

THE LATEST NEWS.

GLEANINGS FROM MANY POINTS.

Important Happenings, Both Home and Foreign, Briefly Told.

The First Cotton Bloom.

News Southern Notes.

At Greenville, S. C., on Wednesday.

FREE SILVER LETTER

SENATOR BACON OF GEORGIA

Says He is for Free and Unlimited Coinage and Tells Why.

Griffin, Ga., is waking to the fact that the

metallurgical question of July 18th will be one

of the greatest importance to the state. It is

known, and the people here are preparing

conscientiously. Among many other letters to

the local committee on Senator A. O.

Bacon, Georgia's junior senator, finds it im-

possible to come to Griffin and express

deep regret because he endorses the conven-

tion most heartily. He gives his views on

the all-absorbing question, however.

The letter is as follows, and will speak for

itself.

"I am in receipt of your letter inviting me

to attend the metallurgical convention which

will be held in Griffin on the 18th instant. I

would, with pleasure, accept the invitation,

but for the fact that in accordance with plans

made four or five months ago, I will leave

home during the present week for a con-

gress to be held at New York. My absence

will be unavoidably out of the state.

"For many years past I have regarded bi-

metallism as the most important question

before the people, in this country, and I

am in favor of it, not only because of the

benefit to the people, but also because of

the benefit to the development and prosper-

ity of our country. In this regard, I am

in full accord with the opinion of the great

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QUITS PUBLIC LIFE.

WILLIAM EWART GLADSTONE.

Announces His Retirement from the

World. The Passing of a Great Man.

Mr. Gladstone's promised letter to his

Midlothian constituents in connection with

his retirement from political life was pub-

lished Wednesday at London. After bidding

farewell to the electors who have supported

him at the polls for many years past and ex-

pressing his gratitude for their adhesion to

the principles he advocated, the ex-premier

proceeds to say:

"It is beyond question that the century

now expiring has exhibited since the close

of its first quarter a period of unexampled

activity, the changes of which, taken in the

mass, have been in the direction of true and

beneficial progress. An overwhelming pro-

portion of the reforms within this period have

been effected within the direction of the

liberal party or by direct action of such states-

men as Peel and Canning, who were ever

ready to meet either in the House of Com-

mons or in the field. In all of the fifteen

years of my public life, I have been in the

front of the struggle for the extension of

the franchise, for the abolition of slavery,

for the reform of the army and navy, for

the reform of the law, for the reform of

the administration of justice, for the

reform of the education system, for the

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CONDITION OF CROPS.

Plenty of Fruit Everywhere, and a Promising Outlook.

The Weekly Weather Crop Bulletin

for the past week indicates a generally

favorable week. Cotton is blooming

in the southern portion of the State.

Corn is doing very well, and is being

laid by generally. Threshing wheat

has just begun. Fruit is coming in very

abundantly.

EASTERN DISTRICT.—The past week

is generally reported as having been

very favorable in this district. Only

one place in Columbus county re-

ported an excessive rain-fall, but in

the northern part of the district rain

is beginning to be needed. The

temperature has been high, with plenty

of sunshine. Crops are in a healthy

condition and continue to improve.

Corn is tasseling; laying by in

general. Tobacco is looking well and

some beginning to top. Blooms are

reported to have appeared on cotton

at Elm City, 26th, Laurel Hill, 27th.

Sweet potato plants are still scarce;

many are still to be set. Large crop

of field-peas being planted. Berry

crop ripe and very large. Melons are

late.

WESTERN DISTRICT.—The rain-fall

last week was very irregularly dis-

tributed, with enough rain, however,

at most places to keep crops in a

thrift condition. A few stations re-

ported rain needed badly. Corn is sil-

ling and tasseling in the south; old

corn is also reported. Cotton blooms

are also reported. Wheat nearly all

harvested in good condition and being

hauled. Threshing has begun and

will be general next week; many farm-

ers report good results; others in-

ferior. Oats about ready also. Spring

WITHIN OUR STATE.

RAILROADS IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Very Little Building Has Been Done

in the Last Year.

The railroad commission has begun

the assessment of the railway property

in North Carolina. The returns are in

and show that there are seventy roads

and branches. There is but a slight

increase in mileage over last year as

the reports end June 1st, and most of

the new lines have been constructed

since that date. Only three roads are

now building, these being the Caldwell

and Northern, from Lenoir to Collette-

ville, the Aberdeen and West End and

the Henderson and Brevard. Only four

miles of the extension of the Aber-

deen and West End road are com-

pleted. The commission is notified

that the twenty-two miles of the Hen-

derson and Brevard road will be com-

pleted August 1st.

ON HISTORIC GROUND.

A Celebration at the Guilford Battle-

field—A Statue Unveiled.

The annual celebration of the Guil-

ford battle ground was observed at

Greensboro on Thursday. The orator

of the day, Dr. George T. Winston, spoke

on the life and times of Major Joseph

Winston, who played an important part

in this particular battle. Ex-Governor

Thomas M. Holt, who was to have deliv-

ered the address of the Winston statue,

not being present, Hon. Kemp P. Bat-

tle read his speech. The unveiling cere-

monies were performed by four of

North Carolina's handsomest girls.

Gen. Boggs' Testimony.

W. A. Maury, special assistant to

Attorney General Harmon, was in

Winston Tuesday taking the depositions

of Gen. W. R. Boggs, before United

MRS. O'LEARY DEAD.

Owned the Cow Alleged to Have Cause-

ed the Great Chicago Fire.

Mrs. Catherine O'Leary 82nd at Chicago

last week. She was the owner of the fra-

gious cow which in a barn in the rear of

137 De Coven street, on a memorable night

in October, 1871, kicked over a lamp

which started a blaze which cost Chicago

\$13,000,000. Since the night of that infernal

conflagration Mrs. O'Leary's life was sub-

stantiated by the popular belief that she

was responsible for the loss of life and enormous

destruction of property. She denied the

story vigorously and the committee which

investigated the fire and made a charge

against the allegations about herself, the

cow and lamp were not true.

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