

THE EASTERN REFLECTOR.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 1899.

Raleigh is winning rank with the most progressive cities of the South. An election was held there Monday on the question of issuing \$150,000 in bonds for streets and schools. Out of a total registered vote of 1,916 there were 1,594 cast in favor of the bonds and only 322 against. Thus it can be seen that the population of Raleigh was at almost unanimously in favor of the improvements contemplated, and such a vote means much for the city.

The Cotton Acreage.

Washington, June 10.—The consolidated returns of the different crop report agencies made up to June 1, to the Agricultural Department, indicate a reduction of about 8 per cent. in the acreage planted in the cotton States, as compared with last year. Reports from several of the cotton States are more or less conflicting, and the Department will be some time before it can make a final estimate of the acreage on file. It is more definitely ascertainable, that there has been a substantial reduction of acreage, however, admits of no doubt. Not only was the acreage originally planted less than that of last year, but there has been some plowing up of the land on which the seed of the generally poor quality of which there are hundreds of complaints, had failed to germinate.

The indicated decrease in the principal States is as follows: North Carolina and Tennessee, 11 per cent.; South Carolina and Alabama, 7 per cent.; Georgia, Louisiana and Arkansas, 10 per cent.; Mississippi, 12 per cent.; Texas, 10 per cent.; Oklahoma, 15 per cent.

The average condition on June 1 was 87.5 against 89 on June 1, 1898, and 88.1, the mean of the June averages for the past fifteen years. The condition in the principal States is as follows: Texas, 90; Georgia, 88; North Carolina, 87; South Carolina and Alabama, 86; Tennessee, 85; Indian Territory, 84; Louisiana and Oklahoma, 81; Arkansas, 80 and Mississippi 78.

The Prize Fight Money.

New York, June 10.—The Times tomorrow will say: The division of the spoils of the Jeffries-Fitzsimmons fight was as follows: Half of the receipts went to the Jones, the land sporting club and half to the contestants. The amount taken in at the door was \$85,270. Half of the admission money amounted to \$42,635. Of this Fitzsimmons received 60 per cent., or \$25,581, and Jeffries 40 per cent., or \$17,054. The purse said to have been offered by the club was \$20,000.

In the event of Jeffries winning this was to be equally divided, thereby making Fitzsimmons' total receipts \$35,581 and Jeffries' \$27,054. It is declared that Fitz would not make the match unless he had been guaranteed the large end of the purse and the gate money, owing to his reputation and position. Manager Brady accepted 10 per cent. for his man, believing that in the long run such an amount and a decision were worth more than 50 per cent. and a defeat.

Superintendent and Principal.

Newbern, June 10.—The trustees of the Newbern graded school met last night and elected Prof. Thos. R. Foust, of this city, and Prof. H. P. Harding, of Greenville, to the respective offices of superintendent and principal for the ensuing year. Both of these gentlemen have made their mark in educational circles.—Haleigh Post.

The friends of Mr. Harding here at home congratulate him on his honor. He will prove himself worthy in every way to fill the position to which has been chosen, and the people of New Bern are also to be congratulated upon securing so excellent a young man as principal of their school.

WINTERVILLE DEPARTMENT.

NEWSY HAPPENINGS AND BUSINESS NOTES.

WINTERVILLE, JUNE 14, 1899.

A. G. Cox, Mfg. Co., has named and corn to go.

Rev. Mr. Betts was in town one day this week.

Sold A. G. Cox your beef cattle for cash.

C. O. Brown, one of railroad carpenter force working at Wilmington, returned home on a furlough last night.

G. T. Tyson, of Ballards & Roads, spent some little time here Monday. His ideas about farming are worth something.

HOCKEY RINK.—The Winterville Canning Factory will put 100 bushels of huckleberries to can.

For Paris green Goss, to kill tobacco worms, call on B. F. Manning & Co. They have plenty of them good and cheap.

A little house moving at W. J. Wyatts Saturday evening. Some sparrows had been killing cats, but being killed.

W. L. House, who lives here, had his horse killed by lightning last Saturday evening. Himself, wife, and several other parties received quite a severe shock.

It also rained around W. B. Wingates garden, who lives next door, splitting several pots all at once.

From the way the A. G. Cox, Co. are shipping and delivering tobacco, it looks like a famous number to be one of the lucky number to get one of these.

But Mr. Vanstoy also has 10 acres in oats and they are very nice, besides a lot of peas, and his little farm is one of the best paying institutions in the country.

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POINTE PARAGRAPHS.

Never make a confident of every body's friend.

Love of money is the root of all evil—and of much good.

The moon of love consists chiefly of impenetrable possibilities.

Between two evils some folks have no choice; they embrace them both.

A man either gives according to his means or according to his intentions.

Don't kick a horse's nest just to ascertain if the family is at home.

The effect of a mile's kick does not depend upon the soundness of his brain.

People who live in glass houses should not be located near the baseball grounds.

Europe's sending emigrants to this country at the rate of half a million a year. The year 1898 was the banner year, when nearly eight hundred thousand emigrants entered the United States.

The figures decreased last 1898, when over three hundred thousand emigrants came here. In 1887 there were almost half a million, and in 1888 more than half a million.

There was a falling off last 1898, when the figures reached only a little more than a quarter of a million. The foregoing was for the whole United States. The fiscal year begins July 1 and ends June 30. Probably two hundred and forty thousand will have left during the fiscal year nearly ended. This will be eleven thousand more than landed in the whole country last year.

Marriage Licenses.

Register Deeds Moore is having slow business in the marriage line so far since June came in, but the prospect is good for an increase during the remainder of the month.

Up to last Saturday he had issued only three, for the following parties:

WHITE.
E. B. Ficklen and L. W. Skinner.

A. L. Tucker and Susan E. Tyson.

COLORADO.
Robert Clemmons and Lena Brown.

An excellent example. The first young lady entered our Baptist Female University was entered recently by Col. Julian S. Carr. He authorized the First Baptist church in Durham to select a worthy pupil, he promising to pay expenses. The endorsement of good and liberal friends is better than money. We are grateful for this admirable example to set before our readers so early in the summer. Who will do likewise?—Biblical Recorder.

A retired confidence man says that any man who would do all the work doing well.—Chicago Daily News.

A FAIR THAT PAYS.

That a man can make money farming is a very constantly heard. It is no doubt true that a great many men do not make any, and it is probably no fault of theirs, but it is equally true that others do make money and without any trouble.

For instance, C. P. Vanstoy seems to be doing very well and has been for a number of years. He owns a farm of ninety five acres, part of which is within the corporate limits of the city, the race track being a part of the tract. Mr. Vanstoy has been cultivating it several years and has no trouble in making it pay.

This year he has 50 acres in grass and grass it is—thick, thick, and of the very best quality. What it pays him is illustrated in this way: Before he bought this farm his hay had each year been about \$4,200. With his farm he raises more than enough to do him and his stables are larger now than formerly. This year he has enough old hay to last two months.

Yesterday morning he put a new mower at work on the grass and it does beautiful work, cutting not only close to the ground, but laying it out nicely so that it dries quickly. His man cut on average about 14 acres a day with two mowers. One man the old way can average about three-quarters of an acre perhaps \$10 or \$20.

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The Mortgage and What it Is.

The mortgage is self-supporting institution. It always holds its own. It calls for just as many dollars when things are dear as when they are cheap.

It is not affected by the drought or by hard times.

It is not drowned out by the heavy rains.

Late spring and early frosts never trouble it.

Potato bugs do not disturb it.

Moth and rust do not destroy it.

It grows riches, Sundays, rainy days and holidays.

It brings a sure crop every year, and sometimes twice a year.

It does not have to wait for the market to advance.

It is not subject to speculations in the way of the bulls and the bears on the board of trade.

Strikes don't bother it.

It is a loan that galls and frets and chafes.

It is a burden that few shake off.

It is with him morning, noon and night.

It gets under his pillow when he sleeps.

It lies upon his shoulder during the day.

It consumes his product.

It selects the finest horses and the fastest steers of the farmers.

It lives upon the finest fruit of the season.

It stalks into the dairy and takes the finest cheese and choicest butter.

It shares the children's bread and robs them of their clothes.

It stoops the feller's back with its remorseless burden of care.

It hardens the hands, benumbs his intellect, prematurely whitens his locks and oftentimes sends him and his aged wife over the hill to the porch or to an early grave.

It is the inexorable and exacting task master.

His whip is as merciless and cruel as the lash of the slave driver.

It is a menace to liberty, a hindrance to progress, and a curse to the world.

It never dies of its own accord. It lives even after you are dead.

A mortgage is the deathgrin man's throat, and will in time choke its slave to death, or at all events shorten his life by care.

The unlucky ocean liner Paris—the "Yale" of the Federal auxiliary navy last year—seems fated to remain impaled on the Mameluke rocks, which she struck at full speed two weeks ago. Her boilers have shifted, her hold is full of water and her anchor cables are broken; and the first heavy sea from the southeast will complete the wreck. The heavy machinery sustained by the vessel's owners has been largely lost sight of because of the general gratification over the fortunate escape of all on board the steamer when she struck. Had a heavy sea been running when the disaster occurred the sacrifice of life would have been fearful. There will have to be a new Paris; but whether the lost ship's successor shall be built in this country or not seems doubtful at the present time. We build ships cheaply, but not cheap enough as yet.—Philadelphia Record.

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"Land, but I don't see why I should fail!" he kept on saying. "Hebbs, though, I didn't collect sharp enough."

"You have a heap of good round hips," said the other, looking about him.

"Yes, more or less."

"When did you take the last inventory?"

"Inventory? Take everything down?"

"Yes, make out a list?"

"And that off the shelves and map the shelves?"

"That's it."

"And clean the windows and paint the face of the store?"

"I never went to that. I was going to do it about 15 years ago, but they had a war-time match in town, and I forgot the inventory. Mercy me, but I can't stand any more of it!"

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