

A Farmer's Creed.

The agriculturists of Canada, in convention assembled, lately adopted a creed long enough to be inscribed to their brethren all over the continent. Listen: We believe in small farms and thorough cultivation; we believe that the soil lives to eat, as well as the owner, and ought therefore to be well manured; we believe in going to the bottom of things, and therefore deep plowing, and enough of it, all the better if it be a subsoil plow; we believe in large crops which leave the land better than they found it, making both the farm and the farmer rich at once; we believe that every farm should own a good farm; we believe that the fertilizer of any soil is a spirit of industry, enterprise and intelligence, without these, lime, gypsum and guano would be of little use; we believe in good fences, good farm-houses, good orchards, and good children enough to gather the fruit; we believe in a clean kitchen, a clean wife in it, a clean cupboard, a clean dairy, and a clear conscience; we believe that to ask a man's advice is not stopping, but of much benefit; we believe that to keep a place for everything, and everything in its place, saves many a step, and is pretty sure to lead to good tools, and to keeping them in order; we believe that kindness to stock, like good shelter, is saving of fodder; we believe that it is a good thing to keep an eye on experiments, and note all good and bad, we believe that it is a good rule to soil grain when it is ready; we believe in producing the best butter and cheese, and marketing it when it is ready.

Barnyard versus Chemical Fertilizers.

The liquid excretions of animals are the most valuable products as fertilizers, and should be saved with the greatest care. They contain the mineral salts which have been thrown off in the system and are rich in nitrogen and ammonia. A cord of muck of lean saturated with urine is worth more than the same amount of ordinary manure as a fertilizer on a sandy soil.

The value of barnyard manure as compared with other fertilizers, depends very much on the soil and the nature of the crop. On soil rich in most of the elements of plant food, a deficiency of one or two elements might be more economically treated with a special fertilizer. Manure can be said in favor of both barnyard and mineral fertilizers. Circumstances must control the value of both. Without regard to the cost of either, barnyard manure is beyond all question as a rich fertilizer, and the expense of applying barnyard manure, it may not always be of the greatest value. There is no doubt that special fertilizers for special crops are better than barnyard manure in many cases unless there is a lack of organic matter in the soil. And again, for quick results, chemical manures are often far preferable to stable manures. Both have their advantages and both can be used with profit, and should be acceptable to the farmer in order that he may more perfectly control the growth and development of his crops as he may wish, and that he may have more perfectly at his command the stores of plant food which he possesses in his soil. But if he can have only one class of manure, then barnyard manure must stand prominent in its advantages over any other, as it contains all the elements of plant food in some degree, and possesses all the chemical physical properties of organic manure.

Concerning Congressmen. Five thousand a year sounds like a little fortune itself to many a man in the South whose hard earnings annually fall to \$500 or less. But as a rule Southern men coming to Congress since the war have come with depleted purses or involved in debt. To such men life in Washington is a continual struggle between motives of economy and a laudable desire to creditably represent their people in social and official life. Many of them strike a fortunate middle ground between the prevalent extravagance of the capitol and that plainness which in a Senator or Representative is put down as meanness. Some live in high style, have a glorious time for a few years, and unless they strike a lucky speculation in stocks or accumulate by fortuitous ways, peculiar to certain classes of legislation, go home deeply in debt, and have to borrow money for their next canvass. There are members who take cheap quarters, spend little or no money on receptions, theaters, carriages, etc., take thirty-cent meals at rest-urians, walk a mile or two to and from the Capitol, or on rainy days indulge in the luxury of a five-cent ride in the street cars. Men like these save a considerable part of their salaries, and at the end of their terms are richer as well as wiser men. In the meantime their wives and children have been living in some country town, deprived of a share of enjoyment of the honors of the old man game, and of the pleasures of a few years' residence in the capitol city. In most instances they had really better be in the country, though they probably don't think so.

Women Voting. I knew one Senator, a brilliant man, but indolent in habit and shabby-genteel in dress, who drew from bank at the end of his six years' term the comfortable sum of twenty thousand dollars, accumulations of savings from his salary. He lived plainly and remote from the Capitol, and would walk more than two miles to the Capitol when the thermometer

stood in the nineties. He said he walked for his health. Once I landed upon a certain member of this Congress for special reasons. He occupies a second-story room on a street that might almost be called No. Thoroughfare. The entrance is through a narrow brown door adjoining the shop in the first story, and at the top of the dark stairway, which brings you to his chamber, you grasp your way to the first door—the one with a large square hole in it, near the top, is this. There are no gas fixtures in the room. At night the long many-jointed figure in the hall is drawn through the hole in the door, and being doubled back so as not to interfere with the movement of the door, is lighted. Long strips of music paper hang down from the walls in some places, and the furniture consists of a very plain bed, a few chairs, a square wooden washstand with a hole in the top almost losing the china bowl and pitcher, and a small painted table covered with compressed ball-ends of smoking tobacco, stands on uncertain legs near the corner of the chamber. The occupant of this room receives a salary of \$3,000 a year. He will not resign on account of pecuniary distress.

Members of Congress have many unreasonable demands upon their purses, merely because they happen to be in the public service. Day after day they are importuned. Of an unknown man asks for money to get back to Augusta, or Raleigh, or Cincinnati, or to some other place. Another wants his check cashed. Another wants a loan to go to his farm, or another pleads his wife's need and poverty to extract a loan. The focus of demands for money are as varied as they are numerous, and scarcely a cent is ever a full-blooded Charleston News and Courier.

A Warning to Candidates.

Every man, when he is a candidate for any office, at once becomes a target at which all shoot, and all sorts of crimes and offenses are charged against him. As a warning to any of our readers who have aspirations to become candidates we commend the fatal experience of poor Boggs as marked by an exchange.

"Boggs was as peaceable a man as ever lived."

He was sober, honest and respected. He had never pounded his wife.

Never took any interest in a dog fight.

Had never been known to pawn his wife's clock's watch.

And never had adapted to still a saw-mill.

Boggs' character was above reproach.

He was a shining light in his party.

All his eyes looked up to, and honored him.

But a change came, a fearful, direful change.

In an evil hour Boggs accepted the nomination for Constable of his native village.

Alas! Poor Boggs!

Little did he understand the deceit and treachery of the wicked world.

His eyes were soon opened, however.

In less than a week after he was nominated the opposition had fully and conclusively established the following damaging charges against his character.

1. That he was a free-lover and an infidel.

2. That he had fed his night-owls on poisoned corn.

3. That he had broken his mother-in-law's jaw with an iron boot-jack.

4. That he, on one occasion, gave a whole wagon load of green water-melon to an orphan asylum.

5. That he had served a term in the State prison for horse-stealing.

6. That he had set fire to his neighbor's barn, merely because he refused to lend him a hoe.

7. That because he found a button off his shirt, he tied his wife to the bed post, and naved in three of her ribs with a stove-poker.

8. That his chief Sunday amusements were cock-fighting and card playing.

9. That he sold his vote every year regularly to the highest bidder.

10. That he would fit for the place anyhow.

These charges, although without the slightest foundation, were religiously received by the majority of the voters of his village.

And Boggs' political goose was thus cooked.

His chances for being elected were not worth three cents on a dollar.

When Boggs passed along the street his neighbors looked at him with suspicion and crossed their eyes to the other side.

Boggs was a miserable being.

The day of the town meeting came at last, and Boggs' opponent scooped in the Constableness by a two-thirds vote.

The anti-Boggs party swept their candidate into office on the tidal wave of popularity, and poor Boggs was left perched high on the epidemic-mounted picket fence of despair.

Boggs will never run for office again not even for President.

He says it is too great a strain on the character.

If he can regain the esteem of his neighbors by grubbing along in the old way, he intends to do it, and leave office seeking to people of cast-iron reputation.

Boggs is just coming to his senses."

Women Voting. The New York correspondent of the Raleigh News says that on Staten Island the women vote along with the men at school district meetings.

On a late occasion a lady's "no" just after her husband's "yes" caused some amusement, which was increased by the husband publicly complimenting his wife on her spirit.

A Murderous Mother.

A special dispatch from America, Ga., gives the following particulars of a crime committed in Webster county, Georgia, on a spot of that place, on the evening of August 14. It states that Woodbury, Ga., a well-to-do farmer, left his home to visit a sick neighbor, and returning at 10 o'clock p. m. found his wife and nine of ten small children in a fearful sleep from the effects of morphia administered in Lemonade by Mrs. Grinnell. There is no doubt that she prepared the fatal beverage and administered it to the children and dining of her husband's fatal intent. Mrs. Grinnell was married, or this, has some twenty-seven years ago, and has had four children. The other six are by her previous wife, and as far as known, the seven-year-old has been a faithful and kind parent to them. Mrs. Grinnell is from a highly respectable family. Known in the neighborhood of Mrs. Grinnell was found under the morphia bottle, on a table on which she stated that she had deliberately administered the morphia to the children and husband, with the intention of destroying them all, and that she was not a mated by any claim the trouble. Owing to the lapse of time before medical aid arrived, Mrs. Grinnell's case was hopeless. She lay on her back on the bed in an unnatural sleep, produced by the fatal drug, and all the efforts of her physicians and all sympathetic friends to do for her were futile. The child in extreme case was not saved, and by the withdrawing of the physicians' hands from their shoulders, the child died. All of the children and some of the children are now in a state of danger. The youngest, an infant of a few months, was so badly affected that its mother could not nurse it, and it died in a few days. It is probable that three of the children will die. Those three are presumed to have drunk more freely of the daily beverage than the others. The doctor concludes that the morphia administered in the form of lemonade, on the part of the mother, had a fatal effect on the children, and that the mother had taken away her own life and that of her children, and in the same breath entered from the world the cause of her sin.

The Liquor Question.

The appeal of N. P. Johnston and G. W. Paul to the Superior Court from the decision of the County Commissioners refusing to issue licenses for retailing liquor, were argued before His Honor, Judge Ayer, at Chambers, last week, by H. B. & W. Clark in behalf of the petitioners and J. P. Clark for the County Commissioners. When the latter were sustained, and the arguments of the petitioners were rejected by the court, the petitioners appealed to the Superior Court, and the case is now before the Hon. Judge Johnston.

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