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IOWA VS. NORTH CAROLINA.

The address of Dr. Walter H. Page at the A. & M. commencement recently has attracted a great deal of attention. Mr. Page has rapidly pushed his way to the front in the north in a calling which requires a high order of ability to succeed. He is a man who is always striking the anvil and hammers away vigorously on the conviction of the moment. His occasional scoldings of the old mother State, which he usually indulges in when he comes home to address a North Carolina audience, are doubtless administered in loyalty and in the hope of getting things set in better order around the old homestead. His recent address being at the A. & M. College was devoted largely to agriculture, and, taking the census reports as a basis, he instituted a comparison at length between what North Carolina farmers are doing, and what the farmers of Iowa are doing. His comparison was so startlingly to the disadvantage of the North Carolina farmer that it has challenged widespread attention. The Iowa farmers produce, per farm hand, nearly four times as much, in cash value, as the North Carolina farm hand. This was pointed out to emphasize the greater future in store for the North Carolina farmer if he will get an Iowa move on him and adjust himself to the more advanced and

improved methods. That old classification of the three kinds of liars as the liar, the d—liar, and the statistician, is rather hard on the statistician, and yet it is frequently applicable. Farming in North Carolina and in Iowa is under totally different conditions which cold census statistics cannot possibly point out. The figures may be accurate as far as they go, but you cannot draw a true straight-edged conclusion from them. For all that the census figures show Iowa to be four times as good a place to farm in as North Carolina, there is a colony of perhaps two hundred families in Columbus county, this State, who pulled up and left farms in the middle and Northwest, some of them from Iowa, and came to this State to farm. North Carolina farmers make a much larger variety of crops than the Northwesterner, and a much larger per cent. of what he makes goes into the living of his family instead of into cash. The difference in the earning capacity of the two is a good deal on the scale of the man who gave a thousand dollars for his dog and paid for it with two puppies at five hundred each. The Northwestern farmer probably has a stronger land, it is in level plains and better suited to improved machinery; he pays higher prices for labor; his main crop is grain, in the production of which but little labor is required, which gives a higher cash value of product per laborer, but like as not he has to "cough up" a good part of his earnings to buy coal at \$5. per ton to keep him from freezing during eight months of winter. But Dr. Page's address is serving a good purpose for which it was intended, in pointing out the possibilities of greater achievements in agricultural development in North Carolina. There is nothing which looks more certain for the near

future than a period of agricultural development and prosperity in North Carolina. It is doubtful if the boy on the farm can promise himself anything better than to learn his business and stick to his farm and improve and develop it. He cannot build upon any surer foundation which promises as much of reward for intelligent effort as any part of the globe, and the rapid increase in population and in demand for farm products is going to make even the poorest of our lands valuable.

CLEVELAND'S LATEST POSE.

We see a picture of Cleveland working with a rake in his garden at Princeton. It was published by permission—Exchange.
 Mr. Cleveland has been gaining much in favor in these latter times, while the country has been prospering under his gold standard, and while he has been fishing the time away and contributing occasionally a good fish story to the magazines. But the old man is piling it on a most too heavy in this his latest pose. Human nature, the nature of husbands and wives, has not undergone any very great change since the days when the history recorded in the first chapter of the Book of Esther was made. We warningly commend to his consideration the sad fate required of Queen Vashti by the lords of creation at the hands of King Ahasuerus. It was represented to him that the Queen's act of disobedience would come abroad unto all women, and that there would in consequence arise too much contempt and wrath. And the saying pleased the King and Princes, and the Queen's estate was forfeited to another, and letters were sent into every province, and in every tongue, saying that every man should bear rule in his own house. We have seen in the papers before that Mr. Cleveland has been "sawing wood," and now it comes to knowledge that he not only works the garden, but consents to have his picture taken while engaged in this menial service, the same to be printed and broadcast over the land to bring hus-

ands into disrepute and shame. If he persists in disregarding the dignity which belongs to every husband, and split the wood for the family and keep the grass chopped out of the garden, he ought to adopt the advice contained in that famous message which he sent to the North Carolina moonshiner, during his last term as President. One of his revenue officers was trailing around the mountain side in search of the moonshiner which he knew to be somewhere in that locality, when all at once he dropped about ten feet and found himself in an underground liquor still with a half dozen revolvers looking him in the face. He was a little disturbed by this unexpected turn of events, but with the determination of a messenger to Garcia, and perhaps with faltering voice and limber legs, he delivered his message as follows: "I just dopped in, gentlemen, to say to you that Mr. Cleveland said, if you was going to keep on running this business anyhow, he'd like for you to get a little further back from the path."

That was a sad story of a bright young man who, after several years of hard study and preparation, appeared the Medical Examining Board for license last week, and after going through the examination very creditably until near the last he was caught cheating. It is said that he would probably have gotten his license whether the question on which he cheated had been answered correctly or not. It is as true as the law of gravitation that "corruption wins not more than honesty," and it is as true in the little details of every-day affairs as it is in grand larceny.

We hardly have time to realize the proportions of one disaster before it is followed by another. The people of the large and populous city of East St. Louis were awakened a half hour after midnight Tuesday night by a mighty rushing of waters through their streets and up into their homes. There came at an unexpected place a break in the levees which protected them from the mighty swelling waters of the Mississippi, and at 8 o'clock Wednesday morning the entire city was covered by an unbroken stretch of rising, swirling waters. The number of drowned is guessed at from twenty to a hundred, with 10,000 people in the most distressing circumstances, in garrets and on roofs.

Second Crop Irish Potatoes.

The plan given below for making a second crop of Irish potatoes has not been submitted for approval to any of our expert town farmers, but is clipped from an agricultural exchange and strikes us as being a good one. One of the chief difficulties in making a fall crop of Irish potatoes is that they sprout so slowly, and the grass grows so rapidly, that it is a hard matter to keep them clean. The plan given below evidently aims to meet this difficulty, and give the further advantage of shading them until they come up. It's worth trying at any rate. If a farmer once gets the hang of making the second crop of Irish potatoes he's mighty apt to stick to it. They keep without any trouble for winter use and make the best kind of seed for next spring crop. They will, in fact, keep perfectly in the rows where grown if a sufficient furrow is thrown over them to keep the ground from freezing to them:

Take the small potatoes as soon as they are dug and drop them in a furrow and cover about 1-2 or 2 inches deep. Then sow or plant early cowpeas on the land. Just as soon as the pods begin to turn yellow, mow for hay. By this time the potatoes will be up sufficiently to locate the rows; then work them out. It would be best to run a small furrow near the plants and sow some guano that contained a large per cent of potash in the furrow; this would insure a good crop of tubers. The peas shade the land and give the young potatoes a chance to get a good start.

Seawell Gets Pay for his Egging.

The Supreme Court gave its opinion yesterday on the case of Seawell vs. S. A. L., which was tried in Moore county a year or so ago, and in which Seawell was given a verdict for \$4,500. The Supreme Court sustains the court below, and we suppose Seawell will get his money. It will be remembered that this is the case in which Seawell was egged at Shelby as he was getting on the train there in the campaign of 1900 when he was the fusion candidate for Lieut. Governor. The case against the railroad was made out on the ground that the agent of the company, whose duty it was to try to protect the patrons of the road, was a party to the assault upon him.

500 Republicans Out of Job.

Charlotte Observer.
 "And how do you like to be the official dispenser of Republican patronage in North Carolina, Mr. Rollins?" asked an Observer reporter.
 "I don't like it," he replied. "You see what a muddle I am in now. But that is nothing by comparison. Do you know that on July 1st 500 Republicans in North Carolina will be out of jobs? They are store-keepers and gaugers. There are now in North Carolina over 500 distilleries, but when the White bill goes into effect on July 1st there won't be more than 25 distilleries and all of these will be incorporated towns. This means the end of store-keepers and gaugers, who no get \$2 a day."
 "With the simplicity of children they write confidently to me and request me to get 'em a job, just as if I could reach up in a tree and hand out a job to each and all, I have in my employ the best stenographer in the State, Miss Clara Emmanuel, but she and I simply can't keep up our correspondence with these fellows who will have nothing to do after the 1st of July."

The Last of the Wilcox Case.

The Wilcox-Cropley murder case has had its last day in court. The Supreme Court gave its second opinion on the case yesterday, deciding that the second trial of Wilcox, when he was convicted of murder in the second degree and sentenced to 30 years in the penitentiary, was all right, and he will have to serve this sentence.

Can Take Money Out of Husband's Pocket.

A suit for divorce was brought before Judge Daniel, of the Circuit court of Missouri, a few days ago, by a husband, on the ground that his wife had a habit of secretly taking money out of his pants pockets. And do you think the old Judge didn't hold that "a wife may be justified in so doing when she can't get it in any other way. Such conduct may be annoying to a husband, but it is too trivial a matter to be regarded as sufficient grounds for granting a divorce."

Natural Mistake.

Baltimore Sun.
 He (opening the street door)—Anna, here is the girl with the vegetables.
 She—Don't be silly. It's my new hat.

B. F. Covington, of Anson, Kills Himself.

Charlotte Observer.
 Wadeboro, June 7.—Mr. B. F. Covington, 50 years of age, of substantial means, and owning a fine plantation on the Pee Dee river, committed suicide to-day about 11 o'clock, by shooting himself through the head with a shotgun, death being instantaneous. Some months ago his wife died, after a lingering illness. A short time after that Mr. Covington applied for admission to the State Hospital at Morganton, saying he was losing his mind. He was treated there and returned home, as being cured, a month or weeks ago.

A practical joker of New York tells this upon himself, and declares it cured him of a bad habit.

On my arrival at San Francisco, as a joke, I sent to a friend of mine, well known for his aversion for spending money, a telegram, with charges to collect, reading: "I am perfectly healthy."
 The information evidently was gratifying to him, for about a week after sending the telegram an express package was delivered at my room, on which I paid \$4.50 charges. Upon opening the package I found a regulation New York street paving block on which was posted a card which read: "This is weight which your recent telegram lifted of my heart."
 Philadelphia Ledger.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given, that we will, on the first Monday in July, 1903, the same being the 6th day of July, at 12 o'clock p. m., offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash at the court house door in the town of Rockingham, the following described lands, the same lying and being in Richmond county and in Wolf Pit township, beginning at the bridge over the run of Black Branch on road leading from Mizpah, and runs with said road, the general direction of which being S 260° E 2.62 chains, and thence S 32° E 4.36 chains to a stake on Easterly edge of said road near the fence, thence N 78° 1-2° E 4.94 chs to a stake, thence N 1° E 13.53 chains to a gum in the run of said Black Branch, thence with the run of said branch to the beginning, containing 14 acres of land, more or less.
 The above described lands will be sold under power of sale contained in mortgage deed executed to Robert S. Ledbetter by Dorcas Ledbetter and dated November 14, 1885, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Richmond county in Book PP, pages 7 and 8.
 This the 5th day of June, 1903.
 H. S. LEDBETTER,
 R. S. LEDBETTER,
 Executors of the Estate of Robert S. Ledbetter, Dec'd.



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