

AGRICULTURAL.

Fence Posts.—There are people who have long believed that fence posts last longer if the top end is set in the ground. They have believed it without giving any reason for their belief except the fact that they have tried it.

Dried Potatoes.—We have been shown some potatoes, of the yam species, and crop of 1861, which are in a perfect state of preservation, and though hard, contain all their sweetness and nutriment.

Household Measures.—As all families are not provided with scales or weights, referring to ingredients in general use by every household, Dr. Brown, subjoins to his paper a list, as follows:

- Wheat flour, 1 pound is 1 quart.
Indian meal, 1 pound 2 ounces is 1 quart.
Butter, when soft, 1 pound 1 ounce is 1 quart.
Leaf sugar, broken, 1 pound is 1 quart.
White sugar, powdered, 1 pound 1 ounce is 1 quart.
Best brown sugar, 1 pound 2 ounces is 1 quart.
Eggs, average size, 10 are 1 pound.
Liquor Measure.
Sixteen tablespoonful are half a pint.
Eight tablespoonful are one gill.
Four tablespoonful are half a gill.
A common sized tumbler holds half a pint.
A common size wine glass holds half a gill.

How to Raise Early Tomatoes.—About the first of March, take a few large turnips and cut out the hearts of them, to form a sort of cup. Fill the cavities with earth, and plant two or three tomato seeds in each.

Corned Beef.—By most of the modes now in use, the beef becomes too much impregnated with salt, and is not, as a consequence, so fine for eating.

Scurf on Man or Cattle.—Curry and brush the parts affected well, to remove the scurf, then wash well with warm water and soap, and when dry, rub with a mixture of hog's lard, sulphur and spirits of tar.

Rotten sweet potatoes, it is said, will kill the cattle that eat them. Let the farmers make a note of it.

How They Got Him.—A fellow was brought into the conscript office the other day who pretended to be totally deaf. They tried all sorts of sudden and unexpected noises on him all to no purpose.

SUNDAY READING.

"WENT ASIDE INTO A DESERT PLACE." Social devotion is no substitute for closet duties, for only by secret communion with God are the best elements of character developed and matured.

FREE SEATS IN CHURCH.—The Arch-bishop of York has recently consecrated three churches in which all the seats are free. He highly approves the plan, and remarks that "while there were social distinctions which no one wished to remove, and which were quite right in ordinary life, these ought to be left behind at the door of the church, folded up like umbrellas, and all should appear before their Lord and God as perfectly equal, as sinners seeking His Mercy."

God made the world to relieve an over-full creative thought; as musicians sing, as we talk, as artists sketch when full of suggestions.—What profusion is there in his work! When trees blossom there is not a single break-pin, but a whole bosom full of gems; and of leaves, they have so many joints, that they can throw them away to the winds all summer long.

THE WORTH OF THE BIBLE.—Near the close of his life, Patrick Henry laid his hand on the Bible, and said to a friend: "Here is a book worth more than all others; yet it is my misfortune never to have read it with proper attention until lately."

Robt. Hall was once asked what he thought of an elegant sermon, which had created a great sensation. "Very fine, sir," he replied, "but a man can't eat flowers."

DON'T FAIL TO EDUCATE CHILDREN.—If amid the excitement and tumult of war, the education of your children is neglected, the whole nation will reap the bitter fruits of this negligence for many years to come.

The Paris Presse computes the population of the globe at one thousand millions, speaking three thousand and sixty four languages, and having eleven hundred different forms of religion.

NOTICE TO MANUFACTURERS OF KERSHAW DISTRICT.

IN pursuance of the instructions of the Comptroller General of the State, "The Soldiers Board of Relief," of Kershaw District, has decided that spirits of turpentine, terebenthine, resin, shoes, cooper's wares, including barrels, wagons, carts, weavers sley, cabinet furniture, sawed lumber, hewed lumber, and shingles, are manufactures within the meaning of the act of the Legislature of December 1863, and the makers of such articles are made liable, by said act, to pay to the said Board, a tax in kind of five per cent, on all such articles made within the year 1863, for sale, barter or exchange.

All Manufacturers of such articles, in Kershaw District, made in 1863, for sale, barter or exchange, are required forthwith to render to the undersigned a statement in writing of all such products, and to pay the tax thereon, on or before 20th March inst. The Board has appointed Mr. Dunlap and the undersigned a committee to commute the said taxes in kind for a money value.

HEADQUARTERS, COMMISSARY GENERALS DEPARTMENT, STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Feb. 27, 1864.

MR. D. D. HOCOTT, Camden, having executed and filed his Bond in this Department, on the 16th February 1864, in compliance with the requisition of an Act to amend an Act, entitled an Act, to suppress the undue distillation of spirituous liquors, in this State, passed 17th December 1863, is hereby appointed by his Excellency the Governor an agent to manufacture and sell a limited quantity of Alcohol and Whiskey, in Kershaw District, to regularly practising Physicians and registered Druggists of said District, for medical purposes.

ALL other persons distilling in Kershaw District, are doing so in direct violation of the Law, and are amenable to its penalties. It is the duty of all holders of patrol to report all such persons, and of all Magistrates to seize, and suppress their stills.

BANK OF CAMDEN SO. CA. March 3, 1864.

THIS Bank, concurring in the action of the meeting of Delegates of the Banks of this State, held at Columbia, on the 1st instant, in relation to the late Currency Act, will continue to receive deposits of Treasury notes, until the 13th instant, and pay out such Currency, for all deposits, certificates of deposit, dividends, checks and other demands, until the 19th inst; and after that day, to save their depositors, and others the tax of thirty-three and one third per cent to be levied on all the outstanding Currency, on the 1st April next, will proceed to invest the amounts, unpaid on the 19th inst, in the four per cent bonds, provided for in said Currency Act. Those who do not wish this done, will of course, not fail to draw their balances before the 19th instant.

BRANCH OF THE BANK OF THE STATE SO. CA. CAMDEN, March 3 1864.

ALL persons having claims upon this Bank for deposits, certificates of deposit, checks, &c. are hereby notified to present their claims and receive payment thereof, on or before the 19th inst.

NOTICE. ALL persons having claims against the Estate of R. J. Gardner dead, will present the same duly attested to me, as early as possible, and all those indebted to the estate will make payment to me at an early day.

NOTICE TO TAX PAYERS. THE State tax books will be opened on Tuesday, March 1st, and will kept open until the 1st of May. All persons failing to make returns on or before the above day, will be liable to a double tax.

Dr. J. McOan & Dr. B. H. Matheson. OFFICE—TWO DOORS ABOVE THE BRANCH BANK.

NOTICE. CAPT W. E. HUGHSON will act as my Agent for the transaction of all business in reference to Insurance Agency, during my absence in the service.

NOTICE. B. M. BROWN is my authorized agent during my absence from home.

NOTICE. WILD be at his stable at the Hermitage the ensuing season, commencing the first of March.

NOTICE TO TAX PAYERS. NOTICE is hereby given that Confederate notes, of all denominations, will be received, in payment of State taxes, until the 31st inst. After that date, payment must be made either in the new bills, or in five dollar notes.

NOTICE. JAMES SOWERS, A. Q. M. Address Florence, S. C.

ADJUTANT AND INSP. GEN'S OFFICE, RICHMOND, VA., Feb. 4, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 14. THE following order is published for the information of all concerned:

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT RICHMOND, Feb. 1, 1864.

1. All prisoners heretofore held by the United States authorities, whether officers, soldiers or civilians, received at City Point, before the 1st of January, 1864, are hereby declared exchanged.

2. All officers and men of the Vicksburg capture who reported for duty at Enterprise, Miss., at any time prior to the 14th of November, 1863, and whose names were forwarded to me by Maj. Gen. John H. Forney, are declared exchanged.

3. All officers and men of the Vicksburg capture, belonging to the 1st Tennessee Heavy Artillery, who reported for duty at Marietta, Ga., and whose names were forwarded to me by Col. A. Jackson, are declared exchanged.

By order (Signed) S. COOPER, Adj't and Insp. Gen'l.

CONFEDERATE NEWSPAPER publish six times, and send bills to the War Department. February 12

MEDICAL NOTICE. IN conformity with what has been done in other parts of the State, our fees for the present year will be generally doubled.

LOST. ON the cars between Camden and Claremont, a Buckskin PURSE, containing a note for \$67 50, on J. D. Dinkins, drawn payable to J. W. Buckner or bearer. The public is warned against trading for said note, bearing date, December 6, 1863, as payment is stopped on the same.

REAL ESTATE SALE. South Carolina—Kershaw District. BY order of Alexander McDonald, Ordinary for Kershaw District, I will sell at public outcry, to the highest bidder, at the Court House in Camden, on the first Monday in March next (sale day): Two small Tracts of Land, belonging to the estate of Hardy Thorn, deceased.

NEGROES FOR HIRE. FOR the year, a likely fellow, a complete gardener. —ALSO— Two women—A Washer, Ironer and Sempstress.

200 DOLLARS REWARD. THE above reward will be paid for the detection of the rascal who cut the gin-band of the subscriber, on Saturday night last. Persons owning shoe shops will please keep an eye on all sole leather sent to their shops.

TAXES. PARTIES who have made returns of Income Tax whose profits on produce (raised by the tax-payer) and who real estate, have been returned, are requested to call at this office and have the same revised and corrected, in conformity with recent instructions from the Commissioner of Taxes.

ORDINARY'S NOTICE. ALL those who have not made annual returns of the estates entrusted to them as administrators or executors, will do well to make their annual returns of the same by the 1st day of February, 1864, as the Ordinary's Office will not be open after that date, only on Mondays and Fridays, until the end of the year.

STRAYED OR STOLEN. FROM the subscriber, nine miles above Camden, on the Lancaster Road, three Milch Cows, two Dry Cows and two Yearlings, marked the figure 7 in the right ear and a swallow fork and underbit in the left. It is believed that the above cattle have been stolen, as the milch cows left their calves at home. A liberal reward will be paid for information that will lead to their recovery, or for the detection of the thief, if stolen.

NOTICE. ALL persons having claims against the estate of J. D. Wilson, deceased, will present the same duly attested to me, and all persons indebted to said estate will please make payment to me of their respective indebtedness, at an early day.

IMPORTANT NOTICE. CAMDEN DEPOT, Feb. 27, 1864. THE attention of passengers is respectfully requested to the following regulations, which have become indispensably necessary in view of the impossibility of procuring change:

1. They will prepare the proper change for the purchase of their tickets, at the ticket office.

2. No one will be allowed to occupy a seat, without exhibiting a ticket, at the door of the car.

WANTED. A COMPETENT Business man, to act as my agent for the District of Kershaw, not liable to Military duty in the Confederate army.