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THE COTTON FARMER'S RIGHTS.

Perhaps no region or section of any country on the globe is attracting more attention to-day in matters of progress and development than the Southern States of this country. The South is to the front in almost everything. In agriculture it is wonderfully prosperous and commendably progressive. The cotton crop is great and its value enormous; but it is easy to conclude that its value to the producer is not what it ought to be.

The farmers of the South are coming into a position which will enable them to make demands for their great crops. The Manufacturer's Record in reviewing the cotton situation makes the following interesting and instructive observations:

"The margin between raw cotton and the finished goods is unusually large. It would have been possible for the cotton manufacturers of the world to have paid to Southern farmers an average of one or two cents a pound more than they have paid for the present crop and still have had a legitimate manufacturing profit. No one can blame the manufacturer for seeking to buy his raw material at as low a cost as possible. In doing this he is but following the universal custom of mankind. But the producer has an equal right to strive to secure the highest possible price for his product. Holding the world's monopoly on this the most important crop raised on earth, this section ought out of its cotton crop to make far greater wealth than any other country makes on any crop. Cotton ought to command such prices as would make the South the richest agricultural region of the world. It ought to give to this section such a wealth that we would have the best roads, the best schools and the best comforts of living throughout the entire cotton-growing region.

We may well rejoice at what has been accomplished as illustrated in the \$750,000,000 to \$800,000,000 secured for the present crop, but so long as the world's prosperity continues unabated and so long as English spinners are making 30 per cent. or more profit on the manufactured article, the South has a right to struggle for a higher price for its cotton. The world's increasing consumptive requirements promise to fully tax the ability of the South to increase the crop rapidly enough to meet increasing demands, and under these conditions, instead of being satisfied with nine or ten cents for its cotton, the South ought to receive a considerably higher price, and it well behooves the people of the whole South, the bankers, the merchants and the manufacturers to do all in their power to bring this about."

YOUR DUTY TO THE SWINDLER.

Swindlers in these days have become so numerous and the commercial spirit so prevalent that the following from the Saturday Evening Post is well worthy any one's time to read and reflect upon:

The cry of the get-rich-quick victim still arises. We wish a few basic principles could be more universally understood.

The concern that sends you a circular, inviting your money and promising to pay five per cent. a month, or any other far in excess of the ordinary return upon capital, is almost necessarily a swindle. A man having a proposition that will pay five per cent. a month doesn't need to advertise for capital. By simply employing his own money and compounding it at this agreeable rate he would soon become a millionaire.

Gentlemen with infallible schemes for beating the stock or grain market or winning a horse-race would be fools to admit strangers to a partnership. If any one had such a scheme he could become rich beyond the dreams of avarice on a capital of a hundred dollars.

Don't be taken in because some other investor has received a few per cent. a month dividends. Those dividends were probably paid out of his own money.

When you receive a get-rich-quick circular do not throw it into the waste-basket. Turn it over to your postmaster with request that it be forwarded to the inspector for that district and investigated.

GOVERNOR GLENN AT HIS BEST.

Speaks to a Large and Enthusiastic Audience.

CLOSING OF THE GRADED SCHOOL.

The Scotland Neck Graded School closed Tuesday. The auditorium at the school building being too small to accommodate the audience, the exercises were held in Mrs. Bowers' grove at the Dr. Wood place. Seats were arranged in the yard and the front porch served as a rostrum. A large audience of the town people, together with many from the country, gathered at 11 o'clock. The stores in town were closed in consideration for the occasion.

Superintendent C. W. Wilson announced that the audience would be led in prayer by Rev. G. W. Phelps. After the invocation by Mr. Phelps, Superintendent Wilson made some brief statements concerning the work of the school, the help rendered him by the patrons of the school and the progress made by the pupils.

Mr. E. E. Hilliard was called upon to present some prizes to members of the ninth grade. Miss Ferrell, teacher of that grade, gave a prize for the highest average in History, Rhetoric, Literature Algebra and Composition. The prizes were suitable and valuable books, and were awarded as follows: For the highest average in Composition, to Miss Annie Cherry; for highest average in History, Rhetoric, Literature and Algebra, to Miss Eula Shoulars. Superintendent Wilson, in well chosen remarks, presented diplomas to the graduating class from the ninth grade.

The class consisted of Mess. Frank Moore, Frank Cherry, Misses Eula Shoulars, Annie Cherry, Mary House, Fannie Lewis, Kathleen Tillery and Hattie Leggett.

MR. KITCHIN INTRODUCED GOVERNOR GLENN.

Superintendent Wilson announced that Gov. Glenn, the speaker of the occasion, would be introduced by Hon. Claude Kitchin.

Mr. Kitchin presented Governor Glenn in his usual happy style, saying in part:

"I consented to introduce Governor Glenn on the condition that there should be no flowers." Mr. Kitchin doubtless had in mind one evening in the political campaign in 1892. Governor Glenn had spoken eloquently in Scotland Neck, and in behalf of the ladies Mr. Kitchin, who was then quite young, presented a bouquet of flowers. He soared rather loftily in his remarks, indeed was not able to descend at all. Finally he said to Mr. Glenn, "Take your flowers, I can't come down."

In presenting Governor Glenn Tuesday Mr. Kitchin said: "Ladies and gentlemen—I take pleasure in introducing the speaker on this occasion. We should count ourselves happy that we are here to-day. Prof. Wilson has honored the town and community in selecting the speaker. Governor R. B. Glenn, in his figure, face and service is not a stranger to this people. In times that tried men's souls he did great work for the good of the people of North Carolina, and is well remembered in Scotland Neck. He is the only Governor in North Carolina since Governor Vance whose administration, after two years of it have transpired, has not received a single criticism by the opposite party. No Republican has offered a criticism against his administration.

"Governor Glenn is the most distinguished orator of all the States of this Union. Since he has been Governor of North Carolina his eloquence has played upon the hearts of more people than that of any other Governor in this nation. I present to you Governor Glenn as a great statesman, an eminent orator and one who loves his State with a holy devotion, a gentleman of forceful power and magnetic personality."

GOV. GLENN'S GREAT ADDRESS.

Governor Glenn, the very picture of perfection in physical strength and power, and with the bearing of a statesman, scholar and thinker, arose, bowed gracefully to the audience, and said in part:

"Teachers and pupils of Scotland Neck Graded School, ladies and gentlemen:—It is with feelings of pleasure and regret that I greet and speak to the people of Scotland Neck. It is with feelings of pleasure that I contemplate the assistance the people of Scotland Neck gave in lifting from North Carolina the dark cloud of oppression. I speak with feelings of regret at the absence of some whom I knew in former times."

Here Governor Glenn referred to the late W. H. Kitchin and the late W. A. Dunn and others as his friends whom he loved.

In reply to the probable question by some as to why he should be going about the State delivering public addresses, Governor Glenn said that he regarded it his official duty to do what he can to help the people of the State to higher ideals and aspirations. Said he, "My only object

in coming here is to try to instruct the girls and boys to live higher and nobler lives. Any man can make a living, but that is not making a life."

Three features of proper development were taken up and discussed separately—physical, mental and moral. All three of these attributes of one's life are needed to make the others effective. Boys and girls and all need the development of body, mind and soul in order to make the most and best of life possible.

The speaker told the boys and girls how to make such development. He said that if play at school does not give them sufficient physical development they may well take a turn at helping mother and father at home—the girls in helping mother in the kitchen or at the wash tub, and the boys in helping father cut wood and work in the field. To parents who have sorry children he suggested the helpfulness of hickory cordial or sassafras tea.

The girls and boys were appealed to and urged to develop their minds by proper and persistent study in order that they may be the better prepared in after years to bear the responsibilities and duties of life. The reading of poetry and other good literature was urged as a means of rising to higher thoughts and finer feelings. He begged that boys and girls and men and women would stop reading papers and magazines that make heroes of libertines and heroines of harlots.

High ideals of morality were held up before the young, the speaker declaring that "to be truly great is to be truly good." Pleading for pure and holy living, the speaker exclaimed, "Young men and young women, the great God has never shortened any one's arm in power who followed in his footsteps. Thank God, the day has passed when a low, corrupt and contemptible man can long hold office amongst us."

Here the speaker referred to such Bible characters as Moses, Samuel, Gideon, Joshua, Samson and David, and held them up to young men as models for any vocation in life. Queen Victoria, said he, in all her glory was not ashamed to say that she was led by God, and Gladstone prayed three times daily in order that he might secure God's guidance. Lee and Jackson never went into battle without a prayer on their lips, nor failed to give God thanks for victory.

Eloquently and forcefully Governor Glenn pleaded for strong men and women, who are true and noble and brave.

He reviewed some of the achievements of the world in the past, noted the great things which surround us in the present and predicted greater and more wonderful things in the future. Said he, "The boys and girls of the present are to bring these things to pass."

The contrast was drawn between this country one and two and three hundred years ago and the present. Also the contrast between North Carolina forty years ago and the present was emphasized, and the great resources of our State were recounted, and special emphasis was given the fact that in matters of education North Carolina has made wonderful strides, and here Governor Glenn paid high tribute to ex-Governor Chas. B. Aycock, saying that Aycock was the greatest educational Governor North Carolina has ever had, or perhaps ever will have.

But with all these favorable conditions, said Governor Glenn, we are living too fast. Commercialism has taken such a hold upon the people that they are drifting from many of the better things.

Drawing towards the close of his great address, Governor Glenn said that he could not be true to his own convictions and the interests of the people of North Carolina without saying something about the curse of the liquor traffic in our land. He counseled the boys and girls and all his hearers against the evils of this the greatest curse of our time.

During the year 1906 the people of North Carolina spent sixteen million dollars for whiskey and beer, and only two and one half millions for humanity.

Of prohibition, he said that a man will not go a hundred miles or send a hundred miles for a drink as quickly and as surely as he will go around the corner for it. He declared, without reservation, his purpose to fight the liquor traffic until it shall be driven from North Carolina, and in this purpose he has no regard to the question of office. He will not stifle his conviction or cease his efforts against the evil for the consideration of the office of justice of the peace or a seat in the United States Senate. Said he, "If any one here hates me because I am trying to save his boy, let him hate me."

The speaker called upon his audience to sympathize with him in the discharge of the duties of his office as Governor of the great State of North Carolina.

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For lack of space only a small portion of Governor Glenn's great speech has been given. He closed with the declaration again that his only purpose in coming was in the hope of doing some good, and that if what he had said should be of help to any boy or girl his coming would not be in vain. He feelingly invoked the blessings of God upon all and bade good-bye.

The people of Scotland Neck heard Governor Glenn years ago during the heated political campaigns in the State, but they had not heard him as Governor before. His plea for civic righteousness and his appeal to the people for high and noble living was worthy the great and good man and Governor that he is, and can not fail of great good wherever heard by the people of North Carolina. Many said freely that it was the greatest address they had ever heard. Superintendent Wilson, in behalf of the town, thanked Governor Glenn for his great and timely address and thanked the people for their presence.

Thus ended the best year of the Scotland Neck Graded School.

President Harvie Jordan, of the Southern Cotton Association, and Mr. Walter Clark, president of the Mississippi Division of the Southern Cotton Association, have gone to Vienna, Austria, to attend the International Cotton Congress. The meeting these gentlemen are attending is the most comprehensive deliberative body on the cotton interest in the world. Matters will come before it pertaining to the cotton interests of all nations; and it signifies much to the South that it is so well represented in that congress. The agitation of the Southern farmer's rights will yet bring to him his proper returns for his toils.

If the town commissioners should levy a tax of a dollar each on all the dogs in Scotland Neck they would add mightily to the town's income. Judging by the noise these beasts make at night the extra amount raised would be something like ten thousand dollars.

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News Afloat.

Lumberton has voted a school tax.

The wife of the late T. P. Braswell died at her home in Battleboro last week.

Turner W. Battle, of Edgecombe county, died in a Richmond Hospital last week.

Henry Jerome Stockard has been placed at the head of Peace Institute in Raleigh.

Coleman Brown shot and killed his brother-in-law, Elijah Owens, in Jackson county one day last week.

Frank Dickey, Will Walker, Jim Criss, Jim Turner and Will Carr, all colored, escaped from the Graham jail one day last week.

Because of the burning of Hotel Carrolina the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly, which was to have been held in Durham, has been called off for this year.

The unveiling of the Worth Bagley monument took place in Raleigh Monday. Richmond Pearson Hobson and Victor Blue were present and delivered addresses.

The 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Blackwell died at Durham from lockjaw. Some ten days ago the boy was hurt while playing, a splinter going into his foot.

The jury at Wilson acquitted James Byrd, who had been on trial two days, charged with the murder of Amos Butts. The same day Jesse Lurfey was found guilty of manslaughter of Henry Brown and sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary.

Ex-Senator John L. McLaurin, of South Carolina in a speech before the American Cotton Manufacturers Association in Philadelphia, said that in his opinion the present prosperity of the country is due to the courage and sagacity of Grover Cleveland more than to any other one man.

After 24 hours' deliberation the jury in the case of Nathaniel Moore, of Wilson county, charged with beating his son to death, could not agree and was discharged. Ten were for conviction. Two physicians testified that congestion of the lungs, which caused death, might have been from natural causes instead of kicks.

SAVED FROM CRASH BY PRIVATE PHONE.

The following news item appeared in Saturday's Raleigh Evening Times:

The telegraph operator at Cary yesterday forgot to deliver orders and came near to causing the east bound and west bound trains on the Southern to collide.

The operator, it is said, received orders to send the east bound train on through, and later a dispatch telling him to hold the train until the west bound passed. A few moments later the east bound train arrived and the operator gave the engineer the wrong orders. The train pulled out and the engineer, thinking to make up lost time, was giving his passengers the ride of their lives, when far ahead he saw a man frantically waving a red flag. The train slowed up and stopped and the man with the flag hastily explained the situation. A flagman was sent ahead on the run while the train backed, and in less than a minute the west bound train swept around the curve ahead. It was a close shave. The operator had realized his mistake almost as soon as the train left the station and had telephoned a farmer near Cary, asking him to flag the train.

Dr. David S. Rowland has been arrested in Raleigh charged with murder by poisoning his eleven-year-old son. The boy's life was insured and the father was named as the beneficiary. Dr. Rowland was recently married to Mrs. Lillian Strange whose husband, Robert C. Strange, had died suddenly only a short time before. It is now believed that he was murdered and Mrs. Rowland has been arrested as accessory.

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