

**NEW CONTRACT LAW**

**As It Finally Passed the Legislature On Last Day.**

**Farmers and Others Interested in This Law Should Read it Over Carefully.**

Among the few important acts of general application passed by the legislature which has just completed its strictly legislative duties is that on the subject of farm labor, which reads as follows:

**Section 1.** That any person who shall hereafter contract with another to render him personal service of any kind, and shall thereafter fraudulently, or with malicious intent to injure his employer, fail or refuse to render such service as agreed upon, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

**Sec. 2.** That any person who shall hereafter contract to receive from another personal service of any kind, and to compensate him therefor, and shall thereafter fraudulently, or with malicious intent to injure his employe, fail or refuse to make compensation as agreed upon shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

**Sec. 3.** That the failure of either party to such contract to perform the obligation assumed by him thereunder, without sufficient cause, and to the injury of the other shall be prima facie evidence, in prosecutions under sections 1 and 2, that he violated such contract fraudulently and with malicious intent to injure the other party.

**Sec. 4.** That any person who shall hereafter contract with another to render personal service of any kind to him, and shall thereafter fraudulently, or with malicious intent to injure the employer, procure advances, in money or other things of value, from him, with intent not to render the service agreed upon, and who shall thereafter, with like intent, fail or refuse to perform the service agreed upon, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor. Proof of the fact that the employe entered into the contract, procured advances, and failed or refused to complete the contract, without sufficient cause, to the injury of the employer, shall be prima facie evidence of the offense herein described and declared a misdemeanor.

**Sec. 5.** That the contracts referred to in this Act may be either verbal or in writing; they must be executed with the formalities required by Section 355, Criminal Code, A. D. 1902; if verbal, they must be witnessed by at least two disinterested witnesses, or related by blood or marriage within the sixth degree, to either party; and the term of service contracted for must be for a definite time, not exceeding one year. All such contracts shall be valid only between the original parties thereto; and any attempted transfer or assignment of any rights thereunder shall be null and void.

**Sec. 6.** That if either party to any written contract herein referred to desires to avail himself of the benefits of this Act against third parties he shall cause the same to be indexed in the office of the Register of Mesne Conveyances or the clerk of the Court (where the office of Register of Mesne Conveyance does not exist) of the county in which said labor or service is to be performed, within ten days from the date of the contract; and such indexing shall constitute notice to all third parties. Such index shall show the names of the employer and the laborer, the date of the contract and date of its termination, and the location and name of the place or places whereon the said service or labor is to be performed. The clerk of the court, or the Register of Mesne Conveyances, as the case may be, shall endorse his official certificate, and the date of filing to be indexed upon every such contract filed under the provisions of this Act and his only fee for the same shall be five cents for each contract. And the clerks of court or Registers of Conveyances, as the case may be, in all the counties of the State, shall provide a book for indexing such contracts, which shall be plainly labeled "Index Labor Contracts."

**Sec. 7.** That upon conviction in a court of competent jurisdiction of any person charged with any violation of this Act, the person so convicted shall be punished by a fine not less than twenty-five dollars and not exceeding one hundred dollars, or by imprisonment not less than thirty days and not exceeding thirty days for each offense: Provided, That there shall be no prosecution under this

Act unless the arrest warrant shall be issued within thirty days from the commission of the offense.

**Sec. 9.** That this Act is not intended and shall not be construed to protect any of the parties to, or punish the violation of, any contract or matter connected therewith, where the inducement or consideration of such contract is money or other thing of value, advanced to or for the employe prior to the commencement of service thereunder. All such contracts are hereby prohibited and declared null and void.

**Sec. 10.** That all Acts and parts of Acts inconsistent with this Act be, and the same are hereby repealed.

**Sec. 11.** That this Act shall go into effect immediately upon the approval of the governor.

**Burglar's Notebook.**

"Here is an interesting find," said Lecoq the detective. "It is a burglar's notebook. Instructions for the burglarians young. Listen and I'll read you some extracts."

"He opened the little yellow book and read:

"To keep from sneezing close eyes and open mouth and press upper lip till desire vanishes."

"Use turpentine to drill iron if it is hard."

"Put hard soap into cut when sawing off padlocks."

"Black the face when doing job and carry soap and piece of mirror to wash off with; also carry towel."

"Put rubber washer on bottom of tire to make soundless."

"Carry vial of tincture of arnica for cuts and bruises."

"Try all corks before using."

"Use electric lamp, never the old fashioned oil lantern."

"To break window, cut with diamond and then spread thick white lead on flannel and press from."

"Hold lamp always at arm's length when lit. Then, if it is shot at you will not be hit."

**More Than Merely Discreet.** There is a Chicago lawyer who, his colleagues aver, has a positive genius for malapropos suggestion to his witnesses on the stand, says *Harper's Weekly*.

Recently this lawyer was counsel in a suit for divorce, wherein he was examining a woman who had taken the stand in behalf of the plaintiff.

"Now, madam," began the attorney, who is always saying the wrong thing, "repeat the slanderous statements made by the defendant on this occasion."

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**ROTATE YOUR CROPS.**

**Good Advice to Farmers From One of Their Number.**

Cow peas, \$2.00 per bushel; yellow turnips, \$1.00; sweet potatoes, \$1.25; seed oats, \$1.00; seed wheat, \$1.40; common hay, \$1.00 per hundred and corn no doubt will bring \$1.00 on time in this State. Any one or all of these crops can be grown in great abundance on any farm in South Carolina without the use of common fertilizers.

Twelve to fifteen cents cotton is not in it along with these crops, says Mr. J. C. Stribling. You are compelled to hold and fight for fifteen cents cotton. We are now getting the above prices without holding or fighting for it. Besides more net profits on some of these crops, cow peas, hay, small grain and turnips all leave the land richer in humus after the crops come off than before planting.

Now here, listen, if you don't rotate your crops more, you will have to rotate yourself by moving off the farm or starve out yourself along with your lands. Surely you can change your way of farming easier than you can move out.

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**In a frightful Rear End Crash of Two Trains.**

Three men were killed in a frightful rear-end crash between 2 freight trains on the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad's Harlem branch just south of the Barlow station Wednesday. A heavily loaded freight got beyond control on a down grade and ran into the rear of another freight just ahead. The conductor of the first freight train was in the caboose, and was instantly killed. The engineer and fireman on the engine of the second freight were pinned in the wreckage and killed.

**A LITTLE SERMON.**

**It Was Against His Principles to Work On the Sabbath.**

Bishop Thomas Bowman, on the celebration at Orange of his ninetieth birthday, spoke wisely of religious toleration.

"The older one grows," said the famous Methodist bishop, "the more one disregards the little, unimportant, useless things that separate one denomination from another. One fixes one's mind on the great things that bind all denominations together. And they who, neglecting the great things, neglecting charity and uprightness, and honor, wrangle over small denominational differences, seem to an old man as absurd as the Taoist and the Shintoist."

"Perhaps you know the story. 'A Taoist—I think it was a Taoist—once fell down a well, and a Shintoist—or some such person—ran at full speed to his assistance."

"Oh, brother," cried the Shintoist, leaning over the well-curb, be of good cheer. A ladder is at hand, and I shall have you out in a jiffy."

"The Taoist was paddling about in the dark down below, up to his chin in the icy water."

"No, no," he grunted, puffing painfully. "Fetch no ladder, brother. I'll climb no ladder today, for this is Tuesday, the day consecrated by all true believers to the Most High."

"Aghast, the Shintoist poured down prayers and arguments into the well; but prayers and arguments alike were of no avail with the devout Taoist. The other, obliged to leave the man to his fate, departed sadly shaking his head at the sound of the grunts, puffs and splashes which ascended from the blackness far below."

"The next morning the Shintoist returned to the well. He peered over curiously. Yes, the Taoist was still there. The noise of his struggles still rose up."

"Ho, brother," shouted the Shintoist, "is all well with you below?"

"All is well," replied the Taoist, in a very weak voice; "but I pray you, brother, fetch that ladder at once."

"The Shintoist threw up his hands in shocked surprise."

"Fetch a ladder today," he cried. "Heaven forbid! Don't you know that this is Wednesday, the Shintoist Sabbath?"

"So saying, the Shintoist departed, leaving the Taoist blowing and splashing in the well."

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**HE WAS SOLD.**

**A Few Words Told Him What He Wanted To Know.**

Upton Sinclair was discussing in New York the government's attacks upon predatory and law-breaking trusts.

"It looks as if these trusts," said Mr. Sinclair, "will have to obey the law, or else their owners will find themselves as badly sold as the rich Bostonian who bought an estate in Scotland called Glen Acora."

"The Bostonian bought this estate without having seen it. He believed that he could trust the man he bought it from. And last summer he went over to have a look at the place."

"The drive from the nearest railway station to Glen Acora was a matter of 12 miles. The Bostonian hired a Highlander to drive him."

"As the cart joggled along, the Bostonian said:

"I suppose you know the country hereabouts pretty well, friend?"

"Aye, ilka foot o't," the Scot answered.

"And do you know Glen Acora?"

"Aye weel," he replied.

"What sort of a place is it?" the American asked.

"The Scot smiled grimly.

"Aweel," he said, "if ye san the de'il tethered on it, ye'd juist say, 'Poor Brute!'"

**He Gave In.** Many years ago the Boston & Albany railroad made a rule that passengers should not ride on tickets intended to be used in the opposite direction from that in which they were journeying.

One day a conductor on the west bound express came to a well-dressed, middle-aged woman, just after leaving Worcester, who handed him a ticket from Palmer to Worcester.

He protested that, although very sorry the rules of the company would not allow him to take that ticket. The woman said she had bought it in good faith, but had never before had an opportunity to use it.

She intimated with studied politeness that all such regulations were senseless, and finally remarked, freely:

"I am willing to ride backward all the way if that will be a comfort to you."

The conductor gave in and took the ticket.

**Why It Was Gone.**

Mrs. Newlywed-Doctor, that bottle of medicine you left for baby is all gone.

Doctor—Impossible! I told you to give him a teaspoonful once an hour.

Mrs. Newlywed—Yes; but John and I and mother and the nurse have to each take a teaspoonful in order to induce baby to take it.

**Out of Babes' Mouths.**

Dr. Gerrit J. Kollen, the president of Hope college, at a dinner in Holland, Mich., recounted some quaint juvenile definitions.

"They are definitions," said Dr. Kollen, "given by little children in examinations. Some of them, I think, are rather good. Some show unconscious, some intended humor."

And with that preface he began "Peraspration—When the heat makes your body ery all over."

"Fan—A thing to brush the warm off with."

"Monkey—A little boy with a tail."

"Clear soup—A quart of water boiled down to a pint to make it strong."

"A ballet girl—A lace parasol with two pink handles."

**The Associated Charities.**

A lady whose cook had suddenly taken her departure went in search of another whose address had been given to her.

Reaching the alley, she rapped at the door, which was opened by a portly colored woman. A still larger one was occupying a rocking chair in the room. The lady stated her errand.

"No'm! I isn't tendin' to wuk de yer winter. It's gwine to rest."

"Then perhaps you know some one who would like the place?"

"No'm. Fac' is, de colud ladies in dis alley all means to tek a rest. We goes to de 'assinated charities' fo' what we wants."—*Woman's Home Companion*.

**A Matter of Memory.**

Kadley—See here, Burroughs, you want to be civil to me. I loaned you a dollar the other day; remember that and remember that you still owe it to me.

Burroughs—I assure you, Kadley, I expect to remember that as long as I live.—*Philadelphia Press*.

**"HOG AND HOMINY."**

**Is The Only Safety of the Southern Farmer.**

**No Cotton Being Held by the Texas Farmers, Says E. L. Archer, of Spartanburg.**

The Spartanburg Herald says: E. L. Archer, president of the County Cotton Growers' Association was in the city recently.

Mr. Archer is just back from Dallas, Texas, where he attended as a delegate the big convention of the Southern Cotton Growers' Association.

When asked by a representative of *The Herald* concerning the convention, Mr. Archer said: "There were delegates from every Southern State and they all stressed the necessity of reduction of acreage by diversification."

They also advocated taking better care of cotton, and giving more thought to the marketing of the product, rather than to increase the number of bales.

"As a result of my visit to Dallas I wish to say specially to the farmers, that I saw very few patches of small grain—no fields. The Texas tenant is no better off than the tenant here. He is naturally a cotton farmer, and he buys his bread and meat in town, likewise the corn for his mule. I saw no barns or corn cribs and very poor houses."

"All the cotton made by tenants is sold as soon as gathered to satisfy the store account. I saw very little cotton; none at the gins, none at the depots. All I saw of the staple was a few bales lying on the ground in fenced lots, which are the Texas warehouses."

When asked how much cotton the Texas farmers were holding, Mr. Archer replied:

"Virtually none. There is more land than anything else in Texas. There is no help to be expected from that quarter so far as the holding movement is concerned. Last year she planted one million and three hundred thousand acres more in cotton than in 1906. Oklahoma planted 668,000 more acres in cotton in 1907 than in 1906; Georgia 667,000 more; South Carolina, 140,000 more. Had not the boll weevil and the dry weather ruined the Texas crop there would have been a thirty million bale output."

been submissive slaves for the thinking man by buying such things as were not necessary, or things that he could have made at home. It is time that the chains of slavery be broken, and the only way to break them is to raise more hog and hominy."

**CHANGES IN POLITICS.**

**Gov. Ansel Seems to Have Become Very Unpopular.**

The State says there has been a marked change during the last 10 days in the outlook for the gubernatorial campaign. Ten days ago there had scarcely been heard a whisper of opposition to Gov. Ansel. It was quite generally conceded that he would have no opposition for reelection, but there has been a change, although it is somewhat difficult to locate the starting point or to find the reason.

There are evidences of a good deal of quiet activity on the part of prohibitionists, and it is quite evident, too, that the majority of the general assembly is "anti-Ansel." Why this is true is not so clear, for a majority stood with him a year ago on the dispensary issue. It is said, however, that the governor does not consult members as freely as they like, and that he takes very few into his confidence. They prefer it to be otherwise.

But the lack of support on the part of the legislature does not altogether explain the sudden change in the gubernatorial situation. The fact is that a couple of months ago when it was rumored that Gov. Ansel might be a candidate for the United States senate, he was importuned from many quarters to remain in the gubernatorial chair for another term; individuals and newspapers assumed that reelection was his for the asking.

**GEN. CAXTON DEAD.**

**Was Stationed in South Carolina Right After the War.**

Brigadier-General Rufus Saxton, U. S. A., retired, dropped dead at Washington Tuesday of heart disease. He came to the army from Massachusetts in 1855 as a first lieutenant of the Third Artillery; received a congressional medal for bravery in the defense of Harper's Ferry, and was retired April 23, 1904. General Saxton was born 84 years ago.

During and after the war Gen. Saxton was stationed on the islands about Charleston and Beaufort, where he was very active in oppressing white people for the benefit of the freed slaves. He was in charge of the confiscated lands of the planters, which he distributed largely among the negroes who own it yet.

**Warned Three Times.**

After having dreams for three nights in succession which she interpreted as a warning of her husband's death, Mrs. John Coyde, of Brooklyn, N. Y., was told Sunday that he had fallen dead on a Bay Ridge train while crossing the bridge.

"I knew this was coming," said the gray-haired woman. "For the past three nights I have had dreams that could mean nothing else. In the first dream I saw my husband carrying a platter of raw beef from which the blood was dripping. The next night I dreamed of my mother, who is dead, doing the same thing. Last night I thought I heard my husband's footsteps, but when I went to the door there was no one there. I warned him after each dream, but he laughed at me. I knew he would not come home alive after the last one." Coyde was sitting in the train reading a newspaper, when he toppled out of his seat to the floor. Death was due to heart disease.

**Seven Terrorists Hanged.**

At St. Petersburg, the seven terrorists who were condemned to death by a courtmartial for complicity in a plot against the lives of Grand Duke Nicholas Nichilaivitch and M. Ghtseglovitoff, Minister of justice, and whose sentences was confirmed recently by Gen. Hazenkamp, chief of the general staff, were hanged at daybreak Sunday at Lizzy Noss opposite Kronstadt. Among those who suffered death were Calvino, the supposed Italian, who had in his possession when arrested a passport issued to the real Calvino, the St. Petersburg correspondent of two Italian papers, and three women, two of whom were 18 and 19 years old, respectively.

**Burned to Death.**

By the overturning of a pot of boiling tar early Wednesday morning at the home of Thomas Hardin, near Greensboro, N. C., two of his children, aged four and six, one of his brother's children, aged seven were burned to death. The pot overturned, molten fluid enveloping three children, causing instant death. Hardin is a prominent dairyman.

**Who is the Man?**

The Aiken Recorder says: "We have not yet seen any persons, calling for the nomination of Bryan, explain where he is to get the 242 votes necessary for his election. Will not some one of his supporters give this important information?" Can the Recorder name a candidate and explain where he is to get the 242 votes necessary for his election?

If the Recorder will give us this important information, we will try to Bryan and support its candidate if he is a good Democrat. It is up to the Recorder to name the next President.

Mr. Hearst has decided that the Independence League will hold its national convention after the Democrats and Republicans have shown their hands.

Mr. Taft is playing politics for all there is in it, while the understrappers of the War Department have to attend to the government business which Taft is paid to do.

THREE of the renegade Democrats who helped elect a Republican to the United States Senate are from Louisville. That accounts for their vote.

SENATOR Hale shows that there has been expended in construction of the United States navy during the past thirty-seven years \$1,200,000,000, which he says has been money well invested. We do not think there is any doubt of the senator being right in that opinion.

The republican papers of the country are urging that a man from the South be put on the ticket this year. The Florence Times suggest that Booker Washington be selected as the Southern representative of the Republicans.

THEODORE H. Price, one of the worst enemies of the cotton planter ever had, issued a very bullish circular on cotton after the New York exchange closed on Tuesday, in which he predicts much higher prices. We hope he is right.

A female burglar has been captured in Dallas, Tex. She would have escaped if she had not stopped to primp her hair before leaving the house that she burglarized.

GEN. Keifer, the Republican Ohio Congressman, thinks "the world is growing better." It needs to since the time Keifer was Speaker of the House of Representatives, which led to the people turning the rascals out.

THE anxiety of Republicans for the laboring man is becoming more and more apparent as the election approaches, and even Senator Knox is running Senator La Follette a close race with their Employers Liability bills.