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THE ROANOKE BEACON,  
Plymouth, N. C.

We appeal to every reader of THE ROANOKE BEACON, to aid us in making it an acceptable and profitable medium of news to our citizens. Let Plymouth people and the public know what is going on in Plymouth. Report to us all items of news—the arrival and departure of friends, social events, deaths, serious illnesses, accidents, new buildings, new enterprises and improvements of whatever character, changes in business—indeed anything and everything that would be of interest to our people.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1890.

When the House was called to order on Monday last the Speaker ordered the roll called and Congressmen might vote for the World's Fair, the following vote was taken: Chicago, 115; New York, 72; St. Louis, 61; Washington, 56. Our Congressman, Hon. T. G. Skinner, voted for Cumberland Gap. The result of the voting was that the Fair will be held at Chicago in 1892.

Mr. L. I. FAGAN, one of our most enterprising citizens and at present Dep't Sheriff of this township, which office he fills with credit, is a candidate for the Stewardship of the North Carolina Insane Asylum, he has a petition signed by almost every prominent citizen of this county also by a number of the business men throughout the State, he also holds letters of recommendation from a number of public men. We are satisfied the appointment of Mr. Fagan to that position would never be regretted, his honest straightforward manner could but give satisfaction.

As a soldier Mr. Fagan was brave and fearless, ever found where duty called him face to the foe, and was known in the dark days of '64 and '65, both North and South as the "Big Seargent from North Carolina," as citizen he is quiet, energetic always looking to the interests of his country, as an officer he is firm, ever carrying out the law to its fullest extent. But, above all the noble traits of this man the greatest is his christian character. In war, in peace, as a private citizen or as an officer he ever respects and loves the christian religion, and while we would regret to have him leave us, yet we heartily endorse him as a man worthy, not only the Stewardship of the Asylum, but any other position of trust that is within the power of our people to give.

The Raleigh News and Observer under date of Feb. 21 says: "We yesterday had some conversation with Mr. Hand, the gentleman who was so grossly outraged at Plymouth a short time since. Mr. Hand came to this country rather more than two years ago, and after a short sojourn in New York came to Raleigh, and went on the next day to Durham. He spent two years tuning pianos in Durham, Granville, Vance and some of the neighboring counties, and went to Plymouth to do some work on the organ of a church. On reaching the town he employed a man to help him, but coming into the street from the church, he found himself covered with a pistol, with directions to hold his hands up. Which demand he hastened to comply with. He was carried before a justice and an affidavit was made by one Reddick that he was a forger from Tennessee, and he was thrown into jail, without any proper examination. His papers were taken from him, his clothing ripped up and the soles of his shoes were ripped, to find the stolen money. He was tied and chained down in the jail and kept several days before he could get any one to carry word to a lawyer. In the meantime the man he had hired ran off with his tools and clothing.

Finally he was released after the men who had come from Tennessee testified that he was not the man at all. Mr. Hand being a French subject hopes that some remuneration may be made to him by the State for his treatment—at least to the extent of replacing some of his tools so that he may go to work to earn his living. The above is the substance of a conversation with him.

It goes without saying that Mr. Hand has been grossly abused. His treatment was an outrage. We take it that an honest mistake was committed in apprehending him; but the examination must have been wretchedly conducted for a man who has spent two years in the vicinity of Raleigh as a piano tuner to have been held as the Tennessee forger. Doubtless Mr. Hand could have shown without trouble where he was during the period when the forgeries were being committed.

It was a reckless piece of work. It seems to us a fair case for restitution.

We think the above comment as made by the News and Observer upon the people of Plymouth is quite unjust. Mr. Hand misrepresented the case if the above is correct. In the first place he did not hire a man to help him do any work on his arrival in this town, but came here with a man which he claimed was his brother but after being arrested, three days later, he denied their being any relation. He was not arrested near any church as stated, nor was he arrested by an officer, but by a man named Reddick, a citizen of Pasquotank county, and his hands tied as was also the man's brother? then the two men were taken before a justice and the proper papers sworn out by Mr. Reddick, after which Mr. Reddick turned said Hand over to Deputy Sheriff Fagan and the court at once discharged the other man. Mr. Hand was given the full benefit of the law, but failing to give the bond required, he was taken to jail and made as comfortable as

possible, he was not tied or chained down, neither was he deprived seeing a lawyer, for before going to jail he employed one. Of course he was kept in jail until he had proven his innocence, what else could have been done? he had received a legal hearing and been offered a bond which he could not give. As to his being maltreated while in the custody of the officials of Washington county that is utterly without truth, if he was roughly handled by Mr. Reddick while being taken before the justice, the citizens of Plymouth and county officials should not be held responsible.

If Mr. Hand as a French subject is seeking redress and remuneration from the State we think he should do so in an honest manner and not by misrepresentation, and we hope our worthy contemporary the News and Observer, will not be so ready in future to comment so harshly upon the acts of people without hearing both sides of the case.

We must say that Mr. Hand is one of the most ungrateful men we ever knew, to go from a town where he was treated so kindly by the citizens, and make such a report as he has. When he was released he had no money, a citizen took him to a hotel and paid his bill as long as he remained here. Some of our citizens paid a lawyer to bring suit against Reddick and to defend Hand. The letter of thanks to Deputy Sheriff Fagan and other of our citizens by Mr. Hand in the last issue of the BEACON ought to be evidence enough that he was treated kindly by our people.

LATER.—The News and Observer in its issue of Feb. 25, published some of the letters received from our citizens, also an explanation why they published the above article. We did not think Bro. Ashe would do the people of this or any other section an injustice intentionally.

## THE HAND AFFAIR.

Cor. of the News and Observer.

PLYMOUTH, N. C., Feb. 22, '90.

I was surprised at an article in your paper of the date of the 21st inst., relative to the arrest and imprisonment of one Hand, a piano tuner.

The facts are these: There had been a bank forgery committed in Middleborough, Ken., and the forger advertised with a full description of his person. Mr. Reddick of Elizabeth City, came to this place and arrested Hand under the description in said advertisement, and Hand was committed to jail to await the arrival of parties from Kentucky to identify him.

As soon as the parties arrived here he was released, but the witnesses who knew the person guilty of the forgery in Kentucky stated that there was a marked resemblance between Hand and the guilty one.

While in prison here he was treated kindly, and some citizens of the town employed an attorney to defend him.

He lost no tools or anything else while in jail. His friend who was with him when arrested said that Hand had no tools.

After his release some of the citizens of the town raised a purse for him. It was only a case of mistaken identity and the charge of cruelty is absolutely false. It is strange that you should give credence to the lying declarations of a tramp without first investigating the truth of his statement, and publish an article calculated to reflect discredit on the officers of the law and citizens of any portion of your State.

The citizens of this community feel indignant that they should thus be tried and convicted of cruelty and injustice without having had a hearing.

Yours truly,  
S. B. SPRUELL.

Hand had a lawful examination; no papers were taken from him, none of his clothes or shoes were torn. He was not chained or tied in jail and had a lawyer. He had clean, good quarters, new room, good fire, and was as comfortable as possible.

J. I. FAGAN,  
Deputy Sheriff.

(The News and Observer stated that what it printed was the substance of a conversation with Hand. The fact that he had been arrested and illegally detained was well known. We said that we supposed an honest mistake was made in apprehending him; but the examination must have been wretchedly conducted. If this man could show that he had been at work for two years tuning pianos in Durham, Vance and Granville counties, it was a reckless piece of work to incarcerate him as the Kentucky Bank forger, because of a personal resemblance to that criminal.

Some of our Plymouth friends find in our article reflections on the people of that community. We do not think that there is a word in the article capable of that construction. We said not a word about the community or the people of Plymouth one way or another. We did not suppose that the community had anything to do with the matter, and said nothing about it.

It was a case before a committing magistrate, and not action by the citizens.

Mr. Hand published in the Plymouth BEACON the following:

A LETTER OF THANKS.

MR. EDITOR:

DEAR SIR—I beg you hereby to extend my thanks to the young men of Plymouth, and especially to Mr. H. S. Owens and the Deputy Sheriff, Mr. L. I. Fagan, for their kindness and courtesies they have shown me in my hours of trouble.

Very Respectfully,  
P. C. HAND.

[Whatever there was in his statement published by us, differing from the above letter from Mr. Spruell is to be set down as untrue. No one questions that the people of Plymouth are the equals in charitable deeds and humane sympathies of any other community in the State.—ED N. & O.]

## Remarkable Rescue.

Mrs. Michael Curtin, Plainfield, Ill., makes the statement that she caught cold, which settled on her lungs; she was treated for a month by her family physicians, but grew worse. He told her she was a HOPELESS VICTIM OF CONSUMPTION and that no medicine could cure her. Her druggist suggested Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption; she bought a bottle and to her delight found herself benefited from first dose. She continued its use and after taking ten bottles found herself sound and well, now does her own house work and is as well as she ever was. Free trial bottles of this Great Discovery at J. W. Bryan's Drugstore, large bottles 50c and \$1.00.

Fire in Washington on Tuesday last destroyed Short's dry kilns together with one million feet of lumber. The property was partly insured.

## SOUTHERN AGRICULTURE.

No. 6.

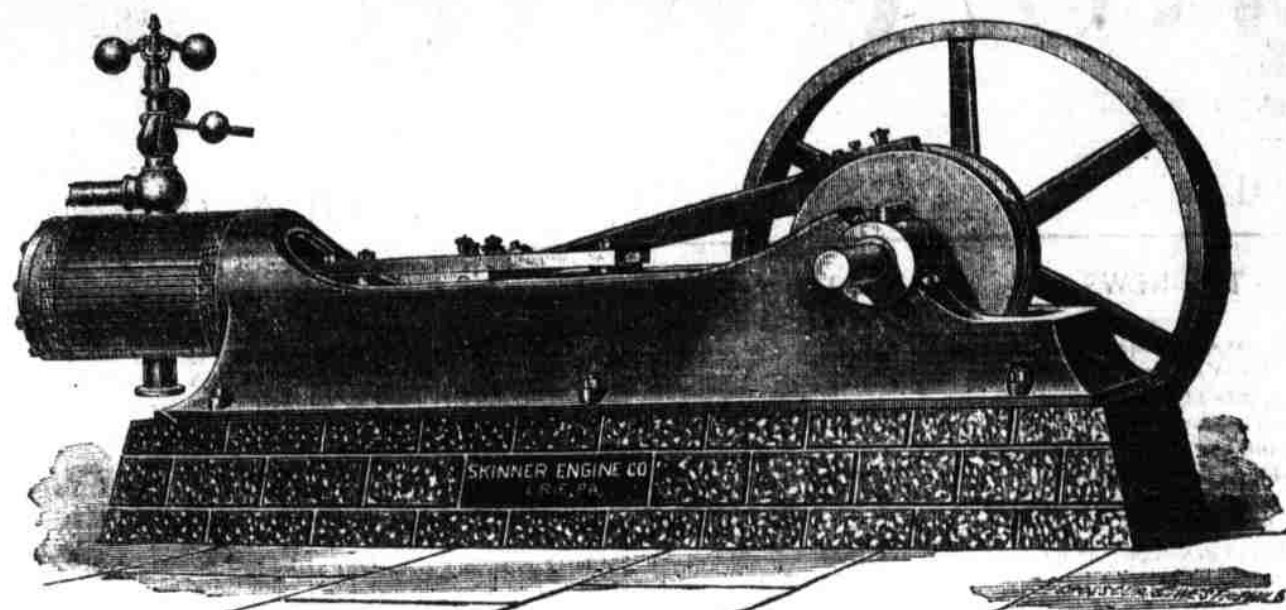
In order to prove to the readers of these articles that the figures used are not those of ten or more years ago, I will refer them to No. 3, of these articles, I stated there that England imported \$15,000,000 worth of eggs annually. I will give them the exact figures in 1888 England's foreign egg bill was \$14,770,023.20. In 1889 (last year) \$14,989,502.40, just \$498 short of \$15,000,000 and an increase on 1888 of \$219,479.20, not much fear of overstocking that market gentlemen, why cannot our farmers combine and endeavor to furnish their quota of this commodity, and bring some of that British gold into North Carolina, instead of selling their lands to English capitalists and speculators, here is a good chance for the Farmers' Alliance to effect a good stroke for the farmer. The leading dairymen of the North are considering the English market as being a good one for their surplus product, the Cunard Steamship Company offers to provide first-class storage for butter if they are guaranteed weekly shipments of not less than five tons. This cold storage would keep the butter in first-class condition for the English market, the price would be governed by its quality. There would not be very much difference in freight shipping to England or shipping to New York, arrangements might be made to ship from Norfolk, New Bern or Wilmington. Our farmers have it in their power to raise truck, capons, broilers and fat poultry generally for the northern market, I say nothing about supplying the home market for eggs, then there is this English market for them, and cotton behind it all, one reason why I have dwelt upon this egg and poultry industry is, because it is light, and agreeable work, a work much better suited to our wives and daughters, than field work, all honor and praise is due to the Southern farmer's wife for her efforts to second her husband's work, and make both ends meet, but how much better it would be for both, if instead of having to work with the hoe all day long, she had a gang of 100 or 150 hens to look after feed, etc., eggs to gather or young broods to watch over, many a woman would make just about double what her husband does, no need for him to go around to seek some merchant to furnish him with provisions, to enable him to make his crop if he was a renter, and just here let me say that 10 acres of your own is worth more to you than 50 acres of another man's land, remember it is not the number of acres that he cultivates that makes the farmer, but the manner in which he cultivates those acres. Well now about grading up and improving the stock you already have, perhaps you have a pretty good lot of hens, you have no fault to find with them, but still you would like to see if something more could not be made out of them, do they pay you a good profit, for time and labor bestowed upon them? do you know how much they cost you per annum? do you keep any account of feeding, etc.? if you don't, how can you tell whether they pay you or not? keep an account of expenses and sale of eggs and chickens, do your business in a methodical manner, keep a daily register of your hens, etc., it will be useful to you next year, or at any time for comparison, it will help you to avoid mistakes, say you have 15 or 20 hens and 3 or 4 roosters, sell or kill the roosters and the old hens, keep last year's pullets only, get a pure blooded, thorough bred rooster, Light Brahma say, these are a first class breed, they are splendid winter layers, producing an abundance of fine large eggs when other fowls have "gone into winter quarters." No breed makes larger or better broilers at eight to ten weeks old. When eight months old cockerels will weigh 9 to 12 pounds, and pullets 7 to 9 pounds each. A fine large cock can be obtained for \$5.00. He will grade up the stock, if you have two or three broody hens get a sitting or two of eggs of the same stock (Light Brahmas) you can get them for \$1.50 or \$2.00 per clutch of 13. Say you only get 75 per cent. of chicks, or about 20 chicks out of your 26 eggs you can rely upon having 20 pure Light Brahmas for \$3.00 or \$4.00, a portion of these will be made birds, you can keep 3 or 4 of the finest looking ones for your own yards the others you can sell to your neighbors for grading up their flocks, you will have a good standard by which to judge which birds you wish to keep for your own use, in the mature bird you gave \$5.00 for. Now during the season you will be getting off several broods of young chickens, these will be a cross between Light Brahmas and your native stock, these together with the chicks from the two clutches of eggs bought will give you a first class yard of poultry. The half bred cockerels together with the full blooded ones not kept or otherwise disposed of could be capitalized at three months old, don't let your half bred cockerels run with the hens as you will have 3 or 4 full blooded ones for stock, now your capons when ready for market average 12 pounds each, you will have at least 20 of them altogether during the season, that would be about 240 pounds of capon meat or say 200 pounds to be quite sure at 18 cents per pound that would be \$36.00, that would reimburse you for the original \$30.00 or \$10.00 you paid for your rooster and eggs, you would still have your original stock and a fine lot of full blooded and half blooded chickens, and what about the eggs especially during next winter, now this is a very small venture yet it may be the harbinger of greater operations, much valuable information and experience would be gained in this way and the poultry keeper would gradually be able to build up a good paying business. There is another important item to be taken into account, the droppings, when carefully saved and properly applied 25 pounds will furnish sufficient to manure an acre of corn. To prevent cholera amongst your chickens and to keep them in good health give your hen houses a good coat of white wash at frequent intervals, scrub your perches with kerosene, feed them regularly and give them pure fresh water to drink, see that everything is clean and fresh, remove the droppings every week or two, throw fresh dirt in the good comfortable nests for them to lay in, watch them and study their ways and habits, you will gain that experience that money cannot buy. I know there are many people who take up this and other businesses and fail, I believe if they looked the matter squarely in the face, they would find that the fault lay chiefly with themselves. There is good money in it if you conduct the business properly, to do this you must have tact, intelligence and patience, study your ground well then go ahead, there is a large and ever increasing market to be supplied. You can do a large share towards it if you try, and act upon the suggestions of

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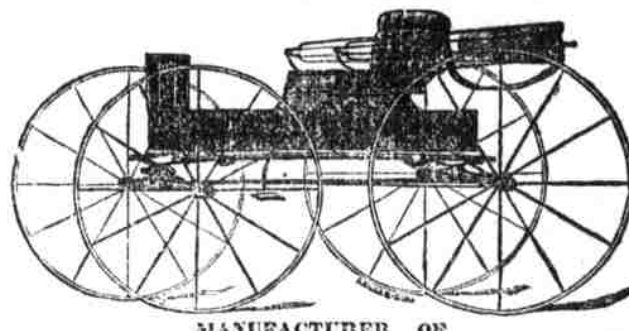
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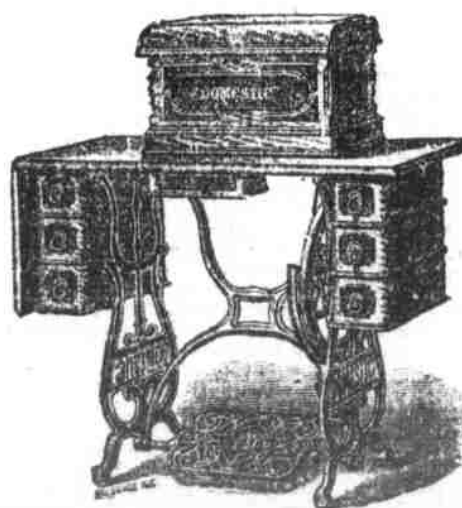
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