest, but we always like it to be about some other fellow's back.

An old maid asks: "If whatever is right, how does it happen that I'm left?"—*Binghampton Leader*.

"Can you tell me, sir, whether that instrument is a flute or a clarinet?" I don't know, sir, I'm a stranger here."—*Courier des Etats-Unis*.

Johnnie (looking unkindly on the new twins)—Say, mamma, why didn't you tell God we wasn't runnin' an orphan asylum at our house?—*N. Y. World*.

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