

This country is not going to the dogs, nor its business interests to bankruptcy. It is time to stop brooding. That is largely responsible for the present trouble. For months, says the Baltimore Sun, people have delighted to seem wise by predicting a panic unless the Sherman bill was repealed, and this has done more to bring about the troubles of the present than the Sherman bill itself. This is a country of infinite resources, of recuperative powers greater than any other country in the world, and it will quickly right itself from the stringency now prevailing. Its business interests are solid and it is growing as no other country ever grew.

Judge Stanton of the U. S. Circuit Court, rendered a decision Monday in the habeas corpus case of Langford, the railroad agent at Prosperity, charged with violating section 25 of the dispensary liquor law by delivering to a consignee a keg of whiskey shipped from outside of the State. The decision declares the suit section unconstitutional, and the release of Langford was ordered by the court. The railroad people claim that the decision virtually relieves them of all restrictions in bringing liquor into the State and delivering it. This will reduce the sales of the dispensaries, but will not have any further effect.

The Philadelphia Record commenting on Governor Tillman's course, has this to say: "But in his fight to enforce the dispensary law he will have the support of a strong sentiment outside of South Carolina. The public is anxious to have some better solution of the liquor problem than any yet given. The South Carolina law is a new effort in this way, and if it is given a fair trial it will doubtless suggest many new ideas. It is certain that those who oppose it from selfish purposes or to gain political ends will meet with a severe public condemnation."

A Washington special to the Columbia State says Mr. W. S. Monteth is at the capital "to get introduced in Congress about forty-five bills for the relief of citizens of South Carolina and Georgia who lost cotton by seizure and sale during and shortly after the war under the captured and abandoned act. The aggregate amount is about \$1,500,000."

On account of the financial stringency the members of the seven religious denominations of Ashland, Kan., have agreed to sit in one church, listen to one minister and drop their mites into one box. This will add six clergymen to the great army of unemployed.

There is one thing the average Senator and Representative never forget to look after and that is the per diem and mileage that they are entitled to. Panic or no panic, they must have their money.

The First Bale. What means that long procession in the middle of the street. Is it some big politician that they've all turned out to meet? No, statesmanship is nothing in comparison to this. 'Tis the long delay for a runner—a better day of bliss.

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The Way They Used to Farm. We were talking to an old farmer a few days ago about old times, and he told us that when he was a young man besides making his bread and meat at home he raised his own tobacco and had some to sell, tanned his leather and made his shoes, and his clothes were spun and woven at home. He closed with the remark that if the people would do that way now they would be a heap better off. Circumstances have altered the case in many respects since his young days, but there are many ways in which money could be kept at home that is now sent abroad.—Anderson Journal.

\$2,000 in a Jug. The tight times bring out many odd things. A banker who had an acquaintance in Alamogordo county went to him to borrow money. The collateral was of such a character, that the countryman couldn't resist, and taking the banker to the attic, rolled out an old jug. The handle was broken off, and there was a cork stopper in its mouth. Below a pile of dried apples, the countryman brought out \$2,000 in bills and coin that he had hoarded up for years past. He got 18 per cent. for the loan.—Charleston News.

WASHINGTON LETTER. [From our regular correspondent.] WASHINGTON, Aug. 22, 1893. Speaker Crisp completed the committee assignments, and has announced them early this week. Owing to there being no committees to which they could be referred no bills have been introduced in the House with the exception of that for the repeal of the purchasing clause of the Sherman law, which has been taken up for consideration under an agreement, without having been referred to a committee, but a flood of them are ready to be introduced as soon as the committees are ready for them. No speech made in the silver debate in the House, which is now drawing to a close, was more carefully listened to than that of Representative McCree, of Ky. Gov. McCree is a good talker upon almost any subject and the knowledge gained as one of the U. S. delegates to the international monetary conference aided to the interest of what he had to say about silver. He began by stating that he voted against the Sherman law which had been a failure and a colossal curse, and that he favored the unconditional repeal of its purchasing clause and the adoption of other legislation afterwards in a separate bill; and he impressed it upon the House that he was speaking as a friend of silver and not as its enemy. He said he favored international bimetallism and believed the repeal bill the best way to bring it about, and that the only safe path to free coinage was through an international agreement. In reply to a question from Mr. Bland, he stated that he was as much in favor of silver as that gentleman was. He also stated that to change the ratio would be to destroy every prospect of an international agreement. It was plain to all that the speech made an impression on the members. The general belief here, even among the radical silver men, is that the repeal bill will pass the House, although of opinion differs as to the majority it will get. If any one has the idea that President Cleveland is idle while at Gray Gables an early morning visit to the office of his private secretary, in the white House, will show how erroneous such an idea is. As regular as the morning mail comes a big batch of official documents, representing the President's work of the day before, and just as regularly does private secretary Thurber send a big package to the President. Every body is laughing at the neat manner in which Senator Gorman sat down upon the representative of a New York paper which has lately been very bitter in its abuse of him for no better apparent reason than that he declined to take the fore-said paper into his confidence. The other day, just after an unusually bitter criticism of the Senator had been printed under a Washington date line, the Washington correspondent of the paper sent a man to ask Senator Gorman if he had any answer to make to the tirade. "Really," replied the Senator, with one of his most beaming smiles, "I seldom see that paper, and I have not heard of the article you refer to." With some confusion the man began to explain the nature of the article, but he was interrupted by Mr. Gorman who carelessly remarked as he turned to speak to one of his colleagues: "The matter is not of the slightest importance I assure you." It is needless to say that the interview with Mr. Gorman was not wired to the paper. Neither Secretary Hoke Smith nor Commissioner Lochren are worrying even a little bit over the resolutions introduced into the Senate by Mr. Gallinger, of N. H., providing for an investigation of the legality of their actions in suspending pensioners shown by the records not to be entitled to the pensions they have been drawing. In fact, an investigation will be welcome, and the more thorough it is made the better it will be liked. Meanwhile the suspensions continue at an average of about 150 a day. At the close of business Saturday the total number of pensioners who had been suspended was 8,254. The report of a bill from the Senate committee on Finance for the unconditional repeal of the purchasing clause of the Sherman law put a stop to the silly talk about that committee intentionally delaying a report on the bill, providing for the free coinage of silver at a ratio of 20 to 1. The bill authorizing the National banks to increase their circulation is having many amendments offered to it in the senate. One of them, by Senator Butler is for the repeal of the tax on State bank currency, and it is reported that one will be offered providing for free coinage at 20 to 1, in order to test the sentiment of the Senate.

OUR TONY SOLONS. Have to Have Clerks at \$100 a Month to do their Work—A Singular Congressman from North Carolina. [Washington Special to Constitution.] Nearly all the congressmen in town have brought with them from their homes young men to act as their clerks. In the main, the young men are their relatives. Under the new law passed by the last house giving each member a clerk, an allowance of not exceeding \$100 a month is provided for each member. The member draws the money upon making a declaration that he has found it necessary to pay out that amount for clerk hire. Of the 356 members of the house, 355 will have clerks, the 356th man will not. He has refused to appoint a clerk and will grope along in the old way. Of course he will have his picture in every pictorial magazine or paper in the world and will become notorious. His name is William Thomas Crawford, and he hails from Waynesville, N. C. This is his second term in congress. "I shall not appoint a clerk," he said to me today, "because I do not believe in this business of having a subordinate on an oath that a clerk was necessary and that services cost \$100 a month. I, however, need a clerk badly, but I can get along and represent my people properly without one, and, under the circumstances, shall continue as I did in the last congress."

Paid Him in His Own Coin. A certain baker in business in a small town in Normandy obtained his supply of butter from a farmer in the neighborhood. One day he discovered that the pats, which were supposed to weigh three pounds each, were not up to the standard, and further revealed a steady diminution in the daily provision. At last the baker lodged a formal complaint against the farmer, and the affair was brought before the local court. "Have you scales?" inquired the magistrate. "Yes, monsieur le juge," was the reply. "And have you any weight?" continued the judge. An answer this time in the negative was as promptly given. "But how did you manage to weigh your butter?" asked the magistrate. Then the farmer related that ever since the baker had taken his butter he had returned the compliment by buying his bread. The baker had supplied him with three pound loaves, and that he had used them as weights for his butter. "It is his fault, not mine if the weight is not correct," added the farmer, who was sincerely acquitted and left the court in triumph with an escort of friends and admirers. Since his trial the farmer is said to have been supplied with more than his due provision of bread, but he has taken good care not to fall into the opposite error, and the baker has now his three-pound pats of butter full weight but not an ounce more.

Made Plain at Last. We feel much relieved since we have found out how the crisis has been brought about. Bill Nye makes the matter plain as the noonday sun. He says: The engorgement of the channels of trade with overproduction of unearned increment over the percentage of former years, and making the bimetallic and baser metals subservient to gold and the reserve of gold and paper money the general fund of currency and note-issuance, and the consequent stagnation of production and a general revival of sadness in the realms of traffic.—N.Y.

Advertising. Will a merchant who is wise, Ever cease to advertise? Yes—when trees grow upside down; When the beggar wears a crown; When ice forms upon the sun; When our "Johnny" gets his gun; When gold dollars get too cheap; When the women secrets keep; When the fish forget to swim; When the ships get stuck on gum; When the snail boy takes a drum; When no politician schemes; When the man in the pleasant dreams; When the man to be a snail; When all heavy as all the truth; When a H. W. for makes you drunk; When the drummer has no brass— When the man is a pass— Then the merchant, who is wise, May neglect to advertise.—E.

What Do You Take Medicine for? Nerves are sore and want to get well, or because you wish to prevent illness. Then remember that Hood's Sarsaparilla cures all diseases caused by impure blood and restores the system. It is a what it is—Hood's Sarsaparilla. It tells the story of its own power. Be sure you get Hood's and only Hood's. Purely vegetable—Hood's Pills—25c.

List of Unclaimed Letters. The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed for in the Camden post office for the week ending July 22nd 1893: Mrs. C. C. Leno, Mack, Millie, Bew, Brown, Prof. J. Fleming, Parker, Mr. Frank, Sterling, Mr. Daniel. WOMEN'S LIST. Boyd, Mrs. Rebecca. Persons calling for these letters will please state what week they were advertised. G. G. Alexander, P. M.

WEATHER-CROP BULLETIN. South Carolina Weather Service for the Week ending Monday, Aug. 21 1893. The condition of the cotton crop in the middle belt is generally very favorable. Cotton on light sandy soil is badly rusted and it is on the increase, and has caused immature fruit to open. In some favored localities the crop has not sustained so serious an injury. Caterpillars reported in some localities, but no ravages to the crop so far. The crop is now being harvested, and a few bales have been marketed. The early corn crop was hopelessly injured but the late corn bids fair to yield a full crop. All other crops have improved and the prospects are that remunerative crops will be harvested. Upland rice good. Rains very general. J. H. HARMON, Director. Central Station, Columbia, S. C.

Petit Jurors. The following is the list of petit jurors drawn for the September, 1893, term of court: J. E. Brannon, Edgar C. Kelly, R. E. Watkins, A. P. Kirby, Thos. J. Rodgers, John O. Shaylor, Samuel A. West, S. J. Baskins, W. G. Wilson, E. E. Tiller, B. M. Marshall, S. D. Yates, C. T. Dye, J. K. Marchison, T. F. Lowry, W. F. Russell, J. J. Workman, Lewis Sowell, John Albert, Geo. S. Higgins, J. A. Barfield, Jos. Goodale, Elijah Medlin, John Whitaker, Jr., W. H. Owens, Jas. Stronshire, John E. Stevens, Chas. I. Shiver, James Stokes, M. K. Yarbrough, G. S. King, B. S. Caution, L. M. Jones, S. D. Lucas, W. H. Watkins, J. M. Sowell.

A Boston Boy's Eyesight Saved—Perhaps His Life. By Hood's Sarsaparilla—Blood Poisoned by Canker. Read the following from a grateful mother: "My little boy had Scarlet Fever when 4 years old, and it left him very weak and with blood poisoned with canker. His eyes became so inflamed, that his sufferings were intense, and for seven weeks he could not open his eyes. I took him twice during that time to the Eye and Ear Infirmary on Charles street, but their remedies failed to do him the faintest shadow of good. I commenced giving him Hood's Sarsaparilla and it soon cured him. I have never doubted that it saved his sight, even if not his very life. You may use this testimonial in any way you choose. I am always ready to sound the praise of Hood's Sarsaparilla because of the wonderful good it did my son." ABBIE F. BLACKMAN, 2885 Washington St., Boston, Mass. Get HOOD'S. HOOD'S PILLS are hand made, and are perfect in composition, proportion and appearance.

A BICYCLE YOU CAN GET PRIDE OF CHARGE! There is now on exhibition in one of my show windows the handsomest Bicycles ever brought to this city. It's a Rambler Racer, full nickeled, cost \$175.00, and is one of the best machines on the market. It is not for sale, but is to be given away, and this is the manner in which it is to be done: If you purchase goods to the amount of \$10.00 or more, CASH, you will receive a ticket which will entitle you to one chance in the drawing, which will take place as soon as the requisite number of tickets have been issued, notice of which will be given through the daily papers. A duplicate of each ticket issued will be retained and all of these will be placed in a box, thoroughly mixed and one drawn therefrom by a disinterested party. The person, whose name and number appears on the card so drawn will be presented with the bicycle. Don't you need a suit of clothes to tide you through the balance of the Summer? Better purchase it here and get the benefit of reduced prices. In order to make room for Fall Stock, which is soon to arrive, I offer for a short time Suits that formerly sold at \$19.50 for 7.50; 12.50 Suits for 9.00; 15.00 Suits for 11.00 and 18.50 Suits for 13.50. There's big value in them, and the sale will not last long. I keep constantly on hand a complete stock of Underwear, Neckwear, Gents' Half Hose, Handkerchiefs, Suspenders, Collars and Cuffs and the latest shapes in Hats. If you do not reside in Columbia write for what you want. Prompt and careful attention given to mail orders. M. L. KINARD, 120 MAIN STREET. [At sign of the Golden Star.] COLUMBIA, S. C.

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