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THE NEGLECT OF EDUCATIONAL INTERESTS BY THE STATES AND THE RESULTS.

It is frequently asked what need is there of national action upon this question; are not the States doing all that is practically possible for the education of the children within their respective borders? Why not let well enough alone? These are pertinent questions and deserve attention. In but few of the States is there more than the beginning of an orderly, thorough, comprehensive school system. The delinquencies and short-comings of a large number of the Legislatures in this regard can readily be shown by a glance at existing facts. In nine States, viz: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia, there is a population of seven millions four hundred and fifty-seven thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, and about fifty per cent. of these people are unable to read.

The States of Kentucky, Tennessee and Texas, contain a population of three millions three hundred and seventy-six thousand four hundred and eighty-four, of which about one-third are unable to read, and in Deleware, Maryland and Missouri, with a population of two millions six hundred and thirty thousand eight hundred and twenty-one, twenty-five per cent. of the people are in the same deplorable condition of ignorance. Add to these numbers about a million of illiterate persons residing in the remaining States, and we find that there are, in the country, between six and seven millions of grossly ignorant people, who obtain no knowledge of the bible, of constitutions, of laws, of newspapers, of literature of any kind, excepting in the manner of those who are born blind; eyes they have but they see not the printed page, and books are all sealed to them. They grope through life in the very darkness of blindness, the acknowledged prey of demagogues, a perpetual thorn piercing to the heart of our Republican institutions.

But what are the States doing for the children of the country? Surely they must be educating them pretty generally, especially throughout the North and West. Let us see. The number of children of school age never registered and attending no school in Illinois, is 126,350; Indiana, 157,063; Iowa, 132,030; Kentucky, 216-422; Louisiana, 201,533; Missouri, 334,-297; New York, 464,635; North Carolina, 292,866; Ohio, 288,495; Tennessee, 224,-155, adding to these the number of illiterate children in the other States, and we find an aggregate number of nearly 4,556,300 children of suitable age to attend schools, who have never been to school a day in their lives. In the District of Columbia and the Territories there are about sixty-four thousand more, not including the children of the Indians, in a like ignorant and uncared for condition.

More than five million children, one eighth of our population shut out of almost every avenue of useful knowledge. Is this the way to treat the rising generation, to whose care and keeping, very soon, the interests of our country are to be entrusted? Do we not know that the only hope of the maintenance and perpetuation of a Republican government depends on the education of the masses? It is hardly necessary to call attention to the unsettled condition of the Governments of Mexico and of those in South America, where a state of civil war is their normal condition, and gross ignorance covers the land.

We often congratulate ourselves on our superior intelligence and the general education of the people of our country, but taking it as a whole, we can easily find dark corners which are a great discredit to us.

THE KU-KLUX KLAN—*Admission of the Democratic Editor.*—From the Raleigh (N. C.) *Telegram*, of Friday last, we copy the following. This paper is edited by a rabid Democrat, who was an officer in the Confederate army. It will be seen that the organization of the Ku-Klux Klan in that State is plainly admitted:

Authentic information reaches us to the effect that some of the parties engaged in the late outrages in Rutherfordton, in which a Republican printing office was destroyed and a Radical member of the Legislature whipped, are coming in and surrendering themselves to the officers of the law.

About forty men have thus far confessed their connection with the Ku-Klux in some way or another, who, now that they have practical demonstration of the dangerous evils and wicked tendencies of this sort of thing, and finding that the best men of all parties have set themselves against it, have determined to put a stop to it by acknowledging their part in it, and implicating others whose conduct and the public safety require that they be apprehended and brought to justice.

A colored man named David Wigans, living near Lynchburg, recently threw up three living black snakes. They were small, but in good condition. The man believes he was tricked or conjured. We believe he has been swallowing snakes. Heave again, old man, and see if there is any more left of the same sort.

It is said that the wind blows with such force in Colorado that when a man loses his hat he has to telegraph to the next station for some one to stop it.

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"You'd better look out for your hoss's feet above here, mister," said a ragged boy to a traveler. "Why," said the gentleman, nervously pulling up, "Cos there's a fork in the road there," was the candid reply.

There is a lamentable war between some of the newspaper fraternity of Troy. One says that he believes he "could carve a man out of an old cheese, and give him brains that would be much more active than the small amount of dead matter which lies under the two-inch skull of the editor referred to."

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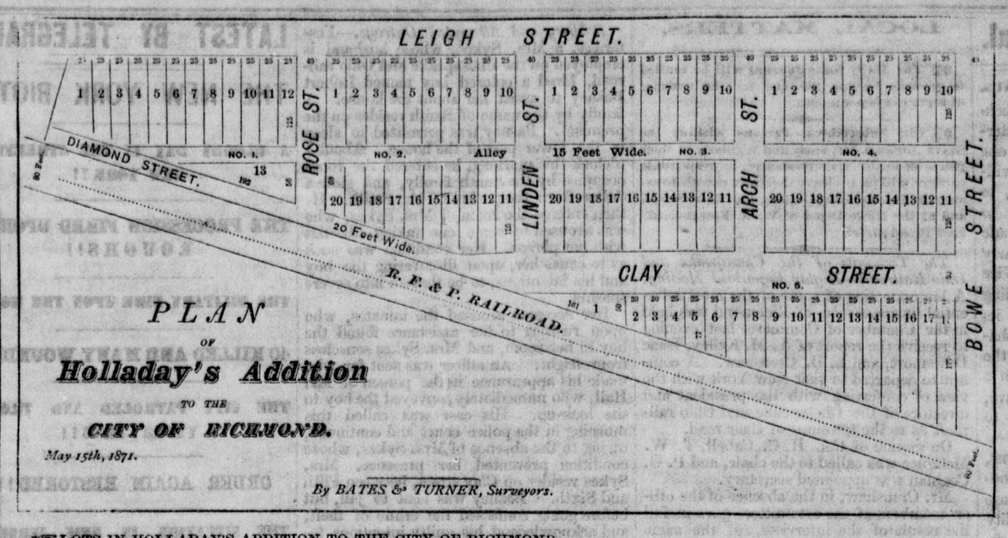

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The plows were taken to the field at half past two P. M., the following gentlemen acting as judges: F. W. Eppes, J. B. Williams, Robert Scott, Jas. S. Gilliam, Wm. T. Christian, Richard Eppes, Dr. Darring, Sidney Graves, Walton Sydnor, F. C. Williams, G. N. Seay, and J. M. Hurt. Mr. S. Graves and Walton Sydnor were the principal plowmen. Mr. W. Sidnor working the Watt plow, and S. Graves the Dixie—both of whom handled them with masterly skill and success.

Those entered were the Dixie two-horse right and left-hand plows, and the Watt two-horse left hand. Soon after the trial commenced, the beam of the Dixie right-hand broke in two and was laid aside, the contest being narrowed to the Watt left-hand and Dixie right-hand. The soil first selected was a stubble loam without soil; but as the plows were new, and did not turn in consequence of the roughness of the castings, after a short trial it was decided to take them into another field where the soil was a well-trodden, tenacious clay, with a timothy sod covered with vegetation and with straw. The plows here performed their work admirably, cutting and turning without choking.

As the Dixie was a new comer, as the contest waxed warm most of the judges took hold of it to test personally its practical working. While there is no intention to do injustice to any, as neither party had agent or representative present, and both plows did well, yet the trial, with the award of the judges, is deemed of sufficient importance to the interest of agriculture to justify its publication.

The award of the judges was unanimously in favor of the Dixie on the following grounds:

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At the conclusion of the trial some of the judges were so pleased as to determine to order them for their own use.

J. M. HURT, Secretary.

I certify that the above was sent to the Richmond "Whig" for publication by myself; that I am not acquainted with Mr. Starke; that he had never seen the paper and knew nothing of its contents, and was in no wise a party to the trial of the plows alluded to.

January 7, 1871. J. M. HURT.

We, the judges in the "Plow Trial," on the farm of Mr. F. C. Williams, published in the "Whig," hereby certify that it was directed to be sent to that journal as a communication by the judges who made the award.

J. M. HURT,
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January 9, 1871.

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