

Spain the surrender of the Confederate armies to the overwhelming force of the Federal arms in the Spring of last year, we have labored honestly and incessantly to stimulate and encourage in the minds of our people, a liberal spirit of progressive enterprise.

In this advocacy, we have lost sight of all sectional or party considerations, and honestly devoted ourself as a public Journalist to the accomplishment of the desired object from a pure and sincere wish to see our country again prosperous and happy.

Denied at the time, because we knew that, as in Virginia, of which State the same false assertions were uttered by the Radicals, every man no matter what the complexion of his politics, was secure in his rights of person and property under the existing laws.

This migration, we learn, is owing to a far different cause, and one which, if not provided against, is likely to result to the injury of the material resources of the State. We had not supposed that such a cause could have existed; but the information comes in such a shape that we are not at liberty to question it.

The Day Book is a wide awake paper anyhow, and through its drillings, if our merchants and business men generally do not wake up, Norfolk and Portsmouth will cheat them out of much important business.

The crops are very short in the Middle and Western portions of our State, and the Norfolk merchants are already being directed to this field of enterprise and are being urged by the Day Book, not to wait for Charlotte to send greetings

to Norfolk for corn, but to send the corn along at once and have it cribbed, ready for the buyer whenever he makes the demand. This is, decidedly, business-like, and our merchants and railroad managers should at once take a hint, seeing that we have an Egypt in North Carolina (Hyde county) and can supply all demands for corn without allowing our people to go to Virginia for bread.

The Corn Trade. We have already pointed out to our merchants the wide field open to their enterprise in Western and Central North Carolina, by the destruction of the corn crop. We saw, distinctly, because the withering effect of the long protracted drought had been so severe, as to render that term a fit description of the actual condition of affairs.

A WORD TO OUR FARMERS. The more we reflect upon the latent wealth now sleeping in the soil of Eastern North Carolina the more we are caused to wonder that its inhabitants continue to slumber on in comparative poverty and leave the immense fortune for coming generations to enjoy.

Hyde county cannot be excelled upon the continent for its luxuriant growth of Indian corn, sweet potatoes and indeed vegetables of every kind. A farm in that rich loam, devoted to the culture of the three articles of broom corn, castor oil bean and the grape, would be to its operator a mine of wealth. It must be remembered that the grape grows in the greatest abundance on all of our Eastern waters, wild in the woods, and all that is wanting to make a handsome fortune out of them is simply energy enough to gather and bring them to market.

For the instruction, as well as amusement of our readers, we give the following paragraph, from the grape and other questions, from the Norfolk Day Book: CURRITUCK COUNTY, N. C., No. 1. This county derived its name from the tribe of Indians who once owned the country. The broad Atlantic lies on its eastern side, the Albemarle Sound on its southern, and the Virginia line bounds its northern portion.

In the single county of Edgecombe, this year, there will be from 15,000 to 20,000 bales of cotton raised. This, at 30 cents per pound, will yield a cash income of, say, \$61,000. That amount can easily be triplicated in that county by the introduction of three times the amount of population, and their employment in other branches of agriculture. That which can be done in Edgecombe can be done in every other county East of the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, by proper energy.

There are scores of things to which the agriculturist may turn his attention in this section and coin money that are never thought of by him. Read the following from the Augusta Constitutionalist and then ponder it in your mind:

At Chatsworth, in the State of Illinois, a Joint Stock Company, with a capital of very near a million, has gone into the culture of beet root for the purpose of manufacturing therefrom what is known as beet root sugar. This, as we hear, is in all essential qualities about the same article as the cane sugar, and its production, it is estimated, will pay handsomely.

annual costs of operations is estimated at \$350,000, and the income computed at \$507,000, giving a profit of \$157,000, or, at a rough calculation, of about forty-five per cent. on the original capital. Four and a half millions of pounds are secured on as the annual yield, and this, in the estimate above given, it is proposed to sell at about seven and a half cents per pound. From the accredited shrewdness of our Northern brethren, it can readily be conceived that an operation which did not promise to be a perfect success would not be ventured on upon so large a scale, and it is for our farmers and planters to consider the propriety of taking some steps toward the culture of this beet root themselves.

THE STATE CONVENTION. The Union State Convention meets to-day in the city of Raleigh for the purpose of putting forward something in the shape of a platform of principles which is to control the action of the Union party in the State at the approaching election for Governor and members of the Legislature, and to put forward a candidate for the Executive chair of the State.

Governor WORTH announced himself a candidate months ago, but up to the present time, he has failed to let the people know what his political principles are, or what line of policy he proposes to pursue in the future, in case he is re-elected. It is true, he claims to be for the Union and for "Johnson's" policy, but he has failed to tell us what that policy is.

Had the President's policy succeeded, we should have been satisfied with it. We never expected it, however, to succeed, unless it became the Congressional plan also. Nothing, to our mind, is clearer than that Congress has the right to fix the terms of re-admission for the Southern States; and as the President's policy seemed to give such general satisfaction, we had hoped Congress would have adopted it at the last session, and that, ere this, we would have been admitted, but in this we were mistaken.

The Sentinel, the Governor's organ at Raleigh, says it will not submit to the constitutional amendment. Very well, it can do as it pleases about that. It can stand just as stubborn as it likes, but it will stand in a hopeless minority, for the people of North Carolina will ratify it by an overwhelming majority, just as soon as they are convinced it is the best they can do.

The fishries alone, of this section are a mine of wealth if properly worked. There is now in successful operation at Portsmouth in this State, an oil factory on a very extensive scale, and we learn, is coining money. They have extensive arrangements for taking fish, and when caught, they are landed alongside the factory where they go through the grinding and pressing process, yielding scores of barrels of oil per day, the offal being barreled up and sold in the market as a

larder, which by the way, is one of the best in the country. Talk about striking oil! While men are delving in the earth, amid rocks and quick sands to the depths of hundreds of feet upon the greatest uncertainties as to whether they will strike it or not, these men at Portsmouth have nothing to do but lower their nets and lift it by the boat's head at a draw.

The people begin to understand this clap-trap nonsense, kept up by secessionists and copperheads, that the Congressional plan of reconstruction is the Radical plan. They know it is not, and the Sentinel, if it values truth and courts popularity and support from an intelligent reading public, will consult its own interest by ceasing to make such statements.

A FUNNY MISTAKE CORRECTED. In yesterday morning's paper we undertook to make an estimate of the net proceeds of the cotton crop of Edgecombe county, for this year, and being interrupted in the midst of our calculation, we made a very funny mistake by publishing some figures which occurred in the estimate, but by no means the ones we intended to publish.

We publish the aggregate crop at 17,500 bales, with 400 pounds to the bale, gives 7,000,000 pounds. This we proposed to sell at 30 cents per pound, which would give a gross income of \$2,100,000 from this we proposed to deduct one-third—33 1/3 per cent., or \$700,000, to pay expenses, leaving a net income to the farmers in that county, \$1,400,000 from this one commodity.

Now, we think it entirely safe to assert that almost any other county in Eastern North Carolina, may be made to produce as much clear money as Edgecombe, by the application of a proper system of agriculture in all its different branches. But, lest this might be thought extravagant, we will place the figure at \$2,000,000, as the net income of each county East of the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, and we at once have the enormous sum of \$50,000,000 annually, deposited in the pockets of our farmers alone.

Then, if we add to this a proportionate amount of mechanics and manufacturing establishments, together with ample and well directed efforts upon our fisheries, \$50,000,000 more, may be annually added to the aggregate income of our highly favored section, placing us ahead of any district of equal size upon the American Continent.

All that is wanting to make Eastern North Carolina the garden spot of the United States, is population and well directed energy. Give us the population to the square mile of the New England States, and ten years will find us ahead of the most prosperous of them.

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Give us the population—it is all we ask to make our State the State of the Union, and our section the garden spot of the whole. Let our political bickerings come to an end, and let the great current of immigration be turned from the cold bleak regions of the Northwest but for a year or two, and our fortune is made; but keep up this everlasting twaddle and contention about "Yankee," "Rebel," "Southern sentiment," "Northern Radicalism" and the like, and the glorious heritage of wealth and prosperity secreted in our rich and productive soil and its adjacent waters will remain dormant for an indefinite period of time.

Those who were seriously alarmed by the treachery of Andrew Johnson, and the forlorn battalion of renegades that have followed him, did not consider that before every great battle, warriors desert the ranks, and that the loss of every doubtful man is equal to an accession of strength. It is far better that Mr. Raymond and Gen. Dix should oppose the party than demoralize it. Beside this, there is in every great organization an inert element which only becomes active when confronted with apparent danger.

For one vote that the President has taken from us he has probably given twenty. None have been quicker to see this than the Democrats, who counted largely on his influence. Connecticut was their first disappointment; but they reflected that Mr. Johnson's influence had scarcely had time to work. Vermont was their second, but they were consoled by the melancholy conclusion that this was the star which never sets. But from Maine they expected a demonstration of the President's power; instead, it has shown his weakness. The Copperheads are disgusted, and already show their contempt for the whole body of Republican deserters.

National Debts of the World. The statistical tables relating to foreign countries, just published, are brimful of most interesting facts concerning the condition, commercial and otherwise, of almost every country in the world. Among other things it gives the national debt of each country. Whatever may be the effect of a country being deeply indebted, there seems no doubt that every Government finds borrowing an exceedingly convenient method of raising revenue.

Table with 3 columns: Country, Total Debt, Population. Rows include United Kingdom, United States, France, Russia, Austria, Italy, Spain, Holland, Turkey, Prussia, Portugal, Belgium, Brazil, Denmark, Greece, Peru, Chili.

The Convention. The Rutherford Star, says the Standard, contains a notice of a Union meeting to be held in Rutherfordton, to appoint delegates to the Convention to be held here on Thursday next. That paper says:

"We say then let this Convention meet, let the delegates nominate a true and tried Union man, and let the platform upon which he runs, be first, 'a full and complete restoration of the Union, to the earliest day practicable, on the best terms we can get. Second, the white population to be a basis of representation in both branches of the General Assembly.' Third, a currency of some kind for the people. Let a candidate for Governor take the track on this platform, and the people will rally to him as one man, and when he shall be elected, let him do all he can for the carrying out of these principles, not as is often the case with candidates for office, promise many good things while they are candidates, but when elected forget all their promises."

Mr. Harburt of The World, at a recent public dinner in Canada, in reply to the toast "Our Friends on the South side of the line," said that "It was the Pagans of Ireland, not the intelligent mass, who believed that England oppressed the United States would not be bullied into helping the Fenians." Thus the Democrats who have begged the Irish vote for so many years, now give the first movement for Irish freedom such abuse as this! 'Tis an ungrateful world.—N. Y. Tribune.