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Education.

Never was there a time in the history of the State when the question of education ought to be more thoroughly discussed and debated than the present. The colored race, numerically the larger of the two which comprise the population of the State, are fully awake upon this subject, and it is certain that their desire to secure and perpetuate to themselves the means of acquiring an education will find an able ally and helper in the operations of the school system of the State. That they will avail themselves of the advantages of the system, when it goes into operation, the past experience of their avidity and eagerness to learn abundantly proves.

And they will call in the moral forces of education and intelligence to secure and establish the power of their numerical majority.

This will admit, and we need not discuss the physiological structure of his brain, to know how much the black man can learn. What he will learn, will place him proportionately in approximation to the white race in intelligence, and his numbers, used with his acquired intelligence will make his race probably the dominant one—and this result is enhanced and accelerated by the like warmth of the whites upon this subject of education.

Not again upon the field of battle, nor for the present in the political arena—must the white race assert its prerogatives, but upon the intellectual calibre depends the issue of the antagonism that may exist between the two races living in the State.

But we do not mean to theorize and speculate upon this question of education, but would wish to bring the subject practically before the people.

All feel the importance of education, the only question is how to make it practical, how to get up a system, cheap enough and convenient enough for all to enjoy this advantage.

Now at the Court House, and in the villages in our County, the question settles itself. Teachers, the best teachers are there, and scholars are plentiful and conveniently situated to attend school every day in the year. Such is, of course, not the case in the country, and it is to propose a plan for those who live in the country, by which their children can be educated, cheaply and conveniently, that we bring the question of education before our readers.

Now some plan like this; how would it do? Let different neighborhoods, of a convenient extent, unite and engage the services of a competent teacher, provide a school house, let this be as central in the neighborhood as may be, let those living near the school house, board the children of those not living near enough, let the teacher be boarded by one or more of the families living near the school, and let the families be assessed in proportion to the children sent to school, allowance being made to those who board the teacher, to pay his salary.

If forty children constituted the school one dollar per month for each scholar would be a reasonable, nay, a good salary to the teacher, and would not be felt by the parents. And at this salary the very best teachers can be secured. Let the families organizing the school advertise in the County and Charleston papers and the very best teachers will be glad to come.

In some neighborhoods it may suit only to have a winter school—from September to February or March, perhaps five or six months. This could be arranged, of course.

This or some similar arrangement is feasible and practical, and could be inaugurated this coming fall. For one dollar per month, and the additional expense of boarding, or the inconvenience of taking a child or two to board for the winter—the advantages of a first class education can be secured. The salary of the teacher for the five or six months would be two hundred or two hundred and forty dollars, which would secure the services of the very best teachers.

Even if less scholars can be organized into a school—the pay of the teacher

would be less, but as many capable persons would be glad to accept the situation, this arrangement would certainly be better and cheaper than the periodical efforts that are made to start schools, certainly better than having to engage a teacher or governess in the family, and far better and cheaper than sending your children away to school.

Let the people take this matter into consideration. Let the different Townships entertain the suggestion. One, two, or three schools perhaps in each Township, would be about our estimate, and this number could be settled according to the convenience of different neighborhoods.

We certainly think that the people of the County are waking up to the importance of this matter, and by the organization of some such plan as the one proposed, the blessings of a good and thorough education will be brought home to all, brought down to suit the means and the convenience of every one.

We shall speak more of this matter anon, and would be glad to receive and publish communications on the subject.

A Retrospect.

Four years ago our future was dark and terribly discouraging to contemplate. Everything around and about us bore the impress of desolation, of the downfall of our efforts and decaying system of civilization; from the mazes of the wonderful histories to come, we could not glean the day of our deliverance. In a word, our situation, our condition seemed one of utter hopelessness. Surrounded by nothing that was inviting or encouraging in its nature; nothing to inspire us with hope and ardor to press on toward our Mecca. Like some way-worn traveler in the vast desert of Sahara, we felt desolate without one green spot, or oasis upon which to regale our eyes, or relieve the dull monotony of our lives, with no bird near to carol or warble forth a hymn of cheer and encouragement. Upon this burning and arid desert we were shipwrecked, as it were, by the misfortunes and calamities of war, with no wells of Moses near from which to obtain a cooling drink; no dove-like messenger to extend to us the olive branch of peace. Our whole beings were troubled with heaving emotions of fear for the future of our beloved country—like a half pent volcano they convulsed our hearts, our day-star was not veiled behind a penumbra shadow of mists and darkness, but was absolutely overclouded, and if there lay any prospects before us, they were occult, we couldn't see them. In the midst of these trials, and the seemingly utter hopelessness of our lost condition we forgot that courage, energy and fortitude combined could overcome, could work out for us an end, a success in our lives which despair and despondency would ever give over as lost. We were like Rachel of old, "we wept and would not be comforted."

But the astute observer of all things had not forsaken us in this hour of our affliction, and shipwrecked upon the shoals of despair, His strong arm was at the helm, well and truly able to help and guide us safely through the storm-clouds and breakers which stared us in the face, and launch us triumphantly in the middle of eighteen sixty-nine. Four years we have suffered, four years we have groaned in poverty, but from this our country has partially recovered, and our Commonwealth will soon have regained her former status, only on a firmer and surer foundation.

It is pleasing, not to say cheering, to the unprejudiced mind to contrast the present with our past condition. It is true there is not much of an analogy left; but still the parts of the likeness gone we cannot say we regret. Our people are now becoming reconciled to things as they exist—beginning to realize the truth of the maxim, "That every man is the architect of his own fortune." But this was not always the case, men were once too much accustomed in submitting themselves to be passively drawn and pulled about by party leaders to ever arrive at positions of trust and importance themselves. Humiliating as it may be to acknowledge it, yet we cannot deny it and speak the truth. Men may cant about the tyranny of the present or of the past four years; but if they will examine closely the aspect

which things presented long anterior to that time, they will deserv a spectacle bearing a closer resemblance to tyranny than aught we have seen since the advent of the new order of things. Why the time was once, when certain men's opinions expressed, was tyranny. The poor men of this country (and it is to them we are writing) have seen the time when they would prostrate themselves in senseless homage and obedience to the will and opinions of those whom the world called rich—those whom wealth constituted leaders—this was tyranny, this the only despotism we have seen, and it has passed away.

The degree of confidence the men of this country have had in the importance of their own individual capacity was too meagre, was insufficient, and hence the leadership recognized in others. The time was—and we blush to say it—when men were afraid to make known their opinions, the course which their conscience—the "Oracle of God," pointed out to them as the right one. They would stifle the dictates of this wise counselor—prefer the direct penance, rather than express or advocate a doctrine which they knew would be antagonistic to the notions entertained by the above mentioned class.

THE MUNICIPAL SQUABBLE.—Under the head of "Master Inactivity," in the City Council, the *Missionary Record*, "Daddy Cain's" paper, contains the following article, which to say the least of it, is very nicely put: The bold and daring attempt to muzzle the Mayor and the minority in the City Council by the action of certain parties, has resulted in good to our city, through the development of the character of the men with whom Mr. Pillsbury and his adherents had to deal. The rapidly with which it was intended to change the whole corps of efficient officers in the city government, and place in their stead a class of untried and doubtless untrustworthy men; the indecent haste to possess the city treasury by certain irresponsible and tried defaulters in small matters, alarmed the honest people in the party, and they placed themselves across the treasury door. By refusing to make a quorum to do business, and thus prevent, by their absence, what their voice and votes could not in Council, they have by abdicating themselves save us a little rest from the toils of political intrigue, and inductions deep and dangerous." We hope they will continue this stroke of policy till the Legislature meets, when we may have another validating bill which will legislate somebody out of office, which we have so much trouble to legislate in. We have swapped the witch for the devil in the change, and now nothing but feasting and swearing will bring these imps out of this mania of ours.

"ADVENTURERS."—In reading some particular daily papers we see the above word in nearly every article and on about every page. What does it mean? Christopher Columbus was an adventurer; but he was not such a bad man, after all. The original settlers of this country were adventurers; but they were none the worse on that account. Nearly every man who has settled in the West, and made his fortune there, was an "adventurer," but nobody hates them, particularly, on that account. Now scattered all through the South, are mere adventurers, men of full ordinary talent and of business habits—men who know what it is to earn their living by the sweat of their brow, and who deem labor to be honorable.

These men are every one adventurers, and, as far as we have heard, none of them wish to deny the fact, or feel particularly ashamed of it. They claim the United States, they are at home.—The same flag protects all a like; and that a man not born on the soil of this particular State has just as much right here as long as he behaves himself, as any other law abiding citizen. We claim that if the people who were born and raised here think differently from adventurers on some political subjects, they have as good a right to advocate those sentiments as any class of men thinking differently, provided they keep within the bounds of the law. But we claim the same privilege for any other class. Let every man think and act as he believes right, no matter who he is or where he comes from.

Give every one a chance to be a man if he is willing to, and if he does not do it he will drive himself to destruction as fast as anybody else can; but for the sake of decency and good sense, for the sake of the good breeding you have received, for the sake of doing as you wish to be done by, don't treat a man as you would a dog on some other inferior being, till you are very sure he is not as high in the scales of morality, honesty and decency as the class that would stigmatize him as an "Adventurer," "Carpet-bagger," or the like. These things don't look right nor sound well.

Mr. Thomas McElroy, the European seed grower and importer, of Nos. 35 and 37 Park Place, New York, has donated over \$3,000 worth of seeds, to be distributed gratuitously throughout the South. This magnificent gift of Mr. McElroy will be highly appreciated by the people of the South—not so much for its intrinsic value as for the unsolicited manner in which it was presented. General Imboden and Colonel Cabell, of Virginia, recently delivered very eloquent addresses before the New York Fruit Growers' Club, at the conclusion of which the above-mentioned liberal donation was made to the horticulturists and gardeners of the South.

The statement that "General Lee has expressed himself in favor of the adoption of the expurgated constitution and the election of Walker, the candidate of the Conservative Republicans for Governor," is regarded here as a very important piece of news, and as virtually deciding the result of the election in Virginia. It is also thought it will have a great effect in Texas and Mississippi, and will add to the prospects of the success of the Conservative Republican ticket in those States.—*Washington Letter*—*Baltimore Gazette*.

A policeman has been in New York who refuses to receive a present of \$300.

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A correspondent furnishes the two following methods for getting rid of stumps: "Bore with a two-inch auger to the heart of the centre; fill the cavity thus made with sulphuric acid, or with crude oil of petroleum. In the first case, the acid becomes the destructive agent within a few months; in the latter, when the stump becomes saturated with the oil it is fired, and will then burn out to the last particle like a candle." As they appear feasible and inexpensive, we hope some of our readers will give it a trial and report upon it.—*Phoenix*.

NEARLY ALL THE LADIES OF THE SOCIETY OF Friends in Europe have discarded the peculiar dress of the sect.

Many farmers in Maine are plowing up their hop-fields. Hops fell from fifty to eight cents a pound last fall.

A writer in the Revolution demands for wives equal pay with wet nurses. Princess Metternich says a velocipede is a "machine that sets a fool on rollers."

Japan, it is said, is soon to adopt a constitutional monarchy, pattern after the British Government.

Prussia presents for the "championship King William, who is 75 years old, and reads without spectacles.

A husband can readily foot the bills of a wife who is not afraid of being seen ooting the stocking of her husband.

Nine out of every ten American newspapers sent to France are, it is said, confiscated in the French Post Office.

A Poughkeepsie woman cut the throat of her child last Friday morning in order, as she says, "to do the child a kindness."

In a Syracuse police court, recently, after all the arrested persons had been disposed of, the audience in court were seized and fined as vagrants.

The Washington Star says that the issue of paper money, of all denominations, will be ready for distribution to the public on the 1st July.

Cincinnati has a baby it is proud of. It fell out of a third story window upon a stone pavement and escaped unhurt. It struck on its skull, and was a colored infant.

Mr. Burlingame spent \$20,000 of the Emperor of China's money on two days in Paris.

REMOVAL. THE SUBSCRIBER RESPECTFULLY informs his friends and the public that he has re-opened his SALOON at the CANNON HOUSE where he has just received a fresh supply of choice BRANDIES, WINES, PORTER, (IDER, TOBACCO AND CIGARS. All of the above are of finest brands and warranted to give satisfaction. Also all necessary articles kept in a FIRST CLASS BAR. Drinks of all kinds MIXED to suit the taste. HABITUAL LOAFERS will confer a favor by not practicing at this BAR. JAS. CANNON, Proprietor. June 12—tf

Sheriff's Sales. By virtue of sundry writs of fi. fa. to me directed I will sell to the highest bidder, at Orangeburg Court House, on the first Monday in July next, for cash the following property, viz: One tract of land lying in the Fork of the Edisto River containing 760 acres more or less. Leveled on as the property of Jacob Cooner at the suit of Edward R. Hays. ALSO One tract of land lying in the Fork of the Edisto River, containing 1200 acres more or less. Leveled on as the property of William Watkins at the suit of L. J. Jones for the use of Samsou Marchant, guardian. ALSO One lot in the Village of Orangeburg, containing 1/2 an acre, bounded on two sides by H. Riggs and by America and Broughton Streets. Leveled on as the property of H. Riggs at the suit of N. A. Bull and others. ALSO One tract of land lying on the Old State Road, containing more or less, bounded by lands of Haigler, Sheridan and Dantzer. Leveled on as the property of Mrs. Meldred Dantzer at the suit of Isadora A. Raat. ALSO One tract of land lying on Glaziers Branch, containing 300 acres more or less. Leveled on as the property of J. J. Douglas at the suit of J. H. Harley. ALSO ORANGEBURG—IN EQUITY. Phelps et al. vs. Carson et al. By virtue of decretal order in this case, I will sell at Orangeburg Court House, on the first Monday of July next. All the lot or parcel of land situate in the Town of Orangeburg, and bounded by lands of William G. Whidden and Estate lands of the late Henry Ellis. Terms cash. Purchasers to pay for papers and stamps. Sheriff's Office, H. RIGGS, S. O. C. June 10, 1869. June 12

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