The Farmers' Movement not Dead-It will have a Powerful Influence in the Next State Canvass-It has Forced a Compromise , and will Win a Victory.

To the Editor of the News and Courier. With no intention to provoke or inaugerate another "newspaper war" on the questions involved in the farmers' movement, I yet feel that continued silence on my part may be misconstrued, and I ask space to make some brief comments on the why I must "retire to the shades of argic and torpid, but if we do not get

Some of the "Ring" newspapers which have persistently vilified and misrepresented me, and displayed both their fear and hate in more ways than one since the recent Farmers' Convention and the adjournment of the General Assembly, have taken up the rule of the jackals, who, in Æsop's fable, "spurned the dead hen," claiming that "Capt. Tillman is a dead duck;" that he has been "de posed" by the farmers: that "the farmers' movement is dead," &c, &c These valiant quill-drivers are trying by sneers and bold assertions to bring about a result which they hope now exists. The farmers' movement has had its epitaph written several times before, but somehow it revives when called for, and unless I am greatly deceived, it will be on hand in the coming canvass and 'make Rome howl," or rather it will admin ister on the political estates of some of those who have opposed it. These conventions of farmers-all respectable in numbers and personnelhave not paid their own expenses to Columbia to protest against certain wrongs and ask redress without there being a strong impelling cause: and just as the demand for reform has been persistent and only partly granted, so will the opportunity for punishing traitors and obstructionists be seized upon next summer by the men who have been treated with such undisguised contempt by the political bosses. That is, I hope so, just as Col. Thomas, of the Register, and other editors say I am "dead," because they hope so.

THE FARMERS HAVE THE NUMBERS. | this. We have the numbers-and whereever I have spoken my sentiments and the measures I have advocated have been endorsed-is the reason why I say this. We only lack organization, and an active, aggressive canvass. If the farmers in all the counties could hear the truth and learn the reasons why we cannot hope to receive any material benefit from the "College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts," recently established, or from the department of agriculture as now constituted and conducted, they would send men to Coumbia who would make short work with these abortive compromises. I call them thus, because time will show desire to say that we can never hope country harlots like a glove," and is that they are such. But right here I for reform or a proper regard being off or on at their convenience, will paid to our wishes as long as we yet be the death of Democratic unity send political harlots and "how dye- and white supremacy in South Carodo statesmen" to make our laws, and lina. But let it always be rememuntil our people learn to hold their representatives to a strict accountability for their votes, and retire them shall strive in vain to carry out any ty" shall cause us to relapse under when they break their pledges, we policy which is antagonized by the negro control.

If there were ever men imbued with ideas of reform and economy assembled in South Carolina, most of the new members of the House of Representatives which met in November, 'S6, were. But they were green and unacquainted with each other to a large degree, and the appointment of committees and shaping legislation was thus left in the same old hands; still taxes were re duced \$140,000 that first session and a larger surplus left at the end of the year than found in the treasury. However, at the first session influences were set to work which produced such a change that that same House, at its second session just ended, voted by a large majority to raise taxes \$175,000 just because the bosses said they needed more money. THE WORK OF WINE AND WHISKEY.

The Columbia Club with its free liquors and entertainments had so won upon these goodnatured farmers that they could not say them nay. They gave the city the precious Canal which had cost the State something like \$150,000 and convicts free of tax to finish it-but when Greenville asked for convicts at five dollars per month, to grade a railroad which will benefit the whole State, she met a contemptuous refusal. I mention these things only as glaring instan ture an "abortive compromise." ces of how malleable and complais. There has been an enlargement of ant is the material which we have the board and they are all to be been selecting to make our laws. As "agriculturists." but there has been long as we vote for men, from merely no "reorganization," And now look personal preference and not for at some of its absurdities. All of measures-as long as we consent to them are to be "agriculturists," and have the politicians meet every two yet they are to have full control of years and choose our State officers, the State's phosphate interest. These without having seen or heard candi- phosphates lie in the navigable dates discuss public questions, just streams and tide-waters along so long will such things happen. The our coast. They are water mines, in dissatisfaction, which is deep and no wise connected with or supposed widespread throughout the State, and | to be understood by "agriculturists." is only kept under by the knowledge But the Bee-man from Spartanburg, that submission is better than divi- the Sheep-man from Chester, the sion, festers and grows. The attempt Jersy men from Anderson, and which we have made to reform the their brethren, must get on their Democrat c party from within is water toggery and prepare to go to as now fixed in South Carolina, treated with contempt. "Mahoneism" sea, or at least, to take a sail on means that sixty-eight paupers, gance or incompetence. But, while I "I sigh when I think of the joys I all other classes,) they are too rich to insurmountable difficulty in being that it is regarded as a breach of pray God that I may never witness have missed." such scenes in South Carolina as But suppose these "agriculturists" and too poor to send to either the tion, or means of livelihood.

THE NEGRO SUFFRAGE MONSTER.

The remembrance of our sufferings under Radical domination grows dimmer year by year, and contests over railroad taxes, prohibition and municipal politics are familiarizing our people with the use of the negro vote to carry elections. We toy with this monster which is now letha constitutional convention to draw his fangs while he is yet asleep by a property or educational qualification for suffrage, he will one day be "energized" by a division among the whites and devour us. And yet, with Chandler's bill providing for Federal control of Federal elections in South Carolina, and three other Southern States, pointing like a sign-board the road we are to travel if ever the Republicans secure full power at Washington again, our "imbecile" statesmen persistently refuse to call a convention, which we need besides to reduce taxes, because, for sooth, Charleston, which suffered most under negro rule, don't want it! "Lay not the flattering unction to your soul," Oh, City by the Sea! that you will always scotch the "Independent" snake as easily as you did awhile since. Enough of the serpent's eggs haven't batched yet. You had better lose the extra Senator and the extra members to which you are not enti tled: you had better lose them all and trust entirely to the white men of Laurens, Greenville and Edgefield, who now suffer wrong because of the greed of the political power among your politicians. Edgefield, Laurens and Greenville made your redemp tion possible in 1876, and they have be robbed of their just representation in the House of Representatives and quently there is life and vigor in in the nominating conventions of the Democracy. "Gerrymandering" is a common political crime, practiced alike by both Democrats and Repub-

DEBAUCHERY IN POLITICS. Then make the debauchery in our politics, of which this is only a sample. Some of the very same men who ignored their oaths to support the Constitution and voted against a census in 1884-5 on the plea of economy, voted against a new apportion ment in 1887, because the amended Constitution-amended to save the expense of a census-did not allow it. Technically, this was not perjury. but what is it? Said Madame Roland on the scaffold: "Oh! liberty, what crimes are committed in thy name! And so of our beloved Constitution. This Radical rag, "which fits our supple Charleston friends and their

bered that the counties of this State

which are most deeply wronged in

this census matter can always take

SOME DISAPPOINTMENTS I have strayed far away from what I purposed writing when I set out, but as this is a sort of valedictory or a "message from the grave," to which the Register and other journals have consigned me, it may pass for the "mutterings" of a ghost, or the howlings of a "disappointed of fice-seeker." I have not been made trustee of the agricultural college, everything we didn't ask for and you know; or become a member of nothing we did, are crowing lustily. the new board of agriculture, to and are very happy over their "great which I was nominated by the Farm- victory." It modesty did not forbid. rs' Association. Unlike the officer I, even I, "Moses" Tillman, might seek, (but don't get.) these responsi- is mine, if there be any, for no one ble positions pay no salary, and can deny that I have got everything while he "can't get in" to the I asked for at Bennettsville, and "cheese" I may congratulate my six more too. But when the poor farmdisappointed brethren, who were ers who are not able to send their

the confidence of the farmers.

AGRICULTURAL ABSURDITIES. I termed the recent so called reorganization of the board of agricul-

alty, what then? Can they remove after this, and the grand "University" him? No, he is appointed by the with its \$65,000 income, too, then I commissioner. Or suppose the com- am sadly mistaken.

had to be chosen by his political and bad enough, to have the board | We shall see!

elected by politicians. HOW THE BOARD SHOULD BE CHOSEN. It is simply preposterous to expect a board thus chosen to effect any good if they cannot control their subordinates. We either need no board at all or should look solely to the commissioner, or the board should have power to choose their own executive officer. But the boar ? should be chosen by the farmers alone and not by the Legislature, for they alone pay the privilege tax. and we will never have any lasting, live agricultural societies in the counties as they do at the North, till this work is given to them. In Ohio, for forty years, the board of agriculture has been elected by a "farmers convention," composed of delegates from the county societies. In Illinois, Indiana and Iowa it is the same. In Massachusetts, Main, New Jersy and Conneticut, &c, the societies elect a member of the State Board of Agrihad poor requital at your hands, to culture. In all of the State theseboards elect their own secretaries; conse-

licans, but I have never read of an new board. Though they were evi- ed class to which I belong-now instance where men of the same po- dently selected rather as friends of sunk so low that none are concerned litical faith perpetrate a crime like the commissioner of agriculture and when we ask for our indubitable of the South Carolina College, and as opponents of the farmers' move- tion one of our more "humble" memfitness, we shall hope they will stop offered to us by the bosses. He callthe waste that has been going on if ed it a "bone," and was willing to they can, and see that the farmers' accept it on bended knees. We called institutes are held in all the counties of the State. As trustees of the new have forced it down our throats. "University," with its "college of agmay make that college, so-called, for the college, and he had it all his less of a humbug and farce. That it own way in "reorganizing" the agrican ever be more than a weak and cultural department. He may be a contemptible tail to the literary kite we do not hope, for all of the attempts | not likely to risk a re-election on to combine industrial and technical these issues. He knows better than training with literary colleges have to try it. But whatever may be the failed, and if this one does not it will be the first.

their work. The best men are chosen

THE UNIVERSITY'S WEALTH.

The taxpayers who have been frightened with the false plea that the separate agricultural college would cost immense sums, will be surprised when told that this magnificent "University" will have an income of \$97,000 per annum, as be agriculture and the mechanicarts" care of themselves if our "imbecili- follows:

\$34,300
11,500
15,000
5,000
20,000
2,000
10,000

And yet we are too poor to build a "farmers' college !"

beyond our control elected by poli cation;" when they ask why there there should be \$25,000 additional spent by the board of agriculture, or rather by the commissioner of agriculture, making \$125,000 in round get none of the benefits, the politiextravagance will have hard work to convince them that there is any necessity for all of this waste of public money. Can anybody give a reason why the State should make pets of two boys in each county, and only two, and educate them at a cost of \$1,200 each, while that sum, if paid

> boys to obtain an education? ARISTOCRATIC PAUPERS. The scheme of "higher education." an other classes,) they are too rich to send to the Citadel as beneficiaries, and too poor to send to either the send to fed, supplied with water. transport a courtesy toward those send to either the send to fed that it is regarded as a breach of send to the courtesy toward those send to either the send to fed that it is regarded as a breach of send to fed the fill the darling suffering so from the effect of the thing. The wise patient send to poor to send to either the send to fed the proposition of the fed that it is regarded as a breach of send to fed the fill the darling suffering so from the effect of the send to se

for student labor, in an industrial

school, would assist at least twelve

prohibition election, common sense lina's farming interests—find any dents, simply because their sons canteaches me that, unless more regard thing crooked: that the official as not enter or remain four years at a A Bright Outlook for an Early Comis paid to the rights and wishes of sistant is inattentive to his duties, or cost of \$800 or \$1,200. If they subthe common people, a split in the is conniving at smuggling away the mit to such injustice; if they allow Democratic party is inevitable at no State's rock without paying the roy- the "military dude factory" to live

Tillman," done to death by "Brutus regular trains should not be running who has experienced the hollowness Iredell Jones" and 'Casco Tindal," by the middle of next month from of this sort of Christianity, and is while "Cassius" (the News and Cour- Camden to Lancaster, even if we do not a communicant himself, is not ier-at all events not a "lean and have the usual amount of bad weather. likely to troub le a Christian church hungry" one) lent efficient aid and "gave the finishing touches" at the den last night, and meets with the

closing scene. ry shall repeat itself and my friends Charleston accompanied by Col. Nel- in the ordinary walks of life. A real will but avenge my "untimely taking son, attorney for the road. Trustees church is not made up of a company off" by meeting these gentlemen and Workman and Hay, after the necessa- of people who use Christianity for that I have not yet realized it. And so with my being "deposed," I have

"Crook the pregnant hinges of the knee, That thrift may follow fawning.'

"I have done the State some serby those most interested and compevice"-even my enemies admit itand my ambition has been to elevate, I have no quarrel with any of the and educate, and protect the oppressment than because of any special bers advocated accepting the bone it a "bone," and scorned it, but they riculture and mechanic arts," they the medium who introduced the bill

The Senator from Barnwell was representative "planter," but he is outcome-we farmers ought to topple the Citadel about the ears of this arrogant clique, who have cried out "useless expense," and with the proceeds of its sale either found a real agricultural school or else, saving that money to reduce taxes, take charge of the South Carolina College and make it as nearly as we can a "college whose leading object shall as the law directs. The State can't

THANKS AND A KICK.

the News and Courier. I have an ended. The Boston Herald makes abiding faith that the seed I have serious complaint against what it sown by means of its columns will calls "the social lie in religion," and yet hear fruit. It has been both the declares that "if there is any one best friend and the greatest enemy to drawback to the Christian faith in the farmers' movement, and I thank its practical ministration in this city its editor for his many courtesi s. among what may be called the so-There was never any "alliance" be- ciety churches, it is that there is one tween us, but those who have been sort of religion set forth from the pulrestrained from attacking the "Dude pit, and quite another practiced by Factory" on my account can now re- the people on the plane of the pews." new the war till the taxpayers shall which Col. Thomas is ever ready to well claim that I "did it." The glory arise in their might and destroy it. I sentative churches as our New Engwill help all I can.

In retiring from the unequal con- all the eloquence which individual test. I desire to say that I do not clergymen possess, and would think nominated, like myself, and "got sons to the "dude Factory" at a cost feel any mortification at having fail- they and the people whom they min- the town. A Pennsylvania yankee his wife had a habit of sitting with left," that we escaped the disagreea- of \$300 a year, or tothe South Caro- ed to accomplished all I hoped. It was ister to were angels of light, too per- was building the chief hotel over one leg over the other knee, and the ble and well-nigh hopeless task of lina College-I beg pardon, Univer- a stupendous undertaking for an un- fect for the mean things of life which enforcing either economy, or obtain- sity-even with free tuition at a cost known and untried man, and the the rest of mankind come in contact umph of the tariff system in the Caro- the soil got such a start that the tle flies at Shelby to guage his ing efficient work in a bureau whose of \$150, they begin to inquire where wonder is that I have done so much, with; but when you sit in the pews lina. executive officer and assistants were is their share of all this "higher edu- I am not whipped or cowed, and am and watch the habitual attitude and proud to know that I have many behavior of the congregation, you ticians in the Legislature for political should be a "duplication of teaching friends among the best people in will be wiser than you were before, reasons, and not because he is the force," of which we have heard so South Carolina. I have never penned and will realize how scarcely skin and northern capital to connect the best man for the place, or possesses much between the College a line or spoken a word that was not deep is the religious character of the and the Citadel; when they ask why honest, or that I regret. I have made congregation as a company of pro- During the war he preserved his many mistakes, but self interest or fessedly Christian people. personal motive has never prompted tion. On the contrary I have neg- Christians of Boston be applied with numbers per annum, over half of lected and sacrificed the 1 nterests of equal truth and force to our own peowhich is "farmers' money," and they my wife and children to fight for a ple many of whom have a form of cause I believe holy and just. I stop godliness, but deny the power therecians who are responsible for this because I can't afford the costly lux- of? It is not one's duty to pay more And a smile for those who leate me."

I bid your readers "adieu!" B. R. TILLMAN. Roper's, S. C., January 17, 1888.

In Another Century.

Baltimore American.

were enacted in Atlanta at the last -gone to sea to develop South Caro- Citadel or University as pay stu. GETTING READY FOR BUSINESS. who worship side by side in the same

to Ashland, Ky.

NEWBERRY, S. C., THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1888

Special to the News and Courier. missioner—the great "State officer" The Citadel has served its uses themen interested in the Three C's or more, and have never spoken with -is neglectful of his many and on- and "must go." And we poor tarm- Road went up yesterday, by rail, a single communicant, or even with erous duties (many and onerous if ers who want a cheap college to give thirteen miles, and the balance of the pastor, you have a sense of loneproperly performed, but a sinecure our sons a practical education have the way in private conveyance, to liness in the house of the Lord which thus far.) what can our "agricultur- got the votes. Will we work together inspect the ten miles of the road that has a depressing effect upon your ists" do? Put him out and get an- and for once show that we can force reaches to Hanging Rock Creek. The religious enthusiasm. You supposed other? Oh no. "I am a State officer, these "lordly planters" and loungers trip was very pleasant, except to that there was some brotherly symbonded and responsible; I am elected to give us what we ask? Will we vote those who went up to Hanging Rock, pathy between the regular members by my political friends in the Genonly for men of character—who will as it rained on them, and they were of the congregation, but you are com eral Assembly, and I defy you." carry out their pledges? Will we vote poorly protected. The large cut op- pelled to say to yourself that the hu-What would the directors of the for measures and not men, and then posite Young's is finished, and the manity of the pulpit is plainly con-South Carolina Railway think or ex- for such men as will not be bribed, ca- track has been surfaced. Major Ad. tradicted by the incivility of the pect in the way of efficient manage. joled or bamboozled? Will we de- ams has about completed his work, pews, and you find, to your disgust, ment if their general superintendent mand lower taxes and a new Constitution suited to our condition, and as week, so the bed is ready for the a preacher expound a mode of living friends in Charleston? It is enough, a safeguard against nego domination? rails as fast as they can be laid, and which his people openly and con-

> Col. R. A. Johnson reached Cam. with his presence a great while. commissioners to-day, with the view of strangers is as much needed in Well, be it so. I am willing to lie of getting \$50,000 more of the bonds. the house of God, and in promoting "cold obstruction and to rot" if histo. Col. Johnson leaves at 4 p. m. for the progress of church work, as it is

> their new allies "at Philippi." My ry certificate had been served on social purposes which centre in their death, if I be "dead," was so painless them, delivered \$50,000 of the bonds. had no intimation of it. But neces. there may be a great surprise in store it should be conducted, the church is, sity leaves me no choice. I must re- for the people along the line, as over- the spiritual centre of a common tire and attend to my own affairs. I tures have been made by a rich com- spiritual life. The finest soul in a have no big salary and the spending pany of contractors to take charge of company of Christian worshippers "tickle" Senators and Representa- and to have trains running over it by is doing the best work for morality tives. I am no politician trained to January 1, 1889, from the southern and religion which does not draw the terminus to Ashland, Kentucky.

> > but it is possible that it will be. Sumter would come down with sub- with them, which conveys the sense at once to Sumter by July at the outside. As it is, the road will be completed to Black's by July, and if Sumter comes in with the necessary help the road will be running from Sumter to Rutherfordton by July 1st, a railroad in Tennessee, and al-

finish the road substantially, guaran-

Pewholder or Christian.

Sund ty News and Courier. One of the most serious obstacles

he hopes will take place.

in the way of effective Christian work is that religion is so much of a Sunday habit, and in many cases is afford two colleges so nearly identical practically inoperative during the remaining six days of the week. Put on with the broadcloth coat on Sunday morning, it is laid aside when This is probably my last letter to the religious services of the day are Sunday after Sunday in the repreland contemporary says, you hear the duties of social brotherhood and the relation of man to man set forth with

May not this sweeping indictment me in a single act during this agita against the "I am holier than thou" ury of "reform" any longer -and so, attention to his neighbors in the "With a sigh for those who love me, house of God than to the holy worship which he is there to render; but when persons attend a religious service habitually from one year's end and Major Gore take place?" to another, without ever having the slightest recognition from either pas- and the result was most deplorable." tor or people, which is sometimes the case in some congregations, then, indeed, may he know that he has come upon the "perilous times" of but on their way home a farmer's dog The London Spectator ingentiously which St. Paul wrote to Timothy bit a large chunk out of the colonel's speculates concerning the great Eng- when he spoke of men who "shall be leg." lish metropolis in 1988. A hur dred lovers of their own selves"-when, years hence, by geometrical progressinstead of Christian charity, which is howled in the ears of the people Coosaw's diamond-bottom river. That ("once lordly planters" sons) shall sion, based on present statistics, takes care for the good of others, whenever I or any one else grumbles or presumes to criticise. Deception, or presumes to criticise. Deception or presumes to criticise. Deception or presumes to criticise. Deception, or presumes to criticise. Deception or presumes to criticise. Deception or presumes to criticise. Deception or presumes to cr or presumes to criticise. Deception, we farmers pay about five hundred misrepresentation, slander are the dollars a year, is an event to be rechosen weapons to disarm any man membered, I am told. And no won- the common people, are shut off, and

and wishing to go to a prominent church, and, if possible, to become a Christian, you rent a seat in the establishment; you pay your money CAMDEN, January 24 .- The county and you have your preaching; but commissioners and several other gen. when you have been there for a year the road is surfaced on to Lancaster. stantly give the lie to under the very The Register has called me "Caesar There now seems to be no reason why roof where it is recommended. One

Col. Johnson seems to be in good should be, and, when it is conducted the unfinished portions of the road may be clothed in rags. That church These contractors, he says, own a lady's glove, nor the texture of the plat worth \$750,000, and they work cloth in a gentleman's coat. The reday and night, using electric lights ligion that stops to consider whether at night. They say that they can Mrs. Brown of Mrs. Jones belongs to this, that or the other society is 1889. No bargain has been made yet, not stop to count up pedigrees, they simply give that Christian welcome Col. Johnson further said that if and sympathy to all who worship

of Camden hope, saying that railroad | with the superintendent. I remember afterwards a well dressed stranger mixed his seed matches with about accosted me on the train and asked one-fourth toothpicks, and got a me if I knew him. I replied in the splendid yield. negative. Then he related the circumstances of our last meeting, and the man blowing up hubbard I recognized in him my smallpox pa- squashes with gunpowder. They tient. He thanked me very much were too large to be moved, and the and offered me twenty-five dollars, farmer wanted the ground. I noticed but I refused to take it.

A Pennsylvania Yankee.

ago everybody there forgot that the which they had to mow the grass great Robert Y. Havne had died in Asheville to monumentalize the tri- leg that remained in contact with Mr. Baldwin says he made the lit-

"The Pennsylvania Yankee." who married a North Carolina lady, is also building a railway with bis own south Atlantic ocean with the west. neutrality, as he jokingly says himself, by putting in substitutes on both sides, and being killed by proxy. He lived for the good of the south and the country.

On the Dark and Bloody Ground.

First Kentucky citizen-"You don't Second Kentucky citizen-"No;

The Speed of Heat and Cold.

It has been asked which travels faster,

PLANTING IN THE MOON.

Few Strange Stories Showing How It Results Up in Dakota.

You are a stranger, for instance,

Common courtesy in the treatment spirits about the road. He says that as its Divine founder, designed that teeing the same, notwithstanding the not worth having. People who are tunnelling necessary, by January 1, in earnest in their Christian life do

He Rode Free.

St. Louis Globe Democrat. During the war I was conductor on or soon thereafter. On being asked though I did no fighting, I carried these were the same cattle that I had red recently in Shelby, N. C. The about shops, depot, &c, he said that many passengers, mostly soldiers, to seen him kicking together behind the bird was of A. Perry Baldwin's there was time enough to talk of and from the seat of war. It was my straw-stack. He said all that they them, but he intimated that such custom to give free transportation to had eaten was some wild grass that questions would be settled in the poor and wounded soldiers, and this had sprung up in his door yard, summer. He gives the business men caused me a great deal of trouble where the women had thrown out a money would be spent in Camden on one occasion I had gone all days. He said that he had learned of Mr. Baldwin's long-distance this summer almost as much as through the train and went out on that the best way to winter stock in flyers, he was marked in big red last summer, and more so if the line the platform to take a smoke. Look- Dakota was to knock them all to letters, "A pilgrim from Newark, s continued to Sumter at once, which | ing into the car window, I beheld a | pieces in the fall, and set them up poor, forlorn soldier sitting on the again as wanted, otherwise, unless nearest seat, who had escaped my at. we get a blizzard every week, they tention. I went into the car, which | are liable to get too fat and round on was tolerably full, and noticed some- the native grass. thing peculiar about the man's face. Last fall I stopped at a house to The bird was returning from an I said to him: "Sir, you've got the borrow a match to light my pipe. The 886-mile fly to Newark, when he smallpox." "You've hit it," he laconi- man told me to go right in the gar- became exhausted and alighted on cally replied, and settled back in his den and pick all I wanted. I did seat. After this remark every man not know what he meant at first, but C. Mr. B. F. Logan, the postin that car vacated in a hurry. That he went out with me, and-I'm alman had full sway in that car until most afraid you'll think me a liar master, caught him, fed and watbe reached his destination. He offer- for telling it—there was about half ered him, and the bird again ed me his fare, but I refused to take an acre growing the finest parlor perched on the roof. That afterit, telling him that if he would get matches I ever saw. They were as noon he took a two hours' fly, but out on the outskirts of the town and | thick as hairs on a blind mole. He returned. The next morning, afskip for home without shaking hands said he had a poor crop the year be- ter being again fed, he took a

First Kentucky citizen-"Did the proposed duel between Colonel Blood Second Kentucky citizen-"Yes;

say so! Both killed?"

Dakota Cor. Modern Miller. In the east thousands of people plant and sow "in the moon" to insure rapid growth, but in Dakota it is dangerous to plant in the prolific phase of the moon, so they are careful to plant at such a time that the moon will exert its influence in holding the crop back. I have known several disasters to result from neglect of this precaution. One day last January I got lost out in the country, favorable to it staying for some weeks.

and while I was toiling through the tall new grass I saw a man with nothing on but his suspenders tearing along like mad. He stopped just handkerchief placed there by that nervy long enough to tell me what was up, fellow, McCloy. and off he went again for the Iowa cleared at a bound, and fell on all fours into a snow-drift four feet deep. He said he and his wife had looked up the moon business, and had planted their garden the evening before, but happend to get hold of last year's almanac, and missed it about four days. The result was that when he woke up that morning, the beets that he planted forty feet from the house had crushed in his cellar walls. and a squash vine had taken the door off its hinges, and was just mopping the floor with all there was left of his hired man. whom it had snatched out of bed in the attic. He didn't know where his wife was, but he saw some shreds of nightgown and a several agate buttons in the front yard as he fled. He and the second on the 22d, both on Sunday night. The second formation resaid there were pea vines after him, with pods on 'em large enough for phantom boats; and one could see railway building. The Park Company, by the way he was dressed that if he who were then in possession, cleared was a liar at all Le was not a regu- away the debris and cut a tunnel lar Dakota thoroughbred sample. If I through the ice 8 by 15 feet and about really thought I would ever become an average Dakota liar, I would want McCov was living on the Canadian side. to die. This territory must be divided His house was carried quite away and

ment, for how could the Almighty ever audit its accounts with only one set of clerical angels at work at a strong ice bridge already blocked the time? About two weeks ago I saw a faring into a heap a lot of old bones and remained eight or ten weeks. This mer out behind a straw stack gatherand pieces of hides and sprinkling been in possession of the reservation salt on them. Yesterday I saw this property. The ice mountain has attained same man selling a fine pair of steers a good size, and a trip to the Falls is to a butcher uptown. They were so sure to be one of pleasure. tat and had filled up so fast that he had pieced out their hides with an old

buffalo robe. The granger was a Sunday school superintendent before he came to Dakota, but he swore that

with his old friends I'd call it all fore, because the seed was too good right. He did so. About four months for such soil. This year he had

I went out after breakfast and saw that one of his wife's legs was about eight inches longer than the other. and the man explained it thus: He said when tkey first came to Dakota darted northward. Mr. Logan they lived in a "dug-out," with nothing When I was in Asheville two years but the ground for a floor, from once a day to find the baby. He said

other could never catch up. One day I was very thirsty. I he would be cared for while he asked a man if the water in that neighborhood was good. He said: "You see that mule standing over there ?" I replying in the affirmative. he said: "Why, three months age enough to make the journey.that mule was a jack rabbit. I New York Sun. should say the water was good." He must also have a copious supply of the alkail grass, which grows

in this country in abundance.

Some Things Which May be Attended to Now.

Getting the wood for summer. Studying the new seed catalogues.

Providing, if there is none, a horses even better. Sow in the convenient poultry house and early spring, on the land in fine, vard.

Planting ahead next season's

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sary repairs on fences, gates and but may be freely cut as soon as

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finest and largest ice bridges that Niagara has had in many years formed in the gorge in front of prospect Park vesterday morning about 1 o'clock. It extends from in front of the Canadian Falls to a point far down the river in front of what is commonly known as the pleasure ground. It has all the appearance of being firmly locked, and looks as if it had "come to stay." The greater body of ice is most firmly locked in the widest part of the river, and those who have seen many bridge formations say this is In places it is tossed many feet high, and the mountainous ridges run in all directions. One ridge far out in the centre has a pole stuck up on which waves a

Standing on the cliff it is a beautiful sight, but to be fully appreciated it must be viewed from below, when all its roughness and beauty can be better seen. The first one to cross it was Thomas Conray, who passed over from yesterday morning and returned accompanied by Jack LeBlond. The first lady who possessed sufficient nerve to un dertake the journey across was Miss Mamie L. Edwards, of Bridgeport. Conn., who crossed from the Canadian shore to this side about 3 o'clock this afternoon, in company with William Edwards, of Niagara Falls, Ont., whose guest she is. After crossing Miss Edwards visited Goat Island so as to get a river view from all points of the bridge, of which she has the honor of being the

first lady to cross. It is surprising when one looks back to see how near the same time in the year the first formation was on January 15, mained thirteen weeks; when it came it 25 feet long, so as to reach the bridge proper. When this great jam came Jack sometime before the day of judg. tipped over. A clock that fell off the shelf had stopped at 12:25 a. m. The reason so much damage was done was that the water was very high and a

> The last bridge previous to the present formation was in the winter of 1884-85, is the first bridge since the State has

Story of a Carrier Pigeon. A remarkable instance of intelligence in a homing pigeon occurstrain of Newark. He is a magnificent pigeon, and known to the National Federation by the name few tubs of warm soap-suds on wash of "General Kearney." Like all New Jersey; feed and liberate," on the feathers of one wing, and "An honest man is the noblest work of God" on the other wing. the little postoffice at Shelby, N.

three heurs' fly, but again returned. In the afternoon he made his third fly, but, after being gone four hours, came back. The folowing day he made two more attempts to come north, but each time, not feeling strong enough,

he returned to hospitable Shelby. The next day, however, after receiving his food, he circled over Postmaster Logan's head and then sent a postal card to Newark describing the bird and its marks, but before the card was received by Mr. Baldwin the General was back safe and sound in his loft. strength; that the bird knew stayed there, and would not attempt to leave there for Newark until he was positive he was strong

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