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THE UNITED STATES SEED BUREAU.

A few weeks age an exposure was made of the seed bureau of the Agricultural Department, which showed it to be greatly mismanaged. Nearly the entire appropriation had been expended for seed, mainly sorghum, of which there were immense quantities on hand, paid for at very high rates, actually rotting away in immense heaps on the floors of the department's seed-rooms.

The seed bureau has been for years very badly run. Its principal purpose seemed to be to furnish campaign material for congressional candidates in foreign districts. As the city members had no use for their quotas of seed, they generally transferred them to the rural Congressmen. Some of these were zealous searchers after seed, begging it high and low in Congress, an obtaining such quantities of orders for it that they were able to send contributions to every one of their constituents.

This, however, was not the worst feature of the matter; for, by injucious selections worthless varieties of plants and vegetables were brought into cultivation in this country, and troublesome insect pests often introduced.

Mr. Colman promises to reform all this. He will not attempt any great agricultural revolution by means of seeds, but proposes only to improve the varieties of agricultural products now cultivated. He proposes, for instance, to encourage the cultivation of the Southern prize turnip, one especially suited to this climate. He will attempt also to advance the production of wheat in the South by securing a variety that will withstand the rust which is so destructive to the Southern cereal. It will be remembered that some years age oats could not be cultivated in the South with profit, because the crop "rusted" badly. The introduction of the rust-proof oats obviated this difficulty and this crop has been growing each year larger and more profitable to the Southern States. What was done by the rust-proof oats Mr. Colman will attempt to do with rust-proof wheat. Experiments will be made to test the variety best suited for cultivation in the South. There have been imported seeds of the Genoese, Egyptian, White Crimean and Red Indian varieties, all growing in Southern countries, and which are, therefore, deemed suitable to the South. These will be distributed among the several Southern States, and the success met with in cultivating them will be thus thoroughly tested.—*Times-Democrat.*

TECHNOLOGICAL SCHOOLS.

The late Exposition has aroused Georgia to the necessity of establishing a technological school. Schools of this kind are now the great hope of the country, and of the South in particular, as they will provide it with a class of skilled mechanics and encourage the introduction of new manufacturing and mechanical industries.

Seeing that Louisiana and the other Southern States are establishing institutions of this kind, Georgia, which has always been at the head of the South in manufacturing enterprises, appreciates the fact that it must do likewise if it wishes to maintain its supremacy.

There is just now under discussion in the Georgia Legislature a proposition made by Gov. McDaniel to establish a technological school.

It is said that $60,000 has been promised toward this institution, if the State will give its quota toward its establishment. In the discussion of the measure in the Legislature the the representation of Georgia in the educational department of the Exposition was referred to, and one of the legislators expressed regret that the State could not have been better represented here, and asserted that a technological school of this kind always enables a State to be well represented at expositions and calls attention to its natural resources as well as manufacturing enterprises.—*Times-Democrat.*

Gen. Joseph E. Johnston is now seventy-eight years old. His hair and beard are white as snow, save for occasional dark threads that withstand the enroachments of time.

If you want good 5 cent Cigar go to Lyons' and ge a "White Rose."

We will treat our readers to-day with the products of others' brains. Perhaps they will thank us for the change. Whether they do or not, there is at this present, such a demand upon time and attention that we cannot give the consideration it deserves to editorial subjects. We will endeavor to give other departments proper care; but for this issue we will have little or nothing more to say in the editorial column.

A REMARKABLE DOCUMENT.

Letter from the Late General Grant to His Physician, Dr. Douglas.

MT. MCGREGOR, July 25.—Among the many writings of the dead general during his long illness the following remarkable document has been kept religiously secret by Dr. Douglas until to-day when he kindly gave it to the press, explaining that Gen. Grant wrote it in his presence on Thursday, July 2d:

"I ask you not to show this to any one, unless physicians you consult with until the end. Particularly I want it kept from my family—if known to one man the papers will get it. It would only distress them almost beyond endurance to know it, and by reflex it would distress me. I have not changed my mind materially since I wrote you before in the same strain. Now, however, I know that I gain strength some days; but when I do go back it is beyond where I stated to improve.

I think the chances are decidedly in favor of your being able to keep me alive until a change of weather toward winter. Of course, there are contingencies that might arise at any time that would carry me off very suddenly. The most probable of these is choking. Under such circumstances, life is not worth living. I am very thankful [for "thankful," "glad" was written, but scratched out and "thankful" substituted] that I have been spared this long, because it has enabled me to practically complete the work in which I take so much interest. I cannot stir up strength enough to review it and make additions and subtractions that would suggest themselves to me and are not likely to suggest themselves to any one else, and under the above circumstances, I will be happiest the most pain I can avoid. If there is to be any extraordinary cure, such as some people believe there is to be, it will develop itself. I would say, therefore, to you and your colleagues to make me as comfortable as you can. If it is within God's providence that I should go now, I am ready to obey his call without a murmur, and I should prefer going now to enduring my present suffering for a single day without the hope of recovery, as I have stated, and I am thankful for the providential extension of my time to enable me to continue my work. I am further thankful, and in a greater degree thankful, because it has enabled me to see for myself the happy harmony which has so suddenly sprang up between those engaged but a few short years ago in deadly conflict. It has been an inestimable blessing to me to hear kind expressions toward me in person from all parts of our country; from people of all nationalities; of all religions, and no religions; of confrderates and national troops alike; of soldiers organizations; mechanical, scientific, religious and other societies, embracing almost every citizen in the land. They have brought joy to my heart, if they have not effected a cure; so to you and your colleagues I acknowledge my indebtedness for having brought me through the valley of the shudow of death to enable me to witness these things.

U. S. GRANT.

Mt. McGregor, N. Y., July 2, '85."

EMBLEMS OF MOURNING.

A Washington dispatch says:

"The White House is almost enveloped in the habiliments of mourning. The great white Corinthian columns of the front and rear portion. the marble ballustrade that encircles the entire roof, and the massive door ways and all, are covered with black bunting. It took over 4,000 yards for the White House alone. It is estimated that fully 40,000 yards were consumed in decorating the public buildings. At least 60,000 yards are suspended upon the business houses, making a total of 100,000 yards or 300,000 feet. The drapery of the city will cost at least $30,000."

Mr. Rutherford B. Hayes comes forward with the proposition to erect a monument to the memory of Gen. Grant. A very proper move, and a very improper mover.

Editor Labouchere, of *Truth*, who is said to have better opportunities for getting inside information than any other man in Europe, says: "The Emperor of Germany is very feeble and we may hear of his death any day. His life is really not worth an hour's purchase."

Since the enactment of the whipping post law in Maryland there has been a great falling off in wife-beating. The poor, downtrodden wives coming to the front now. The police authorities in Baltimore report now that scarcely a day passes that some wretched, bunged-up man does not pause at a station house to lodge complaint against his muscular wife.

Small Boy—"Say, mom, I know what makes pop's face so red. He's a lobster. "Mom"—"You disrespectful child. What do you mean?" Small boy—"Why, lobsters turn red when they are put in hot water, and I heard pop tell Mr. Rummie that he had been in hot water ever since he married you."—*Philadelphia Call.*

The Vice-President thinks there will be some Tariff reform legislation next winter.

The St. Louis Exposition has received $250,000 worth of pictures from New York.

The people of England do not appear to be greatly excited over the approaching elections.

Among the many telegrams of condolence received by Mrs. Grant is one from James G. Blaine.

Willie Sprague, a son of of Kate Chase Sprague, and a grandson of the late Chief Justice Chase, has married his father's wife's sister. He is, therefore, brother-in-law to his father and his own uncle.

Peter B. Sweeney, one of the thiefs of the Tweed regime. is living in Paris and is in comfortable circumstances.

The Banks and the Treasury.

The New York *World* says: "The letter of the clearing House Committee inviting the co-operation of the banks throughout the country to unite with those of New York in the arrangement by which it is [illegible] posed to relieve the Treasury [illegible] any fear of an insufficient [illegible] ply until the meeting of Co[illegible] is published to-doy.

The proposition is a very sim[illegible] one and ought to meet general approval without reference to views upon the silver question. The banks tender to the Government from their gold reserves ten million dollars, or if necessary twenty millions in exchange for a like amount of fractional silver coin or such other currency as the Clearing House Committee may approve.

The banks have large gold reserves in their vaults. There are now lying idle in the Treasury some thirty million dollars in fractional silver coin. It is proposed to put the gold into the Treasury and thro' the banks to spread the fractional silver coin as much as posible among the people all over the country.

The cart-wheel silver dollar is not a popular or convenient coin. But millions of dollars in halves, quarters and dimes more than are now in use, could be circulated without injury and often with increased convenience to the public.

If the treasury did obtain this co-operation of the banks, it might possibly be driven to pay out silver dollars for public dues before Congress meets. As the banks would regard this an evil, they wisely prevent it by an offer which affects only themselves and to which no reasonable objection can be made.

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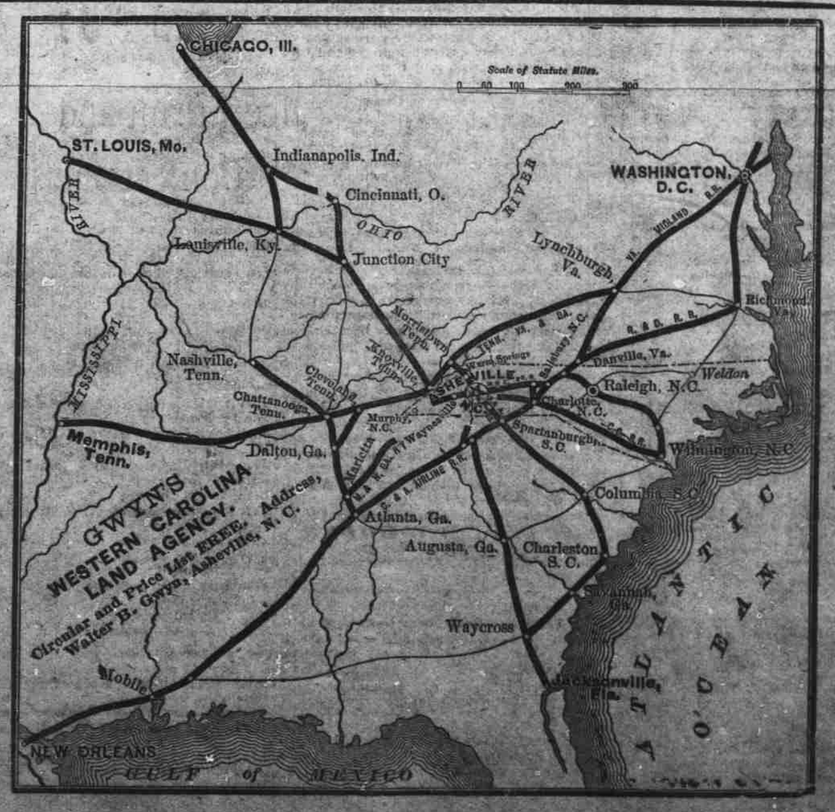
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