

THE NEW MASON COTTON PICKER.

Best of the Mason. Best of the South. A Careful Review of the Results It Is Likely to Achieve.

ABOUT TEN YEARS AGO I was in Sumner and saw a machine, invented by Mr. C. T. Mason, Jr., for picking cotton. About a year ago I was again in Sumner and saw it in an improved and more nearly perfected condition. Yesterday I saw the machine again still further improved. The following gentlemen from Charleston were present to see the machine tried in a cotton field, viz: J. S. Murdoch, J. K. Hackman, George L. Gibbon, James Allen, W. J. Hester, Parler and R. M. McDermid.

Ten of the machines have been ordered this year with the intention of putting them in the hands of cotton planters for actual use. One of these machines goes to L. A. Fisk & Sons, near Houston, Tex.; another to a planter near Waco, Tex. It is intended to put these all out under conditions to make a practical test. The machines are in all instances sold at \$250 each on a guarantee to pick 2500 pounds of seed cotton in 10 hours.

One of the harvesters was operated in a cotton field near Sumner for the party above named and the writer. The test seemed to lead to the following conclusion:

If in the operation of picking, the machine does not do the slight-est harm to the cotton plant.

If its best work is done when cotton is well open, and does not do very much picking on new cotton newly and scantily opened.

If the field must be free from stumps and otherwise in good condition.

If the man in charge of a machine should have about the same knowledge and skill in handling as is necessary in ginning cotton or operating a sewing machine.

The machines that have been built seem to be in all respects as good machines as the first sewing machines or reapers probably were. The outcome of putting ten of them in the hands of planters I should say would probably be about as follows: In at least six out of ten cases it will be expected that all that is necessary is to put a driver on the seat behind two mules and plunge into a cotton field. The result will be about the same as when an inexperienced man attempts to operate a sewing machine, viz: the result will be no good and the machine will be broken.

Even with a good and careful mechanic in charge of this Mason picker it will require several days of exceedingly careful handling before sufficient skill is acquired to make it do the best it is capable of. Judging from what I saw in the past and again at the trial yesterday the machine is capable of picking cotton about as follows:

In a field of cotton, at the beginning of the season, with cotton scantily opened, the machine will not pick over 10 per cent. of the cotton, and operating a whole day of ten hours would pick about 450 lbs.

In the middle of the season when cotton is opening well and the bolls are down the machine will probably pick about 25 to 30 per cent. open cotton and will pick about 1500 lbs. in ten hours.

In the latter part of the season, in cotton well opened, the machine will probably pick 50 per cent. of the cotton and will pick 2000 to 3000 lbs. per day.

It promises to be most useful in those regions of Texas and Louisiana where the land is perfectly level and free from stones and stumps, and where the cotton grows in such abundance that often in December there are fields that have not been touched by cotton picking hands. In such a field, with the cotton hanging well out of the dried bolls, this machine would certainly be of large value in the hands of a careful and skilled operator.

The range of its usefulness will undoubtedly be extended by the process of development. No machine is invented in a perfected condition. Mowing and reaping machines formerly required fairly good ground for their successful operation. By improvements that are more developments than inventions they may now be operated on almost any sort of land.

The Mason harvester promises little immediate value to the planter on upland and rough land. But it seems more than probable that the machine will go on the market this year to stay where the conditions are favorable and that the extent to which it may be used will be gradually enlarged by its improvements and developments.

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PROVINCIAL ACCESSIONS TO THE

THE announcement is evidently made that Judge Thompson of Cleveland, Ohio, and Judge McKelvey of Pennsylvania, and Judge Groves of Indiana, have all stated their intention to vote for Grover Cleveland. If the report is true, the accession of these men to the party will have immense influence in bringing others to the same way of acting.

Ex-Judge Goody was long time Chief Justice of Michigan. He was regarded as a very able jurist. His works on high departments of law are standard wherever the science of jurisprudence is observed in the world. Though a Republican, he was appointed by President Cleveland and as a member of Interstate Commerce Commission, and became its president. He resigned not very long ago because of impaired health.

Wayne-MacVeagh was made Attorney General of the United States by President Cleveland. With Postmaster General Charles D. Folger, he prosecuted the notorious offenders. His learning, courage and energy have always been at the service of the best causes in Republicanism.

Judge Greenham has been a life-long Republican. He has for twelve years been a favorite with the high minded Republicans. His sterling integrity and spotless reputation have made him a strong Presidential choice. But the Judge has always seemed at the antipodes of political manipulation and for that reason would never command the support of the State in conventions. Personally he never got along with Harrison, for whose methods or ability he had little regard. In 1888, for a long time during the heat of the campaign, when it had become notorious that Indiana was to be purchased, he told Mr. Jay F. Durham, a newspaper correspondent in Washington, that he regarded Mr. Harrison as a man lacking in political integrity, one who would selfishly stoop to anything for his own aggrandizement. Judge Greenham went on to speak of the Republican bargain for Indiana. He declared such corruption of the ballot the greatest evil and danger to the American Republic.

Among the other notable accessions to the ranks of Democracy are those of Charles J. Harrah, President of the Middle West Works, of Philadelphia, and John A. Grow, a lawyer of New York, a brother of Galusha Groves of Pennsylvania. Mr. Harrah has written a letter, denouncing the McKinley bill in unmeasured terms. The New York World quotes Mr. Harrah, saying that if he could get the raw material free of duty he could ship his manufactured steel products to every part of the world and compete successfully with foreign steel manufacturers. "Give us material free," he says, "and we will drive England out of the markets of the world."

The bolt of General Dan Sickles from Cleveland is not receiving the same attention, nor is it considered of the same importance as the reported changes of the distinguished men above alluded to—North Carolina Virginians.

CLEVELAND AND HARRISON.

The Contest is Between These Two and No Others.

The naked question that presents itself to the student of national politics is this: Will Cleveland or Harrison be elected President in November? All other considerations are beside the question. Nobody asks Will Weaver be elected? or will Bidwell be elected? for everybody knows that neither will be.

The matter, then to be considered by every citizen who wants his vote to count this year is whether he prefers Cleveland or Harrison. If, as between these two, he would rather Cleveland would be President, he should understand that a vote for Weaver or Bidwell is just so much assistance to Harrison; if he prefers Harrison his vote for Weaver or Bidwell is water on Cleveland's wheel. It is not worth while to undertake to obscure the issue by talk of throwing the election into the House and of what might be accomplished in that case.

If the election were thrown into the House Cleveland would be chosen President, for it is the present House—not the next one—which would elect, and this House is overwhelmingly Democratic. But the danger is that men who have heretofore been Democrats will throw off on the candidates of side parties and by thus reducing the Democratic strength give the electoral vote of North Carolina to the Republicans. If they do this the election will never get into the House, but with the aid of North Carolina's vote, Harrison will be re-elected President by the electoral college, unless, in deed, the Democrats should happen to make good this loss by an unexpected gain in some State which they have not hitherto carried.

There are some Democrats to whom Mr. Cleveland is not a wholly acceptable choice who have a vague idea that the result of throwing the election into the House would be a President more acceptable to them. We warn them against this fallacy. Cleveland is the candidate of the party and would be chosen by the House beyond peradventure.

A other misleading and mischievous idea is that the loss of North Carolina to the Democrats

will not notice the "Trash."

ERDRE JOURNAL—I see in your last paper a communication from one E. W. Glasgow. I wish to say to the public that they may fully understand my position. That I have never noticed such trash and I never expect to.

Yours respectfully,
W. H. Lusk

Pay prompt attention to the little orders your customers give you. Be the article ever so trifling it is wanted, and some people make more fuss over a trifle than they would over a matter of serious character. Keep good faith in all those small transactions and the larger deals will come as an inevitable result.

Miss Estemalda Longo Fin, entering a music store on Madison avenue, to purchase a piece of music for her little brother who plays on the piano.

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It resolves itself into the proposition laid down at the beginning: either Cleveland or Harrison will be elected in November. If the two you would rather see Cleveland elected, vote for him. If you would rather see Harrison elected, vote for him. If you are giving half a vote to either, you are giving half a vote to neither. Statesville Lumbard.

WHAT WEAVER'S CROWD THINK OF OUR PEOPLE.

Making Fun in Prison of the People Whose Vote They Are Seeking.

Public.

Read the following statement of an acquaintance on the ears that came under the observation of the editor of the Southern News Democrat and is narrated by him:

SCOTLAND NECK, N. C., Oct. 1.

On last Friday I heard Gen. Jas. B. Weaver, the People's party candidate for President, and Mrs. Lease of Kansas, speak at Rocky Mount. Early next morning, as I was coming home on the cars by way of Tarboro and Hahgood, Gen. Weaver and wife and Mrs. Lease were on the cars going to Portsmouth, Va. I sat on the opposite side of the car from them.

At the different stations along the road as the train would stop I heard their conversation. They were remarking what they saw along the road. At a station near Tarboro they were discussing the Southern people. Gen. Weaver and wife were telling Mrs. Lease some things she seemed not to have heard before. They were telling her, with an air of ridicule, about the old time well-sweeps, by means of which the people in the country draw water. Mrs. Lease expressed surprise and questioned the truth of their statements as they explained to her how the bucket is carried down by the hand pole at one end of the sweep and is brought up by means of the weight on the other end.

And they told her that she has only been a few years since the people here discovered how to carry their corn and wheat to mill. They told her that when the people carried corn or wheat to mill they would put all the grain in one end of the bag and a rock in the other end to balance, and swing it across a horse and thus get it to the mill. And they said to Mrs. Lease that the people did not have sense enough to discover how to divide the grain themselves, but some one else had to discover it for them. And Mrs. Lease added that she supposed a woman had to discover it for them. "Lords of creation," she exclaimed, "how will they have managed things!"

At Hahgood I changed cars and heard no more of their conversation.

Just the day before Gen. Weaver was asking the suffrage of the very men whose simple but honest life of toil he was ridiculing and about whom his company were jesting in falsehood.

Can the honest farmer of the South support a man who comes amongst them and openly asks them for votes and the next day, in private conversation with his wife and travelling companion, rudely jests about their honest poverty and lies about their ignorance? And can the Southern people respect a woman who comes all the way from Kansas to instruct them, who calls them "brothers" in open declamation, and the next hour, in private conversation with her select company, calls them "lords of creation" in tones of the most biting and hateful ridicule!

E. E. HILLIARD.

Against Cleveland.

Some people have been telling that Grover Cleveland is "Wall Street" and New York's candidate for the Presidency.

Now let's see. In the convention at Chicago Burke Cockran, chief of Tammany Hall, in behalf of Wall Street and the State of New York, in a most brilliant political speech gave the reasons why Wall Street and New York did not want Grover Cleveland nominated for President.

The farmers and working people wanted Cleveland, and then for the first time in American politics the people rose up in their might and nominated a man in opposition to the desire of Wall Street and New York.

Be just enough to tell the people that Wall Street and New York voted solid against Cleveland's nomination.—Sampson Democrat.

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