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Read Mr. Cleveland's last letter, and see the "under-bred" phrase he applies to the South. "Rebellion." That is not the language of decency and truth. It is an offence. It is demagogical. Our language may not please the organs, but it pleases us, and expresses what we feel.

We clip the above from the Wilmington Star's leader of last Sunday. In that article the Star shows the necessity of differing with the President when the President switches off the track of his party. But, notwithstanding this opposition to his party by the President in some instances, the Star stands ready to give him a warm support if he should be nominated for re-election, as he is infinitely better than a Republican of the BLAINE or SHERMAN stripe.

But the Star's comments on the President's use of the term "rebellion" as applied to the South we think a little severe unless it had condemned, in language at least equally as severe, the use of that term by representative Southern men. We call to mind now the fact that Attorney General GARLAND, in his written opinion, given in the early period of President CLEVELAND's administration, on the eligibility of Gen. LAWTON to a foreign mission, used the word "rebellion" a number of times, and while this opinion was copied by Southern papers, not one that we remember, not even the Star, made any protest to the use of the term.

Now if a representative Southern man, holding the position of Attorney General of the United States can, without protest from his people, allude to the great struggle between the States as a "rebellion," why should we rail against the President, a Northern man, thoroughly imbued with Northern ideas, for doing the same thing? We object and have always objected to the use of the term "rebellion" as applied to the war between the States, and to the term "traitors" as applied to the Southern people. But we do not get mad at our Northern friends when they call us "rebels," but we do somewhat lose patience when Southern men tell us we were rebels and when Southern school teachers will use in their schools histories, written by Northern men, that teach our children that we were traitors.

To the Farmers of North Carolina. Without co-operation we can have no organization, without organization we can have no system, without system we can do nothing. This is the bed-rock idea upon which rests our farmers' clubs and other organizations. It was this that brought into being our splendid convention on the 10th of January last, where was organized our North Carolina Farmers' Association. It was the design and purpose of that convention to make this Association a permanent institution. Not permanent, but that it should grow and strengthen and develop until it should embrace in its membership all the farmers of our State. Never before in all the history of this country, have the farmers felt so strongly the imperative necessity of organization. In the Northern and Northwestern States their organization is moving steadily on, and throughout the South the movement is not only hopeful and abundant, but wonderful, and

promises at no distant day to enlist the sympathy and active co-operation and support of all the intelligent and progressive farmers of the South.

Recently a convention of representative farmers of Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas was held at Waco, Texas, to institute and prosecute such measures as would aid and advance the movement. On the 10th of August a convention of the farmers of the ten cotton States is called to meet in Atlanta, Ga., to consider the causes of the depression existing in the great industry of agriculture in the South, and if possible to find and apply the remedy. At this convention, steps will be taken, most probably, for the call and organization of a National Farmers' Association. On the second Wednesday in January next, our State Association will meet in the city of Greensboro, N. C.

The gratifying and rapid progress made in our State, in organizing farmers' clubs and the organization of granges, inspires the belief that the farmers of the Old North State are being aroused as never before, and that they will be fully prepared to fall into line with their brother farmers and with their best endeavor and trust loyalty, strive to advance this the greatest of all our industries. We, the Executive Committee of the North Carolina Farmers' Association, appeal to the farmers of our State to organize. Establish neighborhood or township clubs; from these, organize county clubs, and thus be in a position to be properly represented in our State Association and other representative bodies of our farmers. We respectfully but earnestly suggest that meetings of farmers be called and held in every neighborhood as soon as the busy season in our crops shall have passed. Prepare for it now. Begin to agitate it. Write to the Progressive Farmer, Raleigh, N. C., the official organ of our State Association, for the form of Constitution and By-Laws, which will be mailed to applicants free of charge.

It is necessary that the Secretary of our State Association should have and keep a complete directory of the farmers' clubs throughout the State. We therefore ask that every club in the State (whether it be county or township club) send at once to our Secretary, Mr. B. F. Hester, Oxford, N. C., the name and post-office address of each, the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer together with the number of members in the club, and the date of organization.

We trust that each member of a club receiving this address will be sure to call the attention of his club to this very important matter. D. R. PARKER, A. M. McIVER, D. McN. McKEY, Ex. Com. L. L. POLK, C. McDONALD.

Jones County Items.

We are having real summer time now; the thermometer was 88 at Trenton on Saturday last.

Crops are looking well, particularly corn. Cotton has turned a little yellow, but a few days and nights like Saturday and Sunday will make it look all right.

Edward Stanly of Trenton township is to the front with the first cotton blossom of the season which he says he found in his cotton field Friday morning last, and says he will have several more in a few days.

Capt. E. R. Page has this season raised a fine crop of grain. We must also add that he has a nice cotton prospect and a magnificent corn crop, better than I have ever seen him have, all in excellent trim for growing.

The little colored boy which I stated in last week's items as shot at the plantation of Capt. Page, died on Sunday evening the 12th inst. Coroner Bryan held an inquest on Monday. Verdict rendered by the jury: accidental shooting.

On Saturday, 11th inst., Mr. Daniel Andrews, who resides near Deep Spring Church, buried his little child, and on Saturday, the 18th inst., the mother was placed in the same graveyard. Mrs. Andrews had been sick for several months, having a complication of dropsy and heart disease. The whole community deeply sympathized with Mr. Andrews in his double bereavement.

Any of the public school teachers of Jones county who may desire to attend any of the normal schools of our State can get reduced rates on any of our railroads by applying to our county superintendent and get a certificate that he is preparing to become a teacher of public schools. We sincerely hope that as our State Superintendent has secured these rates, that every teacher in our county who possibly can, will avail themselves of these advantages and make themselves as efficient, and at the same time acquaint themselves of all the progressive methods that can be possibly obtained. We want to see a real educational boom in our county. We want to see parents, teachers and all school officers take a lively interest in schools. When we do our full duty all will be well.

We learn that a gentleman who resides near Trenton had, during the last wet spell, a very grassy cotton patch, and his wife concluded to help him weed it out, but what was to become of their little baby while the mother helped the father; who was to nurse it. The father got out the baby carriage, put a rope to the tongue of the carriage and fastened the other end of it to his waist, wed the cotton, nursed the baby while the mother helped, and by these means have secured a neat, clean cotton patch. Two of Cypress creek's worthy and reliable citizens say that this is a real fact, as they saw the father and mother at work while the baby was in the carriage and pulled after them as above described. I will say that poverty and want may peep into their doors but cannot enter, because there is too much vim and energy.

As the JOURNAL is generally read by nearly all of our public school teachers of our county, I will state that the next examination of school teachers will take place at Trenton on the second Thursday in July and will continue three days. Our superintendent says that Thursday and the morning of Friday will be devoted to the examination of white applicants for certificates, while the remainder of the time will be devoted exclusively to the examination of colored applicants. Mr. Pearsall says the object of setting apart and dividing the time is to avoid a rush and prevent all from applying in one day. As he desires to have ample time to give each one a thorough examination, we consider it a good idea, and hope each applicant will note the time set apart so as to assist him all they can in advancing the educational interests of our county. No competent teacher will object to a thorough examination, while if incompetent teachers object so much the better for the schools, for the money had better remain unexpended than to be thrown away on teachers not capable of teaching.

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