

Intelligent Agriculture.

We heard a minister tell a story once, about a boy riding along to mill with his bag slung across his saddle, in one end of which was his corn, and in the other end, to balance, was a large stone. The minister meeting him and ascertaining how he was loaded, suggested to him that it would be better to divide the corn, half in each end of the bag, and have the stone balance itself, and save the extra load of the stone. The boy listened in astonishment to the suggestion, but after a moment's hesitation rejected it with scorn, saying: "This is the way daddy use to do; and I'll do like he did."

This is just the way that many people plant and work their ground and their means. New ideas are rejected and regarded as unworthy of notice. "This is the way daddy use to do and we'll do like him."

There is something, we admit, in having a bottom safe track laid out before us, and being trained up to go in that track from youth. But when suggestions of improvement come, either emanating in our own brains or prompted by another, they certainly should have our careful consideration and not be choked down and scorched, as the boy did. Indeed the farmer ought always to be thinking and contriving plans for economy and improvement, in his mode of planting and plowing, the use of fertilizers, stock raising, and arranging so as to sell his produce only on a good market.

And not only this but he ought to put himself in the way of learning all the new and improved systems of farming, stock raising, and using manures.

Now we do not pretend to give practical counsel to our planters upon these subjects, editorially, but we are always selecting and publishing some agricultural article from exchanges just for them. And we would be glad, if our intelligent and successful farmers would write, and send us our communications of this practical nature, and drawn from their own experience. A gentleman in our County, who has had some experience in the matter promised us, two months ago to send us a practical article on making hay; another promised an article on getting out and seasoning wood for shingles and for building; another, on manures; and others on agriculture generally. But these promises are not yet fulfilled. We hope these friends of ours will take the hint and keep their promises quite soon. But information to be derived from your County paper, upon agricultural subjects is of course limited, compared to that in our Agricultural Magazine.

Take for instance, the Rural Carolinian, to which we have already alluded. The first number is out and it seems with interesting and practical articles for the farmer. It has a full description of David Dickson's system of farming, which is a model for our Southern zone. Every farmer in our County should take this Magazine. Let him subscribe, at once.

Besides this our farmers ought to encourage our Agricultural Society. This is a great means of diffusing intelligence and information upon these home, and practical subjects.

Besides being social re-unions of the most interesting and delightful nature, they induce thought and reading upon these subjects, and must be productive of infinite good to our Agriculture. Let every farmer join at once, and meet and compete in their contests and happy rivalry for taking the lead in producing and raising.

It is high time, that we did, as a people, arouse to the importance of the diffusion of intelligence in Agriculture. Our wealth, our restoration from our ruins, will be hastened more by attention to this subject, than by any other means in our power now. Our farmers are our best politicians at present, and our best financiers. Let them use every means in their power to promote and advance their great cause. Let them as they govern their little ones, as the married and precious legacies which they will to their State, in the hope, that if their own day, at least in that of their sons, she shall be restored to us,

let them as they discharge this duty, also attend to the other. By the diffusion of practical intelligence, let them place our Agriculture upon a high and safe basis. We are apt to forget the close and intimate relations existing between the questions of our State's redemption and that of labor. Here in our State at this time is presented the unparalleled spectacle of labor ruling capital. Our farmers are the capitalists, who should control labor, control it politically. This is the means by which that spontaneous law, springing almost from the ground, avoichthon, that we who own and inherit the State should rule it, is to work out its fulfillment. This is the law and this the means of its enforcement. How grand then and imperative is the duty of our farmers to enlarge and improve, their ideas, and information upon Agricultural subjects.

Educate your sons, so that they be ready, and worthy to receive their grand old Mother, when she is restored to them from her polluters—and by attention to the subject of intelligent Agriculture, rendering it more successful and safer, you will hasten the time when she is restored.

We would present to our farmers the importance of this subject, and are assured that they will agree with us that our Agricultural Societies and Magazines should receive their hearty and unanimous support.

THE NORTHERN ELECTIONS.—The Democratic party has been defeated in all the States in which elections were held on the 12th inst. Indiana and Iowa went Republican by their usual heavy majorities. Ohio elected Hayes, Republican, for Governor by a supposed majority of 10,000 over Hon. Geo. H. Pendleton, the Democratic candidate. The Legislature elected is supposed to be Democratic by a trifling majority, enough however, to render the defeat of the fifteenth, or universal suffrage amendment, extremely probable. Pennsylvania re-elected the present Republican Governor, Geary, over Packer, Democrat, by three or four thousand majority.

We had half-way looked for a different result, in consequence of what we saw in Northern Democratic papers. But our expectations were not high, as we have been deceived before.

The New Secretary of War.

The President has appointed Gen. Wm. M. Belknap, of Iowa, Secretary of War to relieve Gen. Sherman, who has been temporarily discharging the duties of the office since the death of Gen. Rawlins. On the 14th inst. Gen. B. telegraphed his acceptance to the President, adding that he would be in Washington to enter upon the discharge of his duties in about two weeks. The Baltimore Sun furnishes the following sketch of the new Secretary:

Gen. Wm. M. Belknap, just appointed Secretary of War, is the son of the late Gen. Belknap, of the United States army; he was born in Newburg, New York, and is 39 or 40 years of age. In 1848 he graduated at Princeton College with some distinction; he soon after commenced the study of law at Georgetown, D. C., under Hugh Caperton, Esq., a prominent lawyer of that place; when he had completed his course of studies he removed to Iowa and entered upon the practice of law at Keokuk, and soon took a leading position at the bar, and acquired a lucrative practice. In politics Gen. Belknap was a democrat prior to the breaking out of the war, and at one time represented his county in the Legislature; in 1860 he took an active part in the presidential campaign in favor of Mr. Douglass, being a great admirer of that distinguished man. He is said to have been a gallant and faithful soldier, and at the close of the war received the brevet of major-general. Gen. B. is said to be a man of good mind and sound judgment.

Havana papers express a wish that Sickles "might occupy some post better adapted to his abilities than the present one;" which is the most delicate euphemism for "State Prison" that we ever remember hearing.—New York World.

Colonel John Scraven, the Democratic candidate for the Mayor of Savannah, and the entire Democratic ticket, were elected on the 11th by about two thousand majority. The negroes generally, voted with the Democrats. An able bodied negro man named Jim Quinn, brutally resisted an elderly lady near Baltimore, a few days ago, and ran off; but was arrested, and while on his way to prison, was lynched.

Co Operative Building and Land Purchasing Association.

MR. EDITOR—I suppose you are getting tired of "Chis" and the subject of co-operation, if so why just let him know it by saying so. If not then give him a little space to ventilate again.

It is generally supposed that our citizens understand the object and benefits to be derived from an Association of this kind, and are ready to organize by this time. To ascertain this fact, suppose you open a list at your office and see how many will sign it. If a sufficient number will sign, then we can organize and proceed with the Association; this is the speediest way to facilitate this scheme, don't you think so?

Surely the industrious of our people have given this subject their serious consideration by this time.

To those who have to pay a high rent, we would say, reflect, consider the amount that you pay yearly to your landlord and see how soon you pay a sufficient amount to purchase for yourself and family a comfortable home.

To those who desire to improve their property, I would say invest your money in this Association, you will get good interest on it, and in a few months you will have accumulated a sufficient amount to improve and enhance the value of your property, and at the same time be assisting your neighbor and your Town.

To those who desire to put their money to good interest, and benefit to the industrious working man, I would say invest in this Association.

To those who want a certain amount of capital at a certain date, I would say invest your small amounts monthly in this Association and you will have it.

And to those who have vacant lots in our Town and to those who have idle lands in this Association, I would say, dispose of it to this Association at a reasonable price, and you will see the waste places of our country build up, and by men who will stay with us, and always be amongst us.

Open the list, Mr. Editor at your office and let us effect this organization, and it will redound to the interest of our country. See the almost daily accounts where the homeless have secured homes, and consider what it is to have a home.

Yours, CHIS.

[In reply to "Chis," we will say that we are not at all tired of him, or his subject. We commend his letter to our readers. We will prepare such a list at our office and invite persons interested to call and sign it.—Ed.]

[COMMUNICATED.]

To the Editor of the Orangeburg News—DEAR SIR: There is a disease that is very rapidly spreading throughout our County, and from the rapidity of its spreading, we are to infer that it is contagious as well as alarming. This disease is that of stealing and selling cotton in the seed. There are not only in some parts of this county, but in all parts, a crowd of low-life, dirty rogues, who thirst more by far for whiskey than water, and in order to satisfy this thirst they go into the neighboring fields of the unfortunate cotton planter while he is asleep at night, and pick his cotton, sometimes in very large quantities. Unfortunately, in many settlements there are some "shop keepers" who want the planter's cotton as badly as the thieves want the whiskey, and in order to get this stolen cotton they always have on hand "good (?) old corn or rye," to barter for the cotton, and strange to say, from the time of night that the cotton is taken to these shop keepers to trade, we are left to infer that the buyer would prefer trading at a late hour in the night.

In some portions of this county the planters have attempted to prevail upon the shop keepers not to buy cotton in the seed. They have attempted to show to them the impropriety there is in this trade, which holds out a very strong temptation to those who are a little inclined to be slippery fingered.

The only consolation these planters have received is something to this effect, that they, (the shop keepers,) pay license, and that they will buy the cotton, not caring or asking how the seller got it. This reply was not altogether unexpected, for these planters had already drawn a natural inference that, as these buyers did buy the seed cotton at night, giving about two-third the value of said cotton, and at the same time paying for it in whiskey at a tremendous profit, they were no better than the thieves themselves.

Now, Mr. Editor, the disease has been mentioned, what do you propose to the farmers and planters as a remedy? I would suggest that every one keep an eye on these seed cotton sellers and buyers, and bring some of them to the bar of justice, the moment a clue can be had that will send them to the Penitentiary. Probably a year or so cracking stones would help these chaps through the world a little faster. Let every one of us unite our efforts and rid our county of this low-life, roguish, lawless band, so that peace and prosperity may reign in their stead.

THE CAROLINA FARMER.—The October number of this valuable work is on our table, filled with articles of interest and profit to the farmer. This number closes the first volume, and is the last of the monthly series. On the fourth of November the first number of the Weekly will appear; and in its new form it will no doubt prove much more acceptable to its many readers. It will contain eight pages of five columns each; and in addition to a largely-increased amount of agricultural matter, will give miscellaneous, family reading, market reports and the general news of the day. The subscription price (\$2.00 per year) will not be changed. Address, Wm. H. Bernard, Editor and Proprietor, Wilmington, N. C.

GODEY'S LADY'S BOOK for November is to hand, and fully maintains the reputation it has always borne. It was first issued on July 1st, 1830, under the supervision of the editors and the proprietor, who, for the period of thirty-nine years, have so successfully conducted this popular periodical.

THE HEARTH AND HOME.—In one of the most readable of all the literary journals that we receive.

A fashion authority states that the fashion for coats this fall will be a good deal like that of last fall, especially with those who have to wear last fall's coats.

Jenkins is not going to do anything more in conniduraps. He recently asked his wife the difference between his head and a hags-head, and she said there was none. He says that is not the right answer.

Messrs. Matthew McDonald and Wm. K. Bradley have been nominated for the Legislature by the conservatives of Abbeville.

M. ALBRECHT, BOOT AND SHOE MAKER, ORANGEBURG, S. C. Returns thanks for past PATRONAGE and Solicits a continuance of the same. WORK entrusted to him will RECEIVE his PERSONAL ATTENTION. All Work Warranted. oct 23

THE COTTON STATES Life Insurance Company. Incorporated by the State of Georgia. Authorized Capital \$2,000,000 Guaranteed Capital 500,000 Deposited with State Comptroller of Georgia for the Security of Policy Holders 100,000 The CHARTER protects the Policy Holders by all the Guarantees of Wise Legislation, and the Business of the Company is placed by Law upon its proper and legitimate basis. Fifty per Cent. "LOAN" on Premiums granted when Preferred. JAS. C. CULLUM, Agent for Orangeburg and Lexington Counties. Dr. JOS. QUATTLEBAUM Medical Examiner. oct 23

WANTED—An Experienced OVERSEER to take charge of a Plantation in this County for the coming year. A single man preferred. Apply to Dr. A. R. TABER, or to AUGUSTUS B. KNOWLTON, oct 23—1f Forte Motte, S. C.

NOTICE—Is Hereby Given to the Public, that I have this day discontinued BUSINESS as a MERCHANT in the Town of Orangeburg. All persons indebted to me as a Merchant will make payment to JOHN DAVIS, and all persons holding claims against me as aforesaid will present them to him for settlement, he having assumed the payment thereof. W. L. W. RILEY. This 19th October, 1869.—25—1f

IN THE COURT OF PROBATE. WHEREAS, D. R. Knight hath applied to me for letters of Administration on the Estate of Mrs. Rachel Patterson late of Orangeburg County, deceased. These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the Kindred and Creditors of the said deceased, to be and appear before me at a Court of Probate for the said County, to be holden at Orangeburg on the 5th day of November, 1869, at 10 o'clock A. M. to show cause if any, why the said Administration should not be granted. Given under my hand and the Seal of the Court, this 18th day of Oct., A. D. 1869, and in the ninety-fourth year of American Independence. THAD. C. ANDREWS, Judge of Probate. oct 23—2f

Post Office Department, CONTRACT OFFICE, WASHINGTON, 19th Oct., 1869.

Sir: Your note of the 12th inst., is received. The distance of your office from the Railroad Station being over eighty rods, relieving the Company from the duty of delivering the mails into it, and devolving the expense of such service on the Department, the Postmaster General authorizes and instructs you to advertise, from five to ten days, by public notice or otherwise, so as best to draw general attention, but without expense, for bids to carry the mails between your office and the nearest station on the South Carolina Railroad three times a day.

All proposals thus received you will forward to this office unopened, and all at the same time, and in one envelope, with a report of your action in the matter. Also send copy of notice. No contract is required to be executed, but persons bidding must be honest and capable, not less than sixteen years old, and pledged to serve for at least one year, or until otherwise ordered by the Postmaster General, at the price proposed.

No more can be allowed than a fair and reasonable compensation for the service. All persons engaged in the mail service are required to take the oath prescribed by acts of Congress of July 2, 1862, and March 3, 1863, and commonly called the "teat oath." Respectfully, &c., &c., GILES A. SMITH, Second Assistant Postmaster General. Proposals will be received at this Office until the 3d November, 1869. T. K. SASTORTAS, Post Master. oct 23—2f

PICNIC. All persons interested in the SUCCESS of the AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY are invited to join in a PICNIC to be given on Wednesday, November 3d, 1869, at Orangeburg, S. C. Contributions can be handed to any member of the Committee of Arrangements. MURRAY ROBINSON, Sr., D. R. BARTON, PAUL S. FELDER, Dr. A. S. SALLEY, W. CULLER, JAMES STORES, Committee of Arrangements. oct 9

A CARD. SOUTHERN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY. Atlanta (Georgia) Department. To the People of South Carolina: THE ABOVE COMPANY WAS ORGANIZED IN 1856, in consequence of the wholesale forfeiture of Southern Policies by Northern Companies. The unparalleled success of the enterprise has forced several of these Companies to restore their Southern Policies, from the fact that they could not operate in our midst without the appearance of honesty. We keep all our money at home to build up our impoverished country. EVERY DOLLAR OF PREMIUM BEING SAFELY INVESTED IN THE STATE from which it is derived. The Institution is PURELY SOUTHERN, and, hence should appeal with great force to the patriotism and sympathy of every Southern heart. It is not our purpose to make war on other Companies, but to increase upon the people the IMPORTANCE OF PREVENTING THE DRAIN OF MONEY FROM THE SOUTH TO THE NORTH by patronizing HOME INSTITUTIONS. The Company has many special advantages, and is founded on patriotism and solid wealth. Its ratio of assets to liabilities—the true test of a Company's strength being nearly THREE HUNDRED TO ONE HUNDRED. Whenever and wherever I have presented the claims of this Company, it has not only elicited the sympathies of our people, but has also secured their hearty co-operation. I have secured over one thousand policies in South Carolina since February the 10th. We number among our Directors General Wm. HAMPTON and Colonel WILLIAM JOHNSON, gentlemen well known to every citizen of South Carolina. We appeal personally to the people of South Carolina to assist in pushing forward this deservedly popular Southern institution. J. H. MILLER, General Agent Southern Life Insurance Company, Augusta, Ga. Capt. Oscar P. Hay, Special Agent. JOHN A. HAMILTON, Local Agent. A. S. SALLEY, M. D., Examining Physician.

ORANGEBURG—IN EQUITY. Under decree in this case, I will sell on the first day of November, at Orangeburg, one-half cash, the balance in six months secured by bond, bearing interest, with mortgage of premises containing covenant for resale on breach of the bond. 290 acres of land in Orangeburg County, bounded by land on the north of J. A. and P. A. Fanning, east of P. A. and J. C. Fanning, south of C. Stroman and west by L. Fanning. And at the same time for cash, and bearing personality: 1 Wagon, lot of Blacksmith Tools, 1 Timber Cart, lot of old Bricks. Contributions can be handed to any member of the Committee of Arrangements. ALSO On Tuesday next, at the place of H. W. Kinsman, 10,000 Drawn Pine Shingles, 2 Stoves with Shoats Levied on the property of H. W. Kinsman at the suit of V. V. Austin. Jane Moore, et al. Bill for Foreclosure. Under the decree in this case, I will sell for cash, at Orangeburg, on the 1st day of November next, 200 acres of land in Orangeburg County, bounded north by lands of A. R. Dash, east by lands of John Tate, south by lands of Mrs. Shuler, and estate of Norris and Hazel Moore, and west by lands of A. R. Dash, being a tract purchased at Commissioner's sales of the estate of Geo. Shingler by Hazel Moore on 3d August, 1867. ALSO Under the decree in this case, I will sell at Orangeburg, on the 1st Monday in November next, for cash, a Cotton Gin. And on the same day a House and Lot in Totness, formerly occupied by W. R. Thomson. Terms—One-half cash, balance in one year, with bond and mortgage of the purchaser, containing a covenant for resale upon breach of the condition of the bond. ALSO Under the decree in this case, I will sell at Orangeburg, on the 1st day of November next, during the legal hours of sale. All that House and Lot in the Village of Orangeburg, on Russell Street 40 feet and in depth 66 feet, bounded on the north on Russell Street, east by Dr. E. J. Oliveros, south by trust estate lands of W. R. Bull and west by D. Louis. Conditions—One-half cash, balance on a credit until first day of January next. Purchasers to give bond and mortgage of the premises with a covenant of insurance and of resale on breach of the conditions of the bond, and also to pay for papers and stamps. ALSO Under the decree in this case, I will sell at Orangeburg on Monday, the first day of November next, during the legal hours of sale. All that plantation or tract of land containing 166 acres more or less, situate on Bull Swamp, and bounded north by G. D. Keitt, east by W. Chavis, west by L. W. Dash and south by Wm. Keitt. Conditions—One-half cash, balance on a credit until first day of January next. Purchasers giving bond bearing interest from date, with a mortgage of the premises and to pay for papers and stamps. ALSO Under the decree in this case, I will sell at Orangeburg on Monday, the first day of November next, during the legal hours of sale. All that tract of land situate on the east side of the Public Road, in the County and State aforesaid, containing 275 acres more or less, and bounded by lands of H. C. Wannamaker, D. O'Callan, estate lands of John O'Callan, S. Jamison, J. W. Keitt and said Public Road. 2. All that tract of land situate on west side of the Public Road, in said County and State, containing 272 acres more or less, and bounded by lands of H. C. Wannamaker, estate lands of Henry Ellis, T. H. Segars, the said Public Road and Caw Caw Swamp. 3. All that tract of land situate on Tybee Branch in the County and State aforesaid, containing 165 acres more or less, and bounded by lands of J. G. Wannamaker, D. Horger, H. C. Wannamaker and the remainder in dower of Mrs. Sarah F. Smith. 4. The remainder in dower containing 177 acres more or less, and bounded by lands of D. O'Callan, H. C. Wannamaker and estate lands of A. N. Wannamaker. 5. All that lot of land situate at Jamison's Turn Out, on the South Carolina Railroad, containing 3 acres more or less. Terms—One-third cash, and the balance on a credit of one and two years, purchaser to give bond for said credit portion, bearing interest from day of sale, payable annually, and secured by mortgage of the premises, with a covenant for resale on a breach of the condition of the bond, and also to pay for papers and stamps. Sheriff's Office, H. RIGGS, Orangeburg C. H., S. C., S. O. C. Oct. 7, 1869. oct 1

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