# THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

## DOINGS OF THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AND BUREAUS.

### The Chinese Restriction Law—Supreme Court Decision—Other Washington News.

WASHINGTON, October 12.—It is understood that the Miles-Geronimo complication was again under consideration at the Cabinet meeting today.

**Difficulty in Enforcing the Chinese Restriction Law.**

WASHINGTON, October 12.—The Collector of Customs at San Francisco has informed the Treasury Department of difficulties encountered in the enforcement of the Chinese restriction law. It appears that seven Chinese in transit from New York to Hong Kong, and three others from Hong Kong to Honolulu, have not yet departed from San Francisco, although they have had ample time to do so. The collector expresses the apprehension that these persons do not intend to leave the country, and that even if they do, it is their purpose to fraudulently obtain return certificates in order to establish a right to come and go at will. The collector also calls attention to the practice of the Federal courts in landing Chinese laborers on writs of habeas corpus and releasing them on bail after the collector has examined into their cases and refused to allow them to land. This practice, he says, is substantially an abrogation of the law. Acting Secretary Fairchild has written to the collector in reply as follows: "As the competency of the customs officers to enforce the restriction acts terminates under the law with the landing of Chinese persons, it would seem that the duty to seek a remedy for the evils pointed out by you pertains more especially to the province of the law officers of the government, and you are therefore advised to bring the facts stated by you to the notice of the United States Attorney for the respective districts wherein such facts occur."

**The Hauling Down of the Flag on the Grimes.**

WASHINGTON, October 12.—Advices received at the State Department this morning corroborate the published report of the hauling down of the American flag on the American schooner Marion Grimes, at Shelburn, by Capt. Quigley, of the Canadian cruiser Terror. The action of the captain of the Grimes in running up the colors while the vessel was in the custody of Canadian officers is deprecated at the department, as likely to needlessly complicate the department in its efforts to reach a satisfactory settlement of the fisheries question.

**Appointments by the President.**

WASHINGTON, October 12.—The President made the following appointments today: William L. Magionis, of Ohio, to be Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Territory of Wyoming; W. H. D. Cochrane, of Nassau, N. H., to be pension agent at Concord, N. H.; Daniel J. Sullivan, of Prescott, Ariz., to be Receiver of Public Moneys at Prescott, Ariz.; David K. Wardwell, of Tombstone, Ariz., to be agent for the Indians of the Lemhi agency in Idaho Territory. Also the following named postmasters: Ellis Briggs, at Roodhouse, Ill., vice John Roodhouse, resigned; Michael Sullivan, at Marshall, Minn., vice S. D. How, resigned; John Stuart, at Pipestone, Minn., vice D. E. Sweet, suspended;

**The War Feeling Growing.**

PARIS, October 12.—There is a rapid growth of the war feeling in France. The Boulanger party have begun the issue of two new journals, *La Revanche* and *Le Soldat Laboureur*, to advocate an offensive policy and stimulate the old military prestige of France. Gen. Boulanger, however, disowns any connection with the papers. M. Lavedon, the military critic, writes to *Figaro* that Gen. Boulanger prepared a well conceived plan in conduct in connection with a staff officer of high rank for a continental campaign. The *Militaire* says Gen. Boulanger desires war, not for the purpose of recovering Alsace, not to gratify personal ambition, but as a step leading to the solution of social questions. The strickest taboo of everything German is being observed. M. Lockroy, Minister of Commerce, has ordered the police to prosecute all persons selling boxes of toys imported from Germany and containing a map of France without Alsace.

**Value of Exports for Nine Months.**

WASHINGTON, October 12.—The Chief of the Bureau of Statistics report the total value of the exports of breadstuffs as follows: September, 1886, $14,282,528; 1885, $9,007,713. For the nine months ended September 30, 1886, $110,828,599; 1885, $102,190,798.

**Supreme Court Decision.**

WASHINGTON, October 12.—The Pacific National Bank cases, which were under argument in the Supreme Court of the United States today, are of interest to a large number of persons, especially in Massachusetts, inasmuch as they involve the question of the liability of the stockholders of the solvent Pacific National Bank of Boston for the amounts of stock subscribed to by them when the capital stock of the bank was increased from $500,000 to $1,000,000, in September, 1881. The appealing stockholders contend that the capital stock of the bank never was validly increased to $1,000,000; that the attempt on the part of the directors and the Comptroller of the Currency, in December, 1881, to fix the capital stock at $961,300 was contrary to law and void; and that consequently the shares of so called new stock on which they are sued never had any legal existence. The court below decided against them.

**The Troublesome Indians.**

WASHINGTON, October 12.—A communication from Minister West has been transmitted by the Department of State to the War Department calling attention to the threatening state of affairs on the boundary line between Montana and the British possession, and suggesting the adoption of measures calculated to prevent raiding across the line by hostile Blood and Piegan Indians. It is presumed by the War Department that the general in command of that section of our territory has already taken steps to guard against further raids by massing a sufficient force at the usual crossing places.

**Charges of Illegal Judgments and Decisions.**

WASHINGTON, October 12.—The Hon. W. W. Wilshire, of Washington, ex-Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Arkansas, and the Hon. Robert Christy, of Washington, filed today with the Secretary of the Treasury charges to the effect that the list of judgments and decisions filed in the State Department by the late Court of Commissioners of Alabama Claims was illegal and deficient; that the list of judgments filed in the Treasury Department by the Hon. J. D. Porter, Assistant Secretary of State, was not certified as the law requires; that consequently the Treasury Department was not in possession of any legal list of judgments on which it had no authority to issue drafts, and that all drafts thereon issued were illegal and void. This is said to raise an interesting and important question.

The law, it is said, prescribes that the court, after all its judgments and decisions are rendered, shall send a list thereof to the Secretary of State, and that a certified copy thereof shall be transmitted by the Secretary of State to the Secretary of the Treasury. It appears, complainants allege, by an inspection of the records, that a large portion of them were not certified to by the commissioners, but by the clerk, and that no certified copy of the list of judgments was made at the State Department. The latter, instead of furnishing a certified copy to the Treasury, sent simply a certificate by Assistant Secretary Porter that D. W. Fessenden, Esq., was the clerk of the commission, which, the complainants allege, in no wise complies with the statute.

The charges, sustained by extracts from the record, are now before the State Department and the First Comptroller of the Treasury. The facts will be inquired into by the Supreme Court of the District, in general term, on the 18th instant, upon the return of the rule to show cause against Secretary Bayard why a mandamus should not issue compelling him to send a correct list of judgments to the Treasury Department. The complainants allege that even upon the list as sent by the State Department to the Treasury, important errors have been found, which have caused much delay and trouble, and that many of the judgments rendered for the beneficiaries by the commission were never entered in the clerk's journals, which are the only official and regular records.

# TERRITORY OF DAKOTA.

## THE GOVERNOR'S ANNUAL REPORT TO THE

### Secretary of the Interior—The Condition of Business and the Crops.

WASHINGTON, October 12.—The Hon. Gilbert A. Pierce, Governor of Dakota Territory, in his annual report to the Secretary of the Interior, says: The year has not been altogether as prosperous as was desired, Dakota suffering in common with the rest of the country from more or less business prostration, and from the drouth, which injured the small grains, thereby materially lessening the yield. The drouth was not general, however, but local in its character, some parts of the Territory showing large yields while in others the failure was almost complete. It is difficult to estimate correctly the shortage in the crops over last year, but it is safe to say that in wheat and oats it will be at least one-third, and I fear more. Flax, rye and barley also suffer, but to what extent it is impossible to say. The yield of potatoes and other roots will probably be near up to the average. Cattle industry has developed very rapidly during the year in other parts of the Territory. It has been supposed that the large cattle ranches must be confined to the western part of the Territory, where the abundant grass and limited snowfall enable cattle to graze during the winter months. Late experiments have demonstrated, however, that cattle raising can be profitably pursued even in the extreme northern part of the Territory, and the result has been the establishment of large cattle ranches in various sections. The bonded debt of the Territory remains the same as one year ago, namely, $565,200. The assessment of 1886 shows an increase over 1885 of about $24,000,000, making the total assessment for the year of about $130,000,000. The tax for the Territorial purposes for the year 1886 is but 2.4-10 mills. The total county indebtedness of the Territory, bonded and floating, is a little over $3,000,000. School statistics for the last year have not yet been received, but there is no doubt but the remarkable progress shown during the fiscal year of 1885 is continued. On the subject of the drouth and development of the Territory the Governor quotes at length from the report of the Commissioner of Immigration, which says: "There were 22,431 new filings on the public lands during the year under the three general land laws, divided as follows: Homesteads, 7466; pre-emptions, 7894, and tree claims, 7071. The area newly filed on during the year was 3,565,366 acres. There were 9962 final proofs made during the year. The sales of land by the Northern Pacific Railroad Company during the year are estimated at 25,000,000 acres. The total increase in population of the Territory for the year is estimated at 85,000, giving Dakota a population on June 30, 1886, of fully 500,000. The railroad building of 1886 bids fair to be much greater than for any previous year in the history of the Territory." The Governor estimates the total construction of railroads in the Territory for 1886 at 800 miles. In conclusion, the Governor discusses the subject of the admission of Dakota into the Union, and adds: "I renew my recommendation most earnestly, that this great people be no longer kept from their rightful heritage, but be permitted a share and voice in that Government they honor by their public spirit and sustain by their industry."

# SOUTHERN PASSENGER AGENTS.

### Meeting of the Association at New York City.

NEW YORK, October 12.—The Southern Passenger Agents' Association had a meeting today, M. Slaughter, of Atlanta, Ga., in the chair. No business of any importance was transacted, and the association adjourned until tomorrow. The Committee on Uniform Train Rules held a short session and discussed a number of new rules for the management of trains. This committee will hold another meeting tomorrow, when a report will be made and presented to the General Railroad Time Convention, which meets in the morning. It is expected that the convention will be in session several days. Among the prominent railroad men present are: K. H. Wade, superintendent of Western St. Lawrence and Pacific railway; E. B. Thomas, general manager Richmond and Danville; H. B. Stone, general manager Chicago, Burlington and Quincy; H. Walters, general manager Atlantic and Coast Line; J. T. Harahan, general manager Louisville and Nashville railroad; Wm. Rogers, general superintendent Central and Southwestern railroads of Georgia; C. D. Gorham, superintendent Western division of New York Central and St. Louis railroad, and R. Pitcairn, general agent and superintendent of the Pittsburg division of the Pennsylvania railroad.

# THE GIGANTIC MONOPOLY

## BY WHICH THE PLANTERS ARE BEING SQUEEZED,

### In Other Words, Forced to Sell Their Cotton Seed Below Its Real Value.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., October 11.—The *Times-Democrat* editorially says: How much the Southern planters are interested in this cotton seed problem is well shown by the many letters received by the *Times-Democrat* on this subject. A correspondent who writes us approvingly of our first article, which, by the by, has been generally republished in the Southern press, says: "Such articles must soon bear fruit. Already there is a feeling of distrust, of unrest, of positive dissatisfaction among the cotton farmers of the South at what they consider an attempt, so far successful, on the part of the American Cotton Oil Trust to obtain the seed crop at much less than its real value. To avoid taxation the company is called a trust, instead of a stock company." Our correspondent declares that the Oil Trust was started with the mills of the Howard Oil Company. The mills of this concern were valued at several times what they were worth and trust certificates issued therefor, which were taken in payment for these mills which already belonged to themselves at 20 cents on the dollar, or 20 per cent for their par value. This done, they began on the most timid mill owners they could find and bulldozed them into taking a low price for their mills, taking their pay in certificates at high prices. In this way they have secured all the large mills of the country, paying for most of them with trust certificates. The plan is to force all the mills that are now out into the trust. This is the way they propose to do it: Whenever an outside mill makes a shipment of oil or cake an agent of the trust will follow it up and offer the same amount at a price so low that the shipment will lose money. In this way they expect to kill the mill men off without advancing the price of seed or in any way benefiting the producer. The *Times Democrat* has already shown that the immense capital of this company is nearly all water. Mills worth at most $5,000,000 and capitalized at $8,000,000 or so, have been watered up to $35,000,000, and as there is no limit to the capitalization, as it can keep on grinding out stock as long as it chooses, there is no reason why the capital should not finally reach $50,000,000 or $75,000,000. By a careful system of boosting, the certificates have been forced up to nearly 60, and it is claimed that they will be driven to 75 before January. This has been accomplished by saying that the Standard Oil Company was backing the Trust, and by pretending in New York that the monopoly is complete master of the situation, has the planters at its mercy, and it can dictate to them the prices to be paid for seed. The South has little interest in the stock jobbing part of the undertaking in New York; what it wants is to see the planter protected and getting his full share of the profit from the cotton seed and to prevent the impoverishment of the soil by taking from it the elements of fertility in the seed. The crop of 1886-87 will aggregate 3,000,000 tons. Of this 15 per cent., or 450,000 tons, will be crushed; 5 per cent., or 150,000 tons, will be required for planting, making a total of 600,000 tons that comes to any legitimate use, leaving a balance of 2,400,000 tons that is practically wasted. If this seed was manufactured by the men who produce it, and all of the product (except the oil) used by them, it would be worth millions of dollars to the South. Our correspondent, after considering the whole question, comes to the same conclusion reached by the *Times-Democrat* some days later, that the monopoly of the seed by the Trust Company can be best prevented and the planters most benefited by the plan proposed years ago by Mr. Atkinson. He says:

"I see but one way out of this difficulty, that is, for the local capital of the country to combine with the cotton farmers and build central ginneries with oil mills attached and handle the business on a large scale, using none but the best improved machinery for the purpose. By doing this a saving of 90 per cent. can be made in the cost of gins, as 10 per cent. of the gins, if properly arranged, are sufficient to gin the entire crop. Again, by the employment of such improved machinery, together with skilled labor to superintend the ginning, the crop of 1886-87 would bring at least $30,000,000 more than it would sell for as it is now ginned. This sum added to the loss on the seed would make the cotton farmer of the South, what his occupation entitles him to be, a prince in the land."

This states one feature of the case very well, and will recommend itself to the producers of cotton. From the communications that come in to us, from the many suggestions made as to how the machinations of the Trust Company can be defeated, we feel assured that the planters will yet be able to prevent this monopoly from carrying out any plans injurious to their interests and those of the South.

## SENATOR GIBSON

### Did Not Abuse President Cleveland as the "World" Reported.

New York *Star*: Yesterday's *World* contained a Washington dispatch giving a long story about Senator Gibson, of Louisiana, and an interview alleged to have occurred between him and the President on Thursday. As the *World's* story goes, Senator Gibson called at the White House to remonstrate with the President in the matter of the Louisiana officials charged with having violated Mr. Cleveland's civil service order of last summer. The Senator is described as having taken very high grounds in his defense of the offenders, whose appointments he is credited with having secured. According to the *World's* Washington young man, the Senator bristled up to the President and told him that the officials had done no wrong; that they had done no more than Col. Lamont and Secretary Manning were doing at that moment, and that he protested against the infliction of any punishment. The President is supposed to have quailed before Mr. Gibson's wrath, and the Senator to have retired in triumph. Of course, there is not a word of truth in this absurd yarn. Our Washington dispatch, published elsewhere this morning, states positively that Senator Gibson's call at the Executive Mansion was on business entirely foreign to that alleged in the *World's* canard, and that the matter of the Louisiana officials was not once alluded to. It also states incidentally that Col. Lamont's mission to New York a few days ago had no reference to politics. And, in a word, the *World's* story turns out to be a lie from first to last. It only remains to say that this is perhaps a fair sample of the accuracy of the *World's* so called news, and quite characteristic of the fairness and intelligence of the war it is now waging against the Democratic party, both here and at Washington.


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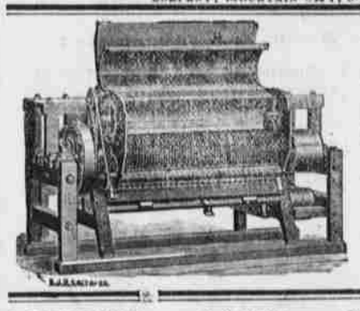

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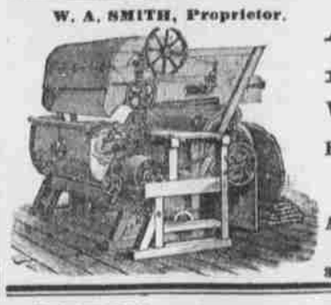

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| Miller Field | Madison | 42,500 | 180 0 |
| Hilton | E. Carroll, | 50,000 | 200 0 |
| Deer Park | Concordia, | 57,000 | 220 00 |
| Lake Concordia, | Concordia, | 150,000 | 450 00 |
| Killarney | Madison | 12,500 | 100 00 |
| Reid | Madison | 280,000 | 800 0 |

Proposals for above named works must be separate, and each proposal must be signed by the person making the same, and sealed in its own envelope and marked "Proposals to build ——— levee, in ——— parish, from ———," giving name of levee, and of parish, and of person making proposal.

A deposit of current money, or certified bank check is required for each levee to the amount above stated, which should be enclosed in the sealed envelope; said deposit to be forfeited to the Board of Commissioners 5th Louisiana Levee District in case the person to whom the work may be awarded shall fail to sign articles of agreement, and complete bond within forty-eight hours after notice of adjudication.

Bond will be required in a sum not to exceed five (5) cents per cubic yard on the amount above stated in advertisement, with two (2) sureties, who will be required to make oath that they are each worth, over and above liabilities and exemptions, the amount of bond.

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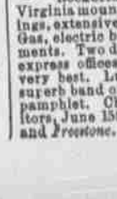

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