

The South and the Impending War in Europe.

Capitolian-Advocate. In view of the probable war between Russia and England, it would be wise for the Southern people to give some thought to the matter and to pursue an economic policy suggested by such a contingency.

The tendency that the war news have to enhance the price of bread-stuffs and provisions, and to lower the price of cotton, ought to be sufficient indications of the effect of this war upon the South.

It is obvious therefore, that our people should meet the emergency by raising more corn and provisions of all kinds, and by planting less cotton.

This policy would protect them against the inevitable increase in the cost of provisions, and would maintain the price of cotton to something like a remunerative figure. It is contended by economists that the South ought never to have pursued any other policy, and we believe that our people are becoming more and more impressed with its soundness.

Hence, if it be wise to pursue this policy in ordinary times, how much wiser will it be to follow it this year, when war between the nations of the Old Continent appears inevitable?

If there was ever a time when the Southern people should bear in mind the axiom, "in time of peace prepare for war," that time is now.

We trust that the press everywhere will give due warning to their readers, and that the Southern farmers will take every precaution to have their corn cribs and meat houses filled, next fall, with corn and provisions of their own raising.

The Confederacy in the Saddle.

One of the happiest features of the inauguration day in Washington was the presence of Gen. Fitzhugh Lee in the grand procession, under command of Gen. Slocum, and himself in command of a division containing New York, New Jersey, Ohio, Missouri and Minnesota troops. The ex-Confederate chieftain, in his Virginia, gray uniform, riding upon a white horse with the band playing "Dixie," was a sight inspiring enough to stir the vast crowds to prolonged cheers. What does it all mean? Was it evidence that there still lurked in the bosoms of the Southerners enmity to the Union? Hardly. The wild applause came from the mouths of men from every section. It meant simply that the gray uniform recalled a heroism and a glory that are the common inheritance of Americans; that it stirred up old memories of camp life and battle ardor, the plunging shot and the shrieking shell; that it brought back Lee and Kearney, and Jackson and Thomas and Johnston; that its presence in that procession; gracing the form of a Lee and a gallant soldier, was in itself an eloquent pledge of the white-winged peace that after twenty-five years has returned to hover over a united people.—Macoy Telegraph.

At present the New Orleans fire department has in service 19 steam engines, 19 hose carriages, 4 hook and ladder trucks and 1 hand engine company, located as follows: First district, 10 steam engines and 1 hook and ladder truck. Second district, 4 steam engines and 1 hook and ladder truck. Third district, 2 steam engines and 1 hook and ladder truck. Fourth district, 2 steam engines and 1 hook and ladder truck; one hand engine company, provided with 2 hand engines; 1 steam engine, 500 feet of good hose, ladders, hooks, etc., located at Milneburg.

The Maria Theresa is the only coin known in Abyssinia. Cloth and bars of rock-salt, ten inches long by two inches wide and deep, bound with a reed, serve as their ordinary means of barter. A recent traveler says he made everlasting friendship with a village chief by making him a present of an empty Worcester sauce bottle, the glass stopper appearing to be a source of delight and comfort to him.

According to official reports the organized Louisiana militia consists of 9 general officers, 77 general staff officers, 66 regimental field staff officers, 91 company officers, 1660 non-commissioned officers and privates. The total number of men available for militia duty in the State is placed at 138,346.

A Serious Blow for Dudes Orlers.

Special to the Times-Democrat.

Washington, March 17.—Secretary Lamar's action has paralyzed the dudes of the department. The chiefs of the different bureaus, the principal clerks in the State Department and at the White House were in the habit of riding down to their offices in elegant coupes. The vehicles were very stylish and the drivers were in gorgeous livery. These anointed creatures used to drive up to their offices in a fashion that filled the bystanders with awe. They dawdled at their desks, lounged over to the Metropolitan Club, chewed their toothpicks and snubbed the defenseless public. At an early hour in the afternoon their coupes would drive up and haul these curled and scented darlings to their respective residences.

Secretary Lamar has changed all this, so far as concerns his department, and has alarmed and sickened the dudes of the other departments. He has ordered the sale of all these glittering chariots, which were carried on the rolls as "vehicles for public use;" and he has returned to their legitimate employment the liveried dunkeys who manned the same.

A holy shiver has gone through the coterie. Every elegant swell in any or all of the departments has felt that a blow has fallen. Every one of them has said to himself that the elements are sinister, and that the institutions of years are about to be uprooted. But Secretary Lamar has made his little motion, and it seems to be true that President Cleveland is quietly backing, and approving all he does.

Lesson in Self-Control.

Mother in Council.

One day, when I was a very little girl, I was watching my mother making strawberry preserves. I can see the great kettle of boiling liquid now, clear as rubies. Beside the stove stood a large milk-pail containing some squash for "company" pies, with a plenty of milk and eggs in it. "Now, Bridget," said my mother, at last, in a satisfied tone, "it is done; take the kettle off." This was accomplished, and then, with almost incredible stupidity, the "help" actually emptied the strawberries into the squash! My mother turned her head just too late. She was quick and impulsive, but there escaped from her mouth only a despairing, "Oh, Bridget!" Then as she saw the girl's instantly regretful face, she uttered no angry reproaches, no useless lamentations. No doubt when my tired mother, who was not strong (I lost her at 15), went up-stairs to rest, she felt disheartened, and thought that her preserves and squash, her time and labor, had all been wasted; but, probably, she never did for me a more valuable morning's work than when she gave me that unconscious lesson in sweet self-control.

The Atlanta Constitution says the North Georgia marble is the finest in the world. A local quarryman has just cut a counter for the Kimball House sixteen feet in length and four feet broad, out of one solid block. He says: "We could supply a flawless marble column eighty feet long and five feet in diameter. A hundred years from today the quarries will have been barely touched. The supply of marble, of surpassing quality, and of shade of color, is exhaustless."

As long as fire insurance companies write \$5,000 policies in twenty-five cent towns, just so long must they expect to be victimized. A town that will make no provision for fighting fires, but depends alone upon insurance companies to make good whatever fire may destroy, is a town that should be left to work out its own salvation.

Experiments are now being made in the small arms factory at Saint Etienne, France, with a new infantry rifle, the invention of M. Picard, a nephew of the French general of that name, the loading of which, so it is stated, requires only two movements, and which can be fired thirty times a minute.

What a man owes to the town he lives in should not always be measured by dollars and cents. If it was, the men who injure their health and ruin their clothing in saving other people's property would stand with their hands folded and let it burn.

To Police Juries.

The commissioner of Agriculture has promulgated the following circular:

STATE OF LOUISIANA, Office Commissioner of Agriculture, Baton Rouge, La., March 19, 1885.

To the President and Members of Police Juries:—Sirs:—I am receiving daily numerous letters from all parts of the country asking information as to the lands of Louisiana, their resources for timber, fitness for stock raising, their minerals and soils, the facilities for transportation by railway, rivers and barges, their prices per acre, whether improved or unimproved.

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T. J. BIRD, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Either—Neither.

Atlanta Constitution.

The pronunciation of "either" and "neither" has been a bone of contention among the would-be purists for some time.

Two drummers were disputing this question very hotly one night in a smoking car on the Central road. One insisted that "ither" and "nither" were correct, while the other stoutly maintained that only dudes and Anglomaniacs would so pronounce the words, and that "either" and "neither" were the proper pronunciations.

They argued pro and con without either one being convinced, and finally agreed to leave it to the man in the next seat. They woke him up and stated the case.

"Now, then, which is right?" asked one of the drummers, "nither or neither?" "Nayther," responded the Irishman, and settled back to sleep, while the rest of the car accepted an invitation to take a pull out of the drummers' flasks.

Couldn't Wait.

Arkansas Traveler.

Old Abner, who had been divorced from his wife, met his ex-spouse on the street.

"Good mawning, lady, good mawning!"

"Why, howdy do, sah, how's yer health?"

"Imprubin' udgittly, thank yer. Look heah, when I went away from yer house dis mawning I left er coat hangin' on de wall, I'd like ter go up and git it."

"Law, man, dat coat hab dun been put on by my step-dunban."

"Look heah, Tiddy, yer aint married ergin, is yer?"

"Law yes, Abner. De facks am I married ergin fore dat 'voice come out."

"Did yer, chile? Wall, so did I. Folks whut's got ter hussle room' an' make er libin' can't effort ter wait on dese heah lawyers. Come down an' see us some time. Good mawning!"

Statistics collected by the American Ornithologists' Union show that great numbers of birds are destroyed by flying against the light-houses of Cuba. At Paredon Grande, more than 100 birds were found one morning; in one night last October 278 were killed by flying against the light-house at Cardense; and at the San Antonio light-house more than 500 are picked up after a single night's destruction. This is confirmed the view expressed by Prof. Spencer F. Baird, twenty years ago, that every autumn a great bird-wave sweeps over from Florida to Cuba.

Upon all great issues of fundamental principle which are engaging the attention of the people, Cleveland speaks with proper directness, clearness and fullness, with a largeness and a candor of expression that are not impaired, but rather are emphasized by the terse simplicity of his style.—Boston Advertiser, Rep.

In this country any man who plays a fiddle, trains dogs, or teaches skating, is a "Professor."

Old papers for sale at this office.

Report of the Grand Jury.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, Parish of St. Landry.

In the name and by the authority of the State of Louisiana, duly empanelled, sworn and charged to inquire into and for the body of the parish of St. Landry, State aforesaid, your Grand Jury, respecting the following report: We have carefully examined all matters submitted to us, and have reported such matters to your honorable Court which in our opinion it was necessary to do; we have presented such persons as we thought should be prosecuted, and offered such accusations as we thought were not based on good evidence to justify us in sending them before a petit jury; and we regret to say that during our session a great many frivolous and groundless charges have been preferred; that while we carefully inquired into these charges we were forced to ignore many of them for the reason that they were brought about through prejudice and animosity.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS. We have examined our parish prison and conversed with the prisoners, and from all the information we could obtain we find that the prisoners are kindly treated, well fed and cared for; that the building is kept in a clean condition and all the requirements of a hospital and good order are observed; that the prisoners in health and comfort we would, however, recommend that a fence be built around the jail about one mile in circumference, and that the jail be removed to a more elevated position, and that the prisoners be allowed to work on the roads, in order to obtain fresh air and have exercise; and we further report that, with the exception of a few broken places, the jail is in good order, and we recommend that the Sheriff as soon as practicable have those places fixed.

COURT HOUSE. We further report that we have examined the Court House building and found it very much in need of repairs, and would recommend that the Sheriff have those repairs made as soon as practicable at the expense of the parish.

There have been a good many complaints made to us against the overseers of the public roads, and after diligent inquiry we have found sufficient cause to believe that some of the overseers are not doing their duty as closely into the matter as we desired, in consequence of our limited time and press of business, we have not had time to call on all subsequent Grand Jurors to investigate matters on the subject to the best of their ability.

We would further suggest that a road be opened leading into Opelousas from the west, on account of the constant travel over the only road now leading into Opelousas from that direction, which is a very narrow and unsafe one, and that the road now in use be widened to a low, flat section of country and is insufficient for the amount of travelling business now done, and we would recommend that the Police Jury at their next meeting give the matter its due consideration.

PRISON MEASURES. Before closing our report we will say that it has been brought to our attention in the able charge of the Residing Judge, that on a recent occasion within the limits of the parish of St. Landry, a party of men have been robbed by a party of men unknown to your Grand Jurors; that we have diligently inquired into this matter, and have cited all the witnesses from the jail, and have thought good to say that we have not been able to discover where the parties were taken to, and we regret to say that we have not been able to discover where the parties were taken to, and we regret to say that we have not been able to discover where the parties were taken to.

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