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FARM ECONOMY.

By Alexander Hyde, in N. Y. Times. Economy is an excellent watchword, but there is a danger in such times as these of the pendulum swinging from the extreme of inflation to the extreme of contraction.

We recently overheard one of these narrow-sighted, pinching fellows thus free his mind on this subject of economy: "In these times it is the duty of every farmer to cut expenses down to the lowest notch."

It is the duty of every farmer to cut expenses down to the lowest notch. I tell my children, when they ask me for clothes, books—anything, no matter what—that the country has just paid \$5,500,000 to England for the privilege of catching codfish, and that I can't afford to buy anything now.

farmers included. The expenses of living have almost doubled on the farm, as well as everywhere else, within the last 20 years.

In the matter of food the expense has not increased so much as in some other directions, but there is room for economy here. One of the first laws of health is that food should be simple, but on most farmers' tables we find pies and cakes, specially pies, fixed up with all manner of spices and flavorings.

Meat is also an expensive food which farmers are wont to indulge in to excess, many demanding it on their tables three times a day. In no country do laborers eat so much meat as in America.

History is said to repeat itself; but it is not likely that the history of the old economical times will ever be repeated, nor is it desirable as a whole. We would not like to go back to feather beds and sandal floors, but in many respects we can make economical and sanitary improvements on modern practices.

casings of the native woods found in his wood lot. These, oiled, are handsome enough without painting. Let the furniture of the house throughout be simple. Simplicity is indicative of good sense and good taste.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE. According to promise, we this week present our readers with a few interesting extracts from his report, and, in face of the fact that a member of our Legislature has presented a petition signed by 193 (one hundred and sixty-three) of the citizens of the State, calling for the repeal of the act establishing the Department of Agriculture, we again make bold to call the attention of all thoughtful minds to the benefits which must accrue to the State by the establishment of the Department.

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Some of our principal streams are yet effectively obstructed to the passage of shad and other fish, except in times of high water, by dams erected from bank to bank by private parties. While it is repugnant to the spirit of our people, as well as to our organic law, to invade the rights of the citizen, yet it is equally repugnant to grant a citizen exclusive privileges and emoluments.

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to such stream from its benefits? By the traps fixed in these dams, not only are the shad caught in their efforts to reach their spawning grounds, but vast numbers of the young shad are destroyed in their exit to the ocean, owing to the peculiar construction of these traps.

I would, therefore, earnestly suggest that the attention of the General Assembly be directed to the importance of enacting an efficient general law, to apply to all our principal waters, for securing the free passage of fish. And in this connection I trust it may not be inappropriate to ask your attention to another subject closely allied to the one under consideration, viz: wanton and reckless destruction of birds and other game in the State.

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It is presumed that the above report does not in any manner refer to the tax of 50 cents per ton, imposed by sections 8, 19 and 20 of the act, since a statement kindly rendered by the State Treasurer, upon my application, shows that the "ton tax" was collected in but three counties. Apart from the difficulty of enforcing it, very grave doubts exist

That the wisdom of the Legislature in imposing this tax is strongly endorsed by the farmers of the State, I beg to call your attention to the following official report, recently made by a committee of farmers appointed by the North Carolina State Agricultural Society, at its recent meeting, to investigate public sentiment in the State in regard to this tax.

The committee to whom was referred by your honorable body the following resolution, viz: "Resolved, That a committee of five farmers be appointed to gather information from the farmers of the State in regard to the working of the tax on fertilizers, and that such committee be instructed to report to our Executive Committee before the first of December next; such report to be furnished the press of the State for publication," respectfully report:—

1. The analysis of the fertilizers used in the State, and the publication of the results of such analysis, enabled farmers to form a more intelligent opinion as to what fertilizers are needed for their crops and what elements are needed by their land.

2. These analyses have checked frauds in the manufacture of fertilizers. They have improved the quality of those imported into the State—many say as much as 20 or 25 per cent.

3. They have exposed gross frauds in some instances and enabled farmers to avoid being cheated by them. 4. Such publications, and the very interesting reports of the Commissioner of Agriculture have, in North Carolina, as in Germany, France, England and several States of this Union, been the means of creating an intelligent interest in questions of agricultural chemistry, and spreading information about the same among the people.

Believed of this embarrassment, and imposing simply the tax of five hundred dollars on each brand sold in the State, it can be effectively, economically and satisfactorily enforced.

State Items. G. M. Roberts has been appointed Postmaster at Asheville, in place of Col. Fagg. The bridge over the Neuse at New Light has been washed away and will have to be entirely rebuilt.

The house of Eli Osborne of Locust Level, Stanly county, was burned on the 13th inst. The building was a total loss, together with \$200 in money.

George Wetters, of Concord, being driven to desperation by drink, shot himself on the 22nd inst. The ball entered his abdomen and he died at three o'clock the following day.

Dr. H. Brien confirms the opinion that plants grow more luxuriantly during earlier stages of development are accelerated by heat than if they are subjected to occasional fluctuations of growth.