

From Ral. Observer. SHEEP HUSBANDRY.

for the establishment of a Department of Agriculture also directs that the General Assembly shall "enact laws for the adesheep husbandry." In order to carry out this last provision there are now several bills before the Legislature. As the matter is one of great interest to a large number of the citizens of this State the followdensed a form as possible.

The average annual profit on capital invested in sheep is 63 per cent.—a marked difference between the profit of sheep rais- they are properly taught, they love and ing and cotton growing.

cents per head per annum.

cents per pound. The average yield ing the slightest fear. pounds.

sheep is 94 cents.

Ninety-eight per cent. of those who fully one hundred per cent.

A sod of Bermuda grass (closely resembling our wire grass) on lands unprofitable for cultivation, will support five sheep to the acre for nine months in the year. Bermuda grass will grow on almost any land, and if Bermuda and wire grass were properly utilized for summer pasture, small grain used for pasture during winter, and a supply of turnips for spring, sheep, thereby largely increasing her agricultural products by converting much wasting vegetable matter into a superior fertilizer worth several million dollars.

stands in the way of the solution of every other problem in Southern agriculture. Southern farms are made by the employly control labor to render it either reliable or profitable; the large introduction under better control.

One great difficulty of agriculture in a considerable portion of the land in cultivation does not pay the cost of cultivaand gradually improved by converting sound of the trumpet. them into sheep pastures. Sheep husbandry offers a wide field of usefulness, to their owners will be rendered profitato this great industry.

The following bill has been reported to the Senate from the committee on Agricommendation that it pass:

HUSBANDRY:

do enate:

"Section I. That the justices of the peace, of any county, a majority being are authorized to levy a tax on all dogs.

"Sec. 2. That where any county in the State shall levy a tax on dogs in accordance with section one, of this act, the tax so levied and collected shall be paid into the county treasurer for the benefit of the common school fund of such

#Sec. 3. This act shall be in force from

and after its ratification."

when he was called up to recite he said:

did! From that moment, he gave up the habit of years; he laid back his ears, or fore dismissed the Agent of the Company

KEEP A FEW SHEEP.

We have urged our Southern farmers to add a few sheep to the list of stock kept upon the farm, firmly believing that they will be found exceedingly profitable. We know they are profitable, and have proven the fact by the strong test of experience.

In the South, a given number of sheep, properly handled, will double in numbers each year. Then the fleece is equal in value to the cost of the animal. Thus we have two hundred and fifty per cent, of increase, from which should be deducted, say fifty per cent. for food and shelter during the winter and the labor of shearing and selling the wool. Will our farmers please tell of any other crop that pays a net profit of one hundred and fifty per

But the profit of sheep husbandry do The Convention in the act providing not end here. Sheep can be pastured on worn out abandoned lands, care being taken not to overstock. These pastures soon show a new life, and, in an incrediquate protection and encouragement of bly short space of time, become recuperated. The best crops we ever saw were raised on an old sheep pasture, without further fertilization. The care necessary to the successful

raising of sheep is not extreme. Any laing facts collected mostly from the reports | bor connected therewith is extremely of the Department of Agriculture in Geor- light, except, perhaps, the few days of gia are presented this morning in as con- shearing. This is somewhat laborious to the "green hand," but a little practice soon makes the task a pleasurable one. Sheep soon learn their keepers, and if obey them. We know of no more beau-The average cost of keeping sheep is 54 tiful sight than to see a flock gathering around their keeper, anxious to receive The average cost of raising wool is six attention from his hand without exhibit-

of unwashed wool to the sheep is 3.44 We can not again too strongly urge our farmers to keep at least a few sheep. We The average clear income in wool per will not insist that they shall be of the fancy varieties, though there is doubtless Ninety per cent of the correspondents more actual profit from one of the improvreport dogs the principal and generally ed breeds than from five common ones. the only obstacle to making sheep But the common are better than none, husbandry a success. There are 99,- and when the farmer has become satisfied 415 dogs in Georgia who destroyed in that it will be a profitable investment, he one year 28,625 sheep, valued at \$73,- he can add a pure-bred ram and increase the value and actual profit of his flock

have tested crosses in Georgia, report | We need this kind of stock upon our the merino and native as the most pro- cotton killed lands. We must have somefitable, being healthy and free from dis- thing of the kind to prevent large tracts from becoming almost literally deserts. in Cincinnati, testified: One hundred sheep, regularly folded, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, will fertilize so as to double the yield of and other cotton States can raise sheep as Continental) was in California with me the crop on eight acres a year. Estima- well and as profitably as Texas. Our cli- remaining there about three months; I ting the number of sheep in this State at mate is superior, and our markets are near went there in September, 1875, and re-250,000, this will double the crop on 20,- our own doors. Wool can be raised cheaper mained until February, 1876; when Mr. 000 acres, and if these be planted in cot- than cotton, and as both are in request ton will give an increase of 10,000 throughout the civilized world, why may risks of the Continental; I had received bales, equal to \$500,000, at \$50 per we not take advantage of the demand and from Mr. Frost a list, and succeeded in profit accordingly ?- [Son of Soil.]

SAGACITY OF THE HORSE.

Bayard Taylor has an article in the Atlantic Monthly on animals, from which we

North Carolina could sustain 4,000,000 they happen to describe to a vistor some they would be unable to pay them; as an fault for which the animal has been scoldslink away. But the extent to which a Labor is the vexed question which horse, also, may be taught to understand represent to the person holding the policy At present all the marketable products of him attentive to the sounds, and I am ment of expensive human muscle. Under has an impression of meaning. I have at would become due \$4,800, for instance existing circumstances neither brains nor present a horse who served his country out of \$5,000. If they would not sell, I excapital, nor both combined, can sufficient- during the war, and came to me only af- changed 'time' policies for 'endowments.' of sheep as laborers or manufacturers of lous of any gray object, as I soon discov- during the last ten years it as steadily dewool or manure, will, to a great extent, ered; he would shy at a fallen log in a creases. My instructions were, if I could diminish the demand for human labor, thicket a glimpse of mossy rock, or a an exchange, to give the policy-holder a and increase its efficiency by bringing it laborer's coat left in a fence-corner. By 'time policy,' without telling him what and telling him, in an assuring tone, that that he was allowed to pay on a policy, Mr. this State is the fact that the product of there was nothing to fear, he was very Frost's instructions, was 50 per cent of tion; all such lands can be made profitable could, cry "Ha!" ha!" when he hears the his services he got \$5,000 a year and ex-

> 41 years old, and it is possible that he is a he made out of this?" gravely walked back to his stall with at ter I induced to bring the policy to the least a quart of oats in his mouth.

ping at my arm when he was harnessed ed to get the policies any way and every for a drive. (I always talk to a horse be- way, and I got them. Mr. Blake objected fore starting, as a matter of common to buying up the policies of them, politeness.) Of course I never flinched, but after a private conversation with Mr. and his teeth often grazed my sleeve as Frost he entered enthusiastically into the he struck them together. One day, more work." A bad, bad boy, was picked up by his than a dozen years ago, he was in rather of the policies when he first undertook to ma, the other night, for some misdeed, reckless spirits and snapped a little too buy them up, July, 1874, amounted to and tanned with her slipper until he vigorously, catching my arm actually in more than \$2,000,000, and succeeded in thought he was standing right in the way his jaws. I scarcely felt the bite, but I pulling it down to \$600,000, the Continenof a shoemaker's shop caught in a cyclone. was very much surprised. The horse, which followed his announcement to the When he got away at last, he was told to however, showed such unmistakable signs Southern policy-holders of the Continensit down and learn a verse in his Bible, of regret and distress, that I simply said, tal, Mr. Hammond stated, was terrible. Mansion, and assures them that no effort shall before he could have a bit of supper, and "Never do that again!" And he never On all sides curses and imprecations were be spared to make their future visits pleasant.

again made believe to bite. This, certainly, goes far beyond the temporary sorrow for an unintentional injury which may be referred to an animal's affection. What else is conscience than knowledge of wrong made permanent by a memory which forbids the repetition of the wrong?

In the company of a friend, I was driving the same horse along a country road in a light open buggy. I paid no attention to the horse, for he could turn, back, or execute any other mancevre in harness the horse looked back at me, twisting his body between the thills in a singular fashion. I perceived that he had some communication to make, and said, "What is the matter now, Ben ?" Thereupon, by twisting a little more, he managed to hold up his right foot, and I saw that the shoe had been lost. "That's right," said I; "you shall have a new shoe as soon as we get to the village." He set down his foot, and for a moment seemed satisfied. Then the same turning of the head and twisting of the body were repeated. "What, Ben is anything else the matter?" I asked. He now lifted up the left hind foot, which was still shod. I was quite at loss to understand him, and remained silent. He ed to think. Almost immediately he liftpositive process of reasoning in this act, preted in any other way.

THE WAY LIFE INSURANCE COM PANIES CHEAT THE WEST AND SOUTH.

panies, and as many of them are failing, Where is it? we copy the following article showing West:-Char. Democrat.

From the New York World, Feb. 13th. Before Referee Butler yesterday, in the Continental Life examination, S. U. Hammond, ex-agent for the Company, living

"Mr. L. W. Frost, (President of the Frost went there in October, 1875, I was instructed to buy up all the outstanding buying nearly all of them, and inducing some of the other holders to take out new policies; I paid in orders upon II. H. Blake, the coast agent of the Co.

"What inducement to sell did you hold to the policy-holders?" asked Mr. Moses. "I told them the Company was insoltake some anecdotes relating to the vent-those were my instructions from Mr. Frost; Mr. Frost told me that the Company was in great need of money; that It is a very common observation of per- many of the policies on the Pacific coast sons who own intelligent dogs, that if would be due in about two years, and illustration permit me to cite a case; a party holds an endowment policy of the ed or punished, in the latter's presence, Continental Life Insurance Company; he will exhibit an uneasy consciousness that policy, from the time it was drawn of what is said, even sometimes quietly out, has increased in value, so that now it is worth about \$3,000; in two years more it will be worth \$5,000; well, if I speech, is not so generally known. The sim- that the Continental is insolvent he will, ple fact that he likes to be talked to makes in all probability, accept my offer for a release-\$100 or \$200; the Continental thus saves nearly the entire amount that convinced that in a great many cases he they would have to pay when the policy ter its close. His experience while on for twenty years. During the first ten A 'time policy' is one that is drawn out scounting service made him very suspic- years it steadily increases in value, while do no better than to secure a consent to stopping him whenever this happened, the transaction amounted to. The limit soon completely cured of the habit. But the reserve due, but this he did rarely, he still lifts up his head, and would, if he very often paying much less than that. For penses and a commission of 10 per cent,

making between \$20,000 and \$40,000." I have a horse who is now not less than | "Did Mr. Frost ever tell you how much independence, and profit, and thousands year or two older, for 38 years ago he was "Well, he used to come to my office and of acres of land now idle and an expense broken to use. He is at present on the broken to use. He is at present on the day. The Company made so much toretired list, only occasionally being called had made that remark, for he made it on ble if the proper encouragement be given upon to lend a helping shoulder to his different occasions, turning to him and younger colleague; but his intellect is asking him, 'Who is the Company ?' He as fresh and as full of expedients as ever. laughed and replied, 'Oh! myself and my as fresh and as full of expedients as ever.

No horse ever knew better how to save I was merely an Agent of the Campany, himself, to spare effort and prolong his and obliged consequently to do whatever culture, Mechanics, Mines, etc., with re- powers; no one was ever so cunning to I was requested to do. It scared the peoslip his halter, open the feed-box, and ple terribly. I knew the announcement "A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT FOR supply phosphates, the necessity of which holders of the Continental, and so it did; THE BETTER PROTECTION OF SHEEP to him he knew as well as any "scientist." and I knew at the time that the Company I have seen him through a crack in a was perfectly solvent, because Mr. Frost The General Assembly of North Carolina board shanty used while the stable was assured me that all he wanted to do was building, lift and lay aside with his teeth to relieve the Continental of some of the six boxes which were piled atop of one of risks outstanding against a control of risks extinguished in California by this another, until he found the oats at the bot- plan was fully \$2,000,000. Nearly all the present, for the purpose of affording a suitable protection to sheep husbandry the window, he instantly gave up his fore I would give an order for the amount. tom. Then, when my head appeared at policies were drawn in favor of married leisurely, luxurious munching of the grain, I never saw the persons in whose favor the opened his jaws to their fullest extent, policies were drawn, but only the persons thrust his muzzle deep into the box, and who had drawn the policies. These lat-

> former for their signatures. I knew this latter course was contrary to the law, but This horse had a playful habit of snap- didn't stop to consider that point. I workto buying up the policies on account of

a circular, in which he bitterly inveighed against the "freezing" process adopted by the Continental.

same trick on its Southern and Western pects to do. in the coming year. It can policy-holders when it finds itself in a offer no stronger guarantee for its future and Ohio, but not with such success as in vancement of the Democratic party, and for California and the Southern States. He the good of the State, which it believes to made the negotiations for reinsuring the be one and inseparable. Continental in the Southern Life Insurance Company of Mobile, although he increased circulation for THE OBSERVER as well without as with a driver. Halt- was almost insolvent. "It was none of the people of North Carolina. Once in a ing at a house where my friend wished to my business," Mr. Hammond said ; all I household, THE OBSERVER becomes a fixtcall, I waited for him outside. Presently had to do was to find some Company fool ure. It needs only to be seen to make its but it was afterwards raised to \$10,000. Editors offer the following Mr. Hammond further testified that it was the intention of the officers of the Continental to send him through the Eastern States in January of the present

HISTORY OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

A correspondent, Rev. E. F. Rockwell

of the Statesville American, says: "Dr. J. G. Ramsey, of Tenn., who was a refugee in Mecklenburg during the war, says, in a letter to a citizen of this county, a relative of the late Rev. R. H. King, who was a native of this county, and looked back at me out of the corner of his died in Tennessee in 1825." "Mr. King eye, and evidently saw that I was puzzled, wrote some for the periodical press; and whereupon he set down his foot and seem- I have seen a large body of manuscript sheets, upon the history of Western North ed it up again, and shook it vigorously. Carolina, especially upon the Catawba The loose shoe rattled! There was a Indians. These were left with his brother press, free of all charges. Samuel King, Senator from Iredell, memand is too simple and clear to be inter- ber of lower house of North Carolina Legislature nine times, Senator in 1826, and died August 1840. They ought to be this unrivaled edition of Scott's matchless preserved." Whoever saw them here, or knows what become of them? What he wrote on this subject, born here 1767, graduated at Princeton 1786, lived here Our readers know that we never had until 1816, as Dr. Ramsey, the historian of much confidence in Life Insurance Com- Tennessee says, "ought to be preserved."

Can the manuscript be found? It will how some of the Yankee Companies have be a valuable contribution to our scant fooled Policy-holders in the South and historical literature. It is no doubt well and truthfully written.

POLICEMAN. I have not enjoyed good health for several years Every one belonging to the Liboring class knows the inconvenience of being oil g d to labor when the body from debit wilmost refuses to perform its daily task. I herer was a believer in desirg with medicines; but have a heart the VEGETINE spoken of so highly, was determined to try it, and shall never regret that determination. As a tenic (which every one needs at some time) it surpasses anything I ever heard of. It invigors on the whole system; it is a great cleanser and pur fler of the have taken it, and all unite in praise of set sinc-Especially among the aged class of people, it imwho has been suffering through life from Scrofula, and has become blind from its ellerts, having tried many remedies with no favorable result was i by friends to try the VEGETINE. After the me a few buttien, she obtained such great roll of that she ex-pressed a wish for here of that alle might be able

O. P. H. HODGE, Poles Officer, Station 6. Boston, Mass., May 9, 1871. HEARTFELT PRAYER.

to look upon the man woo and her such a blessing.

Sr. Parl, Ang., 22, 1864. H. R. STEVENS, Esq. : iled to acknowledge what the Vioring has done for me. I was attached about cleven morths since with Bronchitts, which settled into Consumption. I bad night sweats and fever chois; was discressed for breath and frequently spat blood; was all consented, very weak, and so low that my friends thought my I was advised to make a trial of the VEGETINE. which, under the providence of Cost, has cored me. That he may bless the us of your medicine to others as he has to me, and that his divine gince may attend you, is the heartfelt placer of Nour relimining, humble servant, BENJANIN PLATINGIAL. P. S.—Mine is but one among the many cores
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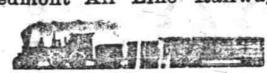
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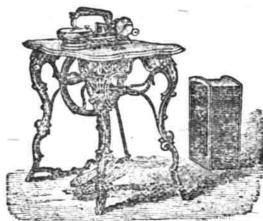
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