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#### MISSISSIPPI POLITICS.

Most people it seems do not understand what all the trouble is about in Mississippi. It appears to be a scheme amongst politicians to make money out of the State on account of her repudiated bonds. Away back in 1837, that State borrowed, in New York and Europe, the sum of \$7,000,-000, and gave her bonds as evidence of her indebtedness. This money was borrowed for the purpose of loaning it to the planters and business men of the State. For this purpose it was placed in the Union and the Planters' banks, and gradually loaned out in sums of \$1,000 and upward. The plan looked like a good one. Here were business men and planters getting money at a low rate, and at the same time the State was deemed secure from loss. Money was plenty and everybody was happy, and the wonder was why the consummate plan to make "easy times" had not been thought of before. But as the notes fell due they were not met promptly. Some were not met at all. Suits were brought, the lawyers had fat fees, hard times came, and the banks broke. The money was frittered and loaned and fooled away. The Legislature, to its everlasting disgrace be it said, took advantage of some trifling technicalities and repudiated the whole debt. Since that time the specter of the repudiated bonds have hung like the sword of Damocles over Mississippi, If she lives until 1876, a Pullman In every campaign they came up, and in every market in the world Mississippi suffered. Her credit has been third-rate ever since. No one has faith in her promises to pay. As a mere matter of economy it would of the grand centennial, have been better to have paid that debt when first due, for certainly the State has suffered two-fold in consequeace of the repudiation. The bonds have been hawked about ever since at from two to three cents on the dollar, according as the hopes of payment, always slim, rose and fell. The principal and interest now amount to nearly \$30,000,000.

And what a splendid opportunity to make a fortute if the payment of those bonds can be forced upon the people. The whole amount could be bought for a song. The Legislature could be captured for a small per cent, of the grand total. The only difficulty then in the way would be the Governor. If he did not veto the arrangement, the holders of the bonds would succeed in their plans.

A correspondent of the Cincinnati Commercial says: "These politicians know they cannot expect anything from Alcorn. They tried him shortly after he was elected to the Governorship, four years ago, as he says himself. They first want to fix the Governor, and make sure of him before they buy the Legislature. It is understood that Ben Butler holds a large quantity of the bonds, and is attorney for the rest of the holders. I do not know how true this is, but it is certain that he has recently written to Acting Governor Powers, making inquiry as to the amount of the State debt. This is of startling significance to the people of Mississippi, and hence their keen anxiety to find somebody to beat Ames. For this reason they support Alcorn, and in fact would support anybody to floor Ben Butler's son-in-law. Ames protests that he is not in favor of paying the bonds; that his father-in-law is not a holder of them; that he is as much opposed to paying as anybody, and that if the Legislature passes a law to fund them he will veto it.

"But the property-holders distrust him, from the fact that he is not himself a property-holder, and does not live in the State. As Alcorn says, they cannot trust thirty millions of

dollars to the word of a non-resident. " Ames has many disadvantages to contend with, and if it was not for 15th. the united and unflinching support

fare slim. His greatest disadvantage is the fact that he is old Ben. Butler's son-in-law. There is no man in the United States so cordially hated here as Ben. Butler, or one in whom the 41,197 centals Wheat, valued at \$46,968. people have so little confidence. He. is continually referred to as the Beast, and poor Ames as the son-inlaw of the Beast. In addition to this Ames is surrounded by a bad set. Gibbs, on the ticket with him for Auditor, has been charged by Ames himself as being corrupt. In 1869, Gibbs and Dugan tried to swindle the 858 centals Wheat - \$27,715. State out of \$20,000 by fraudulent printing accounts. Ames, then Provisional Governor, checkmated their game, and used this language: "I know that man Gibbs to be corrupt. \* \* \* No party can live that upholds such a man." But now between Gibbs and Ames all seems to be lovely. O. C. French, the head of the party in Adams county, where Ames lives, is a defaulter to the Government for \$16,000. This appears on record, and is not a story trumped up for campaign use. The Pilot, Ames' State organ, is an injudicious and blatherskite sheet. It struck a serious blow at the cause of its master by saying that if the Republican party remains in power, the repudiated debt will be paid."

-Lucy Langdon Mowell was born in Alfred, July 4, 1776, on the day and very near the hour of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. When eight years of age she united with Alfred Shakers, and has since lived with them. When 84 years of age she wove thirty-four yards of Mechanics' Tools, cloth, and at 96 knit ten pairs of mittens. She has never been in a railroad car, and is in excellent health. palace-car will be dispatched to her native town to transport her to Boston. From thence she will be carried DUPONT'S GUNPOWDER, direct to the Quaker City, where her presence will be one of the features

-Troy of Homeric notoriety can be considered a myth no longer. Mr. Schliemann has been excavating for years. Lately, he made some astonishing discoveries, no other, in fact, than the finding of the palace of Priam with its treasures. Mrs. Francis, wife of the American minister to Greece, has seen these treasures and written of them.

-Five thousand million dollars have been expended in building dwelling houses in England and Wales, during the past century. This immense amount of money appears, at first, as a very extravagant expenditure, but is comparatively a small amount when the length of time and the large population to be sheltered are considered.

Mexico.-Congress has decreed the following: The Church and State are to be separate; Congress cannot make laws establishing or prohibiting any religion; matrimony is to be a civil contract; religious institutions cannot possess property; a simple promise to speak the truth, complying with obligations contracted, with penalties in case of violation, is substituted for the religious oath; nobody is obliged to give his or her services without just compensation; no contract is to be permitted which aims at the sacrifice of man in the matter of work, education, and religious vows (the laws thus consequently do not recognise Monastic orders, nor permit their establishment by any denomination notf or under any pretense), and no contract will be allowed to be made among persons consenting to their own proscription or banishment. The priests of the Church of Saint Loretto and all parishes have excommunicated all persons recognizing the Constitution and the reforms inaugurated by the Government. Jesuits have been ordered to leave the country at the first opportunity. They are given the choice of American, English, or French packets. The Government, it is thought, will soon use military force to suppress the trouble between the Congress of the State of Coahuila and the recently deposed Governor, General Zepeda. The Federal authorities are trying to secure a reconciliation between the opposing factions, thus avoiding a civil conflict.

-Col. A. P. Dennison of Portland, was at the Occidental, San Francisco on the

-Buy a LAMB KNITTING MACHINE of which the negroes give him he would Mr. Vail. See advertisement.

#### Exports for October.

Eight vessels cleared from Astoria for foreign ports, during the month of October, as

5th, bark Wetterhorn for Queenstown, 35,515 centals Wheat-\$42,615.

12th, bark Checola, Callao, 209,000 feet lum-

22d, stmr Gussie Telfair, Victoria, 772 bols flour—\$4,345; 423 sks middlings—\$513, and sun-dries—\$200; total \$5,058.

27th, bark Romeo, Liverpool, 33,171 centals Wheat-\$30,800.

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