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The Methodist Episcopal Church South, held a Conference in Dallas, Texas, recently and agreed to undertake to raise \$1,000,000 in the next three months for the Southern Methodist University at Dallas. This does not look like the churches are losing their hold.

BANKS AND PIGS

North Carolina sends \$5,000,000 out of the State every year for meat alone to the West.

The First National Bank of Lexington, is doing a real service to Davidson county. The bank has arranged to buy three car loads of pigs from Missouri and distribute them among the farmers of Davidson county, taking their notes payable in a year.

Some suggests this is an advertising scheme. Suppose it is. It is getting down to something practical. The bank is welcome to all the advertising it will get out of this, for it is doing that which looks to the betterment of the State.

WORKING FOR BETTER CROPS

The Citizens Bank, of Concord, is organizing a corn club of its own, the purpose being to stimulate more care and more thoroughbred hogs prices for the best yields of corn. Prizes are given in money.

The bank has gathered the figures and shows that Cabarrus has sent out nearly five hundred thousand dollars every year for flour, meat and feedstuffs, all of which should be grown by farmers. By raising these things at home nearly half a million dollars would be put in the pockets of the farmers of that county.

The bank offers a number of prizes, the prizes to consist of money, coupled with blooded stock for the winners. Commenting upon this the Salisbury Post says:

"According to the United States government our State has the best all round soil in the Union. It is best adapted for growing all crops—and there is no reason why we should not grow our own food and then sufficient cotton to put millions in the bank. Every county in the State ought to grow more foodstuffs, by all means its feed for stock and grow cotton for a surplus money crop."

HOW TO WEED OUT POOR TEACHERS

One of the troublesome things to contend with is to secure good teachers in the public schools.

The State has provided county high schools in the different counties where thorough teacher training can be had.

In Randolph county there are three county high schools, Farmer, Liberty and Trinity. Tuition is furnished at these high schools free to all the boys and girls of Randolph county, who have completed the common school studies.

In McDowell county the board of education at the January meeting took a forward step by adopting the following resolutions:

"Whereas, there is a demand throughout McDowell county for better prepared teachers, both in scholarship and professional training, and Whereas, the State and the county offer full high school course in the county high schools, which are accessible and without cost to all the boys and girls of McDowell county who have completed the common school studies, therefore be it

Resolved—First, that beginning with July 1, 1915, all applicants for teachers' certificates to teach in McDowell county, who have never taught before, must present to the county superintendent a certificate from an accredited high school with a full four years' course of study and has completed the following high school subjects for four years. English, history and mathematics.

Second, that all such applicants must present to the county superintendent a certificate showing the com-

pletion of at least four weeks' normal training course in some accredited high school."

Evidently it is the purpose of the board of education in McDowell county to raise the standard as to professional teachers in that county. The county high schools should offer a full course in teacher training.

YOU'RE CONSTIPATED BILLIOUS!—CASCRETS

Tonight! Clean Your Bowels and End Headaches, Colds, Sour Stomach

Get a 10-cent box now. No odds how bad your liver, stomach or bowels; how much your head aches, how miserable and uncomfortable you are from constipation, indigestion, billiousness and sluggish bowels—you always get the desired results with Cascarets.

Don't let your stomach, liver and bowels make you miserable. Take Cascarets tonight! Put an end to the headache, billiousness, dizziness, nervousness, sick, sour, gassy stomach, backache and all other distress; cleanse your inside organs of all the bile, gases and constipated matter which is producing the misery.

A 10-cent box means health, happiness and a clear head for months. No more days of gloom and distress if you will take a Cascaret now and then. All druggists sell Cascarets. Don't forget the children—their little insides need a gentle cleansing, too.

One of the Times.

Pinetop—So you're a traveling man. It must be a trying life." Ragley (yawning)—"It is. We meet awful holes at times."

When Jude Looks Important.

Jude Johnson never looks more important than when he is having his shoes shined with the money he always has in his pocket.

Inconsistent Man.

When a man marries, he wants an angel; then, after the honeymoon, he grows to wish he didn't get a cook.

Keeping Aluminum Bright.

To remove stains from aluminum cooking utensils dissolve four tablespoonfuls of oxalic acid crystals in a gallon of water. Let this boil in the dishes for five minutes, then wash and rinse carefully with clean water.

Last Hole, Indeed.

The story is told of an ancient Scotch golfer whose companion died and was about to be buried. The Scotsman struggled out to the cemetery to be present at the interment, and arriving there, did not know where the grave was. He summoned a boy with a whistle. "Whist, lad," he said. "It's a new course. Whist's the hole!"

Process of Milking.

I do not know that the process of milking has ever been described. The forefinger first clasps the upper part of the teat, and then the middle, ring and little fingers, in rapid succession, so as to drive the milk before them through the orifice. The knack is rather difficult to acquire, and at first very wearying to the hands, though this soon passes.—From "A Farmer's Note Book," by C. E. D. Phelps.

Trinidad's Miconce Trees.

The miconce tree, which is found in Trinidad, has many peculiarities. For one thing, its seeds germinate on the branches, and when the shoots are considerably grown they fall off and take root in the mud. As the young tree grows it sends out fresh roots from its trunk and lower branches, until at last the tree seems to be supported by a network of roots, or complicated series of arches, in the midst of which crabs, aquatic birds and insects take up their abode.

SALTS IS FINE FOR KIDNEYS, QUIT MEAT

Flush the Kidneys at once when Back Hurts or Bladder bothers—Meat forms uric acid.

No man or woman who eats meat regularly can make a mistake by flushing the kidneys occasionally, says a well-known authority. Meat forms uric acid which clogs the kidney pores so they sluggishly filter or strain only part of the waste and poisons from the blood, then you get sick. Nearly all rheumatism, headaches, liver trouble, nervousness, constipation, dizziness, sleeplessness, bladder disorders come from sluggish kidneys.

The moment you feel a dull ache in the kidneys or your back hurts, or if the urine is cloudy, offensive, full of sediment, irregular of passage or attended by a sensation of scalding, get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any reliable pharmacy and take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia and has been used for generations to flush clogged kidneys and stimulate them to activity, also to neutralize the acids in urine so it no longer causes irritation, thus ending bladder disorders.

Jad Salts is inexpensive and causes no injury; makes a delightful after-dinner lithia-water drink which all regular meat eaters should take now and then to keep the kidneys clean and the blood pure, thereby avoiding chronic kidney complications.

CARE IN HATCHING EGGS ESSENTIAL



Artificial Brooding of Chicks, Showing Arrangement of Outdoor Brooders. (Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

When it is noted that a hen sits on the nest for two or three nights in succession, she is ready to be transferred to a nest, which should be prepared for her beforehand. This nest should be in a box and composed of straw, hay, or chaff for nesting material. Dust the hen thoroughly with insect powder each week while setting. In applying the powder hold the hen by the feet, head down, working the powder well into the feathers, giving special attention to regions around the vent and under the wings. The powder should also be sprinkled in the nest. The nest should be in some quiet, out-of-the-way place on the farm, where the setting hen will not be disturbed. Move her from the regular laying nest at night. Put a china egg or two in the nest when she is set and place a board over the opening so that she cannot get off. Toward evening of the second day leave some feed and water and let the hen come off the nest when she is ready. Should she return to the nest after feeding, remove the china egg or eggs and put under those that are to be incubated. In cool weather it is best to put not more than ten eggs under a hen, while in the spring one can put twelve

wise many hens remain on the nest and brood the chickens for at least twenty-four hours after the hatching is over. Chickens hatched during the winter should be brooded in a poultry house or shed, while the outside weather conditions are unfavorable; after the weather becomes settled, they should be reared in brood coops out of doors. Brood coops should be made so that they can be closed at night to keep out cats, rats, and other animals, and enough ventilation should be allowed so that the hen and chicks will have plenty of fresh air. Hens will successfully brood ten to fifteen chickens in the early breeding season, and eighteen to twenty-five in warm weather, depending upon the size of the hen.

The hen should be confined in the coop until the chicks are waned, while the chickens are allowed free range after they are a few days old. When hens are allowed free range and have to forage for feed for themselves and chicks they often take them through wet grass, where the chicks may become chilled and die. Then, too, in most broods there are one or two chicks that are weaker than the others, and if the hen is allowed free range the weaker ones often get behind and out of hearing of the mother's cluck and call. In most cases this results in the loss and death of these chicks, due to becoming chilled. The loss in young chicks due to allowing the hen free range is undoubtedly large.

Chickens frequently have to be caught and put into their coops during sudden storms, as they are apt to huddle in some hole or corner where they get chilled or drowned. They must be kept growing constantly if the best results are to be obtained, as they never entirely recover from checks in their growth even for a short period. Hens should be left with the chicks as long as they will brood them.

TIME TO INVEST IN MULES

War is Having as Great Influence on Industry as on Market for Meat Animals.

To the man who has feed, but who hesitates to invest in cattle or sheep, either because of the high initial cost or the uncertain prospects at selling time, may occur the idea of feeding young horses or mules. The war is having fully as great an influence on the horse and mule business as on the market for meat animals.

Seemingly, therefore, the present time is most propitious for buying young mules. They may be bought \$25 to \$35 lower than usual, and when they are three or four years old there is every reason to believe they can be sold for \$35 to \$50 a head more than in an ordinary year heretofore. Growing mules will have a greater value than usual during the next two or three years, in case owners want to borrow money on them.

In buying mule colts, it is advisable to buy females. The cotton trade pays \$15 to \$25 a head more for mare mules than for males, because they are better shaped and look more trim. Mare mule colts will cost \$5 or \$10 a head more than males. Railroad contractors and mine workers prefer male mules because they can stand more work, but the cotton trade preference for females overbalances this demand to the extent indicated.

Kansas and Missouri are the great surplus mule states. At the present time it is possible to buy any reasonable number of weaning mule colts within a radius of 100 miles, or less, of Kansas City, in a comparatively short time. Missouri possesses about 350,000 mules, Kansas something less than 300,000. Each of the cotton growing states has between 200,000 and 300,000 mules, Texas more than 500,000, but they raise comparatively few mules.

Raise All Your Feed.

While it may be better to use some mill feeds during the winter, profitable dairying can be carried on with farm raised feeds alone. The man who has plenty of alfalfa hay and good corn need not worry about not having the elements of a balanced ration. If in addition he has alfalfa he can afford to forget about the mills and their products.

Save the Best Heifers.

Good cows are scarce. Save the best heifers and grow them into big, useful cows.



Dusting Hen With Insect Powder Before Setting, to Kill Vermin.

to fifteen, according to the size of the hen. If eggs become broken while the hen is setting, replace the nest with new clean material and wash the eggs in lukewarm water so as to remove all broken egg material from them.

Many eggs that are laid are infertile. For this reason it is advisable to set several hens at the same time. After the eggs have been under the hen for seven days they should be tested as to whether they are fertile or infertile. Infertile eggs should be removed and used at home in cooking or for omelets, and the fertile eggs should be put back under the hen. In this way it is often possible to put all the eggs that three hens originally started to sit on under two hens and reset the other hen again. A good homemade egg tester or candler can be made from a large shoe box or any box that is large enough to go over a lamp by removing an end and cutting a hole a little larger than the size of a quarter in the bottom of the box, so that when it is set over a common kerosene lamp the hole in the bottom will be opposite the blaze. A hole the size of a silver dollar should be cut in the top of the box to allow the heat to escape. An infertile egg, when held before the small hole with a lamp lighted inside the box, will look perfectly clear, the same as a fresh one, while the fertile egg will show a small dark spot, known as the embryo, with a mass of little blood veins extending in all directions if the embryo is living. The testing should be done in a dark room.

If the eggs hatch unevenly, those which are slow in hatching may be placed under other hens, as hens often get restless after a part of the chickens are out, allowing the remaining eggs to become cooled at the very time when steady heating is necessary. Hens should be fed as soon as possible after the eggs are hatched, as feeding tends to keep them quiet; otherwise

New Meat Market

Just Opened in Rear of J. C. Hannah & Son's Store.

A full line of meats and fish will be handled.

All meats will be inspected by a competent inspector.

Asheboro Meat Market

RANDOLPH TO HAVE COUNTY COMMENCEMENT

THE DATE WILL BE FRIDAY, APRIL 2—BELOW IS A LIST OF PRIZES FOR THE OCCASION—ALL OF THE FOLLOWING APPLIES TO THE SEVEN GRADES—EACH SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY MAY TAKE A PART.

Asheboro, N. C., Feb. 1, 1915.

To The Teachers of Randolph County:

Speaking.

Each school is entitled to a declaimer and a reciter chosen from any grade below the eighth to compete for a gold medal. These declamations and recitations should not be over eight minutes long. Write Dr. L. R. Wilson, Chapel Hill, N. C., for bulletin of Declamations.

Spelling

Each school is entitled to one pupil from any grade below the eighth to contest for a prize given by Mr. Hugh Parks in spelling. The spelling will be oral; each one missing a word will sit down and the last person left standing will be the winner. The books from which words will be given are Reeds Word Lesson and A Spelling Book.

- 220 yard dash.
- Quarter mile run.
- Running broad jump.
- Running high jump.

A suitable prize will be given to each boy winning an event and also one will be given to the school winning the greatest number of events.

Displays

There will be a display of writing, map drawing, free hand drawing, specimens of written spelling through the grades and any other specimens of any work done at your school. A prize will be given by the Woman's Club, to the school making the best display. Begin now to prepare your exhibits.

Athletics

Each school will be entitled to enter two pupils from any grade below the eighth for the following athletic events:

- 100 yard dash.
- imesa of written spelling through the grades and any other specimens of any work done at your school.

A prize will be given to the boy or girl writing an essay of not more than 1500 words on any phase of Randolph County's Life.

Diplomas

The pupils passing a satisfactory examination to be given March the 18th and 19th on the following subjects will be given a County diploma:

- Milnes' Progressive Arithmetic book III to page 192.
- Spelling—A Spelling Book or Reeds Word Lesson.
- Geography—Dodges Comparative Geography.
- Sanitation—Richies Primer of Sanitation.
- Agriculture—Hill, Burkett and Stevens Agriculture for Beginners.
- History—Our Republic.
- Grammar—Essential Studies in English book II.

All high schools ending two or more weeks later than April the 2nd will be given an examination and diplomas will be awarded at their regular commencements.

Certificates

Certificates will be given to all pupils who have been neither tardy nor absent during the school year. Remember this applies to the first seven grades this year.

The examination will be given on seventh grade studies. All pupils studying as many as two text books higher than these are ineligible to compete.

The events are so arranged that each school in the county may take a part it makes no difference how large the school may be or how small. The rural schools will have the same chance along with the city school. Do not think because your school is small that you cannot compete.

The success of the county commencement depends on your co-operation. Let me urge you to do all you can to make this one of the greatest educational events in the history of Randolph.

If you think the commencement a good thing drop me a letter saying you will do all you can to make it a success.

The pupil winning a prize this year will not be eligible for the same prize next year.

Yours very truly,

T. FLETCHER BULLA, County Superintendent of Schools.

Be sure to have our Antiseptic Supplies for the sick room

Pure, fresh Drugs.



Bad BLOOD POISONING is a danger to be feared; it causes death quickly and surely. The safe thing to do when any wound is made is to come to us for antiseptic bandages and supplies. Many a life has been lost by using "just anything" in dressing wounds. You can rely upon anything you get at our drug store.

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