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The Charleston News and Courier publishes facts showing the great benefit gained by feeding cattle on cotton seed meal and hulls. It gives a table of weights of individual animals at the beginning and end of a course of such feeding, extending through an average of about three months, at the close of which they were fit for the butcher. The greatest increase was at the rate of about three and three-tenths pounds per day, and the least one and one-half pounds per head per day, or nearly ten per cent. per month. The daily ration in each case was a quart of the meal and one to two pecks of the hulls, mixed dry and fed night and morning, the cost being twelve cents per head per day, or a trifle less than five cents for each pound that was added to the weight of the animal. The same paper advocates the home fattening of cattle on an extensive scale, both as a profitable industry in itself and as a great benefit to the cotton growers and incidentally adds that it would much improve the condition of the land. It asks how much the value of the product of the acre would be increased if every pound of the seed grown upon it were converted at the nearest oil mill into meal and hulls and fed to beef cattle on the farm, the manure being returned to the soil from which the crop was grown. It thinks that, if a proper answer were given to this, it might be accepted as a reason why the farmers of South Carolina should arrange to ship thousands of tons of beef to Northern and European markets, and at the same time solve the vexed problem of how to make cotton growing pay.

The Agricultural Experiment Station notes that the past winter has been a mild one in North Carolina. The month of January was three degrees above the normal in temperature, and February only half a degree below. The rain-fall was deficient in January and March and about half an inch above the normal in February. The conditions were generally favorable for farm work. The weather during March was very unfortunate for agricultural interests. From the 1st to the 26th the temperature averaged twelve degrees per day above the normal, reaching on the 22d a maximum of 91 degrees at southern Pines, and 89 at many other places; temperatures so high were never before recorded in North Carolina during March. Vegetation was pushed from two to three weeks in advance of season. The severe freeze of March 27th and 28th consequently did enormous damage everywhere. Undoubtedly the peach crop is ruined, but there will be a small yield of other fruits, especially apples. Grapes also were badly damaged, but will grow out again, producing something like a half a crop. A good many strawberries were saved by covering, as were also some potatoes in the Eastern District. The loss of truck was very great, but a good deal of planting is done very early, with the expectation of having to replant, which is often done several times a season. Re seeding is well under way, and there is time for good crops. Wheat, oats, rye, tobacco plants and clover were also more or less damaged by the freeze. Notwithstanding all this there are many reasons for encouragement at the beginning of the season of 1894.

SENATOR HILL.

On last Monday Senator Hill made his promised speech in the Senate, in the presence of that august body, the Representatives of the People and an audience consisting largely of the best citizens of Washington and distinguished visitors at the Federal capital. Such an assemblage had not been seen in the capitol for years, and Mr. Hill was the observed of all observers.

It is not necessary to say that David Bennett Hill spoke well. He always does that, but as no man sees himself as others see him, it would not be amiss for a brother Senator to hold up before him his own memorable words - "I am a Democrat," and softly whisper in his ear, "To thy own; if be true and it will follow as the night the day thou canst not then be false to any man."

There is but one true and faithful statement of Hill's position, and that is found in the words Opposition to Cleveland.

Having caused it to be noised abroad that he would speak on the tariff, he began his ratiocination with a caustic review of the mistakes of Cleveland as shown in the appointment of Judge Gresham secretary of State and as exhibited in Hawaiian affairs.

The JOURNAL has expressed similar views on these subjects, but we have not been able to see that Mr. Cleveland is always wrong - "deceitful above all things and deplorably wicked."

The Senator's changed views on the tariff, and other questions of public policy suggests the idea that he is a pirate with a flag for every port. "Times have changed," says Mr. Hill. When we had a plethoric treasury, with a surplus that was a menace to the integrity of the Government, it would have been right to reduce the tariff; but, with an empty treasury, and the deficit becoming more and more every day, it would be wrong to reduce it. This is not the language, but it is the argument, of the distinguished Senator from New York. It would be unanswerable if there was no other means of raising revenue, but even then it would antagonize the most cherished maxim of the Democratic party, "the greatest good of the greatest number."

The objection to the McKinley law is not that it supplies too much revenue, but that it levies its contributions unjustly and coins the bones and sinews of the poor to fill the coffers of the rich.

Protection, as it is applied to the tariff, is the great enemy of the people, and, in becoming its champion, Mr. Hill has lowered his flag that bears the "proud device" - "I am a Democrat."

The Senator directs his main attack against the Income Tax section of the Wilson bill.

He evidently believes in "Evolution and Invention," and is more governed by Wall street influences than ever was Mr. Cleveland charged with being. In truth Mr. Hill is the chameleon in politics and changes his color with every object he touches. He is steadfast in nothing but his hostility to Cleveland.

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