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AN OLD SUBJECT RETURNED.

It looks almost like a sham to write about sheep culture in North Carolina. It is not, however, because the State is not well adapted to sheep raising, but because nothing is done to protect the interests of those engaged in this industry and to foster its growth.

The South ought not to rely for prosperity upon one or two great staples. It ought to raise vast quantities of corn and wheat, and diversify crops generally. Then sheep cultivation and cotton manufacturing can be attended to and by utilizing all of its great capabilities and resources the way to fortune is opened wide.

The labor of a first-rate working man who will put in all his time, in making cotton, will be 4,000 pounds of cotton (the average of the South is less than 2,000 pounds), worth now about \$400, less ginning, shipping, and selling, say \$350, leaving him as his profit for his cotton \$50,000, and 200 bushels of corn, yielding a profit of \$100, in all \$450 for the year's work.

The above estimate, as applied generally, would be an exaggeration. There are not many sections, we suppose, in which anything like such results as those given could be realized. But it is certain that an entire reliance upon one crop is not safe or the best way.

There are better grasses for sheep in the South than in the North, and in many of the States there is little or no winter feeding to be done, as Bermuda grass furnishes pasture throughout the entire year.

The contrast is very great. Why should Ohio raise so many sheep and the South so few? Texas and Kentucky are known to be exceedingly well adapted to sheep husbandry and that they do a good deal in that way; but there are other States that offer large fields for this branch of profitable industry.

can be made a great source of profit they will then compel legislators to grant protection from carnivorous dogs not worth the powder and shot to kill them.

VIRGINIA.

We are pleased to note that the news from Virginia is full of encouragement and hope. Mahone literally kicked his fat into the fire when he deserted to the enemy. He thought that all of the Readjuster Democrats were such as he is. This is a very common mistake among tricksters and trimmers.

He considers that the prospects of the Regular Democracy in Virginia were never brighter, and that Gen. Mahone by his course in the Senate has committed a ridiculous blunder, alienating from his support a large majority of Readjuster Democrats who have stood by him on the debt question.

THE REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

We have received a copy of the "First Biennial Report of the North Carolina Board of Health for 1879-1880." It is a volume of 200 pages. It is replete with information that is important. It ought to prove an interesting volume, and will do so if read carefully.

A NEW ISSUE.

It is not known generally that sixteen of the National Banks of Maine applied to the Legislature for charters to return to the old State bank system. Such was the fact. The Legislature passed such a bill, but Gov. Planted, the Greenbacker, vetoed it.

Of course this can give only a mere glimpse of the work. It will show how varied and extensive the topics treated. The Board is very fortunate in securing the services of such a capable and efficient Secretary as Dr. Thomas F. Wood, of this city.

public health is very important matter—one that specially concerns every wise and humane legislator. What is a man worth to the State? What are a thousand men worth to the State? Suppose by reducing the death rate throughout North Carolina you save from death that year one thousand able-bodied men, how much have you contributed thereby to the wealth of the State?

It is well enough to draw the attention of our people to this. Hundreds of people have died in New York within a few weeks, and their death, according to the opinion of a large number of men of professional skill and reputation, is to be traced directly to two sources of impurity—foul streets and bad water.

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There is a difference of opinion among Republicans in the North as to the merits of Secretary Schurz's management of Indian affairs. One side denounces his course in unequivocal terms; whilst another set praise him for what he has done, and give him a public dinner, as was the case in Boston.

Nearly every leading Republican paper, whose opinion we have seen, is unfavorable to the reappointment of Stanley Matthews as Supreme Court Judge. Some of them speak out plainly in the matter. The Philadelphia American says quite unmistakably:

The Republican papers made a great howl over the course of Democrats in the Senate in turning out officials of the opposition. We have before us a list of the employees and a majority of them are Republicans. Think of that. Over half of the salaries were drawn by Republicans under the rule of the "Rebel Brigadiers."

The death rate in New York has been excessive lately, and it is said to be attributable to the very unclean condition of the streets and the impure water that is drunk. The New York Academy of Medicine discussed the matter last Saturday and decided that foul water and foul streets combined caused the alarming mortality.

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The action of Premier Gladstone in making peace with the Dutch Boers will be another feather in his cap. The fact that he is bold and just enough to propose or accept peace while at war with a weak enemy shows that he has the courage of convictions and dares to pursue a humane and considerate policy in the face of a jealous, strong, hostile and restive minority.

The receipts of cotton at the port of Wilmington for the week closing yesterday footed up 942 bales, as against 410 bales for the corresponding week last year, showing an increase in favor of the present year of 532 bales.

NEW INDIAN RESERVES CALLED.

A party of Sioux Indians were guests at a leading Milwaukee hotel, and the ladies had a great deal of amusement with them studying their customs. That is, they all did except one lady. The ladies called upon the Indians, and the savages returned the call almost before the ladies got to their rooms.

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Proposed monument to the Confederate Dead. Mrs. General Robert Preston, President of the Montgomery Memorial Association of Virginia, and Mrs. Mary Means, both of South Carolina, but now residing in Virginia, have requested Gen. Lane to solicit contributions from the people of Wilmington to enable them to erect a monument over the Confederate dead at the Montgomery White Sulphur Springs, where are buried a large number of North Carolina soldiers.

—Brig Flying Cloud, from Cienfuegos for New York, before reported abandoned—the captain and crew being taken off on the 15th inst., by the barque Lydia Peckham and brought to this port—was passed March 16th, lat. 32, long. 76.63, by the barque John J. March, Falkar, at Delaware Breakwater from Sagu. Capt. F. states that the brig was apparently in good condition and did not appear to be leaking, that the cabin doors were opened, and hogheads of sugar could be seen in her hold.

Schooner L. W. Wheeler, Bowman, from Navas via Lou Cay February 27th, for Wilmington, N. C., was abandoned at sea March 15th, in lat. 30.34, long. 70.47, with four feet of water in her hold and the crew exhausted. They were taken off by the barque Arthur C. Wade, and landed at the Delaware Breakwater on the 21st. The schooner was owned by Bristol, Me., 323 tons burden, and was not insured. She was loaded with guano and phosphate.

Stephen Jones, colored, who had a hearing before U. S. Commissioner McQuigg, a few days ago, on the charge of selling tobacco without a license, and was committed to jail, to await his trial at the next term of the U. S. District Court, gave the necessary bond yesterday, and was released.

We are requested to state that the regular quarterly Conference of Myrtle Branch Baptist church, in Brunswick county, will take place next Sunday, at the residence of Mr. John Nelson, Decatur. There will be a baptism at about 9 A. M., and the sacrament will be administered directly after the services. The church is about six miles below the city.

AN IMPROBABLE CONNECTION.

Dr. M. E. Egan, who represents the Copper Knob Mining Company, to whom a charter was granted for a railroad from either Statesville or Salisbury, to that point, by the late Legislature, was in Statesville last week, and the American says "he was looking to arrangements for beginning a survey of the line, and expects to place a force in the field at an early day. He says the road is certain to be built as early as possible; that the company have plenty of means, without applying for outside aid, and that a connection will be made at this point with the Atlantic, Tennessee & Ohio Railroad, and with the Carolina Central Road at Charlotte, to tide water at Wilmington—the gauges of all these roads being the same. By this line the company will ship their freight to Wilmington, connecting with a line of ocean steamers, and obtain their supplies by the same."

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The Manufacture of spirits in North Carolina.

We are enabled to lay before our readers some statistics with reference to the manufacture of spirits distilled from grain in this State. Senator Ransom having addressed a letter of inquiry to Commissioner Raum, received in reply an official statement of the facts, which will be interesting at this juncture, when the question of prohibition is on the carpet for discussion. The department reports that the quantity of spirits distilled from grain in the State of North Carolina during the last fiscal year was 442,957 gallons, the value of which, above the tax of \$998,681.30, may be estimated at an average of forty cents per gallon, or at a total value of \$177,182.80.

It is to be observed that this is the estimated value of the spirits at the time of manufacture, and the distiller has the option of retaining the spirits in warehouse for a period not exceeding three years, and that the value very considerably increases with time. The materials used for the production of spirits during the same period are reported in bushels as follows: Corn, 156,876; rye, 33,618; malt, 21,928; wheat, 1,237; mill feed, 893; other material, 19; molasses 208 gallons. Making a total of 214,071 bushels.

The total number of grain distilleries operated in North Carolina during the same period was 359. These distilleries are small and differ but little in capacity. An estimate of their average value, including buildings, stills, furnaces, &c., is made at about \$1,500, or a total valuation of \$538,500. The number of persons, beside the proprietor employed at each distillery, is not reported, but it is improbable that more than one or two would be needed.

So it appears that the tax paid the government by our 359 distilleries is \$398,681.30; the value of the product with the tax added is \$575,844.10; and without the tax is \$177,182.80. There are probably not over 1,000 persons directly engaged in the distillation, and the amount invested is about \$500,000.

TRANSPORTING CATTLE.

IMPORTANT DECISION FOR RAILROADS AND SHIPPERS OF LIVE STOCK. At the last term of the Superior Court of Richmond county James J. Spears obtained judgment against the Georgia Railroad for a horse which was killed while being transported from Atlanta to Augusta. The evidence showed that the horse got down in the car and was trampled upon by the other animals confined in the same car. There was no negligence in the running of the train or anything appertaining to the mere transportation of the animals.

The Supreme Court of Georgia, in a decision rendered yesterday, reversed the judgment against the railroad and sustained both branches of the defense, holding that the railroad is not a common carrier of live freight, and both the contracts made by Spears are valid and protected by the law.

QUESTIONS COMMENT.

As a matter of course the Democrats were very sore over this decision, and expressed it in language as strong as the courtesies of the Senate allowed. At this some Republican papers, as well as some Republican Senators, profess to be very indignant, and undertake to shield Mr. Mahone, poor lamb! from these injurious aspersions. The plain truth is that Mr. Mahone was elected to the Senate by Democrats, and as a Democrat, and never professed to be anything else until this debate. It is true that he needed and received some Republican votes; but these were given him for a price which was paid, and that bargain was closed.

His faction of the party endorsed the nomination of General Hancock, and put before the people a list of electors pledged to vote for him. It is not so long since these very Senators and newspapers would have resented as slanderous the insinuation that they had any affiliation with Mr. Mahone or he with them, and would have used language as strong as that employed in this debate by Senator Hill and other Southerners.—Philadelphia American, Rep.

The Washington Republican is edited by Mr. Gorman, a Republican candidate for Secretary of the United States Senate. Hear how he exalts over General Mahone's alliance with the Republicans: "Now let us see a Republican who will advocate a Bourbon-Republican side-show in order to throw Virginia to the Bourbon Democracy. Now let us see a Republican who will advise the President to disregard the counsels or doubt the information he may receive from the administration Senator from Virginia."—Richmond States, Dem.

Spirits Turbentine.

Raleigh Visitor. A rumor is afloat that there is a prospect of ex-Governor Holden being removed from his position as postmaster at Raleigh. The feeling of the community seems to be adverse to this action, as the present incumbent is regarded as an efficient officer.

We have already drawn attention to the North Carolina Educational Journal, published at Chapel Hill. It is doing good, substantial work in behalf of education in our State, and every teacher should take it, as well as those interested specially in the advancement of our people. Price 60 cents a year.

Elizabeth City Carolinian: More new buildings will be erected in Elizabeth City this summer than ever before. In the North Carolina Educational Journal, published at Chapel Hill, it is doing good, substantial work in behalf of education in our State, and every teacher should take it, as well as those interested specially in the advancement of our people. Price 60 cents a year.

Oxford Torchlight: Strictly speaking the fine tobacco classed in foreign markets as "Virginia" leaf is really made upon the soil of the Old North State, and the most splendid specimens invariably hail from Granville. Pursuant to a call of the chairman of the Republican Executive Committee, a number of Ladies assembled at the court house on Saturday evening for consultation upon the Vance county bill. We learn that it will be the intention of the Republicans to join with good people opposed to the dismemberment of Granville county, and defeat it at the polls.

Northern exchange: Some remarkable yarns come from the Tar Heel State. The last story is to the effect that W. D. Baldwin, a reputable merchant of Stone Hill, who returning home a few nights since from a horse race at the county, was furiously attacked by about twenty dogs, who bit his horse and made frantic efforts to pull him from the saddle. He finally got up and escaped with his life. The shoe heel was cut out to hunt the dogs last Sunday, and killed many of them. The curious part of the whole story is that the dogs belonged to the people in and around Stone Hill, and no one would be held responsible for their conduct or to account for their combination. Hydrophobia was suggested, but those who witnessed their behavior say that it was not such as to justify this theory.

Wilson Advance: A protracted meeting is in progress in the Methodist church, near this place, at Jerusalem church, near this place. Mr. Wiley Flowers' horse ran away and ran into three wagons, hurting three ladies who were on the wagons, and breaking his own shoulder, which produced so much pain that the horse had to be killed to relieve him of his sufferings. Monday evening an old gentleman from Franklin county who had imbibed alcoholic refreshments too copiously, heard for the first time that the prohibition law had passed, and in a drunken condition, being infuriated by the action of the Legislature, he mounted a goods box and made a powerful speech in favor of intemperance, equal rights, etc., to the amusement of the bystanders.

Salisbury Watchman: The North State Mining Company are writing on paper with a heading which reads as follows: "Office of the North State Mining Company's Railroad, from Salisbury to Jeffersonville, N. C." It is to be noted, as it shows that the management favor making Salisbury one of the termini of the new road. At a festival, gotten up by the darkeys, on May, James Craig's plantation, near this place, the prohibition law would shoot some one that night, and during the evening did shoot Ben Ellis. The ball lodged in the bowels. Some old grudge was at the bottom of the affair. The wound is probably fatal. A ret Greter has been arrested. He was drinking that night.

Goldboro Messenger: Frank L. Mehegan, a printer and newspaper correspondent, for many years connected with the Tarboro Southern Echo, died Friday last of consumption at his residence in Goldboro. He was 65 years of age, and had been suffering for some time. He was a member of the Legislature passed a resolution saying, "that it is the sense of the General Assembly that no lease of the Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad shall be made without the consent of the Board of Directors of said Railroad." The large dwelling house of Mrs. Sallie Strickland, in Johnston county, was destroyed by fire on Sunday last, together with a considerable portion of her furniture. The fire originated from sparks on the roof. No insurance. We learn that Capt. O. B. Denison, for a number of years the efficient and courteous Secretary of the Board of Agriculture, is an applicant for the position of Clerk in the new Code Commission. Capt. Denison is an indefatigable worker and would doubtless discharge the duties with ability and credit to the satisfaction of the board.

Monroe Express: The revival meeting at the Baptist church closed with the services on last Monday night. The net result of the meeting was sixteen accessions to the church. We have probably said it before, but it is an axiom in religion, that in our opinion no county in the State is in better condition than this county. We are out of debt and have money in the treasury, while the people are becoming more independent and progressive each year. Monday's closing commencement will embrace the third week in May. Judge Augustus B. Merrimon, of Raleigh, has consented to deliver the literary address on the occasion, and Rev. J. T. Bagwell of Charlotte will deliver the sermon. These selections could hardly be better. The bill chartering the Lancaster & Monroe Railroad, introduced in the Legislature by Capt. McCauley, our representative, failed to pass. It is a fact that the \$25 fee, required by law to be paid into the State Treasury before it could be acted upon, was not furnished by the friends of the bill. This was doubtless owing to a misunderstanding, which is to be regretted.

Charlotte Observer: Mr. R. T. Canlier, of River Bend township, in Gaston county, was in the city yesterday. He gives some facts about sheep raising which are worth recording. He has been experimenting in this particular branch of industry and has reached a result: From a sheep two years old he clipped 25 pounds of wool; from one a year old he clipped 25 pounds, and from another, a ewe, the same. The stock is common, and the farmer as "old field sheep." The Gaston Gazette claims that its town has the following: A stove and tin shop, a tannery, a livery stable, a book store, an agricultural warehouse, a brick yard, a furniture store. The North State Mining Company are writing on paper with a heading which reads as follows: "Office of the North State Mining Company's Railroad, from Salisbury to Jeffersonville, N. C." The people down the Carolina Central are beginning to talk already about the Wadesboro fair, which has now become a possibility. The surveyors of the Georgetown & Lenoir and Wadesboro Railroad reached Lenoir last week. It is the purpose of the directors of this road to connect with the Chester & Chester at Lenoir, and from there to Georgetown, a continuous line from Lenoir to Georgetown. Union county and the town of Monroe are also out of debt, so that Cabarrus and Concord cannot carry off the belt. The people of Lenoir have been told that the Chester & Lenoir and Wadesboro Railroad will be completed by the first of the first week in April.