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TALKING WITH THE PEOPLE.

A prominent cotton buyer showed the sample of a bale of cotton which he had shipped and which had been returned to him. On the sides of the sample the cotton was white and pretty—first grade. Covered by these two layers, the inside was black and stained, and at least three grades below the outside. The cotton had been bought by samples from the outside of the bale, as all cotton is. When the bale reached the mill that was to consume it, and opened, its black heart was discovered inside. "It looks," said the buyer, "as if people would sometime learn that this kind of business won't do. There is no possibility of its escaping detection and being sent back to the first seller, even if the fraud is not discovered before the cotton is shipped to Liverpool and opened. Every bale of cotton can be traced back to the field in which it grew with uttering certainty, yet a few men have not learned this and will occasionally try to cheat."

This calls to mind the experience that Mr. J. M. Fairley had years ago. He bought two bales of cotton from a certain man in the country and shipped it. When the bales were opened they were found to be very inferior on the inside, and came back on Mr. Fairley. He was greatly indignant, and besides making the man take the cotton back and paying the costs, gave him a good long piece of mind on the character of such a transaction. The next season the same man came to Mr. Fairley to sell a bale. "No," said the latter, "I can't deal with you; I'm afraid of you; you know what you did last year."

"Now, Mr. Fairley," was the reply, "you know I've got too much sense to try to fool you again. If I wanted to put up a job on anybody, I'd be a mighty big fool to try it on the same man twice."

That seemed so reasonable, that Mr. Fairley raised the bid little and took the man's cotton. Not long after it was shipped Mr. Fairley got notice that bale No. —, in lot No. —, was water-packed. He traced it up, and imagine his surprise to find that it was the identical bale that he had bought from his fair-talking man. He yanked up the fellow again, and as much surprised as indignant, asked him what he meant. The fellow said he guessed the house leaked when the cotton was packed, as he didn't know how else it could have happened.

Mr. Fairley afterwards learned that the man had made no attempt to conceal the fact from his neighbors that he had put about fifteen buckets of water in the bale while packing it, giving as his reason that he wanted to "get even with old Fairley."

Attempts at cheating in this way are much less frequent than they used to be. In days gone by it was not uncommon to find big rocks in the center of bales. Two bales were once sold on this market that had been sand-packed. They came from the sand section of South Carolina, and were the old fashioned long bales, and weighed like thunder! When they were shipped and cut open the white sand rattled out by the bushel. They were shipped back here, taken back by the grower, and, no doubt, sold again on another market.

The wonderful magic by which a scrub, flea-bitten yearling is changed into a fine Jersey merely by being killed on a railroad has long been a subject for joking in North Carolina. The settlement sheet of any railroad in the State would likely show that all stock in North Carolina is of the finest blood—after it has been killed by an engine. The same levity that has for years attached to this phase of stock-killing, has begun to grow up

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about the subject of man-killing, since damage suits have become so frequent, and the basis of settlement is the actual dollar and cents value that the dead man may be proven to have possessed. And that the damage suit is not without power to heal wounds, is illustrated by a story told by Maj. John D. Shaw, the well known counsel of the Seaboard in this section. A colored brakeman had been killed, and it fell to Maj. Shaw's lot to try to console the widow and to settle with her if possible without a suit. He prepared himself with a big bundle of one dollar bills, two hundred or so of them, and called. She was at first not to be consoled at all, but finally agreed to compromise for so much, and Maj. Shaw paid the amount in one dollar bills. It was a tremendous pile of money for her, and she handled it with wide-eyed satisfaction. By way of keeping up the conversation as the papers were being drawn, Maj. Shaw remarked, "Well, Mary, you've got lots of money now, and you'll dress up fine and catch another husband." Her reply was sincere, but a plenty. "No, boss," she said, "I don't think I'll ever marry again, but if I do I shurely will marry another railroad engineer."

Mr. W. J. Pigg of Chesterfield county sends the The Journal word about a big fox chase which occurred down there the other day. He says: "On the night of the 18th, the champion for hunters of Jefferson caught a large fox, and it was the old Missouri sheared tail fox that the Armfield boys turned loose last year after shearing his tail. He ran well, going from Steene's Mill to Ruby and back, making a seven hours' chase. On one occasion while he was making a speech somebody sang out, 'Take him down!' Mr. Laughinghouse invited the caller to come up and take him down, but he didn't go. He goes for the lawyers in the legislature. In discussing the bill, which was defeated, to allow new trials in criminal cases when new evidence is discovered after the trial, he said that it was remarkable to see the interest some lawyers took in the criminal classes. 'They have already got the laws so fixed,' declared he, 'that it is next to impossible to convict any one. Keep on putting beans into this structure to protect the criminals of the land and soon a man might as well go to hell to look for undivided religion as to go to the court of North Carolina to look for purity in the law.' And it's these criminal lawyers that are responsible for this state of affairs. Let every layman in the house sit down upon this bill."

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COMMENT ON VARIOUS TOPICS

The esteemed Charlotte Observer doesn't believe in the virtue of the bloodhound, but thinks he at least ought to be incorporated. We take this to be an intimation that a good many worthless things are often incorporated. We are sure that our contemporary has overlooked the contents of a press dispatch from Berlin wherein the dogs of war, which being interpreted in this case means bloodhounds, The German government a few months ago shipped several hundred dogs to its soldiers in Africa to be used as sentinels, for hunting the wounded in thickets and for tracking the natives. The dispatch says that when tried the dogs were of little use.

No wonder, when the dogs were such as were promised.

The Union county doctors have a steel-plated trust, the house renters of Monroe have a "mutual understanding," the farmers have combined to beat their enemies, the merchants are getting up an association, and even some of the ladies of Monroe have combined to control the time for social visiting. Let 'er roll!

The solicitors for old line insurance companies say that Monroe is a town ridden to death by fraternal orders. It is a fact that few men can be found here who do not belong to one or more "orders," and not a few belong to half a dozen. Mr. W. H. Pfifer is an exception. When asked the other day what fraternal orders he belonged to, he made an unexpected answer. "Why," said he, "I don't belong to any. Don't belong to anything but the church; and I hold that that organization is enough for a man to belong to. If he will join it and live up to all its obligations, he won't need anything else. And this multiplying of societies and organizations tends to weaken the church, not only with non-members but with professing christians. Many church members will work like beavers for their lodge but won't turn a hand for their church."

There is one farmer in the legislature and he's a tartar. He is a great giant of a fellow from Pitt, named Laughinghouse, educated, well-to-do and very intelligent, but too hot headed for safety. He is a stand-by of all Democratic conventions, where he often causes a stir by a hot, or ill-timed speech. On one occasion while he was making a speech somebody sang out, "Take him down!" Mr. Laughinghouse invited the caller to come up and take him down, but he didn't go. He goes for the lawyers in the legislature. In discussing the bill, which was defeated, to allow new trials in criminal cases when new evidence is discovered after the trial, he said that it was remarkable to see the interest some lawyers took in the criminal classes. "They have already got the laws so fixed," declared he, "that it is next to impossible to convict any one. Keep on putting beans into this structure to protect the criminals of the land and soon a man might as well go to hell to look for undivided religion as to go to the court of North Carolina to look for purity in the law."

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