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FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 1890.

THE Directors of the State Insane Asylum met on Wednesday, March 5th for the purpose of electing a Steward and

There were about fifty applicants for the discussing the manner in which the names should be presented, it was decided that the Superintendent should nominate one person for each office, whereupon he nominated Mr. W. R. Crawford, the present incumbent, for the Stewardship. The Board took a ballot which resulted in the election of Mr. Crawford by a vote of 6 to no intelligent farmer cares to rely upon one

The Board next proceeded to the election of a Matron, the term of Mrs. Law- article of diet to keep his system in good rence, the present incumbent, having expired. The Superintendent put in nomination Mrs. Annie Goodloe, who was elected. A resolution was adopted by the Board reducing the salary of steward from is found in the guano named above as Well \$1,600 to \$1,250.

been imposed upon us is to-day transacted; ter ahead of you so as to dust the plant well. the publishing of a tribute to the memory of our life long friend, Mr. W. Cotten Downing, Entering the field of journal. ism four years ago, then a more youth, Mr. Downing was among the first to offer a helping hand and through his literary talent and unsevering triendship, we were aided at all times

No matter at what time or under what circumstances we consulted his superior knowledge, we ever found him willing to render the service asked, not as a duty did he advise or aid us, but seemingly as a pleasure. We of all his many friends have just cause to mourn for him who was and

In paying this last tribute to him we are mable to say praise enough, yet, though last week in September. the pen refuses to express our sympathies, there is written deep within our heart such love and fond remembrance that nothing, save death, can erase. From us has God seen proper to take to dwell with Him, our friend indeed, and from the Sou hland one of its brightest jewels.

In conclusion, with heart filled with sorrow, we say "God's will, not mine be done," REQIESCAT IN PACE.

Son of the South, well done, Gone from us who could not save, Tou did your duty, the victory won, Rest in steep within the grave. In God's own good time it will call you From that sleep to "Home, sweet home."

As will be seen by the communication by "Old Sol" in last week's BEACON, there | plate. are some of our citizens who have an interest in education. We agree with that correspondent in his views, and would say that such schools should be established, but the question is, are there enough citi. zens in the four respective townships who are willing to take an interest in such schools to keep them up? We think that for the present one at Plymouth or Roper, It is always warm then and is caten very with the one at Creswell, would be of great greedily by cattle, and in fact, horses, advantage to our county, at the same time mules, sheep and hogs will dive for it and if the four can by established it will be of still greater advantage,

a few days ago, on this subject, he said : have one or more ears of corn on them "If such a school could be established in ing and the ground needs good, deep ploughthis town, though I have no children, I do the work the richer you will get. When would take stock in it, for of all things the corn gets matured enough to pass the advocated by the Bracon, none have in milk stage, and before the kernels get glazed hard, or the cornstalks begin to dry terested me so rauch as the need of a good school." Now if a man who has no chil. and sweetest condition. It should then be dren is interested in this work and is wil. cut perfectly green and run through some ling to invest his capital, what excuse can parents who have children, give for their not becoming interested? This gentleman them. The ensitinge, when cut, will have does not wish to take an interest in a school for the personal benefit to be derived there. from, or the gain of money, but he has the interest of his town and county at heart, he has an interest in the rising generation and wishes to see the children of to-day brought up and educated that in years to come they will make useful men and wo.

Can the citizens of Plymouth not become interested in the great work? Is it possible they are not interested in the future educa. tional prosperity of their children? Had they rather send their children from home than establish a school at bome where the same branches may be faught at less ex-

We do not find any fault in the school of Prof. Toms, not the least, but we wish to see the various schools of the town thrown into one with several teachers and in a building suitable for a school. Now we ask our citizens to consult their minds on this subject and let us, ere the next session of the Physicath High School opens, have a building for the accommodation of a series when? SOUTHERN AGRICULTURE.

LETTER PROM "D", CORRESPONDENT IN

THE WILSON ADVANCE.

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Considerable profit in its culture, but now the price rules low and it is impossible for the price rules low and it is impossible for the runs of the price rules low and it is impossible for the runs of the price rules low and it is impossible for the runs of the runs of the corresponding to the runs of the deceased, had the courtering suddenly in Asheville. N. C., on Thursday, the 6th inst.

He had been visiting the mountain section of North Carolina on a business tour with friends from Pittsburg, and a letter received by him who pens this humble to his memory, spoke hopefully of the work he was engaged in and in most cheering terms of himself. His par a profit and now especially those whise lands are of a light texture of soil. Now if cotton cannot be cultivated to advantage on light soils, is there no crop that we can raise that will be profitable. We think there is, and while we would not advise anyone to plant peanuts exclusively we would at least advise a peanut crop in part. In 1886 I planted cotton and peanuts and realized 40 bushels peanuts, at \$1.00 per bushel per acre, and one-third bale of cotton per acre; about \$12 worth of cotton to \$40 worth of peanuts per acre. In 1887 I housed twothirds of a bale of cotton per acre, about \$24 in worth, and 75 bushels peasuts per acre, worth \$61 87; last year I realized three-fourths of a bale per acre, worth \$27.25, and 60 bushels peaunts per acre, now worth \$1.25 per bushel in Petersburg, Va., or \$75.50 per acre. I speak of the large Virginia, which commends itself to our consideration not only for the paying price it brings, but for the various ways it is utilized as a food product. Now it is urged by a great many of our farmers the Virginia peanut will pop, and are afraid to plant them on that account, but none need fear who will give what it wants, I have There were about fifty applicants for the planted the crop successfully for six years Stewardship and after much time spent in the spen are not marted) 200 lbs of sotuble Pacific guano, and 200 lbs. of land plaster per acre, will make them without fait, and I would urge those who would make a success in the peanat crop, not to omit the use of plaster. All good Virginia peasut farmers would do without the other ingredients before they would the plaster, but of course element of plant-food to make a paying crop any more time he would rely upon meat alone or bread alone or any other one condition.

Give a peanut, then, lime put in the drill, (apply a month before planting, it possible, or can apply after you bar your peanuts off) phosphoric acid, potash and ammonia which as most others. I'be guano applied as we would for cotton. Put your land plas. ter on the vines dewy mornings after they Perhaps the saddest duty that has ever have begun to bloom nicely, throw the plas-Oulfivate as you would for cotton; three ploughings are all you can give them. The second ploughing; plough close to destroy the grass and plough shead do not stop to uncover, as the ends of the vines will push out, take care not to cover up the tap root bough. The Planet Jr., cultivator is the best plough I ever used for the first and second plowings, after that the cotton plow, though the turning plow to bar off and the cotton plow afterwards, are good enough

for all necessary purposes.

Mr. Editor I have written the above for the benefit of many who have asked me in regard to peanuts, and for our farmers in general, believing that they would be mate. rially benefitted were they to make a slight departure at least from the all cotton system, and especially those who have light soi's, though stiff soils make a heavier peanut, but are not so easy to plow up, in case the weather should be bad at shocking time-

Your writers, although legion, do not pay sufficient attention to the grandest opportunity of the agricultural possibilities of the great South. You have the soil and climate in fair perfection to raise immense crops of your Southern white corn, If, in press and for journals outside of our boraddition to this, you would build chesp wooden silos, out of narrow boards one inch thick, and none of them over four inches wide, say from two and one half to four inches, planed and matened ceiling. having the 14 s of fair size, according to the number of cattle you desire to keep. I have four such pits in my farm-bara hore, fifteen feet square inside measure, and as deep as I could build them inisde of my barn, and have them reach the roof-

This size pit does best to have thirty or forty head of cattle eat from it both night to hospitality in its purest and most generand morning-it is altogether too large for ten head-Lud much of the ensilage would spoil after the pit was opened, and we began to feed it I did not have fully thirty head of cattle to eat it up. Every feed night and morning it should be raked off the top of the pit and keep the ensilage level in the pit all the time and not stir it up at all until you are ready for the feed. leave most any other kind of feed but grain. This corn that is grown for ensilage should be planted in rows and the status In speaking to a gentleman in this town far enough apart so that each stalk will up or wither the fodder is then in its best kind of a power fodder cutter and packed nght into the silo. The silo pit or pits are all filled each year. I now have six of bushel basket of ensuinge, and is a sufficient grain ration for almost any animal. A good, fair-sized cow or ox will eat from one and one-half to two baskets of ensilage

fully three to four quarts of grain in each twice a day. One acre of good ground here in Onio will grow as much feed as one animal can eat in a whole year, and it does not cost us twenty dollars per acre to do the entire work, When your Southern farmers supply themselves with siles and ensilago, and will feed their farm stock liberally in July or August, as soon as the dry, hot weather strikes them, then feed and never let the stock shrink in flesh a particle, they can beat the world in raising

They must feed every day in the year when needed, and the dairy business for both cheese and butter can be better done there than in the North. I have made just as good butter for three years on my Ten. nesse farm as I ever made here in Ohio. (That was in McMinnvide, Warren county, Pennesee) I do know it is possible for the bouth to heat the world in stock-raising if they will only do thorough work and feed

sattle or any kind of farm stock cheaply.

when needed. BENRY TALCOTT.

Jagetton, Obio

IN MEMORIAM.

the price rules low and it is impossible for most cheering terms of hi meelf. His par pose then, was to make a visit to Eastern Carolina and this, his old home after com. pleting his work in the West before return-

ing to Pennsylvania.

But alas I for Luman hope or purpose The glad expectancy of meeting our dear and honored friend is turned into tears of disappointment in this sail, sudden notice that he has been called away from earth forever, and for the warm welcome we trusted to give him when he should have returned among us, we come instead with sorrowful heart to lay this memorial tribute apon his bier.

Wm. Cotten Downing was the eldest son of Harry Downing and Mary Elzebeth his wife, of Lee's Mills, an old and honored family of this county, and was born April 10th 1850. He spent the days of his boyhood at the old homestead near there, re-ceiving from the public schools of the vicinity his early educational training which was wisely and efficiently supplemented by the careful instruction of his parents. Later he became a pupil of the Bingham School in Orange county, an institution of learning which for a century has held de. served prominence throughout the entire country for its thoroughness of instruction no less than its high standard for morals and discipline, and here the young student gave evidence first of the taleut which was to distinguish him in after life, by his apt scholarship and literary tastes.

At the close of the war, (in which he did not participate owing to his extreme youth) he took a course of business studies at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., returned to his home in Washington county and entered upon a farmers life, which pursuit he followed until his removal from us

The pleasures as well as the engagements of this vocation were of such character as to forbid him courting the distinctions of public life, although his county tendered him not infrequently positions of honor and confidence whose duties he discharged with intelligence and highest acceptability when prevailed upon to accept the trust. His excellent services as a member of the educational board of the county and for ears as a most useful magistrate fully justify the wisdom of his selection for those important places.

But it was in the field of poetry that Mr. Downing was to win his most enduring reputation, his mental gifts being more pronounced of this order and his nature preeminently fashioned in this mon'd. Thoughtful, imaginative, earnest in his sympathies, and quick of perception of whatever was beautiful or true in life or nature, his being was well attuned to the expression of poetic thought, and the many tender verses he has left behind will live for years to come as an evidence that his talent was far above mediocrity. A devo. ted and loving son of the Southland, his heart sympathizing fully With all her mis. fortunes and sorrows, his finest efforts, perhaps, are those which portray the story of her sufferings in the civil war, the heroism of her soldiery, the self denial and patriot. ism of her people in that fateful struggle, and glory of her departed leaders. Here his fancy found tenderest play as the memories of its better days before civil strife began, were contrasted with the gioom and deso. sat by every fireside and all that was left to console us in bereavement was the sad yet tender light which played around the memories of those who had died to make it otherwise.

Other contributions of his to the State der- showed that he was possessed too of great general information on matters per taining to the material advancement of North Carolina in the changed order of things, presenting with force and truth. fulness her great resources, the need of their development and the opportunity offered to encerprise and capital to invest among us. In this he did the State good service which should be gratefully remembered.

He was a genial, sincere warm hearted friend, faithful in every emergency, given ous seuse and courageous in every convic. tion which came to test loyalty.

As husband and father he was gentle, affectionate and kmd, and his home made through these gracious qualities a place of liberal, unaffected, wooling welcome to guest and family alike. There was no guest and family alike. place among us where the word "domes ticity,"-sacred to the household god -meant more than it did at the quet home of "Mapeloke."

Above all he was an carnest and devoted believer in the christian religion and reverenced God and his Savior with unfultering trust and affection. Years ago he became a member of the Episcopal church and lived

and died in i's communion. Such briefly was the life and character of our departed friend-upon whom, in God's providence, the eternal peace was given to fall at last, in his native State and in its lovilest and most beautiful portion. His latest verses-reproduced elsewhere in these columns-was a loving tribute to the fair land and city where he breathed his last and the motherland which met his last sight of earth.

Peace to his ashes and blessings upon T. S. A. his memory.

JURY LIST.

The following names were drawn at the March meeting of county Commissioners to serve as jurors at the Spring term Superior Court of Washington county:

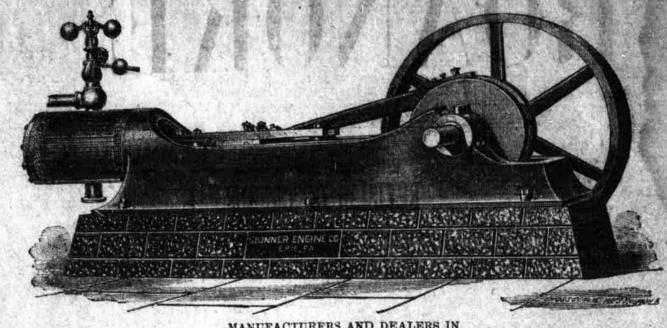
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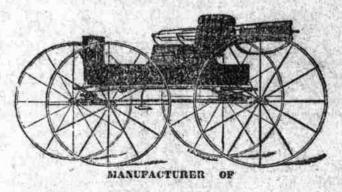


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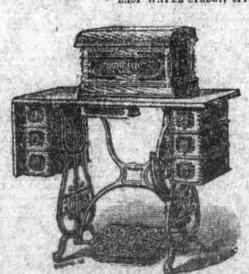
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