

POETRY.

SOONER OR LATER,

Sooner or later the storm shall beat
Over my slumbers from head to feet;

I shall not heed them where I lie,
Nothing their songs shall signify,

Sooner or later the sun shall shine
With tender warmth on that mound of mine;

Sooner or later the stainless snows
Shall add their hush to my mute repose;

Sooner or later shall the frost
That sheets the light fall o'er my breast,

Sooner or later the bee shall come
And fill the noon with his golden hum,

Sooner or later, on half poised wing,
The blue bird's warble around me ring—

Sooner or later, far out in the night,
The stars above me shall wing their flight,

Sooner or later by darkling dews
Catch the white spark in the silver ooze.

Never a ray shall part the gloom
That wraps me round in the kindly tomb;

Peace shall be perfect for lip and brow
Sooner or later—O why not now.

AGRICULTURE.

LABOR, IMPROVED CULTURE, &c.

Editors Southern Cultivator: The labor system as it is, falls very far short of what it must be, if we succeed.

Less stock and less labor—move manure and deeper plowing and better plowing must be resorted to, and I am delighted to see that those who have given the subject their study, are exerting some influence among the old fogies.

The practice of carrying a pumpkin in one end of the bag and a bag of the other, has to be ignored, and our labors be pursued, always sustained by reason and common sense.

For instance, the long followed practice of breaking corn and cotton roots—a practice pursued ever since this country received its first blow, by the pioneer.

Then the land was in its virgin state, and resisted all the bad cultivation bestowed. Now it is different; the soil is gone; the land must be resuscitated; loss must be repaid; we must live; we must have ears of corn—no bunnies; we must have a bale of bales of cotton to the acre; less will not save us.

How is this to be done? I answer, by thorough plowing before the crop is planted. Better plow and re-plow, and plow again, and get the land prepared deep and mellow, if a little behind the regular time for planting, than hurry the seed in the ground.

I will give you my success this year, amid the drought. I have a field of corn, broken originally with Brook's sub-soiler, (and by the by, it is the best plow that can be used, especially on hilly land); it "takes" the land, breaks 10 to 12 inches, draft remarkable easy.

One hand laid off the rows with a "diamond," followed by a large long sharp shovel, as near the clay as I could get it. I deposited my corn, and covered with a double couler; the first time I ran around and plowed out with the same Brooks plow, (this I could not do as early as I desired, from the fact that the frost cut it down level with the ground); the third with a scraper.

The two last plowings were given before it got a season, and in fact it remained after the last plowing for weeks through the dry season, and during the time, when those around me were burning up—corn fired to the shoot—my field only twisted near the woods, or where there was no soil, in galled places.

My neighbors would ask me why all this—our corn is ruined; yours is green and flourishing. My reply was, the cultivation was different from yours; no root of this has been interfered with; it has been plowed three times—1st, deep and close; 2d, shallow—the roots are all there.

The injunction was, originally, to till the soil, not the roots. If breaking roots is the plan, why don't your nursery-men set into orchards one of Brinly or Dodge's plows and tear the roots up generally? If breaking the roots of corn and cotton will insure a better crop do go into your fine orchards of peaches and apples, as soon as they begin to leaf, and plow them out deep, and there is no telling the fine apples

and peaches you will have. My cotton was cultivated the same way, (the late rains has caused it to cast some of its fruit.) I do not wish to exaggerate, but must say, I calculate (without disaster) upon 15 bales from 18 acres of land—Dickson's cotton. I must have that from land which at its best, will bring 15 bushels of corn to the acre—no manure on either cotton or corn. THOMASTON.

Upon Co., Ga.

BARLEY.—So much of this grain is being imported that the demand for it in England for shipment has caused an advance in price until it is higher than the price of wheat.

We ought to raise barely enough to supply our own market. It is said to be less exhausting than any other grain; is quite as sure a crop and is always in good demand.

Barley is much better than oats to seed with. It is an easier crop to raise than wheat, and is much more certain.

Barley meal is excellent feed for working horses and neat stock. Farmers ought to raise more barley.

SMALL AREAS.—The men who make up their minds to cultivate small areas, and spend their money liberally for fertilizers this year, are (the men to have full pockets and contented minds when the harvest time comes. We think there has been a growing and gratifying disposition to do this apparent all over the country, and we auger the best results therefrom next fall.

Those who have tried it this year, need no advice or appeals. Their crop proceeds are worth all the eloquence of tongue or pen in the world. They will try it again this year, and with even better prospects and success, for they have the priceless light of experience to walk by. We hope to see twenty of these wise men this year, where there was one last.

One thing, we fear, rather stands in the way of the policy: There are symptoms of a cotton mania breaking out again, and when men get bitten bad their ideas expand, indefinitely. They scorn small farms, and small everything else, and see only huge plantations and large gangs of workers. They think too much of quantity, and too little of quality, and having put all their money in land and labor, have little or none left for the benefit of the land itself.

We hope our fears may prove groundless, but there certainly seems in recent developments, some foundation for them. Gentlemen of the planning interest, you know your own business best—presumably, at least—but don't, for Heaven's sake, ever be caught again as you were in 1867. We know very little farming, but we claim to have kept our eyes open to results as they turned up, and we do know you made a mistake that year, and that you had better cause to regret it. You seemed inclined, under the stimulus of flush prices and good balances, to repeat it. Don't do it. Plenty of provisions first then on acres made fat with fertilizers, laugh as loud as you will with Cotton the King. Journal and Messenger.

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A. M. KENNEDY, Dec. 17.

NOTICE.

To whom it may concern.

ALL persons retailing SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS, in the County of Kershaw, out of the limits of the Town of Camden, are required to take out a License from the County Commissioners. All persons retailing without the said License, will be dealt with according to Law. By order of the Board, J. A. BOSWELL, Chairman.

COLIN McCRAE, Clerk. County Commissioner's Office, Dec. 24.

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THE Books for the collection of TOWN TAXES, and for receiving Returns, are now open at the Council Chamber. All Tax Payers are required to pay their arrearages for Taxes, for 1865, 1866, 1867 and 1868, in two equal installments, the first installment by the first day of January, and the second, by the first day of February, 1869.

And those who have not made their Returns for 1868, are required to do so immediately, and if not made by the first day of January, 1869, their Taxes will be doubled. By order Council, W. CLYBURN, Clerk. Dec 15.

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KERSHAW—In Equity.

John Thompson, C. L. Dye, Executors, vs. D. D. Ussery, & J. R. McGill, Trustees, Bill to sell lands to pay debts, &c.

IN pursuance of a decretal order passed by Chancellor Johnson, in above stated case, it is ordered, that the creditors of John P. Kirkland, deceased, be enjoined and restrained from pursuing their actions at law against the complainants C. L. Dye and John Thompson, in this behalf. The said creditors are hereby notified to product and establish their demands against the estate of the said John P. Kirkland, deceased, before the Commissioner in Equity, at his office, on or before the first day of June next, or be debarred from all benefit of said order. J. D. DUNLAP, C. E. K. D. June 27. 1ym.

KERSHAW—In Equity.

Huckabee & Jones, Ex'ors, vs. M. E. Shaw, et al. Bill.

IN pursuance of an order passed in above stated case, the Creditors of the estate of Joseph Murphy, deceased, are hereby notified to produce and establish their demands before the Commissioner in Equity, at his Office, on or before the first day of June next, or be debarred from all benefit of said order. J. D. DUNLAP, C. E. K. D.

NOTICE.

THE open Accounts and Notes yet due the firm of C. MATHESON & CO., and MATHESON & CO., have been placed in the hands of J. A. SCHROCK, Esq., for collection. Parties are requested to call at his office, and settle, and save costs, before suit is instituted. C. BELL, Surviving Partner. Dec 16.

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