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(From an Address by Clarence H. Poe, Editor of Progressive Farmer (Raleigh, N. C.), delivered before Southern Commercial Congress, Washington, D. C., Tuesday Afternoon, Dec. 8, 1908.)

"The captains and the kings depart": our bankers, our manufacturers, our merchants, our lawyers, our doctors, all these have brought their reports, worthy, inspiring, notable, and all these men I honor; but here at the last I bring to you your forgotten man, the man who, of all men, is re-building and must re-build the South—the man behind the plow.

Thirty years ago and more that great-hearted and far-seeing Southern poet, Sidney Lanier, gave us the key-note of Southern development and the burden of my address is a paragraph that every Southern school-boy ought to learn by heart:

"A vital revolution in the farming economy of the South, if it is actually occurring, is necessarily carrying with it all future Southern politics, and Southern relations, and Southern art, and such an agricultural change is the one substantial fact upon which any really New South can be predicted."

It is Lanier's old message that I would bring to you today—and yet I bring a new message too; that at last we have definitely set about the fulfillment of his dream.

To tell you what this means to you and to the South and to ask you for your support in carrying it to success, is the object of my coming.

Average Southern Farmer Should Make \$500 More a Year

As a background of my story in order that we may see its large meaning in the right perspective, I must first of all call your attention to two statistical facts. First, as to the overwhelming predominance of rural interests in the South, the census showing that more than 80 per cent of our population is rural and that the South is today the one section of America of which it is true that there are more people engaged in agriculture than in all other occupations combined.

1. To bring up its earning power \$500 more a year for each Southern farmer is the supreme task and opportunity of our generation. 2. It is not only our supreme task and ambition, but it is a realizable ideal, a workable, practical program of progress.

3. It is not only our supreme task, and a realizable one, but is one upon whose success depends the prosperity not only of the South as a section and Southerners as a whole, but also (and more important) the prosperity of yourself as an individual, and of every individual Southerner—the farmer, the merchant, the banker, the lawyer, the preacher, the teacher, the statesman.

An Appeal to the South's Commercial Interests

And now, as the spokesman of the South's agricultural interests, I come to you to appeal for your support, to ask you as citizens and leaders to join in a great movement for rural development in the South. And I am going to base my argument not on any plea as to what this development will mean to the South as a section, or to Southerners as a whole, but upon what it will mean to you, that is as an individual. My hope is to show you that your prosperity is dependent upon the prosperity of the average man in the South, this average man (I repeat) being a farmer.

Too long, my fellow Southerners, a large element of our people have cherished a different feeling. Too long, too long,—ah, tragically too long—men have thought or said, "If I am a merchant, lawyer, manufacturer, preacher, railway

man, banker, or teacher, it matters little to me (except, of course, as a matter of altruism or benevolence) whether agriculture prospers or not, whether the man in the field is ignorant or educated, is progressing or retrograding, is prospering or suffering."

I come to you today to tell you that this is the feeling that has cost the South leadership. This is the sentiment that has kept our manufacturers, our commerce, our literature, our education—that has kept one and all of these chained down to the unprofitable level of our unprofitable average man, our man behind the plow. Increase his earning capacity and you increase the earning capacity of every other worker in the South; free him from the chains of unprofitable, because misdirected, labor, and you cut the hindering shackles of every other worthy interest in the Southern States.

Ah, if our statesmen and public men in the South these last thirty years could have realized the fundamental truth in Lanier's utterance—"A vital revolution in the farming economy of the South is necessarily carrying with it all future Southern politics and Southern relations and Southern art, and such an agricultural change is the one substantial fact upon which any really New South can be predicted!" Ah, if they could only have realized that the prosperity of every man depends upon the prosperity of the average man!

Prosperity to Every Man Dependent Upon Prosperity of the Average Man.

I do not know whether or not it has ever been worked out a principal of political economy, but anyhow it is unquestionably true that wealth is by nature not aristocratic, but democratic. The poorer every other man is, the poorer you are. The richer every other man is, the richer you are. Every man whose earning power is below par, below normal, is a burden on the community; he drags down the whole level of life, and every other man in the community is poorer by reason of his presence, whether he be white man or negro, or what not.

And so today every man who is tilling an acre of land in the South so that it produces only half what intelligently directed labor would get out of it is a burden on the community, is dragging down the level of life for every other man in the community. Suppose you are his fellow-citizen; then because of his inefficiency, his poverty, because of his failure to contribute to public funds and public movements, you must have poorer roads, poorer schools, a meaner school-house and court-house, a shabbier church, lower-priced lands; your teacher will be more poorly paid, your preacher's salary will be smaller, your newspaper will have a smaller circulation, your town will have a poorer market, your railroad smaller traffic, your merchant smaller trade, your bank smaller deposits, your manufacturer diminished patronage, and so on and so on.

Negro Must Become More Efficient or Give Way to Immigration.

The ramifications are infinite, unending. And the doctrine is true whatever the color of the man. The ignorant negro in the South is one of the greatest economic burdens with which any people has ever had to contend. From travel and observation in ten Southern States, I have almost worked it out as a principle of political economy that, other things being equal, States and communities are prospering in proportion to their white population. I do not know what we are going to do with the negro. I do know that we must either frame a scheme of education and training that will keep him from dragging down the whole level of life in the South, that will make him more efficient, a prosperity-maker and not a poverty-breeder, or else he will get out of the South and give way to the white immigrant. No acre of land will long own as its master the man or the race who mistreats it and makes it unfruitful. Either we must have the negro trained or we must not have him at all. Untrained, he is a burden on us all. Better a million acres of untilled land than a million acres of mistilled land.

Let us remember then that our economic law knows no color line. White or black, the man whose efficiency is above par is a help; white or black, the man whose efficiency is below par is a hindrance.

Some Great Fallacies and What They Have Cost Us.

"The farmer, the common laborer of any sort, needs no training. Educate him and you spoil him. The poorer you keep him, the richer will be the upper class." These have been our pet fallacies. And a long time have they been preached. Hugging this vampire

Sunday School Department

Conducted by Special Editor.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

NOTICE—The International Committee has given two lessons. The Editor of this department has chosen to give short expositions of both, in order that all may have the advantage of the assistance.

Lesson.—Solomon's Downfall. —I Kings 11:4-13.

Golden Text.—"Thou shalt have no other Gods before me." —Exodus 20:3.

Time. The last year of Solomon's reign. He reigned 40 years.

LESSON STORY

Solomon was scarcely more than sixty when he died. This is not to be an old man unless the body has been neglected, abused, or indulged. The latter seems to have been the case with Solomon, so we are told he was old, though it was not from years. His wives persuaded him to share in their idolatries. Three forms of this idolatry are mentioned. The worship of Ashtoreth was a form of impure worship practiced by the Phoenicians. Molech demanded human sacrifice, combined with horrible licentiousness. Chemoth, the Moabitish idolatry, was also a form of sun worship. It was to such things Solomon turned from the pure worship of Jehovah, which he manifested at the dedication of the temple. His religion seems, however, to have been merely intellectual. He did not have that effect of the heart for God which was in his father, David, making the latter to repent when he sinned, and to be discontented when he was not right with God.

Solomon died with a record for material magnificence and worldly wisdom, with the record showing no lasting gain; but rather a loss to his own people, both politically and religiously, and with his own end clouded with the idolatry to which he allowed his foreign wives to persuade.

PRACTICAL

True religion is the best ally for the home.

We must not be unequally yoked with unbelievers.

Our visions are worthless without obedience in our lives.

Compromise in morals and religion leads to failure and to sin.

A godly home is a great help, an ungodly home is a great hindrance.

Neither husband or wife should surrender the right because of convenience.

God's promises are based on God's commands; we must go God's way to have God's blessing.

The man who deserts God will suffer the loss of God's special favor and that is a fearful loss.

ALTERNATIVE LESSON

Scripture.—Christmas Lesson. —Luke 2:7-20.

Golden Text.—"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." —Luke 2:11

Time.—B. C. 4. Place.—Bethlehem.

LESSON STORY

In the gospels we find two accounts of the birth of Jesus or to speak more correctly, there are two accounts of his infancy. The one written by Luke appeared late in the history of the apostolic church and tells the exact circumstances under which Christ was born. He was probably answering the critics of his day. Christ was born in Bethlehem, because he was to answer the hope of the prophet Micah. As a matter of history he was born at Bethlehem, whether his parents had gone because of the taking of the census. It was oriental custom that the inhabitants should not be counted at the place of residence but at the place where they originated.

On the same night in which Jesus was born, shepherds were watching their flocks on the hills near Bethlehem. They were startled by the sudden light which came around them, and by the voice of an angel. The angel first calmed their fears; then announced to them that a descendant of David had just been born in Bethlehem, who would be the Saviour of the world. They would be able to find him by the fact that he was poorly clad and lying in a manger. Then angelic choirs appeared and sang what we now call the gloria in excelsis. The shepherds went at once to Bethlehem, where they found the child, his father, and his mother, according to the directions given by the angels. They told the people what they had seen, and all that the people

could do was to wonder. Mary, however, put the things together that had taken place, and kept thinking about them.

PRACTICAL

Let no man fret over the lowliness of his station or the narrowness of his limitations.

"Not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble are called."

God's ways are not as our ways. The Message. It is one of great joy, for it is a message of salvation—a proclamation by the Sovereign of the universe of provision of peace between himself and his creatures who had been warring against him, and for peace between these creatures themselves who had been warring with one another.

The Verification. Hard must it have been for the shepherds to believe that these were really angels, and easy was it for them, when the angels had gone away, to suspect that it was all an illusion of the senses.

It was night; and yet they did not sleep, let us wait till the morning, but "they came with haste" and found it even so, as the angels had told them.

The shepherds believed the angels, and therefore, they went; but what a satisfaction to see with their own eyes the wonderful thing which had come to pass! Thus should we listen to every voice that God sends us, but we

should follow up the intimations thus in mercy given and never rest content till we have personally had experience of the truth. And then we shall be able to say, as did the Samaritans to the woman at the well, "Now we believe, not because of thy saying, for we have heard him ourselves and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world."

The Publication of the Message.

When the shepherds had seen they did not keep the good news to themselves, but "made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning the child."

Seriously Hurt on Shafting.

(Marshallville Home.)

Mr. J. A. Bennett, of West Marshallville township, was seriously hurt yesterday by getting his clothing wound around a shaft at his machinery. He was standing near the shaft talking to somebody when his clothes, in some way, became entwined around it, whirling him over and over until the engine was stopped. No wounds of much consequence were inflicted, but his clothing was drawn so tightly around him just where the chest and abdomen join that his life was greatly endangered. Bruises on his right thigh were also sustained. Dr. W. A. Dees treated the injured man and it is thought that he will recover.

STATE AND GENERAL NEWS.

Moses Cone, one of the best known business men of the state died in a Baltimore hospital Tuesday afternoon. His home was in Greensboro and he was instrumental in establishing some well-known business enterprises in the state.

Congressman W. W. Kitchin has resigned his position in Congress. The resignation was forwarded to Governor Glenn last week and it will take effect on January 11th, the day before Mr. Kitchin is inaugurated Governor of the state.

While supposed to have been in an intoxicated condition Luther Thompson, a young white man of Inman, S. C., fell from his buggy, his head catching on the dashboard, and he was strangled to death. He was found in the buggy in his lot after he had come from a trip to North Carolina, and it is believed that he fell from his buggy while drunk.

The Supreme Court last week sustained the sentence of Luke Banner of Watauga county, a former member of the Legislature, given thirty years in the penitentiary for killing Ambrose Cline. The plea of insanity was set up but the court declared that the evidence was unconvincing and that the prisoner should gladly take the sentence in the place of hanging.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM W. N. JEANS' BIG CHRISTMAS STORE



ALL things are now ready. The big show is on. One of the largest and best selected stocks of holiday goods ever shown in Wadesboro. You can come here and find presents for every member of the family and find presents that will please. If you want to set yourself up to some elegant little furnishings for the parlor, the sitting room, the dining room or any part of the house, you won't find a finer selection.

- Candies and Fruits. A full line of the best all the time and if you want to make a fruit cake, here's where you find all the materials. No use running around. All kinds of candies for all purposes, wholesale and retail.
Cut Glass and China ware. Here's where we lead; others follow. We bought this season and opened a few days ago, a big line of samples in addition to a large stock of this fancy goods. We offer these samples at less than wholesale price. Better look it over at once. The assortment contains some of the finest articles made in china and cut glass, either colored or plain.
Cakes and Crackers. A complete assortment of the market's best quality in all the novel and various cakes and lunch wafers. You'll find them all here and fresh from the bakery too.
Dolls and Toys. Christmas always finds us well-stocked with these, all kinds for the boys and girls. We have dolls from 1 cent to the \$3.00. Have sleeping dolls, painted dolls, biscuit dolls, celluloid dolls, washable dolls (something new.) And toys galore; many you never saw before.
Table and Pocket Cutlery. Make things look cheery around the Christmas table with some new silverware. A nice pair of scissors will please the lady of the house and every gentleman uses and appreciates a good pocket knife. Try our line.
Many people are taking advantage of these early days for Christmas shopping. You know what our store looks like Christmas eve when it is crowded to the limit with belated buyers. Are you going to be in that class. Come on early and let's settle the question now.
Miss Connie Benton has charge of the Cpt Glass and China Ware Department here and will give you every attention you can ask.

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