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WHY NOT ADVANCE A LITTLE?

THE COMMONWEALTH has never been a pessimist. On the contrary it has all the while preached a hopeful gospel, believing always that there is something better to come.

To be sure, there has been no straight-out promise that certain things would be done, but by one intimation or another in times not distant past, we have been led to hope for, and in a way expect, a paper box factory by some enterprising citizens, but it does not come.

A few months ago also somehow the people got the impression that the town commissioners had it in mind to make some effort for water works or deep wells; but of late nothing has been heard of it.

While Scotland Neck is one of the most delightful towns in all the land, and many strangers who come say it is one of the prettiest towns in the State, we fear that it is not quite in time with the step of progress in some other towns.

Other towns are having electric lights, water works and other improvements and advantages, and Scotland Neck might as well wake up to the fact that we must have such things here or be left behind in the march of progress.

THE CASE WELL STATED.

The Washington Post has come as near sizing up the very probable result of Booker Washington's dining with the President, so far as it will affect him, as we have seen. That able paper spoke well of Washington's work in putting a new idea before the colored people concerning the full and broad meaning of education, and commended him for teaching them the practical things of life and says he ought to be content with that great work.

"Of what benefit to Booker Washington and his work is this empty and adulatory round of banquets and parlor functions? Wherein does it profit him or the cause he has at heart that he figures in Hartford or Boston drawing rooms, sits at luxurious tables—even that of the President himself—and gives his time to what we call 'social'?"

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HON. JOSIAH TURNER DEAD.

Hon. Josiah Turner died at his home in Hillsboro last Saturday, October 26, aged about 80 years.

He was more than an ordinary man, and his death deserves more than a passing notice. He made more history in a few brief years after the Civil War than perhaps any other man in the State has ever made in so short a period.

Through The Sentinel in Raleigh he blustered with indictment for raceability more mean men and with greater effect, perhaps, than any other newspaper writer of his time. He was not regarded as a polished writer, but he wrote with a directness that gave his utterances an effect that could not be ignored.

Having fought as a soldier in the war he felt keenly the outrages that the people of his own beloved State had to suffer after it was over; and almost single-handed and alone he set himself sither to right the wrongs or wear himself away in the effort. Thousands of the good citizens of North Carolina today remember the great work which Joe Turner, as he was called, did towards stirring the State against the curse of corruption, which was at last thrown off.

Josiah Turner was a striking character even in his last years, and few men knew real things about North Carolina and her people as he did. He was really great in some respects and it will be fitting that his name and memory be kept green in the hearts of our people.

Among the press comments of the State on Mr. Turner's life, the following is taken from the Wilmington Star: "When Joe Turner died one of the truest North Carolinians, one of the most uncompromising foes of corruption, and one of the most fearless and forceful editors who ever wielded a pen in this State, passed away. During the memorable reconstruction period, when corruption held high carnival in this State, with headquarters at Raleigh, he stood the fearless sentinel, and as editor of The Sentinel he attacked the corruptionists and with withering invective exposed them and their villainy. For months he went in and out among them, and carried his life in his hand. There was no man in North Carolina whom they hated or feared more, and no man who did more to outwit them and drive them from the State."

"He didn't know what the word policy meant, and attacked a suspected Democrat as unsparingly as he did the known rascals, upon whom his guns were always trained and trained to hit. His unyielding, uncontrollable spirit alienated some who had been his friends, and the last quarter of a century he spent in private life, toiling courageously to make an honest living, and asking nothing. North Carolina owed him a debt of gratitude which it never paid during his life—and now it is too late."

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The North Carolina Farmer's State Association was organized in Raleigh last week. A number of delegates attended from various parts of the State, and the organization commends itself to all our farmers.

"Whereas, The association and organization of farmers has proven to be desirable in stimulating them to greater efforts and research in bringing out and developing ideas and plans for advancing their interests by discussion, experiments, co-operation and unity of action in things pertaining to their successful operation, demonstrating that 'in union there is strength,' promoting confidence among themselves and an interest in each other's welfare, in advancing and protecting their interests when endangered by any untoward circumstances, encouraging legitimate efforts in developing their resources that will inure to the benefit of the farmer, and to enable them to resist the encroachments of trusts, monopolies or other combinations whose purpose is to deprive the farmer by arbitrary or other methods, of his rightful earnings or profits that should arise from his industry. Therefore this association sets forth the following as its

GENERAL PURPOSES. "1st. We hereby resolve that we will labor for the good of our fellow farmers, and to this end invite the co-operation of all farmers and others interested in this desirable undertaking. 2d. We will meet together in council, confer and co-operate with each other for our mutual protection and advancement as occasion may require. 3d. Believing that the value of cotton seed and their products have not been fully realized, we especially invite experimental and scientific research to bring out their many uses and to add to their value, commercially, as a food and as a fertilizer. 4th. We purpose to advance and promote our own interests without making aggressive attacks on other industries, but will oppose any enterprise that tries to oppress our people and deprive them of their just profits."

Then followed a constitution which set forth in detail the plans and regulations of the organization. One item which commends itself is the provision against any possible political influence in its management. One farmers' organization in the State has come to grief and annihilation and the farmers and everybody else in the State are too familiar with it all to need any warning against political alliance of the present organization. By united effort in the proper channels the farmers can certainly do some things which will inure to their own interest and do no hurt to any one else.

COTTON ON STATE FARMS.

Raleigh Post, Oct. 29th. Mr. Nathan O'Berry, a member of the Board of Directors of the State's prison, said yesterday in speaking of the outlook for crops on the State farms the prospect for cotton is very good indeed. About 1,000 acres of cotton was cultivated this season and there is every indication that 900 or 1,000 bales will be gathered. Mr. O'Berry says the affairs of the prison generally are in very good shape now and "bucks and tongue" will be made to meet without any trouble.

He says he never knew the prison to be so nearly deserted as it is now, there being only 88 prisoners there in all since the squad of 130 was sent to work on the Marion, N. C., railroad. This he says is no indication that there is a falling off in the number of convicts. On the other hand they are as numerous as ever, the great bulk of them being at work on the State farms.

SCHOOL BUILDING BURNED.

The Greenville Reflector told Saturday of the burning of Masonic Hall School for Girls Friday. The school was in session when the fire occurred. The building belonged to the Masonic Lodge, and The Reflector has since stated that the school will be continued in another building.

HEALTHY MOTHERS.

Few mothers are healthy, because their duties are so exacting. The anxiety of pregnancy, the shock of childbirth, and the care of young children, are severe trials on any woman. But with Wine of Cardui within her grasp, every mother—every woman in the land—can pay the debt of personal health she owes her loved ones. Do you want robust health with all its privileges and pleasures? Wine of Cardui will give it to you.

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A Typical South African Store.

O. E. Larson, of Bay Villa, Sundays River, Cape Colony, conducts a store typical of South Africa, at which can be purchased anything from the proverbial "needle to an anchor." This store is situated in a valley nine miles from the nearest railway station and about twenty-five miles from the nearest town. Mr. Larson says: "I am favored with the custom of farmers within a radius of thirty miles, to many of whom I have supplied Chamberlain's remedies. All testify to their value in a household where a doctor's advice is almost out of the question. Within one mile of my store the population is perhaps sixty. Of these, within the past twelve months, no less than fourteen have been absolutely cured by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. This must surely be a record."

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THE COTTON GROWERS.

The North Carolina Farmers' Association has for some length been formulating a plan for the discussion, and the cotton growers of the State are now in a better position than before to maintain their own interests. Those interests appear to be of a mutual character, and the step of combining which has now been brought about is one which might well have been taken long ago, with beneficial results to the farmers.

It is expected that this association will have an influence in fixing the prices upon the products of the farms. Where the several producers are compelled to deal individually with the big purchasers of cotton seed or other products they are always at a disadvantage. The jobber or manufacturer always has a broader horizon in the world of trade than the producer has. He has special information which enables him to deal to the best advantage and not to reject a good offer. He is able to induce one producer to underbid another. But where the producers have an understanding, maintain some uniformity in price, and through the officers of their association are able to broaden their horizon, the results are nearer an equality between the two parties to the bargain.

The new farmers' association will be welcomed in North Carolina. Don't Accept a Substitute! When you ask for Cascarets be sure you get the genuine Cascarets Candy Cathartic! Don't accept fraudulent substitutes, imitations or counterfeits! Genuine tablets stamped C. C. C. Never sold in bulk. All druggists, roc.

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