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Farm Labor Not the Only Scarce Article.

Everybody has heard about the scarcity of farm labor. But this is not the only kind of labor that is scarce in the South. There is a scarcity in every line of activity. The remarkable thing about the situation is that not only is both skilled and unskilled labor scarce, but there is a lack of men to fill positions of trust and places that require managing ability. Right here in Monroe the thing that most prevents new and small but profitable enterprises from springing up faster is that there are no capable men to manage them. Capital could be had for many small industries if there were promoters in whose managing ability people had confidence. Not only is this true in manufacturing, but it is also true in the mercantile business. With the accumulation of capital the number of places where men of character and ability are needed increase daily. Heretofore capital has been employed in the South under the supervision of the men who owned it. Its increase has been so rapid that the time has come when more managers are needed. The production of men has not kept up with this demand, and today this is the one thing that most cripples our development. Only a few days ago a man living here remarked to the writer that he could not get men to attend to parts of his business which required them and the expansion of his business interests was thereby hampered. Another one said that he had been looking in vain for a man to take charge of a business, and being unable to find him, could not open up the business. So it goes. The only explanation is that hinted at above, namely, that development has been so rapid that trained men could not be produced within the time. Whatever the cause, the deficiency is a serious matter. How it shall be overcome we do not know.

Lax Views Among Whites as to Crime Among Negroes.

The following striking remarks are made by the city editor of the Charlotte Observer, in reporting a murder among the negroes:

"Coroner W. A. Gresham, with the following jurors, held an inquest over the remains of Calvin Simmons, the negro who was shot to death at Moses' Sanctuary church, in Berryhill township, Friday night: Messrs. S. C. Ross, W. O. Johnson, C. B. Flournoy, Joe Thornley, James H. I. Phillips and J. H. Hatch. The verdict, after abundance of evidence, was to this effect, that the deceased came to his death by knife and pistol wounds made by Dave and Joe Alexander, respectively. The sheriff was ordered to hold the slayers without bail.

"The evidence in this case developed the fact that the killing of Simmons was after the up-to date negro fashion. Mecklenburg county has had more than one hundred such murders among the colored population. The negro becomes offended over a trivial matter and draws his weapon with the fixed purpose of dealing out death to a fellow man. Very few murderers of this sort have suffered the full penalty of the law in this county. So long as a white man is not concerned, the authorities, as well as the people, fail to become interested in the bloody deeds. If Dave and Joe Alexander are good field hands some reputable white man will beg for mercy, when they are tried, and ask the court to make the sentence light. This has been the rule heretofore, and there is no reason to hope for a change. The law-abiding citizen does not think enough about the negro murderer so long as the victims are of his own race. If the testimony heard yesterday proves to be correct, Joe Alexander is guilty of willful and premeditated murder, and his brother Dave is an accessory in the crime. It looks like dastardly murder. These negro rows and shooting scrapes come too quick on the heels of each other, and if they continue, white persons may suffer. There came near being a double homicide at Salem colored church Sunday a week ago. Within a week followed the Berryhill affair. There is no telling where the next will occur. Blind tiger liquor furnishes the fuel for the outbursts of brutal passion, and the rural communities are bound to feel the bloody hand soon or late. It is a serious proposition for the law-abiding person, whether he be white or black. The fear of the gallows keeps the hot-blooded negro from shooting down a white man when he becomes infuriated because of some imaginary or real wrong."

This is the boldest statement of an unpleasant truth that we have seen, but who can doubt that it is true? There is no question that a large class of the negro population holds very lightly the killing of each other. If this idea is allowed to flourish through the cupidity of white men, how long, as the Observer suggests, will it be that the brutes can be held in leash from attacking white men with the same unprovoked fury? The white men who secure the liberty of such brutes for the sake of their labor are playing with fire.

Still in the ring for chickens and eggs. J. A. Lingle.

The Clansman was a tremendous success in Charlotte, as at all other Southern points. Mr. Thomas Dixon, the author, is traveling with the company for the purpose of observing the effect the play has upon the public. It is netting him about five hundred dollars a week, but he says that he does not care so much for the financial as for the artistic effect, already having made enough to live on. The curtain had not gone down on the play on the first night of its presentation before he had offers from New York managers who were anxious to get it for their house in the metropolis. It will simply set the South on fire with its powerful presentation of the conditions that called forth and necessitated the Klu Klux, and when it gets on the Northern stage it will open some eyes. While Mr. Dixon is the first to write a book with Klu Klux characters that obtained wide publicity, he is not the first to conceive the value of those times and conditions as the background for a great book. Mr. T. J. Jerome of this place wrote the first novel embracing this subject. It was called "Klu Klux Clan No. 40."

The days of piracy and mutiny at sea have passed, but a cruel and bloody deed like those of old was enacted on the sea somewhere off the Carolina coast some time ago. The crew of a small vessel mutinied, slew the officers of the ship, and took charge. When the boat was apprehended and brought into Southport her decks looked like a slaughter pen. The crew were negroes and are now in jail at Southport.

Wingate News.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Wingate, Oct. 16.—Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Bivens of Monroe spent yesterday at the home of the former's parents.

Mr. W. D. Reynolds returned to his home near Rockingham last Friday to spend a few days.

Mr. W. E. Brock left for Oats, S.C., the 12th inst., where he will take charge of the Oats High School.

Miss Janie Kendall, a student of the Wingate School, returned to her home near Wadesboro today, on account of the illness of her father.

The young ladies of Wingate have organized a Bible class, which meets at the academy on Saturday night.

Messrs. G. C. Wilks of Timmonsville, W. B. Small of Taxahaw and J. H. Bivens of Anson county have recently entered school here.

Mr. D. H. Perry has sold his house and lot to Mr. J. A. Watson, who will move here in the near future. Mr. Perry will move to Sanford.

Mr. Y. M. Bogan has sold his store to Mr. J. J. Perry and will go into business at Monroe. He will be engaged with the White Oak Dairy.

Mr. J. B. Gaddy has a very sore hand which was hurt in the gin some time ago.

The ginning plant caught on fire again Saturday, the second time this season, but little damage was done.

Mr. D. F. Jones has sold his house and lot near the academy to Rev. S. R. Brock.

There will be a public debate here at an early date. The question is, "Resolved, That Japan did not receive her just dues in the peace conference." The affirmative will be represented by Messrs. H. B. Jones and W. D. Reynolds; the negative by Messrs. R. L. McWhirter and Ray Funderburk. The public is cordially invited. J.

Don't Borrow Trouble.

A Daring Jail Delivery.

Asheville Special, 16th, to Charlotte Observer.

The most deliberately planned and shrewdly executed jail delivery that has occurred in Western North Carolina since the notorious Ray and Anderson escape here, some 20 years ago, took place at the Buncombe county jail in this city between 8 and 9 o'clock, when eleven prisoners, five white and six colored, cut their way through the steel cages, sawed loose an outer iron bar across the ventilator, and swinging clear of the window, clamored down the brick wall of the jail building and escaped in the darkness. The white prisoners who made their escape were: John Pate of Madison county, charged with the murder of a woman, and one of the most desperate men in Western North Carolina; Stephen Ray, Henry Ray, David Christopher and Bob Duncan, all charged with larceny. The escaped negro prisoners are: James Maize, James Allen, Edward Howard, John Woodruff and Hezekiah Dixon, all charged with larceny, and Joe Salley, charged with bigamy. James Allen is the negro who robbed the residence of Supt. Ramseur of the Asheville division of the Southern Railway, and against whom there were five cases.

At the time of the jail delivery there were 20 prisoners confined in the two cages of the county jail. Of this number, nine declined to take advantage of an opportunity to again gain their liberty and remained behind the iron bars of the bastile. Although these nine prisoners refrained from making their escape, they nevertheless failed to warn or in any way prevent the escape of the other eleven, and the first knowledge Sheriff Reed had of a jail delivery was shortly after 10 o'clock when he went into the jail to lock the prisoners into their cells for the night.

Festive Bride and Groom of the Rowan County Home.

Salisbury Special, 12th, to Charlotte Observer.

The marriage of Miss Lou Dawson and Mr. Joe McDaniel, those antique paupers, was duly celebrated yesterday evening in the chapel at the county home, four miles from Salisbury. Rev. Dr. F. J. Murdock performed the ceremony in the presence of a crowded congregation and every element of solemnity was evident. The couple, bowed with their combined ages of 157 years, plighted their troth with a meaningness. The groom is 84, the bride just past 73. The old gentleman crept down the aisle to the altar wearing his hat and sat down with his fiance. He was told to remove it and stand, which latter position both took. The ceremony being finished, the couple received congratulations and many presents. They then went to the dining room where the county gave a big reception. The bride, feeling her secondary youth, said to a handsome ancharitical Salisbury clother: "Ain't you married yet?" The bachelor replied that he was not. Then she said: "Well, I think it's about time." This was really the only thing that happened. The wedding tour has been deferred until Monday when the twain will come here and ride to Spencer and back. They will continue to live out their days on the county's charity and will be true to that home as they promise to be to each other.

Notice of Summons.

State of North Carolina, } In the Superior Court.
Union County. } Before the Clerk.

J. C. Hamilton, Josiah Hamilton, T. M. Hamilton, L. E. Thomas, H. J. Simpson, J. E. Austin, W. A. Austin, Ellis Brooks, B. B. Austin, E. J. Perry and others, heirs at law of S. E. Davis, plaintiffs,

vs.

M. S. Plyler and husband —— Plyler, Alexander Hamilton, Geo. B. Simpson, H. K. Austin, M. D. Austin, W. F. Austin, Ida V. Austin, J. M. Austin, D. F. Austin, Ellis Perry and his children, heirs of Emma Perry (names unknown), and Lottie Helms and others (names unknown), heirs at law of Belle Helms, all heirs at law of S. E. Davis, defendants.

The defendants above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Union county, N. C., for the sale for partition of the estate lands of Sarah E. Davis, late Hamilton, which said estate lands adjoin T. F. Little, Elias Thomas and others, and lie in Union county, N. C., and the said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Union county, N. C., on the 17th day of November, 1905, which said office is in the court house of said county in Monroe, N. C., and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiffs will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint. This October 16, 1905.

E. A. ARMFIELD, Clerk of Superior Court, Union Co., N. C.

Adams, Jerome & Armfield, Attys. for plaintiffs.

President will Breakfast in Raleigh on Thursday and Reach Charlotte at 7.10.

Raleigh Correspondence Charlotte Observer.

The committee having in charge the reception of the President here met this afternoon and made the final arrangements. Secretary Loeb sent word by a gentleman who came here to look over the ground, that it was desired to have the streets along which the procession would pass roped, as is done in the large cities, and Mayor Johnson said this would be attended to.

The President will be taken to the Executive Mansion, and after breakfast the line of march will be taken to the fair grounds, quite a section of the city covered in the route. On the boat of the President's carriage will be a secret service man and three others will be in the carriage immediately following that of the President. On arrival at the fair grounds the procession will enter the race course, the Presidential party, the Governor and Council of State, going to the right, and the military to the left. The military will then march past the President and Governor, who will be on the speakers' stand between the grandstand and race course. Provision has been made by which at least 50,000 people can easily see the President. On the stand will be the President and his party of seven, Governor Glenn, the Council of State and the personal staff.

Washington Correspondence Charlotte Observer.

The official itenerary of the President's Southern tour handsomely gotten up in leaflet form was issued from the white house today. The only change in the schedule in North Carolina, as published in this correspondence, is the hour of arrival at Charlotte. The special will arrive there at 7.10 p. m. instead of 7 and leave at 7.25. The stop at Lexington is not scheduled, but the arrangement to spend two minutes at that point will be carried out. The President was busy a long while this morning with Secretary Loeb. He has prepared the majority of his long speeches that he will deliver in the South, notably those in Richmond, Raleigh and Atlanta, and copies are in the hands of the various press associations. Many other speeches are yet to be prepared and the President will be busy on these until he leaves Washington.

WANTED—Three probation nurses. Qualifications: A good character, good home training, good health, a thorough academic education, an even temper, a quiet tongue, given to duty and self sacrifice rather than to pleasure and self indulgence, energetic, seeking nursing as a chosen work rather than a convenient step to marriage or other preferred lots. Applicant must be not under 20 nor over 25 years of age.

Ashcraft & Stewart Sanatorium.
Monroe, N. C., October 3, 1905.