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ABOUT FARMING.

Every farmer who brings cotton to market will agree that there is no money in it for the producer at present prices. Yet these same farmers will go right on making it hoping that next year the price will be better. The fact is they don't know how to get out of the old rute, and we frankly confess that we can't tell them how to get out. We think it rather too pre[illegible] the[illegible] editors, many of whom have never worked a day on a farm, to be continually telling others what they ought to do, and this gratuitous advice is not confined to editors alone. Go to any town and take a seat at the loafer's corner or at the hotel and it will not be many minutes before some wise head will begin to dilate upon what the farmer *ought to do*. We have once been a farmer, and we know how disgusting all such stuff is to those who know their business, and don't want the advice of this class who never succeed at anything but loafing.

But there is no better medium for spreading information among farmers than through their local newspapers. A good live paper will seek out the successful farmers in the community and learn their plans, report their successes and their failures, that all their farmer readers may profit by them. A good farmer, who wishes to benefit his brother farmer, will not hesitate to tell how he manured and cultivated the field that made him the best yield, nor will he hesitate to tell the cause of failure on another field. By having their local newspaper to publish these experiments from different sections, a practical benefit would be derived, and the editor would be relieved of giving so much advice about a matter of which he is ignorant.

The JOURNAL has a standing invitation to the farmers of this section to make use of its columns in disseminating knowledge among [illegible]ers, as to the best mode of [illegible]ing and manuring, and also [illegible]sons in stock raising. [illegible]e done this through our [illegible]dents, but we wish to im[illegible]e JOURNAL in this respect [illegible]s it a source of information [illegible]arm work as well as the gen[illegible]s of the day.

[illegible]efer to do this we offer the [illegible]l and *Southern Cultivator* [illegible]e for one year to the farmer in Eastern Carolina who will give us the best article, *from actual experience*, on "Diversified Farming," to be sent in between this and the 1st day of January, 1885. We don't want the mere theory of any farmer, but his actual experience. Tell us how the farm is made self-sustaining; what proportion is planted in cotton, and the net results; how much in corn, and the net result; how much in cereals, grasses, etc, etc., and how it is stocked. Now we know we have many successful farmers in Eastern North Carolina that can give us interesting articles on this subject that would prove beneficial to their fellow farmers and help to get them out of the old ruts.

SHEEP RAISING.

We publish below an article on sheep raising that would be of interest to many of our Eastern farmers were it not for the inevitable dog. But DOBBY BATTLE will be sent to the Legislature as soon as Edgecombe becomes a Democratic county, and then we will have a dog law and sheep husbandry will be encouraged. The country between this city and Morehead City is a fine one for stock raising; all it needs is for some enterprising fellow to break the way and a new and profitable industry will spring up.

We are now importing upwards of one million dollars of wool per month. Under such circumstances wool growing ought to be profitable in this country; if not profitable, it ought to be made so. The reduction in the tariff on wool has reduced the profits to just that extent, it is true; but there is yet profit in sheep, especially for the man upon poor land. No other farm animal is so well adapted to the renovation of worn out soils as the sheep. In this connection we cannot do better than to present to our readers the following from a late essay in the *Rural New Yorker*:

"In renovating worn-out lands sheep may play a very important part, provided green crops are grown on the lands, to be consumed thereon by sheep inclosed on plot after plot by movable hurdles; for as they feed they enrich the soil with their well-scattered droppings. Roots can never form as important a factor in sheep-raising and crop rotation here as in England, where a large proportion of the acreage of each farm is devoted to turnips, to be fed off the land by sheep, together with some grain. Thus sheep are fattened and the land is manured and prepared for wheat or barley. This cannot be done here, for even if roots could be grown as successfully as in England, they would be frozen fast in the ground just at the time they would be most wanted. But though roots cannot, green fodder crops can be grown, and it is to these, in connection with sheep, that the farmer should trust for the restoration of the fertility of much of his land. It must be understood, however, that this plan is simply a means to an end, that end being the capacity of the land to grow clover. Land that will grow good crops of clover will grow, or can be made to grow, any thing.

"Suppose, for instance, the case of a man who, in the fall, has six acres of land too poor to bear seeding down, or who is without manure sufficient to put it in such condition, and who is also possessed of 50 sheep; let him plow up the land, put it in as good shape as possible, and sow thickly with rye, and let him provide himself during winter with 100 rods of hurdles—less or more—which he can make himself, if need be. It will be extraordinarily poor land which will not yield a crop of rye sufficient for his purpose. In the spring, when the rye is about five inches high—which should be early in May—let him inclose with his hurdles half an acre and turn in his sheep; in addition to the rye, he must feed daily half a pound of grain per head, to enrich the manure, and for this he will be well repaid by the extra flesh upon his sheep, as well as by the fertilization of his land. The best food for this purpose is one which contains a large proportion of oil for fattening and also of nitrogen. An excellent ration would be a quarter of a pound each of linseed oil cake and bran. Each day he should move his sheep to a fresh half acre, by resetting the hurdles, a task which need not occupy over half an hour. In this way he will go over the whole six acres in twelve days, and by the time the last half acre is fed off the first will be ready to be repastured. The rye, being cropped before the seed panicle is formed, will grow rapidly after each successive cropping, the more so as it is receiving constant accessions of manure.

"Six acres of well rotted winter rye, with the above mentioned amount of grain, will support, in good condition, a flock of fifty sheep, and the land will be left in such an improved condition that it may be sown in the fall to wheat and seeded to grass, with clover added in the spring, and with every prospect of good results."—*South and West.*

THE TRUTH IS ENOUGH.

We learn that George Terrell (col) who was defendant in a case for selling whiskey, in the U. S. Court at New Berne, was released this week and sent to Wilson with instructions to register and vote. This is what Radicalism does.—*Wilson Advance.*

The Republican party has sins enough to answer for when the truth and nothing but the truth is told. A false charge like the above will be sure to re-act and hurt the party that makes it more than the one it is intended to hurt. We were present when the case of United States vs. George Terrell was called, and he went to trial before a good jury, three-fourths of whom we dare say were Democrats, and they returned a verdict of "Not guilty" in less than ten minutes after they took the case. Whether any instructions were given to Terrell by the officers of the court after his acquittal we know not; but this we do know, if he is like the rest of the colored men in North Carolina he needed no such instructions as is said in the above item to have been given.

We believe the officers of this court are as free from partisan bias in the discharge of their official duties as any court in North Carolina. We think it the duty of the press to defend the courts against unjust charges of corruption as well as to expose them when they are guilty. While there is no direct charge of corruption made in this case, yet the intimation is that George Terrell was released for the purpose of having him to vote the Republican ticket. Such was not the case.

The North Carolina Fair.

[Correspondence Fayetteville Observer.]

MR. EDITOR:—As I am in the city of Raleigh, North Carolina, where the State Exposition is in progress and will continue until the 28th of the present month, I hope you will allow me to give your readers a faint idea of the *immense exhibit*. Really, I am so greatly surprised and carried away in amazement, that I am at a loss to know where to begin. The first thing that strikes me most forcibly is that any one State possesses so many varied resources and in such inexhaustible quantities. Being far removed from this State our ideas of her have always been very closely associated with those of "tar, pitch and turpentine." But not so now. This exhibit tears away the glass, through which we had seen her but dimly, and we be hold an empire; vast, rich and virgin.

Energy and enterprise have penetrated the deep recesses of the earth and brought up rich and sparkling gems and ores, which form one of the most glittering constellations that adorns the diadem of any State in the Union.

On tables and shelves arranged for the purpose are large nuggets of pure or almost pure gold, crystals, silver, copper, iron, mica, coal of several varieties, *stacolumite* of flexible sandstone, amethysts, sapphires, &c., &c. Last, but not least, we see beautiful specimens of the new and valuable gem known as the Hiddenite. This mineral is said to be more valuable than the diamond, and is found only in this State. The display shows that North Carolina produces every manner of fruit or grain that can be grown in any State, and as fine in quality as that gathered from any soil.

The displays of machinery, art and handiwork show that the people of North Carolina are not wanting in genius or mental ability.

A most wonderful curiosity was pointed out to me in the Albemarle exhibit, being the trunk of a mammoth cypress tree, inside of which can be quartered one company of the State Guard, thirty three in number. Time and searching may yet compel California and the Yellow Stone National Park to wield the banner for large trees down to North Carolina.

The people seem to have awakened from their lethargy and appear to have all the energy of giants refreshed with new wine. They have just discovered that they are surrounded by untold millions of undeveloped wealth, and they will soon command a position as a State commensurate with their resources, wealth and ability.

It certainly eclipses any State exhibit that I have ever seen, and my surprise at all this array of wealth could not have been greater had I suddenly and unexpectedly awakened from a night's repose in some foreign country.

I can never regret having visited the Old North State and seen this magnificent display.

PROSPECTOR.

A Large Landholder's View.

Col. Robert Beverley has done us the favor of handing us a copy of the "Proceedings of the First Annual Session of the Southern Immigration Association of America, held at Nashville, Tenn., March 11, 12 and 13, 1884." These proceedings make a book of 152 pages, in which will be found authentic and interesting information relating to nearly all the Southern States. We find in the proceedings a letter from Colonel Beverley addressed to the President, Hon. A. J. McWhirter, in which, after expressing his regret at not being able to be present, Colonel Beverley says:

But you have my heart, my whole heart, in this cause that promises so much to our Southland, and to our whole country, and your association is pursuing the right course, because I know it is only necessary to bring this fair land that has been obscured heretofore by the shades of African darkness to the bright vision of the Anglo-Saxon race to make it the most prosperous land under the sun. When our Great Creator made this wonderful world he kissed this fair land of ours and blessed it with a most salubrious clime, and implanted within its bosom everything necessary to the most comfortable sustenance of man, and it has been settled with a race of freemen whites that are not equaled on the habitable globe. I was educated to believe that slavery is an institution ordained by God, and that the Bible, the Word of God, so taught; and doubtless it does suit for some lands, yet I believe though I was a large slave owner it was a curse to our fair land.

It has been said that our enervating Southern climate will never be densely populated; but our South land is about the same parallel with France, Germany and Italy in Europe, and Pekin in China, the most densely populated countries on the globe; while Norway, Sweden and Russia, in high latitudes, whose governments antedate ours several centuries, are to day sparsely populated. In a climate where a man can work out of doors every month in the year, and not like the bear of Russia or our own North and Northwestern States, *hibernate* five months out of the twelve, the labor of men, in whatever avocation, must pay and produce wealth.

Why send the *proceeds of our products* to the Northwest to purchase food supplies when our country similarly cultivated will produce more food per acre than the North west! Why send to the North to purchase our manufactured goods, wearing apparel, agricultural implements, and railroad supplies when we have all the raw material here, cotton, wood, iron and wool, of which to manufacture all our wants. I believe with ensilage and seed meal there is no country so much the home of the sheep as our own Southland.

No, bring the North and North west to us and hold out open arms to them instead of going to or sending the products of soil to them. *We want them among us*, and my word for it, if they will come they will never regret the move. Then the *offal* of all the products of our soil will be left at home to restore its fertility; but continue to ship all the products of our soil away, and it is only an arithmetical calculation, and a very short one, how soon it will be reduced to utter sterility. Our Northwestern friends may think they have an inexhaustible virgin soil. I am old enough to recollect when Ohio thought so, but how now with Ohio, and even Illinois! Rely upon it, when you ship away *all* the product of the soil, whether vegetable, in the cereals, or cotton or wood, and mineral in the way of iron or coal, to be manufactured abroad, you will destroy the productive power of any country on the habitable globe, and sterility and poverty must follow. I would encourage particularly the manufacturing immigrant from the North and the diversified agricultural immigrant from the Northwest, who, like foreign immigrants, have been schooled in the nurseries of those rigorous climes, rather than the raw immigrant from the Old World. Yet we want both, we want all, have room for all, and we will give them a hospitable greeting.

That such testimony may have its due weight with any distant reader of this paper who may not know who Colonel Beverly is, we take occasion to mention that he was president of the National Convention of Farmers held last year in Louisville, that he is President-elect of the Virginia Agricultural Society, and that, as we suppose, he is proprietor of more farms than any other man in Virginia, more than a dozen of which, and large ones at that, are worked under his personal supervision.—*Industrial South.*

"The Voudoo Doctor."

It was during slave time "the voudoo doctor" flourished. He did a thriving business among runaway negroes, who were promised immunity from punishment in case of recapture for a small sum.

One of the voudoo doctor's methods of operating is to secure a black chicken and two pieces of silver from a dupe. He then procures a skillet, which he half fills with water, placing the pieces of silver in the skillet opposite each other. He then requests his dupe to mentally name one of the pieces after the enemy, whom he desires to outwit. When the water begins to boil he drops an occasional feather from the black chicken into the skillet, mumbling something which is unintelligible. As soon as the water boils the pieces of silver begin to revolve and fall, as they do so they would die, and be a sacrifice to the initiative of the skillet. The piece of the pieces on top of the skillet—the one beneath always being the one that will affect the doctor's dupe. For this the dupe pays [illegible]

The Right Spirit.

[illegible] reading the [illegible] stones. After [illegible] one bearing the [illegible] erected to the memory of [illegible] and across the bottom of [illegible] ters were the words, "Erected [illegible]

"Arrah, Dinnis, what's [illegible] mented that book?" said the [illegible] other.

"Phwat's that, Pat?" was the [illegible] ply.

"Faix, it's that ortherth there on the bottom of that cold fellow's stone—'I shtill live.' Dinnie, I'll was did and burrid. I'd own up to it!"

Bribery In Politics.

The practice of buying votes has reached a development in this country that calls for the serious attention on the part of intelligent men. It has always been practiced and carried on to a certain extent, but never on so large a scale as in recent years, and there is reason to fear that it is on the increase. The bribery we speak of is chiefly by means of money, to which the poorest and most ignorant portions of the people are most liable. But, in addition to this, there is the method of bribery by the promise of office, which has been so widely commented on, but which, it is to be hoped, will soon be largely removed by a better system of appointment. But ways by money, however, cannot be thus removed, although it may be checked; and means must be found to remedy can be found by the [illegible] tion of our politics by its use [illegible] will go on. [illegible]

[illegible] of ignorant voters [illegible] the east interests [illegible] national elect[illegible] sums now at the [illegible] managers, to elect [illegible] turn that until [illegible] taken to count [illegible] assume to grant.

Nor is the [illegible] only form of the [illegible] have to contend [illegible] lators and other [illegible] quite as ready to [illegible] the most ignorant of the voters are. This purchasing of legislators is more insidious and dangerous as to its effects than the payment of money, but in some less or it way, it is done the less a form of bribery. When we are familiar with the mode of purchasing legislators by means of corporation shares and bonds, distributed by interested parties only to the will do the most good." Even some of the judges are not above suspicion, so that justice is liable to be polluted at its very source; though in most cases the purity of the courts is in refreshing contrast to the corruption prevailing elsewhere.

Such is the evil with which we have to contend, and it is not easy to find a remedy. With corrupt leaders, and a corrupt following, too, the prospect of purifying politics is by no means a simple one. The difficulty is increased by the venality of some of the newspapers, by whose influence the people are misled as to the real character of candidates and the conduct of public affairs.

The proud mantle of both the giver and the taker of bribes would at once remove the evil, if the criminal code were effected and the penalty enforced. But experience proves that bribery is one of the most difficult of all crimes to prove; while at the same time the powerful interests involved in most cases of political bribery render it extremely difficult to secure the punishment of the criminals, even when their guilt is undoubted. If candidates that had been elected by purchased votes could always be deprived of their seats in consequence, an effective check would be given to the bribing of voters; but this remedy is rarely available in this country, owing to the partisan character of our legislative bodies. It is notorious that contested election cases are apt to be decided in the interest of the dominant party, with little regard to the justice of the case; and so long as this shameful practice continues no effectual check to bribery can be looked for in this quarter. The [illegible] civil service will [illegible] tation of the offices, [illegible] affect the other [illegible] bribery. It is true that with [illegible] secure in their [illegible] they will not be disposed [illegible] as now, to swell the [illegible] party; but there will be [illegible] funds for all [illegible] many corporations [illegible] terested parties [illegible] ment favor, [illegible] seeking office [illegible] the way they [illegible] never be any lack [illegible] the purchase of voters [illegible]

It is evident that [illegible] effectual remedy is the [illegible] ment of the public mind, as to the evils that bribery produces.

The improvement of public sentiment on this subject can't necessarily be a work of time, and it can't not begin too soon. We may say, indeed, that it has already begun with the discussions of this year's canvass; but much more must be done in order to produce a favorable effect on the public mind. It is especially incumbent on those who profess to lead and control the people on political subjects, whether in official stations, in the press, or elsewhere, to lead the public aright on this matter. By exposing cases of bribery that may come to their knowledge, by showing what evils it must result from its encouraging it, especially in [illegible] party, by denouncing it [illegible] especially in [illegible] parties, by [illegible] in their own political [illegible] above all, by setting a [illegible] and pecuniary [illegible] they may do much to [illegible] the [illegible] now, and put a stop to [illegible] effectual at some [illegible]

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