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The Tobacco Plant.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17, 1888.

OUR COUNTY TICKET.

- FOR THE HOUSE: JOHN T. NICHOLS. FOR SHERIFF: F. D. MARKHAM. FOR TREASURER: W. H. ROWLAND. FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS: PASCHALL LUNSFORD. FOR CORONER: DR. N. M. JOHNSON. FOR SURVEYOR: A. M. LEATHERS.

WEATHER BUREAU.

The weather prognostications indicate the state of the weather for 30 hours from to-day 3 o'clock.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 17, '88.

For North Carolina, generally fair, followed Saturday by local rains, nearly stationary temperature.

LATEST BY MAIL.

Ransom to Answer "Senators Gease and Perks"—Blaine's Unofficial Veto—N. C. Democratic Association.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 16.—Senator Ransom has gone to Mt. Holly fair to answer Wade Harris' two "Senators" before referred to in THE PLANT. They will be used up.

Last night until a late hour the Republican Senatorial caucus was in session in Senator Chandler's house in this city. I learn the subject of discussion was the tariff substitute bill and the disapproval of the bill by Mr. Blaine, to whom the original draft had been submitted.

The North Carolina Democratic Association reorganized last night with an unusually large attendance. The following officers were elected for the campaign: President, R. H. Cowan; Vice-President, J. M. Leach, Jr.; Secretary, J. T. Britt; and Treasurer, R. A. Wheeler.

It is possible that the position recently resigned by Sol Haas, as traffic manager of the Associated Railroads of Virginia and the Carolinas, will not be filled at all; but that the duties will be assumed by the Executive Board of the two roads.

A run-away couple drove up to the court house here yesterday to be married. A minister was sent for. While they were waiting for the reverend gentleman Dr. Mary Walker walked in with her long prince albert coat on. The would be groom mistook her for the clergyman, walked up and handed her the license. She took the document, examined it, smiled, grasped the situation and told the young man she was not a preacher, but she thought he would arrive soon.

To-day in the House the Republicans made an effort to bring up a pension bill, evidently for campaign purposes. They were thwarted by ruling of the Speaker.

Judge Crisp, of Georgia, has calculated the sum of all appropriation bills which have passed and are to pass, and finds when these are provided for, there will be only \$13,000,000 left in the Treasury.

Messrs. Cowles and Latham have returned.

News from the Capital. Special Correspondence to THE PLANT. RALEIGH, N. C., Aug. 17, '88.

The Farmers' State Alliance closed its session last evening. It did a great deal of work in two days. It was deliberate and weighed every act. So your correspondent was assured. It decided to create a State business agency, and elected Capt. W. A. Darden, of Greene county, State agent. The place will pay about \$2,000 a year, and certainly is a very responsible one.

save all commissions and all interest. It is a cut at the middle men. The farmers propose to see what unity of effort and ready cash will do for their advancement.

The Alliance paid its respects to the cotton bagging trust and decided to use bagging made from damaged cotton, or the lower grades, instead of jute or gunny bagging. This is a very positive action.

All the old officers were re-elected. Capt. Alexander, President; Colonel Poik, Secretary, etc. The last work was the adoption of some resolutions which are in fact, demands, and pretty plain ones too. They demand that no more convict labor be given free to any corporations; that the jurisdiction of magistrates be enlarged and the cost of litigation in minor causes be reduced; that a railway commission be created; that the system of accepting free passes on railways be abolished so far as State officers are concerned.

The next session of the Alliance is to be held at Fayetteville, in August 1889.

The manly utterances of THE PLANT in reference to the Third party are heartily commended. So many papers fear to "speak out," are afraid somebody will be offended, &c. It is refreshing to see a paper give a merited rebuke, give it plainly and fearlessly. That is journalism in a high sense.

The Knights of Labor in Wilson county have held a convention and brought forth a ticket, as follows: Sheriff, Daniel Whitley; Register of Deeds, John T. Moore; Treasurer, F. I. Finch; Coroner, W. H. Lane; Surveyor, J. T. Lane. For the House of Commons, B. A. Pell was nominated. The convention then recommended to the Republican convention, for the Senate, Dr. Thomas Person.

The fruit fair closed last night, brilliant to the last. The premiums were awarded yesterday.

Robert Leeson Porter came back yesterday, clothed and much more nearly in his right mind. He was discovered at Margarettsville. Important papers from Ireland will be here for him in a few days, from the American Consul at Dublin.

The Governor's Guard is making arrangements to go to Augusta, Ga., for the purpose of competing in a prize drill.

There are now over 1,200 depositors in the Raleigh Savings Bank. At least one-fourth are colored people.

Editor Lodge Harris, of the Signal, has been sick ever since his return from Chicago. He was out last week for a day. He has had a relapse and is now extremely sick.

The people of Goldsboro became highly indignant in regard to the statements in some newspapers that they had yellow fever in their town. Your correspondent took the precaution, before sending any news in regard to the alleged case of fever near there, to get the facts from editor Robinson, of the Argus, and tried to stop the sensational rumors regarding the disease. Railway passengers have done some wild talking and scattered all sorts of reports. But indignation meetings are, as a rule, pretty profitless. A statement by the physicians of a place is enough. But in times of sensation and excitement the best thing is not always done. There ought to be no fear of the spread of the disease at Goldsboro. Indeed it is quite doubtful whether young Wiggs actually has yellow fever. Few physicians in this State are at all familiar with it. He is said to be getting on very nicely.

TOBACCO DEPARTMENT.

Alex. Walker, Editor.

DURHAM, N. C., Aug. 17, 1888.

Good breaks to-day. Not much change in prices. The buyers did not show the same animation we have noticed for the last ten days. Five counties represented:

- Alamance county by Messrs. B. S. Benson, S. Apple, H. A. Apple. Caswell county by Mr. J. C. Powell. Durham county by Messrs. G. W. Howard and M. L. Parker. Orange county by Messrs. A. A. Murphy, W. J. Hughes and W. J. Morris.

Person county, by Miss Laura Williams, and Messrs. S. B. Winstead, A. D. Oakley, Hunt and Satterfield, A. J. Hester, J. Hester, Winstead & Williams, Frances Hester, S. B. Winstead, D. D. Long, C. M. Paylor, J. H. Hall, Moses S. Jones, J. S. Clayton, Jesse Oakley, Willis Harris, C. H. Willis, A. G. Satterfield.

Crop reports from the farmers outlook: Whether they are looking through colored glasses we will not say, but they certainly give unfavorable reports. Hear what Mr. C. Mitchell, a warehouseman says, who has just returned from Olive Hill, Roxboro, Cunninghams, Wooddale, Holloways and Mt. Tirzah townships, and he makes the prospect very much like the farmers report. And Captain James Holeman is in town to-day, and he says he can't see how his section can make out to live, but winds up by saying he guessed they would pull through some how.

Mr. James E. Kearney, of Kinney Tobacco Co., was in town yesterday and to-day, but we did not ascertain his business, if any, but suppose

he was nosing around to see where he could scare up some good and cheap cutters, as he is always on the lookout for any thing in the way of good and cheap cutters.

Richmond, Va.

Two or three moderate sized lots of fillers from five to eight cents were sold to-day, and a few scattering packages of wrappers were bought for home consumption. These tobaccos are all being bought, however, at prices that cannot possibly give shippers satisfaction. I hope I will be able soon to report an improvement in prices. Members of our trade, who have very recently taken trips through North Carolina and Virginia, report a very poor prospect in most localities. Men say this whose word can be relied upon.

J. M. TAYLOR.

Clod-Knocker's Reply to Mr. J. M. Taylor.

Mr. Taylor, in coming to the rescue of Carr and Dickinson as a recruit, says: "They (C. & D.) make the statement, and very justly so too (?) that bright tobacco is deteriorating." C. & D. wrote: "What is the matter with our tobacco (not brights alone), that it is so fast losing that popularity that it once possessed with the chewing public?" Does Mr. T. endorse this sweeping declaration? He seems to do so in saying: "These conditions are the desire on the part of the farmer to raise more pounds of tobacco, and the gradual absorption of all virgin soil, after which old land is pressed into service and stimulated by the use of commercial fertilizers." If Mr. T. had stopped right here, his reason, given for decline in the quality of very much of the product of North Carolina and Virginia during recent years grown on old land (or even unadapted fresh soil); would have been palpable and irrefutable. But when he attributes deterioration in the aggregate product to "absorption of all virgin soil" in these States and in support of such theory says: "In Kentucky, particularly, and a portion of West Virginia, the virgin soil has not been exhausted to as great an extent as in Virginia and North Carolina," his statement is not supported by plain facts; for against such assertion we produce the following statistics, including the State of Ohio, where White Burley originated, and where some of the finest of this type is still yearly produced.

Prof. B. E. Fenrow, Chief of the Forestry Division Agricultural Department, gives the following as the forest area in the States hereinafter named:

- North Carolina, 18,000,000 acres; Virginia, 13,000,000 acres; West Virginia, 9,000,000 acres; Kentucky, 12,800,000 acres; Ohio, 4,500,000 acres. See Agricultural report 1886, page 169.

The above figures disprove any lack of virgin soil for tobacco in the first two States, or depreciation owing to its previous "absorption."

What does Mr. Taylor say of C. & D's prediction? "And it is just this reason that convinces us, unless we sod out old land and give them sufficient rest to reclaim their virgin condition for our future tobacco lands, Burley, that has gained such popularity and is still encroaching and crowding out its old competitors of Virginia and North Carolina in every market of the world on account of its virgin soil qualities (our italics) grown from the blue grass sod of Kentucky, will be the only filler for chewing purposes in the next ten years." Does he swallow and endorse this too? Give us a categorical answer Mr. Taylor.

According to the figures previously given, we have of original forest area for the domestic manufacturing types in North Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia, 40,000,000 acres of virgin soil.

Now, if we include the whole of Kentucky and Ohio as Burley territory, there are only 47,500,000 acres; and all who know anything of the true Burley area, giving it all adapted thereto in the two States named, and also in West Virginia, Tennessee and Missouri, there are less than 50,000,000 acres of forest soil in the United States adapted to White Burley; while in the States of North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, and Arkansas there are full 40,000,000 acres of fresh virgin soil, besides vast areas of old fields recuperating, all adapted to the domestic manufacturing types, other than Burley.

There is another fact which seems to have escaped the notice and possibly the knowledge of Mr. T. and C. and D., and a very important one in this connection; it is this: The soils of North Carolina and Virginia sod in sedge quicker when lying in fallow or turned out to rest, than lands anywhere in the Burley belt. Our finest tobacco soils will sod in one year following wheat or oats, and we ask, will lands anywhere else sod sooner? If not, what advantage has the West over the East in recuperation? Then away with the Western sod theory of advantage over the East.

Then may we not inquire what becomes of the sweeping gratuitous assertion, that "Burley will be the only filler for chewing purposes in the next ten years?" We concede that Burley has been

pushed to the front by efforts and means which rarely if ever fail to win in any business; but that it will totally override and supercede the substantial old fillers of the East and run them off the market in ten or ten hundred years is neither conceded nor believed by

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