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**OPENING OF REGISTRATION BOOKS.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with the Act of 1896 providing for the registration of electors, the books of registration will be opened on the first Monday of each month at the Court House, for the registration of electors entitled to registration under the Constitution, and kept open for three successive days in each month until thirty days before the general election in 1898.

Electors who registered on or before the 1st of January, 1898, are not required to register.

Office hours: from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m.  
 W. G. A. PORTER,  
 Supr. of Reg. for Lancaster County,  
 Lancaster, C. H. S. C., Feb. 1, 1898.

Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets. Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. 10¢ per box. If C. C. C. fail, druggists refund money.

**COTTON ACREAGE, 1898.**

By Lathan, Alexander & Co., Bankers and Cotton Commission Merchants of New York.

In our circular letter of the 10th ult. we invited the attention of merchants and planters to the enormous losses sustained by the South, on account of excessive cotton crops, and suggested a reduction in cotton acreage and diversification of crops as the most effective remedy.

The press of the South generally very kindly printed our letter, and from the many communications we have received, it is our opinion, if this subject were properly put before the planters, they would cheerfully reduce the cotton acreage this year, in order that remunerative prices might be secured for the next crop.

Under the head of "Crop Diversification," the Galveston News in its issue of January 15th published a number of letters urging the planters of the South to reduce cotton acreage, and we publish the following letter on this subject, written by R. R. Dancy & Co., Houston, Texas:

"The planters must diversify their crops and plant less cotton on our beautiful land, with the most productive soil on earth, will produce pauperism, want and misery to those who have the power in their own hands to mould their destiny.

"The claim unless the tenant and average farmer will agree to plant a certain quantity of 'cotton acreage' the merchants cannot supply his wants. We have seen considerable of Texas life, and state, without hesitation, that the average Texas farmer lives poorer than any other. The land he tills will produce equal to any in the world, and if thrifty he could within a short time make himself altogether independent of the merchant. Instead of contracting debts, he would have money to spend with his merchant.

"On most plantations the luxury of the garden is ignored. Luxuriant grasses, ready for hay, about the time cotton picking commences, are neglected, allowed to waste, instead of housing, because all time and labor must be given to cotton. On the opening of Spring he must buy provender for his working animals. Those things which a countryman in Europe or the Eastern States of our land would consider necessities of life and health are neglected—certainly not from ignorance, for you seldom see a grown man or woman that cannot read and write.

"Note the following facts and ponder over them:

"The planter has not raised the corn or wheat to provide his own house with bread.

"He has not raised the horses or mules required to keep up his own farm.

"He has not raised the cows and hogs to supply milk, butter and meat for his own table use.

"He has not raised tobacco, potatoes, peanuts, or sugar cane or sorghum to make sugar and syrup for home consumption.

"He has not raised even a few chickens and turkeys to have eggs, and on some special occasion a good fowl for dinner.

"He has not raised any of the many vegetables—cabbage, turnips, lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, etc., so nutritious and easily cultivated in this climate and soil.

"He has not raised any melons, but knows the luxury of one on a hot day, taken from a well or spring, upon coming from hard work in cultivating the one and all important cotton crop.

"He has not raised any apples, pears, peaches, plums, apricots, figs or grapes—any of these he raise, if he would.

"But, the head of the farm by preference takes his team, drives to town and buys from his merchant all the various necessaries—also butter, cheese, lard, coffee, tobacco, eggs, peanuts, sugar, cabbage, turnips, melons, candy, a jug of syrup, a sack of corn and a bale of hay. Anything his merchant has not in stock, he must do without, or the merchant must send out and get it for him. Still, he seems blind to his own welfare and continues to plant cotton, let the price be what it may.

"America produces about three-fourths of all the cotton grown in the world and no other country can take precedence. The very low prices existing now for cotton are not of special benefit to any one. On account of over production the planter must sell his product at a price below its cost to produce. The merchant must take it in payment of the planter's account and do his utmost to clear himself on a close margin, if at all. The buyer must seek the world by cables and telegraphs, meeting competition for any outlet for it, often simply swapping dollars to make sales and relieve himself and bankers of the load.

"The manufacturers learning from experience buy close and is willing some one else should carry the cotton since it saves interest and risk, and because the contracts he can make for his goods are sealed to the closest point, and his capital is necessarily employed in the manufacture of goods he must carry, because of the over production. Hence, the enormous crop, besides entailing heavy losses to the farmers, is a disadvantage, and the entire responsibility lies with the farmer. The balance of the power is his. To success or ruin all must follow him.

"With such experience and facts the planter should be willing to call a halt, use some judgment, diversifying his planting, and next Fall the result will already begin to show such a wave of prosperity for this land of the South, that every man reducing his acreage in cotton 25%, or more, would feel that he had been instrumental, in part, in bringing it about; that it was the turning point of success in his farming life and he had lived to learn and be convinced that something was better than all cotton."

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**Card of Thanks.**

Mr. Editor: It gives us pleasure to express our thanks, not only to Unity congregation, but also to members of other denominations, for the kind, open-hearted house warming we received on our arrival from Tennessee, on Jan. 26, they came to the parsonage to the number of about one hundred men, women and children bringing with them a regular picnic dinner for all, and having for us nearly everything necessary for housekeeping from a broom to a pantry full of the best provisions and a barn full of corn and fodder. We appreciate these things very much indeed, not only because we needed them, but more especially because of the loving spirit which prompted the gift. In our short stay among this people we have learned to respect them, to admire them, and to love them, and although we have not the power to bless them as we should like, we would remind them of our Saviour's saying, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

REV. AND MRS. J. L. OATES.  
 Walkup, N. C. Feb. 3 '98.

**The Levy for 1898.**

The appropriation bill has been introduced into the legislature. The levy for State purposes is 5 mills. That for Lancaster county is 8 1/2 mills, including 3 mills for C. & C. R. R. bonds. In Gills Creek Township there will be 4 1/2 mills O. R. & C. R. R. and say 4 for the Graded School, making a total of 22 1/2 mills for this township, which, by the way, is heavier than any other township in the county.

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**W. F. YOUNG.**  
 July 28, 1897(1y)