

Save From Ruin the S.C. Farmer.
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Gov. McLeod.

Hon. Sir:

The continued exodus of the Negro to points North, is now one of the burning problems of the South. What shall we do, to supply the needful labor to work our farms?

A few years since, I was a Delegate to the Reunion of the Confed. Vets. Association, held in the city of Houston, Texas. After we crossed the Mississippi River, on a Southern Pacific Train, I noticed many Mexican Men and women, travelling & getting on & off the train. I engaged with a Louisiana Planter in an extended conversation on labor & S. farms, &c. He informed me that he cultivated 3000 acres of Rice in Calcasieu Parish (County) that he & all his neighbors used Mexican labor exclusively. That, all you had to do was to show the Mexican what & how to do the work you wanted done. That, you could then get on your horse, & ride off and leave him all day. He was no

Eye Servant. He gave them no trouble nor worry whatever. The Mexicans would universally state, that the richer class, who worked the Mexican labor there, ^{in Mexico} paid smallest wage, & they lived hard. That, the Southern people paid better wage, & treated the Mexican labor far kinder & better. Therefore, they were most willing to come to Texas, La., and Ark. and bring their families. I spent near a mo. in Houston and studied the labor problem, at short range. My view is this: History repeats itself. Once the Indian roved the wild unbroken wilderness of the U.S. He has faded before the advance of the Pale face white & Negro races. The Negro has built your R. Roads, cleared the forests, and ~~now~~ in turn he vanishes before our advancing civilization. In your Message treat Labor as a Commodity - as Cotton, Rice, Sugar, Syrup. Let us establish a State Labor Bureau, then the Gov. sends an Apt to Mexico. The farmer & landowner applies to the Bureau, & states what he wants; How many families. The Bureau puts the order to the Apt in Mexico. The ~~useful~~ ^{useful} ~~nos.~~ ^{nos.} come out & the white places are replenished & the shortage labor is relieved.

WALK-OVER SHOES
FOR MEN AND WOMEN

BUSTER BROWN HOSE
FOR THE FAMILY

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DEALER IN

DRY GOODS, CLOTHING, SHOES, AND LADIES'
READY-TO-WEAR

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There is a Natural prejudice
versus foreign labor of any
sort. Our people all
prefer the Negro serot.
and the warr to the con-
ditions of the Slave period
the better we liked it.

But times have changed.
Conditions have changed.

Our Modern Education
produces a people who
seek their avocations in
fields new and different
from those of our past.

The Educated Negro seeks
to become an Evangelist with
a Bible and Hymn Book, or
a learned Prof. in a school.
High prices of war times & Cotton

at 40 Cts. & over ⁴
has gone to produce
unrest & disquiet. The
Negro Soldier carried
North was Educated on
Scenes North - Prices
& courteous treatment,
he does not get South.
Hence they now hunt the
New Eldorado - the land
Elisian. He dreams & seeks
its interpretation as King
Belshazzar in the Book of
Daniel. Not can we stop the
trend. The Mexican is the
hope of So. Ca. Call a Convention
to assemble in Cal. & take action,
or the farms will grow up in ^{weeds}.
A farm of weeds will furnish
no revenue to pay Taxes & State
& Co. If I can have my expenses
provided, I will attend for
Barnwell Co. & help save the
farms of So. Ca. Will you act?
Yours truly - N. A. Patterson