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Undo the Wrong.

No fact in the history of this country was ever more conclusively proved than that the scheme to demonetize silver originate in England. The development of the silver mines in this country was a cause of anxiety to England that viewed with jealous eyes the remarkable development of this country after the close of the fratricidal war when its sons both north and south vied with each other in the work of repairing the ruin that was wrought during the four years of bloody strife.

Of course the Lombards, the Rothschilds and the Barings had coadjutors in this country, but it was British gold that played the most important part in the accomplishment of the greatest crime of the age. As a matter of exact justice the silver dollar should be restored to its former place as money of final payment. The silver product of this country now reaches about sixty-four million dollars annually and if free coinage were re-established it would follow that this vast sum would go to augment our circulating medium. It would be hard to over-estimate the relief this would be to the business of the country.

The gold bugs labor very hard to prove that there is plenty of money in the country, in fact too much; that money is not needed to do business; all that is wanted is clearing houses and confidence. Now if they are correct, in the name of God how does it happen that the business failures for the first half of the year 1895 were in numbers 5,997. So says Bradstreet whose figures are universally admitted to be reliable. Is this the return of prosperity which we are constantly being assured is just ahead of us? Just think of nearly ten thousand failures in six months in the richest country on the face of the globe.

Is it possible that the reinstatement of the silver dollar can make matters any worse? For our part we are willing to try it.

We believe we voice the sentiment of three-fourths of the intelligent voters of Louisiana. It remains for the people to apply the remedy that will give them relief and assured prosperity on a sound bimetallic basis.

Ice Famine Threatened.

Last Monday the ice factory here which has been running to its full capacity night and day for months past broke down and on Tuesday morning the large wagons failed to appear on time much to the discomfort of a sweltering public. Landry and Bird however were equal to the emergency and before two o'clock had a carload of ice from New Orleans which was duly distributed. We understand that the repairs on the factory have been completed and it is now able to supply both the home and foreign demand.

"And the Band Played On."

The editor of the El Paso Herald, himself a musician, makes mention of a new arrival at Fort Bliss as follows: "Bandmaster Warm, of the Eighteenth Infantry, was presented yesterday with a brand new musician by his wife. The young man at present prefers the piccolo, although alternating occasionally with the muesette; but hopes to lower his register year by year so as to finally get down to a bass clarinet, and a B bass tuba before he gets gray. Here Warm is receiving the congratulations of the command, and is being wished many happy returns of the pleasant occasion." "Ecap a Warm will mean, and the kid may kick against all wind instruments in his hand, and cry for the drum."

The Scientific Alarm!

All persons who intend to improve their property, by painting or paper-hanging, would do well to consult Paul Sullivan before starting contracts, as he is now ready to contract for all kinds of house and barn painting, paper-hanging, and in every respect.

Board of Trade.

An important meeting of the Board of Trade of this city was held last Wednesday evening at which were present Chairman H. C. Drew, Secretary A. M. Mayo and Messrs. Knapp, Gorham, L. Kaufman, E. D. Miller, Williams, Bloch, Bryan, Crowley and other prominent citizens. The meeting was called to take into consideration the proper course of Lake Charles in the matter of the proposed Kansas City, Pittsburgh & Gulf and the Interstate and South Eastern Railroads and the improvement of the Calcasieu river.

Prof. Knapp from a map showed the location of the proposed roads and suggested that a committee of twenty-five from the board of trade be appointed by the chair to act in conjunction with twenty-five other citizens of the parish to be appointed by the police jury. The suggestion was reduced to a motion which was promptly seconded. The chairman asked for further time in which to select the committee from the board of trade which was granted.

A motion was carried that hereafter the board of trade meet every Wednesday evening.

Ballot Reform Meeting.

The ballot reform meeting at the Court House on Tuesday evening was not so well attended as the importance of the subject would seem to demand, yet it was by no means a failure and made up in enthusiasm what it lacked in numbers.

Hon. E. R. Foreman made an eloquent address which was listened to attentively. The ideas which he gave utterance are shared by every true American. The purity of the ballot must be preserved or our government is a failure. The amendment to the constitution which was submitted by the legislature at its last session and which will be voted upon in April next will mark a new era in Louisiana politics if adopted. A large proportion of the most ignorant and debased of the former voting population will be disfranchised and the danger of negro domination will no longer menace the state. While there is some opposition to the amendment we believe it is certain to pass.

Weather and Crop Bulletin.

Unevenly distributed showers fell over the greater portion of the State during past seven days, save in the southwest parishes, in portions of which no rain fell and where it is needed for rice and other vegetation. In the more northern parishes the falls were generally very light, ranging from a barely measurable amount to about a third of an inch. In the Red River valley the falls ranged between one and a quarter inches at Conshatta to one and a half inches at Alexandria, and to nearly two and a half inches at Melville. Throughout the greater portion of the sugar and rice belt the falls ranged between a fourth of an inch to less than two inches, the several amounts reported from selected stations by telegraph, being as follows: Alexandria 1.54 inches, Amite 2.03, Cheneyville .88, Coushatta 1.27, Lafayette and Lake Charles no rain, Minden .33, Natchez, Miss., 1.65, Natchitoches 1.10, New Orleans .65, Port Gibson, Miss., .01, Shreveport .03, Baton Rouge .24, Covington .84, Donaldsonville 1.39, Franklin 1.89, Opelousas 1.84, Rayne .02, Sulphur .88, Monroe .03 and Vidoubar, Miss., .26.

The weather averaged nearly normally warm in the southern parishes but was about two degrees cooler, daily, than usual, in the northern parishes—the early portion of the week giving the rains and cooler weather whereas the latter portion was dry, hot and sunshiny.

Farm work was possible to a greater or less extent over the greater portion of the State during at least one half the time, except on low wet lands, and clearing the cotton of grass progressed according to locality, in some sections the crop is about ready, but in others it will take a week more of dry weather to clear the crop, and in some sections the fields that were sown to the grass during the winter period. With the clearing of the crop and the more favorable weather conditions, cotton may be expected to show improvement, though it continues to be reported small, backward, and not fruiting abundantly and generally, and a prospect of a more favorable season.

Some potato plants are making a weak more of dry weather, showing and a large acreage has been devastated thereby, and is in expectancy. The corn crop commenced and is in prospect. Pasture lands are generally in fine condition and stock is healthy. The rice crop is generally in good condition and promising. Some head-rot is reported.

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corn and the crop at date is reported better than last week, and a good crop is generally assured. In some localities the report is phenomenally large yields is expectancy are continued, but in other localities, and particularly on the low wet lands, the yield is reported as materially reduced by the long-continued wet spell. The corn crop therefore varies with location, being best on high or rolling lands, and damaged on low wet lands. Taking the State as a whole, a good corn crop may confidently be expected, though some of the late planted has been materially injured by rains.

Laying by of cane is progressing favorably throughout the sugar belt, and is completed in some localities. The week proved favorably to the crop which is growing rapidly, has a generally good and healthy color, and is showing some red joints. It is not all up to a seasonable stand, some correspondents reporting it rather small and backward but promising well.

While rice is suffering for water in some localities, particularly in the southwest parishes, the general condition of crop continues good and promising. Some head-rot is reported.

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