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THE DAIRY BUSINESS.

The Georgia people have done what we of this section may profitably accept as an example. They sent out a committee of intelligent farmers, and also some intelligent, broad minded editors to Ohio to "spy out the land," and to learn from a thrifty, industrious people the secrets of their prosperity, the subjects of their industries, their modes of agriculture; and also the character of their soil, the value of their lands, the net profits of their labor; and also to draw such comparisons as might enlighten both themselves and the Ohio people; and to be able to adapt the pursuits of Ohio to the Georgia people, and also by the information they were able to give, to induce a desirable immigration of Ohio farmers, mechanics and other valuable citizens to fill up the vacant places in Georgia.

The Georgia committee was received with cordiality, almost enthusiasm. There was not the faintest suggestion of sectional feeling; and the representatives of the two sections seemed mutually and pleasantly surprised to find how little stood between them and brotherhood and perfect community of interests. A good lesson may be drawn from this by those ardent politicians who are working so hard to keep up hostile feeling.

From the report of the committee we gather that though the condition of the farmer is externally a happy and prosperous one, as indicated by the evidences of thrift and neatness, the fine appearance of dwellings and barns, the thorough culture of the farms, and the exuberance of the crops, prosperity is more apparent than real. The value of land and improvements is relatively enormous; and incessant hard labor is rewarded with returns of not more than two per cent. on farm investment. It is only their perfect system of economy and indefatigable labor that gives to Ohio its apparent prosperity, and its certain appearance of superiority to the South in externals.

But there was one special topic to which we direct attention. Some of the committee were from North Georgia, that portion of the State into which the Blue Ridge makes its southern trend, constituting a mountain country; and, therefore, in the eyes of that part of the committee, eminently suitable to dairy purposes.

We quote from the report made by Mr. H. A. Wrench, editor of the Dallas Argus, what the committee learned on this point:

That the properly managed dairies of Georgia give more profit than those of Ohio, by fifty per cent.

That there is room in Northwest Georgia for 1,000 dairy farms, with convenient markets, before resorting to the efforts and low prices of Ohio.

That our pure, cold water from springs would add ten per cent. to Ohio dairies that are forced to use pond water and ice, and, therefore, count that much in our favor.

That after the milk and butter market is supplied, Georgia can make cheese cheaper than Ohio, and get a better price for it.

The dairies of the Northwest furnish their milk to the factories, the factories their product to the commission dairy merchant, and he handles the product. A system of perfect co-operation.

THEIR DISADVANTAGES.

High priced lands, long winter seasons, dry pasturage, no running water, the necessity of using ice in summer and abundance in winter on account of cold.

OUR ADVANTAGES.

Cheap lands that will produce grass, clover and ensilage fodder with equal abundance, shorter winters and less severe, more moisture in summer and consequently butter pasturage, cold running water for setting cream without ice, longer pasturage, less expensive stalls and barns, and by sowing rye a nip of all winter grazing and good soil feed in the early spring.

Substitute Western North Carolina for Georgia, and we have the field and the subject presented upon a much broader scale. Our mountain region extends from Ashe to Cherokee. The mean elevation is about 2,500 feet, constituting the great mountain plateau from which the higher ranges of mountains rear themselves. The whole of it fills the ideal of the dairy region outlined in the above extract under the head of "advantages," though in greater degree from extent, higher latitude, colder and more abundant water, and more general adaptation to grass culture.

These advantages our own people should themselves utilize. For them should primarily accrue the profits from this exhaustless mine of wealth. The dairy business is exactly suited here to all the conditions of soil, climate and productions. Cattle thrive, of which we have long and abundant proof, in such healthfulness and vigor, and the relations to transportation and markets are so favorable, that it would argue want of interest and intelligence if our people continue to neglect them. If they do, then let another people be invited to come in and apply them. Let us send also a committee to Ohio, and tell them what can be done in Western North Carolina. Let them impress the difference between the cost of land in Ohio—\$100 to \$500 per acre, and that in the mountains of this section at from \$1 to \$10. Their eyes will be opened, and we shall soon see the count's enriched by the shipments of butter and cheese, one of the long standing sources of the wealth of Ohio, in spite of the great disadvantages of high priced lands, cold winters and hot and dry summers.

GOOD ROADS.

We like to come back to the subject of roads sometimes. We like to remind our people, not of their ignorances, but of their negligences. It is an unpopular subject, in whatever aspect we view it. Bad roads have no friends; but good ones have as few, otherwise we would have better ones. But good roads cost money; and money the people do not like to pay, because it must come through taxation or other unpopular method. And so we go on submissive to a grievance everybody denounces, but which nobody has the courage to correct. What good roads accomplish we need not travel very far—not by dirt road, but by railroad—to see. Over in Tennessee, the daughter of North Carolina, are presented contrasts to us and our ways, as sharp as between the highest civilization and the deepest barbarism. Knoxville, Nashville, Columbia, all have turnpikes leading out from them in every direction into the country, a luxury to ride over, and to the teams, an equal luxury to haul the farm products over. The consequence of this easy riding and handling is that the country has become a rural city, strung out for many miles along the highways, making practicable the comfort and conveniences of the city with the seclusion and freedom of the country. The effect is to have advanced the value of country property. For the products of the farm are taken to market with economy of time and money, country residence acquires attraction from easy accessibility; and if owners desire to sell, a market is readily found for the same reason. How different is our situation here, or in any other town in North Carolina! Leave the city or the town, and it is like stepping out of the brilliant direct blaze of the electric light into the blackness of its sharply defined shadows.

Something ought to be done. Longer submission to roads that owe so little to human labor or intelligence, yet of which the necessities of pleasure or travel enforce a daily, continuous use, a use that involves wear and tear and growing deterioration, is discreditable to a people very boastful of progress. Yet good roads are the foundation stones of progress, literally and practically. Bad roads are the mill stones that will drag down and keep down any people who will consent to keep them tied around their necks.

On this subject we clip the following from the Atlanta Constitution:

The demand for good country roads is imperative, and yet we are doing comparatively nothing. Every civilized country is ahead of us in this respect. Even in our older States the highways are inferior to those of every country in Europe.

It is somewhat encouraging to find newspapers and thoughtful farmers agitating the matter. Mr. J. F. Pope, of Texas, has given the subject considerable study, and some of his facts will attract attention. According to Mr. Pope, a good road, eighteen feet wide, with four feet margin on each side, can be constructed for \$2,100 a mile, and kept in repair at an annual expense of \$100 a mile. Such a road should be well drained and be covered with fine broken stone nine inches deep in the center and four and a half inches deep on the sides.

One more point about roads. When we make permanent public improvements the entire burden of the expense should not fall upon one generation. When possible it is to reap the benefit of our work it should pay its share of the bill. The counties should raise the money needed for a permanent system of good public roads by issuing bonds, and our successors should be taxed to redeem them.

The result of the French elections on Sunday would seem to declare that France will continue a Republic, in form and name at last; so the ballots are made to declare. Bonapartism makes but a feeble show, and Boulangerism is made to appear almost contemptible by its feint of strength after so much brag and bluster. But it is not certain that we have a real test of the sentiments of the French people. A government with all the military at its command, there, a most important factor in elections, and with all the machinery of the ballot at its command, can declare any result that suits it. We remember Louis Napoleon's resort to the *plebiscite*, through which he affected to have received the almost unanimous vote of France to make him President of a Republic; a gift of confidence, which if it were a really ascertained genuine expression of wish and will, was speedily abused. French elections are not unlike what elections in the Southern States some years back. Those who voted were such as the powers that were wished or permitted to vote. We recall one instance at last, when the best element of North Carolina was excluded from the ballot box, and the count of the vote was by a military governor, in another State, with just such a count as made "its calling and election sure" for the powers that were determined to hold on to power through the fiction of a popular election. And that kind of election we are much inclined to think are those of the so-called Republic of France.

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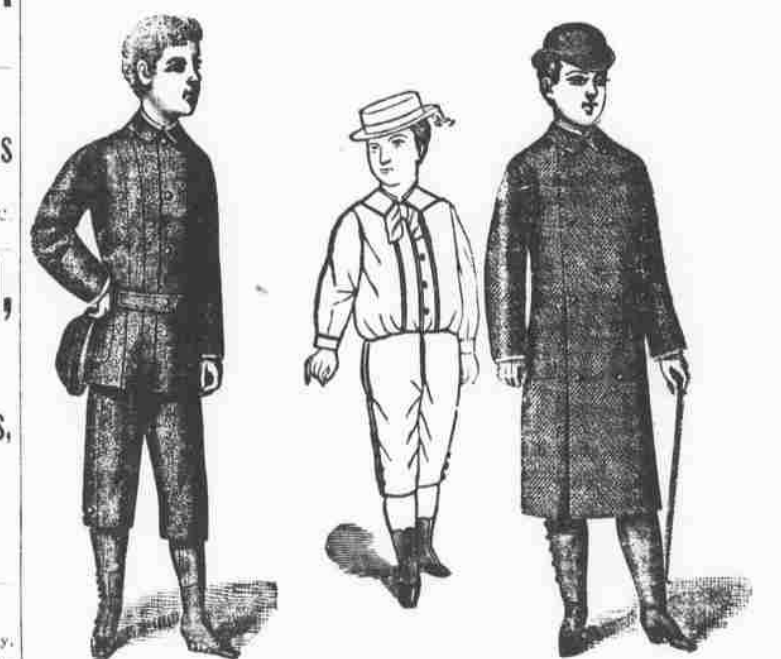
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