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## EDITORIAL NOTES

**PORK AND HONEY** is the ticket for North Carolina.

MARYLAND has never had a Republican Governor.

THE Charleston left San Diego last Tuesday with sealed orders.

MR. BUTLER says "there is a money famine" too thin, even for a famine.

THE Democratic State Executive Committee is called to meet in Raleigh on March 21.

THE State Railroad Commission decides that it is unlawful for railroads to give free passes to officials.

ON account of the great prevalence of grain in London the military procession to escort the Duke of Clarence's body through London has been abandoned.

MR. FIFE succeeding as well in Virginia as he ever did in North Carolina. A. Martinville three hundred persons committed Christ, and 40,000 were raised to build a tabernacle.

IN view of the Republican opposition to him in Indiana, it must soothe President Harrison to know that his Consul General in London is unanimously in favor of his renomination. — Indianapolis Sentinel.

How much more sentiment is there in grass grown on the bleached hills of New England, or on the plains as the West, than there is in that which springs up and flourishes in the Yackin and Kooknoo valleys? Raise your own hay.

THE South produces steel amounting to 133,925 tons. Alabama produces 183,228 tons alone. These figures establish two facts, that the South has valuable iron deposits, and that it can produce pig iron below the cost of production in the North.

THE Secretary of Agriculture of Alabama has gone to work systematically to ascertain how much the farmers of that State pay out yearly for supplies which they should grow themselves. Why not Col. Robinson secure similar data for the farmers of North Carolina.

THE principal feature of the bill introduced in the House by Representative Lusk, of California, to prohibit the coming of Chinese into the United States, is a provision that any Chinese person found unlawfully in the United States shall be removed to the country whence he came, or be imprisoned in a penitentiary for a term not exceeding five years. It also excludes Chinese from citizenship.

THE proposed International Conference on the free coinage of silver, to be held during the World's Fair at Chicago, is just as worthy of adoption by the United States and other nations as any similar plan has been since the conference at Paris ten years ago proved abortive. While the probabilities are that for some time to come no international agreement on the subject can be reached it is possible by discussion to prepare the way for such an agreement at a later period. — Wash. Star.

REMORS OF WAR with Chili continue to attract attention. At one moment signs of peace appear in the heavens, and in the next instant they are dispelled by the clouds of war. Perhaps nothing will be definitely known until the correspondence is submitted to Congress. That our readers may see that this Government is ready to give the moral force that will be concentrated in Chilian waters under the command of Gherard. The vessels are the Chicago, Concord, Kearsarge, Yorktown, Boston and Charleston. They carry 76 first class guns besides heavy secondary batteries and 1500 men. It is estimated that in event of war 50,000 men will be needed to cooperate with the navy and hold captured points.

WE hold to the opinion that with reasonably fair cultivation the South can produce more wheat, corn and oats to the acre than the West. Wheat has more time to grow and mature in the South than in the West, which is true also of corn and oats, and for this reason the Southern acre will prove the most productive. The 27,477,000 bushels of wheat raised last year in the South might easily be doubled on the same acreage, and in time by good and thorough culture and proper manuring trebled. The product of good culture might be very largely increased in the North and West, too, but not to the same extent as in the South, where the climate is more favorable, the growing season is longer, and the rain falls more even and regular. There are agricultural possibilities in the South that few of us realize, because attention and effort have been directed to and centered upon cotton in the cotton belt, and on oaks outside of it. When the same interests are taken in grain culture, the South will become a great grain grower, too. — Wilmington Star.

## CHILL

The Washington correspondent of the Baltimore Sun says that the President has abandoned all hope of an amicable agreement with Chili and the only question now is when war will begin.

We are told by the Wilmington Messenger that "Minister Egan has fled from Chili," and if this is true, it is time to let slip the dogs of war.

The President has not yet communicated the Chilian correspondence to Congress, but a member of Congress who has assisted the President in preparing some of it is authority for the statement that the legislature branch of the Government would declare war without delay upon hearing the correspondence read, without even a suggestion from the President.

We take the following from the Washington Post: "The strained relations existing between the United States and Chili may be the means of repealing a law in the statute books that has been sought to be repealed in several past Congresses. Under the present statute no man who served in the Confederate army can enlist in the Union Army or Navy or serve under the flag of his country. The men of the South form large part at this Congress, and are among the most zealous supporters of the President in the attitude he has taken in this matter. In the event of war none of the Southern men could enlist."

Quite a party of Congressmen were dining at Chamberlain's last night when this subject came up. One of them, a well known member from Mississippi, said he believed the law would be repealed at this session. He expressed the hope that it would be, for, said he, "if there is any trouble growing out of this matter the men of the South will be quick to respond and show that they are loyal to the flag; they will vote just as willingly as they will vote to appropriate money to protect the honor of the flag that now floats over a united country."

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Courtesy is always commendable. It is the courteous gentleman that we are pleased to meet upon the street and in the business walks of life, and it is the courteous lady that charms society and makes home attractive.

The peace of society is endangered whenever there is a breach of civility, and he is justly regarded as a bad citizen who wontonly violates the etiquette of the day.

But, the Comity of States is of more importance than the polite department of individuals, inasmuch as a rupture between States involves greater interest and larger responsibilities.

The sending and reception of Foreign Ministers is part of the Comity of Nations and, in a measure, expresses the relations existing between the home and the foreign governments, and the sentiments of the peoples they represent.

What conclusion could be drawn from the appointment of Pat Egan as United States Minister to Chili? The Comity of Nations required the sending of a gentleman to a friendly people.

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## A NEEDED ENTERPRISE.

Petition for a Steam Ferry Across Nense River.

The following petition to the County Commissioners to establish a Free Steam Ferry on the Nense River, which will charge a mere nominal price across Nense has been signed by nearly 200 of the best and most progressive men of the city.

Until a bridge is built, which event appears to be far from being considered, we believe the plan proposed would be acceptable to all in likelihood of the best arrangement that could be entered into at this time.

Our business men are realizing the importance of securing better communication between the surrounding country which is tributary to New Bern and also with that which lies near midway between New Bern and some other candidate for its trade. To make New Bern more easily accessible is to encourage an increase of trade and an extension of the territory from which it is to be secured. To neglect this extension of the continued holding of certain trade which we now have, for developments are in progress at other points which will result in the loss of our trade to other points, is to imperatively require that New Bern should keep pace with the improvements and changed conditions as they arise or she will be a loser by her apathy.

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## THE SEWERAGE SYSTEM.

The Contract-Rights and Privileges Granted to the Company—The Company's Obligations to the City and People.

We were informed this morning the agreement between the city of New Bern and the Lewis-Mercer Construction Company, which provides for the construction of a sewerage system, has been accepted by the City Council.

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