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Cotton Culture.

The kindly character of Cotton, though much ridiculed and abused during the war, and declared to be without claim, recent development seem likely to demonstrate to the satisfaction of all objectors.

It had become so essential an element in the commerce of the world, that our Southern political economists, especially, had great reliance upon its potency, in delaying if not totally preventing the late disastrous and unnecessary war. Had both the North and the South taken counsel from the teachings of the thoughtful statesman and political economist, that untoward catastrophe would never have come. But now, never reason when they are mad or crazy. It now turns out that Cotton was King—that it in great measure ruled the commerce of the world, yet the King was important when the nation became drunk with fanaticism on the one hand, and favored excitement on the other.

The calculation is, at present, that the supply of cotton for the present year will be so short that by the time the next crop begins to come in, the price must be \$1 per pound. This opinion appears to be based upon known facts, and may possibly be correct. If so, in the midst of the anxiety felt by our people in regard to the future, does not this open to their enterprise a door which promises relief?

Perhaps one sixth of the arable land of the State will produce cotton kindly. The plant may be seeded as late as the first of May, with the prospect of a good crop. Earlier, of course, would do better, but we make the suggestion to show that even now, and through the next month, preparations might be safely entered into for the purpose of making a crop. Good cotton lands are still abundant in the State. Much of it will possibly fail of cultivation, for the want of capital and hands. Young men therefore, who find it difficult to find employment in mercantile or other business, might engage successfully in planting, if they have sufficient credit to obtain capital and labor.

The prospect, however, of the high price of cotton suggests a very important difficulty which may arise. The failure to cultivate breadstuffs &c., sufficient for the use of every farm, would be attended by serious consequences. We can scarcely imagine such a state of prosperity in the culture of cotton, as would obviate the necessity for the production of food sufficient for home consumption. Wherever it has been tried, it has been found to work badly in the course of a few years.

Our suggestions, however, in regard to the culture of cotton, are only made for the present, as a means of speedy recovery from our present thrifless condition. The future, we confess, does not promise to our mind, that the culture of cotton can ever be brought up in the South to equal the past. The knell of African slavery in the South, in our judgment, doomed cotton as King. The plant will of course be cultivated, but never again can it hold the power—it has heretofore wielded over the commerce of the world. Cotton, rice and sugar require well directed slave labor in order to their cheap and plentiful production. Hence, we regard the destruction of slavery, as the certain precursor of decline in the production of cotton, rice and sugar in the Southern States.

Nameless.

The nob' h'ers, Messrs. W. R. Smith & Co., of his city, have sent us a copy of the second edition of this popular North Carolina book. It seems to be put up in better style than the first, and we hope, for the sake of its accomplished author, will meet with a ready sale.

We have from the same publishers a small work by Capt. J. C. O., giving a brief but graphic account of the last day of Gen. Lee's army, and its surrender. Every one will be interested in its perusal. We recollect, during the war, that the most parsimonious and interesting details of particular battles, which we saw published, were from the pen of Capt. J. C. Gossman, now of this city.

The Mail.

Our last article in the mail, drew from Mr. Vacall, the general postmaster of the State, and the Postmaster at Newbern, letters to the Editors, assuring us that the fault of the failure of the news papers did not lie all at least to the Postmasters, radio agents, &c., but that a good portion of it was chargeable to the publishers, whose mailing clerks were frequently very careless in directing papers and using lead pencil which became easily defaced, and hence, papers were often not delivered. We are glad to write this article, because it assures us that, at least, the authors of these letters are awake to their duty, and because they remind us of our own deficiency. We at once ordered that the *Sentinel* should hereafter be directed in ink. We hope our contemporaries will generally take like.

Mr. Gen. T. J. Jackson having been for some time in Virginia and in Richmond, it will be an accommodation to his friends and correspondents to state that letters will now reach her, addressed in the care of J. P. Irwin, Esq., Charlestown, N. C.

A Book for Every Lawyer.

We are much indebted to John Livingston, Esq., of the New York bar, for a nicely bound copy of "The Official Directory and Law Register for the United States, for the year 1866," of which he is editor and publisher.

It is a work which every lawyer should have convenient for reference. It contains the name and residence, or post-office, of every lawyer in the United States, i.e. it is designed to contain all, but it is possible that some have been omitted.

In the Southern States especially, at present, the lists must be incomplete, and it becomes the profession to furnish Mr. Livingston with the material to correct future editions of the work.

We find, from a very cursory examination, the following interesting facts: There are given in this work the names and residences of 29,148 lawyers in the United States and territories. Some of these are either on the bench, have died or died, and the editor fixes the number of practicing lawyers in the United States, at the present time, so far as he has learned, at 26,271. In the city of New York, alone, there are 3,189 lawyers, and he has given their names and the No. of the street at which each lawyer may be found. In North Carolina he gives 230 lawyers as the number, which we judge falls short of the truth. There are a number of errors in the relation to the lawyers of this State, which we hope some member of the profession will enable the editor to correct in future. He gives the following as the number in all the States, and Territories:

Alabama 286; Arkansas 183; California 771; Connecticut 390; Delaware 27; Florida 78; Georgia 503; Illinois 1905; Indiana 1283; Iowa 642; Kansas 218; Kentucky 991; Louisiana 164; Maine 509; Maryland 689; Massachusetts 1296; Michigan 777; Minnesota 305; Mississippi 265; Missouri 775; Nevada 40; New Hampshire 307; New Jersey 415; New York 6769; North Carolina 356; Ohio 2043; Oregon 106; Pennsylvania 2530; Rhode Island 117; South Carolina 403; Tennessee 728; Texas (incomplete) 115; Vermont 320; Virginia 771; West Virginia 239; Wisconsin 719.

The work is well gotten up: it is published by subscription at No. 128 Broadway, New York, at \$5.00. A specimen copy can be seen at our office by all who desire it.

The Horse Question Again.

A number of persons having had their unbridled horses taken from them by the collector's agents, and not knowing how to proceed to gain them, have appealed to Gen. Wash. to receive the proper course; he referred the matter to Gen. Roger and received the following answer in reply:

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF NORTHERN CAROLINA.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 22, 1866.

Governor—Referring to your letter of this date, in relation to unbridled animals taken from the collectors and now in possession of the collecting officers, I am directed by the commanding General to inform you, that Quarter masters will hold in their possession all such animals until the claimants run forward to these Headquarters, affidavit and such other evidence as they may have, to substantiate their claims, when a final adjustment will be made on each case.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, Your Excellency's obedient servant,

J. A. CAMPBELL,

A. A. General.
T. His Excellency, JONATHAN WORRICK, Governor of N. C., Raleigh, N. C.

All persons in possession of horses or mules rightfully, must have some evidence substantiating their claim. In all cases, therefore, in which the animals in their possession have been claimed by the government, the party from whom the animal is taken, should produce that evidence, whether it be their own affidavit or evidence of their kind, and have it verified by some officer, a clerk of the County Court, Justice of the Peace or Notary Public, and, if possible, obtain the County seal thereto, and have the papers laid before Gen. Roger at the earliest period.

The Old Guard.

This monthly, issued from the press of Messrs. Van Evrie, Horton & Co., New York, and edited by C. Chamney Barr, Esq., is very popular in the South, and has much real merit. We learn that our townswoman, Mrs. Wm. J. Clarke, has engaged to contribute regularly to its pages. It is published at 162 Nassau street, at \$1 a year or 25 cts. per number. Subscriptions will be received in this city at the store of Clarke Brothers, on Hargett street.

Death of Lt. Col. Coolidge.

The following General Order was issued on yesterday from Headquarters:

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF N. C.—RALEIGH, N. C., January 23, 1866.

GENERAL ORDER, No. 7.

The painful duty devolves upon the Commanding General of announcing to the officers and soldiers of this command the death of Lt. Col. Col. H. Coolidge, Surgeon U. S. A., Medical Director of this Department, who died this morning at half past 5 o'clock. C. R. Coolidge was one of the oldest surgeons of the R. R. R. Army, having served in the Medical Corps for more than twenty-five years. In his native country has had a faithful & a devoted patriot; his profession, one of his abler, most勇敢, and a stout member; his family a loving husband and father, and his friends one whose memory they will ever revere as the highest type of a true and courageous gentleman.

As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, officers of this Department will wear a black badge of mourning for thirty days.

By Command of Street Major-General ANGUS:

J. A. CAMPBELL,

Assistant Adjutant General.

A Missouri paper announced a short time since that the "wife" crop of Gasconade county yielded 15,000 gals. The next week the editor came out with an "erratum"—for wife read wife.

The Case of Gen. Meagher—The trial of Gen. M. Meagher, late of the Confederate army, charged with the murder in shooting seven Union soldiers who had joined the Confederate army, his description, was finished at Savannah on Friday last. The testimony is favorable for General Meagher; and it is believed, he will be acquitted.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

SENATE.

TUESDAY, Jan. 23.

The Senate was called to order at 11 o'clock. Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Hardie, of the Presbyterian Church.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. Bruden from the Committee on the Judicial and other Towns, with a recommendation that

clarity reported back the bill to continue in effect, it is passed, without the amendments offered in

the House.

Mr. Faircloth, of Wayne, objected to the list

as containing the names of persons unworthy of

such appointment.

Mr. Everett said that he had objected to none

of the nominations his colleague had made. He

desires ~~to~~ ~~not~~ object to those to be made to his list,

if his colleague had any such to make. This

was due alike to the public and to those who

had recommended the parties whose appointment

was proposed.

The list proposed by Mr. Everett was laid on

the table.

Subsequently, a list of names of Justices of the

Peace for Wayne county, was received in the

Senate and concurred in. This list is identical

with that recommended by Mr. Faircloth on Sat-

urday last, and then laid on the table.

A number of Justices for other counties were

recommended for appointment.

Mr. McKay of Hartwell, moved the appointment

of Messrs. E. L. Pemberton, D. McCon-

nell, A. G. Thornton, Hiram McMillan, Jas. L. Lee, and others for the town of Fayetteville.

Messrs. Smith and Shaw of Cumberland, ob-

jected to these nominations as they deemed the

selections hasty and ill-advised.

The House affirmed the nomination.

At eleven o'clock the House proceeded to con-

sider the special order viz: A bill to prohibit for

a limited time the distillation of spirituous li-

quors from grain—on its 2nd reading.

The bill was amended by Mr. Jenkins of War-

renes, and then laid on the table.

Mr. B. C. Jones of Wayne, moved the suspen-

sion of the bill.

Mr. Aycock submitted a recommendation of

new citizens of Wayne County, as Justices of the

Peace for said County, which was agreed to,

and transmitted to the House of Commons.

On motion of Mr. Jones, of Wayne, the list of

magistrates for the county of Wayne was taken

from the table and concurred in.

A message from the House transmitting sev-

eral additional names as Justices of the Pea-

ce for Randolph and Alamance counties, was

read and concurred in.

A message from the House transmitting a

series of resolutions, proposing a joint ad-

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