

THE FARMERS' ENCAMPMENT.

One of the latest devised plans which is most conducive to the improvement of the farmers of the State is the proposed Inter-State Farmers' Summer Encampment, appointed near Spartanburg for August 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th. It is the result of the combined efforts of friends of agriculture, and is under the auspices of the Patrons of Husbandry of Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina.

SIX MONTHS IN THE YEAR.

A number of the exchanges of the Times are discussing with no little zeal the latter part of article 10, section 3, of the State Constitution, which reads "There shall be kept open at least six months in each year one or more schools in each School District." The position is plausible, and is held by several in other counties differently situated than this, that the constitution is mandatory and requires the Superintendent of Education to comply with its directions by reducing the salaries of teachers.

OUR ATLANTA CORRESPONDENT AT MANNING.

MANNING, S. C., April 30th, 1887.—The illness of an only brother calls me to my native hearth, and precludes my furnishing your readers with Atlanta news for the present. A few dots from Manning will suffice for your next issue, I hope. With her broad level streets and lawns, clothed in her spring robe, this little town sits like a May queen among her neighboring villages.

and content; business brisk and prospects bright. Her educational facilities are unsurpassed by any town in the State, on account of the high standard and superior advantages of the "Manning Academy." Board is furnished by the best families for \$8 per month, and many children attend the institution who are sent here from abroad.

Court convenes here on the fourth Monday in May, and the sheriff is now directing his attention to summoning the jury. Your correspondent heard him inquire for one juror to-day that went to the postoffice only once in six months, and it was feared that the sheriff would have to send his deputy twelve miles to summon him.

Our Washington Letter.

WASHINGTON, May 3, 1887. Everybody was thinking that there was a dearth of news in Washington, until the coming of the "least sensational" when it was announced that President Cleveland would accept a renomination in 1888.

His Marriage Fee. We have sometimes wondered if it would not be advantageous to ministers if marriage fees were paid, not at the time of the wedding, but subsequently,—say a month or two afterwards. In most instances, it is to be presumed, the husband would by that time be in a state of mind to which the most generous fee would seem none too large.

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price charged, \$5.00, for it fully describes the town in which a newspaper is issued, and few people care to know about any place where one is not.

Among the many anecdotes told of Stephen Girard, the following is one of the pleasantest. It was first published by an English visitor to Philadelphia, Lieutenant Sleigh, and shows well how far "shines a good deed in this naughty world."

Girard was walking one day near his bank, when he saw a crowd of well dressed people surrounding a woman who was crying bitterly. On inquiring what was the matter, he was informed that a woman had just landed from an emigrant ship, friendless and without money; his informant adding, "How I do pity her!"

And thus he addressed himself by turns to all in the crowd, collecting the money in his hat, until the result of the "pity," at first so lavishly expressed in words, was a pile of substantial dollar "pities," which enabled the poor woman to go rejoicing on her way.

On the whole, therefore, clergymen will probably continue to reckon a bird in the hand worth two in the bush; especially in view of possible exceptional cases,—like the following, which we extract from a Dakota newspaper:

"Mr. Ingham went out into the country, away down in Iowa, one cold, blustering day, to marry a young couple. After the ceremony, the elder joined in the festivities of the occasion long enough to be sociable, and then went away—as empty in purse as when he came.

"Some weeks afterwards he met the groom in the village, and after some hemming and hawing, the latter said, 'suthin' for that job ye done for me?'"

"Well, ef ye say I owe ye anything why, I'll pay ye what's right," said the man of bliss.

"We never set a price on matters of that kind," said the elder becoming a little amused.

"Well, of course, ef I don't owe ye nothin', why I'm much obliged,"—and then, as if to reassure himself, he said, "Why, elder, ef ye want anything fer it, I'd be glad to pay ye."

"My good man," said Mr. Ingham, annoyed by this time, "I can't set any price on that kind of service. If you think you owe me anything, pay it. If not—if it wasn't worth anything to you—why, don't."

"The fellow started to go, and then in a remorseful moment of carelessness and beneficent generosity he turned and said, 'Why, elder, I'll tell ye what I'll do: When ye come by my place some day, stop in and I'll give you a jug of buttermilk.'"

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