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MR. ROBINSON AGAIN.

HE WRITES A LETTER, ANSWERS ONE QUESTION AND IGNORES ALL OTHERS.

Dumb as an Oyster on the Analysis Business—Does not Seem to Know what the Inspectors Do—Admits, by his own Confession, According "The Custom," all Manufacturers Have Violated the State Law—Will He Listen to Reason, Common Sense and Law?

North Carolina, Department of Agriculture, John Robinson, Commissioner, T. K. Bruner, Secretary.

RALEIGH, June 30th, 1891.

Editor Durham Daily Sun, Durham, N. C.:

DEAR SIR:—A marked copy of your paper has again been sent to me. I beg to acknowledge the same.

Omission to answer the question—"in regard to the charge of untagged guano at Oxford, it is only necessary to state that it has been the custom of guano manufacturers to ship goods and then send tags. It is done by parties outside the State. Can the agricultural department deny this?"—was intended. It was deemed of no importance as bearing upon the case. I now answer: No fertilizer manufacturer has, within my knowledge, sent a single bag of fertilizer into the State without tags, UNLESS SUCH MANUFACTURER HAS FIRST NOTIFIED THE DEPARTMENT THAT SUCH FERTILIZERS WERE SENT ON SUCH A DAY, TO SUCH A PARTY, AND THAT THE AMOUNT NECESSARY TO PAY FOR THE TAGS WAS ENCLOSED.

It has been the custom of the department to forward tags so ordered to the address given.

Had the Durham Company acted thus, no trouble would have resulted so far as tags are concerned.

Very respectfully,
JOHN ROBINSON,
Commissioner.

The delay in publishing the above was caused by the absence of the editor in Virginia in attendance at the bedside of a sick relative, and on our return to Durham we give the matter our attention at the earliest possible moment. The above is Mr. Robinson's reply, and the whole of it, to our observations and inquiries of June 29th, which doubtless most of our readers will remember. Our readers will, no doubt, share with us, the regret that Mr. Robinson utterly fails to answer the inquiries contained in our article of the 29th. Such as he failed to answer we can fairly take and consider as admitted by him. But let us see just what the above reply of Mr. Robinson amounts to anyhow.

Is it not a substantial admission, in a dodging sort of way, that what we charged in our question is literally true—"that it has been the custom of guano manufacturers to ship goods and then send tags. It is done by parties outside the State. Can the agricultural department deny this?"

What is Mr. Robinson's reply? "It was deemed of NO IMPORTANCE as bearing upon the case."

By whom is such matter deemed of no importance? Why, by the Agricultural Department he means of course.

For what does the LAW say on this subject? Does it say a manufacturer may ship his goods and AFTERWARDS tag them? Does it sanction the admitted custom of the Department to let a manufacturer ship his goods and afterwards have the Department furnish the tags direct to the agent or consumer having them in charge to put them on the bags or leave them off just as sees fit? Where and upon whom does the law put the responsibility of tagging the bags?

Sec. 2190 of the law plainly reads as follows: "For the purpose of defraying the expenses connected with the inspection of fertilizers and fertilizing materials in this State, there shall be a charge of twenty-five cents per ton on such fertilizers and fertilizing material for each fiscal year ending November 30th, which shall be paid BEFORE DELIVERY to AGENTS, DEALERS, or CONSUMERS in this State."

What the law here says is pre-emtory and mandatory on the MANUFACTURER, that is to say, to tag his goods BEFORE DELIVERY to his agent, dealers, and consumers. Mr. Robinson, the head and front of the Agricultural Department, appointed specially and clothed with the duty and authorized to see this law enforced, says, it is of "No Importance." And it is the custom of the Department to disregard it.

Yes, just exactly so. And right here all this trouble about the tax on fertilizers begins. The Department has allowed a "custom," contrary to the plainly written law to spring up which has led to confusion in the administration of the law and the developments have shown that the Department having set aside and nullified the law, then undertakes to administer its "custom," so as to oppress the Durham Fertilizer Company and let other Companies in the same business, BUT UNABLE TO SELL THE SAME CUSTOMERS, go scot free. A beautiful state of things indeed for the law abiding citizens of the State to behold! Most people thought and still think that when the Agricultural Department was established, it was for the sole purpose of protecting the great farming class of our people. But, behold, how is it administered now? We will soon show that in singling out the Durham Fertilizer Company for attack for disregarding this "custom" of the Deparment, the purpose of the law is lost sight of and the farmers are smitten by the hand of one who should be, AND IS PAID A SALARY TO BE, their friend. If Mr. Robinson had done his plain duty he would have sent out his inspectors and disregarding friend and foe alike, when this law went into effect, he would have seized every bag of fertilizer in the State outside the place of manufacture not having a tag on it, as the law required, and if he had good reason to believe a fraud was intended, he should at once have taken steps to confiscate the property by legal proceedings, and if he had good reason to believe no fraud was intended he should just as promptly have released the goods on receipt of the tax. And this should have been the uniform custom and such a custom would have been sanctioned by the "Equal Laws, equally administered" which is the foundation upon which our republican institutions are built. When partiality in the administration of a law enters, then oppression begins.

But the very strangest thing about this whole business is, that after allowing this unlawful custom of the department to spring up and grow, Mr. Robinson, the avowed friend of the farmers, begins, continues and persistently keeps up his fight against the Durham Fertilizer Company, which is well known to be the company above all others which is receiving the patronage of the Farmers' Alliance. If he did this on the complaint of the Farmers' Alliance his conduct would be consistent; but how does he stand when the Alliances that bought the goods pass solemn resolutions denouncing the conduct of the Commissioner? And why is it we see agents of other fertilizer manufacturing concerns taking sides with the Commissioner? In doing so, do other manufacturers and their agents look with gratitude on Mr. Robinson in relieving them of the duty of buying tags beforehand and tagging their own goods BEFORE shipment and running like a duck after a June bug for the Alliance goods? We venture the assertion upon reliable information that 300 bags of guano, without tags on them, were shipped by another manufacturer, (other than the Durham Fertilizer Company), since the tag law went into effect, to an agent in Oxford and 280 of those bags were hauled out in wagons from Oxford to the farms of the consumers, before the tags for those bags reached Oxford at all, and when the tags did reach Oxford only 20 bags out of the 300 remained in the hands of the agent at Oxford. This is cited as merely an instance to show how beautifully the "custom" of the department works in disregard of the plain language of the law above quoted requiring the tax to be paid even "before delivery to the agent," to say nothing of his delivery to the consumer who puts the guano out of sight in the ground. Imagine, if you can, some old Granville farmer, in a hurry to plant his crop, and his guano on his premises ready for use, waiting for the manufacturer to write to Raleigh for tags, and for the department to write to the agent at Oxford and send them, and for the agent at Oxford awaiting to see somebody from the neighborhood to send them by, and the neighbor having his own affairs to look after, waiting a convenient time to drop over to see the patiently waiting consumer to deliver to him the tags, and with what alacrity the old Granville farmer, having waited so patiently for days, to get the tags, when at last he does receive them, puts them on the guano bags and within five minutes afterwards opens the bags and begins to scatter his guano. Does the law contemplate such a "custom" as this?

Where is the assurance or guarantee to the department of getting the tax at all under such a "custom?" And above all why single out the Alliance goods and treat them so harshly and at the same time treat the goods of others so leniently?

We have now exhausted our space for this issue; but as sure as the SUN shines we intend before leaving the subject to turn on all the lights until our readers shall see this whole business exposed and put in its true light, and then they will feel sure, when they look at the matter impartially, see that this is really a fight against the State Farmers' Alliance, and the Durham Fertilizer Company is only the medium of attack to reach the Alliance.

We shall have a few lines on that "Analysis" business in our next and pursue this subject to the end, "if it takes all summer."

Haywood White Sulphur Springs.

We first visited these celebrated springs in the summer of 1881 and was charmed with this beautiful spot, with its great Balsam mountains towering to the clouds on every side, with a rippling brook (a noted trout stream) flowing through the lawn a short distance from the hotel.

The waters of the White Sulphur Springs have been noted for a century or more for their invigorating and life giving properties. Here the wild Indians who live in the mountain gorges have been coming for ages to quaff these delicious waters. They can be seen here often to the present day, for they regard it as the "water of life," and they do drink freely.

A few years ago the old hotel building was destroyed by fire and a new, handsome, spacious edifice has been erected by Maj. Stringfield, the owner of the springs. It has been supplied with all modern improvements and elegantly furnished.

The hotel has been leased to Mr. H. M. Bright, late of the Balsam Mountain Hotel. A short stay there convinced us that Mr. Bright understood how to cater to the inner man. His estimable wife gives her personal attention to the culinary department. If you wish to seek a renewal of health, if you wish to enjoy a visit to one of the grandest sections in the world, visit these springs.—Southern Tobacconist.

A Wealth of Golden Hair.

A Gainesville, Tex., girl has the longest hair in the world. It is 10 ft 6 inches long. The present growth is of the past 7 years, as in 1884 her head was shaved during a spell of brain fever. It is necessary to her health to cut out large quantities of hair every few months, and this she has a regular sale for from some large wig manufactory in the East, which pays her well for it, as its fineness and silky gloss is exceptional, being of a much admired red-gold tint.

Got Things Mixed.

At a recent wedding in Potter county (Pa.) the bride seemed to have the baptismal services and the marriage rites somewhat twisted. To the clergyman's solemn question, "Dost thou take this man to be thy lawful wedded husband?" etc., she respond very distincly and emphatically, "God being my helper I do.' It is the said minister looked very sober, but the smiles of several of the guests were audible.

Shooting Match.

H. L. Cramer, 100 West st., New York, has accepted a challenge from W. E. Hurst, of Norfolk, Va., to shoot 100 birds. Trapshots for $500 a side, and forfeit has already been deposited. The date of the match is to be arranged later and will be set for some time in July.

Another Factory

One more cotton mill for Concord—this is the sixth. It is proposed to start with $75,000, $50,000 of which is already subscribed. The books are open for the remaining $25,000. There is possibly no doubt that the mill will be a certainty of the near future. The location will probably be near the depot.

How She Helped Raise the Crop.

A western paper tells of a smart wife who helped her husband to raise 100 acres of wheat. The way she helped him was to stand in the door and shake a broom at him when he sat down to rest.

EMPEROR WILLIAM has stricken his court preachers with consternation by issuing an order that they shall shorten their sermons to a quarter of an hour. No wonder they are perplexed. Where will "sixteenthly" come in now? Emperor William evidently intends that nobody in Germany shall do any preaching but himself.

THE grand old Fourth is being celebrated to-day in many North Carolina towns.

DEEP IN LOVE.

A Boy's Unique Love Letter.

The Henderson Gold Leaf says: The most uniqu, fervent and delicious love letter we have had the pleasure of reading since the days when we used to be in, that kind of business ourself, came under our notice a few days ago. The boy who wrote it is about 10 years old, and the girl is presumably in the same neighborhood. With a promise not to call any names, we have been permitted to print the charming missive. Here it is:

"DEAR EMMA—I love you and I wish you would write to me I love you and I wish I could kiss you. Emma, you look so rosy. I love you, don't you love me? I wish you would write to me. I guess you love me. I don't care if you don't, I will write to you anyway. I want you to write to me and if you have no lead pencil I will give you one and some paper. I am so glad that you love me. Emma, did you tell that boy that lives beside your house that you was going to slap my nose? Emma, I could not help but cry when that boy told me. Emma, I thought you thought more of me. I have given you about twenty-five cents' worth of candy, and you don't treat me well, besides I give you some gum."

There is no doubt about the condition of that boy. He is in love. He may be only 10 years old, but if he lives to be 400 he will never be any more in love than he was when he penciled this letter.

Backbiters.

There are men who never have a good word to say of anybody. No matter how noble and of how good repute a man may be, these backbiters will continue to say something of disparagement. They do not often speak directly against a good man, but by implication and innuendo seek to besmirch a fair and honorable reputation. Such men are a blight and bane to society. Of ill-repute themselves, they would drag others down to the same low level. The sight of an honest, trustworthy, high-minded citizen, is sufficient to give them a bad attack of the spleen, which they seek to remedy by inventing stories derogative to good character. Their own inherent badness causes them to think others must be bad, or indifferent, also. The chronic backbiter would seem incurable. He will listen to no arguments in a good man's favor. That all men are more or less vicious is his premise, and the most convincing proof would not drive it from his mind. Truly a most deplorable state of mind and heart to be in! Were there no honest men in the world, things would come to a standstill, and the earth would almost cease to revolve. It is they who make life and civilization what it is, and keep us from the primal chaos. But the born backbiter will entertain no such view as this, and goes on in his daily round of belittling everything and everybody. He seems to take great delight in it, and to roll it out as a sweet morsal under his tongue. We think, if he could see how small, petty and insignificant such a course in life is, and how it dwarfs and belittles his humanity (if there be a grain left in him), he would instantly reform and speak nothing but good of mankind forever afterward.

MARION HARLAND (Mrs. Terhune) has written fifteen successful works half a dozen books on household matters, founded a magazine, contributed largely to journalism, is an active member of Sorosis, a busy and capable worker in church matters, a mother and a grandmother. She says when she gets her grandchildren safely through measles and whooping cough finishes half a dozen stories sketches, and essays now promised and has time she wants to take up bee raising as a hobby.

THE Prince of Wales probably owes his popularity to the fact that he pays so much attention to the wives of the noble lords of England. They say a more sociable man never breathed the breath of life.

GREAT BRITAIN still leads the world in the production of coal, but as the price of that article is steadily advancing—it having ruled about two shillings per ton higher in 1890 than in 1889—it is only a question of time when the United States will take the lead, as has already been done in the matter of iron production.

AN APPEAL

TO THE NATIONAL DEMOCRACY TO RALLY.

Hon. Calvin S. Brice, Chairman, of the National Democratic Committee, Issues a Stirring Appeal to the Democrats.

Hon. Calvin S. Brice, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, has written the following letter to the chairman of State committees:

NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE:

NEW YORK, July 1, '91.—DEAR SIR: The importance of immediate preparations for the Presidentiel campaign of next year must be obvious to every Democrat. The timely and energetic conduct of our opponents would be warring enough if there were no other reason for it. It is evident that they expect decisive results upon their extensive and well organized system of Republican clubs. It will be sustained by money without stint drawn from the pockets of the beneficiaries of the money system maintained by that party. It can be met only by an equally extensive and well organized system of Democratic societies. The latter is more appropriate to our purpose since it was the first organization of the Democratic party in the United States and was the instrument of agitation and defence employed by the Democratic party in the first great struggle in resistance to federalism and for the restitution of constitutional government. It is earnestly recommended that every official in the regular organization of the Democratic party will see that everything possible within his jurisdiction shall be done to aid and encourage it.

I desire to call your attention to the work now in course of successful accomplishment by the executive committee of the National Association of Democratic Clubs, and to say that their plan has been submitted to and meets the approval of the National Committee.

The selection of correspondents under this plan is the greatest inportance, and under this date I have written to the members of the National Committee from your State asking him to communicate with you at once so that the proper selections may be made.

The plan cannot in any way interfere with State organization, and, on the contrary, proposes intimate co-operation with the State Committees as well as with the National Committee. It has met with unprecedented success in other States.

Trusting that you will give this matter your favorable and prompt attention,

Yours respectfully,
CALVIN S. BRICE, Chair'n,
National Democratic Com.

Extraordinary Vitality.

Some two weeks ago, at Joliet, Ill., Charles Hammond was working on a building when a large stone fell from the second story to the basement on top of his head, driving a piece of skull, two inches long and three inches wide, into his brain, and splitting the cranium from ear to ear. The man was given up for dead. A surgeon, however, replaced the piece driven into the brain and the man is now recovering.

SAYS the Philadelphia Record: Democrats who are looking out for a Western candidate for President would do well to keep a weather eye upon Gov. Boies, of Iowa. His election for a second term in Republican Iowa next November would put him in the first rank of Democratic candidates for President in 1892.

A 10-year-old boy in an Arkansas town has been detected in stealing letters from a post-office box by means of a string and grasshopper. The grasshopper was tied to the string and let down into the box through the aperture. When the insect got a letter into its pincers he hauled it up and took the letter.

THE R. & D. car record office is to be moved from Washington city to Atlanta, Ga. The move is necessary on account of the recent Southern purchases of the road which will make Atlanta the most central point for the system. The change takes place about the first of August.

Two million and a half is the number of persons who are said to work on Sunday in this country.