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## AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION.

Some Manly Counsel from Ellison S. Keitt.—Shall the State, in Accepting the Clem- son, Peabody, Cornell, Cooper, and Grand-daughter of her Inheri- tance—The Negro in the Sep- tember Agricultural College.

[From the News and Courier.]

Permit me through your columns to speak to the farmers of the State upon the question of the establishment of an agricultural and mechanical college and the acceptance of the Clemson bequest, which is now profoundly agitating the public mind. What is done will be done by the farmers and primarily for the farmers, for they are largely in the majority in the State. All my sympathies are with them, and nearly all my association for my life has been devoted to agriculture, and my all is invested in it. First, as to the Clemson bequest.

At best it is a very small bone thrown to the State, and when the lawyers get through gnawing it there will be no marrow left in it. It, too, brings with it a lawsuit with a young girl, the great-grand-daughter of John C. Calhoun, the purest and ablest man who ever represented South Carolina in the Congress of the United States, or anywhere else; whose life was spent in intellectual toil for the State, and who died almost in the Senate chambers, heroically fighting for her.

Can the State entertain for a moment the idea of making herself a party to such a suit? If she does, well might this innocent girl, as did Iphigenia in Aulis, draw a veil over her face and hide her shame at the degeneracy and dishonor of the State made immortal by her illustrious ancestor.

Know that I enter my solemn protest against it, and invoke the farmers of the State to rise up against it. Let no dishonor be brought upon the State by their act. Peabody, Cornell, Cooper, and Vanderbilt gave of their millions to found colleges and universities, after making ample provision for their families, and made their names immortal.

Mr. Clemson, to glorify himself, would alienate the maternal inheritance of an innocent girl, the home- stead of her ancestors, and invokes South Carolina to aid him in his unholy work. Farmers, having nothing to do with it! South Carolinians are able to establish an agricultural and mechanical college separate and apart from any other institution, if they so will it. If they do, let it be called the South Carolina Agricultural and Mechanical College.

Mr. Clemson's will shows that he himself doubted the acceptance by the State of his offer, for he made provision in that event.

I will now, fellow-farmers, consider the establishment of an agricultural and mechanical college separate from any other institution in the State. I favored it from the commencement of the agitation, as I favor any and everything that tends to advance the agricultural interest. The situation in the State now is very different from what it was two years ago, when the agitation began, and wise statesmanship always looks ahead and avoids trouble as the murtherer does breakers. Let us make no mistakes if they can be avoided.

The agricultural and mechanical department in the College at Columbia has been so much enlarged by the election of a full corps of professors that it is no longer "the annex," but is now the prominent feature of the College. If there is a lack of students the fault is not in the department or those who established it. It is because of the lack of funds.

Three experimental stations have been established, one at Spartanburg, one at Columbia and one at Darlington, all in successful operation under a thoroughly scientific and practical director, President McBryde. The South Carolina College, Citadel Academy and Claflin University constitute the University of South Carolina. The two former are for the white people and the latter for the black people. The interest on the land scrip, donated by the General Government, is divided equally between the South Carolina College and the Claflin University. The Hatch fund, given annually by the General Government for experimental stations, is divided between Spartanburg, Columbia and Darlington. All now are harmonious and we have peace. Let us never lose sight of the fact that we are not a homogeneous people; that we have to legislate for two races of people, a condition that no people before us ever had to confront.

Now, if to establish an agricultural and mechanical college separate and apart from all other institutions the interest on the land scrip is taken from the South Carolina College and Claflin University, the agricultural and mechanical features in those institutions will be destroyed and the institutions themselves will be emasculated to that extent. If the Hatch fund is taken the experimental stations at Spartanburg, Columbia and Darlington have to be abandoned. Well, suppose all this is done and an agricultural and mechanical college, separate and apart from all other institutions in the State, is established. If colored students apply for admission what is to be done? They must either be admitted or a like institution established for them, or the cry of the Republican brother will be heard loud and clear all over the North. Let us give them no chance to utter their wild American screams.

Now, fellow-farmers, what does wise statesmanship dictate that we should do? Whatever is done will be laid at our door, and we will be held responsible for it. In my judgment, if we would preserve harmony and peace, and put

an education in easy reach of all the people, let us uphold and maintain all existing institutions and move on until we have an experimental station in every county and our common school system is perfected. Every college must have its feeders or prove a failure. Let the experimental stations be mainly the feeders of the agricultural and mechanical department of the College at Columbia. The South Carolina College, the glory of the State and South, had her feeders before the war. Mount Zion College, Shirley's Industrial School, Cokesbury, Charleston College and a number of other institutions in the State and South annually sent up their students to her. Her trained intellects are all over our beautiful Southland, filling the highest offices. Every Governor in this State before the war, in my recollection, was a graduate of the South Carolina College and a planter—Aiken, Seabrook, Manning, Means, Alston, Adams, Gist and Pickens.

The large majority of our farmers can't spare their sons for a four years' course in college, but if an experimental station is in easy reach they can be spared one year or more where they can learn all that is practical on a farm. It is impossible for all to get a scientific training, and it is not needed. Where one shows capacity for it let the station send him up to the department, where he can have every advantage to acquire it. In this way all will have an equal chance. If we simply had an agricultural and mechanical college, one-half or more of the counties in the State would be without representation. It is now in Mississippi, and a large body if not a majority, of the farmers there, I learn, are dissatisfied with it.

Now, fellow-farmers, of the State, I have been frank and candid in what I have written. The times and conditions surrounding us demand that all who write or speak should be so, that we may arrive at a correct and safe conclusion. Be assured whatever the final decision may be, I will be found giving all the support in my power to advance the interest and welfare of the agricultural and mechanical masses.

Respectfully, Ellison S. Keitt,  
Edgefield Plantation, S. C., August 8.

## A WONDER IN THE HEAVENS.

A Balloon at a Great Altitude Passes Over Camden—Who Is It?

[Special to the World.]

CAMDEN, August 15.—Several railroad men at the South Carolina Rail-

way depot state that they saw a balloon pass at a very high altitude this morning about 8 o'clock. They say that it seemed to be moving rapidly, and was soon lost to sight. It was moving from southwest to northeast. Your correspondent was at first very incredulous when informed of it, but the parties are so positive that it can hardly be doubted. Where it hailed from, of course, a mystery unless the amateur who left Anderson, Ind., on the afternoon of the thirteenth in a balloon inflated, with natural gas considered to take a birds eye view of the political situation in South Carolina, presuming possibly that in case of necessity he could here fit his vessel with the same article at small cost.

## NORTH CAROLINA SAFE.

No Danger that the Republicans Can Carry It by Any Amount of Boodle.

WASHINGTON, August 14.—Senator Zeb Vance of North Carolina smiled significantly to-day when told that the Republicans were making an effort to carry the Old North State.

"In off years," said the Senator, "when local differences arise, our vote drops off, and this encourages the Republicans to think they can beat us the next time. North Carolina, however, is as safely Democratic as any Southern State, and our majority next autumn will not fall short of 15,000, if it does not greatly exceed it."

Congressman McClamry, according to the Evening Critic, is equally confident. Said he: "The Republicans are going to put plenty of money into North Carolina this year, and I am glad of it. I'm progressive, and plenty of money in the State will make good times, but North Carolina will roll up from twenty to twenty-five thousand majority for Cleveland and Thurman in November all the same."

## A MOTHER'S SAD MISSION.

Murderer Maxwell's Mother Is Carrying His Body to England for Burial.

NEW YORK, August 16.—The mother and sister of Maxwell, the murderer who was hanged in St. Louis last week, will arrive in New York with the body of the son and brother the latter part of this week, and will take passage for two races of people, a condition that no people before us ever had to confront.

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