NEW PUBLICATIONS.

PETRIFIED POLITICS.

KENTUCKY. A Pioneer Commonwealth. By N. S. SHALER. [American Commonwealth Series.] 16mo. pp. x., 433. Houghton, Mifflin & Co.

Mr. Shaler is best known as professor of palæontology at Harvard, but he is a native of Kentucky and has been much occupied with the concerns of that State. He has some special personal qualifications therefore for the task which he has undertaken in this volume; he is familiar with the characteristics of the population, the resources and peculiarities of the country, and many of the conditions which have affected the course of Kentucky history. The origin of the commonwealth was different from that of other members of the Union. It was formed by emigration from Virginia, and its original settlers were almost wholly of British stock—chiefly from the rural districts of England. The population of Kentucky has always remained more homogeneous than that of our other communities; and Mr. Shaler declares that it is "the largest body of pure English folk that has, speaking generally, been separated from the mother country for two hundred years." The history of such a transplanted people presents some interesting features which our author fully recognizes; and if he has not developed his subject with entire clearness the defect is owing to want of literary skill rather than to an imperfect appreciation of the facts. To get rid of a disagreeable point at once, we may as well say that Professor Shaler's literary equipment is extremely light. He has no style; he is not always grammatical; and he has little art in the arrangement of his materials. The story of the Kentucky pioneers might have been made highly picturesque; but he has made it as dry as a palæontological museum.

It is in the last third of his book, however, which covers the period of the rebellion, that Professor Shaler's work is most open to criticism. He belonged during the war to the so-called "Conservative Union" party, for which there was a great deal of tenderness and sympathy at the North, more on account of the difficulties of its position than the justness of its principles; and he has not yet discovered the exact place of that party in the history of the United States. Those Border States Unionists, who were opposed to secession, but also opposed to preventing it, did render a great service to the Nation by refusing to join the Confederacy, and it is impossible not to admire the steadfastness with which they resisted the many influences drawing them toward the Southern side; but it must be confessed that they were sometimes a terrible embarrassment to the Federal Government and that their position would often have seemed ridiculous if the terrors of civil war had not beset it so closely. Professor Shaler was, and apparently is still, a believer in radical States-rights heresies; he goes so far as to declare that "the one distinct object of the American Revolution had been *to secure local government*," which, of course, is a very gross error, the object of the Revolution having been *self*-government, which is not at all the same thing as local government; and he holds that the Democratic party, at the secession epoch, was the Conservative party of the Commonwealth, desiring "to maintain the existing state of institutions against a faction that was decidedly though in a conservative way, revolutionary in its tendencies in that it was willing *to take some active measures concerning slavery*." As if the Democratic party, for a generation previous to that time, had been anything else than a conspiracy "to take some active measures concerning slavery"! And as if it was "revolutionary" to insist that slavery should be pushed no further!

Mr. Shaler has a great deal to say of the revolutionary proceedings of the "Radicals," and the nefarious conduct of "a political party that appeared to be willing to destroy the Commonwealth if it stood in the way of its purposes"; and he is absurd enough to maintain that "the people of Kentucky endured far more outrage from the acts of Federal provost marshals than they did from all the acts of legitimate war put together." He has an extravagant admiration for the futile invention of "neutrality," by which the anti-secessionists of Kentucky imagined that the Commonwealth could maintain an attitude of strict impartiality between loyalty and treason, and, holding the combatants at arm's length, forbid either of them to step upon Kentucky soil. Kentucky assumed at that time to be entirely independent of both the Federal and the Confederate Governments; she regarded them both as invaders when they crossed the so-called neutral boundary; and to the President's first call for troops the Governor returned an insulting refusal, which the Legislature, by the votes of both parties, formally approved. Mr. Lincoln prudently humored the Kentucky vagary for a while, and a more reasonable Union sentiment began to assert itself. When the Confederates invaded the State, the Legislature "Resolved, That the invaders must be expelled," and gravely "requested" the Federal commander of the department, General Robert Anderson, "to take instant command" of the necessary force, and expel the invaders by authority of the Commonwealth. Perhaps this made no great difference in the movements of the Federal armies, and added no very awful power to General Anderson's command; but it was doubtless a great satisfaction to the Legislature. Grotesque, however, as the collapse of the neutrality fiction was, Professor Shaler thinks that the behavior of Kentucky "will be regarded as one of the best evidences of a general political capacity that this country has yet afforded."

The whole of the rebellion history is written by Professor Shaler in the style of a party advocate, with so many evidences of heat, prejudice and rancor, that it often reads like a Border State Democratic newspaper of twenty-five years ago. [Plainly he has stepped outside his proper path in trying to write history. We hope that he does not try to alleviate the monotony of lessons on the mastodon by lecturing to the young men at Harvard on palæopolitics.

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B. E. Peas bags	52	Corn, bush.	219,316	Peanuts, bgs	304
B. W. Flour pkgs	1,056	Oats, bush.	132,102	Pork, pkgs	418
Beans, bbls.	541	Rye, bush.	550	Beef, pkgs	238
Rice chaff, bs	2	Malt, bush.	17,100	Cutmeats, pks	3,109
Broom corn, bales	17	Barley, bush	18,725	Lard, tcs	1,433
Buck wheat, bush	525	Oatmeal, bbls.	770	Lard, kegs	779
Cotton, bales	446	Oatmeal, bgs.	10	Butter, pkgs	1,179
Cottons'doll, bbls	100	Grease, pkgs	210	Cheese, pkgs	829
Copper, cks.	57	Grass seed, bags	679	D. Hogs, No.	303
D fruit, pkg.	898	Hides, No.	652	Spelter, pcs.	1,676
Eggs, pkgs.	898	Hides, bales	12	Starch, pkgs	950
Flour, bbls.	31,161	Resin, bbls.	225	Stearine, pks	21
C meal, bbls.	125	Oil, bbls	50	Tobacco, hds	210
C Meal, bags.	2,766	Oilcake, pks.	4,834	Tobacco, pkg	114
		Oil, lard, bbs.	10	Whiskey, bbs	631
					860

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NEW-YORK, February 16, 1885.

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Good Ordinary	10 5/16	10 7/16	10 7/16
Strict Good Ordinary	10 9/16	10 11/16	10 11/16
Low Middling	10 7/16	11 1/16	11 1/16
Strict Low Middling	11 1/16	11 5/16	11 5/16
Middling	11 3/16	11 7/16	11 7/16
Good Middling	11 9/16	11 9/16	11 9/16
Strict Good Middling	11 13/16	11 13/16	11 13/16
Middling Fair	12 1/16	12 1/16	12 1/16
Fair	12 9/16	12 13/16	12 13/16

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Good Ordinary	8 3/16	Low Middling	10 1/16
Strict Good Ordinary	9 1/16	Middling	10 11/16

Futures were dull and 1 to 6 points lower, the later months showing the most depression. Liverpool was dull, and Manchester depressed, and silver, moreover, was lower. The receipts at the ports were considered of fair aggregate. Lehman was the largest seller of May. Von Grundell bought May pretty freely at 11.27@11.28c. Mr. John Inman has gone to Atlanta. Mr. S. H. Phelan, of Atlanta, was on 'Change. The sales here to-day were only 30,000 bales.

Month	To-day's closing.	Extremes. Highest.	Lowest.
February	11.21@	11.21	11.21
March	11.26@11.27	11.28	11.26
April	11.30@11.31	11.33	11.29
May	11.39@11.40	11.43	11.39
June	11.44@11.50	11.53	11.49
July	11.57@11.58	11.61	11.58
August	11.66@11.67	11.70	11.65
September	11.26@11.28	.....	.....
October	10.82@10.84	.....	.....
November	10.67@10.70	.....	.....
December	10.67@10.70	.....	.....

Market closing dull but steady. Transferable notices, 11.25.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—FLOUR—Market rules quite dull, without, however, any decided change in price. Export trading limited and jobbers' movements confined mainly to small parcels for immediate wants. Sales, 11,000 bbls., of which 4,200 bbls. were for export, including 800 bbls. City Mill Extra at $4.60@$4.70 for West Indies; 1,400 bbls. Extra No. 2 at $3.00@$3.50, latter for Choice Winter Wheat; 500 bbls. Fine, $2.25@$2.60 for Spring and $2.30@$2.75 for Winter Wheat; 800 bbls. Superfine $2.50@$2.75 for Spring, $2.60@$3.00 for Winter Wheat; 700 bbls. Winter Wheat Extra mainly at $3.10@$3.75. Quotations: Fine, $2.25@$2.75; Superfine, $2.50@$3.00; Extra No. 2, $3.00@$3.50; Good to Fancy Extra State, $3.60@$4.50; Good to Choice Extra Western, $3.85@$5.90; Common to Fair Extra Ohio, $3.00@$3.50; Good, $3.60@$4.00; Good to Choice, $4.10@$5.25; Common Extra Minnesota, $3.00@$3.60; Clear, $3.50@$4.10; Rye Mixture, $3.40@$4.00; straight, $4.25@$4.50; Patent, $4.75@$5.00, latter an extreme. Bakers' Extra $4.10@$4.50; St. Louis Common to Fair Extra, $3.00@$3.75; Fair to Good, $3.80@$5.00; Good to Very Choice, $5.10@$5.40; Patent Winter Wheat Extra, $4.55@$5.00; City Mill Extra for West Indies, $4.60@$4.70; South America, $4.75@$5.00 market closing dull.

SOUTHERN FLOUR—Dull; prices unchanged. Sales, 700 bbls., including Common to Good Extra at $3.20@$4.25; Good to Choice do., $4.30@$5.75.....RYE FLOUR—steady, with a moderate trade demand. Sales, 200 bbls. superfine at $3.40@$3.85, latter for Choice.....BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—Selling at $1.90@$2.15.....CORN MEAL—Quiet and steady. Yellow Western, $3.00@$3.20; Brandywine, $3.25@$3.35.

GRAIN—WHEAT—Market a shade better for Cash lots, with only a trifling movement. Options opened a shade easier, then recovered and advanced ½@¾c and closed steady at a shade under the best prices. A very limited trade for export and City Milling, and a moderate business in options. Shippers bought 34,000 bush. and City Millers 19,000 bush. Shippers limits were 1 3/8c. per bush. under current prices. Sales, 1,912,000 bush. future, 59,000 bush. spot and to arrive, including No. 3 Red to arrive, cost, freight and insurance, at 80¼@80¾c; Ungraded Winter Red, 88@90c; No. 3 Red, 86½c.; No. 2 Red, 92¾c. for rail receipts in elevator; No. 1 Red, 93¾c.; Ungraded White, 91c.; State White, 93c.; No. 2 Red for March, 90⅛@90⅞c. closing at 90⅝c.; do. for April, 91⅛@91⅝c. closing at 91⅜c.; do. for May, 93⅛@93¾c. closing at 93½c.; do. for June, 94⅛@95⅛c. closing at 94⅝c.; do. for July, 94⅞c. closing at 94½c.....RYE—Dull. Western, 58@70c.; Canada and State, 70@71c.....BARLEY—Market quiet and firm.

BARLEY MALT—Dull and prices unchanged.

CORN—Market firmer and unsettled. Cash lots advanced ½@¾c., closing with scarcely so much strength. Options were 1½c. better for February, subsequently lost part of the advance and closed steady at ¼c. under the best price. The later months advanced ½@¾c. and closed steady at a shade under the best prices. A very moderate business for export and home use and a fairly active trade in options. Shippers bought 96,000 bush. Sales, 1,008,000 bush. future, 164,000 bush. spot and special delivery including Ungraded Mixed at 60c.; No. 3, 51¼@52c.; Steamer Mixed, 51¼@51½c. in elevator; 52@52½c. afloat; 53¼c. for February, 53½c. for March; steamer Yellow, 51½c. in elevator, 52½c. afloat; 53@53½c. in elevator, 53@53½c. afloat; No. 2 Ungraded White, 56c. delivered; No. 2 Mixed for February, 51⅝@51¾c., closing at 52c.; do. for March, 53⅛@53½c., closing at 53⅜c.; do. for April, 53⅝@53¾c., closing at 53¾c.; do. for May, 54⅛@54¼c., closing at 54⅛c.; do. for June, 54⅝@54¾c., closing at 54⅝c.

OATS—Cash lots were without decided change, with a fair business reported, part for export. Options were ⅛@¼c. better, closing steady at the best prices. Sales, 90,000 bush. future, 135,000 bush. spot, including No. 3 Mixed at 36c.; No. 2, 37@37⅛c. in elevator and 38½c. delivered for 70,000 bush. for export. No. 2, 37c.; No. 3 White, 37c.; No. 2, 39c.; No. 2 White, 39½c.; Mixed Western, 36@37½c.; White do., 38@44c.; White State, 39@44c.; No. 2 Mixed for February, 36⅝@37⅛c., closing at 37⅛c.; do. for March, 36⅞c., closing at 36⅞c.; do. for May, 36⅞@36⅞c., closing at 36⅞c.

Stocks in store in New-York, Brooklyn and Jersey City grain warehouses and held in railway lighters on certificate.

	1885. Feb. 14.	1885. Feb. 7.	1884. Feb. 16.	1883. Feb. 17.
Wheat, bush	6,192,021	6,195,569	4,881,359	6,031,199
Corn, bush	669,057	555,099	1,845,034	993,947
Oats, bush	340,734	24,918	2,298,240	787,757
Barley, bush	253,964	216,958	321,000	7,724
Rye, bush	54,441	40,235	17,149	221,235
Peas, bush	4,400	4,400	6,226	.....
Malt, bush	98,439	97,893	240,175	137,880
Total bush	7,622,056	7,134,508	9,741,502	8,192,742

HAY AND STRAW—Trade was very slow, owing to the severe storm, and prices at the moment are almost nominal.

HIDES—Were very quiet and yet essentially unchanged.

HOPS—Were at a standstill and prices were almost nominal.

METALS—Iron on 'Change was quiet. Pig Iron dull and easier, 10 tons Straits for April were sold by Thompson at 17.30c. to Nissen. Copper dull. Lead nominal. Spelter steady. In Philadelphia there were reported sales in 1,000 ton lots of steel rails at $27@$27.50. Some of the mills are short of orders.

MOLASSES—Quiet and unchanged; Cuba 50° test, 20@21c.; New-Orleans 40@70c.

NAVAL STORES—