

Old man Washington (Lucius Quintus) has been hanging round Washington puffed congressmen until he has got enough pledged to elect him Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate.

The able editor of the Goldboro Messenger always opposes Gov. Vance on personal grounds, but like the true Democrat he is always supports him heartily when nominated by the party.

The power of the weekly press was never more felt in North Carolina than now. As the News columns daily testify, it is dealing some telling blows in the people's fight against high taxes and official extravagance.

State Geologist. A careful examination of Mr. Ford's bill to abolish the office of State Geologist in connection with the law establishing the Department of Agriculture sustains the wisdom of the proposed legislation. By reference to sec. 15, chap. 274 laws of 1876-77 it will be seen that the Department of Agriculture is fully equipped for the work of the Geological survey.

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Mr. G.—You think, then, that general farming is safer and more profitable to a man who has not had experience in special branches? Mr. G.—Most certainly it is. North Carolina is a very good State and affords special advantages, but it is not a paradise for idlers, any more than any other section of the country. The man who goes there with the idea that he can make a fortune in a short space of time, with very little work, will be grievously disappointed, for he will find out his mistake very soon. But if he is willing to use the same energy and tact and enterprise, he can make a success of it. If a man has not had the capital to buy land and stock, he can hire all he wants on very advantageous terms. There is plenty of room for earnest, energetic men, and we are very glad to have them. If any one desires to emigrate here, they can secure favorable rates of transportation, and once there, he will find people ready and anxious to assist him in finding a suitable place to settle. This is a splendid country, but it is a country for men who want to earn a living. The land is easy to work, and there is plenty of good timber.

An Honest Way of Getting a Hard Living. That's what I call it. There's a kind of fancy farming that is confined to people who have money to throw away upon half dollar eggs, five dollar boxes of butter costing a dollar a pound. It is enough to make a farmer of the golden time turn in his grave to see that farming. It is a sort of paying at agriculture that may have its uses, but is of farming in the correct sense of the word.

Mr. Gilbert is right. Intelligent and enterprising men find congenial homes among the sturdy people of North Carolina, and these are the very men who look with suspicion upon a community that evades the payment of its obligations. Their argument is, that the State that will cheat its creditors will cheat its own citizens, and that in order of the Legislature, and those who sustain and enact them, are likely to be more honest and scrupulous in their dealings as individuals than in their conduct towards those who are the creditors of the whole State.

Mr. Gilbert is to be commended for his honest, frank and intelligent opinion in regard to North Carolina. The writer happens to know that Mr. Gilbert is an industrious, thrifty and highly respected citizen of Iredell county. More like him would prove a blessing to the State.

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Notice. By virtue of a mortgage registered in Book No. 1, page 101, I, J. J. THOMAS, do hereby give notice that I have a mortgage on the premises in the section where I live—about 10 miles from Raleigh, N. C.—and I have with the hard tones, as it has in other sections of the country, but on the contrary is gradually increasing in value. The recent report of the Board of Agriculture says that North Carolina has more available resources than any other State in the Union. The only thing needed is good energetic men to work it up, and to such there is a good opening afforded. There are a number of Brooklyn men settled in the western part of the State, and they are nearly all doing well. In the towns good mechanics are in demand. The rate of wages is not high, but the cost of living is low, and a good mechanic can very easily build up a home and a business of his own.

THE MOST PROFITABLE CROP. Q. What do you consider the most profitable branch of farming? Mr. G.—Raising grain is, I think, about the most profitable. The yield is excellent, as you can find a market right there in the State at about New York prices. The farmer sells his grain at home, and therefore is not taxed for freight and commissions, as are the Western farmers. If he understands his business, he can secure a good crop. I recollect one instance where a farmer sowed 15 acres of upland wheat, and harvested 450 bushels of fine quality. He has sowed the same field again this fall, and feels confident that he will get 334 bushels to the acre, which, I think, will compare well with the yield in the best wheat growing States.

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Q. How about the cost of farm labor? Mr. G.—Prices range from \$5 to \$8 per month. The laborers are largely negroes, and have the defects which previous training and habits produce. They are not so good as white labor, but they do very well, and they have the advantage of being more familiar with the country.

Q. How is stock raising as a business? Mr. G.—To persons with a capital of from \$2,500 to \$4,000 it affords a very good field. The majority of the stock is native, and of course cannot compete with improved breeds. Sheep can be purchased at from fifty cents to \$1.25 per head, according to quality, and much cows can be purchased at a very reasonable figure. Stock raising is an excellent way to improve land and bring it into a high condition of fertility.

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