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LODGES.

KNIGHTS OF HONOR, No. 1,720 meets on second and fourth Wednesday's at 7:30 P. M. J. B. WEATHERLY, Dictator. B. F. McLEAN, Reporter.

Y. M. C. A., meets every Sunday at 7:30 P. M. WM. BLACK, President.

MAXTON GUARDS, WM. BLACK, Captain, meets first Thursday nights of each month at 8 P. M.

CHOSEN FRIENDS meet on second and fourth Monday in each month. Argus Shaw, Chief Counselor; S. W. Peltam, Secretary and Treasurer.

MAXTON LODGE, KNIGHTS OF PYTHIANS, meets every Friday night, except first in each month, at 8 o'clock.

ROBESON COUNTY BIBLE SOCIETY, H. McEachern, President.
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ADMITTING COMMITTEE.
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Place of next meeting—Lumberton, N. C.
Time of next meeting—Thursday, May 24th, 1890, at 11:30 o'clock a. m.

Bibles and Testaments can be purchased of Wm Black, Depository, Maxton, N. C.

All churches and Bible Societies in the county invited to send delegates.
Forward all collections to Wm Black, Treasurer, Maxton, N. C.

CHURCHES.

PRESBYTERIAN, REV. DR. H. G. HILL, Pastor. Services each Sabbath at 4 P. M. Sunday School at 10 A. M. Prayer meeting every Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

METHODIST, REV. J. W. JONES, Pastor. Services each Sunday at 11 A. M. Sun-Day School at 9:30 A. M.

MASONIC.

MAXTON LODGE A. F. & A. M. meets 1st Friday night in each month at 8 P. M.

GENERAL DIRECTORY OF ROBESON COUNTY.

Senator, J. F. Payne.
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Comdr & Supt. of Health, Dr. F. L. R.

European countries are said to be turning their attention to the United States as a source of supply for cavalry horses, which are very difficult to procure of suitable development, strength and endurance.

The Commercial Advertiser considers that the refusal of the Rothschilds to float the new Russian loan brings forcibly before us the fact that war is no longer merely a pastime of Princes. It has come to be a game in which the financier may checkmate the King. When it is borne in mind that there are guns of which the ammunition costs \$1500 a shot, it will be seen that in these days of militarism, the banker's voice as well as that of the strategist compels itself to be heard in councils of war. And in this fact lies more hope for the future of humanity than in any peace societies.

The Congo State of Central Africa is at present putting forth strong efforts to stop the slave trade among all its stations. The trade is particularly lively along the Mobangi River. Captain Van Gele, who has just established two stations far up on the Mobangi, is following out the policy of the Congo State. A short time ago some of the Mondongo tribe attempted to pass one of Van Gele's stations with a big canoe load of slaves which they intended to sell further down the river. The slaves were taken from them and set at liberty. Van Gele also gave chase to five canoe loads of slaves, which were brought up the river, the poor creatures having been bought with ivory. He captured two of the canoes, but the others escaped. He gave the slaves their freedom and threatened the owners with dire penalties if they were again caught with slaves in their possession. A large proportion of the slaves are bought or captured for purposes of eating or for human sacrifices. The stoppage of the trading will in time prevent an enormous amount of suffering and waste of life.

NEWS SUMMARY

FROM ALL OVER THE SOUTHLAND.

Accidents Calamities Pleasant News and Notes of Industry.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Congressman Skinner has introduced a bill in the House of Representatives appropriating \$100,000 for a public building at Elizabeth City.

The new Board of City Commissioners of Winston elected Capt. D. P. Mast, Mayor, and Vernon W. Long, editor of the *Winston Sentinel*, Secretary and Treasurer, for the term of two years.

John M. Craver has been appointed postmaster at Canto, Wm. R. Blackburn at Elk Cross Roads, and James Z. Stroup at Fruitland.

Merchants of Charlotte who handle guano say the farmers are buying more fertilizer this year than usual.

The First National Bank, of Winston, which was recently re-organized with a capital stock of \$200,000, will build an elegant new bank building.

R. H. Cash, a prominent citizen of Granville county, has discovered valuable copper deposit on land owned by him in that county.

Governor Fowle at New Bern opened the great fish and oyster fair. The governor says the display of fish and oysters is undoubtedly the most tremendous and complete ever seen in the State, and pronounces the fair nothing short of a grand exposition. The Governor's Guard of Raleigh won the prize for the best drilled company, a handsome gold cup which was presented by General Robert Ransom.

At Washington, N. C. the large lumber mill of Short & Company was entirely consumed Friday. Loss is estimated at fifteen thousand dollars.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Charleston city council has invited Vice-President Morton to visit Charleston.

The Governor has appointed Jeremiah Mishoe trial justice at Cool Springs, Horry county.

Sally's is a live new town in Aiken county with 21 stores, many residences, several churches and 400 people. The first house was erected in 1888.

During the last fortnight more Northern men have visited Columbia and declared their intention of investing or settling in the State than for any similar period before. The visitors daily inspect the handsome exhibits at the agricultural department and tell of their pleasant impressions of the State.

The following fourth-class postmasters were appointed in South Carolina: N. T. Graham, at Cataula, Chesterfield; Miss M. N. Bollinger, Highland, Greenville; A. N. Barsey, Moke, and A. B. Freedland, Plum Branch, Edgefield.

Tuesday the railroad commissioners inspected and opened for business fourteen miles of the Georgia, Carolina and Northern Railroad from Chester to Broad River. The construction force expects to reach Union county by May.

George M. Poor, of Storeham, Mass., one of the owners of a large shoe factory in that State visited the department of agriculture and said he was seeking a location for his factory, which the operation company had determined to remove to the South. Mr. Poor has received inducements from several municipalities to locate his establishment within their limits, but he finds a place to suit him he will not require a bonus. He would like to place his factory in a town, but not in a city, and does not desire to be adjacent to other manufacturing establishments.

GEORGIA.

At an election held at Homer on Tuesday, on the question of no fence, or stock-law, the stock carried by a vote of 75 to 64.

The farmers of Franklin county are making close calculations as the time approaches for the purchase of next year's supplies. They have determined to ascertain just how much they will absolutely need, and buy no more. This looks sensible, and is under the head of "strictly business."

Four prisoners made a desperate attempt to escape from the city prison, in Brunswick, Sunday morning. They leaped from their upper windows of the building, James Howard and Alexander Williams were recaptured before they could climb the fence enclosing the jail, but G. Morris and William Martin escaped, and when last seen were entering the woods.

At Bainbridge, Ga., the golden spike was driven on the Alabama Midland railroad by Dr. Tenille, of Troy, Wednesday forenoon at 9:35, and the first through train reached Bainbridge Thursday. Thus Bainbridge and Montgomery are bound together by links of steel.

The revenue officials have been raiding in Lumpkin county for several days, destroying three distilleries and making several arrests. They were attacked by the moonshiners in Chestate district, that county, on last Friday night. Several shots were fired but no one was injured.

Augusta was visited on Friday by a party of thirty Ohio farmers who are in the South to inspect our fruit and agricultural sections with a view of investigating. The farmers were royally entertained while they were the guests of the city. In evening they visited the sights of the city and also saw "Fruitland," Mr. Breckman's handsome nursery, and "El Dorado," which is unquestionably the finest farm in Georgia.

There is a sensation in Atlanta over the disappearance of Thomas H. McKinnan, a prominent renting agent, who is short several thousand dollars in his accounts. It is asserted that McKinnan left with a woman with whom he has been intimate, leaving his wife and family behind.

TENNESSEE.

At Memphis, Tuesday, a tornado unroofed a new cotton compress near the depot, demolishing the Northern Methodist church, and damaging a number of other buildings. Shade trees were uprooted by the wind, and tossed about like straws. Many telegraph wires were broken. At Johnsonville two spans of the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railroad bridge, across the Tennessee river, were entirely demolished, rendering it impossible for trains to pass over. Several buildings were blown down, and the steamer *Crusader*, lying at the wharf, had her pilot house and roof torn away.

The sale of lots at the new prohibition town of Harriman, on the Cincinnati Southern Railroad, owned by the East Tennessee Land Company, of which Clinton B. Fiske is president, came off Wednesday. It was one of the most remarkable ever known in this country.

The town is laid off in an old field and there are not half a dozen houses in the place, but the lots sold for an average of \$25 per front foot and two hundred and twenty-three lots were sold. Four thousand people were present, thirty-four States in the Union being represented. The company appropriated \$1,000,000 for streets, water and lights, and improvements of the town site.

Chattanooga will issue \$500,000 in bonds for permanent paving. The money is to be expended by a board of public works, consisting of three members, appointed by the Governor—two Democrats and one Republican. Over \$300,000 will be spent the first year on streets. Already several home firms have agreed to take the bonds (5 per cent) for thirty years, at a premium, the city having no debt to speak of.

VIRGINIA.

Richard Banks was appointed to be collector of customs for the district of Norfolk and Portsmouth.

A bill making General Robert E. Lee's birthday a legal holiday passed the Virginia House.

Alfred Wolf, deputy commissioner of internal revenue at Richmond, committed suicide by jumping in the river at Smithfield, Isle of Wight. His mind was affected.

The Glamorgan Iron Works, of Lynchburg, have secured a contract to furnish piping for the new National Library in course of construction in Washington city.

The stockholders of the proposed Danville Savings Bank and Loan Association met and adopted the charter which it is proposed to ask the Legislature to grant them.

The Young Men's Investment Company, of Lynchburg, have met with success in their operations for the past year that they are now formulating a plan to increase their capital stock from \$200,000 to \$1,000,000.

The following postmasters have been appointed in the State: W. H. Willis,

Castle Craig, Campbell county; J. H. Miller, Farmington, Buckingham county; V. T. Dreyer, Green Plain, Southampton county.

The sale of lots of the Baker Spring property at Wayne-bourne came off last week. During the first hour of the sale \$10,955 worth of lots were sold. It was a curious sight to see business men from New York, Pennsylvania, Eastern Virginia, and the Valley, collected in an old field a mile away from Waynesboro, where there were only furrows to show where the future streets would be.

The seashore resorts are already beginning to fill up with the usual Lenten habits and there are now about 400 guests at the Hygeia Hotel, Old Point, and about 200 at the aristocratic Princess Anne, at Virginia Beach.

OTHER STATES.

The Florida bureau of immigration has received and compiled valuable statistics showing the exports from that State for the 6 months beginning March 1 and ending August 31, 1889. The total exports for that period amounted to \$18,468,901. Among the items of export were 2,700,000 pounds of sugar, 13,500 head of cattle, 140,000,000 cigars, lumber and timber valued at \$9,111,470 and \$305,000 worth of sponges.

The tug boat *Floa* blew up about 25 miles from Mobile, Ala., in White House bend. The vessel had stopped for repairs, and the captain was on the bank, putting on a harness, when the boiler exploded. The boat was blown into splinters and sunk at once. Engineer Grimmsley and his son were killed, also the colored cook. Pilot Thomas Itomall was badly cut about the head. He was removed to the hospital. The Captain, Charles Hall, was struck by some flying fragments of the boiler and slightly injured. Low water in the boiler is supposed to have been the cause.

The Lexington Kaolin Fields.

The Manufacturers' Record reports that Boston capitalists have bought 3,300 acres of land in Lexington county, South Carolina. Prof. Hitchcock, of Dartmouth College, says the tract is one great body of kaolin. Large pottery works for making white tableware will be erected.

The acreage of corn crops in Great Britain was last year 112,000 acres less than in 1888, and 488,000 acres less than the average of the preceding ten years.

FARMER'S ALLIANCE.

NOTES OF INTEREST FOR OUR AGRICULTURISTS.

Straws that Show the Wind—Items of Interest to Citizens Interested in the Welfare of the People and of the Nation.

The Farmers' Alliance of Davie county, N. C., will open a general merchandise store in Mocksville, at an early day.

The Cabarrus County Alliance has passed a resolution not to purchase books, agricultural implements, etc., from traveling agents.

Scientific farming in Italy is to be undertaken this year by a company owning a capital of \$20,000,000. If the operations prove successful the old wooden plough, pulled by oxen, that has held the field since an era before the Roman Caesars, will probably have to go.

At the close of the Farmers' Institute, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., last week a consolidation was effected between the "New York State Farmers' League" and the "Farmers' Alliance" of New York, the new officers being Edgar A. Knapp, President; N. G. Spaulding, Corresponding Secretary; B. W. Corwin, Secretary; A. M. Uhl, Treasurer. The officers of the Farmers' National League are George T. Powell, President; Herbert Mynch, Secretary; E. P. White, Treasurer. The new consolidation has a membership of over 1000.

The *Weekly Crisis* (Chillicothe, Mo.) says:

"The dispatches inform us that the Virginia legislature passed a resolution requesting Congress to provide for the loaning of money to the people at 2 per cent. This is the first gun that has been fired by a legislative body for government loans. Let other legislatures act. More money is the great need. To save the people from bankruptcy it must be put in circulation immediately, and the only way to do this is to loan it to the people."

The Moffattsville Alliance, of Anderson county, S. C., certainly takes the lead among her sister County Alliances in one particular. On Saturday morning not a stick of timber had been cut from the forest, and on the next Saturday, having worked six days, they had a sufficiently neat, comfortable and commodious Hall of their own, and were very pleasantly and profitably entertained for two or more hours by Messrs. J. B. Watson and W. T. Bowden. Score one for this Alliance, and if any others are ahead let us hear from them.

The Marion County Farmers Alliance (Buena Vista, Ga.) This is the kind of goods that wears:

"The object and aim of the Farmers Alliance and Industrial Union, according to our understanding, is higher and grander than is generally considered by the majority. Our guns are not loaded for small game. We see no justice in the action of our Government lending its aid to national banks and wealthy corporations, when the Kansas farmer is burning corn for fuel, while men women and children are starving in the coal mines of Illinois and Pennsylvania. There is something radically wrong in this state of affairs, and we propose to ferret it out, even if it takes two winters and the best part of a summer. When a debating society meets and the question is up, 'Does Farming Pay?' and the spread eagle orator on the affirmative side has brought all his eloquence and logic to bear to prove his premises, we do not intend he shall be answered and annihilated by his opponent rising and taking a shovel

full of corn and throwing it into the stove without uttering a word." Neither do we intend that the same grade of cotton, which sells on the streets of Buena Vista for 10 1/2 cents per pound, in January, shall sell in the same market for 8 1/2, 9 1/2 and 9 3/4 cents per pound in September, October, and November. This applies with equal force to the Americas, Columbus and Savannah markets."

SUB-TREASURY PLAN.

At a meeting of the Agricultural College Alliance, No. 1,978, held in Raleigh, N. C., Saturday afternoon the 22nd inst., the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, There is a movement on foot by the manufacturers of certain brands of guano now sold in the State of North Carolina to test before the courts of the State the constitutionality of the tax on fertilizers, and believing that the same is intended as

a thrust at the farmers of the State and at the Agricultural and Mechanical College, and, especially at the State Experiment Station, where all guanos are tested, therefore be it

Resolved, That this Alliance pledges itself not to purchase or use any guano manufactured by any company aiding or encouraging such test suit.

Resolved, That we earnestly request all Sub and County Alliances in the State to adopt the above or a similar resolution.

Resolved, That the *Progressive Farmer* and all State papers favorable to the farmers' cause be requested to publish the above resolutions.

A. Q. HOLLADAY, President.
J. H. HUBBARD, Act'g Sec'y.

THE FERTILIZER TAX.

The following resolutions were adopted at the last Alliance convention of Mecklenburg county, N. C.:

WHEREAS, The St. Louis Convention, representing the agricultural interests of the country, adopted a plan for the relief of the people, known as "the Sub-Treasury plan," and

WHEREAS, The farmers and other wealth producers are greatly in need of a system by which *flexible* volume of currency to meet the demands of trade and business may be supplied, and

WHEREAS, We believe the proposed plan to be just and fair to all interests and will, if enacted, give the needed relief; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the Alliance of Mecklenburg county, give the said plan our undivided support and ask the brotherhood throughout the State and country to endorse it and insist that Congress, now in session, shall take immediate action to give the relief sought and according to the proposed plan.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Alliance be, and he is hereby, instructed to forward to our immediate Representative in Congress, Hon. Alfred Rowland, and to each of our Senators, Hon. Z. B. Vance and Hon. M. W. Ransom, a copy of these resolutions under seal of the Alliance.

Resolved, That a copy be sent to the State organ for publication, and that all other State papers, friendly to the plan, be requested to publish them.

L. M. McALISTER, Sec'y.

Natural Fertilizer Found in Virginia.

Extract from a letter in the *Country Gentleman*:

"Another good thing for Eastern Virginia is the development of the immense deposits of marl—not marl, strictly speaking, but 'green sand'—rich in potash and phosphoric acid. It is found in the 'coocene' or oldest formation of the 'tertiary period,' and its development and use mean an entire revolution of the agricultural interests of Eastern Virginia. It is sure to do for our portion of the 'Old Dominion' what the same kind of material has done for the State of New Jersey—'Make the wilderness blossom like the rose.'"

"Several stock companies have been organized for working these beds, and our farmers are now to be supplied with a fertilizer from the natural beds, which, without any manipulation whatever, shows from 3 to 4 per cent. of potash and from 6 to 8 per cent. of phosphoric acid.

"The price is to be in the neighborhood of \$2.50 per ton. Those who are accustomed to commercial fertilizers can very readily see that the actual value of this product is far in excess of the price at which it is offered. How these chemicals were deposited in these beds, only nature knows, and she has not told as yet. They are there, however, cleverly and skillfully manipulated in her own laboratory. Chemical analysis shows it, and if this were not enough the land very quickly shows it—which, to the farmers is the most conclusive of all proofs. It is another evidence of the wonderful goodness of 'Old Dame Nature' to man. For years man has apparently been doing his best to exhaust the soil of Virginia. Now there is discovered at his very feet a product cheap enough to bring back all the lands of Eastern Virginia to their original strength and productiveness."

A. JEFFERS.

Norfolk County, Va., Feb. 7.

Young Abraham Lincoln Better.

LOXPOD, March 2.—Master Abraham Lincoln, son of Robert T. Lincoln, the American minister, and who it was thought was dying, has rallied. The abscess from which he is suffering was lanced by his physician, and much relief was afforded to him by the operation. His physicians state that his life is now safe.

The whole of the sewerage of Paris is soon to be utilized for the purpose of maintaining market gardening.

Notes on North Carolina Farming.

Prof. W. F. Massey, of the Raleigh Agricultural and Mechanical College, in a letter to the *Home and Farm* says:

"Ensilage and winter dairying will soon be one of the chief means of lifting the farmers of North Carolina out of the slough of despond into which the failure of the cotton crop has plunged them. Our farmers will be ready enough to diversify their farming as soon as the way to do is made so plain to them; but having all their lives known but the one crop of cotton, everything else looks like a risky experiment to them. With the meanness of Northern butter now selling at Raleigh for 35 cents a pound and good butter much higher, there is room for much more to be done profitably in supplying the home market.

All this red clay upland country in North Carolina will grow as good grass as any country, as is plainly to be seen on farms around this city where the owners have gone into grass.

"The same is true of all the upland country between Raleigh and Augusta and Atlanta, Ga. And yet our Raleigh butchers have to depend on the Richmond market for good beef cattle, simply because none are raised in North Carolina, at least in this part of the State. The ensilage practice of the winter dairy, with the more abundant supply of manure will soon change all this and these red hills, with their perennial streams of pure water, will feed cattle more profitably than they now grow cotton. And in the level sandy lands of the country no better adjunct can be had to a truck farm than a silo and a good herd of cows, even if the dairying brought no profit except the manure. Corn and cowpea ensilage, with crimson clover for spring cutting will aid a trucker in getting his land into the best condition for market crops more rapidly than anything else.

This crimson clover is not yet half appreciated in the South. It is annual, and should be sown in September without a grain crop. It is ready to cut in April, and the land can then be plowed for other crops and will be found improved by the process. If sown early with winter oats it will make the best of winter pasturage.

"I shall have more to say on this plant as we are making further experiments with it. While it will grow on poorer land than red clover, it is vastly improved by heavy manuring. A gentleman near Raleigh cut three ton per acre of good hay from this last year, and made over 1,000 pounds of seed per acre.

W. F. MASSEY.
North Carolina College of Agriculture, Raleigh.

Nashville Street Car Lines Consolidated.

NASHVILLE, TENN., March 4.—There was a joint meeting of the stockholders and directors of all the street car companies in the city in the office of the McGavock and Mount Vernon Street Railway company for the purpose of formally ratifying the consolidation of the different street car companies and the organization of the United Electric Street Railway company, which will hereafter be under the control of all the lines. The officers elected were: T. W. Wrenn, president; Frank Rhea, vice president; Frank Morris, secretary and treasurer. The company will control fifty miles of electric railway, which will all be in operation in thirty days, with one fare from all points to all other points in the city.

The Cause of the Sensation.

During the recent gripe period, when most everybody imagined peculiar symptoms, a gentleman dropped into his doctor's office on the way down town. "Doctor, I don't know what is the matter. I have a peculiar sensation in one of my legs. It appears to be shorter than the other." "Walk across the room," said the doctor. The patient ambled gracefully. "That will do," said the doctor, smiling. "You'll have to go home." "I can't; I have business engagements." "Well, I give you my advice, and you can take it or not, but if you want to get rid of that peculiar sensation you will go home and put on a pair of boots that are mates, for a single sole boot and one with a cork sole never did go well together."—*Chicago Herald*.

Dom Pedro's Resolution.

Z. Paris correspondent says that Dom Pedro is unwilling to dismiss his imperial suite. He has, therefore, resolved to endeavor to come to terms with the Brazilian government, to renounce the crown and return to Brazil and live as a private person.

Weekly Cotton Statistics.

LIVERPOOL, March 1.—Total sales of the week, 40,000 bales; American, 33,300; trade takings, including forward contracts from ship side, 64,000; actual export, 13,000; total import, 95,000; American, 82,000; total stock, 1,930,000; American, 331,000; total afloat, 184,000; American, 140,000.