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AGRICULTURE.

CULTURE OF CORN.

As the time for planting corn is now at hand, and as all know our country has seldom...

I have concluded to give to your readers a plan of planting and cultivating corn...

As all of our hilly land should be planted in drills, I shall say nothing about corn in the hill or check.

Commence by running rows on our average quality land, about six feet wide; this should be done with a roller plow put in as deep as a strong mule can pull...

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In about the same length of time as before, give your last plowing. This should be done lightly, running three furrows on either side of the rows...

By this mode of planting and culture I have seldom failed to make corn and peas.

Hope that the Soil of the South may be the means of much improvement in agriculture in Georgia, I will trouble you no further at present.—Soil of the South.

Have you Fastened.—Animals lose by too active feeding, as appears in the following scientific statement.

Baron Liebig's discovery in animal physiology, that the excessive labor of the jaws in the mastication of food wasted the beast's muscle and retarded his progress...

GUANO.

The Washington Republic says:

We have received from the Hon. John D. Freeman of Mississippi, a note enclosing an interesting statement of the nature, supply, use, and cost of the article known under the name of guano, extensively used as a fertilizer in some counties of the State of Maryland.

This statement is from the pen of the Hon. Albert Davis, of Montgomery county, Maryland, in answer to the Hon. Joseph S. Colman, of the same State, and has been prepared, it would seem, at the request of Mr. Freeman, who proposes to apply this fertilizing agent to the exhausted lands of Mississippi.

The Peruvian guano is stated to be the best of the various kinds imported; and it is believed that the first cargo ever imported into the United States arrived in the city of Baltimore in the year 1844.

Remarks. That Guano is a wonderful fertilizer, there can be no doubt. That there are persons who have failed in the application of it, to particular tracts of land is likewise true.

There is hardly a reader of the Dispatch who has not heard of Mr. Richard Sampson, of Cleveland, one of the best—we suspect the very best—of Virginia farmers.

have the proper effect. He tried the guano on his hill land, and it acted like a charm. At the same time, from the same bag, and under the same circumstances, he tried it on his low-grounds, and it had no effect at all.

THE COTTON INTEREST.

The evils complained of by the cotton planters are, that the prices of their staple productions are irregular, and too often not remunerative.

These fluctuations sometimes cause a difference of from thirty to fifty millions of dollars in the sales of one season—a difference productive not only of loss to the planter, but which sometimes tells with disastrous effect upon foreign exchanges and banking institutions.

The dogma "that prices must and will be regulated by the relations of supply and demand," is by many deemed conclusive refutation of all hope of success.

If the cotton crop of the United States be viewed as one man, remedy would be obvious. Naming his price, he would sell out as much such as he could get for a knowledge of his value.

Besides the loss attendant upon a large crop, the planter is often subjected to loss upon a small one, because of his ignorance of the extent of the crop of the country.

For low prices, a remedy would be found in an agreement to plant less cotton; but that would prevent irregularity in price, because good and bad seasons would still cause irregular production; and although remunerative prices would be irregular, a bad season might also reduce the supply.

The first thing to be done by the convention, should be the adoption of a plan for ascertaining the extent of each year's crop. This is essential to all judicious and efficient action.

I propose to effect it by the agency of planters associations, to be organized in every county in the cotton States. By distributing the counties, and distributing the labor among the members, the crop of each county may be ascertained by the middle of January every year.

The information referred to, and the reports from the State committees, may be in possession of the central committee by the 1st of April in each year, and should be published; and the planters advised what proportion of their respective crops should be sold, and what amount.

the central committee could be made, I propose an agreement among the planters, to sell more than two-thirds of their respective crops before the receipt of said reports and not to sell any for any price less than a green up. And further, not to sell more of the reserved one-third, than shall be advised by the central committee.

Experience has shown that a crop of 2,700,000 bales, thrown upon the market, will reduce the price of cotton to about five cents; whereas, a crop of only 2,500,000 bales will raise it to thirteen cents, or more.

I have said that the difficulty of obtaining concert of action among the planters, so widely separated from each other, is great; but my confidence in its practicability is based upon their obvious interest, and their good common sense.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

FATAL EFFECTS OF CHLOROFORM.

Mrs. Emily Norton died at New Haven on Friday last, from the effects of chloroform. Dr. Park, who administered the medicine, is entirely excusable from blame, by the Committee on the subject.

It appears that the deceased could not have inhaled a drachm of chloroform when the circulation and respiration ceased. A second application was made at her own request, with a sponge slightly saturated by shaking the mouth of the vessel, and death was instantaneous.

Mrs. Norton had suffered much and long from diseased teeth, besides having the care of late of a nursing infant, and of a feeble mother, which had reduced her strength, and was likely to produce a nervous state of extensibility unfavorable to the proper effect of the chloroform.

GOOD NATURE.

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THE ALBANY REGISTER.

after announcing that Convention has been put wrong by the Maine Law issue, for which it holds the Tribune responsible, thus proceeds:

In a fair, clean contest, on distinctive political grounds, after the good old fashion, the Whigs would have carried Connecticut triumphantly on Monday, and thus exercised an important influence on the approaching Presidential canvass, and secured the Wing U. S. Senator.

Unfortunately, the Whigs of Connecticut seem fated never to get such a contest as The Register pants for. This is the first year of the Maine Law agitation, but the third year in succession that the Whigs have been beaten.

OZONE—WHAT IS IT? This was a question often asked during the prevalence of the cholera in 1850. The last number of the Scientific American thus answers it:

Ozone is produced when the electrical brush passes from a moist wooden point into the atmosphere, or when phosphorus acts at common temperatures on a moist portion of the atmosphere.

On Thursday evening, 1st instant, a large number of citizens met at the Court House in Asheville, to consult together upon what course ought to be pursued in reference to the contemplated "Central Rail Road."

On motion of James W. Patton, Esq., Capt. James Guder was called to the Chair, and A. S. Merrimon appointed Secretary.

Resolved, That a Rail Road Convention be held at the Court House in Asheville on Monday 31st day of May next.

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed by the Chair, to prepare resolutions and addresses for the action of said convention, and to procure all the information they can in reference to the proposed Road, by correspondence with persons in different sections of the country.

Resolved, That the Committee invite gentlemen from all parts of this State, South Carolina, and East Tennessee, to attend said Convention.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be published in the papers of this place.

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MR. WEBSTER ON LABOR.

The Workingmen's Association of Trenton, N. J., having invited Mr. Webster to address them publicly, during his recent visit to that city, he made the following reply:

Whether labor be employed in the field of agriculture, on the ocean, or in the factories and shops of mechanical production, it is the true source of national prosperity and happiness. It is the great interest of our American society. It feeds and clothes and educates our children, and enables us to uphold the free institutions under which we live.

That these blessings, gentlemen, enjoyed by us all, may descend to our children from generation to generation, is the fervent prayer of your faithful and obedient servant, DANIEL WEBSTER.

SUE AGAINST LOLA MONTZ.—It is stated in the Boston papers that a man named Parsons is about to institute legal proceedings against Lola Montz for an alleged assault and battery. It appears that on Saturday night last, after her performance at the Howard Athenaeum, Lola returned to the Tremont House, and discovered that she had lost a bracelet—the second she had had the misfortune to lose since her arrival in this country.

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MOONSHOTS APPEAR IN BALTIMORE.—On Sunday evening last, in Baltimore, Maryland, a number of candles were lighted in the streets, and a number of persons were seen to be looking at the moon.

THE CENTRAL RAIL ROAD.—We learn from a private source that great dissatisfaction exists along the line of the Central Rail Road; first, on account of the Chief Engineer being a Virginian and never attending on the road, and secondly, that he has sent out about 40 deputies, who have swarmed along the line, with servants, attendants, &c., wasting much of their time at Hotels, at an enormous expense to the Company.

THE NEGRO RAGE.—Bayard Taylor, writing from Nubia, in Upper Egypt, says: "Those friends of the African race, who point to Egypt as a proof of what that race has accomplished, are wholly mistaken. The only Negro features represented in Egyptian sculpture are those of slaves and captives taken in the Ethiopian wars of the Pharaohs. The temples and pyramids throughout Nubia, as far as the Darfur and Abyssinia, all bear the hieroglyphs of those monarchs, and there is no evidence in all the valley of the Nile that the Negro race ever attained a higher degree of civilization than it at present exhibits in Congo and Ashantee. I mention this, not from any feeling hostile to that race, but simply to controvert an opinion very prevalent in some parts of the United States."

BIRTHDAY OF HENRY CLAY.—The anniversary of Mr. Clay's birthday was celebrated in New York, on Monday, by a brilliant festival in the Apollo Saloon, which entertainment was given by the "Clay Festival Association." The Herald says there were some five hundred persons present for that eminent patriot and statesman was manifested by the company. The principal speaker was ex-Governor Jones, of Tennessee, who delivered a most eloquent and impressive address, praising the character, patriotism, and political courage of Henry Clay, and denouncing all dissensions between the two sections of the country, to subvert their own best ends. In concluding his remarks he said: "As I live, had I the power, I would hang every man—less he North or South—who should dare to invade the integrity of the Union. He who preaches dissolution of this Union ought to be hung and I would desire to have no higher office than hangman on Downville. Intelligence from the mining districts was not favorable."

MISSOURI DEMOCRACY.

The Benton and Anti-Benton factions have at length buried the hatchet and smoothed the calumny of peace and friendship. The interesting reunion takes place upon the basis of an equal division of the spoils, the late Democratic State Convention having nominated a mixed ticket for State offices, consisting of an equal number of Benton and Anti-Benton candidates.

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