

be seen that Georgia as a whole is, perhaps, excepting Texas and Tennessee, the most unprofitable State in the South."

Excepting Texas and Tennessee! Can it be possible that any company having a sane manager would sanction the writing of business in a field worse than Georgia. Augusta, with its six years of loss, to say nothing of expenses, is surely an object lesson for the representatives of New York companies now wrestling with the question of adequate rates.

The Weather.

Intense heat has caused much suffering among the poor on both sides of the Atlantic, and London, New York, Chicago, Toronto and other cities report an increasing death rate, the result of a sudden change from a temperate to a decidedly tropical climate. That such circumstances should arouse a storm of protest against established custom in the matter of masculine dress is not surprising, and, while we may not become reconciled to the so-called shirt-waist for man, a more rational garb than he at present affects in summer is necessary and desirable. Straw and linen must take the place of felt and serge.

Chicago and Tickers.

The action of the Chicago Board of Trade in regard to telegraphic transmission of its quotations to bucket-shops has resulted in a legal action.

It appears that the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies had contracts with certain firms to supply them with the Chicago quotations. These firms have applied for an injunction to compel the companies to fulfill their part of the contract. The companies, in reply, say that they are now shut out from doing so by no act of their own.

The point at issue seems to be that the companies are known to transmit private messages giving the quotations. They say, and we think justly, that they are not justified in stealing the news they transmit. Indeed, they say it is contrary to law to do so.

Lawsuits will follow.

Money Wasted.

It is to be hoped there is no truth in the widely circulated report that ex-president Kruger has contributed very largely to the election expenses of Mr. Bryan, receiving nothing in exchange for the money except a promise of intervention in South Africa should the Democrats succeed in electing their man. The gold of the Transvaal might be so much better employed in providing for the wives and children of the poor deluded burghers who were beguiled by Messrs. Kruger and Steyn into believing they could wrest South Africa from the hold of the British Empire.

Tardy Prohibition.

BERLIN, August 10.—The official *Reichsanzeiger* this evening publishes a proclamation forbidding the export of arms or war material to China or to ports adjacent to Chinese territory.

The action of Germany and other European powers in publishing proclamations forbidding the export of arms or war materials to China, or to ports adjacent to Chinese territory, is like that of the seller of spirituous liquor, who, when he discovers that his customer's utterances are becoming strangely thick, his manner decidedly queer, and his attitude menacing to the reputation of the house, rudely refuses to fill an order for "th' same (hic) 'gain."

Now that John Chinaman is armed to the teeth, and is assuming an ugly and dangerous look, those who have been industriously competing for his trade are prohibited from selling him any more—until he becomes sober and peaceable again.

China.

The Cause of the Trouble.

Statesmen and diplomats have been assuring us that the fiery zeal of the missionaries has been mainly the cause of the uprising against foreigners in China. However, those who are unwilling to believe that the furtherance of the Christian religion can be carried beyond the bounds of moderation will take comfort in the statement of the Rev. Jonathan Lees, of the London Missionary Society, who says that while it is rather the fashion to charge the missionaries with causing the trouble, he blames the people who have sold opium, arms and ammunition to China, the nations that have tried to seize Chinese territory, and, above all, the diplomats, who, he says, are babies in the hands of the Chinese statesmen.

The reverend gentleman, who claims to speak from an experience of thirty-eight years in China, evidently has a poor opinion of European diplomacy. However, he may be as extreme in his views of men as he is sensational in his narrative of occurrences in the far East. He is credited with saying: "Tien Tsin was paved with bullets while I was there," and that the Chinese convicts built barricades "amidst a rain of bullets." Both these statements are probably more picturesque and fanciful than strict adherence to facts would warrant. But the Rev. Jonathan Lees has given the countrymen of Sir Claude MacDonald something to think about by this blunt comparison of their diplomats with Li Hung Chang and the child-like and bland ministers to London and Washington.

Mr. Labouchere and the War Loan.

After the storm of somewhat stupid objections lodged by London critics of the conduct of the Chancellor of the Exchequer in placing a part of the new War Loan in the United States, it is soothing to read the sensible utterances of level-headed Mr. Labouchere in his paper "Truth." He is not so sensitive as the grumbling British investors who cannot under-