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SOUTH AND HOME MARKET.

"Under the system of slavery it was natural that the South should be in favor of free trade; but all the conditions have changed. The big plantations have been for the most part cut up into small farms, and the great need of the small farmer, as well as the large farmer, is a home market where the diversified products of the farm may be sold for cash as readily as the cotton crop."

The above, from the Atlantic Constitution, is indicative of the changed opinions which have taken root side-by-side with the changed conditions. A home market where the farmer can exchange the products of the generous soil of the South is the prime necessity of the hour, and that can be secured in no other way but by building up great industries where millions of well-paid men shall be ready and convenient customers. The nearer the field is to the workshop the better for both farmer and artisan. In States where less than 30 per cent of the people are engaged in farming the value of the land is \$38 per acre and the per capita value of products is \$457 per annum. In States where 77 per cent of the people are engaged in farming the value of the land is \$5.18 per acre and the per capita value of the products is \$160 per annum. The reasons for this great increase in the value of land and its products are plain and manifold and in every case the benefits are mutual. Distance from market insures to the benefit of railroads, chambers of commerce, commission merchants, and gamblers in options, but never to either producer or consumer. It requires no argument to prove this. It is self-evident. The farmer brings his produce to town himself and sells it to the man or woman who eats it; he does not divide his profits with go-between and therefore can sell it cheaper to his customer. Besides, the farmer can change his grain-fields into fruit-orchards and vegetable gardens, and enhance the value of his income a hundred-fold. The prices of these articles are not fixed by speculators in New York or Liverpool, but at the place where they are sold. This will be so—it is so now in the south wherever the skies are darkened with clouds of smoke and the air is made merry with the music of the trip-hammer, and the spinning jenny. "This is the music of the Union," and will do more to restore the old feelings of American fraternity than all the speeches that will be made from now till next fall. One thing only is necessary to make the south as busy and melodious as a bee-hive—protection. With that all is well, without it all is lost. Let iron ore and coal be put on the free list, let a reduction of 20 per cent be made on pig-iron and corresponding reduction on manufactures of steel and iron, then good-by to your home market and its cash customers, the American workmen. We don't know how far our southern friends are prepared to go in backing up words by deeds, but we do know that preaching protection and voting free-trade will close their factories and abolish their home market. Be warned in time.—Irish World.

INCREASED RAINFALL ON THE PLAINS.

Wheat growers and other large classes of citizens have been much interested in the repeated statements, made in the last few years, that the annual rainfall between the Missouri River and the Rocky Mountains is slowly increasing. The fact, has great agricultural importance. The testimony offered in proof of it, however, has, until recently, been unsatisfactory, and has fallen short of demonstration. Something more conclusive is now adduced by Mark W. Harrington, Editor of "The American Meteorological Journal," in a recent number of that publication. If a chart be constructed on which lines are drawn through places having the same annual rainfall these lines in the region under consideration will be found to run nearly parallel. The line for thirty inches of rainfall runs from St. Paul through Eastern Nebraska, bending eastward into Texas. The rainfall at Cheyenne is 11 inches, only a few years ago it was but 5 inches, having more than doubled. Mr. Harrington uses Blodgett's and Denison's data. Lorin Blodgett's collection of rainfall statistics for the United States, which came out in 1857, though now out of date, is a work of recognized value and covers a period of several years. Harrington, in making an average from these figures, thinks they may

be said fairly to represent the situation in 1850. Denison is a Denyer physician who has written extensively on climate, from a sanitary point of view, and has employed in preparing his tables the Signal Service reports of a term of years, ending with 1883 and averaging about 1880. The method employed by Mr. Harrington and the character of the work done by the authors whom he cites justify much confidence in the results attained in his inquiry.

The increase of rain fall in eastern Nebraska for fourteen years has been nearly twenty inches. There can no longer be any question as to the rainfall becoming heavier each year farther west. To deny it is to admit ignorance of an historic fact.

Our knowledge of Nebraska for twenty-five years has been such that we would have reason to attest the truth of Mr. Harrington's statements even if they were not backed up by careful and correct data.

"MORE REFORM."

"Mr. Scott, of Pennsylvania, saved his party from the last extreme of suicidal folly in one respect. Its Committee on Ways and Means, without a dissenting voice among the Democratic members present, voted last week to authorize purchases of bonds with the surplus in the Treasury, and to use in the same way half the trust funds deposited for redemption of bank notes. If any private banker, having been entrusted with large deposits by a valuable customer, should proceed ostentatiously to empty his bank by paying his own debts previously contracted, thus leaving himself no money for depositors if they should want payment, his prompt bankruptcy would surprise nobody, except perhaps Mr. Mills. After the committee had voted this conclusively to justify public apprehension regarding the common sense and common honesty of the Democratic party, Mr. Scott came in and took the party by the nape of the neck, so to speak. It was hoisted out of that blunder in a few moments, not without some strong words. But what would happen if the erratic creature should escape its guardian and keeper for a whole week? Heavens! Mr. Scott might be sick!" Indeed, what if Mr. Scott should die; think of it, only one man on the majority side of the house to protect the country from the clutches of the wooden-headed imps of bourbondom, whose honor and ignorance are on the same low plane.

It will take tons of Democratic white-wash freely mixed with apologies and explanations to keep the people of this intelligent North hoodwinked. Let us see if they are equal to the task.

FARMERS ALLIANCE.

The Wabash Farmers Alliance desires to say in reply to the comments of the State Journal and Plattsmouth Herald on resolutions passed January 21 condemning the action of Judge Field in instructing the jury to render a verdict in favor of the B. & M. Railroad Company. That had the Journal and Herald confined themselves to the facts we would not deem an answer necessary.

Our resolutions do not condemn the decision but simply the manner in which Judge Field instructed the jury. Why have a jury sworn to hear and determine the case according to law and testimony when there was nothing for them to decide?

The B. & M. Railroad Company has never returned the west end of the bridge as part of their right of way and has never been assessed as such. As to the Alliance being "bamboozled" and wanting the law repealed, we simply ask for its strict enforcement. In regard to the authorship of the law we refer the matter to Hon. C. H. Van Wyck.

It is evident that the editor of the Journal has himself "sloped over" in his anxiety to defend the B. & M. Railroad Company. A similar case has been tried and decided with a very different result by Judge Chapman.

The Alliance is perfectly willing to leave the case in the hands of Judge Maxwell and his associates as in that case there will be no jury to instruct. By order of the Alliance, B. F. ALLEN, Sec.

A UNIVERSAL complaint goes up from all parts of the country in regard to the careless and inefficient mail service of the present bourbon administration. Many country people are compelled, although living in a thickly-settled community, to go from twelve to fifteen miles for their mail. This is a sample of democratic economy and reform. Our neglected citizens should cheer up, however, as there will be a change on the 4th of next March, wherein an administration that appreciates the value of the mails, and enjoys the perusal of newspaper to such an extent that no need for complaint will exist after that date.

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NERVOUS PEOPLE.

VARIOUS VAGARIES WHICH ACCOMPANY AN AMERICAN DISEASE.

The Man Who Clears His Throat—Pulling at the Mustache—Last Stages of Nervous Affliction—Trick of a Victim of Insomnia.

"What do you think of nervous tricks and habits, doctor?" asked a reporter of Dr. Charles H. Hughes, at the physician's office. "Their serious consideration would fill your paper," he answered. "But of what may best be characterized as tricks and petty managements possessed by so many people, I would say that they are only too often the precursors of a graver nervous condition; the initial warnings of nature, as it were, of the diction in which the system is tending. Often, to be sure, these habits never become worse, the condition of the nervous system giving rise to them recovering through some fortuitous circumstance. There are sudden starts, the patient is easily frightened, disturbing the motor area of the brain and giving rise to semi-spasmodic actions. What physicians call the inhibitory power of the brain to arrest morbid influences becomes impaired so that what the mind would usually restrain passes into action. The mind has the ability to enforce such restraint, but action affords so much relief that the sufferer acquiesces, and nervous habits, newly acquired, are the result.

"We have all seen the practices into which nervous people fall. There is the man who clears his throat or coughs, when he has never the sign of a cold, or who yawns when he has no reason whatever to feel bored. Others will twitch their beard or mustache, pull at their clothing or buttons, or pick and bite at their finger nails until the blood runs. Then there are other such familiar evidences of embarrassment as the continual shifting of the position when in company, and this, together with a tendency to automatic and absent minded actions when not dependent on profound mental preoccupation, may be often taken as indicating the approach of nervous prostration. When one gets very nervous, marked habits of irritation appear; familiar and naturally agreeable sounds—such as the prattle of children—become annoying. Insomnia will set in, the motor area of the system becomes unequal to the daily demand, and the result is seen in irregularities of regulated movements. Some people will jerk and twitch their bodies when they fall asleep, from an irregular explosion of motor nerve force, the energy of a spinal cell becoming suddenly liberated. This same condition of things higher up in the brain gives rise to importunate and uncontrollable, disturbing and comfortless dreams, when the natural capacity of the brain to secure its own timely repose is impaired.

"In still graver states of nervous troubles may be observed morbid fears, some of them most peculiar. There are people afflicted with monophobia, or the fear of being alone, which is a most peculiar condition of the mind. I know a lawyer who would never dare to appear in court for the purpose of pleading a case when unaccompanied by his wife or some other member of the family. When so supported he would argue well and at length, but otherwise an indelible terror of something that might happen—he knew not what—would seize him and render him powerless. Then there are victims of claustrophobia, or the fear of being through narrow passages, and I have known people to be in mortal terror when proceeding along any but the broadest thoroughfares, lest the horses should close in on them and crush them. Anthropophobia and gynophobia, the one the fear of crowds and of men, and the other the fear of women, are not uncommon. These and similar troubles, associated with morbid sounds in the ears, are symptoms of what has been termed American nervousness, or neurasthenia, it being first discovered by American physicians. Again, we have perversion of smell and taste, all local causes being absent; cases of people who smell smoke when there is none at hand, and the predilection of school girls for chalk and ground slate pencils. The liking for alcohol is often a matter of the nerves and even acquired tastes for various articles of food and drink may be traced to the same cause.

"One of the saddest symptoms of nervousness, and one which in many instances marks the last stages of the affliction, is the indecision of men previously remarkable for vigor and the rapidity with which they grasped conclusions and acted on their convictions. But perhaps the most characteristic of all nervous troubles is the fear of personal contamination, which appears to have developed more since the advancement of the bacilli theory, and which so affects some persons that they will not shake hands or otherwise come into actual contact with their neighbors."

In connection with this last a certain gentleman well known in St. Louis, but now dead, may be recalled by many in whom was developed in a remarkable degree this fear of contamination. He wore gloves, and not only would not shake hands, but had the greatest aversion to touching any one sitting next him in a street car. Many people there are who have some such morbid condition that never develops into anything worse, and which is merely a source of annoyance to the afflicted. One gentleman found it impossible to sleep at times, and after chasing imaginary sheep over imaginary fences without avail, bethought himself of tracing the figure "8" on the ball of his thumb with the forefinger of the same hand. This intricate process attained the desired end, but unfortunately became such a matter of habit that it was continued in waking hours, and when next heard from the victim was unconsciously laboring to fill himself asleep in the day time.

These are but a few of the many types of nervous men that every one encounters. That they could be reduplicated by the score goes without saying, but lest the reader be added to the long list of unfortunate, it may be just as well to let the medical books tell the rest.—St. Louis Republican.

Very Satisfactory.

Mr. Levi employs two clerks in his retail grocery. One is a young man of the same race as his employer; the other is a large limbed, black bearded Yankee by the name of Hicks.

Mr. Levi is a very excitable little man and whenever young Moses gets in late swears at him fearfully. The other day, after a prolonged "cursing out," Moses meekly remonstrated: "Mr. Levi, it is all right; you can fuss me whenever you want to, but I notice that Mr. Hicks gets in late and you don't say nothing to him."

"But, mein Gott man!" exclaimed Mr. Levi, "you don't know what kind of a temper dat man Hicks is got!"—Detroit Free Press.

W. H. Waring, of Centralia, Mo., has a curious relic. It is a 43 ball issued by the state of New York, Aug. 13, 1776. The note has a seal on it bearing the Ten Commandments on its face. "Lex Regit" on one side, "Arma" on the bottom of the seal, and "Pentup at the top of the seal. The paper on which it is printed is about the thickness of blotting paper, and of a dull, yellow color.—Chicago Herald.

PARAGRAPHS ABOUT PEOPLE.

Laura Evans, a little Kentucky girl, has suddenly become violently insane at the age of 6.

Sir Morell Mackenzie ought soon to be the richest practitioner in the world. He treated eighty-four sufferers from the throat in one day recently.

Mrs. Taylor, of Galesburg, spoke disparagingly of Greener Scott's suit codfish. He said they were not like boards, and offered to let her hit him on the head with one for twenty-five cents. She plunked down the money and slapped him with the fish, breaking a jaw and tearing off part of one of his ears.

Adelina Patti never takes any out of door exercise. She is very much afraid of cold air, and when she goes out for a drive in winter swathes herself in furs, ties up her head and even puts cotton in her ears. She never speaks in the night air, and when she runs from the stage door to her carriage her mouth is covered by the scarf that goes over her head. Mme. Patti has kept her voice in good condition by this treatment, but it would not do for every one.

Mrs. Hendricks, the widow of the late vice president, is said to be a thorough woman of business. She is now in California, where she is going to look after her interests in certain mines, on which her husband spent \$100,000. There are 12,000 acres in the Hendricks tract, and she proposes to make a careful examination of it to see whether it is good fruit growing soil. Mrs. Hendricks has been president of the Indiana state prison reformatory for fourteen years, and she only returns from California for the sake of attending a meeting of the board.

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