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THE FARMERS COLLEGE.

The propriety and practicability of establishing a farmers college in this State has become a bone of lively contention among the farmers. Capt. Tillman and Senator Youmans have recently been discussing the subject with energy and vigor, but we opine, they have caused conviction to few minds, of the truth and tenability of their various positions, because they injected into the controversy too much personal feeling and bitterness. Another farmer, signing himself, "A Farmer, but no Gideonite," has entered the arena of controversy and mercilessly exposes the flippant fallacies of the advocates of the inauguration of an agricultural college. They assume the success of the institution, if once established, without that scrutiny and critical examination into the workings of existing colleges of like grade, that an enterprise of such proportions demand. The Michigan College, after an existence of some thirty years, and the receipt of over two million dollars, is placed upon the defensive, and sends its agents through the State to enlighten the farmers and induce them to send their sons to the college. It is not known whether it is unwillingness, or an incapacity on the part of the farmers to manage a collegiate institution, but the fact is, the last farmer has disappeared from its board of trustees and has been replaced by R. B. Hayes. Some farmers affect to condemn and condemn "shock farming," and yet they clamor for an institution, whose instructors, usually, are not practical farmers, but scientific theorists who acquired their knowledge mainly from books. The common tendency of collegiate training is to disqualify for practical farming.

He says: "I think an examination into the condition of the various agricultural colleges in the Union would show that they never have taught and never can teach successful farming; and are far more likely to do harm to students, as farmers, than to benefit them. During the four years spent there the student enjoys all the luxuries of wealth, has the use of all the improved implements and appliances, and the best tools, barns, &c., in the purchasing of which expense is no object. His inventive faculties have no scope, expensive tastes are acquired, and knowing the great and dismal change that awaits him should he return to a poor farm, poorer implements, &c., he generally makes up his mind to give up the idea. Recent reports from Maine and Illinois colleges claim only about 15 per cent. of their graduates as farmers; and Gen. Lee says that, out of thirty-seven graduates sixteen are engaged in farming or "kindred pursuits." On looking over the catalogues and report it would seem that twelve are engaged as tutors in the college, leaving four, who may be engaged in farming."

He fearlessly dissects the last catalogue of the vacated Mississippi college and shows discrepancies and inconsistencies that could hardly have occurred except for inexcusable negligence or the report was made for "the million."

He concludes a long letter in the News and Courier with the following sensible and pertinent advice to farmers: "We are constantly told to 'organize.' For what? Some visionaries tell us to organize and agree to plant less cotton and control the price! Why, we might just as well try to control the sun! In my humble opinion the only way is for each man individually to organize himself and hands, spend his whole time in the field with them, and, by constant vigilance, prevent loss of time, tools, and all the numerous leaks attendant upon our present laborers, who are utterly unfit for any duty requiring the least intelligence. There is no idea of the value of time, care nothing for the stock, nor for the interests of their employer. Under such circumstances it is useless for any man to expect success without constant personal supervision.

In the next place, we must live on home-raised food, raise our own horses, and stop the fearful drain of money constantly flowing to the West for products we can and must grow at home. This is what I would call "common-sense farming," where farmers raise all they need and sell the surplus to the towns. Now we find the reverse is the rule, and the farmer depends upon the town for everything he eats."

Massacring Moccasins.

During the week just past the keeper of the park and his assistant killed fourteen moccasins, some of their snake-ships being as large round as the handle of a shovel. The reptiles were found in a ravine.—Columbia Register.

HOW KANSAS WOMEN VOTED.

Amusing Scenes and Incidents at the Polls.

LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, April 5.—Woman suffrage made its initial experiment in Kansas to-day. The reports from various parts of the State are strongly divergent, but a summary of the field seems to give the general conclusion that the women added to the Republican majorities. The registration was largely from the lower class and most general among the negroes. In some places where intense local interest proved the incentive, the better class of white women were represented, but even there, they were in the minority.

In Leavenworth, where the fight was most bitter, and where the partisans of woman suffrage had massed their leaders, it would be difficult for an outsider to appreciate the intense feeling that was prevalent throughout the campaign, and especially to-day.

For four years the city has been nominally under Democratic rule, although its officers were elected by Republican votes and were really Independent. The Republicans, led by Dr. Anthony, editor of the Times, have been using the Prohibition faction to defeat the united Democratic and Independent parties.

The woman suffrage movement, while an old question, owes its present impetus to the prohibition feeling. The bill introduced in the Legislature, while general in its municipal provision, was intended to have special reference to this city. It is admitted that it added to the Republican strength here 2,000 women votes from the lower class, 600 of which were colored and incapable of reading. Seven hundred women of the better class in view of this formidable organization, were induced to register and cast their influence with the better classes, but they are so far outweighed by the rougher element introduced that the election of the People's ticket is a matter of great doubt.

The purifying influence of woman's vote has proven a deplorable failure here. Its introduction has been a disturbing element rather than a benefit. The women brought to bear influence and pressure as are social and corrupting as are those of the male machine. Money has been used. Instead of lending a refining atmosphere to the election, the contest has simply developed the least admirable qualities of the gentle sex.

The greatest enthusiasm prevailed here among the women, who were the first at the polls this morning. In one side the women voted and on the other the men. Every available vehicle in the city was run for their accommodation. Each vehicle was in charge of a female enthusiast. The wealthy ladies, in a fit of desperation, placed their private carriages at work. Early in the day a stampede occurred in one ward, owing to the efforts of some women to influence the votes of another. The men quickly took part in the discussion, and several knock-downs occurred in short order. The women fled precipitately. Three arrests were made, but not before Chief of Police Roberts, who led the squad in that particular ward had received a painful though not dangerous gash in the right temple. At one poll a man and his wife advanced to vote.

"What is the use in this?" the husband asked. "We are voting exactly opposite to each other and one vote offsets the other." They agreed not to vote, and departed with the understanding that they were paired. In a short time the woman returned and deposited her vote alone. An emphatic example of the disturbing influence of the new order of things was found in the fact that the police were called upon to interfere in a dispute between husband and wife, who began quarrelling at the polls and were about to come to blows.

The fact is undeniable, however, that the new element has proven a potent factor. Needy, the people's candidate for Mayor, had a large majority at his last election, and his popularity had increased, but the new vote has made his re-election so doubtful that his best friends claim a victory only by 300 majority. The opposition claim the day by an equal number.

At Lawrence, where one half the full registration was women, the woman suffrage movement had probably one of the most important tests in the State. The day really began last night when the Republicans held a mass-meeting at which 2,000 people were present, nearly one-half of whom were women. It was one of the most enthusiastic meetings ever held in Lawrence. Two Judges, a colored woman, a prominent lawyer and two well-known ladies of culture addressed the meeting. The speech of the colored woman, Mrs. Stevens, was received with tremendous applause. The ladies have turned out in full force to-day and nearly all the 1,104 registered women voted.

A hard fight was made against Baker, the Republican candidate for Mayor, on account of his alleged immorality. The women, notwithstanding the charges against his character, elected him by the largest majority a Mayor ever received in Lawrence. Many amusing incidents occurred. The white women came in their own carriages, but the colored dames and clamsels rode at the expense of somebody in hacks and dressed in their very best rags.

They fully appreciate the dignity of their position. In a very few cases families are divided. "There ain't no dinner for me to-day," remarked a colored pressman, "the old woman's gone to election," and she sadly scrubbed the forms observing, "I tried to get her to pair off with me, since we are for different men, but she said she was going to vote anyhow, because the preacher told her she had to." In nearly every case, however, the women voted as their husbands told them to. Old colored women, being unable to read, in nearly every case brought with them some female friend to read their ticket to them. They were not willing to trust the men. One old auntie said:

"It seems to me worter queer dat one dicket an Republican an de coloran Union. I thought de Republican dicket was de Union dicket, and dat de Democrat was de rebel dicket." The strict observance of the 20 foot law and the presence of ladies made the election an unusually quiet one. A chalk mark fifty feet from the polls at each voting place was the dead line over which no one dared pass except to vote and immediately return. Not a drunken man had been seen in the city to-day.

The Republican ticket is elected for the first time in the municipal election in twelve years. The women have done it, because they are Republicans almost uniformly, and would not even scratch the ticket.

Although Atchison is one of the largest towns in Kansas, only 339 voters registered. Of these, over one hundred were colored women, and the majority of others were widows or old maids. The women voted almost unanimously for the Democratic candidate for Mayor and for the balance of the Republican ticket. The city ticket bore the names of three women, all candidates for the School Board. They are undoubtedly elected.

Many amusing incidents are reported. A woman who had voted for the Republican candidate for Mayor returned and asked the judges if she could not have back the ticket she had handed in, saying that she had made a mistake and wanted to vote for the other man. Upon being informed that it was too late to change her mind, she accused the judges and clerks of still desiring to oppress the women and deprive them of their rights.

In some instances the ladies delayed their lines by waiting until they reached the voting window before preparing their tickets, and then they discussed the respective merits of the candidates with those of the judges with whom they were personally acquainted.

Death of Col. Aiken.

Col. Aiken was born at Winstboro in Fairfield county, S. C., March 17, 1828, and was therefore in his 59th year. He was graduated at the South Carolina College with the class of 1849, and after teaching school for two years he married Miss Virginia Smith, a sister of Mr. W. Joel Smith, of Abbeville, and settled on the Stony Point Farm in 1851. He was a successful farmer, the best evidences of which is furnished in the fact that he supported comfortably and highly educated a large family of children from the profits in agriculture. During the time that he was farmer he edited the Rural Carolinian and the Agricultural Department of the News and Courier.

Soon after the war he bought a dwelling in Cokesbury, where he resided. In 1861 he volunteered as a private in the 7th South Carolina regiment, but was appointed adjutant of the command. At the reorganization of the regiment in the spring of 1862, Mr. Aiken was elected to its command, succeeding Col. Bacon. In September, 1862, while gallantly commanding his regiment at Harper's Ferry, in the battle of Antietam, where the Confederate forces won a most signal victory, Col. Aiken received a wound through the body, which was deemed mortal. Being unable for duty, with no prospect of ever recovering, he was discharged from the service when he returned to his family to receive their care and attention. After a long and painful illness, he regained somewhat of his former strength, and the people, appreciating his gallantry in the army, and needing his services in the Legislature, elected him to represent them in that body in 1864. He was again elected to the same trust in 1866, and in 1877 distinguished himself by his able and vigorous opposition to a tax measure then before the House, and which afterwards became a law levying a tax of 10 per cent. on the gross sales that may have been made by whiskey dealers, as well as taxing the gross incomes of hotel keepers and other business occupations in a like manner.

Col. Aiken was Master of the State Grange for two years, and was president of the Abbeville Agricultural Society for several years, and under his management were had some of the most excellent exhibitions that were ever seen in any county. He has always been distinguished for his pronounced Democratic principles, and was a delegate to the National Convention at St. Louis in 1876, which nominated Tilden and Hendricks for President and Vice President. He was chosen as the Democratic Congressional standard bearer in the historic campaign of 1876. In those days of darkness and gloom, it was difficult to get suitable candidates for the different offices. The Democracy was in such a hopeless minority, and had so often suffered defeat that few men cared to be made targets. The Democratic Club at Abbeville on the motion of Hon. A. Burt, than whom none were more wise and sagacious, gave Col. Aiken a unanimous call to the position of Congressional leader of the forlorn hope. This nomination was a surprise to Col. Aiken. He had not expected it, but he readily accepted the position and went to work with energy and boldness, carrying defeat, discouragement and final defeat to Chamberlain and his crew. He was appointed to reply to Governor Chamberlain at a mass meeting of citizens on Secession Hill, at Abbeville, on Big Tuesday. Chamberlain and his associates abandoned the canvass after that day and returned to Columbia by the next train and never again appeared in public to discuss State politics.

In 1878 he was re-elected over Stolbrad, the Republican candidate, by a majority of nearly twenty thousand votes at the general election. Col. Aiken was his own successor ever since, until at the last election, owing to ill-health, he laid down the Congressional duties after having served his constituency for ten years.

By a recent order the Third Battalion of Cavalry has been organized, consisting of the following troops: the Marion's Men of Winyab, Capt. H. T. McDonald; the Waccamaw Mounted Rifles, Capt. Ralph Nesbit; the Horry Hussars, Capt. H. L. Buck; and the Lake City Guards, Capt. H. O. Snow. Gen. W. E. James, commanding the Brigade, has in consequence, ordered to be held on the 20th instant an election for Lieutenant-Colonel and Major. In order to facilitate matters and act in harmony, the commissioned officers of the four troops will meet in Georgetown on Tuesday, the 12th inst., at the office of Dr. G. E. T. Sparkman, when the matter will be discussed and the candidates named.

So far the only candidate prominently spoken of for the position of Lieutenant-Colonel is Major J. R. Sparkman, Jr., of the late Brig. Gen. Richardson's staff. Major Sparkman has always exhibited a lively interest in the military and his promotion would be a just recognition of his services.

We have not heard who will be "run" for Major. Georgetown Enquirer.

The Cabinet Baby.

An idyllic incident of the Administration will be the christening of the Cabinet baby on Easter Monday. Every detail has been decided upon. The christening is to take place at St. John's Church at 1:30 in the afternoon. The sacrament of baptism will be administered by Dr. Leonard, the rector of the church. St. John's has been, through many Administrations until this one, the court chapel. It is a venerable and historical old church, and it is related that Andrew Jackson stood pious in it for several infants. The godmothers have not yet been decided upon, but it is likely that the President will figure in the ceremony as a sponsor. The name is to be "Dorothy"—Mrs. Whitney's selection, because it is a family name, and also because Mrs. Madison, who was always Dolly Madison, is a famous historic personage with Mrs. Whitney. Tea will be served at the secretary's mansion after the christening, and everything will be on a scale of large simplicity and elegance for which the host and hostess have a national reputation. The time will be one of the most beautiful of the seasons in Washington. The church will be decked with the Easter decorations, and the parks and gardens will be abloom with the blossoms and leafage of spring.

Exposure to rough weather, getting wet, living in damp localities, are favorable to the contraction of diseases of the kidneys and bladder. As a preventive, and for the cure of all kidney and liver trouble, use that valuable remedy, Dr. J. H. McLean's Liver and Kidney Balm. \$1.00 per bottle.

Death of Joseph H. Bradley.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—Joseph H. Bradley died at his residence in West Washington this afternoon from general debility, aged 84 years. Abraham Bradley of Connecticut, father of the deceased, was First Assistant Postmaster General under all the Presidential administrations from Washington down to Jackson, and it was while his father was holding this office that Joseph Bradley was born in Washington, in 1803. He was graduated from Yale in 1821 and was admitted to the bar in 1824.

Since that time he has been engaged in the conduct of many of the most celebrated cases in the District, including the trial of John H. Surratt for conspiracy in the Lincoln assassination plot. After the jury had reported a disagreement in the Surratt case the presiding Justice, Judge Fisher, arose and said it was his duty to disbar Mr. Bradley from practice before the bar of the District for disloyalty to the government. Bradley challenged the Judge to a duel, but the challenge passed unnoticed. He was not reinstated for five or six years afterwards. He was an ardent Whig, and was a delegate from the District to several of the National Conventions of that party.

One of the most romantic episodes in Mr. Bradley's life was his second marriage. A young woman named Mary Harris shot and killed a Treasury clerk named Adoniram Burrows. Mr. Bradley was engaged as her counsel, and at the trial set up the defense that Burrows had offered Miss Harris his hand in marriage, but afterwards, desiring to marry another, had decoyed her into a house of ill-fame, from which she escaped on learning his character, just in time to prevent her ruin. The trial resulted in a victory for the defense, and at its close the defendant and her counsel were married.

There would seem to be great blame attached to Mr. Ruth for carrying a pistol, but the explanation is that the neighborhood had been excited by rumors of a mad dog in the vicinity, and only a few nights before he had narrowly escaped a bite from a dog, and he had carried the pistol to protect himself from possible danger. Both families are deeply grieved at the sad occurrence and they have the entire sympathy of the community in this terrible misfortune.

Richmond, April 8.—The story current here, a few days ago, that a mulatto girl, calling herself Mary Robinson, who obtained employment as a domestic in the family of a house painter named Constantine Gallagher, had come in possession of a fortune, was exploded to-day. The girl claimed to be daughter of John Robinson, the circus man. She made a show of great liberality towards the Gallaghers, and among numerous other things offered to bestow a house and lot on that family. She had a package which she claimed contained seven thousand thousand dollars, which had been received by express. In order to dispose of her fortune the alleged heiress declared it was necessary to go to Norfolk and consult a gentleman there. At her request she was accompanied by Gallagher. The latter returned here to-day, and has given an account of his trip. He says the girl skipped away from him in that city and went over the line to North Carolina. The package, which was supposed to contain the seven thousand dollars, was found upon examination by the authorities to be filled with old brown paper. The publication of the girl's windfall brought a flood of letters from all sections of the country. The writers of these congratulated the girl upon her good fortune. Among these letters was one from the pastor of New York church, asking for the donation of \$2,000 to pay off the church debt. The writer promised that in the event the donation was made the girl's likeness should be wrought in marble, and placed in the edifice as a memorial of the liberality of the donor.

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If you suffer pricking pains on moving the eyes, or cannot bear bright light, and find your sight weak and falling, you should promptly use Dr. J. H. McLean's strengthening Eye Salve. 25c. a box.

"What do you think is the most important duty you have to perform?" asked a citizen yesterday of a policeman from whose belt a baton had dangled for a few months. "To look for a promotion," was the whispered reply.

The Effects of Evil Habits.

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