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WET COTTON AND COTTON SEED.

Only about once in fifteen or twenty years do the farmers have a fall so unfavorable for saving crops as this so far has been but when such a one comes the thing to do is to find out and follow the best plans. When a storm comes to damage cotton or a long wet spell such as we had recently, instead of going to the fields to pick and gin the cotton, farmers should keep all hands out of the fields and let several days of sunshine come on the cotton before starting to pick again.

Last week and week before some farmers were offering almost any price to have their cotton picked. A lot of it was picked and ginned and sold at prices ranging from seven to eight and a half cents. Some of this cotton was shipped to the mills and when opened was found to be mildewed all through the bales. Such management usually works against the farmers but it is their fault. A little sunshine and air would have made a wonderful difference in the damaged cotton.

The cotton seed oil mill managers are writing to seed dealers and farmers not to mix their best seed with the seed from cotton ginned now as the seed now are of a very inferior quality. Besides it is said that a load of wet and damaged seed put with others will take a heat which will spread through the whole lot like a disease.

Let every farmer give special attention to his cotton and cotton seed now. Both should be spread and aired at once if already housed. It is hard to pick cotton free of trash after so much bad weather but we should be careful not to leave too much trash in it. If not well handled the remainder of the crop of cotton and seed will have to be sold much below the market for good cotton and good seed.

YOU DID IT YOURSELF.

The first two months of last year petitions were being circulated nearly all over Johnston County asking our Senator and Representatives to pass a prohibition law for the county. More than half the voters signed these petitions. When the petitions were presented our Senator and Representatives refused to pass the law but later in response to this and other petitions they did pass two temperance laws which would give the people what they asked for provided the towns of the county voted out the dispensaries.

The different towns called each a separate election and the dispensaries were all voted out and the people of the county in this way got what they had petitioned for. If the people did not want temperance laws they should not have petitioned for them. Some of the very men who signed the petitions are kicking now because they got what they asked for.

When the majority of the voters of a county ask for anything how can the Legislature fail to give some notice to the petition? Did it ever occur to you that you did this thing of getting the temperance laws yourself? Think about it and see if you do not remember signing a petition. The farmers decided that the temperance laws were too strict and at our county convention here August 1st our Senator and Represent-

atives were instructed to change the law so that wine and hard cider could be sold. This will be done surely by the Legislature in two or three months from now.

GIVE ONE DAY TO YOUR GOVERNMENT.

Tuesday, November 6th, is election day and it seems to us that every lover of good government could afford to give that day to help carry the election right. When officials go wrong we criticize them openly and freely, but after all, our form of government is the best in the world and every citizen should be proud of it. Every man should stand up for his government and defend it.

We are opposed to any foul means to get votes or carry an election but everything which reason and right dictates should be done to get men to vote for the best principles. Take time next Tuesday to vote and use your influence to get your neighbors to vote for a continuance of good government. If you fail to vote you will regret it: if you vote you can cast your ballot for good government. Don't fail to vote.

Will Work for Righteous Legislation.

If it is the will of the voters of this district that I shall again represent them in the National House of Representatives, I hope to perform a humble part in securing the passage of righteous legislation. I shall support the President when I think he is right, and I shall oppose him when I think he is wrong. I shall not help him to pass his Ship-Subsidy bill, whereby it is proposed to take millions of dollars from the people's treasury and give it to men to enable them to start a private enterprise. I would prefer to vote to give the farmer a subsidy of one cent a pound for all the cotton or tobacco he raises for the next four years in order to cover the losses he sustained during four years of ruinous low prices during Harrison's and McKinley's administration. Either measure is wrong in principle, but there is more to be said in defense of the latter than the former.—From E. W. Pou's Address to the Voters.

\$2,500 for Foreign Missions.

New Bern special, Oct. 30.—The largest missionary contribution ever made in this city, was subscribed Sunday at the Centenary Methodist Church, where \$2,550 was donated to the cause of foreign missions. The pastor, Rev. G. T. Adams, stated that no particular effort had been made to increase the subscriptions. The cause had been presented in the usual way and the church appropriation had been met.

Education and Equal Opportunity.

The battle-cry of the Democratic party is education of all the white boys and girls of North Carolina, equal opportunity for all—rich or poor; a hospital for the insane, instead of a dungeon in a jail; a home for every Confederate soldier, and that home not the county poor-house; education, religion, morality, and the everlasting rule of the Anglo-Saxon. Such a battle-cry has always led good men to victory.—From E. W. Pou's Address to the Voters.

Famous Strike Breakers.

The most famous strike breakers in the land are Dr. King's New Life Pills. When liver and bowels go on strike, they quickly settle the trouble, and the purifying work goes right on. Best cure for constipation, headache and dizziness. 25c. at Hood Bros., druggists.

An Appeal to the Voters.

TO THE EDITOR:

As we are fast approaching one of the most important elections in the history of our State and county, it is time for every voter who loves good government, to stop and consider well before he casts his ballot. And as "history repeats its records," we should look over the record of the two parties from whom we have to choose, and select the men from the party having the cleanest records. Considering at the same time, that we do not vote from personal motives but FOR PRINCIPLES. The record of the Republican party in our State has been every time it was in power fusion and confusion. Our daughters and precious women were insulted by negroes; heavy tax bonds were placed over us, and even in the good old County of Johnston, the home of the brave and the land of the true, our script was only worth fifty cents in the dollar, and we were represented by men in the Legislative Halls of the State who were a reproach to any people, whose record was too disgraceful to be engrafted in this article, but yet well known to the good people of this county, and a vote for that party, or any man who represents it, does in my judgment mean a repetition of the same.

The Democratic party in this county and State has a record of which I am proud, and I think, an honor to the men, who have for years past represented that party. We have at heads of our ticket for the Senate and House of Representatives the best men in the county, and I am willing to say for them, the same I said of our BELOVED POU years ago, that "they have been tried and found pure and true."

Our ticket for county officers are men of the highest character; too well known to need any recommendation at my hands. Our representative to Congress has no superior in the State, and a man of whose record I am sincerely proud. I hope no Democrat in this county will ever make such a choice as to vote to bring upon us the dark days of Fusion and Confusion, etc., but will honor himself and family by voting for those men who are without reproach such as are mentioned above. I will here state that I never expect to vote the Republican ticket nor for any man who affiliates with it, neither do I expect to scratch the name of a man who represents the Democratic party, for the record of the two parties are too plain for me to be deceived in that matter, for a vote for the Republican party means a repetition of the past. A vote for the Democratic party means REFORM and GOOD GOVERNMENT, and the Democratic party stands ready to correct any mistakes it has made and no man who loves his home and family can afford to array himself on the immoral side of any question and vote the Republican ticket.

J. A. T. JONES,
McCullers, R. F. D. No. 1,
October 27, 1906.

The Democratic Party Stands for Betterment.

Every effort of the Democratic party is for the betterment of the people of this State. It is educating our children. It is caring for the afflicted better than ever before. It is giving to the helpless Confederate soldier more than he ever received before. Not a dollar has been wasted, not a penny stolen; taxes are as low as in any well-governed, civilized community on earth. In vain will the Republican plead for the return of his party to power.—From Mr. Pou's Address.

A Republican editor writes about Democratic promises and Republican performances. We have seen those Republican performances and while the show is still going on we demand our money back.—Wilmington Star.

For Sale—Cotton Scale Beams.
Cutter Stevens Co.

A Political Party Should Be An Agency For Good.

I have never believed that men should allow themselves to become the blind slaves of any political party. A political party should be an agency for the accomplishment of good. It has always given me pleasure to support the President when I thought he was right, and it has always so happened that I could consistently aid him in passing every beneficent measure which became a law during the last Congress, because the party to which I belong has for years been striving to secure the enactment of this very legislation. Every important measure recommended by the President, which has resulted in benefit to the masses, was a Democratic measure. In securing the enactment of these measures into law, the Democratic minority in Congress gave to the President sincere and cordial support, while leaders in his own party were opposing him with the most intense bitterness.

The present Railroad Rate Law would have been a far better measure if during the last days of Congress the President had not deserted his Democratic allies to make terms with the representatives of the Standard Oil Trust, the Steel Trust, and Pennsylvania Railroad. I respect the President highly, and would not do him an injustice under any consideration, but the solemn truth is that the President did form an alliance with certain Democratic leaders in Congress to secure the enactment of a better law, and during the last days of Congress he did astonish the Nation by accepting certain amendments to the Railroad Rate Law which made that measure so satisfactory to the representatives of the corporations that they withdrew their opposition entirely.—From E. W. Pou's Address to the Voters.

Majestic Range Exhibit.

Mr. H. L. Sterling, of Crisfield, Md., representative of the Majestic Range Company, gave a demonstration here at the Smithfield Hardware Company's store last week. The exhibit was a success in every respect. Many visitors were at the store during the week and all were well pleased with the Majestic Range and its conveniences and qualities as a cooking stove. The result of the week's exhibit was the sale of 24 Ranges. The Smithfield Hardware Company is to be congratulated for securing the agency of such a successful range.

Don't Scratch Your Ticket.

We plead for straight Democratic tickets. Every man on the Democratic ticket may not measure up to the highest criterion of excellence, but let us remember that none of us are infallible and that even the best of us are imperfect.

The Democratic ticket is composed of men called from varied vocations and sections by over 2,000 stalwart Democrats.

They are the regular nominees of the dominant party. They received their nomination honestly and without devious methods. They are candidates in response to a united militant organization of Democrats, and who is there that can afford to mutilate his ticket, because, perchance, there may be some man on the ticket whom he personally dislikes? Democrats, be loyal, be brave, be courageous, do the thing that will bring solace and comfort to you in old age, vote the straight Democratic ticket.

Don't scratch, cut, erase or mutilate your ticket.—Selma News.

Dr. Matthews Must Serve Sentence.

The Supreme Court handed down its opinion in the Dr. Matthews case Tuesday afternoon. The court finds no error and Dr. Matthews must serve his sentence of 20 years in the penitentiary for poisoning his wife at Greensboro about a year ago.

Local News Notes.

Rev. O. R. Mangum will preach at the Baptist church here next Sunday morning and night at the usual hours for service.

There will be no services at the Methodist church here Sunday morning on account of the absence of the pastor, Rev. J. H. Shore, who will go to Franklinton to preach the missionary sermon before the Woman's Missionary Conference of the Raleigh District. Dr. W. H. Moore, presiding elder, will preach at the Methodist church here Sunday night.

Charley Hodge, who has been driving a hack from here to Selma for more than twenty years for different liverymen of this town, has started a hack line of his own and will continue to meet trains at Selma. Charley is one of the best known negroes of this section of the state and knows personally a large number of our public men, including Governors and Senators, besides all the "drummers" who visit this section.

Rev. B. G. Early, who has been serving several Baptist churches in this county for the past year and a half, leaves today for his new home at Chalybeate Springs in Harnett county. His family will remain here for a few weeks longer until he can secure a suitable house. Mr. Early has accepted a call to Hector's Creek, Macedonia and Cumberland Union churches. He has also been elected principal of Hector's Creek Academy and will begin his school work next Monday. He will be assisted in the school by Miss Maude Holmes, of Roxboro, who will have charge of the music and primary departments. During his stay in this county Mr. Early has done a good work and his churches regret to give him up. We wish him success on his new field.

Had a Close Call.

"A dangerous surgical operation, involving the removal of a malignant ulcer, as large as my hand, from my daughter's hip, was prevented by the application of Bucklen's Arnica Salve," says A. C. Stickel, of Miletus, W. Va. "Persistent use of the Salve completely cured it." Cures Cuts, Burns and Injuries. 25c. at Hood Bros., druggists.

Burglars in Smithfield.

Smithfield was visited by one or more burglars Wednesday night. Mr. J. W. Stephenson's house was entered and several articles of clothing were taken, also a small hand-satchel. The satchel was left in the yard. The burglar also visited Mr. J. W. Moore's. Mrs. Moore heard him and aroused Mr. Moore. Mr. Moore saw him as he left. He failed to get anything here. This was about 2 o'clock. Some also entered the home of Mr. James A. Wellons, went into his room and took his coat, vest and pants and went into the hall and rifled his pockets, taking therefrom about \$43 in cash. He left the clothing, except vest, in the hall. The vest together with an old coat were carried away and left in the school grounds where they were found yesterday.

A Turner's Almanac Free.

By the time this paper reaches our readers we shall have a full supply of Turner's North Carolina Almanacs for 1907. The price is the same it has been for the past fifty years—ten cents a copy. But we are going to give a copy free to every subscriber who pays for a year's subscription in advance. Remember that to get an almanac, you must pay what you are already due, if any, and then pay for one year ahead. The Almanac is better this year than ever before, and we hope our subscribers will be so pleased with this proposition that we can give away 500 before Christmas. We shall sell Almanacs at 10 cents per copy.

Benson News Notes.

Ira Creech, of Portsmouth, is at home on a visit.

Leon Peacock becomes night operator for the A. C. L. here now.

Mr. J. F. Putnam, of Conwell, S. C., is visiting his brother, Rev. D. F. Putnam.

Ira V. Webb is home from the Navy. He has spent six years in Uncle Sam's service.

We are sorry to chronicle the death of Rom Eason's baby child, on Monday night.

Miss Eva Parrish has returned from a visit to her sister, Mrs. Clem Bryan, of Clayton.

Your correspondent, the writer of this letter, has not dodged any axe handle and does not expect to.

Miss Bertie Stevens and Miss Carrie Spence, of Cokesbury, Harnett County, are visiting at Alonzo Parrish's.

W. B. Jennigan, of New York, is on a visit here to relatives and friends. He has been in the U. S. Navy for several years.

S. P. Honeycutt has forgotten that the election is coming on. His corn shucking and a twelve-pound boy came on the same night.

C. A. Holmes is here from Washington, D. C. He is always faithful and is never absent when the Democratic party needs his help.

Prospects for Democratic success are growing brighter every day. The Radicals are on the run and we intend to keep them going till after the count on November 6th.

The effort has been made here to register men who had not paid their poll tax, by swearing they were exempt. Our clever constable happened to be on hand on one occasion who drew his books on him and he cowed at once. His supporter, who had escorted him to the registrar's office also backed down and disclaimed any intention to put up a fraud upon the registrar before any one had time to accuse him of what he was attempting to do.

We have seen some Dock-uments sent out by "Uncle Dock" Step-hen-son to the effect that he is a good man and wants office. Of course he does, and would have been in the Democratic party to-day had he had some little office given him. He has gone from the highlands of decent politics to the swamps of Radical pollution and seems bent upon wallowing in the mud of Radical filth till he shall have his fill of the truck he is delving in.

Your correspondent has been threatened with dire consequences on account of last week's letter to THE HERALD. Little Jimmie Stauch has skunked around the corners and talked about an axe handle he is going to use on your scribe but the axe handle has not been forth coming. It has been predicted that when it does come into play, should such a remote possibility come to pass, that the Republican party of this township will be wiped out and the last vestige of it sent to perdition where it belongs.

Made Happy for Life.

Great happiness came into the home of S. C. Blair, school superintendent, at St. Albans, W. Va., when his little daughter was restored from the dreadful complaint he names. He says: "My little daughter had St. Vitus Dance, which yielded to no treatment but grew steadily worse until as a last resort we tried Electric Bitters; and I rejoice to say, three bottles effected a complete cure." Quick, sure cure for nervous complaints, general debility, female weaknesses, impoverished blood and malaria. Guaranteed by Hood Bros.' drug store. Price 50c.

1,500 pairs new Shoes just arrived. All grades and styles for ladies, children and infants at Spiers Bros.