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The Depression of Agriculture.

For many months past so much has been said about the decline in agriculture, the low prices of farm products, the abandoned farms in New England, the mortgaged farms of the West, etc., that the subject has become wearisome. The depression in agriculture is a serious fact, and it demands and deserves the most careful consideration of the economist. The causes should be determined and removed if possible. At the study and discussions we can have in this line is profitable. But when agitators and demagogues are "working the subject for all it is worth" to help foist their financial schemes and political theories on the people, it is time to call a halt and point out the false assumption on which their theories are mainly based. They assume that the depression in agriculture exists in this country only. This is not true. It is not confined to this country; it is general. It affects the countries of Europe as well as our own. The agricultural depression is even greater in the United Kingdom than in the United States. The demagogues have much to say about the condition of farm laborers and the depreciation of farm values in New England, but not a word about that of old England. If they did, the weakness of their arguments and the worthlessness of the remedies they offer would appear at once. They hide, and may even deny, the facts.

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M. J. Cheatham was hanged at Grenada, Miss., March 10, for the murder of John Tillman, colored, in July last. Cheatham is the first white man ever hung in Mississippi for killing a negro.

Governor Nichols, of Louisiana, refused the tender by the Louisiana Lottery company, of \$100,000 for use in the emergency caused by the flood. In reply he said in substance that on the eve of the session of the legislature during which a renewal or extension of your charter will be acted upon, "I have no right to place the people under obligations to your company by accepting a gratuity from you. I return herewith the check."

THE CZAR DISPLEASED.

LONDON, March 19.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily News says: "The Russian government is displeased by the impression which has been made in England and America by denunciations committed upon exiles in Siberia."

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THE CHINESE CENSUS AND CERTIFICATE BILL.

A Chinese census and certificate bill was passed by the house under suspension of the rules March 17, with a provision for the punishment of any Chinaman who shall transfer his certificate to any other person. This, if it becomes a law, ought to put an end to the surreptitious introduction of Chinamen into the United States.

THE MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Mississippi legislative committee's report places Treasurer Hemingway's deficit at \$315,412.

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THE ACTION OF THE ENGLISH AGENT.

Buchanan, in hoisting the British flag in the Shire district has caused great excitement at Lisbon. The government made a formal protest to Salisbury. Fighting runs so high it is feared an attack may be made upon the British legion, and a guard of troops has been placed there to prevent hostilities.

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