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## IMMIGRANTS FOR THE SOUTH.

**The Right of the South to Insist Upon Having None Save the Best.**

Robert De C. Ward in the Tradesman, July 16th, 1905.

No plan for further selecting immigration has had more general support than the illiteracy test. This requires that adult immigrants, with exceptions in favor of wives, minor children and parents, shall be able to read a few lines in their own language. This test has had the united support of the great majority of students of the immigration problem, not because illiteracy necessarily means that an immigrant will be a bad citizen, but because the measure will be practical in keeping out some of those aliens who are generally undesirable because of ignorance, lack of occupation and of resources, tendency to crowd into slums and the like. As Commissioner-General Sargent has said:

"This requirement, whatever arguments or illustrations may be used to establish the contrary position will furnish alien residents of a character less likely to become burdens on public or private charity. Otherwise it must follow that rudimentary education is a handicap in the struggle for existence."

An illiteracy test is in harmony with American ideas of education and citizenship. It is objected that such a test would not keep out anarchists and criminals, but it must be remembered that anarchists and criminals are already excluded by law, and this test is not to replace existing grounds for exclusion; it is an addition to them. A criminal would be debarred under the present law, even if he could pass the illiteracy test. No one has ever claimed that the ability to read is a test of moral character, but such a test would certainly lessen the burden upon our schools, and upon our charitable institutions. Every nation should care for its own insane and its own paupers. We have declared against the admission of the insane, and the criminals and the paupers of other countries. It is time for us to stop shouldering the burden of European and Asiatic illiteracy. Our own national burden of white and negro illiteracy is heavy enough. We are daily adding to it by the admission of thousands of alien illiterates. Nothing that the United States can do for universal common school education would be so effective as the adoption of an illiteracy test for immigrants. Thus a recent writer who is well informed regarding the conditions of Italian immigration says: "An educational test for immigrants might be an effective means applying a stimulus to popular education in Italy, and might really assist the government materially in its effects to get children to the common schools." The United States industrial commission said: "If compulsory education is desirable as a preparation for American citizenship and as a protection to the citizens themselves, it is equally desirable for immigrants who are prospective citizens." Our immigration laws should have for a leading object the protection of American citizenship. It is absurdly inconsistent to spend vast sums of money in the education of American children, and then open our gates freely to thousands of aliens who have not been required to obtain similar education.

There is no danger that the exclusion of illiterates would cause a scarcity of labor in this country. If there is a demand, the supply will be forthcoming from Europe. If the steamship companies can

## MOCKSVILLE AND DAVIE COUNTY.

**Umbrellas Disappearing. Farmers Getting Along Well With Their Work.**

Mocksville Courier, May 8th.

Our attention has been called to the fact that some party or parties carried off some umbrellas from the vestibule of the Methodist church Sunday night, that did not belong to them. Now if this was done by mistake the umbrellas will be returned. If otherwise, the one who did it ought to be prosecuted and sent to the county roads. One of the umbrellas belonged to a gentleman who prizes it very highly, as it was the property of his wife, who is now dead. It does seem to us that it is a heartless wretch who would keep this umbrella after knowing this. This is not the first time this thing has happened and it must be stopped.

Horace Frost, of Felix, died at his home early Saturday morning, at 5:30, aged 29. Mr. Frost leaves a father, two brothers and two sisters to mourn his death. He was laid to rest Sunday at Bear Creek. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. T. A. Candler.

Thomas Dison and wife, of Indiana, visited relatives in North Carolina and was a welcome visitor in this neighborhood. This is Mr. Dison's first visit to North Carolina in fifteen years, and he says he can see a great improvement in this section of the country in different ways.

Mrs. Dr. A. W. Wisema, of Jerusalem, fell in the back yard of her home last Sunday evening, from which she has suffered a good deal since.

Frank Wooten is suffering with a sore side, caused by his team of young mules running away with him, throwing him out of the wagon and running over him, last Wednesday.

Our farmers are nearly done planting their crops, and we understand that Bill Davis who lives on the Bently farm, is plowing his corn, and has cotton up in plenty ready for the hoe.

not bring illiterates, they will fill their steerage with more desirable aliens who can read. And with the stimulus thus put upon education, the illiteracy in many of the countries of Europe would show a notable decline. There is plenty of labor now in our cities which would be better off in the country, where there is a great need of farm "help." But the cities attract, and the farmer waits for his help. So it would be under the illiteracy test.

We need intelligent distribution from our congested districts of physically fit aliens over the country districts where these aliens are wanted and where they will be given work which they are physically and mentally qualified to perform. We need a higher head-tax; a restriction of the privilege of "assisting" immigrants to come here; a physical test; an illiteracy test. None of these alone is enough. All of them together would not be too much.

The south may take to heart the lesson which the north has been learning regarding undesirable immigration. The north would be glad to have many of its city slums emptied into the south, and would rejoice, selfishly, if the south would take its share of the incoming tide of aliens who are of poor physique; illiterate; who could not pay their own passages, and who are unfitted to do a good hard day's work. One of the leading southern newspapers has recently said: "We want no such immigrants as have crowded the east side of New York and the factories of New England."

## LEXINGTON AND DAVIDSON COUNTY.

**Mrs. Puryear Gets \$8,000. An Interesting Relic of the Civil War.**

Lexington Dispatch, May 8th.

Twenty odd cases were cleaned up at the civil term of court held last week, which leaves the civil docket in excellent shape. The most important case was that of Mrs. M. M. Puryear vs. the Southern railway, on account of the killing of her husband, Engineer R. O. Puryear, who was killed between the Yadkin river and Spencer in January, 1905, by being struck with a mail crane. The suit was for \$80,000. We understand that the railroad offered to compromise for \$35,000. The jury awarded \$8,000.

Senator S. E. Williams recently came into possession of an interesting old relic of what we think must have been the civil war. It is a shell of perhaps ten pounds in weight, and has never been exploded. It was found on the railroad bridge over the Yadkin river, on the Davidson side. The double tracking force discovered it while scraping away the dirt from rock, and it was buried but a few inches, as the earth over the rock is not more than a foot in depth. At the same time a minie ball was found. On inquiry, it was told the Senator that there was a battery at the spot where the ball was found just at the close of the war in 1865. The Yankees appeared on the Rowan side of the Yadkin and there was some firing done. That night Salisbury was set on fire. Therefore it is supposed that this old "implement" of war was left where it was found, something more than a week ago. It is also thought that, as Gen. Greene crossed the Yadkin not a great way from this place, and as he fought the British at every fording he made, that the bomb has come down from Revolutionary times. We do not know if shells were in use at that time, and the reference books at hand fail to tell us when they were first used.

J. E. Williamson paid a visit to the scene of operations on the Southbound railway near Winston last Thursday, to see for himself with his own eyes what was being done. Friday he came into the office with a large amount of enthusiasm and a big clod of dirt, saying that all doubting Thomases may go way back and sit down. The Southbound was a reality. He says that a large number of men are busily engaged making a cut and fill at the Winston end of the line. There are two forces, one on each side of Salem creek. Sixty miles are being used. It was very evident to Mr. Williamson that business is meant by the men behind this work. He himself is thoroughly convinced that we shall soon be speeding along on the Southbound cars.

One day last week Rowan Woosley, a citizen of the Friedburg community, disappeared from his home and has not been heard of since. It was thought at first that he might have committed suicide, as he complained some before he went to his work. His steps were followed to a pond some distance from his home and the pond dredged without result. Later it seems generally supposed that he left deliberately and nothing has happened to him. He took with him \$250 in cash. Mr. Woosley married a daughter of D. C. Mock, of this county, and he is a son of Rev. Woosley, of Friedburg.

T. S. Eanes, the contractor, requests us to state that the rumor that the contract for paving the

## CONCORD AND CABARRUS COUNTY.

**A Picturesque Cemetery. Some Interesting Figures on the Cotton Crop.**

Concord Times, May 1st.

There was a marriage of two popular Concord young people at Mt. Pleasant Sunday night which was a surprise to their friends here. Rev. S. W. Beck, pastor of Trinity Reformed church, and Miss Daisy Barrier, youngest daughter of Mrs. M. E. Barrier, were in Mt. Pleasant attending the Church Workers' Convention of the Reformed Church, when they decided to unite their fortunes. The ceremony was performed about 9:30 o'clock, after church service, by Rev. Paul Barringer. Mr. and Mrs. Beck returned to Concord after the ceremony, and Monday morning were busy receiving the congratulations of their many friends. They will board for a while, after which they will occupy the Reformed parsonage.

Concord can certainly boast of a picturesque cemetery. Keeper Sides can be honestly commended for his artistic and horticultural efforts. There have been too many decided improvements in that sad enclosure to enumerate singly, but, generally speaking, our cemetery has indeed been looked after carefully and studiously. It must be a source of consolation for those who have occasion to visit that pretty flat, for whatever Concord has not, she has a well groomed cemetery that compares favorably with any in the State.

The regular meeting of the Cabarrus Cotton Growers' Association was held in the court house last Saturday. There was an interesting discussion on the question of reduction of acreage, and the Cabarrus farmers will certainly do their duty in the general movement for a reduction. Jno. P. Allison made an interesting talk, in which he quoted some figures which were eye openers. He said that according to estimates of the best informed people, a ten million bale crop will bring more money than a thirteen million bale crop. He figured as follows:

A 18,000,000 bale crop at 7 cents would amount to \$445,000,000.  
A 12,000,000 bale crop at 8 cents, \$480,000,000.  
A 11,000,000 bale crop at 10 cents, \$550,000,000.  
A 10,000,000 bale crop at 12 cents, \$660,000,000.

From this it would be seen that a ten million bale crop would be actually worth \$155,000,000 more than a thirteen million bale crop.

Concord Times, May 4th.

Dr. V. C. B. Means, who was in the naval hospital at San Francisco during the earthquake, writes that he is all right, and his many friends here are glad to hear it.

A mule belonging to Mr. Day-vault was driven into an open sewer near the corner of Corbin and Union streets Wednesday night. With the assistance of Officer Sappenfield and some fifty-odd citizen instructors the mule was towed to the earth's surface without any apparent damage.

Louis D. Brown evidently has streets within the new limits of Lexington has been suspended, was unfounded. Orders have been made by the board of commissioners to pave all the voters are willing. The only reason that work has been held up for some time was because of a lack of brick. Mr. Eanes now has the brick and the board orders him to push the work through as rapidly as possible.

## ALBEMARLE AND STANLY COUNTY.

**Charge of Incompetency or Worse Against Republican Officials.**

Stanly Enterprise, May 8th.

Robt. L. Sibley is carrying his left arm in a sling. He got one of his fingers caught in machinery at the Eard mill machine shop a few days ago, badly lacerating the first joint and losing the nail therefrom.

The Spugge lumber plant caught fire about 8 o'clock Tuesday evening, and but for the chance discovery by one of the hands who was passing the shop a large loss would have resulted.

The death of J. W. Reeves, who was about 78 years of age, occurred last Thursday at his home near Lane's Chapel, in Montgomery county. He was a brother of Messrs. F. E. and David H. Reeves, of this county. He was a good man and an esteemed citizen.

W. Alma Smith, who had it within his grasp to accept a nomination to the position of clerk superior court for Stanly, was promoted a few days ago to a lucrative position in the offices of the Wicasset mill. Alma is a fine young man, with pronounced intelligence, and his friends rejoice with him in his good fortune.

Rev. J. M. Arnette is assisting the pastor of Chestnut Hill Baptist church in a series of meetings. Mrs. Arnette is visiting in the meantime at Statesville. Rev. Dr. J. N. Stallings, of Salisbury, will be here Sunday to fill the Baptist pulpit both morning and evening.

This is just the right size town to settle down in and enjoy life. Everything for the comfort

little faith in the old adage about lightning never striking twice in the same place. He said yesterday: "I wonder whose theory that is, for I know of one tree on our property that was struck twelve times and of a fence that has long since taken on sorry expression, owing to the persistency of the lightning." And then he added, "I know of a house that was struck by lightning and later twisted completely around in a thunderstorm."

Should the court house follow the example of the Central church we are wondering what would be the answer. By a very little effort the Central church is rapidly converting its grove in front into a most picturesque one. With as little trouble Concord have a pretty park out in front of that hall of justice if certain parties would but interest themselves. It is a big plot and particularly inviting, and if we some day have a great big public park with electric car attachments the court house park would lose none of its attractiveness or public patronage.

On next Tuesday evening there will be a marriage in Concord which will be of interest to the many friends of the contracting parties all over the county. On that evening at 8 o'clock, L. S. Sloop, a prominent farmer of near Glass, will be married to Miss Mamie Pharr, who for several years has had charge of the millinery department at the Cannon & Fetzer Co. The ceremony will be performed by Rev. Geo. H. Cornelison at the residence of C. A. Pitts, in the presence of a few friends and relatives. Miss Pharr is exceedingly popular in Concord, and will be missed by a host of friends, who tender to Mr. Sloop in advance hearty congratulations on winning her for his bride. Mr. and Mrs. Sloop will live at home near Glass.

of life can be bought here and \$10 will go as far as \$25 will in larger cities. When you want to leave the farm, come to our town and build a nice comfortable home and be among the best people in the world. A good, live Building and Loan Association offers a fine opportunity for any one who desires to build.

Mrs. J. Ephraim Treece, who lived 2 miles north of Albemarle, died suddenly on Wednesday evening of last week. She was attacked in the afternoon about 8 o'clock with a violent case of cramp colic, and despite the utmost efforts to gain relief she died five hours afterwards. She is survived by a husband and several children. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Lowder and was a noble Christian woman. Mr. Treece is one of the county's best citizens and he has the sympathy of everyone.

"We have treated them no worse than they treated us," a Republican office holder in high-standing was heard to say. This was in reference to the sheriff and his unsworn deputies keeping the tax books away from Democrats. The statement won't hold water, and it is but a confession of the wrongs being perpetrated upon our country folk, and shows to what extremities the enemy is placed. There are some interesting facts yet to be brought out. A check for \$38 or more was sent to the sheriff to pay taxes for three men of Center township. The check was tossed in a drawer holding papers and rubbish and it remained there for twelve days, and was then brought forth because a lawyer was requested to go to him and demand it. This is an uncontrovertible fact. Is this administration being run entirely for the Republican party? If not, then there is a charge of gross carelessness or incompetency against all acts of this kind.

The fertilizer warehouses of this town have been heavily rushed this season. The Yadkin freight line can not deliver the goods fast enough to supply the demands. It is nothing to see fifty and one hundred wagons around the depot awaiting turns. Five car loads of fertilizers are entirely taken up in a half day, and the farmers have waited over a night and day rather than go home empty handed. The freight service is deplorable; but the heavy buying indicates that the commercial article is being used more extensively this season than the past.

Rev. Dr. Shaw, of Charlotte, delivered the literary address in the court house on Wednesday evening of last week to the class of young ladies of the Englewood boarding school. The address was masterly and well received. A change of hour from evening to afternoon kept many away, as it was not generally known. The past year of this excellent school has been one of the best in its history.

## A Year of Blood.

The year 1906 will long be remembered in the home of F. N. Tackett, of Alliance Ky., as a year of blood; which flowed so copiously from Mr. Tackett's lungs that death seemed very near. He writes: "Severe bleeding from the lungs and a frightful cough had brought me to death's door, when I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, with the astonishing result that after taking four bottles I was completely restored and as time has proven permanently cured. Guaranteed for Sore Lungs, Coughs and Colds, at all drug stores. Price 50c and \$1. Trial bottle free."

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