

The Sentinel.

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NO REASON FOR DESPONDENCY.

The situation of North Carolina, though deplorable, can be borne for the people did not bring it on themselves, nor are they in any wise responsible for it. Time and a little patience will bring them all right. If they have anything of the master pride and noble courage of their ancestor, they will patiently endure what cannot be avoided, until the time comes to rid themselves of oppression and oppression.

The days of the despisers are numbered. Their lines were broken in the great battle of August, 1870. The recruits they may add to their number will not be volunteers, who fight with a will and for victory; they will be hired lackeys, who stand to receive their meagre pittance from the fund of \$20,000 collected of office-holders in the District of Columbia and the state of North Carolina.

The Office-holders' Organ is henceforth to be the dispenser of all favors. The \$8,000 before collected was mostly or altogether spent in the late campaign. Now they boast of a recuperated fund of \$30,000, it will soon be seen who is for sale.

The radical party have not yet exhausted their many sources of outrage upon the people of North Carolina and the South. There is nothing they could add but blows and stripes, and some of the loyal are no doubt wishing how soon they may come.

It was the boast of Demosthenes that he conquered Philip by refusing his money and bribes. It remains to be seen how many conservatives and democrats will resist the gold offered by the Office-holders' Organ. Those who resist and refuse to partake of their \$20,000 ill-gotten gain will be regarded as conquerors, while those who yield are not only bribed but sold.

Two years or less of patient endurance, and through the slow process of legislative enactment we will rid ourselves of the obnoxious features of the constitution put upon us, as was Maximilian upon Mexico, and Napoleon upon France. Eighty thousand negroes, though they vote in a solid column, with a few hundred carpet-baggers, cannot control the destinies of a people who have been and yet deserve to be free.

HON. JAMES BROOKS.

This gentleman is treading among the beaten Japanese. He tells all about the remarkable people. Among the most remarkable facts he records of them, is that they throw every straw into the compost heap to make manure.

When our people learn that there can be no profitable farming without plentiful manuring and deep plowing. If we had one Edgecombe farmer, who practiced composting, in each township in Orange county his example would be worth thousands in ready money. Instead of an average of two barrels of corn, and five bushels of wheat, to the acre, it would soon be six and ten.

Only think of it, men of Orange, the Japanese beat you in farming, composting and improving mother earth.

CONSTITUTIONAL SUGGESTIONS.

We are pleased to publish to-day a communication signed, "Lexington." It is from the pen of an experienced statesman, who has taken, for years past, an active and prominent part on the political stage.

We shall be pleased to see a paper discuss, thoroughly, the constitutional amendments which will be offered when the general assembly convenes in November. We have had the views of "Carter" and "Lexington." We invite them and other friends to a full and free discussion of the subject. It will help to make up a healthy and sound sentiment and opinion as to what should be done.

Two strong batteries of artillery have been ordered to Raleigh. The *Philadelphia Agric* commenting on this movement says, this "gives color to the suspicion that the administration are about to make arbitrary and unbounded arrests of prominent citizens in the hope of inciting a conflict, which will afford an excuse for seizing the state by the military arm, and thus secure its vote for Grant. Like movements in relation to other states, show that Grant is preparing to employ the sword in 1872. In the first instance, he repaid his civil tools by lucrative offices. That was in their line. May he not attack the army now, and hold out bribes of command, as a reward for service to his interests? Napoleon overthrew the French republic by just such means. He corrupted renal officers of the army, and brought about the coup d'etat. Gen. Grant was elected by money. He hopes to be re-elected by bayonets."

THE HEATHEN CHINE.—An examination of the population tables just issued from the census office shows that there are Chinese resident in twenty-four states and seven out of the eight organized territories. The entire Chinese population is about 69,000, of whom all but about 1,000 are found in the Pacific states and mining territories.

KENTUCKY KU KLUX.—Two negroes and a white man have just been hung by a mob at Casyville, Ky., for outraging the person of a white woman in that vicinity. Five men were concerned in the outrage, which was of the most horrible character. The others had been executed in the same manner soon after the commission of the offence.

THE NEW YORK TIMES.—A case like the following occurring in North Carolina would be safe for Pat Corrion & Co.: POLKINGHORN, September 1.—A night or two ago a mob of us, yet unknown, men surrounded John Decker's house in Stinson Mountain, Dutches county, and ordered him to come out. He refused, when they broke into his dwelling and finding him behind a chimney, dragged him forth and stripping his clothes off, threw a bag over his head. They then beatened his body with tar and emplanted a bag of feathers on him and left. Decker is charged with running away with the wife of another man named Decker, and it is thought that Decker led the attack on him.

From a letter received from Prof. W. H. Morris (the editor of this paper) we regret to learn that Yates' Academy was broken into a few nights since, and despoiled of valuable books, etc., to the amount of about \$200. —
Who is the editor? We have not heard of one since the departure of Quintus and Marcus. Introduce him to the public.

WHAT HE KNOWS ABOUT FARMING.

The *National Agriculturalist*, in intimation of Greeley, tells what he knows about farming, and especially about wheat culture. It is so well and it may be of service to many of our readers who will soon be engaged in seeking their lands to what

WHEAT CULTURE AND ITS ENEMIES.—Wheat culture is the most important of all agricultural products, & it has more influence upon the world than any other. Wheat is the staple for bread, and the greatest of civilization and intellectual culture can be traced by the extent of its growth and consumption.

Over 200,000,000 bushels of wheat are annually raised in this country, and we may say the soil and ditchery for an almost unlimited expansion of the product. The best soils for wheat are the clay, clay and lime, clay and sand, clay and sand. There must be clay for a succession of good crops. Much or vegetation deposit is not adapted to wheat culture, because it produces large wheat stalks, but little or no grain.

Underdraining will do more to promote the growth of wheat, on most soils, than any other thing. Clay contains the best drainage, and is the best for a large number of reasons: it does not bind up the roots and wrench the larger branches from some of the stoutest trees and shrubs through the lime and alkali leaves. The mean rains were never obscured, and the mean temperature was high, cloud, clouds, and every living thing gasping shelter.

The straw accustomed to rye with great violence. from tall oaks were swept across the fields, raze from the fronds were blown high in the air, and the crops were flattened. The winter wheat brought up hoisted, had its top wavy and sawdust-like, which was a remedy part of the yard, and driven by the force of the wind, over a large walnut, which fell upon it and the remaining portion of the kitchen, destroying both.

Constitutionalists, by many who did not examine the question, apprehensions of disturbing the homestead—the colored people's fear of loss of suffrage—and dread of threatened federal hegemony—thus false issues defeated the convention, as every body knows, who knows anything; and not the intruded merits, or true issues of the question.

So that the true meaning of the recent vote is, that the people wish a reform of the Organic Law brought about by methods absolutely free from all risks of public disturbance or internal convulsion. No doubt the proposed convention would have been a perfectly safe method, but the contrary, we believe, led to, what industriously proclaimed by dangerous and office-holders, in high and low places, and had its effect upon the people, to whom the trials and misfortunes of the last decade have taught extraordinary caution, approaching even timidity. A knowledge of this peculiar sensitive condition of the public mind at this time, caused myself and others, who earnestly desired a convention, to doubt the expediency of attempting to call one upon the plan proposed, and I therefore as early as last winter, when the bill was before the general assembly, urged the legislature to postpone the meeting of the convention, to the next session of the assembly, and this was done.

Mr. Bright, while crossing the yard, was buried in the earth by a large limb, but managed to reach the house just as a large bumble bee fell behind him.

Mr. McClure, was blown high into the air as thick as hell, which came with astounding violence against the doors and windows, but did no damage. Four gentlemen were asleep in the stage, but became apprised of their danger, escaped safely but narrowly. The bill was raised off the ground and shifted fifteen feet, leaving the chimney standing. Several persons were inside, but none were hurt. Mrs. L. A. Afshir, wife of the engineer, and Miss E. T. Clemmons, of Salem, made a very narrow escape, a very large tree falling a few feet of them. They then got into the house, when a large branch of a sycamore, was blown across the creek and hit against the door with great force. Mr. and Mrs. Elliott, also, escaped very narrowly.

The selection of seed for wheat is important as the selection of stock for breeding. Seed wheat should be grown separately, harvested separately, threshed separately, and kept separate for this special purpose.

The wheat crop can be increased from fifty to one hundred per cent, by attention to this subject. In

the ten acres of wheat, select one acre of the best land, give it special attention, sow pulses, plaster, salt and lime mixed together upon it; add a few loads of rich compost, give it extra cultivation, sow stale wheat, and while growing go through it often and pull out all foreign stuff. It should be well ripened when cut, and not threshed with a machine, nor allowed to heat in the bin.

Smut is a great enemy of the wheat crop, and the only help for it is bringing the seed. Rust is also one of the enemies of the wheat grower is obliged to encounter.

The cause is found in the condition of the soil, and damp, warm weather. The disease occurs to the greatest extent on soil deficient in nitrates, which are needed to give stiffness and strength to the straw, and abounding in vegetable and animal deposits, which give a rapid growth to the plant. Wet, warm weather, in the cells of the stalk burst, the juices run out, and the wheat becomes brittle and easily broken.

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