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**THIS PAPER** may be found on street corners, in public places, and where there is a public reading room, but it is not intended to be read in any public place.

**IMPROVE YOUR FARMING.**

Old habits which are not now paying should be abandoned, and newer and better paying ones adopted. The object should be to make every acre of tillable land yield its treasures with the least possible expense. When five barrels of corn per acre can be produced, we should not be satisfied with one barrel. As this is not a stock-raising country, it is needless to say there is not enough manure to go all over the common ground, therefore we must use some well-tried fertilizer, or what is more economical make it ourselves, that will increase the product. It is of no use to continue to farm poor land when it is possible to improve it. The cost of farming poor land is greater than that attending better land, and the labor more discouraging. There should be more attention given to vegetable gardening, to the cultivation of small fruits and the raising of poultry. Pork is the most expensive food, besides its tendency to make people gross and vulgar. "A great pork eater," says Mr. Curtis, and a man of delicate sensibilities, are opposites. A pound of chicken can be produced on a farm as cheaply as a pound of pork, and the same is true of mutton—both better than hog flesh. Eat more poultry and mutton.

There is too much "hog and and hominy," too much meat in the diet of the former—pork especially. More fruit and a larger variety of vegetables ought to be used. "As to meat," says Mr. Goodman of Lenox, Mass., a two year old steer can be raised at no greater cost than a hog. "Raising the beef in a barrel, the farmer will have a better quality of beef, at all events, will diversify the food of his family, and if he adds the vegetables which ought to be grown in his garden, his family will improve in health and in morals." There is scarcely a farmer's garden known to us in Stokes county, in which there is asparagus, or cauliflower, or celery, or egg-plant. If these vegetables are a luxury, there is no good reason why the farmers of this county should not have them. More attention should be paid to the setting out and care of fruit-trees for domestic use as well as for drying for market. Nothing yields a more bountiful and at the same time more serviceable return, for so small an outlay of cost and amount of care than an orchard, and as H. W. Thorne has written in that exquisite and natural descriptive way, of which he was a perfect master, "An orchard has a relation to mankind, and readily connects itself with matters of the heart. The tree-possessor a domestic character, they have lost the wild nature of their forest kindred, and have grown humanized by receiving the care of man, as well as by contributing to his wants." The present system of stock ranging will have to give way before the onward march of soiling and the non-fencing system. The road superintendent with his gang of fall hands, must yield to the new road-scraper and smoother. On our best bottom land the old corn and hay and clover methods may yet satisfy the farmer, but bottom land comprises the smaller part of the area of this country, and with increase of population an increased attention should be given to the improvement of the uplands and to working them to the best advantage. Farmers should make themselves acquainted with the different species of grasses in cultivation, and select such as are specially adapted to the soil in which they are to be grown, and sow several kinds together; mature frequently; mow when grasses begin to die out, under-drain when the land is too wet and cold; irrigate, if possible, and especially if more than one crop is to be cut in a season, keep stock from cropping the grass close to the ground, and from treading the fields late in Autumn and winter, and cut more too closely, especially timothy, which it out below the lower joint, is almost certain to die out. This is the experience and advice of Mr. John S. Gould, of the State of New York, on grasses and their cultivation.

**MR. GLADSTONE'S PROGRESS.**

In our last issue we referred to the "Impending Crisis" in Great Britain. The Home Rule Bill, the principle feature of which was a separate parliament for the Irish people, introduced and furdered by the greatest Parliamentary leader of our age, being defeated by a majority of twenty on the second reading, the Irish question was brought directly before the people for a settlement. Mr Gladstone's manifesto to his constituents was a short and succinct statement of the situation. He maintains that the issue is distinctively one between Lord Hartington and himself—in other words between Coercion and Home Rule. A large part of the London press claims that his manifesto is disappointing wanting in the happy ring and cogency that has characterized his former ones. But Mr. Gladstone is evidently master of the situation and in view of the difficulties and conflicting elements which have been framed his manifesto.

Mr. Gladstone's journey to Scotland, his speeches en route and his speech in Edinburgh are now the absorbing topics of conversation in England. His journey so far has been a triumphant march. It is simply a marvel that he at the age of nearly four score is able to enter upon a campaign which will be the warmest and most hotly contested that England has seen for a long while with his physical powers seemingly as unimpaired as his mental and that he is still able to deal as vigorously blows and to hurl as to hurl strong darts at the enemy as of old. His Edinburgh speech made the profoundest impression and he was received with the most rapturous enthusiasm. He seems to have thrown the Tories into a panic, and their comments on his addresses are but feeble carping. Mr. Gladstone is now rapidly clearing the atmosphere of the mists which were caused by the persistent misrepresentation of his opponents, and he is putting the Irish question in a nutshell so that each voter shall have the simple issue before him. Of course it is too early to predict what the outcome of the campaign will be. Now seems to have been the most opportune time for success and Mr. Gladstone realizing this is striking while the iron is hot. The ultimate success of the Irish cause is now assured however. The issue is a live one. The English people have been brought face to face with it and they must realize that they will never move down as they are bidding. The whole world is looking with the deepest interest upon the struggle. America with deepest sympathy for the Irish is seconding in every legitimate way Mr. Gladstone's efforts. No man hitherto has been braver enough to attempt so much. No man should have so high a regard of praise as "the Grand Old Man" should the question now received a final settlement.—Shelby Era.

**THE STRIKING SWITCHMEN IN CHH AGO**

Chicago, June 29.—Shortly after the Lake Shore strikers blockaded the track last night by throwing a lot of empty cars across from the Rock Island tracks the night express, consisting of eleven coaches and carrying the United States mail ran down the west bound track, but finding the track blockaded ran back and was switched on the east bound track at the rate of about eight miles per hour. At Fifty first street, just before the train reached the switch a man ran out and turned the switch as the train came along. The locomotive immediately jumped the track, carrying the tender and forward track of the first coach off with it. For a minute there was a terrible jarring and knocking about, and the train came to a stand still. The locomotive had run over the bare ties for more than a hundred feet and finally, pushing two of them apart, sank in the mud. The lever was reversed and efforts made to back upon the track, but without success. The engineer of the express, although not suspecting that the Finnish attempt would be made upon his train, nevertheless went only at half speed, and by doing so probably prevented a most serious wreck and great loss of life.

**DEATH OF JUDGE DAVIS, OF ILLINOIS.**

Bloomington, Ill., June 26.—Judge David Davis died at 6 o'clock this morning. He sank into a comatose state twelve hours before the end, and passed peacefully away surrounded by his family.

During the early part of last evening he appeared to be falling and it was felt certain that he could not live through the night. At 11 o'clock he revived somewhat and was given milk and stimulants.

**UNPRECEDENTED WHEAT AND FRUIT CROPS.**

LYNCHBURG, June 23.—Answers to inquiries by the Daily Advance, throughout Southwest Virginia report unprecedented wheat and fruit crops. Harvest has commenced.

**STATE NEWS.**

A new daily paper is to be started at Durham.

The county commissioners have ordered the erection of a \$12,000 court house at Webster.

Mr. George Honk of Burke caught a red-horse fish this week weighing twelve pounds.

Canadian frog legs are worth seventy five cents per pound in the New York market.

Pittsboro Record. Greene county is the only county in North Carolina that has Republican county commissioners.—

July 5th there will be a celebration at Roanoke Island of the landing of Sir Walter Raleigh's colony.

South Water St., Wilmington, is to be paved with granite blocks shipped from Philadelphia.

Farmers are making a desperate fight against the grass this week. Gen. "Green" seems to have got the best of some of them.

A large quantity of cherries were shipped to Northern cities from Kernersville this season. The crop was an unusually large one.

Madrid, June 22.—The Cortes, by a majority of 300 votes, has declared that no government of Spain will ever give autonomy to Cuba.

The people of Patterson township, Durham county voted on the prohibition question. It went out by an overwhelming majority.

Edenton Enquirer: William H. Coffield of this county has the largest watermelon patch we ever saw. It contains fifty acres.

Those who ought to know say that nothing like as many goods have been sold on credit this year as last. This is a good sign.

Mrs. Tabitha Holton, the only female lawyer ever licensed in this State died at Yadkinville, on the 14th.

What harvesting is now going on. The crop in this section is very good. The average sowing was small but a good yield will be made.

Leonor Poppe, J. B. Masters, one of the new Mitchell commissioners, has a fish pond and has sold \$107 worth of carp during the season.

Oxford and Oxford township, Granville county have voted a subscription of \$50,000 to the Oxford & Clarksville railroad.

Goldston News: The State Board of Education has sent its engineer, Gen. Lewis' to make an accurate survey of the swamp lands in Columbus county owned by that Board.

Milton Advertiser: Owing to the excessive rains many of the farmers have not planted corn in the Dan River low lands yet. This is very late but a good crop can be made if the corn is put in the ground by July 1st.

Albemarle county, some years ago, abolished the office of county treasurer. The finances of the county soon got into such a tangle that at the meeting of magistrates and commissioners last week the office was re-established.

Last Friday evening, between dark and midnight the city three prisoners confined in Caldwell county jail made their escape by sawing out an iron bar, squeezing through the aperture so made in the window and climbing down an improvised ladder of blankets tied together.

Monroe Enquirer-Express: The crop reports are discouraging—to say the least of it. The continued rain fall has rendered it impossible to work them out and in many places the grass has literally overrun them. Some farmers have had to replant their bottom lands two and three times. Where corn is getting a start it is overrun with the club-bug.

New Bern Journal Mr. James Matrooks came in yesterday morning to correct us in our article which appeared in our article on the oyster industry. He says he estimates the total annual possibilities of oyster culture in New-river and the adjacent sounds at 3,000,000 bushels instead of 5,000,000 as we had it. Three thousand acres that can be cultivated under the French intensive system he says is certainly capable of producing 2,500,000 bushels annually. This is in New river.

Wilmington Star: Asheville is to be felicitated. The Senate passed a bill appropriating \$30,000 for the construction of a public building. By the way, what has become of the long-talked-of and long-delayed public building for Wilmington? Raleigh has probably 10,000 inhabitants. It got a \$300,000 or 400,000 building ten years ago when a village of some 6,000. Wilmington has 20,000 inhabitants, is the chief commercial entrepot in a state of 1,550,000 inhabitants, and is without a public building for postoffice and Federal Court. It ought to have one worth at least a half million to be approximately even with Raleigh. Shall Wilmington have the building?

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