

THE State Agricultural Department was established several years ago by a Democratic legislature for the special benefit of the farmers.

But note the contrast when this department, which was established for the special benefit of the farmers, fell into the hands and under the control of the Fusionists.

The investigating committee, appointed by the last Legislature, was in session at Raleigh three days last week examining some of the late Fusion officers of the Agricultural Department.

One of the most outrageous acts exposed, although one of small amount, was the payment by the Fusion gang of \$18 to J. M. Allen for buying and inspecting a few carpets and spirotrons.

This item of \$18 paid Allen is a small sample of the amounts paid other members of the Fusion Board of Agriculture for "extra services."

These extravagant and outrageous amounts paid to the members by themselves were so plainly proven, and their other extravagant expenditures so fully exposed, that even John R. Smith, the late Fusion Commissioner of Agriculture, himself admitted in his sworn evidence before the committee that the Agricultural Department might have been run a great deal cheaper.

And yet the men who thus outrageously feathered their nests and mismanaged the Agricultural Department, which was established for the special benefit of the farmers, were men who pretended to be "reformers" and the special friends to the farmers!

And to think that Mr. E. B. Lineberry, the chairman of the executive committee of the Populists in Chatham and himself a most zealous "reformer," was not only a member of this Fusion Board of Agriculture but was also a member of its finance committee, whose special duty it was to examine and pass upon all accounts and expenditures!

Would you have believed it? Yellow fever has appeared near Hampton, Virginia, and has created great excitement for fear it may spread to Norfolk and other cities within reach.

Fusion Corruption Uncarbed.

Raleigh Correspondent (Special Observer), 25th.

The penitentiary and Agricultural Department committee appointed by the Legislature got regularly at work this morning in the Agricultural Building, taking J. L. Ramsey, ex-Secretary of the first witness, Ramsey terms it the "sanctioning committee."

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Washington Letter.

Washington, July 28, 1899.

That the administration fears Alger and the disclosures he may make after next Tuesday, when he will turn the War Department over to Mr. Elihu Root who will become Secretary of War on that day, is shown by the frequency with which leading supporters of Mr. McKinley's policy are giving interviews to newspapers jollying Alger along as the victim of persecution, and predicting that time will vindicate him and his administration of the War Department.

The latest report from the soldiers' home gives the total number of cases at 33, an increase of only three during the day. There was one death this afternoon.

The town of Hampton, which is in close proximity to the soldiers' home, early this morning established a cordon of armed policemen at the approaches to the reservation.

The city council tonight appropriated \$10,000 for maintenance in maintaining the quarantine.

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Yellow Fever at Hampton.

Newport News, Va., July 31.

Thirty cases of yellow fever developed at the National Soldiers' Home, near Hampton, and during the day three deaths occurred from the disease. It is said that the disease broke out among the inmates of the Home last Thursday, but no information of it was given to the public.

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Drowned White in Bathing.

From the Charleston Courier.

Yesterday afternoon David Lee, in company with John Elliott, Pressley Brown and several other Sharon boys, went to Sharon's swimming pool, a ten foot hole in the bottom land on the late Alfred Kirkpatrick's place to swim.

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Returned at Last.

Columbia, S. C., July 27.

Eljah Bowen, mourned as dead, drove into Anderson, S. C., today coming from New Jersey. He was last seen on the firing line at Petersburg, thirty-three years ago, when he was a member of Company G, Twentieth South Carolina.

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