

A Trip Down the Peninsula—How to Make Virginia Prosperous. [Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.] A recent excursion through some of our Peninsula counties suggested a train of thought which, with your kind permission, I would be glad to submit to the thoughtful consideration of our inhabitants.

After leaving Richmond the traveler sees little to interest in scenery till he reaches a station on the York River railroad formerly known as Fish-haul (not halt), but which now boasts the more euphonious and aristocratic name of Lester Manor, which has been rescued from oblivion by the present owner of the property at that station—John B. Davis, the successful president of the Planters Bank, of this city. It bursts upon the enraptured vision like an oasis amid the desert, or an emerald isle amid the ocean; for it is all bloom, and fruit, and verdure, and is literally a living monument of what may become tangible to the hand of patient industry.

Davis has this practically demonstrated how the poorest of Virginia land may be transformed into fields of beauty and fruitfulness; and if the maxim, "quid homo fecerit homo faciat," possesses the virtue which is used to be claimed for it by a cotemporary friend of ours, he can in ten years be converted into a very garden. Let her people emulate the example of Mr. Davis—let them be as industrious and as saving as our friends on the other side of the "bloody chasm"—and the wilderness of the country, which has been so long a waste, and which will become a garden as erst it was, of wealth, and culture, and power. On the other hand, let the fields remain untilled; let the forests encroach upon civilization; and even the land which now yields a fair return to the cultivator, will in a matter of years cease to be a bandman, will in a matter of years cease to be a man, and will in a matter of years cease to be a population—each man the tiller of his own soil till she has attained that state depicted by the poet:

"A time there was of England's early reign, When every rood of English earth began, 'Tis universal, conceded that agriculture is the basis of all prosperity, and if we would avoid degeneracy from the virtues of our fathers the yeomanry of the country must be preserved. As the same poet has truthfully said:

"Princes and lords, may flourish and may fade, A peasant may make them, as a breath may make; But a bold peasantry, their country's pride, When once possess'd, will their lords ride."

But to return "to our mittens." How shall the great and the debates of legislators alike attest the need of labor and of capital. The negro, once the most profitable and reliable of laborers, under the influence of reconstruction, has become the least reliable and the least profitable of laborers, where they can subsist from fishing and oystering, where the proceeds of a day's labor will support them in idleness for a week, they will become less and less valuable as agricultural laborers. Without the lands which remain unutilized, the country is a waste, and it is the great problem of the age in Virginia how to avert this sad result.

The following plan strikes your correspondent as feasible, and it is respectfully submitted to the consideration of the prominent citizens of each county, a charter for the organization of an agricultural and immigration society, with a capital of not less than \$50,000, to be paid for in land at its assessed value. Let this land be laid out into sections of one hundred acres, each alternate nearly as possible, and each alternate to be sold at Government price, or \$1.25 per acre, on a credit of five years, subject only to the condition that each purchaser shall erect buildings on the land to the value of \$500 within one year, so as to identify the occupant with the land, and to prevent the sale of the land, and in five years the population of the county would be doubled, and the value of its lands enhanced fourfold.

But to give efficiency to this suggestion it must be undertaken by some gentleman of means and of character, the intelligence and of enterprise—such a one, for example, as Judge Roger Gregory, of King William. It must be predicated with patience and with energy, and have the cooperation of the leading citizens of each county. Then, and then alone, it will become a grand success, and in the hands of a man like Mr. Gregory will have many a friendly rival to contend for its honors. It must be obvious to the dulllest intellect that the country cannot prosper without an infusion of fresh labor. The young men of means are deserting it for the marts of trade; those without means are deserting it for the marts of trade, and those without means are deserting it for the marts of trade.

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