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Selby and the News.

The News has very certainly shown that the editor of the Phoenix has a warm spot in his heart for Honest John. His telegram as agent of the associated press last winter, in regard to the trial before Kirk; his refusal to attack the Blue Ridge swindle, which resulted in the withdrawal of Col. Thomas from his paper; and his recent telegram, headed in all the northern papers as "Patterson vindicated," etc., all remain unexplained as coming from a professedly conservative editor, and an enemy to all radical carpet-baggers. On the other hand, what can Dawson say to Selby that cannot as truthfully be said of himself. Selby just as plainly controlled the News as it appears now that Patterson controls the Phoenix. Last year the News could not afford to give up its ten thousand dollars worth of patronage; its correspondents in Columbia liked to get six dollars a day as committee clerks from the speaker of the house; to be designated the "official paper" was worth many hundreds of dollars a year when the Courier was alive; and therefore Frank Moses, for months before and months after the election had a useful, able and industrious organ in the leading conservative paper of the State. Don't let the pot call the kettle black. From one end of the state to the other Joe Woodruff fed out the paper to the conservative editors, and while the grand lashed they were dumb dogs indeed. Printing papers is expensive, conservative South Carolinians are slow in paying for subscriptions, advertising is dull, taxes are high, and if Selby is lenient to Honest John, he can say to the News—"You know how it is yourself."

A Warning.

Those who count upon the continued docility of the people of South Carolina under misrule reckon without the host. There are signs of organization in one party and mutterings of revolt in the other. It is not possible that the conservatives will again allow an election to go by default. We see in the Granges the agency needed in the past to bring out the full vote of the democratic party in one supreme effort to secure an honest and economical government. And we see in the very recklessness of the republican leaders, in the talk of the people around us, heard in Columbia, in the streets, in the cars, and by the wayside, that the ties of party fealty are grown weaker, that the fears of the past are being dissipated, and that a longing for purity and decency is growing among those whose votes have hitherto been depended upon to continue in power those who have been false to every trust, who have broken every promise, and whose course has proved a heavy load to republicanism elsewhere and a disgrace to it here.

The democrats of New York, generally of the lower grades of the people, showed their desire for honest government by overthrowing Tweed. The sixty thousand majority which his party had for years maintained emboldened Tweed and his co-thieves to believe that they need fear nothing. They insolently inquired when first confronted with the evidences of their frauds: "What are you going to do about it?" They had a constituency which republicans were apt to think were hopelessly besotted with ignorance and dishonesty. Yet when these masses, thought to be so obtuse, so degraded, so partisan—when, we say, these masses were at last convinced of the rascality of their leaders, they rose in anger and disgust to join a movement for reform. Thousands of the democratic party, far removed in education, in social rank and in apparent respectability from the mass of voters, hung back or actively worked to retain in power their old time leaders.

THE LUNATIC ASYLUM. I respectfully submit for your attentive consideration the annual reports of the board of regents and of the superintendent of the State Lunatic Asylum. The statement therein contained of the many awkward and humiliating embarrassments to which the superintendent has been subjected by the inability of the State treasurer to furnish him with the entire amount of money appropriated for the maintenance of the institution, will only awaken the sympathy of your honorable bodies for his care and protection, but will also impress upon you the importance and necessity of such legislative action as will furnish immediate relief, and prevent the possibility of a recurrence of so painful a state of affairs. The levy of a specific tax for the maintenance of the charitable institution of the state and the strict supervision of the levy, as directed by the constitution, would be an efficient remedy for the present financial condition of the institution, and would reflect credit upon our humanity and civilization. I earnestly recommend that this course be adopted. The report of the superintendent shows that at the commencement of the last fiscal year the number of patients in institution was 220, number admitted during the year 98, making the whole population of the institution during the year 388. Of this number 27 were discharged, 107 received, 4 were discharged and 107 received, 14 have died, 14 have been committed to the institution, on the 31st of October, 1873, 299, of whom 146 are males and 153 are females. The appropriation for the support of the institution for the fiscal year commencing November, 1872, was \$29,970.24, from which sum must be properly deducted an overdraft of the previous year, leaving a balance which was due the institution for the fiscal year just

passed of \$17,888.55, of which the superintendent has received from the treasury \$2,877.84. The total expenses of the institution for the fiscal year commencing November 1, 1872, amounted to \$67,751.24. Liabilities reported due and unpaid at close of last fiscal year \$32,015.65. Liabilities due at close of last fiscal year inadvertently omitted in last report \$33,070.73. Due State treasurer on account of overdraft \$8,182.16. Total liabilities \$191,873.41. The recommendation of the superintendent that a special appropriation be made at once to pay this deficiency, and that an appropriation of \$75,000 be set apart for the support of the institution during the current fiscal year, meets with my earnest approval. More than three years ago an appropriation was made for the purpose of having built an addition to the male department of the asylum for the comfortable accommodation of the colored inmates, but owing to the inability of the State treasury to pay the appropriation, even this small addition remains uncompleted. The superintendent, however, determined to remove them at all hazards from their contracted and disagreeable quarters, and accordingly vacated several wards in the male and female departments, and then transferred them, where I have found, by personal inspection, they enjoy accommodations in every respect equal to those of the white inmates. In short, all that human ingenuity could contrive, and his limited means allow, has been done to promote the comfort of those unfortunate beings who have been afflicted with the "blackness of the soul."

The Governor's Message.

We are sorry to note the fact that Governor Moses uses the occasion of his annual message mainly to produce a document which he thinks will be useful to him as a politician. He is not now actually a candidate. He is the governor of the state, and ought to feel that he represents the whole people and not a mere party. We can heartily endorse at least two parts of his message, and these are all we have room for this week. These are his recommendations and recommendations in regard to the reports of Mr. Jilison and Dr. Ensor.

EDUCATION.

I transmit the fifth annual report of the State superintendent of education. This elaborate and suggestive document—setting forth, in a most forcible aspect, the magnitude and importance of our free school system, and its rapid growth and improvement—is worthy of the devoted and capable officer from whom it emanates, and will amply repay your attentive perusal and consideration, to which I commend it.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

The following tables will exhibit the scholastic population and school attendance for the year 1873:

Table with 4 columns: Sex, White, Colored, Total. Rows for Scholastic Population and School Attendance.

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This exhibit shows an increase of 7,431 over the school attendance of the year 1872. There were in operation throughout the State, during the year 1872, 1,919 common schools, under the charge of 2,185 teachers. During the present year there have been 2,017 schools, in charge of 2,310 teachers, showing an increase, during this year, of 98 schools and 125 teachers.

You will readily see, from the figures given above, that almost two-thirds of the children of the State either obtain their instruction in private schools, or else are growing up in mental ignorance and darkness. It is also a fair presumption that the majority of the children who attend private schools are of the white race, as the parents of those who are colored are, as a rule, too poor to pay for the education of their children. I respectfully but most earnestly call to the attention of your honorable bodies the imperative necessity, which seems to exist, of some action being speedily taken to enforce those provisions of the constitution which require the compulsory attendance at school of all children between the ages of six and sixteen years.

The superintendent of education reports that the progress and success of the school system has been greatly retarded by the unsatisfactory condition of the finances of the State, and recommends that proper legislative action be taken to secure prompt appropriation as will cover past indebtedness. It is due to the State treasurer that I should say that the entire proceeds of the two mill levy for school purposes have been sacredly applied to the appropriation for common schools, as required by law—a detailed statement of which will be found in Mr. Jilison's report.

I recommend, as Mr. Jilison does, that the school funds be apportioned according to school attendance, as the constitution directs, and not according to scholastic population, as now apportioned by law. I am of the opinion that our common school system would be vastly improved and strengthened were the superintendent of education given by law a more general supervision and power over the affairs appertaining to his department in the various counties of the State. The devotion to duty and unflinching energy which have marked his whole term of office in the inauguration and successful development of a hitherto untried experiment in South Carolina, entitle him to the gratitude and esteem of all the people of the State.

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The Debt and Taxes.

The Senate passed on Saturday the house bill to reduce the volume of the public debt. The chances are that the senate altered the rate of discount upon bonds, so that the public creditor is offered fifty per cent instead of forty, and the proposed tax levy is made fifteen mills instead of sixteen. The levy is divided as follows:

- 1. One and a quarter mills for executive and judicial departments.
2. One and a quarter mills for penal, charitable and educational institutions.
3. Two mills for public schools.
4. One and a half mills for expenses of extra and regular session.

gather, we are of opinion that it has amounted to fully 15,000 bales of 600 pounds each, of such quality as to be a substitute for sea islands, quoted as selling about 18d. In the Liverpool Broker's Price Current, extra quotations are 5 to 14d. It is a little singular that the very best description of cottons are quoted in the Liverpool Broker's Price Current no mention is made of this so largely supplanted common and medium sea island, and with all deference to Messrs. Stead Brothers, as being the highest or most reliable authority, I doubt their candor when they state that it is "of such quality as to be a substitute for the real sea island." They are finer in quality and longer in staple than the common American uplands, but have not the strength, nor so fine, nor so long, as the true sea islands. Now, it is well known by both the spinner and producer that the requisite for quality is the combination of fineness and strength.

Thus it is shown that every one of the substitutes are wanting in what constitutes the real or chief value of sea island cottons; but if this were not so, the same authority states the important fact that the sales from the 1st of October, 1872, to 23rd October 1873, were equal to a supply amounting to 59,910 bags, and its production from all countries as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Country, Production. Rows for Egypt, India, America, etc.

SEA ISLAND COTTON.

Ought the culture of the Staple to be abandoned. The Views of a Planter who is not Discouraged. Editor of The News and Courier:

A circular has been issued by the Agricultural Society of South Carolina inviting a conference in convention of the sea island planters touching the vital interests of those engaged in agricultural pursuits. From the whole tone and tenor of the circular, the committee seem to take a very desponding view of the condition of this branch of our agricultural interest, so much so as to suggest that they meet and council together for such substitutes as are likely to give a remuneration for capital and labor—meaning, I infer, the abandonment of the culture of sea island cotton. If my inference is correct, I by no means share or sympathize with the movement. It is true the present prices are unremunerative. It is also true that those engaged in its production have suffered from the seasons and the depletion of the caterpillar, and, in general, have found it difficult to make both ends meet at the close of their year's labors. It is to be regretted that these things are so, but we should not be too much discouraged because we have been checked. Failure occurs in every pursuit of life. The crops of every article of culture are liable not only to fail, sometimes almost totally, but also to vary much in extent, and there is no "substitute" that can be suggested but will be subjected to all the vicissitudes of raising cotton. Nor do I concur in the "manifestly increasing production of sea island cotton in other countries," as stated by the circular. Certainly not, if you may rely on a late circular issued by Stead Brothers of Liverpool, who are said to be of the high standard authority.

It is well known that the Emperor of the French made the most earnest efforts in making Algeria "a very garden" for the cultivation of cotton, and to create not only a source of national wealth, but a great rival to the United States, by offering large bounties and prizes amounting to twenty thousand francs, annually, to the largest and most successful cultivators of the staple.

RESULT—STEAD BROTHERS CIRCULAR. OCTOBER 3, 1872. "ALGERIA.—This cotton has for some time been out of favor with English spinners and very little has found its way to this country for the last two years."

Undoubtedly it has been the constant aim of the cotton spinners and manufacturers of England for the last fifty years to relieve themselves from dependence on the United States for their main supply of "cotton" for their looms, by making every effort in their power to substitute other cottons, with what result I will quote from the same (Stead Brothers) circular: "TAHITI.—For some time this cotton proved to be a very important substitute, and was much liked by the spinners, but during the last two years the quality has so greatly deteriorated in regularity and strength of staple that it is now quite out of favor."

And yet these quotations make this article, which is "quite out of favor," sell in the Liverpool market at 14d. to 15d. gold, for the "medium" grades. The Liverpool Broker's Price Current quotes them 17d.

"EGYPTIAN.—This cotton in its general properties, more resembles sea islands than any other substitute, but the extreme length of staple, without proportionate strength, is a serious drawback. * * * The great irregularity of the earlier crops gave much disappointment, and caused considerable prejudice against the cotton, which has not been overcome."

And yet their quotations show "clean good" cotton to sell at 18 to 22d gold. "This was considered a low scale of prices. In the Liverpool Broker's Price Current they are quoted as to 24d.

"PERUVIAN.—This cotton is much in favor for well spinning, owing to its color, cleanliness and sickness of staple. The fact that it is in favor for 'well' spinning, shows that it is wanting in strength of staple. Sales 15 to 16d, gold.

"EGYPTIAN.—By far the most important of the substitutes is 'Gallene' Egyptian, which has largely supplanted the common and medium sea islands, especially amongst the Bolton spinners. The growth of this cotton has materially increased during the last two or three years, and the information we have

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