

A DEMOCRAT'S OPINION OF THE NASHVILLE CONVENTION

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Management of Bulls.

Every bull should have a ring put in his nose when he is about ten months old, because it is so easy to accustom him to be led at that age.

The Democratic Platform.

The following is the full text of the Democratic platform adopted by the State Convention on Wednesday:

1. That all honest labor should be protected, and receive its full reward. 2. That the burdens of government should be borne by the whole property of the country.

3. That we favor a strict construction of the Constitution of the United States; and insist that no power should be exercised by the General Government that is not clearly delegated.

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Sheep as a Cleansing Crop.

The American Agriculturist, in an article under the above heading, and writing from an Eastern standpoint, in relation to farms that are subject to overgrowth with patches of briars, sweet cherry, sweet fern, hazelnetts, scrub oak, and other brush, concludes as follows:

We recently visited two farms lying side by side, with no perceptible difference in the quality or moisture of the soil. The pasture lands were only separated by a low fence, but something much broader than a fence line had separated the management of the two farms. The one pasture had been a good one for a long term of years, and the poultry had gone to seed in a magnificent growth of alders, witch-hazel, brush, young maples, yew, white-thorn, and golden rod, briars, and other brush and weeds.

The other pasture in addition to its cattle, had the constant tread of a flock of one hundred and sixty sheep, and their hoofs in this case certainly had been good. Besides all the wool, mutton, and lambs sold from the flock, they had paid for their keeping every year in freeing the pasture of brush and coarse weeds, and in enriching it with manure. There was no brush of any considerable size, and very few weeds. And we learned from the proprietor that sheep were the only agents employed in keeping the field clean. They had plowed the young shoots every year as they started, and what they had not killed outright by this cropping they had kept even with the grass.

There was good feed in every part of this pasture, even late in the fall and the owner of this farm used this entire tract for the adjoining pastures as a standing argument in favor of sheep husbandry. It was very much to the point. If it is true, as George Geddes asserts, that sheep in certain proportion to cattle pay their way in a pasture naturally clean, they must pay much better in pastures inclined to produce brush and weeds.

We have had occasion to notice the beneficial effects of the grazing of sheep upon another tract that has been under observation several years. They have not only subdued sweet fern, briars and thistles, but have greatly improved the grasses. The soil is much thicker and heavier, and the white clover has come in where once it made no show at all. In pastures where the brush is already strong, and higher than the sheep can reach, it can not be expected that they will conquer. But if the brush be cut for a season or two, and the sheep turned in sufficient numbers upon the young growth, they will keep it under and eventually destroy it. This is much cheaper than the use of scythe and plow perpetually.

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