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The Agricultural Department.

The legislature has acted wisely in re-electing Col. A. P. BUTLER Commissioner of Agriculture. It shows that the new deal idea has not gained such complete control of the people as to make them forget that worth and fitness should be rewarded, nor are they willing to sacrifice men who have proved worthy of their position.

A great many farmers are under the impression that the Agricultural Bureau should be abolished. This is a mistake. A careful examination of the work accomplished in the past year, will show that it has been of the greatest advantage to the farmers. Not only so, but it is absolutely essential for their protection. During the past thirteen months, this Board has been the means of stopping the payment upon thousands of dollars of worthless guano, besides the undoubted advantage it has been in making manufacturers keep up the standard of their fertilizers. But the best part is that it does not cost the State one cent. Your taxes, that have just been paid, may be applied to many unworthy objects, but not one cent will go towards the support of the Agricultural Department. It is argued that the farmer supports this institution by way of the 25cts. per ton royalty which is charged on all fertilizers offered for sale in the State. Does any farmer in Laurens County believe that if this tax was removed, he could buy a ton of guano that now costs \$30.00 for \$29.75? If so, he pays the tax; if not, the manufacturer pays it. But suppose it does come from the farmer's pocket; suppose he pays it directly; is it not worth 25cts. per ton to know that what you buy contains the exact analysis marked upon each sack? Whatever benefits the farmers, benefits the whole community, and we would be sorry indeed to see any legislation that tends to cripple this department. It is the only institution that tends towards the improvement of Agriculture, and if farmers do not gain benefits from it, it is because they do not desire improvement. The department stands ready to inspect your fertilizer, analyze your soil, and it costs nothing to have it done.

The Constitutional Convention.

It appears that in the last few years there has been a growing desire in this State, for a new constitution. Without urging any objections to our constitution as it stands to-day, many seem to favor a constitutional convention, simply because the constitution of '68 was framed by the Republican Party. It is of the utmost importance that the people look upon the organic law of the land with confidence and respect. Without this, insubordination and lawlessness are the inevitable results. But before we decide that a constitutional convention is needed, let consider well the present condition of affairs, as well as the hazard and expense of the proposed measure. The constitution of South Carolina, albeit, a production of the Republican Party, is in many respects superior to the old one. It could be changed for the better, by amendments, but we fail to see the necessity for such radical changes, that could not be made in the usual mode. We are just now beginning to see the beauty of our systems; to understand the constitution, and do not believe that the people are ready to undertake such a fundamental change in the law of the land.

Since the turn of the tide, the Republican Party appears to depend less upon the "monumental check" that has so long characterized that party. Before a caucus of Republican Senators a few days ago, Senator LOGAN modestly declined the unanimous nomination for the position of President pro tempore of the Senate. If JOHN SHERMAN would go and do likewise, we might hope that they had really disgusted themselves.

Anti-Prohibition in Atlanta are making a desperate fight and will probably succeed in having the recent election in that city declared illegal.

The Building and Loan.

The people of Laurens, true to their reputation for pluck and energy, have infused life and a spirit of enterprise in this Association, which is destined to make it a power for good in building up our town.

In two days, within a few dollars of the required amount was subscribed, and it is encouraging to see, that not only the money-lenders and men of means, but also the young men have readily taken stock. It is undoubtedly a safe investment as every young man, no matter how small his salary, can spare a few dollars each month, and this money, which is usually wasted, could be invested in no better way.

Now that the amount of stock already subscribed is sufficient to begin operations, nothing more remains to be done except the selection of officers. The prosperity of the Association depends in a great measure upon this. Men should be elected who have the business tact, judgment and energy to make the best possible investments.

We predict for the enterprise a bright future. In a short while its effect upon the material growth of our town will be seen, and perhaps some fearful mistake made, it will not require years to bring the stock above par.

Keeping Cabbage.

A correspondent of the Country Gentleman says: The best way of keeping cabbage that I ever tried was to select a piece of cabbage dry, and at the same time mellow and easy to trench with a knife, or if a large number are to be preserved, use a plow and cut them the same, or a hand saw and cut them the same, either way, and do not touch either the bottom or sides of the trench. Now take a piece of two by four inch scantling and place it diagonally over the trench in such a position that the heads will not touch either side or bottom, after stripping off the coarser outside leaves; suspend the heads under the scantling, roots up, by putting a suitable nail through the stump of the cabbage, the roots coming up a trifle higher than the natural earth; then take some short pieces of board, or other suitable material, just long enough to make a sort of rafter reaching from the edge of the bank to the scantling, in such position as to give a slight pitch; place a board on these rafters, lengthwise, of course; scatter over it a sufficient quantity of straw, or other coarse material, to prevent the earth from falling in; throw on a sufficient quantity of loose earth which came out of the trench, to prevent too much freezing, and it will keep the heads cool and sufficiently moist. Delay placing the heads in position as long as the weather will permit. The trench may be in sections of ten or twelve feet, as in opening in spring it will be better not to let the air come to all at once.

Increase in Illicit Distilling.

The Commissioners of Internal Revenue still receive advices of the increase of illicit distilling and forcible resistance to law in the States of Georgia and Tennessee. The peculiar feature of the matter is that the trouble now originates in counties which have heretofore been exempt from such disturbances. In Georgia, for instance, illicit stills have recently been captured and destroyed in the lumber region, where those practices were heretofore not known. An impression seems to have been spread abroad that with the change of administration there would come a relaxation in the enforcement of the revenue laws, and the discovery now made that the officers appointed by President Cleveland are vigilant in seeing that the laws are obeyed has brought about turbulence, which it will require a considerable display of force and a large expenditure of money to repress.

Dr. Woodrow as a Young Man.

New Orleans Times-Democrat. James Woodrow, who has so disturbed the theological world by his evolution ideas, was a professor in the Oglethorpe University, in Midway, near Milledgeville, Ga., in 1858-54. He was a young man then just starting out in life, and gave token of the fiber he has since shown. He was tall, slender, clerical looking, dressed in regulation black, with slender limbs and large feet, walking with a swinging gait, and going along as noiseless and unassuming as possible. He had a quiet way about him full of force. He, while always gentle, was plain spoken and positive. He was a close and industrious student, methodical and precise, smiled little, talked less, never joked, never laughed, and was strict and puritanical to an unbending degree. Yet captured and married the prettiest girl in the place.

Careful examination shows that in Massachusetts 32 per cent. of females in the laboring classes and 11 per cent. of males work on Sunday, in addition to their weekly service.

The liquor and beer saloons of London, if placed in a row, would extend a distance of seventy-eight miles.

The estate of Henry W. Shaw, "Josh Billings," amounts to \$63,000 and is divided equally between his wife, two daughters and two sons-in-law.

An Active Man

(Chicago Herald.)

"Greatest man to jump into a town and get acquainted with folks I ever saw, Jap Johnson was," said a traveling man. "Give Jap a night and a day in a country place and everybody there would call him by his first name, and he'd call everybody the same way, even the girls. In forty-eight hours he'd know every man, woman, child, horse, dog, and car in the town and could tell who married who, who got drunk once in a while, and who had fits or rheumatics. Give him three days in a town and he'd have every bit of the gossip and old rusty scandals that ever went over the back fences of that town down finer'n silk. He was a wonderful man, Jap was, and he could sell goods like a house afire. "The biggest thing he ever did, though, was 'bout four years ago. He had four hours to spend in a little town out in Western Iowa. At that time he sold two bills of goods, was invited to dinner by the Mayor, decided four bets, was referee in a dog fight, proposed marriage and was accepted by the belle of the place, borrowed \$5 from her pa, beat another man two games of billiards, and by happening to be election day, he capped the mansion, by sailing in and having himself elected Town Clerk by a majority of eleven votes."

A new York paper remarks that "persons have doubtless remarked that the mechanical get-up of the new postal-card is more elegant than the phraseology of its printed inscription, which reads: "Nothing but the address to be on this side." The fact is, that this is a precise and correct statement of the law, and has been reached only after several ambiguous attempts. The first postal card had it: "Write the address only on this side," which might be—and was, by correspondents who wanted to write all over the card—contrued as meaning, do not write the address on both sides. The second attempt resulted in "Nothing but the address can be placed on this side." There was possibility of plain-ability, and the correspondents not only sold, but did place more than the address on the face of the card. Then there is the form of the Canadian and English postal-card, which says: "The address only to be written on this side," meaning, as it stands, that if the address be printed, or set down in any other way than by writing, it must be put on the other side. Therefore, we may congratulate ourself upon having at last a perfectly worded postal card, which means exactly what it says—namely, "Nothing but the address to be on this side."

The census of Kansas, just completed by the State board of agriculture, shows a population of 1,258,432, a gain of 372,566 in the past five years. The great portion of this increase is within the past two years, during which time the almost depopulated western counties have nearly regained former numbers.

NOTICE.

THE County Board of Examiners will meet at Laurens C. H., for the purpose of examining colored teachers, on Friday, the first day of January, 1886, and on Saturday, the second day, for white teachers. Positively only one day for each class. Teachers wishing to be examined will please take notice and come early.

R. S. GRIFFIN, School Commissioner. Dec. 9, 1885. 19 4t.

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA—LAURENS COUNTY—IN PROBATE COURT.

Whereas, James Taylor has applied to me for Letters of Administration, on the Estate of Hasetine Knight deceased. These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of said deceased, to be and appear before me at a Court of Probate to be holden at my office at Laurens, S. C., on the 17th day of December, 1885, at 10 o'clock, A. M., to show cause, if any they can, why letters should not be granted. Given under my hand and seal this 1st day of November, 1885.

A. W. BURNSIDE, J. P. E. C. Dec. 2, 1885. 18

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