

POINTS FOR FARMERS.

Sometime ago The Gazette ex-  
pressed the opinion that the pros-  
perity and independence of the small  
farmer could better be attained by  
producing articles of home consump-  
tion than by planting cotton exclu-  
sively. Millions of dollars are sent out  
yearly for the purchase of lard and  
bacon when we have every advan-  
tage at our doors to produce these  
indispensable articles. Many farmers  
work hard for months to raise cotton  
which they often haul to the nearest  
store and with the money derived  
from the sale, buy pork and other  
articles of home consumption,  
which, with very little exertion,  
could be made at home. The time  
expended in raising, picking and  
hauling this cotton, if applied to the  
production of pork, would have  
furnish several times the amount of  
meat as good if not better quality.  
The Gazette is pleased to observe  
the active interest recently mani-  
fested by some of our farmers in  
this matter. The glut of the rice  
and cotton markets and the high  
freight tariffs over long lines of trans-  
portation, should impress everyone  
with the necessity of adopting more  
economical methods. The one  
practiced by our fathers years ago—  
when the locomotive was unknown  
and when there was very little if any  
transportation facilities—produce  
more of the necessities of life and  
send away less of the fruits of our  
labor might not be amiss at the  
present time.

THE SUGAR QUESTION.

At the recent conference of sugar  
planters held in this city it was re-  
solved, inter alia, that a committee  
representing the sugar industry of  
this State should go to Washington  
and do what they could to enlighten  
Congressmen as to the ruin that  
must inevitably be wrought to the  
industry in the event of the Wilson  
bill becoming a law with the sugar  
clause in it as originally drafted.

The committee will point out to  
Congressmen the absolute injustice  
of the Wilson bill. It will impress  
upon Congressmen the bad faith  
that is intended to the sugar planters  
in the proposed receding of the  
government from the strict letter of  
the fifteen years' bounty contract  
imposed upon the sugar raisers  
their will in 1890. It will show to  
Congressmen, by figures which can  
neither be gainsaid nor disputed, that  
sugar cannot be raised in this State  
for less than from 4 1/2 to 5 cents  
per pound; that, in fact, as we men-  
tioned several days ago, the average  
cost of raising sugar in Louisiana  
for the last six sessions has been  
5.027 cents per pound. It will point  
out to Congressmen that sugar equal  
in quality to Louisiana sugar is sell-  
ing in New York at 2 3/4 cents per  
pound; and it will ask the simple  
question of Congressmen how it  
could be possible for the sugar plan-  
ters of this State, with sugar which  
cost 4 1/2 cents per pound to raise  
in Louisiana selling at 2 3/4 cents  
per pound, to continue the industry  
with a bounty or a duty less than 2  
cents per pound.

The committee will make it clear  
to Congressmen that the mutilated  
bounty proposition of the Wilson  
bill is not only a glaring breach of  
contract on the part of the govern-  
ment, but that it will mean inevita-  
ble and irretrievable ruin to the  
sugar raisers of this State, we have  
sunk their all, and have everything  
they own in the world at stake, in  
the industry. It will convince, or,  
at least, it will do its best to con-  
vince, Congressmen that nothing  
short of the entire bounty contract  
for the fifteen years, or in its place  
2 cents per pound duty, will save  
the sugar men from the ruin with  
which the Wilson tariff bill threatens  
them.

And if the committee fail to con-  
vince Congressmen to that effect, if  
it fail, in spite of its reasoning, to  
induce Congressmen to alter the  
present proposition back into the  
original fifteen years' bounty con-  
tract, or to have a duty of 2 cents  
per pound, put in lieu of that origi-  
nal bounty contract, then will there  
be nothing left for the committee to  
do but to use all the influence they  
are capable of, not only with the  
Louisiana delegation, both in House  
and Senate, but with Congressmen  
from other States as well, to vote  
against the bill to its defeat.

The Louisiana delegates to Con-  
gress, both Representatives and Sen-  
ators, will be, of course, expected  
to act in harmony with the commit-  
tee in this matter. The very life of  
the State is bound up with the sugar  
industry, and the first and chiefest  
allegiance of Louisiana's Representa-  
tives in Congress is to Louisiana's  
people. The Representatives from  
Louisiana must absolutely refuse,  
therefore, to caucus on the tariff  
bill with the sugar schedule in its  
present condition, and they must  
resolutely decline to be bound by  
caucus rulings. Either the original  
bounty contract of the tariff bill of  
1890 must be reinserted in the Wilson  
bill, or, failing that, a duty of 2  
cents a pound, must be put on im-  
ports of sugar. If neither of these  
propositions be accepted by the  
Congress, then have Louisiana  
Representatives and Senators but  
one duty to perform in the premises

—vote against the bill first, last and  
all the time.

It is a duty which may be dis-  
agreeable to them as Democrats to  
perform, but it is a duty which they  
owe to their people and their State,  
and from it we are sure they will  
not shrink.

Grabbing and Braggling

We remember having read a ser-  
mon with the caption of this arti-  
cle as a text.

We remember distinctly some pas-  
sages even to the very words: "When  
you hear a person repeating the  
wind-mill language," said the  
parson, "that comes like froth to the  
gowler of untenable averments, and  
spiced with a lump of jealousy, he  
knows that there are onions in the  
sass," and added "that this ped-  
dling of adulterated goods is about  
the slough-of-despond-est business in  
which any but a professional Ananias  
could engage.

Don't Grab!

"Grabbing," he continues is a bad  
egg. "It don't pay to grab all you  
see. There are men, in the macula-  
geousness of their desire, hanker  
after everything they see." In busi-  
ness pursuits, you sometimes find  
the "grabber" Grabbing is a  
born instinct with him, and his  
grabbing propensities are developed  
until it becomes a mania. To leave  
a trifle for his neighbors would be  
an act of generosity which he does  
not believe should exist.

It is gratifying to know that the  
American press is outspoken in its  
condemnation of the secret methods  
which have been adopted touching  
momentous national questions. Such  
action is thoroughly reprehensible.  
An open knowledge of acts affecting  
the whole nation is preferable to  
strained expectancy, which is apt to  
result in worse than denunciation if  
public opinion is averse to the course  
pursued. Neither President Cleve-  
land, Secretary Carlisle or the Sen-  
ate have any right to enshroud public  
affairs in mystery, nor will this  
people long tolerate such a course,  
which is that of kingly and imperial  
despotism. The American people  
have a right to know everything  
touching their foreign relations and  
important domestic affairs. Ameri-  
ca is not an autocracy but a demo-  
cratic country.—Shreveport Times.

The western whangdoodle govern-  
ors are having a hard time of it at  
present. Mr. Dolph in the United  
States senate has just denounced as  
false the calamity letter of Governor  
Penneyer to President Cleveland,  
while the same epistle has been re-  
pudiated by the Portland, Oregon,  
chamber of commerce as "erroneous,  
misleading, injurious and not war-  
ranted or substantiated in any man-  
ner by facts or conditions." At the  
same time the senate of the legisla-  
ture called in session by Governor  
Waite of Colorado to set creation  
right side up refuses to print his  
message or to take any action on  
his recommendations and threatens  
to adjourn at once. The reign of the  
dog star is on the wane.—Courier-Journal.

Rose From the Ranks.

The best engineer has been a fireman;  
the best conductors are made of brakemen;  
the best officials are promoted from the ranks.  
Mr. John M. Toucey, general manager of  
the New York Central, was once a trainman.  
President Newell, of the Lake Shore, used  
to carry a chain in an engineering corps on  
the Illinois Central. President Clark, of the  
Mobile and Ohio, was a section man; after-  
wards a fireman. Another man who drove  
grade stakes is President Blockstand, of the  
Alton. Allen Maavill, the late president  
of "the largest road on earth," was a store-  
house clerk. President Van Horn, of the  
Canadian Pacific, kept time on the Illinois  
Central. A man named Town, who used to  
vice brakewheels on the Burlington, is now  
Vice President Town of the Southern Pacific.  
President Smith, of the Louisville & Nash-  
ville, was a telegraph messenger-boy. Presi-  
dent Clark, of the Union Pacific, used to  
check freight and push a truck on the Omaha  
platform. The Illinois Central, I believe,  
has turned out more great men than any  
other road. President Jeffery, of the Denver  
Road Grande, began in the Central shops at  
forty-five cents a day.—McClure's Magazine.

The President has done his full  
duty in demanding of the Hawaiian  
provisional government the restora-  
tion of the government overthrown  
a year ago by the unwarranted aid  
of a United States minister and  
United States troops. The provision-  
al government has declined to  
permit the act of restoration. The  
President can do no more. To do  
more would be an act of war, and  
the declaration of war rests with  
Congress, to whom the administra-  
tion now submits the case. Now let  
those statesmen whose brains have  
been bursting with solutions of the  
Hawaiian difficulty have full swing.  
Courier-Journal.

Stub Ends of Thought.

Dyspepsia is in league with the devil.  
The law directs the head; the gospel the  
heart.

Widows are not as romantic as they  
seem.

A white lie only hurts the liar.

A wife is usually a powerful extinguisher  
to the man who thinks he will set the world  
on fire.

Two souls with but one single thought  
don't often turn that thought on to the cost  
of living.

We say on tombstones what we dared not  
say to the man's face.

It is the real, downright, incurable fool  
who never knows it.

Cupid dehumanized is an angel.

Hope is the gas in the balloon of ambi-  
tion.

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