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What Ails the Farmers.

In Gen. Henderson's report, as forwarded by our excellent Atlanta correspondent, Mr. E. B. Hoek, there is a statement that tells, in brief but comprehensive shape, what ails the Southern farmer more than anything else. It is not the tariff so much, nor yet the Federal taxation, but a vicious credit system that produces the most tremendous usury of modern times. We are told that for corn and bacon the farmers of Georgia who bought on time paid for such supplies 42 per cent on the one and 34.8 per cent on the other, at four months, being equivalent respectively to 126 and 104 per cent per annum.

The people of Georgia can feed themselves if they choose. They can raise sufficient corn not only for home consumption, but for meat production. It is a patent fact that, for some reason or other, chiefly because of the cotton craze, presumably, they keep their corn-crisps and smoke-houses largely at the West, and so, not only allow millions of dollars to be sent out of the State that ought to remain there, but submit to a credit and commission charge that realizes Mr. Stephen's graphic description of how there is annually an inevitable sizing and seizing of the farmer's pile by the factor, who "allows just enough hide to remain on his mule to make another crop." Nor can the agricultural people help being poor when trading on terms that mean bankruptcy from the start.

If our farmers do not live within themselves reasonably but continue, as a rule, to pay exactions that would beggar any people, they cannot hope to prosper. As far as possible, they should feed themselves. As far as possible, they should practice thrift and frugality, avoiding debt as a devil. It is not the purchase of corn alone, nor bacon alone from abroad that keeps the farmer poor. There are many other things, chiefly mules and horses, in the same category. Our planters, as a rule, accumulate nothing because they send their surplus wealth production East and West, by intermediary channels. The day those leaks are stopped and what supplies are imperatively needed are procured on a cash basis, there will be an awakening and a boom in the Southern agriculture quite as substantial, more so perhaps, than in the mining regions of Alabama.

A few days ago, we conversed with a gentleman of varied accomplishments, who has taken high rank professionally and diplomatically. He sighed for a cotton plantation and said: "You will be surprised at this statement, but I am a scientist, a farmer and love the life of an agriculturist. There is money in cotton planting, little as you may think so." Queried further as to why he did not realize his desire, the answer came promptly thus: "To be successful as a farmer one must have capital and buy for cash whatever may be needed. Credit and commission, as practiced at the South, mean ruin to the planter in the end. If ready money be Aladdin's lamp, the want of it is not only payment of the pound of flesh, but stabbing to the heart. Farmers at the South who are in want or crippled, are either the victim of usury or false systems of culture, or both."

If somebody devise a protective policy and carry it into execution whereby the farmers of Georgia could feed and equip themselves and other residents of the State, there would be no special clamor against the tariff or even Federal taxation for pensions. As it is, the payment of enormous interest and commissions is what principally ails the farmer, as General Henderson demonstrates.—Augusta Chronicle.

Raise Your Horses, Mules and Cows at Home.

With so many available crops supplemented by an unlimited supply of cotton seed and a mild, genial climate superadded, why should not Southern farmers raise more stock? Why should a mule or horse ever be brought from the north side of the Ohio river? Why should hundreds of tons of butter and oleomargarine from the North be sold in the South every year? Why work ourselves to raise cotton to buy horses, mules, bacon, flour, lard, meal glucose or starch syrup when every one of these except the glucose, which can be supplanted by sorgham syrup, can be raised at home without the slightest difficulty? Why play into the hands of middlemen, railroads, banks, speculators, etc., to say nothing of the dependence upon the

unsteady, unreliable laborers in our midst? You say cotton is always saleable, always brings cash. So does first class butter, so does a good mule or horse. Jersey butter finds ready sale simply because it is good butter. The owners of such stock make butter in a business-like way; they have good milk-houses and proper arrangements for cooling and key pumping; water power or some other mechanical device for churning. They do not lose patience in cool weather and pour hot water in the churn; they know that slow churning makes the most and best butter. They know that large feeds of cotton seed spoil butter, and they feed something else. If all our farmers handled their milk and butter in like manner, Northern butter would soon be driven out of the market. In the olden time, the little surplus butter on our farms was regarded as a trifle, and little attention given it. Hence, we have fallen into careless ways and methods—let us change them. Let every farmer arrange to make butter for market—handle it properly, make its quality good and its appearance attractive and he will always find ready sale at good price.—Southern Cultivator.

The Schools of the State.

Col. J. H. Rice, State Superintendent of Education, is about to begin a tour of inspection through the State, visiting the lower counties during the winter and up-country in the spring and summer. His object is not only to see the county school officials and teachers and inform himself as to their work, but to reach the people and interest them in the work of the public school system. He says that this will prevent him from staying in Columbia as long as he might otherwise do, but that most of the year he is only needed here when some special matter comes up, as the clerk of the office attends to the clerical part of the work.

Last Wednesday Superintendent Rice inspected the public schools of Columbia, and in the evening went to Charleston, where he will spend several days visiting the schools. Before the close of the week he will visit Berkeley county. On Monday of next week he will go to Hampton and spend several days, and on the Wednesday following to Beaufort, where he will also remain two or three days. On the succeeding Monday he will go to Colleton. His purpose is to spend about three days in each county.

Appointments will be made for him by the Representatives of the several counties in the Legislature, except in Beaufort county, where Col. Wm Elliott and other gentlemen will arrange where he shall go. By May he expects to conclude his visits to the counties below Columbia.

EDUCATIONAL NOTES.

The new State Superintendent of Education is now appointing county boards of examiners all over the State.

A check for \$1,000 from the Peabody fund was to-day sent to Charleston, making \$4,000 specially donated from the fund this year to the schools of that city in recognition of the educational effort there and in aid of the losses by the earthquake. It will be remembered that this year South Carolina gets from the Peabody fund a sum greater than is apportioned to any other Southern State.

The Chancellor of the Normal Branch of the University of Tennessee, a department supported by the Peabody fund, and now having nine scholarships held by South Carolinians, is anxious to commemorate the day—February 7—on which Mr. Peabody, twenty years ago, wrote his first letter dedicating the now famous fund to educational advancement. The Superintendents of Education of the several States, aided by the fund, have been requested to contribute reports stating what had been accomplished in their States by the use of the fund. Superintendent Rice has already written his report.—News and Courier.

ATHENS, Ga., Jan. 21.—[Special].—The engineering corps of the G., C. & N. railroad, numbering about eighteen men, started out this morning under Engineer R. C. McCalla. They are thoroughly fitted up with every requisite for camp life and the finest instruments necessary for field work, and will make rapid progress toward Atlanta, which is their objective point. They will be employed for some days in surveying the approaches to the city before starting regularly upon their route.—Augusta Chronicle.

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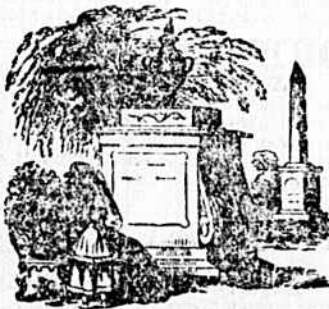
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NOTICE

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Auditor's office at Abbeville Court House, will be open to receive returns from the first day of January to the 20th day of February, 1887.

Ninety-Six—10th, 11th and 13th of January, 1887.

Greenwood—13th, 14th and 15th of January, 1887.

Hodges—17th and 18th of January, 1887.

Donalds—19th and 20th of January, 1887.

Due West—21st and 22nd of January, 1887.

Verdery—24th and 25th of January, 1887.

Bradley—26th and 27th of January, 1887.

Troy—23th and 29th of January, 1887.

McCormick—31st January, and 1st of February, 1887.

Bordeaux—2d of February, 1887.

Willington—3d of February, 1887.

Mt. Carmel—4th and 5th of February, 1887.

Hesters—6th and 8th of February, 1887.

Latimers—9th and 10th of February, 1887.

Lowndesville—11th and 12th of February, 1887.

Mountain View—13th of February, 1887.

Antreville—15th and 16th of February, 1887.

Gilgal—17th of February, 1887.

Cedar Springs—18th of February, 1887.

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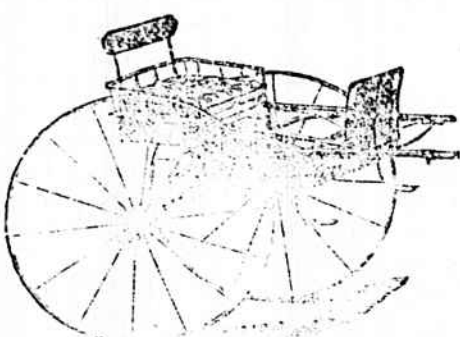
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