

The Georgia peach growers had an interesting meeting in Macon.

Washington, Ga., has just sold \$30,000 of city bonds at 106 1/2. Good credit, that.

Michigan is to try an income tax-law on her own account. All incomes of \$1,000 and more, up to \$2,500, will be taxed one quarter of one per cent; from \$2,500 to \$5,000 one-half of one per cent.

Constable Crawford's commission has been finally revoked by Governor McSweeney. He was suspended from the force after the killing of Mrs. Stewart and has not been on the payroll since.

Gov. Roosevelt spends the entire time from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. every day in "seeing people."

The Supreme Court on Saturday last filed an opinion in favor of the dog.

In a Newberry case it was held by the circuit judge that the dog was not property and was not a subject for larceny.

The Supreme Court holds that the dog is property and can be stolen and that a party can be indicted for stealing a dog, that the dog is valuable notwithstanding the common law, which is against the doctrine of the decision filed Saturday.

There is a rankling suspicion in some quarters that the Republican coddling of the little old ex-Confederate veteran, Gen. Joe Wheeler, who saved the American army at Santiago from the retreat and disgrace which Shafter proposed, is indicative of a purpose on the part of the managers to inveigle him into the position of a tail for the McKinley kite in 1900, since it has been determined that the "Dobart must be dropped."

SOUTH CAROLINA COTTON. The government bulletin on the cotton crops of the Southern States says this of the South Carolina situation:

"In South Carolina cotton of early planting is doing well everywhere and some is putting on squares freely; late planted is not all up, and some fields have been replowed and planted in corn. The stands of cotton are generally fair, but the plants are smaller than usual at this season. Sea island cotton is in splendid condition, and some blooms have been noted."

There is a tendency these warm days to take to water because it is pleasant to dabble in it. Boys near streams are apt to overdo the thing. Girls who have convenient bathing tub or bath rooms may keep the skin clean, especially when they resort to the bath twice a day, just to keep cool.

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TILLMAN TELLS HIS TALE.

All About His Transactions With the Penitentiary. Columbia, S. C. June 13.—The penitentiary investigation committee resumed work at noon today. Chairman Stevenson and Senators Hay and Livingston were the only members present.

There were no interesting developments. Mr. Stevenson had written during the recess to Senator Tillman, ex-Governor Evans and others about the charges made against them. Evans had ignored the communication and Senator Tillman's letter was read and it was not insisted that he be summoned.

SENATOR TILLMAN'S LETTER. TRENTON, May 26, 1899. Hon. W. T. Stevenson, Kershaw S. C. Dear Sir: I have your letter of May 20th. I hardly think it worth my while to appear before your committee to answer the trivial matters brought out in the Neal investigation. I do not see in what way Col. Neal's dereliction or misconduct or his transaction in regard to the bricks and book case etc., can affect me. I am in the dark as to the exact nature of one of these matters to wit: The account of the commissary book and would be glad to know the nature of that account, items and dates. I will state for your information that I have no recollection whatever of ever having obtained any groceries or anything else that could be charged on a book of that kind from the penitentiary except an occasional mess of vegetables which were sent to me by Colonel Neal as a compliment, I suppose, and I am sure I paid for anything else. In regard to my running a farm with convicts, I will state that I never ran a farm while in Columbia at all in the common sense of the term. I rented five or six acres of land which I sowed in oats in the fall and worked with my carriage horses and then sowed in peas after the oats were cut, for pea hay. There was little patch at the executive mansion which was similarly treated and the convicts who kept the yards and grounds clean helped to gather in the hay as well as that on the rented land. The year I was at the mansion and Colonel Neal would never take any pay. The labor of cutting five acres of oats and pea hay one year, you can estimate so as to see about the extent of the account if it is still open. The matter was so trivial I attached no importance to it then or now. You may consider it in a different light. In regard to the brick, I will say that Colonel Neal at his own suggestion once, while at Rock Hill, offered to ship me a car load of brick if I would pay the freight, saying that they would cost him very little and he would make me a present of them. I accepted the offer, and when Colonel Lipscomb sent it to Colonel Neal with a letter inquiring whether Lipscomb had any rights in the matter. He replied "no," that it was a mistake and there the matter dropped. Neal also presented me with a plain book case with glass doors worth five dollars. I will say that shortly after I retired from the executive office, I let Colonel Neal have a cane mill and copper evaporator which cost \$700, leaving it to him to determine the price. He paid me \$100 and I therefore did not feel that in accepting the small gifts that I did, that it was an imposition on him. I never dreamed that the articles were not charged to his account and settled for. Since I have discovered that the State is the loser I, of course, am willing to pay for each and all of these things. There is one other item of which no mention has yet been made that I have seen, though I have not followed the testimony closely. He shipped me a small lot of oats one time from somewhere and would never send me any bill although I wrote for it twice. I make these statements for your information and satisfaction and leave it to your discretion as to what use you will make of them. I am yours respectfully.

THE ROSE IN THE GARDEN. He followed her into the garden. A rose bloomed sweet and red, And he saw her stand beside it there And gracefully bend her head: She kissed the beautiful, fragrant rose. And he heard her gently sigh, Then he followed after upon tip-toe, And his heart was beating high.

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HE STOOD WHERE THE MAIDEN HAD STOOD BESIDE THE BEAUTIFUL, BLUSHING ROSE, AND HE LOVINGLY BENT HIS HEAD AND SIGHED. AMONG THE PETALS SO SWEET, SO RARE, THAT THE FAIR MAID'S LIPS HAD PRESSED, BUT A BUMBLE BEE THAT HAD GOTTEN HERE PROCCEEDED TO DO THE REST. CHICAGO TIMES-HERALD.

\$50,000,000 FOR CORNSTALKS. Steps are being taken to form a cornstalk combine, with a capital of \$50,000,000. Its promoters say that if they are successful in carrying out their ideas, 250,000,000 tons of cornstalk that are burned or left to rot by the farmers of the United States will prove to be as valuable as coal, or about \$6 per ton.

W. B. Tate, representing a syndicate of St. Louis, Chicago and Cleveland capitalists, is now in the city, preparing the way for a meeting of the promoters of the combine, which is to be held at the Waldorf-Astoria on August 15, when the scheme of financing and the details of organization will be perfected. While he was reticent when seen yesterday, he intimated that the combine would not have for its object the stifling of competition, but simply the development of the cornstalk as a commercial commodity and the creation of markets for its several products.

Mr. Tate has been in communication in the last few days with several well-known promoters of this city, and from one of these the purposes of the new trust, along with some interesting figures, were secured. Over 250,000,000 tons of cornstalks are grown in the United States every year, the acreage averaging 80,000,000 and the yield about three tons to the acre. Of this immense amount, two-thirds or about 160,000,000 tons, has heretofore been regarded as sheer waste and litter, less than one-third of the total weight of the stalks being serviceable as fodder for cattle. This waste matter has been a serious trouble to farmers a long time, not because of an understood loss of revenue by it, but simply because of the necessity of getting rid of it by burning or otherwise, in order to free the soil of an encumbrance.

Science has demonstrated now that this so-called waste has value all its own, and reckoned at its present market price it is now known that the farmers of the country have been throwing away or burning up and otherwise destroying \$900,000,000 a year for two decades at least, or \$18,000,000,000. It is a safe estimate that twice that enormous sum has been allowed to go to waste in cornstalks in this country alone in the present century. A company organized a few years ago by Mark W. Marsden, of Philadelphia, which has two factories, one in Rockford, Ill., and another in Owensboro, Ky., has been successfully manufacturing six different products from cornstalks. These are cellulose, which is used for the lining of battle ships, serving as an automatic lak stopper, the glue of which is well known; a first-class cardboard, a splendid paper, an unequalled foundation for dynamite, a patent cattle food and a glue.

If these products and others that the cornstalk may in the future be capable of yielding that the proposed combine intends to handle. Whether or not the Marsden Company will enter the combine is not known, but according to Mr. Tate the success of the scheme does not depend upon the securing of the Marsden patents, he intimating that the promoters of the trust control their own process.

Mr. Marsden has a contract with the Government for cellulose at \$400 per ton, and it is figured that he can manufacture one ton of cellulose from 15 tons of stalks, or \$400, worth of cellulose from \$90 worth of stalks, not counting his by-products. Ground cornstalks, cooked and sweetened with molasses and pressed into bricks, is regarded as one of the most nutritive cattle foods yet placed on the market. The paper and cardboard manufactured from cornstalks are already recognized as exceptionally superior articles.

It is the dust of cellulose that is used for making powder and dynamite. By reason of its powers of absorption and retention of nitro-glycerine, it is declared to be immensely superior to sea island cotton, which heretofore has been the chief base for high explosives. The glue manufactured from cornstalks finds a ready market with jewellers and artists. Mr. Tate will leave for Washington in a few days to look after several patents for which he is negotiating. As far as could be learned, the trust will erect five factories in the Northwest and Southern corn belts, and immediately upon organization will begin operation.

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The popularity of this law is evinced by the fact that the highway commissioner of New Jersey has petitions on file in his office for the improvement of roads requiring many times the appropriations made by the State Legislature, and the greater part of his time is consumed in listening to the pleadings of farmers from all parts of the State, urging that their roads may be the first to be improved under the State aid law.

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