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OUR OPPORTUNITIES.

Practical Suggestions for the Farmers. By Col. J. M. Galloway.

For many years these two (cotton and tobacco) have been the staple money crops of the South. They have greatly impoverished the land. The man never yet lived who could continue to grow good crops of cotton or tobacco and improve the land. For the past several years they have been the veriest football for the speculating fraternity. One year ago cotton was slated for 20 cents per pound. Today it is slated for 5 cents, with a hope of getting it to 5 cents. One year ago we were told that the Southern States could no longer supply the world's demand for cotton. Today we are greeted with the cry of overproduction. What is the remedy? What lesson is taught? All agree in advising the farmer to diversify his crops. Good. A large cotton grower of the Mississippi Valley tells me that cattle pay better than cotton at 10 cents. A large sheep farmer of Arizona (a native North Carolinian) tells me that sheep pay better than cattle. A small farmer near Spray, N. C., tells me that any truck patch pays better than tobacco. He made \$300 in 1904 on his watermelon patch—about one acre. There is plenty of room for the farmer to do better. Why limit our advice to the farmer? How about the average business man of the South? Heretofore he has confined himself to but buying and selling things made elsewhere. Why not make some of these articles ourselves?

W. L. Douglas began life as a shoemaker with no capital, but labor and brains. Diligent making of shoes has made him rich and Governor of Massachusetts. North Carolinians wear many shoes. Who will be our Douglas? Peter Cooper made a large fortune manufacturing buttons from the horns of cattle and the feet of cattle and horses. North Carolina slaughters many cattle. Who will be our Peter Cooper? Every successful manufacturer is a public benefactor. He not only employs and supports many who can not do farm work, he furnishes a ready market for all farm produce. By the census of 1890 Greensboro had 3,000 people. Big mills have been erected and today say 25,000, tomorrow a few hundred more. Everything to eat finds ready market there. A few years ago Spray was a straggling village with a postoffice at Leaksville. Today it is a thriving manufacturing town with a limitless future before it. Farmers near there are no longer dependent on tobacco. A small poultry yard will pay better than a tobacco farm. North Carolina is an ideal manufacturing State, climate, health, labor, waterpower, all good. Young men of the State improve your opportunities. Help the poor farmer.—J. M. GALLO-WAY, in News and Observer.

Looking for Gold Mine.

G. F. Warren, a native of Stokes county, but who has been living in Texas and California for 27 years, was here today. Mr. Warren stated that he was a miner and was out prospecting for a gold mine in North Carolina. "If I fail to locate one I will return to California where I have an interest in one which gives me a very good living," said Mr. Warren, who remarked that he had considerable experience in the mining business.—Winston Sentinel.

One More Epistle From Bachelor No. 2.

Campbell, Jan. 20.

Mr. Editor:

Just allow me a little space for a short chat with "William."

He is so long-headed, he won't relent, he won't give up and I don't know what to do with him, but to say he is like the colored man that started out to see his girl in slave times. It was a moon-shiney night and he met a cow and thought it was a Buffalo and took to his scrapers and ran at a broke-neck speed, and the next thing he ran against was a gang of birds and when they flew from under his feet he hollowed Lord have mercy! and sped faster than ever, and the next thing was a ditch to cross and he was so badly frightened he aimed to jump before he got to it and jumped right into the middle of it and anchored. So William is going to anchor right in the middle of the ditch.

Well William, I have flipped and am going to crow now. You are about like the old lady that lived in the backwoods. She was at church and the preacher was in a great way for talking and looked over at the old lady and bald out "sister did you know that Jesus died for you," and she jumped up and shouted, "Lord have mercy! is he dead." Well she said, we live in the backwoods and don't hear much that is going on. So William come out from that mountain and you will soon learn the war is over.

Now, William, don't be so much like the cider man that was so deaf to everything but selling cider. He followed the business, and a gentleman passed and called to him and said, "how far is it to the Smith Fork roads," and the cider man said twenty-five cents per gallon sir. So if I was to call to you and say, William, Jesus died for you, no doubt you would say, I am going to the dance tonight.

I must not turn you to a woman, if I do I will court you from a way-back, and you shall not be left, but you are about like the lady that lived in the foot of the mountain, and a preacher came along and called and she came out and he said, "good morning sister, where is your husband?" and she said "John is in the mountains hunting," and he said, "have you many Presbyterians around here?" and she said "I think not, mister, for John has been hunting several times and he has never caught one yet." The preacher said "sister you seemed to be in the dark?" yes she said, "but John aims to cut a window soon." So William I want you to cut you a window and have some light.

BACHELOR NO. TWO.

To the Public!

We don't wish to insult your intelligence by claiming to sell goods lower than any one else in the county, but we wish to call your attention to our large stock of general merchandise—dress goods of all classes and colors, a special line of broad cloth, flannels, morehairs, worsteds, mercerized silks, bought especially for winter season, hoes in great variety, ready made clothing for men, youths and boys that are made to wear, hats, caps, big line shoes of best makes for ladies, gentlemen and children.

The buyer who goes by us is sure to pay more for his goods than if he give us a look and gets prices. Thanking you for past favors, we assure you appreciation and right treatment in future. JACOB FULTON & SONS.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

All Letters Must Be Signed to Insure Publication.

This week the Reporter has received a large number of letters of correspondence from Tobaccoville, N. C., Critz, Va., Peters Creek, Va., and many other places, all unsigned by the true names of the writers.

The Reporter never publishes communications of any kind unless they are accompanied by the real names of the writers. It is all right to put a fictitious name to your letter, but we must know your true name. This rule is invariable, and stamps and stationery will be saved by remembering it.

HIGH POINT.

High Point, Jan. 17.

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Hayworth which has been sick for some time with pneumonia, is recovering.

Mr. C. R. Meadows, who has been traveling for the Chicago Portrait Co. for the past three years, is spending a few days with his sister, Mrs. G. M. Southern, of this place.

Mr. Z. N. Moran, of Stokes county, was in High Point this week visiting.

As the roads of Stokes county are so muddy, I understand that Mr. J. L. Merdows, of Cherry Grove Farm, has him a phone. Now I don't guess he has to walk through the mud to see Miss Ola like before Christmas.

I think it is nice the way all the people are naming their farms in Stokes.

It is getting so that you may meet a man on the streets of High Point or Spray and ask him where he is from and he will tell you he is from one or the other of the places.

Say what is the matter with Stokes county, that everybody is leaving it?

We would like to hear from Mr. W. B. Harris from the far West. We do enjoy reading his pieces. J.

WALNUT COVE.

Walnut Cove, Jan. 14.

Messrs. F. V. and M. F. visited Miss Maggie at the school house today.

Mr. F. R. called on Miss N. M. Wednesday night.

Miss H. P. M. is looking sad as Mr. D. R. has gone back to his work.

Messrs. R. W. M. and Albert H. called on Miss M. D. and C. D. last Sunday evening. Guess they had a nice time.

Mr. Jim Voss called to see his girl Sunday evening.

Mrs. Mickey and daughter visited Mrs. Mitchell last Tuesday.

Misses L. E. M. and F. A. D. called to see Miss M. S. Sunday.

Mr. Y. D. R. called Sunday night. He is trying to buy him a tract of land for three dollars.

MOLLIE.

Notice Of Dissolution.

Notice is hereby given to all parties concerned that the firm heretofore doing business as J. W. Morefield & Sons at Lime Rock, N. C., conducted by J. Wesley Morefield, L. E. Morefield and L. B. Morefield is from this date dissolved and that the business will in the future be conducted under the name and style of J. Wesley Morefield, Lime Rock, N. C.

This January 10, 1905. J. WESLEY MOREFIELD.

ONE DAY IN THE LEGISLATURE.

Some Measures of General Interest.

SENATE.

WEDNESDAY.

Bills were introduced as follows: Scales, to prevent the manufacture and sale of liquor at Advance, Davie county.

Long, of Iredell, to forbid towns having less than 200 voters to grant liquor licenses.

Amending law regarding judgments, so no execution shall issue from any Superior court until judgment is docketed.

The following bills passed final reading:

To regulate challenges in civil cases by providing that when there are two or more antagonistic interests the judge in his discretion may allow each an increased number of challenges, or may decrease the number.

The bill to permit married women to make contracts in the same manner as unmarried women, except in such contracts as are made between husband and wife, was taken up and upon the request of Mr. Gilliam was made a special order for noon for Wednesday.

Scales introduced a bill to amend chapter 69, section 247, repealing the tax on fireworks.

The Senate adjourned until 11 o'clock Thursday.

HOUSE.

Mr. Corner, from the joint committee on public buildings and grounds, reported that it had agreed unanimously to favorably report the resolution appropriating \$5,000 for the monument to Matt W. Ransom, with request that report and resolution be referred to the committee on appropriations. This was done.

The following bills were introduced:

Sloop, to allow Rockingham county to issue bonds.

Graham, of Granville, to require trial of capital cases by giving to the State and defendant each ten peremptory challenges, and providing that the State shall stand no jurors at the foot of a panel; also to amend chapter 85, laws 1893, so as to better define the crime of murder in the first degree; also bill to facilitate trial of capital cases by enabling the judge, in his discretion, to have a special venire summoned from any county in an adjoining judicial district.

The resolution of Mr. Cowles coming up, calling on the Governor to send a copy of the evidence taken before the investigating committee of the Atlantic & North Carolina Railway, he explained it, saying every one was familiar with the fact that the State owned two million dollars' worth of stock in the road and that it had been leased, the private stockholders had been supplanted and nobody knew the facts established in that investigation. The Charlotte Observer, in a recent editorial on the report of the investigation by the special committee, had said that there was a discrepancy of \$26,000 in the figures and any one reading between the lines could easily see there was something which had not been divulged. Mr. Cowles said the testimony ought to be published so the people could form a conclusion for themselves. Mr. Graham said the committee had worked for two months, investigating the affairs of the road and had reported that there had been no fraud. The printing of the great mass of evidence would not only be a great expense, but no one

would read it and print it. The matter had been settled and it was useless to stir up a fuss again over it. There was no demand from the private stockholders for any publication of the evidence, nor complaint, as the value of their stock had been more than doubled under a Democratic administration. He moved to table the resolution, on this Mr. Cowles demanding a roll-call. Upon a vote on this, Speaker Guion declared that the call was not sustained and that not a sufficient number had voted for it. An appeal was made by Mr. Cowles from the Speaker's ruling, and it was sustained by an almost unanimous vote. The motion to table was carried by a large majority, only two or three noes being heard, and the result was greeted with applause. Mr. Murphy, of Buncombe, said the evidence was in the Governor's office and that Mr. Cowles or any one else was perfectly free at any time to go and read and examine it.

The House then adjourned until Thursday at 11 o'clock.

HIGH POINT.

High Point, Jan. 20.

Quite a number of Stokes boys have arrived here since last fall. Nearly all of them have succeeded in getting a good job.

Mr. Matt Covington has secured a position running the jig sander for the Globe Home Furniture Co. We hope he will make a success.

On last Saturday night two young ladies visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Mounce, the boarding place of Messrs. Matt Covington, Willie Joyce, Andrew Smith, Willie and Edward Manuel. It was quite amusing for the young lassies to see the terrible excitement of the Stokes county boys as they received their introduction with fear and trembling voices. Covington fell on his knees praying that he might be banished from the sight of the charming young ladies. The others succeeded in finding hiding places.

Mr. Robt. Joyce has shaved off his mustache as he was afraid that they would get tangled in the machinery at the shop. He looks like a baboon.

Willie Joyce says he can't stand it here, it takes all he can make to pay his board. He says he is paying \$2.50 a week and his boarding mistress told him that she was going to raise to \$2.75, he replied that \$2.50 was about to kill him.

Mr. Rufus Mounce is getting stout since he has got to wearing a derby, he broke his axe handle this morning. The horns have attacked him several times since he put on his new derby. It seems to be the center of attraction for them.

W. P. Moran made a flying trip to Greensboro last week.

ROUDDY BOY.

Merchants Want That Special Tax Repealed.

Petitions are being circulated by merchants all over the State asking the Legislature to repeal what is termed the obnoxious merchants' tax, and to pass the false pretense bill introduced in the House by Representative Hasten, of Forsyth.

The two petitions have been sent to every town and city in the State and the merchants are quick to sign them, because they believe that the special tax imposed by the State is unfair, and that they are entitled to the protection which the false pretense bill would give them.

HAPPENINGS AT CARD.

Letter From a Stokes Boy in Buchanan County, Va.

Card, Va., Jan. 15.

Mr. Editor: If you will allow space in your paper I will give a few items from this place.

The winter has been very rough here for sometime.

Mr. Thomas Ratliff and others have been having their fun chasing the fox during the rough weather.

The garden school at the forks of Garden Creek closed yesterday under the management of Prof. J. M. C. Sutherland, but he will begin a subscription school at the same place the 16th, which will last three months.

Several boys have left for Clintwood, in Dickinson county, where they will attend College.

J. P. McGlothlin, one of our hustling merchants, made a business trip to Clintwood yesterday.

Mr. Barr, representing the King Shoe Co., was shaking hands with W. S. Ellis a few days ago.

I have learned today that J. P. McGlothlin's store was burned last night. It is not known how it happened.

Well, there is not much difference in the climate of Buchanan county and Stokes, but there is a great difference in the way the land lies and, here it is very steep and rough. The principal crops are Indian corn, oats, potatoes, beans etc. There is scarcely any wheat raised. Lumbering is the money staple. The land is well timbered. There is plenty of coal here, but it is not being mined yet, but it is generally thought that it will be mined soon.

There are no negroes in this county. The people will not allow them to stay here.

The people that I have met are all exceedingly kind. They have very good free schools here and a great many people seem to be interested in education though I find lots of old Baptists in this county.

I have not visited the county seat but from what I have learned about it it is a very interesting little town. They have a graded school there.

Buchanan is a dry county and the people in this part of the county seem to be sober. I have not seen any drunkenness nor drinking since I arrived here.

L. V. Shelton, one of our Stokes boys, who left Stokes county about four years ago, is living in this county. He married in this county. He is going to school now and has been for the past five months.

W. S. Ellis, a Stokes man who has been here for several years, is doing a good business in his store.

Walter J. Sisk, of Stokes, has been going to school in this county for two years till this winter he taught a school and is now going to school again.

GARDEN BILL.

WANTED—Lady or gentleman of fair education to travel for a firm of \$250,000 capital. Salary \$1,072 per year and expenses; paid weekly. Address: M. PERCIVAL, Danbury, N. C.

Mrs. Lucy A Cook died at her home near Vade Mecum last Thursday at the advanced age of 65 years. Mrs. Cook was twice married, her first husband being Mr. William Coffey.