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FINANCE AND TRADE.

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The first bale of cotton ever picked from the field by machinery was shown at the Cotton Exchange in Charleston, S. C., on the 30th ult. Its condition was pronounced as good as any ever picked of the same grade. It was conceded that if placed with others it could not be distinguished from hand-picked cotton. The bale was picked near Santee, S. C., by a cotton-harvesting machine invented by C. T. Mason, Jr. It is operated by one horse and one man, and it harvests 2 1/2 bales a day. The work will be sent to the convention of the National Cotton Planters' Association at Vicksburg next month.

Articles of incorporation of the United States Central Railroad Company, with a capital of \$7,000,000, were filed on the 30th ult., at Denver, Colo., with local business offices in San Francisco. Among the road's promoters are W. W. Walker, president of the St. Louis and Hamilton Road; John Sharp, president of the Utah Central Railroad; Eugene W. Smith, president of the California Central and Denver, and Hot Springs and Pacific Companies.

The annual report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office recommends the repeal of the pre-emption, location, and other certain laws, as unnecessary, and the valuable of the public land is taken up for the benefit of large capitalists through the medium of these laws. There were taken up 19,000,772 acres of public lands and 2,800,000 acres of private land, being an increase of 5,120,836 acres over 1882. The total receipts from the sale of lands were \$11,718,853, an increase of \$3,319,307 over the year 1882.

Commissioner of Internal Revenue Evans, in his annual report shows the total receipts from all sources of internal revenue for the past fiscal year to have been \$144,553,348.81, a decrease over \$2,000,000, and the total receipts for the previous year. The annual saving to the Government by the consolidation of the internal revenue districts is \$25,000.

The New York Chamber of Commerce has adopted resolutions that stock watering by corporations should be prohibited, and that the capitalization of surplus earnings should be prohibited by law, and that Government commissions should be created to supervise corporations to arbitrate between them and their customers, and regulate their affairs.

The State of North Carolina, on the 21st ult., sold 20,000 acres of land known as the Big Swamp, and situated in Robinson county, on the Carolina Central Railroad, to O. H. Blocker, of North Carolina, and the State of New Jersey, of Pennsylvania, for 375 cents per acre. The buyers intend to clear it at once for agricultural purposes.

The public debt was reduced \$10,335,000 last month, making a total of \$29,000,000 for the four months of the present fiscal year. The amount of gold coin and bullion in the Treasury on the 1st inst. was \$29,439,000, the largest amount ever held before at one time. There are \$16,099,000 in standard silver dollars on hand.

A capital of \$50,000 has been subscribed for the re-establishment of the Star Iron Works, at Camden, N. J., under the title of the Camden Iron Works, under the management of W. N. Jennings, of Pennsylvania, for 375 cents per acre. The buyers intend to clear it at once for agricultural purposes.

The total output of gold at the mine of the United States during the last fiscal year was estimated at \$28,800,000. Director of the United States mint estimates the coin circulation in the United States to be \$544,312,600 of gold and \$357,292,325 of silver.

The Michigan and Mississippi Canal Commission was organized on November 1st, by a large number of representative citizens of the country. The object is to secure a continuous water-way from Lake Michigan to the Mississippi River.

Up to October fifty-eight whales had been taken in the Arctic by a fleet of twenty-two vessels. Ten vessels had not reported. The season is considered a failure.

General Lew Wallace says that he was converted by Christ. Ingalls presented his infidel views. Wallace was much impressed, but finally renounced his infidelity. He agreed with Ingalls on certain certain propositions. Ingalls thereupon argued Wallace to give the matter careful study, expressing his confidence that he would be fully converted to the Christian faith. For six years he thought, studied, and searched. At the end of that time he said: "The result is the absolute conviction that Jesus Christ is not only a Christ, but my Savior, and my Redeemer."

READ THESE LETTERS!

And note what they Generals themselves think of the Waterbury Watch.

INDUSTRIAL, Wm., Sept. 2, 1883. The Waterbury watch is received. It keeps perfect time and is a fine watch. Truly, yours, Wm. F. FEAZER.

POLE, Oct. 10, 1883. The Waterbury is the best watch for the money in the market. Wm. McK. BLANDING.

MCGEE, Feb. 11, 1883. The Waterbury watch is really a gem. I wonder how you can afford to sell it for so small a price. Respectfully, W. S. CRATTON.

YONGE, Feb. 11, 1883. The two Waterbury watches sent me have proved to be excellent time-keepers. Truly, yours, O. H. BARBER.

PAUL, Feb. 11, 1883. I received the watch all right and in good running order. I am highly pleased with it. Truly, yours, DICKIN.

ELBERTON, Pa., Sept. 6, 1883. The watch was received O. K., and gave me thorough satisfaction. Yours, Geo. M. SHARPLEY.

FOOT SCOTT, Kan., Sept. 2, 1883. The Waterbury watch is really a gem to hand, and it is very much pleased with it. Truly, yours, E. R. VERMILION.

STONINGHAM, Pa., Sept. 13, 1883. The Waterbury watch I received from you is a good time-keeper. Truly, yours, W. H. FREEMAN.

BRADSHAW, N.Y., Sept. 12, 1883. I received the Waterbury watch in good order. It keeps good time. Truly, yours, A. WELLS.

HOLMES, Mo., Sept. 2, 1883. I have received my watch, and am highly pleased with it. Very respectfully, FRANK JEWELL.

WARREN, Minn., Sept. 22, 1883. The Waterbury watch is really a gem. I have proved entirely satisfactory. Very respectfully, L. M. STANTON.

WATERBURY, N.Y., Sept. 1, 1883. The Waterbury watch just received. I am well satisfied with it. Truly, yours, C. H. KIRKLAND.

ZANESVILLE, O., Sept. 11, 1883. The watch came first class, and is really a gem. I am highly pleased with it. Truly, yours, A. J. LAYBURN.

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FORT DONELSON.

(Continued from 1st page.) Sergeant Robert Cobb won promotion to a captain by vainly endeavoring to extract it under point blank range of the fire from the gunboats. Major Glimmer closes his report with the statement that "our batteries were unharmed and not a man killed. The repulse of the gunboats closed the operations of the day, except a few scattering shots along the land defenses." Gen. Pillow had telegraphed to Gen. Johnston on the evening of the 13th, "I have the most complete success," and later, "The men are in fine spirits." Floyd was less confident; he said in a dispatch to Johnston, "We will endeavor to hold our position if we are completely surrounded, but in reply, telegraphed Floyd, "If you lose the fort bring your troops to Nashville, if possible." Grant wrote on the 14th to General Canby, at Cairo; "Appearance of things now that we are in the practical siege. The ground is very broken and the fallen timber extending far out from the breastworks. I fear the result of an attempt to carry the place by storm, with new projectiles, will be a complete failure, and will ultimately reduce the place. High water has prevented extending my right to the river."

BUCKNER'S PLAN FOR ESCAPE. The loss of the fort involved the necessity of a change of all his plans for the reduction of the fort. Although his force was increased by the arrival of Wallace's division, enabling him to outnumber the Confederates, he had not sufficient confidence in the success of the attempt to order a charge upon the enemy's works. The Confederates, however, believed the place invested by an overwhelming force. Instead of the modest array of thirty-one regiments, which Grant had in front, Floyd sent the 14th, before the arrival of the reinforcements, and the town of Dover, he had not sufficient confidence in the success of the attempt to order a charge upon the enemy's works. The Confederates, however, believed the place invested by an overwhelming force. Instead of the modest array of thirty-one regiments, which Grant had in front, Floyd sent the 14th, before the arrival of the reinforcements, and the town of Dover, he had not sufficient confidence in the success of the attempt to order a charge upon the enemy's works. The Confederates, however, believed the place invested by an overwhelming force. Instead of the modest array of thirty-one regiments, which Grant had in front, Floyd sent the 14th, before the arrival of the reinforcements, and the town of Dover, he had not sufficient confidence in the success of the attempt to order a charge upon the enemy's works. The Confederates, however, believed the place invested by an overwhelming force. Instead of the modest array of thirty-one regiments, which Grant had in front, Floyd sent the 14th, before the arrival of the reinforcements, and the town of Dover, he had not sufficient confidence in the success of the attempt to order a charge upon the enemy's works. The Confederates, however, believed the place invested by an overwhelming force. Instead of the modest array of thirty-one regiments, which Grant had in front, Floyd sent the 14th, before the arrival of the reinforcements, and the town of Dover, he had not sufficient confidence in the success of the attempt to order a charge upon the enemy's works. The Confederates, however, believed the place invested by an overwhelming force. Instead of the modest array of thirty-one regiments, which Grant had in front, Floyd sent the 14th, before the arrival of the reinforcements, and the town of Dover, he had not sufficient confidence in the success of the attempt to order a charge upon the enemy's works. The Confederates