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## Announcement.

With the next issue of the STATE AGRICULTURAL JOURNAL, Johnstone Jones, Esq., late of the Charlotte Observer, now Chief Clerk of the State Senate, will assume the entire editorial management and responsibility of this paper, assisted by one or more Associate Editors.

R. T. FULGHUM,  
Proprietor.

RALEIGH, NOV. 21, 1874.

## Our Paper.

The subscription price of the STATE AGRICULTURAL JOURNAL is only two dollars a year to all. This is as cheap as we can afford to publish it. It is certainly cheap enough to bring it within the reach of every farmer in North Carolina—the poorest as well as the richest. Two dollars a year is very little for so large an amount of good reading matter,—news, statistics, instructions about farming, latest developments in the agricultural art, information concerning trade and commerce, &c., as we furnish from week to week, during the year.

The JOURNAL is the official organ of the State Grange, and is read by fully 20,000 people in North Carolina every week. How do we come at that figure, it may be asked? In this way: There are not less than five hundred Granges in this State; our JOURNAL is placed on file with each Grange; the Granges average about forty members each. In addition to this, we calculate that about as many more people devour the contents of the JOURNAL without paying for it. They belong to the grand army of newspaper borrowers—the bummers of the journalistic world. These bummers friends of ours we hope after a while to convert into regulars. In the meantime, everybody is welcome to read the STATE AGRICULTURAL JOURNAL, whether they subscribe or not, but we rather they should subscribe. We would be more pleased, they made happier, the burden being lifted from their consciences; and the golden chain of mutual interest and friendship between farmer and editor would be brightened.

In another issue we shall have more to say as to the purposes of the STATE AGRICULTURAL JOURNAL—how it shall be the farmer's friend; the advocate of industry, economy, and virtue; the enemy of injustice, oppression, and wrong doing in general; a devotee to the material growth and prosperity of our good old mother State; an independent, outspoken, and, we trust, unflinching champion of the People's Rights—the people of all classes and conditions, the mechanic and artisan as well as he who tills the soil; how we will try to be a faithful watchman at the gates of Law, Liberty and Justice; and a welcome visitor at the home fireside—encouraging the industrious, cheering the despondent toiler, enlightening the ignorant, informing enquiring minds, contributing to the pleasure of the old and experienced farmer who may be has ploughed the last furrow of his life, and pointing out to the young and aspiring those bright pathways of industry, honesty, and patriotism that lead to the golden fields of fortune.

## A Word About the Journal.

Agricultural weeklies are not always devoted exclusively to agriculture. Agriculture is of course the great, leading and predominating feature of all journals edited to suit the interests and please the tastes of farmers; but a majority of the principal agricultural papers of the United States, are diversified in their contents, touching upon whatever is of general interest to the farmer—whether agriculture, horticulture, floriculture; arboriculture, or pomology; or news, literature, science, wit and humor, or great public questions, which involve the welfare of the whole people. Following in the footsteps of other agricultural papers, we shall endeavor to make the STATE AGRICULTURAL JOURNAL a family newspaper, with agriculture and the material interests of the farmers and working men of North Carolina its predominating feature. We will discuss important topics of the day, as we may see proper, whether they be of a social, religious, political, commercial or agricultural nature. In all that we say we shall be governed by the dictates of duty and patriotism, holding ourself aloof from all rings and combinations of men formed for wrongful purposes, and always viewing matters of a political character from a Democratic-Conservative standpoint—being firmly convinced that the ascendancy of true conservatism in North Carolina is absolutely essential to the welfare and happiness of every farmer, merchant and laborer in it. Those who do not like our way of editing the STATE AGRICULTURAL JOURNAL need not read it; complaints or suggestions will be listened to attentively and considered with due courtesy; but abusive communications will be promptly committed to the wastebasket, along with other trashy paper, and receive no further notice at our hands. We propose to waste no time on chronic grumblers or ill-natured fault finders.

## The Insane Asylum of North Carolina.

The Report of the Board of Directors and Superintendent of this beneficent institution, for the official year ending October 31, 1874, is on our table. It is a neatly printed and executed pamphlet of 54 pages, done in the STATE AGRICULTURAL JOURNAL Book and Job office.

The report, which we remark in the outset, is ably and clearly written, merits more than ordinary attention, for the reason that it sets forth the urgent necessity of increased accommodations for the insane, and embodies a thoroughly digested scheme for enlarging the capacity of the institution until it meets the wants of the State.

The report clearly shows, the necessity for enlargement.

The building at present is capable of accommodating about 245 patients, by crowding them together, two in a room, where that can be done with safety. A table of persons reported insane in the several counties of North Carolina, shows that there are in prison or the poor house, 169 crazy folks—111 whites and 58 colored; and that there are 420 lunatics in private families—358 white, 62 colored. Thus it appears that there are more than 500 insane persons in this State whom it is known need the fostering care of our Asylums. These reports are quite accurate, as they come from the sheriffs, clerks or county commissioners of the various counties. There are now thirty seven applications for admission on file, which cannot be received for want of room; and there have been 196 applications for admission during the last year refused for lack of accommodations, the Asylum being filled to its utmost capacity.

This being the condition of the State, in regard to suitable provisions for the insane, the Superintendent ably and eloquently urges the necessity of enlarging the building. Both economy and philanthropy require it. The subject most assuredly should receive the earnest attention of the present General Assembly.

The Superintendent's report is accompanied by a well executed drawing, showing the general ground plan of the proposed improvements.

WE REFER our readers to the correspondence between Messrs. W. T. Blackwell & Co., and T. W. Keen, Esq., P. N. C. T. A., a better place than the flourishing town of Durham could not be selected, for the meeting of the Tobacco Association of North Carolina, we will refer to this proposed meeting again, in a subsequent issue.

—We take pleasure in announcing that J. E. Nash, Esq., has been appointed Agent of Direct Trade to Europe (in connection with the Direct Trade Union of Georgia), at Morehead City.

## The Farmers' Council.

Three years ago there was organized what is known as the Farmers' Council of Virginia and North Carolina. It sprung into existence at a time when the necessities of the agriculturists of the United States—South and North, East and West, seemed to demand most imperatively organizations of some kind among the farmers. It owes its birth and growth to the same deep and widespread causes which called into existence the Patrons of Husbandry, the Sovereigns of Industry, and the Farmers' Clubs. Though its growth has not been so rapid or remarkable as that of the Grange still the movement has proved successful, and the organization is to-day thoroughly established, and takes high rank among the existing Farmers' organizations.

The Farmers' Council differs fundamentally from the Patrons of Husbandry, the Sovereigns of Industry, the Farmer's Clubs, and all other existing organizations. As well explained by our able cotemporary, the *Rural Messenger*, it is "a voluntary advisory board of agriculture. There is no compulsion; there is no tax; there are no emoluments of office. Its object is to devise ways and means to help the farmer make better crops and get better prices for his crops. It seeks to lighten taxation, to multiply the social and domestic comforts of agricultural life, and bring the farmers and the merchant together, thereby removing prejudices and bringing about a better state of feeling between these classes. It takes the ground that farmers have rights peculiarly their own which legislators in their law-making capacity especially are bound to recognize. It is opposed to all class legislation. It asks that farmers be protected in equal degree with men of other callings, but that they be not encumbered by "rules and regulations" imposing burdensome and unnecessary restrictions."

And again: "It says to the Patrons of Husbandry, the Sovereigns of Industry, the Farmers' Clubs, and the agricultural paper, work on in your respective fields. We are friends and co-laborers; let there be no antagonism, there is work enough for all. When the star of the Patrons has reached its culmination, there will still be many farmers who will not be included on their list of members. The Farmers' Council is a common congress where all farmers can meet on equal footing and join hands and hearts in one common cause."

The Third Annual Session takes place in Petersburg, Va., on the 24th day of the present month, November.

The delegates to the last Council are delegates to the present. The townships of the different counties of the two States that failed to select delegates in October, 1873, for two years, should proceed at once to select delegates for the unexpired term ending October, 1875.

The different lines of travel will make the usual reduction, and the Executive Committee are doing all that is needed to make the session a success.

## The Governor's Message.

We lay before our readers this week, the message of the Governor to the General Assembly now in session. The document is quite lengthy, but is not remarkable in anything. It makes no new points, contains no novel or original suggestions. However, it is by no means inferior to the general run of such documents.

The Governor touches upon a variety of subjects, such as the condition of the Public Treasury, State Debt, Education, &c., but he entirely ignores Agriculture. As the farming interests of North Carolina constitutes the basis of all our prosperity, his Excellency might with great propriety have alluded to it.

Every farmer should read the message carefully, inform his mind, and ponder well over the state of the country. The State Debt, the North Carolina and the Western North Carolina Railroads, the Convention question and Education, are the great subjects which demand the earliest attention of the thinking men of North Carolina at the present time.

—It is on the 15th of December that the Wilmington Fair begins. It is to be hoped that it will prove a success, notwithstanding the rather unseasonable time chosen for it. The postponement took place, we understand, in the hope that the Carolina Central Railroad would be completed through to Charlotte by that time. If gambling tables are allowed upon the grounds, we advise the Farmers to stay away from it; shun it as they would gambling hells.

—The horrible Setzer double murder in Rowan county is a solemn warning to people to be careful about admitting strangers into their houses after nightfall.

## To the Secretary of Each Grange in North Carolina.

You are our regularly authorized agent to solicit and receive subscriptions for the STATE AGRICULTURAL JOURNAL.

It is your official organ, and the only paper published in the State devoted exclusively to the interests of the farmer and working people. We, therefore, appeal to you to send us ten subscribers between this date and the 15th of December. You know the rates. On the 1st day of January, 1875, the JOURNAL will appear in a new dress, and on good book paper. All these improvements require money. We employ the best talent in the State, and will at an early day commence a series of illustrations which will add much to the interest of our valuable paper.

We offer no premiums for the reason that we can't afford to do so, and publish a good family paper.

We again call upon every Secretary in North Carolina to respond to our appeal. Remember that after the 1st of January next, we shall be compelled to pay the postage in advance. It is well that all should avail themselves of the opportunity now offered to get the STATE AGRICULTURAL JOURNAL.

Fraternally,  
R. T. FULGHUM,  
Conducting Editor, &c.

## The Convention Question.

—Says the *Cherokee Herald*: We suppose the Legislature when assembled will be able to express the will of the people on this important question.

—Colonel W. L. Steele, of Richmond County, publishes in the *Wilmington Journal*, an able letter advocating the call of a convention to amend the constitution. His ability, his long experience, his devotion to North Carolina, render the opinion of Colonel Steele worthy the thoughtful consideration of our people.

—The *Southern Home* thinks the convention question will occupy two weeks in debate. Maybe it will, but should it?

—The *Charlotte Democrat* comes out square against convention.

—Col. Burgess S. Gaither, of Burke, is in favor of the earliest possible call of a convention. He thinks a great majority of the western people favor convention. Mr. Gaither is a man of ability, and one of the truest citizens in the State.

—A Democratic member of the House, who ranks with the foremost Conservatives in that body, informs us that in his county, he has so far found but two men who favor convention. His county is one of the largest in the State, and was carried by the Conservatives in the last election by 197 majority.

HERE is an act worthy of imitation. Miss Lizzie Slover, of Newbern, N. C., was awarded by the Executive Committee of the State Fair, a toilet set, valued at \$25.00, for the largest exhibition of articles of all classes. This amount she has donated to the Oxford Orphan Asylum. Through her influence 204 entries, [about 400 articles,] were made.

"IS THE STATE AGRICULTURAL JOURNAL a Presbyterian paper and set for the defence of infant sprinkling?" asks the *Biblical Recorder*.

No, christian friends. The JOURNAL is not a Presbyterian paper, neither is it a Baptist, Methodist, Episcopalian, Lutheran, Catholic, or any other sort of sectarian journal. It is a friend to all the churches, and an admirer of all true and liberal-spirited christian men.

## Proposed Meeting of N. C. Tobacco Association.

OFFICE TOBACCO LEAF AND COTTON PLANT.  
Charlotte, N. C., November 16.

Below we publish a correspondence from the Messrs. W. T. Blackwell & Co., and President T. W. Keen:

J. R. MORRIS, Sec. N. C. T. A.

Yours of the 11th to hand. We would be glad to have the Tobacco Association meet here. We cannot say exactly when our factory will be completed, but will give you timely notice, and invite everybody, and depend upon it, "little Durham" will do her part. Durham wants the honor of the Association once. We think we can infuse new life into the trade, by showing what tobacco has done. Yours, &c.

W. T. BLACKWELL &amp; CO.

Messrs. W. T. Blackwell &amp; Co.:

Dear Sirs:—A postal card from J. R. Morris, Esq., of November 11, has this day been shown me, and as you express a desire that the Tobacco Association of North Carolina shall be called to meet in your town on the completion of your factory, it affords me great pleasure to assure you that, in consideration of the public spirit manifested by the citizens of Durham, and especially in manufacturing tobacco, thereby greatly adding to the manufacturing in North Carolina, and increasing her wealth, giving employment and remuneration of labor, I will call the Association together in your town at such time as you notify me. Relying, in the mean time, greatly, upon your efforts to make it a success,

Yours, &c.,  
T. W. Keen, P. N. C. T. A.