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ORGANIZATION AN IMPERATIVE NECESSITY.

Tobacco Farmers Should Spend One Day In Six If Necessary For Awhile In Order To Force Profitable Prices For Their Labor On the Other Days--No Other Way To Succeed.

Messrs. Editors: I am glad to see that you are to issue a Tobacco Special. Though pressed by personal matters, I cannot refrain from contributing my mite to a paper like The Progressive Farmer which has lost revenue by refusing catchy advertisements and also by exposing the stock food business that takes thousands of dollars from our people every year.

Farmers of all classes or occupations have tried in the past to be independent, thus placing their products in the hands of the speculator. With the advent of the rural free delivery, telephones, public speakers urging organization and co-operation, together with the secular and agricultural paper (with very few exceptions) teaching the necessity of co-operation, there remains only the publishing of results to get up interest among the planters that will not die out till every section has a farmers' organization that can, through its representatives, act with other organizations and make prices for all farm products.

WHY LABOR FOR PRODUCTION ONLY AND NOT FOR PROFIT?

The engineers, conductors and telegraph operators are getting 75 to 100 per cent more wages today than they got in 1880, with prospects of 9 hours work instead of 12. This advance was gotten through and by the organizations. Note here are men getting \$75 to \$150 per month who only received a primary education and one to three years' apprenticeship, no outlay of capital. Take clerks and operators in the factories, they have all advanced in the past few years, while the farmer, with his land, stock, machinery, has gotten down to production below cost, by furnishing the labor of himself and family as a free gift for the sake of production and not profit. I wish to thank Mr. Gravelly, who is a tobacco buyer, for assuring the farmers that the tobacco trust sets prices on tobacco, and that prices in the dark district of Virginia for thirteen years prior to 1904, averaged \$5.25 per cwt., less 6 per cent. for selling, netting the farmer \$4.93.

ADVANCE IN PRICES FOLLOWED AGITATION.

The agitation of the organizers in 1904-05 caused a rise in tobacco of \$2.50 per hundred. In Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee the advance was 75 to 100 per cent. Lugs offered on Petersburg market and bid in at \$5, less cost, were sold by the tobacco organization at a net advance of 75 per cent. The tobacco organizations in the United States will control between 160 and 180 million pounds of 1906 crop, being a fourth of the world's output, and for this they will get a net advance of 50 per cent.

The peanut men are getting profitable prices through their plan of organization.

The cotton planter is enjoying some of the comforts of life by co-operation and when he looks up New York September futures and sees cotton 10.20 in 1907, instead 5.06 as it was a few years ago, he decides to have some of the luxuries and invites his city cousin out to visit him.

INFORM YOURSELVES AND ACT.

Take news and farm papers that teach profitable farming and organization for profitable prices. Do not be content with a library consisting only of a patent medicine almanac swung at one end of the mantel and a warehouse almanac at the other.

Keep abreast of the times by taking the papers, and when you see one of them advertising fake foods and leaning to the speculators, write him to stop the paper, giving your reasons. Take interest in your neighbors' welfare along with your own.

If the effort now being made by the public spirited, self-sacrificing speakers and journals urging the planter who feeds and clothes the world to organize, to make home pleasant, farming profitable, children content to remain on the farm—if these efforts should fail to move the farmer to action for self-preservation, then I can't blame Mr. Gravelly for intimating that such a farmer is a fit subject for the insane asylum.

You may rejoice that our Southland is just entering a period of commercial activity, with your net work of railroads, with electric lines radiating into the country, with telephones, rural free delivery, and electric lights. Yet without profitable prices for farm products, which can be gotten by applying business principles, such as commercial and manufacturing men practice, you can't keep the young American, male or female, on the farm. To my knowing twenty-five young men and girls now leave farms for public positions, where one left in 1875. I do think it is time for our planters to arouse themselves and give one day in six to self-protection.—T. W. Evans, Campbell county, Va., in Progressive Farmer.

Some Items From Francisco.

Francisco, March 28.—Allow me space in your paper for a few lines from this place.

Wheat is looking fine now. We hope there will be a large crop grown this season.

The little 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Hill died Friday and was buried Sunday at the Beasley burying ground at this place. The funeral services were conducted by Revs. W. H. Collins and J. H. Wright. There was a large crowd attended.

Miss Millie Ward called on Misses Bettie and Dester Francis Saturday night.

Mr. Roscoe Simmons and sister, Miss Katie, visited their sister, Mrs. R. S. Collins, Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. T. C. Hill is very ill, we are sorry to note. Hope she will soon be out again.

Mr. Jimmie Nunn calls down on the Creek right often. We guess Miss Evie is the attraction.

Mr. Joe Francis and Miss Dester Francis visited Miss Sallie Francis Sunday evening.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

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Sold by Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

DON'T INCREASE YOUR CROP.

"Bill Harper" Appeals to Farmers to Cut Down Tobacco Crop—Bad Judgment to Plant So Much.

Big Creek, March 25.—The farmers in this community are very busy preparing their land for a large crop this year. The prospects now are that as large a crop of the weed called "tobacco" will be planted this year as ever if not larger.

If the farmers are aiming to increase their crop of tobacco this year they may expect nothing but low prices next fall. Many of the tobacco growers may not even expect to get as much for their crop as it will cost to make it. Now, fellow farmers, if you are going to increase your 1907 crop it simply means you are going to work harder than ever for that giant corporation called "the Tobacco Trust" and receive less pay for your work. With the prospects as they are, and knowing that the only way of raising the prices of tobacco is not to increase but to decrease your acreage. Why will you go on and plant a larger crop and bring low prices on yourselves?

I appeal to the tobacco growers of Stokes and adjoining counties to wake up, come out and help to organize and join the Farmers' Protective Association and stand together in one vast organization, and say to the Tobacco Trust, "you shall no longer take our tobacco at your own price." We can no longer raise tobacco and sell it to you for less than it costs to raise it. We must have a living price for it and we are going to.

I don't think there is a farmer in Stokes county that has little judgment enough to believe that the farmers cannot successfully organize as other organizations have done, and that they cannot get their own price for their tobacco if they will only try. Then I appeal to you in the name of reason why don't you try. You can help the Trusts from grinding you down to dust and forcing you to leave the farm and seek employment elsewhere. Then, farmers, why don't you do it?

Some of the farmers may say (as some in this community have said) "I am going to wait and see how they get along or see if they raise the price of tobacco any before I join them." Another will say, Mr. A or Mr. B over yonder is a good farmer; he has mighty good judgment, and he makes enough to do him and if he joins I am. I want to say right here that this class of people never do anything for themselves nor anybody else, and if they were the only chance to benefit the world, it would never be benefitted.

Farmers, don't you know you have all got to join in and stand shoulder to shoulder to make the organization a success. God will help those that help themselves. So if you will not help yourselves, you need not expect any help.

There is one more thing I want to say and that is to raise your own supplies at home as much as you can—make enough corn and wheat to do you all the year—vegetables of all kinds, and raise your own pork at home. Sow peas and improve your land instead of neglecting it and wearing it out. And after you have planted enough other stuff to make enough to do you, plant what tobacco you can cultivate good, and by so doing, you will have your own supplies, you will live better, and you will not be continually wearing out your land, and you will have more money when you pay your expenses.

BILL HARPER.

A FAMILY IN NEED.

Dr. Morefield Appeals To County Commissioners To Help Frank East and Family.

Yade Mecum, March 28. To the Commissioners of Stokes County: I wish to place a few words in the Reporter in regard to the condition of a family of people in this neighborhood.

The family I have reference to is Frank East and his wife, who are 79 and 76 years of age, and who are taking care of three little fatherless and worthless children. From the age of these people, we can see their work days are over, and I being the physician in their family, know their general condition as well as their physical condition. Neither one of these people are able to help themselves. So they are suffering for something to eat and wear—we might say upon starvation. Therefore, I hereby ask the County Commissioners of this county to make some donation to this family; and I also think it is the duty of our neighbors to help this family of people by carrying in something to eat to them.

R. H. MOREFIELD, MD.

USURY LAW AMENDED.

New Act Passed By the Recent Legislature Of the State.

The following bill passed by the recent Legislature is printed for the information of those who may be interested:

"Section 1. That any person, firm or corporation who shall or may loan money in any manner whatsoever by note, chattel mortgage, conditional sale or otherwise, upon any article or articles of household or kitchen furniture and shall or may take, receive, reserve or charge a greater rate of interest than six per cent., either before or after the interest may accrue, or who shall refuse to give receipt for payments on interests or principal of such debts, or who shall fail and refuse to surrender the note and security when the same is paid off or a new note and mortgage is given in renewal, unless said new mortgage shall state the amount still due by said old note or mortgage and that the new one is given as additional security, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and in addition thereto shall forfeit double the interest which has been theretofore paid."

Another Murder In Patrick County.

An attack was made on the home of Annie Hall, a white woman residing near Charity, Patrick county, Va., Sunday night by a gang of whiskey blockaders, killing her and seriously wounding her sister, Jane Hall. The shooting, it is supposed, was in revenge for information furnished revenue officers by the women about the operations of moonshiners.

Editor Sharp Resigns.

At a recent meeting of the Directors of the Farmer and Co-Operator Company the resignation of Prof. J. M. Sharp as editor was accepted and T. J. Lowry elected to fill the vacancy.

KEEP IN GOOD HEALTH.

There are many thousands of people all over the world who can attribute their good health to taking one or two Brandreth's Pills every night. These Pills cleanse the stomach and bowels, stimulate the kidneys and liver and purify the blood. They are the same fine laxative tonic pill your grandparents used, and being purely vegetable they are adapted to children and old people, as well as to those in the vigor of manhood and womanhood.

Brandreth's Pills have been in use for over a century and can be obtained in every drug and medicine store, either plain or sugar-coated.

FARMERS TO MEET APRIL 27.

The Francisco Association Making A Move To Enroll More Members and Thus Grow Stronger.

Francisco, March 25. Editor Danbury Reporter: At a meeting of the Farmers' Protective Association, held at Francisco, March 23rd, the organization unanimously resolved to ask the President and Board of State Directors of the Farmers' Association to rescind section second of Article 1st and admit all applicants that are otherwise qualified to the membership of said organization free as to the admission fee and require all members to keep their quarterage paid up promptly.

We believe by doing that that we will grow stronger, and by the time another crop of tobacco is made, we will be amply able to stand up and demand a legitimate price for our tobacco, and be able to control prices. And we ask the co-operation of every man who feels an interest in his own welfare. United we stand, divided we fall.

Everybody who can, please be at Francisco on the 4th Saturday in April at our grand rally.

We want no lagging. If we will all pull together and keep pulling, we are certain to succeed. We hope to be able to have some good speaker on that day. So come everybody and bring somebody with you.

Done by order of the Francisco Association.

W. H. COLLINS, Pres.,
B. A. OVERBY, Vice-Pres.

SOME MADISON NEWS.

Talk Of Macadamizing the Rockingham County Roads—Other Items.

The approach to the Dan river bridge was completed last week and people can cross now.

Mumps! mumps! mumps! You ought to have seen some of the Madison girls while they had the mumps.

Mr. Samuel W. Hubbard, 59 years old, died at his home on Lawsonville Avenue after a lingering illness Sunday afternoon.

It is with gratification that we announce the greatly improved condition of Mr. D. W. Busick. While he is not yet out of danger, his condition is very favorable.

Tuesday May 7th, 1907, is the day that Madison will be called on to say whether it will vote bonds for the betterment of our streets. Also to elect our town officers. But what we mean to say is that with the election this near at hand there seems to be no interest in either election. Trot out your candidates gentlemen and lets hear your platform. Let us have an open fight and no plotting behind green doors.

The county commissioners when they meet next Monday will be called upon to decide what is today the most important question before the people, or rather before the commissioners, and a question that touches every taxpayer. Upon the righteous decision rests the progress of the entire county. That question compressed in the narrowest compass it will bear is this: Will the commissioners order the road force to, at once, commence the construction of a macadam road, somewhere—anywhere, or will the board sit quietly while the road money is being worse than wasted in building mud roads that only remain passable during summer months?—Madison Herald.

BITTEN BY A SPIDER.

Through blood poisoning caused by a spider bite, John Washington, of Bosqueville, Texas, would have lost his leg, which became a mass of running sores, had he not been persuaded to try Bucklen's Arnica Salve. He writes: "The first application relieved, and four boxes healed all the sores." Heals every sore. 25c. at all druggists.

Briefs Adrift.

Mr. N. O. Petree spent Friday night at Winston.

Mr. W. W. King spent a day or two the past week at Winston.

Mr. Wade H. Carroll of Mizpah Route 1, was here Thursday.

Mr. Thos. W. Tilley, of Smith, was a Danbury visitor Thursday.

Mr. J. D. Humphreys spent Friday and Saturday at Winston-Salem.

Messrs. R. F. and S. F. Fulk, of Pinnacle, were in town on business Friday.

Mrs. J. Spot Taylor spent several days the past week with relatives at Winston.

Mr. J. A. Fagg, of Danbury Route 1, was here Saturday on his way to Pine Hall.

Maj. W. S. Ray left Saturday to spend Easter with his son, C. W. Ray, at Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Stack, of Monroe, have returned from their visit to the holy land.

A couple of black bass measuring sixteen inches in length were caught out of the Dan here last week.

Mr. J. A. Wall, of Madison, salesman for the Madison Grocery Co., spent Friday night at the McCannless Hotel.

Ex-Congressman E. Spencer Blackburn has moved into his residence in Greensboro and will open a law office there.

Mr. Willie V. Shelton, of Danbury Route 1, had the misfortune to cut his foot badly while chopping wood last Thursday.

The recent Legislature passed a law providing for the display of the State flag on all court houses, schools and other public buildings.

Elizabeth City had a \$400,000 fire Wednesday morning of last week, almost the entire business section of the town being swept away.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Wesley Morefield, of Sandy Ridge Route 1, are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine little 11½ pound girl at their home last Friday afternoon.

Prof. J. M. Sharp, founder of Sharp Institute, recently destroyed by fire, has located at Rocky Mount, Nash county, and has accepted an agency for one of the leading insurance companies.

The Winston Sentinel says that Mrs. Wince Newman, of Mayodan, died at the hospital there Wednesday. The remains were carried to Oak Grove, Stokes county, for interment. The deceased was about 50 years of age.

It is announced that Deputy Collector J. H. C. Norman, of Dobson, whose district has heretofore been composed of Surry and Yadkin counties, has recently been transferred to a district composed of Surry, Stokes and Forsyth counties, with headquarters at Winston.

The increase in the pension appropriation by the last Legislature will give the old soldiers of the fourth class about \$30.00. The widows of soldiers will get the same, while those soldiers of the first, second and third classes will get the same increase in proportion to the amount.

Dr. Wakefield Coming To Danbury.

Dr. W. H. Wakefield, of Charlotte, N. C., will be in Danbury at the McCannless Hotel on Monday, April 15th, for the purpose of treating diseases of Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat, and fitting Glasses. On this visit the doctor's fees for testing eyes for glasses will be reduced one-half.