

The Carolina Farmer.

DR. DANIEL LEE ON HERMUDA GRASS.

Rural Carolinian.

Cato pleaded eloquently for reform with his short-sighted, mistaken countrymen. Mr. Howard is the Cato of our age and generation. Cato told his friends to make water meadows, if they could command water for irrigation; if not, then make upland meadows, and by all means have good pasture and grazing. Mr. Howard invites public attention to the agricultural phenomenon of tons of most nutritious hay being harvested and grown on an acre of naturally poor land, near Charleston, in one year. To corroborate the credit due Dr. Ravenal's report, on which Mr. Howard's statement rests, in regard to Bermuda grass for hay and grazing purposes, I copy from the Patent Office Report of 1849, the statement of Mr. Thomas Affleck, then of Mississippi. Let me say that I knew Mr. Affleck, as an educated Scotchman, who knew all about grass, hay and fine stock, in his native country, and one whose word commanded the universal confidence of those best acquainted with him.

"I repeat, (see Southern Almanac for 1848, page 61.) and can refer to numerous witnesses to prove, if needful, that we have measured the ground and weighed the well cured hay, and this more than once, when one cutting and that the second one per acre. After that a fair third cut was taken from the same ground. Five tons per annum is a moderate yield from a good well set, Bermuda meadow, which is either top-dressed with shuffie from an overflow, or receives one of manure annually."

"If the first and third cuts of grass on Mr. Affleck's land were together equal to the second (and they probably exceeded it), this Mississippi bottom yielded considerably over ten tons of good hay per acre. In another paragraph on the same page (156) this gentleman says: 'I am not aware to what extent experiments have been tried with other grasses. I have imported from Europe seeds of over forty kinds; from Texas and the far West, over ten or a dozen; and have, also, tried any number of native (?) grasses with varied success, of which the relation might be of some interest but will only remark here, after careful and repeated trials, I have found no grass to compare, for hay or pasture, with the one commended above—Bermuda grass, the Doub—the sacred grass of the Hindoos. Of its value for summer grazing, I must state further that of any other grass within my knowledge, in abundance, in sweetness, and in nutritive qualities.'"

"The writer may be pardoned for telling his readers that after studying the climates, soils, rocks, and crops of Georgia, and other planting States, two years, editing the Southern Cultivator in the meantime, he went to Washington to look after the infant agricultural department of the Patent Office, and drew up the question answered by Mr. Affleck, and many others.

"The difficulty under which farmers, and thousand of other planters labor, and appear to labor in vain, is, not that the climates which are damp enough to produce Sea Island and upland cotton, are too hot and arid for successful grass culture; but grass culture, stock-raising in a large way, wool-growing, and dairy-husbandry, are branches of productive industry, arts and trades, which they have yet to learn.

"About Eggs." A writer in the Medical Journal, discussing on dyspepsia says: 'I have seen dyspeptics who suffered untold-torments with almost every kind of food and torments of which they did not tell, after some medicine given for relief. No liquid could be taken without suffering. Bread became a burning acid. Meat and milk were solid and liquid fires. We have seen these same sufferers trying to avoid food and drink, and even going to the enemy's syringe for torment. And we have seen their torments pass away and their hunger relieved by living upon the white of eggs, which have been boiled in bubbling water for thirty minutes. At the end of a week we have given the hard yolk of the egg with the white, and upon this diet alone, without fluid of any kind, we have seen them begin to gain flesh and strength and refreshing sleep. After weeks of this treatment they have been able, with care, to begin on their food. And all this, the writer adds, without taking medicine. He says that hard-boiled eggs are not half so bad as half-boiled ones, and ten times as easy to digest."

"A Common Cause of Marital Infelicity." Husband and wife have generally in our modern civilization too little in common for the perfect development of their union, says the Philadelphia Ledger. The man is immersed in his business, the woman in her household cares. It is fortunate if the same exclusiveness is not carried into their leisure hours, if he be not devoted to his political party or his club, and she to the claims of fashionable life. Their minds consequently run in different channels, and their conversation is apt to turn upon subjects which are not of paramount interest to either. It is an almost inevitable consequence that if this is left to take its course there will be a gradual, perhaps imperceptible, but certain wearing away from each other.

"The New Orleans Picayune of a recent date says: 'It is estimated that the fruit yield this summer will be quadruple that of last year, and the largest ever known at the South. In this abundance Louisiana is to offer the first fruit crop she has ever produced.'"

Spirits Turpentine

— Surry wheat is fine. — The State Medical Convention meets to-day in Wilson. — Raleigh's Illustrated Age will appear next week in Raleigh. — Col. Nick W. Woodfin, a prominent lawyer, of Asheville, is seriously ill. — On Monday three or four hundred excursionists from Weldon visited Norfolk. — Rose and Harry Watkins play a Centennial week in Charlotte, having commenced Monday night. — The Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina will convene in Newbern on Wednesday. — Dr. Brantley of Baltimore addressed a meeting of all the Protestant Sunday Schools of Charlotte at the Presbyterian Church, Sunday afternoon. — The Raleigh News prints a plan of the battle-field of Cowan's Ford, on the Catawba, where a patriot son of Mecklenburg, Gen. Wm. Davidson, fell on Feb. 1, 1781.

— Person county has put her best man forward as a candidate for the Convention, in the person of the Old War Horse, Col. John W. Cunningham. He will be elected and will make one of the most efficient members of that body. — Mr. J. C. McMillan organized at Branch's Store, Duplin county, on Thursday, a new Grange of Patrons of Husbandry, known as "Branch Grange." This Grange is composed of good material, says the Messenger, and is located in a fine section of country. Jas. G. Branch, Master.

— The Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. adjourned on Friday. Grand Master Speer made the following appointments: W. G. Marshall, — Beatty; W. G. Conductor, J. G. Taylor; W. G. Guardian, P. M. Stuart; W. G. Herald, Henry Porter; W. G. Chaplain, W. H. Gibbons. The next session will be at Raleigh. — In Rowan county, a man named Posner murdered his mother-in-law, Lady named Helleg, by knocking her in the head with an axe. He then threw her in a well. The murdered woman was seventy years old. No cause is given for the horrible deed. Two men succeeded in capturing the murderer while stealing a horse to make his escape, but he got away and has not been seen since.

— We have heretofore recorded the death in the Schiller disaster of Mr. Wiel of Greensboro. We see that Miss Dimmock, formerly of Washington, N. C., was also lost in the wreck. The Schiller says of her: She was a devoted wife to her husband, and a devoted mother to her children. She was on a visit to Europe in company with a part of the family of Senator Edmunds, the distinguished Senator from Vermont, when she met her unhappy end. She is said to have been possessed of a lovely person and was highly cultivated, being gifted by nature with a very fine mind. She was only, we learn, about 26 years of age.

The Splendid Altar for the New York Cathedral. A correspondent of the Boston Daily Advertiser, writing from Rome, says: "I saw a few days ago the altar which is under the marble-worker's hand and which is to be placed when finished in the New York Cathedral. It is Italian Gothic, and will be a dazzling collection of the most precious marbles. There are small triple columns of exquisite malachite, white marble screens diapered in precious porphyry, very antique, oriental, alabaster, malachite, giallo antico, lapis lazuli, etc. Six little white marble statues of the apostles, Mathew, Mark, Luke, John, Peter and Paul, stand between beautiful columns of glittering malachite. The tabernacle is incrustated with precious marbles. The bas-reliefs on the altar front are in white marble; the 'Agony in the Garden,' the 'Bearing of the Cross' on either side and 'The Last Supper' in the centre. It is a superb work. Its only fault is the quantity of detail. It lacks unity; it has no effect as a whole, and I am afraid its wonderful, exquisite workmanship will be lost in a large cathedral. Still it is not yet completed. I saw it only in parts, therefore my judgment or criticism is premature. When seen close at hand it must, however, be admired. It is fine enough to put under glass; rich in color, precious in material and most delicate in execution."

The inconsistencies in our orthography are something fearful to contemplate. "F-e-i-g-n" and "f-e-i-g-n" and the man that first spelled it so should have been hung. "A-c-h-e" spells "ache," and that's all you can make out of it. "E-i-g-h-t" spells "eight," no matter how you deprecate the idea; and that a-p-p-l-e should spell "apple" and f-e-i-g-n "feign," is enough to make anybody smile if the effort were not too painful. — Albany Argus.

Butter and Hams, A LARGE LOT OF FINE Goshen and Cooking Butter. A FINE STOCK OF North Carolina and Canvassed Hams. For sale by EDWARDS & HALL, apr 29-17

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COMMERCIAL

WILMINGTON MARKET. STAR OFFICE, MAY 15. SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Receipts 318 casks. Sales of 100 casks at 80¢ cents per gallon for Southern packages. Market steady.

ROSEIN—Receipts 1,492 bbls. Sales of 1,000 bbls. strained at \$1.50, and 500 do good strained at \$1.55 @ 50¢. CRUDE TURPENTINE—Receipts 400 bbls. Sales of 400 bbls at \$2.20 for Yellow Dip, \$1.80 for Hard and \$3.60 for Virgin. TALLOW—Receipts 250 bbls. Sales of 200 bbls at \$1.40. Market steady. COTTON—Receipts 20 bales. Market quiet and dull. No sales reported. The following are the official quotations: Ordinary.....Nominal. Good Ordinary.....14 cents @ lb. Low Middling.....14 " " Middling.....15 " " Good Middling.....15 " "

STAR OFFICE, MAY 15. SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Receipts 247 casks. Sales of 150 casks at 80¢ cents per gallon for Southern packages. Market firm. ROSEIN—Receipts 783 bbls. Strained rosin firm at \$1.50 @ bbl. Sales of 1,000 bbls Good Strained at \$1.50 @ bbl. CRUDE TURPENTINE—Receipts 197 bbls. Sales of 170 bbls at \$1.80 for Hard, \$2.20 for Yellow Dip and \$3.60 for Virgin. Market steady. TALLOW—Receipts 163 bbls. Sales of 125 bbls at \$1.40 @ bbl. Market quiet. COTTON—Receipts 34 bales. Market dull and nominal. No sales reported. Official quotations are entirely nominal.

STAR OFFICE, MAY 15. SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Receipts 242 casks. Sales of 100 casks at 80¢ cents per gallon for Southern packages. Market firm. ROSEIN—Receipts 1,834 bbls. Strained rosin firm. Sales of 500 bbls Strained at \$1.50 @ bbl, 50 bbls Extra No. 2 at \$1.75, 25 bbls Low Pale at \$1.50, and 69 bbls Pale and Extra. Pale at \$1.75 @ bbl. CRUDE TURPENTINE—Receipts 175 bbls. Sales of 150 bbls at \$3.60 for Virgin, \$2.20 for Yellow Dip and \$1.80 for Hard. Market steady. TALLOW—Receipts 120 bbls. Sales of 150 bbls at \$1.40 @ bbl. Market steady. COTTON—Receipts 57 bales. Market quiet. Sales of 150 bales at 14 to 15 cents @ lb. The following are the official quotations: Ordinary.....Nominal. Good Ordinary.....14 cents @ lb. Low Middling.....14 " " Middling.....15 " " Good Middling.....15 " "

STAR OFFICE, MAY 17. SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Receipts 111 casks. Sales of 30 casks (city distilled) at 31¢ per gallon. Market strong. ROSEIN—Receipts 739 bbls. Strained rosin firm. Sales of 1,000 bbls Strained at \$1.50, 60 bbls No. 2 at \$1.65, 119 bbls at \$2.25 for Low No. 1, \$2.50 for Pale, and \$5.75 @ \$6.25 for Extra Pale. CRUDE TURPENTINE—Receipts 500 bbls. Sales of 500 bbls at \$1.30 for Hard, \$2.20 for Yellow Dip and \$3.60 for Virgin. Market steady. TALLOW—Receipts 200 bbls. No sales reported; generally held at an advance. Market firm. COTTON—Receipts 8 bales. Market quiet. No sales reported. The following are the official quotations: Ordinary.....Nominal. Good Ordinary.....13 1/2 cents @ lb. Low Middling.....14 " " Middling.....15 " " Good Middling.....15 " "

STAR OFFICE, MAY 18. SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Receipts 243 casks. Advanced 1 cent. Sales of 300 casks at 81 cents per gallon for Southern packages. Market firm. ROSEIN—Receipts 1,484 bbls. Strained rosin has advanced cents. Sales of 250 bbls strained at \$1.50 per bbl, and 500 bbls do at \$1.55 per bbl. Market firm. CRUDE TURPENTINE—Receipts 197 bbls. Sales of 150 bbls at \$3.60 for Virgin, \$2.20 for Yellow Dip and \$1.80 for Hard. Market steady. TALLOW—Receipts 128 bbls. Sales of 100 bbls at \$1.40 per bbl. Market steady. COTTON—Receipts 38 bales. Market quiet. No sales reported. The following are the official nominal quotations: Ordinary.....Nominal. Good Ordinary.....13 1/2 cents @ lb. Low Middling.....14 " " Middling.....15 " " Good Middling.....15 " "

New York, May 18—Evening. Money in ample supply at 2 1/2 @ 3 cent. Sterling exchange closed at \$4.81. Gold closed at 116 1/2 @ 116 3/4. Government securities active and steady. State bonds dull and steady. Commercial. Flour dull and prices still in buyers favor. Superior western and State \$4.85 @ 5.75; common to good extra western, and State \$5.15 @ 5.55; good to choice do \$5.00 @ 5.30; white wheat western extra \$5.30 @ 5.55; common to good extra Ohio \$5.50 @ 5.75; common to choice extra St. Louis \$5.60 @ 5.80. Southern flour quiet and heavy; common to fair extra \$5.25 @ 5.30; good to choice do \$5.35 @ 5.50. Wheat a shade firmer; winter red western \$1.30. Corn opened a shade lower with moderate demand—western mixed \$7 @ 8 1/2 cents; western mixed \$7 @ 8 1/2 cents; yellow western \$6 1/2 cents; old western mixed in store \$6 @ 7; common to choice extra St. Louis \$5.60 @ 5.80. 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