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The "prominent Senator," who it was said reported that the President had positively refused a nomination for re-election, turns out to be Senator Vest, and he positively denies having made any such report. On the other hand, the Senator is of the opinion that Mr. CLEVELAND will be re-nominated and re-elected.

The *Progressive Farmer* thanks the Board of Agriculture did wrong in electing one of their own number to be Commissioner of Agriculture, because it smacks of "ring rule." The General Assembly thought proper at its last session to prohibit justices electing themselves county commissioners. The bill was introduced, we think, by Senator WARREN and was demanded by a large number of the intelligent voters of the State, because they had seen the evil effects of these close corporations. The Board of Agriculture ought to have understood by this that the people are complaining of such conduct; they ought to have looked beyond the bounds of their own body, where they could have found numbers of men worthy and competent, and this complaint and the probable necessity of the General Assembly prohibiting by law to elect from their own body would have been avoided.

WHOM WILL THEY SERVE?
The Inter-State commerce commissioners are at Atlanta and they find themselves besieged by railroad attorneys and representatives of commercial centers. Some are praying for the enforcement of the long and short-haul clause at once; others want it suspended temporarily, and the commissioners are seeking facts to justify them in acceding to this demand. But some of the railroad attorneys ask that it be permanently suspended.

Where is the Wrong and What is the Remedy?
There is something radically wrong in our industrial system. There is a screw loose. The wheels have dropped out of balance.

The railroads have never been so prosperous, and yet agriculture languishes. The banks have never done a better or a more profitable business, and yet agriculture languishes. Manufacturing enterprises never made more money or were in a more flourishing condition, and yet agriculture languishes. Speculators and incorporations never accumulated fortunes more rapidly, and agriculture languishes. Towns and cities flourish and "boom" and grow and "boom" and yet agriculture languishes. Salaries and fees were never so temptingly high and desirable, and yet agriculture languishes. A city editor visits one of our flourishing towns. It is supported by "a splendid back country." The town should be a fair criterion by which to judge of the general condition of the country supporting it. He sees magnificent commercial blocks and buildings going up on the streets and corners. The merchants are busy—the farmers are rushing to and fro, trading and loading; beautiful cottages are going up in the suburbs. He is impressed by this splendid show of prosperity, and writes to his home paper: "This is a magnificent country. It is on a rushing 'boom'—and the town paper copies his letter without a word of comment, and with complacent satisfaction.

The city editor looked at the pleasant but delusive surface. He did not get into the "true inwardness" of the situation. He did not interview the register of deeds and find huge piles of mortgages and liens—he failed to stroll out on some leading road, in the morning, and see these farmers' wagons coming into the town empty, and see them going out loaded with hay, fertilizers, corn, meat, flour and ship stuff—he did not ascertain that the beautiful cottages were being erected by farmers who had left comfortable homes and good farms and had "come to town to educate their children."

The *Pittsboro Home* says old and young men are leaving their farms and are going to the towns. That "it is a sad fact that most of the signs of success and prosperity are confined to our towns and villages. The *News and Observer* rejoices in the progress of various towns throughout the State." "From every quarter comes reports of city booms." Our worthy contemporary sees the languishing condition of agriculture and ascribes it largely to the robbing of the people by taxation under the form of law. This is true, but if the towns, railroads, manufactures, banks and all speculative enterprises flourish so prosperously and agriculture languishes under the same laws imposing these taxes, this is but another proof that something is radically wrong. The farmers are beginning to realize it, and they propose to institute an investigation with the view of finding a remedy. Where is the wrong and what is the remedy?—*Progressive Farmer*.

Mark Twain's Defense of Gen. Grant's English.

At the annual reunion of the Army and Navy Club of Connecticut, at Hartford, last night, S. S. Clemens (Mark Twain,) delivered the following characteristic address: "I will detain you with only just a few words—just a few thousand words, and then give place to a better man—if he has just been created. Lately a great and honored author, Matthew Arnold, has been finding fault with General Grant's English. That would be fair enough, may be, if the examples of imperfect English averaged more instances to the page in General Grant's book than they do in Mr. Arnold's criticism upon the book, but they don't. It would be fair enough, may be, if such instances were common in General Grant's book than they are in the works of the average standard author, but they aren't. In truth, General Grant's derelictions in the matter of grammar and construction are not more frequent than are such derelictions in the works of a majority of our time and of all previous times—authors as exclusively and painstakingly trained to the literary trade as was Gen. Grant to the trade of war. This is not a random statement; it is a fact, and easily demonstrable. I have a book called 'Modern English Literature, Its Blemishes and Defects,' by Henry H. Breen, F. A. S., a countryman of Mr. Arnold. In it I find examples of bad grammar and slovenly English from the pens of Sidney Smith, Sheridan, Hallam, Whateley, Carlyle, both Disraelis, Allison, Junias, Blair, Macaulay, Shakespeare, Milton, Gibbon, Southey, Bulwer, Cobbett, Dr. Samuel Johnson, Trench, Lamb, Landor, Smollet, Walpole, Walker, (of the dictionary), Christopher North, Kirke White, Mrs. Sigourney, Benjamin Franklin, Walter Scott, and Mr. Lindley Murray, who made the grammar. In Mr. Arnold's paper on Gen. Grant's book we find a couple of grammatical crimes and more than several examples of very crude and slovenly English—enough of them to entitle him to a lofty place in that illustrious list of delinquents just named. The following passage, all by itself, ought to elect him: 'Meade suggested to Grant that he might wish to have immediately under him Sherman, who had been serving with Grant in the West. He begged him not to hesitate if he thought it good for the service. Grant assured him that he had no thought of moving him, and in his memoirs, after relating what had passed, he adds, &c. To read that passage a couple of times would make a man dizzy; to read it four times would make him drunk. General Grant's grammar is as good as anybody's; but if this was not so, Mr. Breen would brush that inconsequential fact aside and hunt his great book for far higher game. Mr. Breen makes this discriminating remark: 'To suppose that because a man is a poet, or historian he must be correct in his grammar is to suppose that an architect must be a joiner or a physician a compounder of medicines.' Mr. Breen's point is well taken. If you should climb the mighty Matterhorn to look out over the kingdoms of the earth it might be a pleasant incident to find strawberries up there, but, great Scott, you don't climb

the Matterhorn for strawberries. I don't think Mr. Arnold was quite wise, for he well knew that the Briton of American was never yet born who could safely assemble another man's English; he knew as well as he knows anything that the man never lived whose English was faultless. Can you believe that Mr. Arnold was immodest enough to imagine himself an exception to this caution rule—the sole exception discoverable within the three or four centuries during which the English language proper has been in existence? No, Mr. Arnold did not imagine that; he merely forgot that for the moment he was moving into a glass house, and he had hardly got fairly in before Gen. Fry was shivering the panes over his head."—*Baltimore Sun*.

Relations of the Soil to Water.

Soils often retain for a long time more water than is good for crops, and when this dries away they will be found to be in many cases the driest of all soils, except, perhaps, blowing sands, which can hardly be called soils. Other soils are perpetually water-soaked, while others are wet in the spring and in wet seasons, but though cold and late, are nevertheless tillable in favorable years. All soils need to have the water artificially removed. The water may come solely from the rains; it may come from rain and water flowing from higher ground, or it may come up in springs from beneath the land itself. If it comes from other ground, that source should be cut off by ditches and the water conducted away. If it comes from springs, they should be found and the water from them conducted away, either in open ditches or in deep-laid covered ones, which are better, because the surface of the field may then be left smooth. Such land will usually be found to be soft upon the top, covered with a growth of sedge and other coarse plants, and lacking a good outlet for the water. Besides, just below the surface there is often found a stratum of sand and clay almost impervious to water, which compels all the water to flow off over the surface, or remain where it is. To reclaim such land, the first thing is to find a favorable outlet for the water. This should be not less than four or five feet below the general surface of the field, but we often have to accept such an outlet as we can get.—*American Agriculturist*.

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