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LET ORDER BE RESTORED.

One of the most discussed topics in these parts lately has been the stock law question and how some who were opposed to the law allowed themselves to be so influenced by the misjudgment of those seeking to gain notoriety by fomenting strife that they forgot for the time being their duty as citizens in observing the law and yielding obedience thereto, and put themselves in the class of willful opponents to government by law. This was manifest in the frequent midnight destruction of the stock law fence that not only cost the county hundreds of dollars but also showed a spirit of lawlessness the attendant results of which were dangerous to contemplate.

And now, since some of the parties engaged in these depredations upon property and obstructions to law enforcement have been caught, those same fomenters of the trouble have been trying to minimize the gravity of the offense, advising that it was so trivial that even should those caught be convicted under the law there could result only slight punishment. They very readily cite Section 3411 of the Revised which says in substance that any person destroying any part of a stock law fence shall be guilty of a misdemeanor or upon conviction be fined not exceeding \$50 or imprisoned not more than thirty days.

But there is another section applying to this matter. Section 3438 of the same Revised says in substance that where two or more persons conspire together to prevent, hinder or delay the execution of any law of the state, they shall be guilty of a felony and upon conviction be imprisoned not exceeding ten years and fined not exceeding \$5,000.

The violations referred to come clearly under this section, for the cutting of the stock law fence was done by an individual person but by several (certainly two or more) who had conspired together to delay and prevent the execution of a law that had been passed by the legislature of the state and which both the superior and supreme courts had declared constitutional and valid.

So it is seen that the offense committed is a grave one and subjects those convicted of it to severe punishment. The Reflector does not believe that all who were engaged in this lawlessness are at heart bad men. On the contrary some who heretofore stood as good law abiding citizens were by the misguided influence referred to above led into the offense without realizing the magnitude of what they were doing and that the act placed them in the class with felons.

Since realizing this it is their duty to try as far as possible to right the wrong they have done. In order to restore themselves to their former standing as law abiding citizens they should acknowledge their wrong, make compensation for the damage done and use their influence to keep down such a spirit of lawlessness as has existed in the last few months. Of course there are some who deserve the penalty of the law for what they have done, yet it would be difficult to make distinction where many were engaged in the lawlessness and not all deserve those who were 214.

the Indiana delegates, thirty strong, are conceded to Wilson, after they have cast their complimentary vote for Governor Marshall; that the Massachusetts delegates, thirty-six in number, though nominally for Governor Foss, are logically expected to vote for Wilson when the convention gets down to serious business and that he will also have New York's ninety votes. These and many similar instances, however, can all be ignored and still the situation remains just this: The number of delegates positively pledged to Woodrow Wilson up to the present hour place him conspicuously in the lead of his only considerable opponent, Champ Clark, and incomparably ahead of Governor Harmon and Congressman Underwood.

Woodrow Wilson was out of the race because they had succeeded, by one means or another, in turning Georgia's vote and Maryland's vote against him have awakened to find, on the contrary, that he is running more effectively than ever and that his prospects for the nomination continue to brighten. He is assured the support of a majority of the delegates thus far named to the national convention and by every token, he will enter Baltimore with a clear lead over many, if not all, of his opponents.

The fact is there anti-Wilson politics have been heralding his downfall long and actual events have belied them so often that they can only be classed among the humorous prophets. In the very outset of the campaign, these gentlemen began sounding the governor's knell. Time and again they have pealed it forth from their Washington press agency that Wilson was "done for."

When the Maine delegates were named and in accordance with that state's long standing precedent, were left untruncated these politicians declared it marked the beginning of the end of the Wilson boom. They failed to note that eight, a decisive majority of the Maine delegates were staunch supporters of the governor and that they will vote for him at the Baltimore convention.

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Not so; for a few weeks later when Illinois acted, they hurried forth with the marvelous news that Woodrow Wilson's presidential hopes had again been killed. The amazing thing to the neutral observer was that the politicians should keep on "killing" a candidacy which they had long ago pronounced dead and buried.

After the primary in Georgia they said they knew the end had come. Evidently they had guessed wrong heretofore, but this time, they argued, there was nothing for the governor's friends to do but to shut up his campaign headquarters and watch the other candidates finish the race.

But the facts are still too stubborn for our anti-Wilson prophets. The most they can do is to prepare another series of their professional obituaries and find what comfort they can in exploiting them. For, on the very heels of the Georgia primary, came that of Texas in which Governor Wilson won a sweeping victory over both Clark and Harmon and as a result he will receive forty additional votes in the national convention.

And now South Carolina has added her support—eighteen votes to his cause. And in Tuesday's dispatches comes the news that Porto Rico has given Wilson its six territorial delegates. Glance a moment at the situation as it is today. Woodrow Wilson has secured convention votes as follows: Pennsylvania, 76; Oregon, 10; Texas, 46; Wisconsin, 26; Oklahoma, 16; Delaware, 6; Nebraska, 4; South Carolina, 18, and Porto Rico, 6, making a total of 196 instructed votes in his favor. The Maine delegation, as we have remarked, were left untruncated but it is the openly declared purpose of eight of them to vote for Wilson and that brings his total up to 204. North Dakota's delegates will send a complimentary ballot for Governor Burke, who himself is Wilson's ardent friend and he has given definite assurance that at the proper moment, North Dakota's ten votes will be cast for Wilson; that makes his total not appreciated—he can do his best.

HOW WESTERN IMMIGRATION WOULD HELP.
With the same idea of promoting this pulsant democracy of home-ownership—the strength of any commonwealth—we need to encourage the coming of thrifty Northern and Western small farmers into our Southern country. We need them, for one thing, to reduce our too-burdensome proportion of negro population. We have no ill will against our negroes, but they themselves will be helped as will every worthy interest in every Southern state by increasing the percentage of our white population.

Moreover, everybody knows that the direct drawback to rural life is its isolation. If the South were today a great democracy of home-owning, 80-acre farmers and our present number of negroes not increased, the problem of an adequate and well-rounded social life on the farm would be immediately solved; the proportion of negroes would be too small to be serious; our larger population would support the finest school systems in the world; our greater number of tax payers would enable us to have magnificent roads, good all the year round; the larger population would provide adequate support for the best teachers and ministers and professional men; rural telephones, trolley lines, the transportation of school children, the development of social centers, all would follow as naturally as the day the night; it is a living thing, full of vital energy, throbbing with reproductive power, bringing forth food for man and beast year after year, without man, often in spite of him and tending, if left alone ever to grow more beneficially fruitful. It is the farmer's proud privilege to help in this great work of nature and to enable his land to become fertile with a rapidly far beyond that resulting from the farmer's processes. It is also his privilege—if he desires to exercise it—to interfere with nature's work, to deprive the soil of nature's protection and by a misuse of the power he has over the earth to deprive it of its ability to yield to the sustenance of mankind, making it less fertile, more able to take care of itself, more at the mercy of hostile elements.

The farmer can take a field, called unproductive, yielding but scrubby brush and straggling weeds and by a few years of careful work and loving attention transform it into a thing of gladness and beauty. He can take a virgin field, deprive it of its natural forest growth, grow crops upon it year after year and take them away, leave it exposed to the floods of summer and the leaching rains of winter and soon convert it into a barren, gulley-scared blot upon the landscape.

There are men who are doing the first of these things and there are men who are doing the second. Does any one fancy that the man who does the latter is serving his country, is dealing fairly with his fellow men, is obeying the law of his Creator as truly as the man who does the first? It is a little thing for a man to live out his allotted years and leave behind him as the most enduring piece of his handiwork only a blot upon the face of the earth to indicate that he set himself against the laws of nature, worked out of harmony with the benefit purpose which guides all living things towards a fairer and a fuller life and made himself a destroyer of nature's wealth and a robber from the generations to follow him.

No, it is not a little thing for a man to be content to let his land grow poorer. He who does it, whatever other virtues he may have, is surely in the respect making of himself not a benefactor of his fellow men, but a hinderer of their progress. The work of destruction he is doing on the farm must undo at great expense of time and toil, or else the peace of the earth must forever remain marred with the marks of his wrongdoing. Let not any man who would call himself a farmer leave behind him such a record of his life's work, for it is a fine and noble thing to be a farmer and there is in such work as this nothing worthy of that honorable title.

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UNFAIR TO COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS.
This is the time of year when school commencements are taking place on every hand, and perhaps it is not out of place to a speak in behalf of the men who are the speakers on such occasions. Of course commencements are primarily for the schools in which they occur and the public is expected to have prominent part in the program. Yet it is the custom to invite some prominent speaker to come and make an address and it is the disadvantage at which these speakers are often placed that we are talking about. It is not an unusual thing for such speaker to have to follow a very long program that has already tired the audience. We have known instances in which these commencement speakers did not begin until ten or half past ten o'clock at night and when a two-hour program had already preceded it the audience was not in condition to really enjoy the speech, even though it was ever so good. When a man expends the time and trouble to prepare a commencement speech and perhaps travels a great distance to make his appointment and realizes that the people in this enlightened age are expecting something of him, it is very unfair to make him speak under conditions of such disadvantage. We heard two returning home commencement speakers on the train the other day telling their experiences to each other and one of them said the place assigned him on a program that day was following the reading of a certain standard shall draw any rental from the government, for their use as rural mill routes. It is estimated that in Georgia there are some eighty-three thousand, two hundred and thirty miles of these routes. The majority of these, however, in their present condition, would fall to share in the benefits proposed in the Shackleford amendment. But when the people of a community realize that by improving the roads they can secure from fifteen to twenty dollars per year, per mile from the government they soon bestir themselves.

In this wise, the amendment, if its provisions become effective, will doubtless result in substantial good for better highways; and certainly there is no cause in which the government can more wisely enlist.

—The Atlanta Journal.

Underwoods Florida Victory.
The Times-Union has the cause of Underwood because it believed that he more typified the great issue than any other man, because it believed him the most honest man in American political life and the most skillful leader the party had ever known. In giving the military academy yesterday in honesty. We do not mean to reflect on other candidates. We do say, however, that we have never known any other candidate who did not in the slightest degree shade his opinions to please the party.

Another instance in the life of Governor Aycock of which General Bickett spoke occurred about three years ago. It was at a big celebration in Middlesex where speeches were made by several prominent men. Governor Aycock was one of them and made an educational speech. In the course of this speech he said that when he passed away he could ask no higher honor than that he is inscribed on a simple shaft that marked his resting place. "Here lies the Children's Friend." General Bickett added that he hoped when the Aycock monument is erected these words will be on it. Truly Aycock will live in the memory of his friend and they will reverse his memory. In life he selected his own epitaph.

It brings regret throughout the state that Col. Ashley Horne, while enroute to the Confederate reunion at Macon, was stricken with paralysis on the train and was taken off at Greensboro in a critical condition. It is the wish of all that he be speedily restored.

The citizen of Eastern North Carolina or the state as to that, who is not proud of East Carolina Teachers Training school could not tell a good thing when he sees it.

They are not tumbling over each other to get to the tax later.

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At not all of their trips and the government, as well as the people, would profit. The truth is the deficit in the postal department arise from the fact that the department is forever retelling business instead of trying to attract it. Let the rural routes be paying instead of losing propositions, and the government will find it easy to meet the requirements of the Shackleford amendment.

But, as we have indicated, the purpose of this amendment is simply to secure in this particular way, federal assistance in the development of public roads. The merit of such a claim can scarcely be disputed.

The government has appropriated millions of dollars for the improvement of rivers, the conservation of forests and to divers other causes in which the nation is rightly interested. But to the one great enterprise in which all the states are vitally concerned—that of good roads—it has not allotted a penny. This is a shortsighted policy for the development of highways depends very largely the progress of agriculture, commerce, education and other interests that underlie the country's common welfare.

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When the Spanish war broke out he was with General Stanley in the Yellowstone expedition in 1872 and took part in the battle of the mouth of the Powder river. He commanded a company of Indian scouts in the fight on Tongue river.

General Brush served as professor of military science at the University of Illinois, applied for leave and went to Cuba with the 17th Infantry and participated in the fight at El Caney and a Santiago. The next year he was in the Philippines and was in the field constantly in the operations against the insurgents, being especially active in the engagements at San Fernando in Luzon. He was promoted colonel of the 24th Infantry in May, 1907, and held that command until February, 1908, when he was appointed brigadier general.

Federation of Arts Meet.
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 9.—The regular order of business at the opening of the third annual convention of the American Federation of Arts will be the election of officers. The organization paid tribute in touch-words to the memory of Francis D. Millet, the distinguished American artist who was among the victims of the Titanic disaster. Mr. Millet was a member of the organization and was one of the few who were not killed.

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Mr. Harvey Dixon was in Kingston Monday to attend the highest court for the feeble minded. The masons laid the corner stone with their usual ceremonies. Dr. Charlie Laughinghouse of Greenville was the principal speaker for the occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Allen Jones both continue very ill at their home near Harrington Cross Roads. Mr. Jones is suffering from complications of Pneumonia and his wife with a can-ker sores. They are both splendid old people and much sympathy is expressed for them.

Thelbert Worthington, son of Geo. Worthington has the pleasure of Mrs. T. P. Gaskins of Greensboro, who has been visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Patrick returned home Wednesday.

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AYDEN, N. C., May 6.—Mr. Ernest May, buying tickets for Norfolk and Allen and Miss Carrie McLawhorn, who were married Sunday by J. W. Smith, Ed Rouse, who was arrested here last winter for a cutting spree, Miss Laura Cox will lecture in the Warsaw. He made his escape from Baptist church next Sunday night on the law and so far has eluded the missionary work in Mexico.

We learn that the wife of Mr. Rob. Car lime, cement, plaster and plaster Smith fell dead last Saturday morning from heart failure. Kittrick and George Manning cemetery Sunday. Mrs. Smith pretty bugles on the market. Our fraternal orders are enjoying a permanent growth, both Masons and the late Nash Edwards was acting Odd Fellows are having degree work done last Saturday while taking a gun out of the rack.

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