

or eighty years since old Rochon was king of the Bay Coast. Now the beautiful bluffs overlooking the gray-green water are the sites of ample and luxurious cottages, the summer homes of rich people from New Orleans, or the winter residences of Northern folk who come from Chicago, St. Louis and Cincinnati to avoid the bitter weather of those cold cities and to enjoy the balmy Caribbean breezes and the never ending procession of flowers. The whole gulf coast, from Mobile to the Rigolets, is indeed another Riviera, so far as climate is concerned, a region basking in the most grateful sunshine and perfumes, blown over by salt gulf winds, and by resinous winds from the far-reaching pine woods, high, dry, salubrious, a very Eden for the tired and the sick in winter and a luxurious bathing place and resting-place for city-weary people in summer. A broad beautiful road paved with shells as white as snow, runs for a dozen miles along the airy bluffs between broad-armed oaks and cedars on one hand and hedges of oleander and Cherokee roses on the other. Eastward some ten miles distant you see Ship Island, famous in the military history of the coast, while far southward lies the curious crescent of the Chandeleurs. It is all very sweet and quiet and peaceful now; but at the time of which we write it was as wild a time as might be found in that wildest part of our country.

Orton opened his eyes, as if from a heavy, bewildering sleep, and looking languidly around, saw some curious old pictures on the walls of the room in the middle of which, on a bed whose heavy mahogany posts were hung with flimsy curtains, he lay weak and helpless. It was night and two or three myrtle wax candles filled the air with a peculiar keen fine fragrance, and with a soft flickering, yellowish light. Near the bed a negro boy was dozing in a chair. A bit of almost purple sky, studded with flaming stars, was visible through a broad, many-mullioned window. The deep booming swish of the Bay was blending with the rustle of long Spanish moss and satin-like magnolia leaves. A mockingbird in a tree beside another window was lazily piping a dreamy nocturne. Orton was aware that his head was bound up and his limbs and body bandaged. He was stiff and numb with a sinking sensation in his breast. He could not think clearly; the mere effort exhausted him and he slept. The last thing his closing eyes saw was a small shapely gown lying on a table beside a phial and a spoon. From some opening a barely perceptible current of cool and soothing air was creeping over him. In a corner of the room a tall old clock was ticking with loud measured strokes. When he again opened his eyes it was mid-morning of a fine clear day with a good sailing breeze pouring around the house and rattling the windows and the first object that met his eyes was the supple, symmetrical form of Felicie Rochon standing near his bed. Her back was turned to him and she was arranging a large vase of flowers on the table, her small taper hands moving gracefully and flashing the diamonds and rubies of some exquisite rings. She wore a simple pale gray morning dress (of some costly material) touched with dull red here and there. Her abundant yellowish brown hair was fluffed with half ringlets in front and done into a large knot low upon her neck behind where shone a tall jeweled comb of gold. He could see the merest sketch of her side face with its delicate complexion and soft curves, just the hint of a nearly perfect Greek profile, with a forehead a trifle high and a chin possibly a little too heavy, but beautiful and magnetically tender and sweet in every line. Orton felt no pain now; sense of extreme weakness and lassitude, however, forbade any effort to move or to speak. He lay quite still, content to gaze with half open eyes upon the fair vision before him; nor did he speculate upon the chances that had brought him here. That he was in a room of the Rochon mansion he could have no doubt. Slowly enough recollection of the dreadful combat at Garcin's came into his mind and then he realized that he was old Rochon's captive. His first thought was of his sketches and the portrait of Lalie Garcin, then he remembered how he had carried them out into the garden before the fire began. While this was fitting through his brain he was watching Mlle. Rochon arrange the flowers. Presently by a considerable effort she said, in a half whisper:

"Mademoiselle Rochon."

She turned quickly and looked at him with a bright, startled, inquiring smile on her face. She did not appear so tall when she stood thus, and indeed she really was but little above medium height, though there was a certain lofty stateliness in her bearing.

She placed her finger on her lip, to signify that he must not speak, and shook her head for the same purpose. Coming promptly to his bedside she bent her head low and said:

"Monsieur, you must not say one word, you must be very quiet, very." A slight glow of color crept over her cheeks as she spoke. "You have been extremely ill, Monsieur," she went on very gently and sweetly, "and the least effort will be bad for you."

Her presence and her voice were soothing to the feeble and emaciated man. He obeyed her implicitly.

"Shut your eyes now and go to sleep," she said, after letting fall through his lips a few drops of some cordial, "all that you need is rest." It was the voice of tender, solicitous authority, so often heard at the bedside of a sick child. She drew the light covering of the bed close up to his chin, then turned and walked noiselessly out of the room, leaving in his mind an impression never felt by any but the young and the imaginative, and by them only when love sets its charm in the soul.

He closed his eyes, as she told him, and fell into a deep, sweet sleep.

CONTINUED NEXT WEEK.

KYLE, Tex., March 5, 1889.

COL. L. L. POLK.—Dear Sir:—I receive a great many letters from your people, wanting mules and horses but none of them are definite, so I do not know what to do. They want broke stock and all of ours are unbroke. I will call on you next week, and think I had better not ship until I see further into the matter. Please mention this in your paper as they do not seem to understand it.

Yours fraternally, R. J. SLEDGE.

THE ALLIANCE IN VIRGINIA.

Pittsylvania County Alliance Organized.

Mr. Editor:—Pursuant to instructions, a meeting was held in the city of Danville, Va., on the 22d of February, for the purpose of organizing the Pittsylvania County Alliance, eight of the eleven Sub-Alliances in the county being duly represented by delegates. In addition to these, there was a fair turn-out of enthusiastic members eager to acquire information. Had the day been less inclement there would have been a rousing turn-out of Alliance men.

The meeting being called to order, the President of the Virginia State Alliance, Col. G. T. Barbee, was introduced and cordially welcomed in short speeches by Bro. W. T. Wilson, President of Ringgold Alliance, and your correspondent, after which Col. Barbee proceeded to deliver a very able address, replete with words of exhortation and patriotic counsel to the body. When denouncing the trusts and monopolies, he became eloquent, his massive frame erect, and his eyes flashed with the fire of youth. Indeed, I was forcibly impressed with his resemblance to the portraits I had seen of Mr. Gladstone. I will not attempt even a synopsis of his address, but hope, Mr. Editor, we may have the pleasure of having him present at some of our meetings in North Carolina this summer.

After the address, the Pittsylvania County Alliance was organized by the election of the following splendid set of officers, many of them "old tried and true" Grangers: President, Capt. W. W. Clarkson; Vice-President, W. T. Wilson; Secretary, Capt. P. C. Keiser; Treasurer, J. R. Bailey; Chairman, P. S. Clark; Lecturer, Dr. P. G. Burton; Assistant Lecturer, J. S. Bennett; Doorkeeper, J. White; Assistant Doorkeeper, James B. Carter; Sergeant-at-Arms, W. B. Williams; Business Agent, J. F. McLaughlin.

After transacting other business, the invitation of Oak Grove Alliance for the next meeting to be held at their hall was accepted and the 2d Monday in March, the day chosen. The meeting adjourned in due form.

J. B. SMITH, Organizer 5th Va. Dis.

THE BAGGING QUESTION.

Mr. Editor:—Please publish the following in THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER: TEMPERANCE HALL GRANGE, No. 43, Edgewood Co., N. C., March 6, '89.

WHEREAS, time is fast approaching when we, the farmers of the South, will require some material to cover our cotton, we therefore call upon all Grangers, Alliance men and farmers to take speedy steps in the matter; and, whereas, it is believed by many farmers that the making of small bales is the most effectual way of fighting the bagging trust, therefore it is time that we settle upon some plan of co-operation to save ourselves from being swindled.

Resolved, That all Grangers and Alliance men proceed to organize a joint stock company in shares of not more than \$10 each for the purpose of manufacturing some suitable material for covering cotton.

Resolved, That a committee of one from each Sub-Grange and Sub-Alliance in the county be appointed by their respective bodies to solicit subscriptions and report by the first of May next; and we further request that our sister counties in the State take immediate action thereon, so that a united concert of action may be had at an early day.

Resolved, That the Tarboro Swiftern, Carolina Banner, Roanoke Patron, THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER and all the papers throughout the United States friendly to the cause be requested to publish these resolutions.

Arouse yourselves, brethren, in this instance with the same vim and determination as in the late bagging trust, and the fall will find you prepared to meet the emergency.

A. B. NOBLES, W. H. POWELL, J. A. DAVIS.

The above resolutions were endorsed by Cokey Alliance, No. 553.

A. B. NOBLES, Pres't.

THE WILLIAM ANDREWS FUND

Col. L. L. Polk.—Dear Sir:—At the last meeting of Gravel Hill Alliance, No. 691, we made up one dollar and fifty cents for the William Andrews Fund, and went home with a clearer conscience than at any time since Bro. Andrews got hurt. Think of it, brethren, and get your Alliance to send in a little sum. It may be one of your members next.

To the above we add the following contributions: Riddick Alliance 50c, Pleasant Hill 25c, New Hope 25c, Ten Mile \$1.00, Cool Spring 50c, Peeler 25c, O'Kelley's \$1.00, Elmwood 50c, Rosa \$1.00, Chestnut Grove \$1.00, River Bend \$1.00, Piney Grove \$1.00, Crawford 25c, Roan 25c.

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[The Hand-Book of Carolina county, Va., published by authority of the Board of Supervisors of the county, 1888, says:]

"The greatest success yet achieved was made in a sale of this season; the tobacco was raised in 1887. Four acres were planted; product 3,865 pounds, and sold for \$1,160.17, averaging \$30 per hundred, and \$290 per acre. The land was not very rich, and no manure, stable or barnyard, was applied this season; but 400 pounds of 'Star Brand' Special Tobacco Fertilizer was used to the acre. Three regular hands, two of them boys, were employed. In addition to the tobacco, 625 bushels of corn, some wheat, and a good crop of oats were made, and some stock raised and sold."

Our fertilizers are regularly and systematically analyzed as manufactured, and we know, before sending them out, that they are up to the standard; but their action upon the crop is the crowning test, and we can only learn what that is by a constant resort to the practical experience of the farmer.

Mr. W. A. Tilley, North Catawba, Caldwell co., N. C., Nov. 24, 1888, writes: I used last spring 300 pounds of 'Star Brand' Special Tobacco Manure to the acre, which acted well, making a heavy growth which yellowed well on the hill. I have used different brands of fertilizers during the last fifteen years, and find the 'Star Brand' equal to any I ever used. I do not want any better fertilizer than your Special Tobacco Manure.

Mr. J. G. Slaughter, Mill Green, Person co., N. C., Dec. 18, 1888, writes: I liked your 'Star Brand' Special Tobacco Manure very well, it acted as well as could be expected. I shall use it again.

Do not purchase a common, low-grade fertilizer, because, from its low price, it may seem to be cheap.

Mr. John H. Shipp, Durham, N. C., Dec. 12, 1888, writes: I have used each of the 'Star Brand' Guano and the 'Star Brand' Special Tobacco Manure for several years past, and they have proved entirely satisfactory in every instance. I prefer them to any other fertilizers on my land.

Mr. W. L. E. Bullock, Oxford, Granville co., N. C., Oct. 13, 1888, writes: I have used 'Star Brand' Special Tobacco Manure for ten years with entire success, and consider it superior to any other guano I ever used.

It costs as much money to transport and apply an inferior fertilizer as it does one of the most superior quality.

Mr. W. L. Miles, Hillsdale, Guilford, N. C., Dec. 24, 1888, writes: I have used your 'Star Brand' Special Tobacco Manure for the last 7 or 8 years, more or less, and can say I think it as good or better than any guano I ever used. I shall use it again next year; have used nothing but the 'Star Brand' for the last four years.

Mr. R. J. Woody, Stovall, Granville co., N. C., Dec. 22, 1888, writes: I have been using the 'Star Brand' Special Tobacco Manure for the past eight or nine years with satisfactory results. This year my crop started off well, but owing to the dry weather it was not as good as usual, but fully as good as I could expect under the circumstances.

A poor fertilizer always makes a poor crop, and often makes no crop at all. To prevent a failure, it is frequently found necessary to make a second application of a better fertilizer, at considerable extra expense, which might have been avoided by choosing the best at first.

Mr. V. D. Johnson, Hartland, Caldwell co., N. C., Nov. 1888, writes: I take pleasure in saying that your 'Star Brand' Special Tobacco Manure acted remarkably well on my crop this year—so much so, that I can heartily recommend it to others, assuming that you will, of course, keep up the grade and quality.

Mr. Amos J. Roberts, Barnard, Madison co., N. C., Nov. 28, 1888, writes: I have used several kinds of fertilizers until the last two years, when I have used the 'Star Brand' exclusively, as it suits my land and crops best. It gives quicker growth, brighter color, and better body to the tobacco.

The best fertilizer is that which produces the largest crops of the best quality from any given soil, with the smallest expenditure of money and labor.

Mr. W. R. Hawkins, Corbett, Caswell co., N. C., Dec. 9, 1888, writes: I have used your 'Star Brand' Special Tobacco Manure for several years, along side of other fertilizers, and as yet have found none to beat it in good or bad seasons.

Mr. R. T. Ship, Durham co., N. C., Dec. 29, 1888, writes: I have used your 'Star Brand' Special Tobacco Manure for several years, and shall continue to do so. Think it the best guano on our market for general excellence. Too much cannot be said in praise of it.

The application of the best fertilizer adds greatly to the chances of making a crop, and increases its value when made.

Mr. W. C. Sprinkle, Marshall, Madison co., N. C., Nov. 17, 1888, writes: My crop is very good and cured brighter than for several years. I think the 'Star Brand' is a splendid tobacco manure; it gave me perfect satisfaction.

Mr. E. H. Tilly, North Catawba, Caldwell co., N. C., Nov. 24, 1888, writes: The 'Star Brand' Special Tobacco Manure I purchased last spring gave perfect satisfaction. Tobacco grew large and yellowed fine on the hill, and I think it is fully up to what you recommend it.

Mr. W. G. Winstead, Olive Hill, Person co., N. C., Dec. 19, 1888, writes: That I have used the 'Star Brand' Special Tobacco Manure, for a number of years, and am well pleased with it.

Mr. T. Lawson, Hot Springs, Madison co., N. C., Nov. 18, 1888, writes: Notwithstanding the wet weather and bad seasons in this section, the 'Star Brand' Special Tobacco Manure has given more satisfaction than any other fertilizer used. I think it is a fine fertilizer for tobacco, and thank you for putting it within our reach.

The best is the cheapest, because it does better work, is more lasting and costs but little more than a common fertilizer.

Mr. P. A. Boyd, Overland, Mecklenburg co., Va., Nov. 31, 1888, writes: Your 'Star Brand' Special Tobacco Manure acted on some of my land as well, if not better, than it ever did. I tried it by the side of another brand, and my neighbors can testify to what I say. Your 'Star Brand' looked like it was from 4 to 6 inches the tallest, and the leaves much the widest and smoothest, and yellowed the best. I expect to use no other next season, if you keep it up to the present standard.

Mr. Thos. Chandler, Person co., N. C., Dec. 26, 1888, writes: I consider the 'Star Brand' Special Tobacco Manure an excellent fertilizer. Although the seasons were unfavorable the past year, still it acted finely.

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Mr. J. E. Hopkins, Benaja, Rockingham co., N. C., Dec. 13, 1888, writes: "Praise the bridge that carries you safely over." The 'Star Brand' Special Tobacco Manure is the best I ever used.

Mr. J. G. Reynolds, Lynch, Madison co., N. C., Nov. 24, 1888, writes: I have used your 'Star Brand' Special Tobacco Manure for six years. It proves a success on my land above all others that I have tried. I will not put out tobacco without it, if I can get it.

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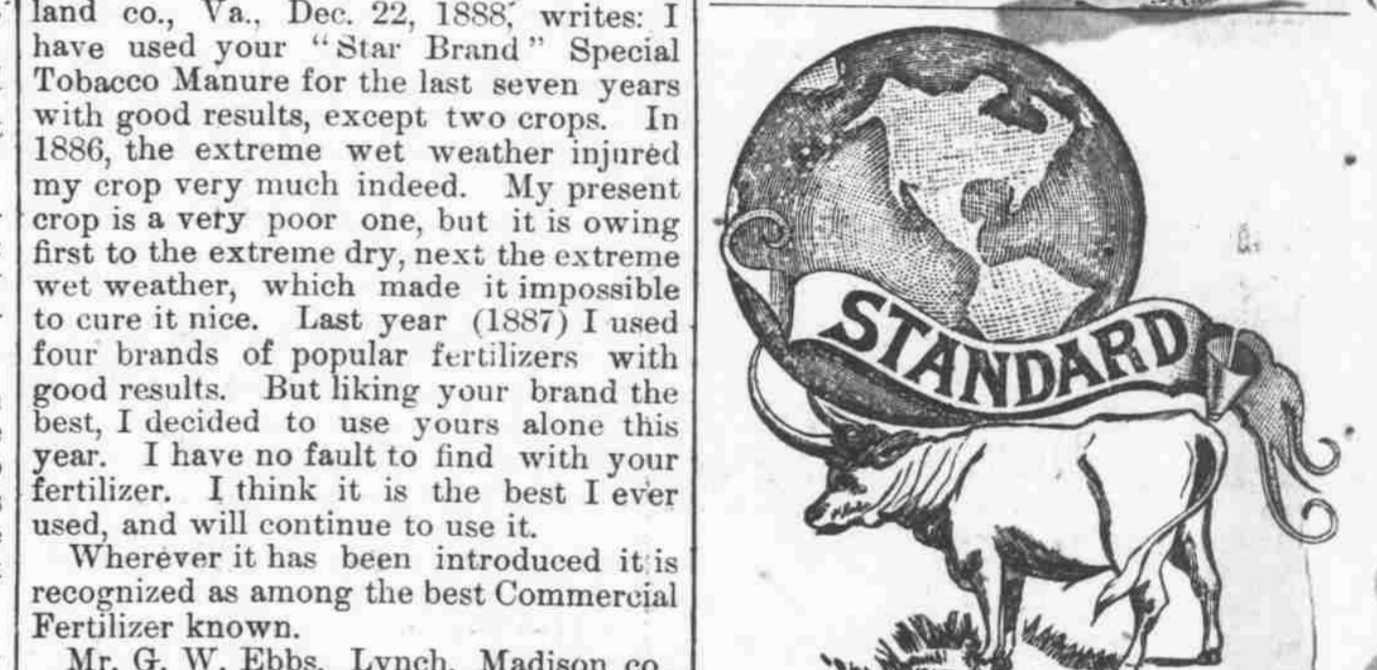
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