

tracting much attention. One high

authority says that there is no coubt

that an important invention has been

made. These statements were followed

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The Patron and Gleaner in some

timely suggestions calls the attention

of the farmers in the Rich Square sec-

about the advantages of a wheat crop

last year until the farmers planted

much more than usual; and it says

that the results in most cases were high

THE COMMONWEALTH has for a num

ber of years urged Scotland Neck farm

ers to plant wheat and add the item o

flour to the volume of home supplies

Not many have done so, but we still

wise amongst our farmers, and we hope

to see them prepare land and plant :

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This is an age of great discoveries,

but the most wonderful discovery in

matters political in North Carolina

has been made by the Progressive

Farmer, printed in Raleigh. That

paper recently said : "Without deny

ing that our present administration

has its faults, we must say that we con-

It is quite fortunate that the editor

Taking it in that light it discounts

but he will find himself mighty lone-

some in his opinion. It is the first

utterance of the kind we have seen

since Russellism was laid upon the

ider it far superior to former ones."

of the Progressive Farmer said "it

no one but the editor who wrote

believe that such a course would

Board.

to make plans for the wheat crop again. It may be interesting to know how

Our contemporary kept preaching those who leyied and spent the taxes

The taxable property of the town

lars. The Board of Councilmen levy

ranked as tax payers. One of the

negro councilmen paid 84 cents taxes

on property, another 63 cents and the

other two nothing. So the four negro

councilmen, who controlled the Board

paid \$1.47 taxes on property for the

The white Republican Mayor paid

43 cents on property and the white

Republican Chief of Police did not do

quite so well, he paid only 30 cents.

The negro clerk paid nothing and the

negro watchman nothing. The negro

assistant policeman paid \$5.75. The

nine men who control the town, levy

its taxes and spend the money paid all

together \$7.75 and leaving out the as

sistant negro day policeman, the other

eight \$2.20. The revenues of the

town for the year from May,

1897, to May, 1898, was about \$5,500

of which about \$2,800 went to pay

salaries and fees of office or place hold

ers. The white Republican mayor and

the white Republican chief of police

were both indicted at September term,

1897, of Pitt Superior Court for gamb-

ling. They confessed their guilt in

open court at January term, 1898, and

were re-elected to the same offices by

the negro Board of Councilmen in May

1898. The mayor has since resigned

to enter the Internal Revenue Service

and a better man, a Populist, has been

elected in his place, but the town is

still in the control of the negroes, as

they again elected four negro council-

men at the election this year and these

negro councilmen have in turn elected

the same number of negro officials with

support of the town.

near three quarters of a million of del-

by the following :

combined."

ly satisfactory.

good crop this fall.

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handle and the third ward is like the Now it is a village of seventy-five famthing new in the world of science, and letter V. The next step in this devil-

the statement that it can be made is at- ish plan was to confer upon each of the ilies, working about a thousand acres, wards having a majority of negro vot- at one time a plantation. The olders the right to elect two councilmen each, and to restrict the white wards to is now one of the town buildings. Beone councilman each.

At the town election in May, 1897 house, a sawmill and a large dining the negroes availed themselves of the hall. "Albumen 1s the most vital constitu- power given them by the Republican-

Commonwealth has its school, paper ent in the human body. Its loss in Fusion Legislature and took charge of mill and clergymar. A magazine call excess means death. If Lilienfield, by the town. They elected four negroes ed Social Gospel, setting forth the his science, can produce an artificial councilmen while the white people teachings of the community, is pub albumen which is stable, it means that could elect but two. Thus we had a lished every month

it may be possible to repair the ravages Board composed of four negroes and Many talented nen and brillian of illness or to increase the strength of two white men. This Board elected a women have gone to this little Georthe weak by the subcutaneous injec white Republican mayor, a white chief gia villiage to live the law of love tion of artificial albumen properly of police, a negro assistant policeman Eyen in the school good work and for the day, a negro night policeman good behavior are inforced, not by the for the night, and a negro clerk to the

rod, but by love. In this community there is said to be n jealousy, no envy, no strife. This simple creed hangs sign to change his stripes for those of upon the wall of every cottage : "Thou shalt love the Lord, thy God, as thyself.

"Loye worketh m ill to his neighthe law.

"This is my commandment : That ye got his heutenant's stripes that way. love one another as I have loved you. "He that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen cannot love God dies or retires, and then he moves up in rank. whom he hath no seen. And this

commandment have we from Him, that he who loved God loveth his in time of war his superiors are watch brother also."

Corn Diet Males Tall Men.

shoulder straps or to have one of th Belectd The proof that com bread diet makes many insignias of rank put on his uniform. There are, besides the honor of bigger men physically can be found in the rural districts of Indiana, Illinois, being an officer, better pay with each and Kentucky, where hominy and corn additional rise in rank, more comfortbread constitute the staff of life. A able quarters and more personal liberty. All these things make the soldiers table in any of the rural districts in those states on which there is no dish more ambitious to gain promotion. prepared from com is a curiosity, and In the army the insignia of rank 15 in those states men who fall below the somewhat similar to that of the navy statue of five feet are dwarfs. Six feet but even in active service an army ofis the regulation size, and men who ficer still wears his shoulder straps. tower considerably above this height The general is the highest officer of are accepted by the inhabitants as a the army. His rank is shown by an matter of course. eagle with a star on each side. A lien

Of course, climitic influences must tenant general wears three stars on his e considered when stature is under shoulder straps, a major general two discussion, but the food forms the basis a brigadier general one, a colonel a si of calculation. It is generally accept- ver eagle, a lieutenant colonel two siled by men who have given this sub- ver leayes, a major two gold leayes, ject thought that the six-footers of In- captain four silver bars and a lieuten-

diana. Illinois and Kentucky as a rule ant two bars. The non-commissioned were brought up on hominy or corn officers wear their devices of rank upbread as the main food supply. If the on their sleeves. A general may also crowned heads of Europe could but be be distinguished by the arrangement convinced that can bread will result of the buttons on his coat. One of the in a nation of sir-footers, the Ameri- jokes credited to General Grant was

can farmer would hardly be able to one about the buttons on his coat. A

two anchors upon his shoulder straps or collar; a vice admiral, three stars Virginian and Pilot

and one anchor; a rear admiral an an-Self-government is the only governfashioned home of the antebellum time chor with a star on either side ; a comment, except in one case, and that is modore, a star with an anchor on each sides this, there are several dwelling side; a captain, a silver eagle and two races are forced to dwell together, and houses, a printing office, a large school- anchors, and a heutenant an anchor one is easily the superior in everything with two silver bars on each side. of the other; in intelligence, education. There are also many petty and nonwealth, manners, morals and physical commissioned officers who wear the strength. The superior race will al

insignia of their rank on their sleeves, ways rule by virtue of its superiority, running about the wrists. The shoulpeacefully and without question so der straps are 11 inches long and 11 long as it governs wisely, justly and inches wide. They are made of dark fairly, or by force when, for any reason, blue cloth, with a border of dead gold the other race resists.

a quarter of an inch wide, the device But where a people are one, or prac being embroidered inside the border. tically homogeneous, no matter what their grade, they are entitled to self. The lowest commissioned officer in government, so long as they keep themthe navy is an ensign. He wears a single silver anchor on his shoulder tion of this homogeneous people any strap. It is the ambition of each enright, no matter what their superiority, to govern any other and inferior por a lieutenant. There are many cases tion, no matter how inferior, except by on record where an ensign showed with all thy heart, and thy neighbor great bravery during a battle, and his the natural and unforced influence of their superiority. If a man has a right name was sent to Washington with a recommendation from his commander to liberty, or self-government, he has bor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of that he be promoted. Often an ensign it because of his being a man, and was sent on a dangerous mission and every other man has the same right for the same reason ; and the whole struc-Usually, however, he has to wait till some officer above him is promoted or

ture of human right falls if it be admitted that this or that man has great er rights than another man for any conceivable reason whatsoeyer. If be cause one is stronger than another Every sailor and soldier knows that (and an appeal to strength is the last arbitrament, the ultima ratio of arguing him and that if he shows himself ment), he attempts to rule that other a brave man he stands a good chance by force, the natural, just and logical of being promoted. It is a matter of answer is force, and the weaker by re great pride to add an extra bar to hi sorting to arms, or calling in friends, may over-power the aggressor, who being thus beaten at his own game, at his own argument, is a self-confessed and self-delivered captive and slave . to his subduers. We find, however, on investigation, that no matter what one may plead in justification for his mastery of another or others, he will never admit it to be a good plea for enslaving himself. And there we have the whole theory, system and practice of human

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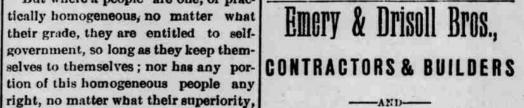
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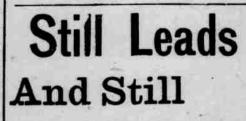


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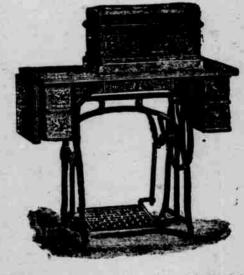
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