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FROM LAPSTONE TO HEADSTONE.

My friend the aged cobbler's dead,
Called hence by cruel god,
He whom no other could outpeer,
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He was a man of noble parts,
Beloved by young and old,
And though he ne'er sold half his goods,
His goods were oft half-sold.

His was a busy life until
Disease did on him eat,
He heeled his patrons' boots and shoes,
Himself he could not heal.

He loved his art, as well he might,
For in it he surpassed;
When morning called him to his toil
His first thought was his last.

Unlike some men I know full well,
Of human kindness stripped,
Who reap what other hands have sown—
He sowed what others ripped.

But low he's gone the good old man,
Mankind has lost a friend;
In youth a Crispin—crisp and true—
He waxed into his end.

Peace be his rest, and when around
The Day of Judgement rolls,
As free from law may be his soul
As ever were his soles!

Montague Rogers.

TO THE FARMERS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

It is with sincere pleasure that we are able to announce the completion of the organization of the BOARD OF AGRICULTURE, IMMIGRATION AND STATISTICS, and for the encouragement of Sheep Husbandry.

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, the recent Legislature passed a liberal act, under which this Board has been established, with the following members viz:

Z. B. YANCE, Governor and ex-officio Chairman;
W. C. KEYS, State Geologist and ex-officio member of the Board;
K. P. BATTLE, President of the State Agricultural College and ex-officio member of the Board;
T. M. HOLZ, President of the State Agricultural Society and ex-officio member of the Board;
S. B. ALEXANDER, Master of the State Grange, P. of H., and ex-officio member of the Board;
J. L. THIGPEN, of Edgecombe county, and JONATHAN EVANS of Cumberland county.
L. L. POLK, of Anson, Commissioner.

Office of the Department, in the Briggs Building, on Fayetteville street Raleigh.

This Department has now entered upon the great work for which it was created—the improvement and advancement of the agricultural and all kindred industries of the State, and we bespeak the indulgent aid of all our fellow-citizens in the arduous task imposed upon us.

A competent Chemist has been selected, who will, in a few days, open a Laboratory at Chapel Hill for the analysis of commercial fertilizers, soils, &c., and performing such other duties and experiments as the Board may direct.

A summary of the law in relation to the sale of fertilizers and the propagation and protection of fish, and also a circular explanatory of the plan by which the General Land and Mining Registry, connected with the Department, is proposed to be operated, will be published as soon as practicable for the public information, and we invoke, in support of these important measures, an earnest co-operation in their enforcement and obedience.

The tax imposed upon the sale of commercial fertilizers has a two-fold object in view: the one to suppress as far as practicable, the imposition of dishonest articles upon our people; and the other to aid in raising revenue for the support of the Department, without addition to the general tax bills. So far, both objects seem in a fair way of realization.

The fund arising from this source will certainly be ample to establish and maintain the Department on a useful and most effective footing, and it is with great regret that we perceive attempts to render the people dissatisfied with the tax. The requirements of the law are plain, and their faithful enforcement will afford as was designed by their enactment,

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Farmers of North Carolina, we ask you to sustain this Department. It is the first attempt in the history of the State to give your interests that attention their importance demand and with evidences of appreciation on your part, the Board will be greatly encouraged in the responsible duties before them, and will devote whatever of ability and energy they possess to your service and to the promotion of the material interest of our State.

It is the earnest desire of the Board to utilize this auspicious opportunity for placing our State on the road to assured prosperity; to settle thrifty immigrants on our uncultivated lands; to bring forth the mineral riches of our hills; to employ our vast water power in the service of manufactures; to cover our mountain slopes with orchards and dairy farms; to adorn our midland hills and eastern plains with vineyards; to stock our streams with fish, and infuse new life and intelligence into agriculture and all its kindred pursuits. Be not deterred by any species of intimidation adopted by those who would strike down this our first effort, to elevate and advance the controlling interests of our people, but earnestly and unitedly resolve that it have a fair trial, and see if we cannot save to our people the millions annually spent for worthless compounds, called by some high-sounding name. Ignorance is the most grievous tax under which we labor, and no price is too great to pay for that knowledge which, while protecting us against imposition infuses into our agricultural masses a spirit of enterprise and progress.

By order of the Board,
L. L. POLK,
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