

INTERESTING TO FARMERS.

IMPORTANT MEETINGS IN AID OF AGRICULTURE.

The New Board of Agriculture—The State Grange and the State Agricultural Society—The State University.

The Board of Agriculture, as reorganized under the recent Act of the Legislature, met in Agricultural Hall, Columbia, on Tuesday the 31st ult. General Johnson Hagood was elected chairman, and Major L. A. Ransom secretary. The law in relation to the Board and its duties was read, and was discussed at some length.

After a discussion of the work of the Department and the methods for carrying it into execution, the following standing committees were appointed: On Finance—D. P. Duncan, H. L. Buck, John Lawton.

Agricultural and Industrial Improvement, Immigration, Publications and Statistics—R. A. Love, B. F. Crayton, D. P. Duncan. Laboratory and Inspection of Fertilizers—W. A. Annum, H. L. Buck, J. Stoney Porcher.

Farmers' Institutes and Conventions—T. J. Moore, James McCutchen, D. P. Duncan. Experimental Farms and Stations—John Lawton, T. J. Moore, W. A. Annum.

Phosphate Department—B. F. Crayton, J. Stoney Porcher, John Lawton. Botanical, Veterinary and Zoological Department—B. F. Crayton, R. A. Love, T. J. Moore.

Asiatic Culture, State Weather Service, Exhibitions and Buildings—H. L. Buck, W. A. Annum, R. A. Love, James McCutchen, B. F. Crayton, J. Stoney Porcher, Executive Committee—Johnson Hagood, John Lawton, D. P. Duncan.

The following general phosphate licenses were granted: Paul S. Felber, J. Jennings, Oak Point Mines Co., and Carolina Mining Co.

Mr. L. S. Brown, the District Passenger Agent of the Piedmont Air Line, was appointed Immigration Agent for the State. The Commissioner was authorized to appoint patrol to prevent illegal fishing in the Pee Dee river.

The request of Mr. Henry M. Dibble, of Aiken, for a license to hunt and trap at that place was considered and action postponed for the present.

The Commissioner was authorized to extend the State water service by the purchase of additional land in relation to it.

Much of the time of the meeting was consumed in discussing the plans for the future conduct of the work of the department in relation to the State Grange, and that had accumulated since the meeting of the old Board.

The Board met with the University Trustees, and were assigned to their duties in charge of the State Agricultural College. They afterwards met the President of the institution, for a free conference on the plans to be adopted for the future.

The Board adjourned on the evening of the 1st inst., to meet in Columbia on the 15th day of March.

The State Grange. The State Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry met in the hall of the Department of Agriculture on the morning of the 1st inst., it being the sixteenth annual meeting.

Worthy Overseer J. W. Wofford, acting Worthy Master, presided, and Secretary T. W. Holloway was at his post. A quorum being present the Worthy Master declared the Grange opened. Prayer was offered by the chaplain.

The following were present: Officers—J. W. Wofford, Overseer; J. H. Stone, Steward; J. G. Richards, Chaplain; A. M. Aiken, Treasurer; T. W. Holloway, Secretary; M. D. C. Colvin, Gate Keeper.

Executive Committee—J. W. Norris, W. K. Norris, R. A. Love, A. M. Aiken, D. B. Douglas, Wm. Horne, G. W. Moseley, L. L. Clynburn, T. J. Caubert, S. A. West, B. McWhitie, W. Shelor, M. J. Jenkins, M. Foster, T. B. Martin, Aaron Jordan, W. F. Russell.

After the reading of the Worthy Master's Address, a resolution was adopted making the hours of meeting from 9:30 A. M. to 2 P. M., and from 7 P. M. to 9 P. M.

The matter of changing the time of the encampment at Spartanburg to the middle of August was discussed.

The following were appointed a special order for the election of a Worthy Master, to fill the unexpired term of Col. James N. Lipscomb, and the election of a member of the Executive Committee.

A resolution looking to the appointment of deputy collectors was referred to the Committee on Resolutions. The annual reports of the Secretary and the Treasurer were read and referred to the Committee on Auditing and Finance.

Certain amendments were made to the constitution. The following committees were appointed: On Worthy Master's Address—E. M. Atkinson, L. L. Clynburn, J. H. Stone.

Executive Committee Report—B. B. McWhitie, M. Foster, J. L. Hughey. On Resolutions—W. F. Russell, M. J. Jenkins, D. B. Douglas.

Business and Financial Business—G. W. Moseley, Wm. Horne, Aaron Jordan. Suggestions for the Good of the Order—J. W. Shelor, T. B. Martin, T. J. Caubert.

Auditing and Finance—M. D. C. Colvin, S. A. West, J. G. Richards, M. Foster, T. B. Martin were appointed a committee to submit a memorial on the death of Brother D. Wyatt Aiken.

The following resolution, offered by Mr. W. F. Russell of the Committee on Resolutions, was adopted: Resolved, That the Committee on Resolutions be and they are authorized to consider the resolution offered to appoint Deputy Lecturers for each county in the State, and recommend that it be adopted, and that reasonable compensation be allowed the said Deputy Lecturers for their services from the charter fee.

A resolution relating to Inter State commerce and the repeal of the tobacco and whiskey taxes was referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

The election for Worthy Master to fill out the unexpired term of Col. James N. Lipscomb, resulted in the choice of Col. James N. Lipscomb. The length of the unexpired term is one year. On motion the Secretary cast a vote for Colonel Thompson as the unanimous choice of the Grange Encampment in Spartanburg.

Col. J. W. Norris and Mr. W. F. Russell were elected members of the Executive Committee, to fill respectively the vacancies caused by the resignation of Mr. Col. James N. Lipscomb, and the election of Colonel Thompson to the office of Worthy Master.

Mr. John Shelor, from the Committee on Suggestions for the Good of the Order, reported that the order had been during the past year. The suggestion was made that the first duty of the Grange was to inculcate more of the policy of educational and social intercourse between the members as a lever to build up and restore the lost condition, and the importance of infusing more knowledge and information in the rank and file of the order was urged.

Several committees reports were made and adopted, among them being the Col. James N. Lipscomb resolution endorsing the present Inter State Commerce law and opposing the repeal of any of its provisions until it was clearly shown to be in the rights of the State or injured the railroads.

The Grange adjourned sine die on the 2nd instant. The Agricultural and Mechanical Society. (Columbia Record, February 2.) The Agricultural and Mechanical Society of South Carolina assembled last night in Agricultural Hall. The gathering was large and eminently typical, the gentlemen

GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

Florida strawberries are selling in New York at \$2.50 a quart.

At Cornwall, Oct. 1, 500 cotton operators are on a strike against a reduction of the annual contract of the Methodist Episcopal Church (colored) is in session at Geneva, Miss.

The German Government will take part officially in the Paris Exposition, the sending of exhibits to the art department.

The President has been formally invited to attend the Florida Exposition to be held in Jacksonville on the 22d inst.

A London dispatch says that Colonel Mapleson, opera manager, has been declared a bankrupt.

At last accounts, Judge Mackey and Mrs. Whitcomb were still in Bismarck, Dakota, waiting expecting to go shortly to Chicago.

There are now twenty-one furnaces out of blast in Lehigh Valley alone. Thirty-two furnaces are still in blast, but some of these may be blown out in a few days.

The Mississippi Republican State Convention has been called to meet in Jackson on February 9, to elect delegates to the National Convention.

Mr. Alvan G. Clark is still on Mount Hamilton, his work on the Lick telescope having been greatly delayed by the intensely cold weather.

Eugene Zimmerman, of the defunct Fidelity Bank of Cincinnati, has returned from Europe, pleaded not guilty and given \$30,000 bail.

Governor McEnery, of Louisiana, has called a convention to meet in New Orleans on March 5 to encourage immigration into the State.

Lord Spencer predicts that the scales will soon fall from the eyes of the Salisbury ministry and that they will adopt a policy of conciliation in Ireland.

The base ball men of Greenville propose to organize an amateur inter-State league, to include Augusta, Columbia, Sumter, Greenville, Charlotte and Wilmington.

A Calman named Victoria B. C., on Monday last, was hanged at Victoria, B. C., on Monday last, and died in his old faith.

A "bow fight" at the University of Pennsylvania came off notwithstanding that it had been prohibited by the faculty. It proved to be very exciting, and its results may prove serious.

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IMPRESSIONS OF SOUTH AMERICA.

A PLEASING LETTER FROM AN INTELLIGENT OBSERVER.

The Country and the People—Interesting Facts Gathered on a Journey. (Continued from the Edgemoor Chronicle.)

STREANER SAN MARTIN, OF THE PARANA RIVER, September 3, 1887.—Five days ago, just as your summer began to wane, and our spring set in, we quitted Montevideo in the beautiful steamer "Farfaleto," and sped 60 miles across the great bay which forms the mouth of the Rio de la Plata, to Buenos Ayres, the immense and magnificent capital of the Argentine Republic, of which interesting city I will give you some account in a future letter. Here, after a night and day, we take a larger steamer, the "San Martin," bound for Assuncion, the capital of Paraguay, 1,000 up the river, in the extreme heat of South America.

First, as this mammoth river nears the sea, it is called the Rio de la Plata; a hundred miles farther up, it becomes the Parana; and finally it divides into two great streams, one keeping the name Parana, the other taking that of Paraguay. As we steam, rather slowly, up the Parana, the monkey and the boa constrictor, I set myself on the deck of the "San Martin" to write you a letter.

The first three days of our journey up the Parana are rather monotonous. The shores are mostly barren and woodless, given up to huge herds of cattle which graze on the natural growth, and with but few signs of cultivation. We pass several flourishing towns, the most notable being Asuncion, which is a well developed city of 60,000 inhabitants, many of them English, who have introduced modern comforts and the luxuries of civilization, gas, telegraph, telephones, trams, &c., and founded a Protestant church. It is one of the most advanced and most important cities of the continent of South America.

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A TONGUE IN KNOTS.

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I at last succeeded in breaking the fever, but it cost me over \$100.00, and then my system was prostrated and saturated with malarial poison and I became almost helpless. I finally came here, my mouth so filled with sores that I could scarcely eat, and my tongue raw and filled with little knots.

Various remedies were resorted to without effect. I bought two bottles of B. B. E. and it has cured and strengthened me. All sores of my mouth are healed and my tongue entirely clear of knots and sores, and I feel like a new man.

Webb City, Ark., April 20, 1886. J. A. F. BRITTON.

STIFF JOINTS. A MOST REMARKABLE CASE OF SCROFULA AND RHEUMATISM.

I have a little boy twelve years old whose knees have been drawn almost double and his joints are perfectly stiff, and he has been in this condition three years, unable to walk. During that time the medical board of London county and district visited him and pronounced the disease malarial and prescribed, but no benefit ever derived. I then used a much advertised preparation without benefit.

Three weeks ago I became perfectly helpless and suffering from it.

A friend who had used B. B. E. advised its use. He has used one bottle and all pain has ceased and he can now walk. This has been a most wonderful action, as his complaint had baffled every physician. I shall continue to use it on him.

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A Letter From Mr. Davis.

JACKSON, Miss., January 20.—Mr. Davis has written the following letter:

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It is impossible to suppose that the time is near at hand when I shall go hence for ever, and I would be glad personally to know the men of the present generation to whom the destiny of Mississippi is to be confided.

Mississippians, from the time of her territorial existence, have borne an honorable part in the affairs of the country, and I have had demanded. Bearing testimony as one who comes down to you from a past age I can applaud the chivalry and integrity of old Mississippi, and my highest wish is that her future record may be worthy of the past.

When your very complimentary resolution was received, my health did not permit me, as I desired, to come to accept of the honor. It is now, however, that I indicate a time to confer with and learn the views of my younger brethren caused me to hope that at a later period I might be able to send to you a personal message, unless the session should be protracted I am compelled to announce my inability to attend.

With grateful acknowledgment of your kind consideration I am, with cordial wishes for your welfare and happiness, individually and collectively, your fellow citizen, JEFFERSON DAVIS.

Progress in the State. The Baltimore Manufacturers' Record of this week contains the following statement of new enterprises in this State for the past year.

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