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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1890.

Hon. W. H. CRISP, who has displayed so much ability in his fight against the usurpations of Speaker Reed, is favorably mentioned for the Democratic nomination for Governor of Georgia.

A COMPARISON between the common pea vine fibre and jute shows that the pea vine will supply as good material for bagging and other articles as jute. It is found that the pea vine fibre can be manufactured at less expense and is much lighter and stronger than the jute.

THE Supervisors of the census for North Carolina have been appointed as follows: First district, G. W. Cobb; second district, M. W. Hawkins; third district, O. P. Lockey; fourth district, W. C. Webb; fifth district, H. Hardwicke. Washington county is in the first district under Mr. Cobb, of Elizabeth City.

BRO. LATHAM of the Washington Gazette, gives Gov. Fowle "rats" because he refused to pay his subscription. It may be proper to make public such small points in men, but if we were to undertake such a thing we would not have space for anything else. It looks mighty small in a man to take his county paper and refuse to pay for it, but Gov. Fowle is not alone in his act, no doubt every paper in the State has such men to deal with.

ELSEWHERE will be found the Road Bill or Act made to Congress by the Rhinebeck Gazette. We believe that the proposed Act if passed would be a source of much good to our farmers and the whole country at large.

The National Legislature has appropriated, year after year, vast sums of money for the improvements of rivers and harbors, thus benefiting in a special way, the coast cities and river towns, but it has never made any special appropriation for the immediate benefit of the Agricultural population.

The farmers of this country are not able to keep the public road—in as good order as they should be, therefore some appropriation should be made by the Legislature to help keep up the public roads of this country. The papers throughout the country are favoring the Act as proposed by the Gazette.

If our citizens favor this Act they can vote for it by postal card. Send card to Rhinebeck Gazette, Rhinebeck, N. Y. All votes will be forwarded to Washington, D. C. VOTE FOR IT.

SOME protection should be given the stranger that seeks employment within the borders of our State. We refer to the case which was tried in this town during the past week.

It seems that a forgery has been committed in Knoxville, Tenn., by one T. C. Payton, for which a reward of \$750 is offered. On Thursday last a citizen of Perquimans county, one Thos. Reddick, came here, and without any authority, other than the description of said Payton, arrested Mr. P. C. Hand, and caused him to be confined in our jail until Monday. When the officers of the bank came and testified that Hand was not the man wanted.

If such an action is law we say repeal that law at once, for the safety of strangers, as well as our own people. The idea of arresting a private citizen and an innocent man, at the point of a pistol, tying him and dragging him to jail, because he, by chance, resembles a man who is wanted for some crime, and is held until he can prove his identity, then released without redress.

We believe the decision of Justice Armistead was correct, when he fined Mr. Reddick, or as the boys now call him the "Saddy left Detective," for carrying a concealed weapon, and we trust when Mr. Reddick is arraigned before the Superior Court for assault and battery upon Mr. Hand, while under arrest, that the jury will render a verdict according to the evidence as will be given by many of our most prominent citizens, and that the judge may make his sentence so that it will answer as a warning to such men as may be trying to secure a reward.

Such actions as in the above case should not be tolerated by good citizens. If we are to be taken up and thrust in prison in any such style, losing our time, besides the disgrace and embarrassment that naturally attends the shades of the prison wall, where is the protection of our government? What is the use of having laws and officers?

SOUTHERN AGRICULTURE.

No. 5.

In order to dispel any doubt in the minds of those who have read the preceding articles on Southern Agriculture, I would say here that my sole aim and object in writing these articles is to benefit my fellow-men, especially my neighbors in Eastern North Carolina. I am not in receipt of five or ten thousand dollars a year salary, as a special correspondent on the staff of the BEACON neither have I an axe to grind in the shape of trying to sell or buy or advertise any farm product. I am trying in a small way, it may be some chronic grumbler, may think it is a VERY small way. If so all I can say is this I will gladly make room for him if he can do better, if he can't, don't growl at those who are trying to follow out the Divine command, to do their duty to their neighbors. I am well aware of the fact that this command seems to have been most, if not all, its force in these days, when men seem to have taken for their motto, "Every man for himself, etc." but the fact still remains as does the commandment, that if I can help my neighbors, it is my duty to do so, perhaps I may need help myself. I also see the editor and manager of the BEACON are trying to run their paper so that it shall be what its name purports, a beacon to show light, to enlighten and edify the people of Eastern North Carolina generally, and the inhabitants of Washington county specially, and I think it is only fair to them for their efforts in this direction, to help them make the BEACON brighter and clearer, so that it may shed its rays of light brighter and farther, until it illuminates the whole of our country, which so greatly needs this light. The subject of these papers namely, Southern Agriculture, is by no means an easy one to master, I do not think there is a living man to day who has, or who can understand it in its entirety, many of us who have spent our whole life on the farm are still in darkness, always something to be learned, we are constantly finding out fresh things about plant life, food, etc., and although agriculture is divided and subdivided, still there is something to be discovered in each and every one of its many sub-divisions, some give their whole attention to horse and mule raising others to hog raising, sheep husbandry, cattle raising, dairy work, chicken farming, truck farming, some devote themselves to wheat, corn and cotton raising, some to fruit growing, etc., all these are included in Southern Agriculture, life is too short to acquire a thorough and complete knowledge of all these various ramifications of Southern Agriculture by any one man, we have to benefit by the experience of others, hence I am trying to show my fellows some of the benefits to be obtained from the results arrived at by experienced practical men. We, in the South, have to work out most of these results for ourselves, under various conditions, each man has to be governed by his own peculiar conditions and surroundings, many things we can improve upon, some will not suit, or do not readily adapt themselves to soil and climate but the last two or three of these articles I believe I have shown our farmers some thing that they could very easily work up into a profitable industry, it is easy, pleasant and interesting, and highly profitable. I have before me a statement made by a poultry raiser, that in one year, on one acre of land, \$448.69 profit was cleared from 100 hens, and that a 60 acre farm yields a clear profit of \$1,500 a year, from the poultry alone, now with so little money, from such a large amount of labor and expense attending the culture of cotton in this district why won't some of our progressive go ahead men take right hold, and try this business, begin in a small way, and as you gain experience and knowledge gradually extend your poultry business and as gradually drop the cotton that pays you so poorly for your labor. I give you a hint or two that may be useful to beginners if you want eggs only, you must have either Leghorns, Minorcas, Haverburgs, or Black Spanish, for winter eggs Brahmas, Wyandottes, Plymouth Rocks, for spring chickens Brahmas, and Wyandottes are about the best, Partridge Cochins are also very good to grade up with. For Capon Meat the required color is a bright yellow, and the pure unalloyed Plymouth Rock or American Dominique makes the best capons known. To dress capons for market leave the head on, also the feathers of the neck, wings and tail, a competent judge can tell one when dressed and his head cut off. The object of caponing is to improve the quality and increase the quantity of the flesh of fowls. The reason why capons are being sought after in their flesh is so much more juicy and tender than any other bird of the feathered tribe. The operation is performed when the birds are about three months old. A cock bird such as the Plymouth Rock, that will weigh 9 to 11 pounds, if caponized when three months old, will weigh from 15 to 18 or even 20 pounds at maturity, there is a large and ever increasing demand for capons. On Saturday, Feb. 1st, the New York poultry market was reported as being very quiet, owing to heavy receipts of Western poultry, which had caused a decline in prices. Yet capons were in good demand at 16 to 21 cents per pound. Corn is quoted in Plymouth market at 55 cents per bushel, an acre of ordinary land will produce, say 15 bushels, worth \$8.25 at 55 cents per bushel, one bushel of corn will make at the very least six pounds of choice capon meat, convert this 15 bushels of corn into capon meat, and at the prices as above stated, the value of the capon meat would be from \$12.50 to \$18.50, thus the farmer would double the value of his product. The farmer of to day must bear in mind this fact, the farming of to-day is a very different thing to the farming of our fathers and grand-fathers. "Farming don't pay," if practised as it was 20, 30 or 40 years ago, the farmer of to-day who wishes to be in the front rank must in a great measure be a manufacturer too, he must convert as much of the raw material as he can into that form that will bring him the best results for his time, labor and capital, and if he can double his income by so doing, I think it is his duty so to do, especially as he has to pay the lion's share of the taxes direct and indirectly. Protection, from the farmer's standpoint, is a very one-sided affair, to most of us it looks as if the protective tariff is for the purpose of keeping the rich man from getting poor, and the poor man from getting rich, at any rate that is the idea conveyed to the mind of

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FROM PENNSYLVANIA.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Feb. 14, 1890.

Mr. Editor: Your kind letter requesting a communication for the BEACON to hand. It is very pleasant to know that you have not forgotten your former countryman, and I can assure you every item telling of Plymouth's progress is welcomed. While any ill or misfortune to her people awakens sympathy and regret, since living here I would have enjoyed writing often for your paper but my numerous duties have precluded that pleasure. I have not the abundance of leisure now that enabled me to contribute so many, and I fear, worthless articles to your columns when a resident of your county.

This is a progressive age and Pittsburg as a city is ever in the front rank of progress. Her people are pushing, energetic and far sighted, and to keep up with them one has to "hustle" or be left in the back ground. Indeed, all are workers here. In this populous northern city and vicinity a new world exists compared to the quiet southern village nestling by the yellow waters of the Roanoke, but I trust the near future holds for you much of the push and energy that follow in the wake of railroads. May improvements come thicker and faster until a lively city takes the place of the old time Plymouth. In perusing the BEACON the familiar names mentioned and the vivid portrayal of places in old Washington county brings the hundreds of miles between me and the place of my nativity so effectually that for the time I am with you in spirit if not in the flesh.

The South need not fear as to her future—it will yet be the grandest and richest portion of the United States. Her fertile fields, unbroken forests, salubrious climate and other natural advantages are bound to win in the long run. Already, as you know, much capital from the North has sought and is seeking investment in the South, and it will continue to go there. We are too crowded here, and while times are good, money plentiful, manufactures increasing, industries booming, &c., yet the laboring man has but little left after paying his bills. If he gets high wages for his work, his rent is high, provisions are dear, the clothes for his family heavy and expensive so he saves but little after all. Really I have studied this matter carefully and I can't see that the laborer is any better off here than in the South, and I will add in this connection that if the Southern laborer would exert himself like his northern brother is compelled to do, there would soon be no comparison between the two. The blessings of this life would be in favor of the Southerner every time, and talk about economy! These people here understand it to perfection. Nothing is wasted, nothing is lost, everything is stretched just as far as it will go and every moment of time utilized.

We have very few colored people here, but a great many Italians, Swedes, Hungarians and seemingly every other nation including the Chinese, and they continue to come in such numbers that many of our most intelligent citizens fear troubles of various kinds in the future from so badly mixed a population. That so many nationalities can assimilate without some friction is impossible, as frequent murders and burglaries throughout this section attest. I do not write in this strain from any degree of personal dissatisfaction or disparagement for I have been moderately successful made many warm friends, been treated with uniform kindness, and indeed this is a grand country, but to show those of your people who may have grown disheartened that evils exist everywhere and misfortunes may be encountered in any section.

We have had an exceedingly mild winter—very little cold and snow, but considerable rain and mud. I have experienced many colder winters in North Carolina. The fruit trees are budding, meadows have continued green and wheat is beautiful. No ice has been out here and we will have to look further North for our next summer's supply unless it forms soon. The crops are generally good and consist of wheat, oats, hay and vegetables. This is a great country for fruit and stock. They have the finest horses and cattle I ever saw. It is a real pleasure to visit some of the dairies and see how the cows are taken care of during the winter. Good tight stables are provided and plenty of rich food and pure water given them daily, besides being carried and everything kept neat and clean about the stables consequently the cows are fat and the flow of milk does not diminish, while the profits are large. How different from the cows in your country and their management in general and likewise the profits.

Politically the state is largely Republican but the Democrats are very hopeful of electing their next Governor. The blunders of the national administration and its conceded weakness, Tom Reed's opposition in the House, and many mistakes by local republican incumbents form the basis of democratic hopes. Even leading republicans are fearful of the result if Pattison receives the democratic nomination. Among the uninformed here many erroneous impressions prevail concerning the South. It is thought that Northern men are badly treated down there and not given a show in anything; that they are snubbed by everybody and many times their lives endangered; that they are not wanted and can never feel at home among the people; and, if one should succeed in overcoming all these obstacles, malaria or the yellow fever would surely wipe him out in no time. I try to correct all this as far as possible, showing its utter falsity.

My time is limited so you must pardon this hasty and rather disjointed letter. Please remember me to "Wild Rose" and "X. Y. Z." of Creswell and give my love to my former partner "Ole Man Tile" of Mackey's Ferry. If I knew "Pipp" would wish him "good morrow" also.

With best wishes for the BEACON and every temporal and spiritual blessing for yourself, believe me as ever your friend, W. COXTON DOWNING.

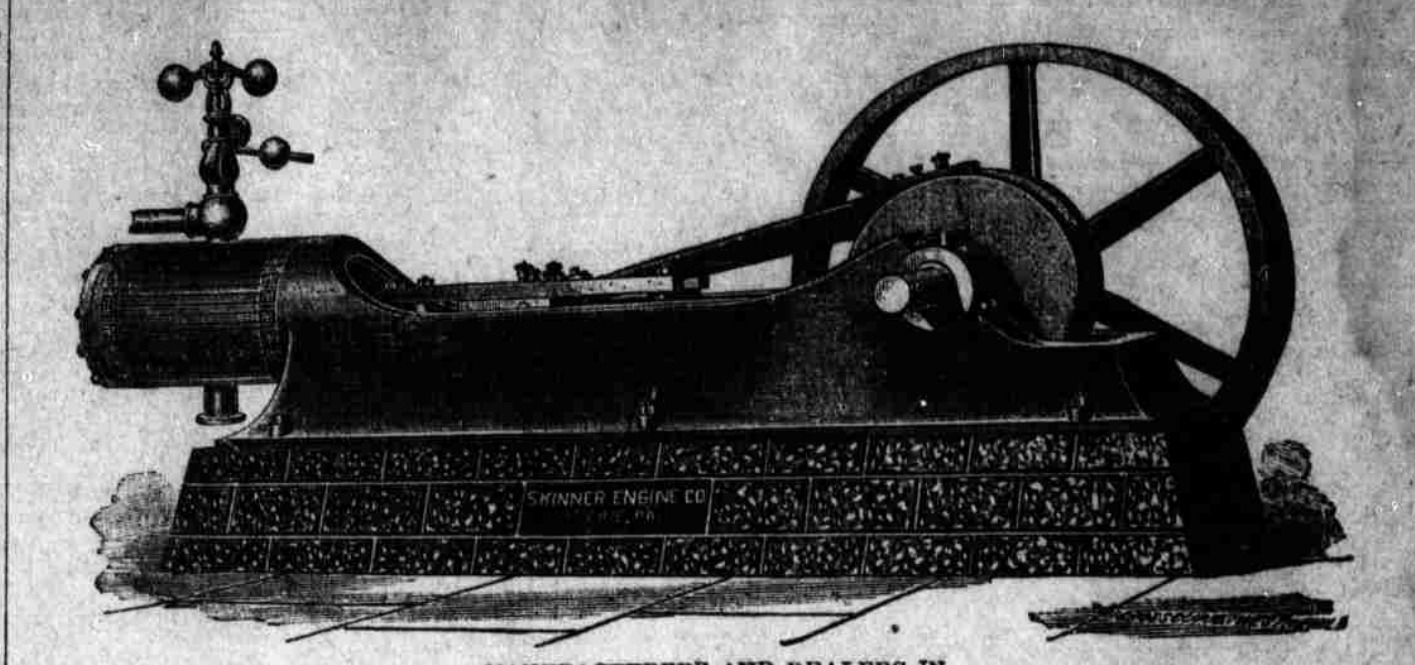
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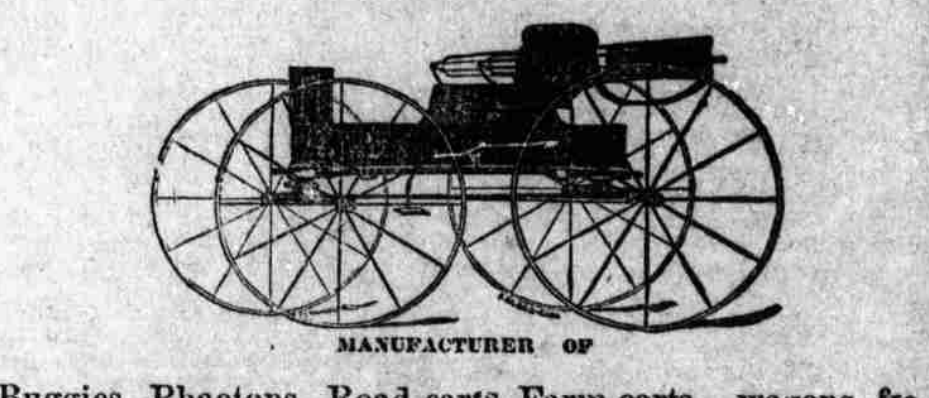
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