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OF INTEREST TO TOBACCO FARMERS.

In view of the probability of cotton farmers going wild over the big prices paid for cotton the last several months, and of the great danger of an over-production of the staple next year and the consequent neglect of the supply crops, Mr. Harvie Jordan, of Monticello, Ga., President of the Southern Cotton Growers' Protective Association, says in an address to the cotton farmers:

The increase of our cotton acreage can only be made at the expense of our supply crops. This would be a suicidal policy even if we felt assured that the prices of cotton for next season could be maintained at 10 and 12 cents per pound from the opening to the close of the selling season.

Southern cotton producers now face the greatest opportunity they have had since 1865 to control the cotton situation next season and force the buyers of their staple to pay them its true and legitimate value. The first thing most useful is to make the smoke-house and corn crib the bulwark of safety between the growers and the commercial world. This can only be done by steadfastly clinging to the usual acreage devoted to supply crops and appreciating the high importance of a correct system of diversified agriculture.

Farmers who purchase their supplies with which to make the cotton crop under existing conditions cannot do so at less than 10 cents per pound for their staple. Great nations are now at war, and the price of provisions will necessarily be much higher than at present before the end of the year. The question of provisions for the vast armies is of more importance than that of clothing. The greatest mistake ever made by Southern cotton producers will be to reduce their usual acreage in wheat, corn, oats, peas, sorghum and other similar crops in order to create an abnormal acreage in cotton which cannot be profitably cultivated or sold. We want to make enough cotton to meet the world's requirement for our staple next fall, but we will need the supply crops just as much, if not more, than the cotton.

The advice Mr. Jordan gives the cotton farmers is advice severely needed by the tobacco farmers of Stokes. The Reporter is not a farmer, but it believes that the most scientific tobacco men of North Carolina know what they are talking about when they tell our farmers it is ruinous for them to risk everything on tobacco. There is a grave danger that 1904 will witness the growing of the biggest crop of tobacco in the history of the country, notwithstanding the Trust has cut the throats of our people.

The news flies from the eastern sections of North Carolina that the farmers of that region will quit tobacco. This causes the Piedmont farmers to take hope and try again. In the meantime the eastern fellows are told that the West is done with tobacco and will try hog and hominy. The result is obvious. The easterner gets fooled like his western brother and both repent in sackcloth and ashes. The Trust in the meanwhile grows fatter, and smiles and winks, as it soothes the feelings of the farmers by assuring them that the crop is sorry—lacks body and wax. They pay the growers 6 cents for it and sell it back to them in plug at from 50 to \$100 per pound.

The Reporter is very anxious for the interests of the farmers and hopes they may learn a lesson by the past. A short crop of tobacco will bring more money than an abnormally large one.

TOBACCO NOT BAD AS SOW-PAW.

"Reformer," Of Tuttle, Asks "Tot" Some Questions.

Tuttle, March 8.

Mr. Editor:
The article headed in your last week's paper "tobacco as bad as whiskey" does not prove it and there is very good reason why Mr. Tot failed to prove his statement, and the next fellow may take it up (and be a giant by the side of little Tot) yet he will also fail for the statement cannot be proven. It seems that Mr. Tot is very sensitive along the question he is trying to hold up, yet he says he will not take the defensive side. Mr. Tot admits that the liquor traffic is one of the greatest evils in our land, and that it has blighted more lives and sent them on the downward road to destruction and despair than any other one evil to be named, and were it possible for us to banish it from the face of the earth by our ballot we could not do it quick enough. He also says as it is here and will ever be it behooves us as citizens to make the best of the situation. I now ask Mr. Tot to tell the people why these distilleries are being put up at Walnut Cove? Did you lend a hand in the election for them to come to your place? How are you making the best of it you can? Did you mean that you wanted it as handy as possible? I know not why you have taken the position along this line that you have and in reply to your criticism on my name I will say that if our mistakes were all that our names imply, I doubt not that Mr. Tot would as myself, be guilty of many less errors.

As Mr. Tot is so careful on explanations and definitions I would like for him to define his chosen name.

Mr. Tot uses a great assertion in saying that tobacco is a worthless weed and that we are encouraging a habit that is as bad as the liquor business. We admit that tobacco sometimes is used to such an extreme that it causes death, but the same can be applied to the glutton. The most of the people of Stokes county are tobacco raisers, and a great many of them are tobacco users, but I have never heard of any man shooting another down from the effects of tobacco. I have never heard of tobacco causing people to fight and quarrel, and never heard of tobacco causing our poorhouses, jails and penitentiaries crowded. Neither has it been charged of increasing our orphanages and multiplying the number of widows. Will you please take note of how much the liquor traffic costs our town of Walnut Cove in the way of happiness and humanity? Has it not already made you shudder with regret to see the loss of some of your friends by their employment in this business? The Bible says "there is a way that seemeth right unto men, but the end thereof is eternal death." May He help us to guard against our own notions that we may not have to taste of the second death.

You harp on tobacco and say that our county is in a deplorable condition, and I fear that you will find Walnut Cove in the same fix before long and perhaps worse. Then how will you get rid of the vile stuff? The men in that business with their gang will carry the town their own way. It will not be as it was when you had a licensed barroom, you will have to endure it and as you say make the best of it you can.

Again tobacco does not send men home crazy to abuse and beat their wives and children. Now, Mr. Tot, you are at liberty to criticise my name and myself to your own satisfaction, but remember that country people have all the liberty they want, while town people are studying how to wind them up and make them spin. Sometimes the winding chain breaks and they will spin before you get ready. I will admit I am not a debator, but I can see

some things so plain I can speak them. You asked the question, will not the correspondents get tired of this subject? Mr. Tot I cannot answer that question because it will hardly be dropped as long as we find such pieces as yours, and may not then, unless your town is quiet and sober, which I hope it will be. I wish your town to be a quiet civil place, much better than is expected by some of the best men of our country. Now in conclusion I will ask you Mr. Tot to remember that country people are not always found asleep. With best wishes to Walnut Cove, I will close.

R.
FRANCISCO.

Francisco, March 7.
Miss Cora, one of the accomplished daughters of Mr. Jas. A. Leak, has accepted a position in Winston as stenographer. Miss Cora is a pretty and charming young lady and we hate to see her go, but our loss will be someone else's gain.

Mr. W. W. Leak is on the sick list, but we are glad to note he is improving.

Farmers are busy burning plant-beds preparatory to raising another tobacco crop. Though it don't seem they will plant as much this time as usual. They are going in for more bread and meat.

Misses Ada and Minnie Leak and Mr. W. P. Wilson visited the home of Mr. Jim. Mills recently and report a very pleasant time.

Miss Annie Leak, who has been sick at her home with the scarlet fever, has returned to her school.

Public school will close at State-line school house the 18th. We are having a good school this time.

Misses Annie and Ada Leak are contemplating entering the Teachers, Normal at Clemonsville near Winston.

Miss Fannie, daughter of Mr. Robt. Hill, is sick, we are sorry to note.

Miss Mamie Leak expects to enter school at Danbury after the close of the free school.

Mr. John Hill has just returned from Mt. Airy, and reports that the prices on tobacco are improving a little.

The two Wills are getting to be rivals of late. Boys which shall it be? The persistent often win the race.

I think a certain young man was in a big hurry to see his best girl from the rate he was traveling.

PLOWBOY.

MOUNTAIN VIEW.

King, R. F. D. No. 1, March 8.

The Rev. Mr. Ratledge preached another one of his good sermons for us on last Sunday, which was appreciated by all.

The Rev. Mr. Mathews, of Westfield, paid Mt. View a visit and preached two good sermons for us in the M. E. Church at this place. Would be glad to have him to call again.

We are having an interesting writing school going on at the Institute in connection with the other school taught here by Prof. Wall.

Miss Macy Pulliam, of Pink, is the guest of little Darie Voss and taking in the writing school. Hope Macy will enjoy herself with her little friend Bessie.

Miss Darie Tuttle is a student at the writing school. We welcome you, Miss Darie.

CHOCKTAU.

OF INTEREST IN THE KITCHEN.

Matter of varied interest to the housewife is provided in the April Delineator. An article on serving the formal luncheon and dinner contains many practical suggestions, and is illustrated effectively. Dainty Dishes for Easter, illustrated, is of seasonable interest. Luncheon Dishes and Entrees from Left-overs will prove a valuable aid to economy, and the new Hot Breads seem tempting enough to dispose of even the objections of cold bread advocates. Delicious Sweet Fritters and Novel Oyster Recipes are other topics.

WAR ON THE DRINK EVIL.

Rev. J. T. Ratledge Wants Signers To Temperance Pledges.

I have just received a letter from Mr. J. W. Bailey, Chairman of the State Central Committee of the N. C. Anti-Saloon League. He wants us up here to do something for somebody quick.

He says that the leading policy of the League is to keep the boys from being drunkards, though the drinker is not to be neglected. He makes use of the sayings, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," and "A stitch in time saves nine;" that it is manifestly a greater work to prevent nine boys from becoming drunkards than to rescue one drunken sot.

In his letter he leaves me no way of escape without helping on the good work, and the fact is I don't want to escape any other way. With such a fearful monster as strong drink coiling itself around the tender lives of the youth of our land and stinging them to the death, I had rather strike than run any day. So to business. Mr. Bailey wants signatures to a temperance pledge the form of which is as follows:

Whereas, the use of alcoholic liquors as a beverage is productive of pauperism, degradation and crime; of moral, intellectual and spiritual ruin, and whereas I recognize my bounden obligation to my God to abstain from evil and to set my fellowman a clear and helpful example, I therefore solemnly pledge myself to abstain from the use of alcoholic liquors as a beverage. I make this covenant freely and in full sense of its importance, and I make it a promise not only to men, but a covenant with my God.

Name-----Age-----
Postoffice-----

I shall ask Mr. Bailey for 150 or 200 of these blank pledges to begin with. I shall present this matter personally as far as possible, but there are many I cannot see in this way, so if you are in earnest about the matter and will seriously take this pledge just write to me and I will send you a blank. These blanks are to be signed twice and the half marked "duplicate" torn off and sent to Mr. J. W. Bailey, Raleigh, N. C., to be placed on record there, while the other half is to be kept by the signer.

Who will help me to reach the boys and young men of Stokes? I cannot get to them all. Let me hear from you.

Yours very truly,
J. T. RATLEDGE.

BROWN MT.

Brown Mt. March 7.

Robert Hill and Reid Martin are going West in a few days. It will be a long trip for the boys a-foot.

Miss Ida Simmons and brothers, from Westfield, visited relatives near here last Sunday.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. P. C. Bennett has made an assignment and is going to quit the goods business.

Mr. Richter is all with the girls. He rode all day and half the night and then got left.

S. R. East and S. E. Smith went a-courting last Sunday and had to go home in the rain.

Miss Oliver is looking right bad. Cheer up, Miss Oliver, J. R. will come back some day.

RED BIRD.

WAKEFUL CHILDREN.

For a long time the two year old child of McPherson, 59 N. Main St., Danbury, Pa., was unable to sleep more than three hours at a time. He was given a bottle of Wine of Cardui and in a few days he was sleeping peacefully all night.

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George Dunder
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