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The New York Evening Post's Washington correspondent is authority for the statement that Secretary Manning's annual report will recommend, among other things, and very emphatically and earnestly, "legislation looking to an unconditional suspension of the present silver coinage and a recommendation for the repeal of the present requirements for the redemption of minor coin in unlimited quantities. It is inferred that the Secretary will at least suggest the propriety of legislation looking to the abolition of certificates representing the coin stored and transported at public cost and risk."

Late inquiries develop the fact that the wheat crop sown this fall will be a small one. In the tobacco growing section, which is also one of the best for wheat, the seeding has been greatly retarded in consequence of the cutting of tobacco. At this time not one-fourth the acreage has been sown that was at the same period last year. And we are inclined to the belief that the acreage this year will not reach 66 per cent, of what it was last. The long-continued drought which prevented the breaking of the land for wheat; the low prices which are prevailing and the dull sales; the general impression that too much wheat is grown for our markets—all these have conspired to make farmers indifferent about the crop.

The outlook for the south is good. Year by year the people are becoming more and more independent. The cotton growers are drawing less and less on their crops. This shows that the farmers are accumulating some capital, and when they reach the point that they can make their crops without the help of the commission merchant, then the investment of capital in manufacturing industries will commence in earnest. What is needed to reach this point is not so much laid up cash as an improved system of farming; a system of farming by which the cotton growers will so divide up their crops as to supply the laborers with provisions while they are making the crop.

After this is done all spare capital will go into manufacturing. For nearly one hundred years before the war, in the south, all spare capital was put into land and slaves. In the north surplus capital went into manufacturing. The result was an enhancement of real estate, money kept at home and drawn from abroad, and finally immense wealth.

In the south as we accumulate capital, we will go to manufacturing, because now this is the natural, if not the only, outlet for accumulated capital. The fact that already in the south so much capital has been invested, and so many people have embarked in manufacturing, even while suffering not only from exhaustion but through two long periods of depression, is sufficient evidence that the enterprise and money of the south will be turned in that direction.

But the important question with all in the south is, When will business revive? What are the signs?

The indications strongly point to a recovery. Gradually at the great centers business is reviving. The merchants are satisfied with their trade. Banks are going along in their usual way, without complaint and without any alarm. The railroads are doing a fair business, the crops are good and the farmers are out of debt.

But the more positive sign is the confidence manifested by capitalists, manufacturers and traders all over the country. The manufacturers have made up their minds that their goods will be needed and are laying in stocks.

Capitalists and traders are investing their money in securities which they did not want a few months ago. The rise in stocks has been so gradual and long continued, and has taken in so many different kinds of stocks, that it is no longer a question between confidence and manipulation. The public judgment is about made up that confidence is being restored and that the country is going to recover from the long depression. One good sign in New

York and other cities is, that capitalists are buying cheap stocks, stocks that could not be sold a short time ago at any price. This probably comes from a belief in the public mind that the properties which have stood the great strain lived through the depression, though not paying dividends, are substantial and will rapidly recover when the spell is broken. The purchase of these stocks indicates this belief, and also the belief that the spell is broken.—Union.

We give below a condensed report of the Director's and Supervisor's meeting, which was held at Hardin College the 24th. The meeting adjourned to meet again during the holidays. Of the meeting we would say, that it is a step in the right direction, and we hope not only to be present ourselves, but to see every Director, Supervisor and teacher at the next meeting.

The Director's and Supervisor's of the Public Schools of Hardin County, met in Savannah, Tenn., October 24, 1885, and under the supervision of Superintendent Watson organized themselves into a Director's Institute. There were present Directors or Supervisors from ten civil districts of the county, and there were seventeen voters.

The object of the meeting as stated by Supt. Watson was to "consider the advisability of adopting a series of school text books to be used in the Public Schools of Hardin County, to adopt a series of books and to attend to other matters of general educational interest."

The Institute was organized with E. D. Martin, Chairman; H. P. Wood, Secretary; B. G. Brazelton, Treasurer.

The forenoon was spent in a general discussion of advisability and the effect of adopting a series of books for the public schools. The need of some such action was urged by several Directors and teachers as well as by Supt. Watson of Hardin, and Supt. Abernathy of McNairy County. It was believed that public opinion would be so strong as to make the action of this body entirely effective throughout the county.

A committee on resolutions was appointed to select a series of school text books, and to formulate suitable resolutions on the adoption of the same.

With music the Institute adjourned to 1:30 p.m.

In the evening session the committee on the selection of text books reported resolutions recommending the adoption of the Eclectic series of school-books; that is, McGuffey's Revised Speller and Reader, Ray's Revised Arithmetic, Harvey's Revised Grammar, the Eclectic U. S. History, the Eclectic Geographies, the Eclectic Copy book, McAdoo & White's Geology of Tennessee, and Lupton's Elements of Agriculture.

An effort was made to substitute Barne's National Reader for McGuffey's Revised Reader, but failed by a vote of 9 to 8; also to substitute Reel & Kellogg's Grammar for Harvey's Revised Grammar, but failed by a vote of 12 to 5. The resolution was then passed by 15 to 2, and then made unanimous.

After the usual resolutions of thanks to the musicians, visiting speakers, etc., the Institute adjourned to meet in the audience Hall of Hardin College, Savannah, Tenn., on Friday and Saturday of the next Xmas holidays. H. P. Wood, Sec'y of Institute.

STATE NEWS.

Heavy frosts are reported in East Tennessee.

Two revivals of religion are being conducted at Columbia, and both are meeting with great success.

A new census is to be taken of Memphis in November. It is expected that the population will reach 65,000.

Unknown parties attempted to assassinate a colored preacher in Memphis. He was shot in two places, but not fatally.

Chattanooga is having a considerable building boom; several fine business blocks, and twenty five one and two story houses are being erected.

Hiram C. Harris, the uncle and murderer of young Frank, is being tried at Lewisburg. Harris expects to be cleared on the ground of insanity.

It is estimated that the peanut crop in Tennessee this year will amount to 400,000 bushels, which is about 40 per cent of the last year's crop.

Chattanooga had a \$15,000 fire last Tuesday.

Judge McConnell sentenced Geo. League to the penitentiary for life, at Clarksville, Monday, for the murder of Reuben Plunket, about a year ago.

Millions of squirrels are swarming across the Mississippi below Memphis into Arkansas and people are killing them by the wagon load with sticks.

The creditors of the Shelbyville Savings Bank held a meeting Monday and decided that it was best for the bank to resume, the claims of the creditors being satisfactorily adjusted.

Valuable marble deposits have been discovered on the property of the Daisy Mining Company, a few miles north of Chattanooga. There are 15 of strata, varying shades of thickness.

The City Council of Memphis adopted a resolution requesting the City Attorney to bring suit against the Memphis City Railway Company for damages done the streets on which the company has put down tracks without a grade or right of way.

While playfully rummaging through some old drawers, in Chattanooga, several children found an old revolver. One of them leveled it at the other and snapped it in fun. "The other," it is believed, may recover but it always carries a gaping wound in the face.

James M. White, of the First district of Green County, mistook for burglars, two little girls, who knocked at his door, and shot through the window, inflicting a painful wound in the shoulder of one of the children.

Shelbyville has been visited by another disastrous fire. It originated in the livery stable on Bridge street, owned by the McKee brothers, which was totally destroyed; also the business house of Rutledge & Thompson, McDowell Bros.' blacksmith shop and the blacksmith shop owned by Jas. Hutton, and occupied by E. H. Kahl.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Clifton Items.

We had the unexpected pleasure of listening to an excellent sermon delivered at the M. E. Church Friday evening by the Rev. Mr. Curry of Savannah.

Saturday evening, Sunday and Sunday evening we were entertained at the C. P. Church by the Rev. Dr. Paine of Martin's Mills. He is a man who means what he says and says it in very emphatic language.

The members of the C. P. Sunday School were much pleased at having their friend Rev. Mr. Powell with them to-day. He was en route to his home at Spring Hill, but was delayed here on account of the Str. loading lumber during the day. Mr. Powell made many friends here last summer while conducting a meeting at the M. E. Church, and they all wish him much success in gathering wanderers into the blessed fold, and that each soul saved through his instrumentality may add a diamond to his angel crown.

Our streets were much crowded Saturday—everybody came to town. Had an influx of drummers during the past week.

There was a magic lantern show at the Academy Saturday evening. It was a humber of the deepest dye.

A church sociable will be given by the ladies of the M. E. Church next Friday evening. Would be glad to have some of our Savannah friends come down. Rip Vax.

North Carolina Items.

Horace Biscoe, one of our best citizens, returned from Texas last Thursday. This is his second trip and some of our young men are talking of getting ready to go with him, but we hope he will conclude to remain with us.

R. T. Blanton is the happiest man in the State—it's a girl.

S. P. Barlow is getting material on the ground to build him a new house.

We think the people of our neighborhood would have done well to have attended the Director's meeting at Savannah Saturday.

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Taken Up.

On the 20th of August 1885, by Alice Haley, one bay horse 15 1/2 hands high, about 8 years old, split in right hoof, blind in right eye.

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