

WHAT HANNA SAID

Congressman Atwater, of this State, is quoted as saying that in conversation with him Senator Hanna said the two greatest blunders of the nineteenth century were the war between the States and the enfranchisement of the emancipated slaves.

Ignoring the constitutional rights of the Southern people who happened to own slaves, an anti-slavery agitation was started and kept up for a quarter of a century or more by men whose fathers sold their slaves to the South, whose fathers ran the vessels that brought the slaves to this country, and whose representatives in Congress refused to vote for the prohibition of the slave trade until the time was extended for several years to enable New England skippers who were out to get back with their cargoes of slaves. It took some time to make the trip to Africa and back in those days when the tidal winds had to be depended upon for propelling power.

A simple remedy against mosquitoes has been employed in several places in South Africa and is equally well adapted to the temperate zone. It consists in planting the castor oil plant (Ricinus communis), or "palm christi," around the houses and premises.

In cold and temperate climates the castor oil plant grows to a height of four or five feet; in these countries, it becomes a tall tree and is perennial. It grows tall and straight, by keeping disagreeable to mosquitoes and other insects, and it is an acknowledged fact that where these plants grow few mosquitoes will be found.

My personal experience bears this out. My residence is surrounded by plantain and banana trees, and I have been much troubled in the past by the great number of mosquitoes which gathered about the house.

These were the outcome of the agitation by the people who had gotten rid of their own slaves and got value received for them and these were the causes that goaded the Southern people to anger and resentment, which culminated in the movement to seek peace and security out of the Union if they could not be found within it.

The Northern agitators who did so much to "fire the Northern heart," were afraid that there would be no actual collision that would give a pretext for the abolition of slavery, egged on the war shouters, denounced as degenerates and cravens, and as sners for peace at any price the men who were opposed to war and thus provoked the South to fire the first shot, to become, as they put it, the aggressor, the very thing they had been planning and playing for.

The emancipation of the slave was a part of the plan, and the inspiring motive of the agitation against the South, which engendered sectional animosity, culminating in war. The war might have ended sooner if slavery had been abolished by the act of the Southern people, but having begun it never would have ended until slavery was abolished.

SKILLED LABOR.

We have written much in these columns about skilled workmanship, but it is a subject on which much may be written, and on which there is little danger of writing too much.

There is a great future ahead of our State, if our people would only see it. With plenty of skilled labor and with the technical knowledge required to direct it, it could make North Carolina one of the greatest States in the Union.

I am greatly cheered by the growth of this college. A young man of 20 has just registered as a special student, desiring to educate himself to be a skilled carpenter, builder and contractor.

But the people are beginning to realize the value of skilled labor as shown by the patronage to the schools that have been established, by the attendance and application for admission to the school at Raleigh, which could have four times the number of scholars which it has if it could accommodate them.

Fifty years ago there were but few avenues of employment open to women in this country and those of a humble character. They could teach a little school, do needle work, work in cotton mills, keep boarding houses, set type, bind books, work as domestics, &c., while now nearly all the avenues are open to them and in some States the ballot box, too.

The society women of Cleveland are hopping mad at Mark Hanna because at the hop given on his daughter's coming out, he had detectives all around dressed up in the style of fashion, and the ladies hopped with them without discovering that they had been swinging corners, etc., with the detectives until a week or so later, when it leaked out. Hence the hopping indignation.

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Notice of a 15 per cent reduction of wages has been given to the 3,000 men employed in the blast furnaces of the Mahoning and Shenango valleys of Pennsylvania. The 40 cents a ton tariff duty would keep out foreign iron if any offered to come, and the combination of the thirty or more furnaces enables them to do as they please with the men.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

Wadesboro Messenger-Intelligence: Jess Melton, colored, who was sentenced to the penitentiary for 15 years for the murder of Mr. Frank Gaddy, of Guilford township, has escaped from that institution. It is said that he has been seen a number of times, recently, in Gulgledge township.

Southport Standard: The Engineer Department are pushing work on the sea wall at Fort Caswell and have completed about 1,000 yards or one-half of the wall. If there is no delay in supplying the rock the wall will be finished by March 15th next.

Maxton Scottish Chief: Just as we go to press we learn that the large mercantile establishment of Bullock Bros., at Alfordville, was destroyed by fire on Thursday morning. We did not learn estimate of damage, or amount of insurance or the origin of the fire.

Baleigh News and Observer: Ex-Senator W. G. W. and several members of the House from Granville, is largely interested in copper mining. He says it is very active in that county and Person, and well as in Halifax county, Va. Most of it is in Granville. Five companies are mining. It is intended this year to develop many more properties which are owned by capitalists of Boston, New York, Pittsburg, Colorado and Norfolk.

Greenboro Record: Charles Fry, colored, living near Brown Summit, was brought to the city by Deputy Sheriff J. W. W. on Wednesday afternoon and placed in jail. A charge of murder is likely to be entered up against him. Last evening he shot a colored girl in the abdomen and Dr. Adams, who attended her, says she cannot recover. He probed for the ball but has been unable to locate it.

Rocky Mountain: We are sorry to state the death of W. H. Young, which occurred at his home in this place of consumption. Young Mr. Wright, of Battleboro, has been a member of the school board during the Fall and up to January last. Recently the dogs treed an old brown coon that had baffled hunters and dogs since way back years in the past. Young Mr. Wright, who was dressed by way of a grape vine of over sixty feet and shook the varmint down, where in the weeds and undergrowth he soon escaped and took to a larger and taller tree.

Scotland Neck Commonwealth: Weldon, N. C. The power house of the railroad, which is an improvement on the old one, is now being built on the railroad track. Mr. Dunning's invention is what he calls the "nutless fish plate." He says it would save the wheelmen a great deal of trouble and save the road money.

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MULE SENSE.

Unable to Develop Strongly When the Animal is Abused. The mule is thought to be an exceedingly dull and unresponsive beast, but there is one other side to the matter that is not so unappreciated. His driver behaved him unmercifully for not pulling a load the weight he was capable of two mules to haul. The man pounded and swore and pounded again; but his best, the mule could not budge the wagon and after several attempts he quit trying.

That exasperated the driver more than ever, he thought the mule was "playing off," and he fell to beating him harder than ever. Meanwhile the mule would turn his head toward the driver as if trying to give the driver some indication of punishment would be, but subsequent events showed that his mullah mind was figuring on revenge against the driver.

The mule seemed to glory in his work, or kick, rather, and perhaps the by-stander who watched the mule being punished for his brutal treatment of the mule only imagined it, but he felt sure the mule joined in the laugh, for his eyes twinkled and he seemed to be immensely pleased over the play he had made with his heels. But be that as it may, when the driver was ordered to get on with his work, the mule going so far as to try to rub his nose against the bystander who had been watching him.

IN CONSTANTINOPLE. Coffee and Kebab Sellers. Boot-licking is a feature of oriental life, and one has but to cry out "Cafe!" or "Kebab!" to see a crowd of boot-lickers and a host of coffee and kebab sellers.

Old Fashioned Dinner the Best. Many people who are constantly trying to eat the strongest, the most fashionable meal of roasted or boiled beef served with its own juices, with two plain vegetables and a pudding, was far more palatable and satisfying than the dinner which is served nowadays.

Fortunate Indeed. "Well, Maggie," asked a teacher of a little girl, "how is it you are so late in coming to school today?" "Please, sir," was the reply, "there was a weir beam car to repair this morning."

WINKLING. Billy—"Yes, I paid \$20,000 for the country place six months ago, and now I'll sell it for half price." "Good heavens," cried the other, "if you have on a neighborhood!"

Announcements of wealth: Wrote "Tell you, my friend, the rich has the devil's habit; 'I have had it, I have it, I do.' Ourselves had it, we are of parts I found the labor of changing things from one set of pockets to the other set of pockets almost more'n I could stand." "Indecent!"

CASTORIA. The kind that never fails. It is the best remedy for diarrhea, it will relieve the poor little children who suffer from it, and it will cure every part of the world. Twenty-five cents a bottle. Send for it to the bottom lake at once.

HOW TO GAIN FLESH.

Persons have been known to gain a pound a day by taking an ounce of Scott's Emulsion. It is strange, but it often happens. Somehow the ounce produces the pound; it seems to start the digestive machinery going properly, so that the patient is able to digest and absorb his ordinary food, which he could not do before, and that is the way the gain is made.

A certain amount of flesh is necessary for health; if you have not got it you can get it by taking Scott's Emulsion. You will find it just as useful in summer as in winter, and if you are thriving upon it don't stop because the weather is warm.

WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT. The quotations are always given at accuracy as possible, but the STAR is not responsible for any variations from the actual market prices of the articles concerned.

BAKING-Powder, 50 lbs. \$1.00; 25 lbs. \$0.50; 10 lbs. \$0.20. Sugar, 100 lbs. \$1.00; 50 lbs. \$0.50; 25 lbs. \$0.25. Coffee, 100 lbs. \$1.00; 50 lbs. \$0.50; 25 lbs. \$0.25.

BY RIVER AND RAIL. Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday. W. & W. Railroad—128 bales cotton.

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