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What It Cost Alabama

Experimenting with a state bank cost Alabama some \$30,000,000, which included her university endowment.

"The History of Alabama Schools" a chapter from "Alabama History" by DuBose, has special significance for North Dakota just now, in view of the contemplated establishment of the Bank of North Dakota. Says DuBose:

"The University was given 46,080 acres of land, which congress had granted to Alabama. These lands were sold at high prices, and the amount received from the sale, if properly invested, would have given a sufficient income to pay the expenses of running the University. The money, however, was placed by an act of the legislature in the state bank, where it was lost."

Records disclose that the Alabama state bank cost approximately \$30,000,000 before it finally was closed and the plan abandoned. The state lost its university endowment, yet here in North Dakota we are turning over our entire school fund to the bank, to be managed by some carpet-baggers who don't pay a dollar taxes.—Fargo Forum.

Mrs. Ella May Fiero

The Cairo, N. Y. Herald:

On Friday morning, May 16, 1919, Mrs. J. W. Fiero, Round Top, N. Y., quietly passed to the reward laid up for those who have spent their lives in unselfish service. She was buried Sunday afternoon, May 18th, in the Round Top cemetery, her pastor, Rev. R. L. Mauterstock, conducting the services.

Ella May Smalling, the only child of her mother, Lovina Gorsline Smalling, was born near Windham, N. Y., April 9, 1861. Her father, Gillet Smalling, was twice married, and the family comprise Ella May, her two half sisters, Frances and Louanna Smalling, and one half brother, Lucerne Smalling, of whom Mrs. Fiero was the last called home.

January 29, 1879, she was married to J. W. Fiero of Round Top, N. Y., by the Rev. Mr. J. L. Ketcham, Methodist minister of Cairo. To this union were born five children, Edith Julia, (Mrs. H. M. Shouse, Danville, Ky.), Maude Louise, John Wesley Jr., Beth Frances, and Rollin Peter. All of her children survive her, and were gathered with their father to pay their last respects of tender love.

In 1882, with the courageous spirit that always animated every endeavor of her life, Mrs. Fiero with her infant daughter, Edith, accom-

panied her husband to what was then a frontier of our country, Griggs Co., N. D. On the unbroken prairie, miles from a single neighbor, she made a real home where tender mother love and wifely devotion, blessed twenty years of labor and hardship and made of them a holy memory to her husband and children. Maude, John and Beth were born in North Dakota. In 1902, Mr. and Mrs. Fiero felt the time had come when they might fulfill for themselves a long cherished dream. They returned to Round Top, N. Y., and purchased Mr. Fiero's childhood home, erecting a modern residence, there to enjoy in their declining years the fellowship of relatives and dear friends of their youth.

Soon after they returned Rollin was born, adding with his developing child life, that which is always needed to make a new home a real home.

During the last six years of her life, Mrs. Fiero was an invalid and the family spent the winter months in Daytona, Fla. Successive shocks of paralysis gradually removed her from vigorous activities that had marked her life, but she bore all with Christian fortitude. She often said that her prayer life was her security against despondency, and she maintained to the last a keen interest in the affairs of her family and the outside world. Words fail us when we would speak of the husband's devotion she enjoyed. Only the words of the All Father express it. "They twain" were "one flesh." All that creature comfort and tender love and devotion could do was done.

But we sorrow not as those who have no hope. Her loved ones with eyes of faith, albeit tear dimmed, look beyond the veil where there is no more pain and sorrow and where we know she is at peace.

"An ax will go wrong, no matter how well it is swung, if it is hung wrong; and a man will go wrong, no matter how wise his head is, if his principles are off the center."

Forage Crops for Hogs

Alfalfa and sweet clover make the best forage crops for hogs. They contain a large per cent of protein, which is absolutely necessary for the growth of the young pigs. Do not pasture too short, especially alfalfa, which is the one most relished by the pigs. Rape makes good pasture, especially in the late summer and fall. It should be planted when there is plenty of moisture. It is second only to alfalfa for summer feeding. Other forage crops are winter rye, barley, brome and Canadian field peas. The first two start sooner than other crops, and can be used to good advantage till the alfalfa and sweet clover is ready. Peas make good pasture, they are high in protein. Do not depend on forage crops alone to grow and fatten hogs. They should receive barley, oats or corn along with the pasture. Remember to have salt and fresh water available.—Farm Information Service, N. D. Agr. College.