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CORN CLUB CONTEST.

"MORE CORN, BETTER CORN, CHEAPER CORN."

Big Number of Farmers Present At the Organization Saturday—Much Interest Manifested.

The above is to be the motto of Franklin county boys.

Twenty two boys have already entered the contest and the lists are still open for others.

Sixteen separate prizes ranging from \$35.00 to \$2.50 have been offered to the boys of Franklin county and in all probability there will be additional prizes.

Then each boy stands a chance for one of the three district prizes of \$25.00, \$15.00, and \$10.00 and best of all the winner in the State will get a free trip to Washington, be introduced to the President as the champion boy corn farmer in North Carolina, and receive a diploma from the Secretary of Agriculture.

Boys under 18 years of age who want to try their hands on raising all the corn possible on one acre should send their names right away to Supt. R. B. White, Louisburg, N. C. He will send the necessary information and tell them how to get into the race.

It was a great thing for Franklin county, that meeting last Saturday. Prof. A. C. Schaub of the Department of Agriculture told in a most interesting way what the boys in other counties had been doing, of the great interest that had been created, and of the good that was being accomplished.

The terms of the contest are simple. Any boy under 18 years can enter. He can take one measure anywhere in the county, except that it must not be in town or be a garden spot. He can put on it all the stable manure he can buy, beg, or borrow. But after the ground is once broken, he must do all the work until the crop is ready to be harvested.

To all who enter the government will send information as to the best methods of planting and cultivation. The following is a list of boys who gave in their names last Saturday.

Ray Woodlief.
Nick Phelps.
Zollie Phelps.
Oscar Hagwood.
Ernest Heyle.
W. E. Mullen.
J. B. King.
W. H. Valentine.
J. E. Valentine.
Vance Pearce.
W. T. Collier.
Herbert Hayes.
Taylor Bartholomew.
Lacy Stallings.
Ollie Phelps.
Linwood Insooe.
Herman Parrish.
Cullom Lancaster.
Creeker Murray.
Jessie Joyner.
W. R. Joyner.
Leslie Perry.

There is time for others to join. Send names to Supt. R. B. White.

Below is given a list of prizes as offered up to the present.

To boys of Franklin county making the largest yield on one acre. By the Louisburg Chamber of Commerce, 1st prize \$25.00, 2nd prize \$15.00, 3rd prize \$10.00. By E. S. Ford, 1st prize \$10.00 in gold, 2nd prize \$5.00 in gold, 3rd prize \$2.50 in gold.

To boys of Franklin county making corn at least cost per bushel on one acre: By Bickett & White, 1st prize \$10.00, 2nd prize \$7.50, 3rd prize \$5.00.

To the farmer making largest yield on one acre will be given \$10 in gold by Meadows & Harris.

In addition to these prizes the

First National Bank of Louisburg will give a \$2.50 gold piece to each boy who makes the largest yield in each one of the ten townships.

Picnic at Perry Mill.

The Misses Tucker gave a very enjoyable picnic at Perry's Mill Pond, about four miles from town, on Easter Monday to which quite a number of their lady and gentlemen friends had been invited. There were many in attendance and the leading amusement was the game of ball by the ladies. The dinner was all that could be expected and all enjoyed the day very much.

Racket Opening.

One of the prettiest sights, to the ladies, that has been presented in Louisburg recently was the spring opening of millinery and ladies dress goods at the Big Racket on Friday and Saturday of last week. Mrs. Hall is well versed in this particular work and when she makes the announcements as to her display the ladies know what to expect, and they come in numbers. There was large crowds at this opening and all were unanimous in the expression that each spring brings prettier things.

Baraca Address.

On Monday night at 8 o'clock at the Methodist church the Baraca Classes and other bible classes of the town were addressed by Mr. Kenneth W. Robinson, of Syracuse, N. Y. His address gave the history and workings of the class for more than twenty years and pointed out the advantages of such classes over the olden way, giving many illustrations. It was very interesting and greatly enjoyed by all who heard it. He also greeted the audience with a solo, "Face to Face," to which he did justice and was also much enjoyed by those present.

Egerton's Opening.

Friday and Saturday of last week was the occasion for the spring opening of ladies dress goods and millinery at F. N. & R. Z. Egerton's store. The millinery department of this well known firm is under the management of Miss Clara Aycooke who has won an enviable reputation as milliner, as was attested by the remarks from the ladies of the town and county who attended this opening. The spring goods and styles as shown this season seems to meet with the hearty approval of the ladies as was evidenced by the many who attended.

Recital.

The recital at the Louisburg Female College on last Monday night afforded much enjoyment to our music loving citizens and quite a number were present. The programme was very well arranged and consisted of a number of vocal and instrumental selections and the fact that it was given under the management of Miss Sallie Williams, instructor in music at the college, was sufficient to our people, and they were not disappointed. After the recital there was an impromptu gathering of the young folks for a short while, and all went home feeling better for the occasion.

Wire Grass Items.

As you have not heard from us in so long guess you think we have taken root, but we have not.

A large crowd enjoyed a nice picnic, fish fry and dance at the intersection of Cedar Creek and Tar River Easter and all report a nice time. Those from a distance were Messrs Julian Pearce and E. F. Miller, of Warrenton.

The farmers are making good use of this fine weather.

With best wishes to the Times and its readers.

"SAL SKIDGEMAN."

SAYS TARIFF BILL DID IT

COUNTRY WILL NOT STAND FOR PAYNE-ALDRICH LAW.

The Massachusetts Landslide Was Anti-Cannon and Anti-Taft—Republican Politicians Do Not Deny the Hand-writing on the Wall.

We reproduce the following which was written by Thomas J. Peace, correspondent of the News Observer at Washington, D. C., under date of March 28th:

All Washington has been astir today over the significant result in the fourteenth Massachusetts district yesterday, which it is conceded on all sides indicates the election of a Democratic House this fall by practically a landslide. The Republicans at the capital are in despair, and impenetrable gloom surrounded the White House on the return of the President this morning.

It is no exaggeration when the statement is made that the Republicans concede the people have turned against them and that the Democrats will capture the fall elections. A frank admission to this effect came today from Congressman Folker, of New York, who is a Republican. Speaking of the Massachusetts result yesterday he said to a bunch of newspaper men, "It proves conclusively, to my mind, that the Democrats will carry the next House. There is no use trying to argue that it is not an indication of the next congressional election. My own State, too, has gone to the Democrats, all there is to it, and there is trouble ahead in other directions."

The Star, the administration organ here, is authority for the statement that the President is convinced his party will be dislodged from power at the coming congressional elections. The Star said this afternoon in speaking of the President's return to the city, "He has intimated his belief that the Democrats will win the next House, owing to the combination of circumstances in their favor."

One of the most significant things in connection with the Massachusetts election is that on the day previous Mr. Taft made a speech in an adjoining State, in which he said the Payne-Aldrich measure was the best tariff bill ever enacted into law, and then he proceeded to praise its author, Senator Aldrich. The Massachusetts voters the next day repudiated that sentiment.

Some Republicans in private conversation seem to take the view that the landslide in Massachusetts was anti-Cannon and anti-Taft in its significance. They cannot dissociate the national and congressional administrations from the result, inasmuch as President Taft, they say, has defended the legislation of Congress.

I call the Massachusetts affair outrageous, exclaimed Representative Adamson, of Georgia. "I have some little human feeling left and really hate to see the enemy handled so brutally. But I'm afraid that the Republicans are in for a worse time next November. The whole House will be Democratic after the landslide with the possible exception of the nine Republican insurgents who voted with the Democrats to unseat Cannon."

Representative Champ Clark, Democratic leader in the House, said today:

"The news from the fourteenth Massachusetts district is the best political information that has come over the wires since the night of election in 1892."

"Taken in connection with the result in the sixth Missouri district, two thousand miles away from the Massachusetts district, is demonstrated to my mind that the same causes are working all over the United States. One of these elections was held in midwinter, the other in the balmy

days of spring and the only difference in the result is that in the later election in Massachusetts the public mind seems to have gone further in the direction of overthrowing the Republicans than it had at the earlier election.

"The cause seems to me to be wide-spread dissatisfaction with the Republican national administration and the Republican Congress. The strongest reason of all, no doubt, is a feeling of dissatisfaction and resentment as to the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill."

Cotton Chopper.

The exhibition of a cotton chopper on our streets the past week by Mr. T. J. King, of Richmond, aroused right much curiosity. The machine is very simple and looks as if it will be a success.

Free Seed.

We are requested to state that Mr. W. O. Stone, of Stallings, has a lot of government seed sent him by Hon. E. W. Pott to distribute among his friends in Franklin county, and that they can get same by calling at his store.

The Bell.

We learned this week that arrangements had been made that every time a new candidate for county office came out the bell in front of McKinnis Bros. store would be tapped, and a friend told us that it tapped one hundred and fifteen times on last Saturday. Possibly this accounts for what some of our people took for a fire alarm Saturday.

Rev. Mr. Swope Resigns.

Our people will learn with much regret that Rev. L. W. Swope, pastor of the Baptist church here, tendered his resignation to his audience on Sunday night, to take effect the first of June. Rev. Mr. Swope is a man of strong christian ideas and during his stay here has made many friends who will not welcome this information.

Fire.

The fire alarm was turned in Monday afternoon about four o'clock and it was very soon learned that the trouble was at the cotton yard. The fire department was soon on the spot and succeeded in extinguishing the fire in a few minutes. The fire was probably caused from sparks from the locomotive of the Louisburg train. There were six bales of cotton on fire and a good size lot covered in grass and undergrowth. The damage was small. The firemen deserve much credit for their prompt action in these cases.

U. D. C.

The monthly meeting of the Jos. J. Davis Chapter will be held in the Masonic Hall on Wednesday afternoon, April 6th at 4:30 sharp. A full and prompt attendance is earnestly desired.

Mrs. J. E. Malone, Pres.
Mrs. R. H. Davis, Sec'y.

Letha Items.

The farmers around here are delighted at the nice farming weather.

Mrs. A. M. Moize and little daughter, Vivian, returned to their home in Durham Thursday after a visit to her father, Mr. T. H. Whitaker.

Miss Ernestine S. Hayes, the principal of "London Academy" spent Easter with her uncle, Mr. Thomas Blackburn, near Mason.

A party from near here went fishing just to have a little fun on Easter Monday, down in T. H. Whitaker's meadow. They had very good luck. It was enjoyed very much by everyone who attended. The fish fry was also enjoyed.

The "London Academy School" will close Friday the first of April and will have a game of ball between the Juniors and Seniors.

Best wishes to the Times.

"PACHARINA."

THE MOVING PEOPLE

THEIR MOVEMENTS IN AND OUT OF TOWN.

Those Who Have Visited Louisburg the Past Week—Those Who Have Gone Elsewhere for Business or Pleasure.

Mr. R. S. McCain, of Henderson, was in town Sunday.

Miss Ellice Alford left Tuesday to visit relatives in Nashville.

Ben Peythress, of Henderson, visited friends in town this week.

Mr. D. C. Strickland, of Apex, was a visitor in town yesterday.

Dr. E. S. Green, of Littleton, spent Easter with his people here.

Messrs F. B. McKinnis and J. D. Winfree left Monday for Princeton.

Deputy Sheriff J. G. Wheeler, of Nashville, was in Louisburg Tuesday.

L. P. Johnson, of Rocky Mount, is visiting his brother, A. F. Johnson.

J. L. Strickland, of New Hill, visited his people in this county the past week.

Mr. J. J. Helmes, of Clarksville, Va., visited his son near town the past week.

Mr. T. J. King, of Richmond, Va., spent Easter with his people in and near town.

Prof. Claude Howard, Dean of English at the University, is visiting Mr. E. J. Newell.

Miss Lillian High, who has been attending a house party in Wilson, returned home Wednesday.

Mr. R. B. Woodson, of Lynnhurgh Va., representing the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company, is a visitor in town this week.

Miss Sallie Pleasants, who is now living at Aberdeen, came home and spent Easter with her people.

Joseph Alford, of Rocky Mount, who has been visiting his people here the past week, returned to his home Tuesday.

Mr. F. W. Hicks and wife and Miss Margaret Hicks went to Wake Forest Wednesday to witness a game of base ball.

Mrs. Ivey Allen left Wednesday for Raleigh to attend a meeting of the teachers and principals of the State which is in session this week.

Mrs. A. F. Johnson, and little daughters, Adelaide and Elizabeth, Misses Eleanor and Louise Thomas and Mr. J. E. Thomas spent Easter visiting friends and relatives in Rocky Mount.

Prof. J. L. Cuninggim, Director of the correspondence school of the Methodist Episcopal church South, of Nashville, Tenn., visited his sister Mrs. R. W. Bailey, the past week. He occupied the pulpit at the Methodist church on Sunday morning and preached a very interesting sermon to quite an appreciable audience.

Dr. Poteat to Deliver Address at Bunn.

We are requested to state that Dr. W. L. Poteat, President of Wake Forest College, has consented to deliver the annual address at the closing of the Bunn High School which will take place on Thursday, April 28th, 1910. The management of this well known school are to be congratulated upon securing the services of such a distinguished educator as Dr. Poteat and we feel sure the community will turn out in a good number to hear his address. The public generally is invited to be present.

To the Boys of Franklin County.

Twenty two boys have joined the corn contest club. There ought to be more than that.

If others who wish to join will let me know, I will send them appli-

cation blanks to be signed, directions for the contest, a button showing membership and will send their names on to the departments at Raleigh and Washington.

The contest is open to boys under 18 years of age. Each contestant shall cultivate one acre of ground and must do all the work himself except breaking up the land and gathering the crop. He is at liberty to get all the advice he can and the Department of Agriculture will send him from time to time helpful instructions. One prize will be given in each township, five prizes in the county, three prizes in the district and the boy making the best record in the State will be given a trip to Washington. There is time enough for others to enter and I hope they will send their names to me right away.

R. B. WHITE,
Louisburg, N. C.

Orphans Concert.

The Oxford Orphans Singing class presented their entertainment to a crowded house here on Tuesday night. The little children did well their parts and our people thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment.

"STOP RIGHT THAR."

Farmers are getting a good deal of advice these days. They are competent to decide whether it is good, and they have progressed so much that they are glad to have the views of thoughtful men. Old methods in many cases are being rejected by the farmers and they are wisely adopting methods that will bring better days. A correspondent writing recently to the Asheville Citizen said "Grow Tobacco," whereupon the Citizen said: "And those who recall the palmy days will sit up and take notice." To this Editor Deal, of the Wilkesboro Chronicle, makes some pertinent remarks that ought to be read by every farmer in the State. Under the heading "Don't Do Her, Bill," the Chronicle says:

"Say, boys, let us whisper something confidentially in your ears. It is all right, if you have time, to recall the palmy days of old, but stop right thar," as Judge Blend used to say. Don't think of going into the raising of tobacco as a business. The 'palmy days of old' are pleasant dreams that must remain dreams—they never again can be realized as long as the government is owned and controlled by trusts as it is today. If you raise tobacco you must sell it to the American Tobacco trust at whatever starvation price it sees fit to pay you. You probably could raise the price a little by organizing bands of night riders, but that would be injurious to your character and health even often danger to your necks, and always disagreeable to your peaceful neighbors. Don't let this talk about the tobacco trust being busted by the courts fool you. It is not busted a single whit; not a single officer is serving time in the pen and won't be as long as the Republican party needs money to run its elections. The tobacco trust is absolutely and vigorously in charge of the tobacco markets today and boys don't be fooled into believing otherwise. If you go to raising tobacco as a business, then you will have to buy your meat from the meat trust, your bread from the Chicago pool of western supplies and your horse and cow feed from farms in other sections of the country. Now, listen, Bill, you and Rube and Mike and Zeke and all of you; the thing for you to do is to put in extra time in raising corn, wheat, grass potatoes, hogs and such like—everything you need to live on; and raise plenty of it, too. And then the trusts can't rob you out of a decent living. In this way we may yet live again the palmy days of old, not besmeared by the sticky tobacco plant."