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CLOSING OF NEW INLET.

The recent successful closing of the New Inlet, near the mouth of the Cape Fear River, (herefore announced in the Room,) deserves more than a passing notice. If the results anticipated, are realized, in improving the Bar at the mouth of that river, then the successful completion of this most important part of that great work, is a matter affecting not only the local interests of Wilmington but a large portion of North Carolina. We think, therefore, that the suggestion of the Daily Review most timely, that so important an event should be duly celebrated.

In order that our readers may know something about the improvements in progress near the mouth of the Cape Fear, and the benefits to be derived therefrom, we will briefly allude to them.

On account of the shallowness of the water over the bar at the river's mouth the port of Wilmington is closed to vessels of large tonnage and much depth of draught. And so long as that continues, so long will the growth of that city be retarded. To remedy this has been the endeavor of the citizens of that city for many long years. Finally about ten years ago the General Government began to lend a helping hand, and time and again has made liberal appropriations for the prosecution of this great work. In order to obtain a greater depth of water at the bar it was thought necessary first to close the New Inlet. This is an inlet, a few miles above the mouth of the river, made more than a century ago by a very violent storm which lashed the ocean into such fury as to break through the narrow sand bank separating it from the river. As years passed by and other storms came, this breach was widened and formed such an inlet as to very materially diminish the volume of water in the river below. Previous to this storm and breach, the depth of water at the mouth of the river was several feet greater than it has been since, so that it was natural to think that the closing of this breach (called the New Inlet) would force the water of the river to flow on to its mouth, and thus by concentrating it in a smaller channel would increase its volume, and restore its ancient depth at the mouth. The closing of this inlet has been the work of several years and has cost several hundred thousand dollars, and its successful completion should be duly celebrated. If the proper depth of water is obtained, and vessels of heavy tonnage be enabled to cross the bar, and the port of Wilmington be open to the shipping of the world, there is no reason to doubt but that this city will attain an equal rank with the leading cities of the Atlantic coast. And to aid in accomplishing this, should be the pride and pleasure of all true North Carolinians. It is a shame that the products and resources of our State should be used to build up other States to the detriment of our own. If Wilmington can offer the proper shipping facilities for our products, it is to our interest (laying aside all feelings of State pride) to build up that city. It is the nearest seacoast city to all the great middle section of North Carolina, much nearer than Norfolk or Charleston. The building of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad will make Wilmington the outlet of the products of the richest section of the State. This road will in a great measure accomplish the object, for which so much money was needlessly expended on Deep River, and that is, the opening an avenue of communication between this section and the sea-coast. As the streams of this section seek and find an outlet through the Cape Fear at Wilmington, so naturally should our products.

The business men of Wilmington have ever evinced a public liberality and enterprise that entitles them to the patronage of our people. They have always been foremost in our works of internal improvement, contributing most liberally to every

Correspondence.

WE WILL BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE COMMUNICATIONS ON ANY SUBJECTS THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST, BUT WE MUST FORGO A REINFORCING NAME, ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADDRESS, AND ALSO THAT IT BE WRITTEN PLAINLY AND ONLY ON ONE SIDE OF THE PAPER. THE EDITOR IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE VIEWS AND OPINIONS OF CONTRIBUTORS.

Our own names.

BARRY'S TOWNSHIP.

Mr. Editor.—You will please give this short piece an insertion in the Review. Something important for all farmers to know is an almost certain remedy for bad worm in corn. The symptoms are so apparent that they need scarcely be described. The stalks of corn in the field begin to look as if it was on the decline—a scalded appearance with numerous small round holes in the blades about the size of squirrel shot and also in the bulb, the bulb full of these small holes as well as the blades. The remedy is to let the hands, as they are hoing and thining the corn, take a small quantity of dry dust, say about a table-spoonful, and sprinkle it in the bed where they see this worm at work and in almost every case where it is dug in there will prove effectual.

I have been thinking for years to have this published for the benefit of all farmers. The idea is originated with me, but I do not think it is generally known.

EDWARD J. COTTERMAN of Chatham to the best of my knowledge a country seat E. F. O. Our country have ears and why not Chatham? We have as good farmers as they have, so let us co-operate for it and help to build up each other, without pull each other down.

Yours etc., EDWARD J. COTTERMAN.

CHATHAM, N. C., June 23, 1873.

Petition Received.—Two years ago it was our pleasure to attend the closing exercises of the first session of the school in this place, and hear the examination in the different subjects. We saw then that the accumulated teacher, Miss Fannie Benton was laying well the foundations of education, especially in arithmetic. They called her Benton, not "Bones."

It is exceedingly to be regretted that our people are being dragged into that New England Bogue by having their books of them. On the 29th last we again visited the exhibit at this place and were well entertained by the speeches, dialogues and examinations of the pupils. As we arrived at a late hour and failed to get a present time we came to the examination in the different subjects. We saw then that the accumulated teacher, Miss Fannie Benton was laying well the foundations of education. They called her Benton, not "Bones?"

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