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BIG YEAR FOR FARMERS.

AGRICULTURAL PROFITS TO TAKE A JUMP OF ONE BILLION DOLLARS

Farm profits will be \$1,000,000,000 more this year in the United States than they have been during the recent years of depression. At least this is the estimate put forward by the American Agriculturist in its review of the harvests. On the basis of present prospects this authority estimates the corn crop of 1891 at 2,000,000,000 bushels; wheat, 500,000,000 bushels and oats, 622,000,000 bushels. This makes the total prospective crop of corn, wheat and oats 3,122,000,000 bushels or 28.8 per cent over the average of the preceding eleven years.

The Agriculturist believes that unless unexpected influences wholly change the current of events the value of corn on the farm will average in December fully 50 cents a bushel, wheat \$1 per bushel and oats at least 40 cents. On this basis the value of the corn crop to the farmers will be \$1,000,000,000, wheat \$500,000,000 and oats \$250,000,000, or a total of \$1,750,000,000. This is \$450,000,000 more than the value of these crops in 1890 and \$625,000,000 more than the value of the average of these crops from 1880 to 1890 inclusive.

Cotton and rice will command better prices than last season. Cattle are worth one-third more than eighteen months ago, with other live stock in proportion. Tobacco is advancing heavily for cigar leaf (contracts being made for the crop in the field at an advance of 15 to 50 per cent over last year.) Hops are firm at good prices. Winter fruit will command large values and all vegetables are yielding fairly with every indication of a remunerative market.

The export outlook was never better; immensely increased sums will be sent to the United States for our product.

Ullterior influences may, of course, interfere with this brilliant prospect, but we confess we are beginning to share more fully the hopes of certain well informed but conservative agriculturists, who predict better profits for the farmers of the United States during the next five years than ever before. The Agriculturist says there will be no return to "war prices," but the money received above expenses will go further and enable the farmer to get more value out of his profits than at any previous period.

WHAT RELIGION ISN'T.

It isn't going to church to see what people wear, or to find fault with the preacher.

It isn't running in debt for things you don't need and never expect to pay for them.

It isn't giving away a great deal of money publicly, simply that the people may speak well of you.

It isn't staying away from church when you know a special collection is going to be taken.

It isn't leaving one church and joining another whenever you do not like the preacher.

It isn't reading so many chapters a day and saying one prayer over and over.

It isn't sitting in the house and looking solemn, and refusing to eat anything cooked on Sunday.

It isn't putting all the big sound apples on the top of the measure and the little and rotten ones on the bottom.

It isn't telling other people what to do in prayer meeting, and letting them tell you what to do in business matters.

It isn't whipping your boy for smoking while you have got a cigar in your own mouth.

Good Looks.

Good looks are more than skin deep, depending upon a healthy condition of the vital organs. If the Liver be inactive, you have a Bilious look, if your stomach be disordered you have a Dyspeptic look, and if your Kidneys be affected you have a Pinched look. Electric Bitters is the great alterative and tonic and acts directly on the vital organs. Cures Pimples, Blisters, Boils and gives a good complexion. Sold at W. M. Cohen's drugstore, 50c, and \$1 per bottle.

A RARE CASE.

THE RECORDING ANGEL ENTERED UP THE TRANSACTION AND ORDERED ANOTHER STAR TO BE PUT IN HIS CROWN.

About eighteen years ago a country merchant in the Western part of the State sent an order to a Statesville firm for a bill of goods and gave a citizen of Statesville for reference. This citizen was called upon and enquired of concerning the customer and said he thought the firm would be safe in shipping the goods—he believed the merchant would pay for them. Time went on and the bill was not paid. Presently the merchant failed. Judgment was gotten against him and the judgment docketed, but there was no property subject to execution and the account was charged up to profit and loss. Once or twice the gentleman whom the broken merchant had referred to enquired of the creditor firm if the bill had ever been paid, and once, when going to the mountains in the direction of the debtor, he took a bill and tried to collect it, but failed. Some days ago he stepped into the store of the firm here and calling up the matter said he didn't feel right about it and wanted to pay that debt himself. The head of the firm told him by no means could he allow that—they they had only asked him for his best opinion about the man and had never thought of holding him responsible for the debt. He said he knew that, but all the same he would feel better if he paid off the claim, and after a lot of argument on the part of the merchant and insistence on the part of the visitor, the account was looked up, the interest figured and the gentleman shelled out \$101 and paid the bill.

This is a rare case, but if the name of this honest, conscientious man were told the people of Statesville would not be surprised at all; each of them would say: "Why, I might have known it was he! it's just like him!" And it is. But when the recording angel entered up the transaction he ordered another star to be put in his crown which has for years and years been waiting for this noble, godly man.—Statesville Landmark.

NOT A CRIME.

"Your Honor," said a prosecuting attorney in an Alabama backwoods court, according to the Arkansas Traveller, "the prisoner at the bar is charged with killing one of the most exemplary citizens of this country. Andrew D. Boyson, Your Honor, was in every respect a model man. He was a beloved member of the church, and was never known to be guilty of an unchristian act. Why, Your Honor, he was never known to bet on horses; play poker, drink whisky or use tobacco. He—"

"Hold on a minute," the Judge broke in: "You say he did not bet on horses?" "That's what I say, Your Honor." "And he didn't play poker?" "Never was known to play a game." "And he never drank liquor?" "And he didn't chew tobacco?" "Never took a chew in his life." "Well, then," said the Judge, leaning back with a sigh. "I don't see what he wanted to live for. There wasn't anything in life for him, and I don't see why he ain't about as well off dead as alive. Release the prisoner, Mr. Sheriff, and call the next case."

Guaranteed Cure for La Grippe.

We authorize our advertised druggist to sell you Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, upon this condition. If you are afflicted with La Grippe and will use this remedy according to directions, giving it a fair trial, and experience no benefit, you may return the bottle and have your money refunded. We make this offer because of the wonderful success of Dr. King's New Discovery during last season's epidemic. Have heard of no case in which it failed. Try it. Trial bottles free at W. M. Cohen's drugstore. Large size 50c, and \$1.

Many Persons are broken down from overwork or household cares. Brown's Iron Bitters rebuilds the system, aids digestion, removes excess of bile, and cures malaria. Get the genuine.

A PETRIFIED HORSE.

INTERESTING DISCOVERY RECENTLY MADE IN INDIAN TERRITORY.

A Talefquah, I. T., dispatch to the Philadelphia Times says: There was recently taken from a small creek near Stringtown, I. T., a genuine curiosity in the shape of a petrified horse, which had, beyond doubt, been lying in the bed of the stream for many years. The creek, which is known as Mason's ford, has been dwindling away for some time, owing to the failure of the springs by which it is fed and is now but a shallow rivulet, and a number of Indian relics, human bones, etc., have been taken from its bed.

The horse was nearly covered by a deposit of sand and loose limestone and was discovered only by chance, some boys wading in the creek catching sight of a portion of one leg. Examining this, it was found to have turned entirely into stone, which led to the whole being dug out and carried to shore. The horse a large white one, seems to be the work of cunning sculptor, so completely has the petrification been, even the hairs of the mane and tail being converted into stone.

In the neck and piercing one of the largest veins is an arrow, in all probability the cause of its death, and which probably struck it as it stood on the banks of the creek, into which it rolled in its death agony. It sides still show the marks of a saddle, and its flanks are cut as by spurs used with desperation, but no brand or other mark gives a clue to its rider.

In removing it from the stream one hoof was unfortunately broken off, but with this exception it is perfect. It is now on exhibition in Stringtown, but is shortly to be presented to the Smithsonian Institution though several agents for dime museums have endeavored to secure it for their enterprises.

SPONGE CULTURE.

The United States Fishery Commission is preparing to try the experiment of sponge propagation on the southern coast of Florida. This has been done on a small scale in the Adriatic, and with one class of sponges on the Florida coast, and enough success has been attained to warrant other and more extensive work. The process is to cut the freshly plucked sponges into small pieces these to stones and drop them back into the sea. The sponges of commerce are obtained from the Mediterranean and the Red sea and from the Bahamas and the Florida coast. In Eastern waters they are gathered by divers at a depth varying from 50 to 250 feet, while on the Florida coast they are caught by a hook attached to a long pole. The great consumption of this curious marine product has resulted in over-fishing and the depletion of the natural beds, hence this experiment in sponge gardening.

FASHION IN DISEASES.

"Diseases become fashionable just like styles of dress," says a physician. "Look, for instance, at the remarkable run that malaria has had. About two dozen distinct ailments, not one of which is due to bad air, (malaria) now go by that name. Even the physicians humor many of their patients by using the word when they know that something else is the matter. Then take heart failure. A few years ago there was no such thing as heart failure. There is no such thing now outside the newspapers. Or rather to speak more accurately, every death is due to heart failure; that is to the inability of the heart to work any longer."

The Great Benefit

Which people in run down state of health derive from Hood's Sarsaparilla, conclusively proves that this medicine "makes the weak strong." It does not act like a stimulant, imparting fictitious strength but Hood's Sarsaparilla builds up in a perfectly natural way all the weakened parts, purifies the blood, and assists to healthy action those important organs, the kidney and liver.

A NECRO AERONAUT.

ONE IS CARRIED UP BY ACCIDENT IN A BALLOON AT CAROLINA BEACH.

The crowd of people that assembled at Carolina Beach yesterday to witness the balloon ascension and parachute drop by Prof. Jewell were treated to a surprise—a sensation that was startling in the extreme.

Cass Hill and Charley Williams—the former black and the latter brown—were employed by Prof. Jewell, aeronaut, to stand inside the balloon during the process of inflation and throw water on the stray sparks that might lodge against the walls of the balloon. Cass was cautious, and warned Williams to keep his weather-eye open while the balloon was filling. The process consumed about twelve minutes, and at last Professor Jewell cast off the stay rope, and called to Cass to cover the furnace, and then startled the audience with the accustomed formula. "Well, good bye, ladies and gentlemen. Let go all!" Everybody looked to see the Professor jerked into the air in his parachute, but instead, saw the parachute tear loose from the balloon and a helpless tender-foot tangled in the ropes leading from the balloon to the parachute. Before a man could count ten the wretched man was swinging in the upper deep. Professor Jewell called out, "Hold on fast and be of good cheer and you will come down all right." "I'll do it," came back in faint tones, and away went the victim. Ladies screamed and some prayed his safety. Everybody expected that he would faint and fall headlong, and all hoped that the balloon would soon descend. But higher it sped, until Charley Williams—angling in the rope—looked like a knot in a shoe string.

At last, when hope had almost died away, the balloon was seen to turn downward, and now a new danger threatened the man who had clung so desperately to the ropes, for the balloon came very near upsetting and enveloping him; but it righted and continued to descend with ever increasing speed. Surely, thought the people, even if he holds on he will be dashed to death by the rapid descent, and a great crowd ran westward to witness the final catastrophe. Williams, however, disengaged himself from the ropes and escaped unhurt. He was in a profuse perspiration, though the day was cool, and did not know whether he was a Blaine Republican or a Tammany heeler. The first words he uttered when assured of his safety were: "I ought to have the money, 'case I'm the one that went up." Scores of hands were stretched out to him and a moderate shower of nickels, dimes, quarters and halves made him glad.—Wilmington Star.

RED HAIR IN PARIS.

Says a Paris letter: The one thing absolutely de rigueur is red hair. Blondes and brunettes seem to have been wiped off the face of the earth, so far as Paris is concerned, and there is hardly a woman in a hundred who cannot boast of locks the shade that Titian loved. A wonderful preparation is to be had that works the transformation. It is put on at night and the head bandaged in many folds of cloth. In the morning comes the hair-removing moment. The swathings are removed, but such are the peculiar properties of the compound that no one can tell beforehand whether the hair will turn out the desired hue or purple or green. If it is red the color stays for a month or two, and if it is green nobody knows what happens, for the wretched victim retires to the country, not to be seen again for at least a year.—Chicago Times.

WE CAN AND DO

Guarantee Dr. Acker's Blood Elixir, for it has been fully demonstrated to the people of this country that it is superior to all other preparations for blood diseases. It is a positive cure for syphilitic poisoning, Ulcers, Eruptions and Pimples. It purifies the whole system and thoroughly builds up the constitution.

For sale at W. M. Cohen's drugstore, Weldon, N. C.

ON THE THIRD PARTY.

FROM SPEECH AT RED SPRINGS, N. C., REPORTED IN THE CHARLESTON NEWS-COURIER.

We farmers of the South and West know that we are growing in power day by day, and we have sworn by the eternal God that our demands shall be granted by the robbers. [Applause and cheers.] What strange scenes have we witnessed of late! The farmers have organized; driven to it by stern necessity. They did not care about organization when they were prosperous. Now the alliance between the South and West has some promises of realization. In Kansas and other northwestern states—"Bleeding Kansas," the blackest of black Republican states—which helped to make us in South Carolina, at least, subservient to the black horde that once dominated our State, the farmers with poverty staring them in the face and the sheriff behind them with their mortgages unpaid, have been driven to adopt Democratic principles in spite of themselves. [Applause.] They haven't the manliness to come out and say we have been wrong and you were right. Instead of joining the Democratic party outright, they want to organize a Third Party.

They won't come right square into the Democratic party, although I admit it is hard for a fellow who has been voting one way for twenty-five years to confess he was wrong; but we don't care how they help us so long as they do help us. [Laughter and applause.] If they want to vote for Democratic principles in the Third party, in God's name let us send them joyful greetings, for if we can divide those fellows up there we'll have a showing then, won't we, boys? [Applause.] But I am afraid that that Third party idea has taken too strongly down South, and I hear that there is too much of it especially in North Carolina. I may be mistaken, but I have got the impression that there is an under current that may carry off a lot of you by next summer.

I would like to talk about this to men who have always been Democrats in mind, heart, soul and body, Democracy is bred in their very bones. You often hear it said: "If the Democratic party don't give us what we want we don't care what we do." Now that is a bad attitude to assume towards anybody or party. You can't bulldoze the American people, and there are often things involved in party principles that cannot permit certain things to be done.

A WORD OF WARNING.

I would call the attention of these men who are running after an ignis fatuus to the deeds and misdeeds of the Republican party. Ever since 1860 that party has been responsible primarily for every piece of devilment that has been perpetrated in the United States. [Applause.] How can I prove it? Up to 1874 they controlled the House, the Senate and the President. In that year the Democrats carried the house, but the other fellows held the Senate and President. They stole the Presidency in 1876, but a lie well struck to is as good as the truth, and a de facto President is as good as a de jure President when he holds the fort. The Republicans held the fort and they were responsible for all the acts of the Government. Once we had the House and Senate, but the Republican President had the veto power.

Last year the Republicans—the House, Senate and President—the House, Senate and President at what they wanted to do, to reconstruct us—to make stand on the apex any day again.

THE NEGRO AS A

And yet some Democrats jeoparding Democracy asserted, the Democratic party has had no opportunity to do for the relief of the people. It only been able to hang on the back Radical party and keep it from more devilment. Is there any reason any Democrat should grow weary this long struggle, and especially victory is about to perch on and fly after utter pollution. They will not do it in South Carolina. I do not believe you will Carolina. [Applause]

THE OLD NORTH STATE.

AS CULLED FROM OUR EXCHANGES.

The net earnings of the penitentiary for July were \$6,000.

Governor Holt will move into the governor's mansion about September 1.

Mr. T. R. Eagle, of Wilson county, lost a tobacco barn by fire a few days ago.

The Edgecombe Guards will be in camp a week at Raleigh during the Exposition.

Hugh F. Murray, a prominent lawyer of Wilson, died last week, at the age of 49 years.

A young man by the name of Thomas Goodwin was drowned at Elizabeth City last week.

A thirteen-year-old boy was last week sentenced to the penitentiary from Orange county for highway robbery.

The first bale of new cotton grown in this State this year was shipped from Anson to Charleston on the 20th.

A music festival will be held at Raleigh on October 1 and 2 in honor of the opening of the Southern Exposition.

The Supreme court will meet on the twenty-eighth of September. Applicants for license to practice law will be examined the Friday and Saturday before.

In Statesville is an old printing press which was in use in Charlotte before the Revolution. The Mecklenburg declaration of independence was printed on it.

The U. S. Attorney for the eastern district of this State notes the fact that there is this year an increase in "blockading" and in crimes against the postoffice laws.

D. A. McDougal, who is charged with the murder of his uncle, Simon Connelly, in Robeson county, in April, last was arrested in Oregon last week and taken to Laurinburg for trial.

The executive committee of the Insane Asylum at Raleigh has decided to put new roofs on the buildings and four fire-proof stairways of iron, enclosed in circular towers outside the building.

The Board of Education has ordered the colored normal school now at Franklinton to be opened at Warrenton on the first of October. The faculty has been elected and citizens have given the use of buildings.

Work has already begun on that portion of the building of Trinity College that fell down. The loss to the College was only about \$5,000. The contractor will lose the balance as the building committee had not accepted the work.

Mrs. Hansley, of Onslow county, had to leave her crawling child for a few minutes alone, and during it might fall out doors tied a rope around its waist and to the bed post. When she returned the rope was around the child's neck and it was dead.

The Southern Tobacco Journal says: "The tobacco crop of Eastern North Carolina is now playing an important part in the annual yield of the State, while five years ago it amounted to practically nothing. Since 1888 markets have been established in Louisiana, Rocky Mount and Wilson, and in Tarboro and Greenville will continue. A new golden belt has been discovered, which will..."