

DAILY REFLECTOR.

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AN ACT TO RUIN THE POOR MAN.

"The General Assembly of North Carolina do Enact:

"Section 1. That all conditional sales, assignments, mortgages or deeds in trust which are executed to secure any debt obligation, note or bond which gives preferences to any creditor of the maker shall be absolutely void as to existing creditors.

"Section 2. That all laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

"Section 3. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

"Ratified the 13th day of March, 1895."

The above act has just been discovered passed by the Fusion legislature. We believe we have given it the right heading. Just think of the effect of this law. It prevents entirely a man from borrowing money, getting his fertilizers or even supplies unless he has the money to pay for them. It makes mortgages worthless. It strikes the poor man down at one blow and he will find it so, as soon as our business men learn the effect of the act. In Raleigh Wednesday men came twenty miles to get guano and were told that it could not be sold on time. Those who have taken mortgages since March 13th are much exercised over the consequences.

LOCAL NOTES AND TOBACCO JOTTINGS.

BY O. L. JOYNER.

In almost every section of the county new tobacco barns are going up.

Farmers had better watch their corks this year and not over crop themselves. Five acres well cul-

tivated is worth more than ten acres struck at.

Mr. J. J. Laughinghouse told us a few evenings ago that from a crop of ten acres of tobacco grown by a Mr. Collins, from Vance county, on one of his farms in Beaufort county, sold for twenty five hundred dollars. This is the way to make money out of a tobacco crop.

There will be several new additions to the Greenville tobacco market the coming year. Quite a number of new men to fill various places will be located here. It seems now that the eyes of the tobacco world are turned to Greenville and the people of the old town will before very long see a thriving hustling city grow up in spite of the prophecies of some of our people a year or so ago.

Since the passage of the bill reducing the warehouse charges on leaf tobacco numbers and numbers of the best representative farmers of this and other adjoining counties have voluntarily given us their views on the measure. And we want to say right here before the supporters of the bill engage in any further harsh criticism of those farmers who have expressed themselves, opposed to the bill, as has been done to our personal knowledge, by some who went so far as to say that the farmers who were opposed to the bill were bought up and willing tools of the warehousemen, that a great many of these men were rank strangers to the writer and the only reason that we can assign to their coming to us was an account of the active part that we took in opposition to the bill. It is bitterly unkind, unjust and vicious to put such a false accusation on some of the best and most thoroughly honest men that we have. Because a man just doesn't happen to agree with another as to the best means of promoting the public good it is nothing more than pure downright viciousness to question his motives, attack his character and accuse him of accepting bribes. If there is any reader that believes the men who saw proper to oppose the bill were actuated by other than the purest of motives let him call and

see this writer some day and he will be furnished with a list of names, the very suggestion of which will bring the blush of shame to the cheeks of the accuser if he has a spark of manhood left that has not been blighted and extinguished by the foul and putrid faculty which seems to predominate his whole nature.

We write these lines because the report has been circulated that we were going around begging farmers to sign a petition asking the legislature to pass no legislation in regard to this matter and further that a great many of those who signed such petitions not only for us but other warehousemen in this State did so in the interest and suggestion of the warehousemen alone.

It is purely on this account that we have written the above. In regard to our action in the matter we have no apology to make to anyone but simply wish to say so far as begging farmers to sign the petition is concerned that is absolutely false. We explained the bill to a few farmers but the most of our petitioners offered to sign it of their own volition and of those we asked not a single intelligent farmer refused to sign it and the list we sent to the legislature was a representative one of not only Pitt but the adjoining counties.

Scotland Neck is establishing a chewing gum factory.

TO THOSE.

WISHING TO EXCHANGE

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