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SOUTH CAROLINA'S EXPERIMENT.

There has been no end of fun poked at South Carolina for the stand she is taking with the liquor question by going into the business, and the temperance people condemn in unmeasured terms the idea of a state setting up whisky shops. It must be confessed that the experiment is a novelty and a marked departure from all ideas heretofore advanced on the subject. But, as an experiment, it may be worth trying, though we contess we have not much faith in it as a satisfactory solution of the problem that has been controling us for generations. It is an exercise by the state for its authority for regulating the liquor traffic in exercise direction, than absolute us for generations. It is an exercise by the state for its authority for regulating the liquor traffic in snother direction than absolute probabilition of sale, the plan of since who have emissed themselves to the warfare against its manifoli evils. Probibition does not always and necessarly probibit its failure being largely dure to the shiosyncrancies and personal frailities of those charged with enforcement of the laws and the sentiment of the several communities under their jurisdiction. Undoubtedly the same reasons will be gely contribute to the success or failure of the South Carolina experiment. Meantime, its outcome will be watched with inferest. It is not improbable that some ralusble data may be envolved from it. The famous histrionic remark from the governor of South Carolina is more than ager before to be repeated in the Palmetto state within the next pear—Cincinnaff Tribune.

A Portland paper bits the moss-bask bankers of that city who re-cently ordered that he eafter no checks or obligations against in-terior banks will be accepted, ex-cept for collection, the follown's live hit: Over \$3,000,000 of Port-land money is today enjoying the deep that knows no waking in the "wildcat" towns of Puget Sound, instead of being safely and profit-ably employed in the agricultural and industrial interests of Oregon, which have made Portland a city. What have these dignified pawn-brokers, who have grown rich through no effort of theirs, ever done to advance or build up the through no effort of theirs, even done to advance or build up the great state of Oregon? What right have they to pass judgment upon the builders of the interior? Have they ever done anything aither through legislation or by inrestment to build up the interior inclustries? The answer is no. They are not built that way. They finit that the sun rises on the rest bank of the Willamette river and see or Portland heights, and they ever express any felling of sympathy for their fellow man is would probably be on account of his misfortune in living outside of that sacred circle. To them there is nothing of value in the vine-yeard, archards, forests or gold fields of fouthern Oregon, the rich alluviel lands of the Willamette valley or the rolling praries of Eastern Oregon, al! of which are in med of financial air. And as a matter of fact the interior banks are of a better financial footing today than a majority of the more pretentious pawnshops. estment to build up the interior

There will be more fruit in Southern Oregon than in any other portion of the state this year; in feet, there will be an abundance of fact, there will be an abundance of nearly every description, and of first-class quality too. This is pre-eminently a fruit country, and sooner or later will take front rank with the leading districts of California in the race for public favor. The time is not far off whon Rogue river valley fruit will have a prominent place on the tables of the nabobs of the United States.—Jacksonville Times. That is right. But the whole of West-orn Oregon can make the same boast, the Southern district excelling, however, in raising of grapes, g, however, in raising of grapes, aches, ecc.

The United States is sufficiently on, rich and varied in produc-sures, to have its own financial lies and currency, and not follow it the dictates of London or any per financial center,—Ex.

There is destitution in parts of Kansas, and the wheat crop is a failure in large sections.

The Supreme Court of Minnesota has decided that when a member of an association violates its rule-the right of the association to boy-cott that member is unquestioned.

The banks continue to fail all over the country. The people have lost confidence and they are drawing out their deposits. This is the only cause that can be assigned.

The proposed midwinter fair in California, would help Oregon, and thousands of people would visit our state either on their way to California or on their return. The Northwest should encourage the project as much as possible.

The probabilities are that France will have a war with Siam, and before she gets through with it, may involve England and other nations. A good healthy war that would take in Russia, England, France, China and Siam would have a tendency to make a market for the tendency to make a market for the su plus pooducts of this country and raise the price of wheat, or, at least furnish a market for it. It is an ill wind that blows nobody any good.—Dispatch.

Representative Rhand declares the Sherman law will not be repeated unless there, is a offenge act embodied in the act. The silver advocates are aware of the fact that if they let go of the Sherman act and, depend upon the passage of a seperate law, that it will be vetoed, and they will not take the chances. The administration must find a satisfactory solution and meet the wishes of the silver men before the Sherman act can be repealed—Ex.

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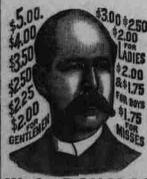
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