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SOME SUGGESTIONS TO THE FARMERS

MR. R. A. CULLER, A FORMER STOKES CITIZEN, ADVISES THE FARMERS NOT TO ORGANIZE AGAINST THE TRUST.

Lemmonsville, Mo., July 27.—I want to say a few words to the farmers of Stokes county if the Reporter will give me a little space.

I was born and reared in Stokes county near the Pilot Mountain. I was born in 1836 and left there in 1859, with a fortune—one of Stokes county's best girls, which was notable for its fine women. I went 43 years later and never saw any one of my old friends.

The Petree boys were reared right by me. I used to know them when they were sunburned like little Indians, while their father and mother with their hoes dug up the ground to raise tobacco, from which they made a start. This shows the good in store for us if we will only dig it out. While Petree was digging in the ground they gathered rich pine to make a light in their fire place from which the whole family read till nine o'clock every night. The family's standing shows the fruits of patient labor, industry and economy, and many other noble families I know of in that county, and we think we will be back in Stokes this fall to pass a little time with them.

Now, friends, while the government had to take the tobacco Trust fellows in hand for your relief, don't let those silver-tongued sharks, who you take to be men, get you into organizations that will better their case and make yours worse. Theirs will be better, for they will do away with all the warehouses, salesmen and the great team of hands to take off the tobacco after they had swindled the most of you out of your tobacco. Some get good prices while many gets shameful ones, as I saw it when there. All this expense you foot up. Now, if you go into this organization you will be relieved of all this expense, and they, their trouble, but they will sit back on their easy chairs, receive your sample, buy your tobacco and you haul it to them for less money than you got before. Talk about your independence through the organization. You have none as long as you have tyrants over you, worked in over you by the Trusts to work their schemes against you and to their own benefit. Now I am going to make a suggestion, and you have got to come to it or something like it if you ever get out of the Trusts: Let each township put up a factory of its own and hire one man to run it, sell and ship, and in three years you will have everything running as slick as if it was greased. If you can't control all at once they will all come in in three years time. A great many of the Western States—Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa are now running their cream business by townships. They put up good machines and pay hands \$40.00 per month to run them. They ship their butter and give each man his proportional part of the money. They are having no trouble, and are making as much money as they want. You can put your business in charge of one man and let him run it, or you could have two large factories in the county.

Study along these lines and let those organizations alone, for you will always get the wrong man to run them.

Respectfully,
R. A. CULLER.

Interesting Letter from Peter's Creek, Va.

Peter's Va., July 29.

Mr. Editor:

While the wheat and corn crops are good, and the wheat being threshed, I prefer to call the unthoughtful farmer's attention in what difference they accumulate in making corn and wheat per acre in this country. I am like Mr. "Show Me" from Missouri, in reply to Mr. "Looker On's" letter from Rocky Ford, Colo., I don't mean to discourage the readers in this product. Every farmer ought to raise enough to supply their needs.

Now, I will say to cultivate ten acres, one bushel per acre, which is ten bushels. (1) that means \$10, (2) ten bags of Guano, \$15, (3) interest on \$60.00 twelve months for drill, \$3.60, (4) four bushels and one-half for toll, averaging nine bushels per acre would be ninety bushels, \$45. Now, then, you would have ninety bushels of wheat at these figures with \$33.10 off without counting the culture or the time we lose out of R. J. R.'s crop helping our neighbors thresh it. I will say that land that will produce nine bushels of wheat per acre with guano will produce twenty bushels of corn per acre without guano. Now say two hundred bushels of corn at 80 cents per bushel would be \$160.00. Hence \$33.10 from \$90.00 worth of wheat at \$1.00 per bushel would leave a fraction over \$56.00 worth of wheat; and the culture of corn per acre is as cheap or cheaper than wheat per acre, so then we have got a fraction over \$56.00 worth of wheat for the laborer making it and \$160.00 worth corn for the same. So that is a difference of a fraction over \$103 in favor of the corn.

So I think every bushel of wheat we make to sell, over and above what we consume, was advanced last fall to receive this same number back this year as soon as Mr. George would give a dollar for it hauled to his mill. So hit the nail aright, boys, hit it hard, make less tobacco and more corn, raise your meat at home, and eat of it before it is run through the press and sold to us for fat back.

LONG HORN.

GERMANTON.

Germantown, July 29.—The berry season is about over, and all who haven't canned enough fruit must wait for the next crop.

Little Pearl Savage, who has been quite sick, is improving, we are glad to note.

Mrs. Ham Davis is visiting her mother at Walnut Cove.

We are glad to see Mr. J. W. Kurfees at home again.

The Children's Day exercises at Rosebud church were well attended, the recitations were good, and well rendered. Rev. Mr. Wolf gave us a fine sermon in the morning.

Mr. Pink Rierson and family, of Charlotte, were here last week, visiting Mrs. L. M. McKenzie.

Prof. Willis is spending his vacation with his mother near town.

Mr. F. M. Crews, who travels in the interest of the Charlotte Observer, was here a few days ago. We are glad to see Mrs. H. McGee out again.

Miss Anna Guthrie is visiting her niece, Mrs. E. J. Styers.

G. E.

THE RAILROAD RATE SETTLED.

The Southern and Seaboard Roads Agree To Put On Two and One Fourth Cent Rate.

After a conference between Governor Glenn and the Council of the State and authorities of the Southern and Seaboard Railroad Companies last week the ultimatum of the Governor which was issued several days ago as a basis on which the fight between the State and the two companies could be settled was accepted. The result is a victory for the State as every point demanded by the State's representatives were agreed on. The terms are as follows:

1. The railroads put the 2 1/4 cent rate in effect not later than August 8, 1907.

2. The State to appeal from the order of Judge Pritchard, discharging parties in Asheville on writs of habeas corpus.

3. The Southern Railway to appeal to the Supreme Court of North Carolina in the Wake county cases, and if the case is there decided against it to take the case by writ of error to the Supreme Court of the United States.

4. That both sides co-operate to have both of said cases advanced and argued together and speedily determined.

5. That the State, at its option, may indict the Atlantic Coast Line in one case.

6. All indictment and prosecutions now pending to be dismissed and no indictments and prosecutions to be instituted for any alleged violations of the law up to the time the 2 1/4 cent rate is put into effect under this arrangement as far as the Governor can control the same.

7. The Governor to advise all people against bringing any penalty suits pending final determination of the question involved, and ask the people as a whole to acquiesce in this arrangement.

8. The suit pending before Judge Pritchard to be diligently prosecuted without the State, however, waiving any question of jurisdiction.

Messrs. Thom and Humphreys also as counsel for the Southern Railway Company, to undertake that the Southern Railway will not inaugurate rate contempt proceedings because of anything heretofore done by any of the State officers in connection with the rate litigation and will do what it can to prevent the inauguration of any such contempt proceedings.

This arrangement between the Southern Railway and R. B. Glenn, Governor, is also assented to by George Rountree, attorney for R. Neilson Buckley and others, complainants, and Alex Hamilton, general counsel for the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, except that they do not consent that the Atlantic Coast Line railroad shall be indicated in one case, but as to that leaving the State at liberty to do as its sense of duty may dictate.

SANDY RIDGE ROUTE 1.

Sandy Ridge Route 1, Aug. 1.—People are about done working their crops with the plow and hoe.

The R. F. D. inspector has been over the routes of C. C. Hutcherson, Bud Amos and M. L. Merritt for the past few days.

Mr. S. R. Ward has gone to Roanoke this week to visit his son, Mr. R. Ward, of that place.

Miss Sissie James is a little better, we are glad to note.

A Sunday School convention will be held at Delta church on Thursday, Aug. 8th. A nice time is expected.

Mr. Dault Davis has been visiting his brother here, Mr. A. W. Davis, the past week.

BIG WHEAT CROP AT SMITH.

The Machine Stops Long Enough To Let the People Attend the Reunion.

Smith, Aug. 5th.

Mr. Editor:

I will give you a few items from our place.

The crops are looking fine in this section, and especially the corn crops. From all accounts there is the best corn crop in and around Smith that has been in twenty-five years. Tobacco is looking well, but there is lots of late tobacco planted on account of the people not having plants for early planting but all that did happen to have plants have got fine crops. Some among the best crops in the neighborhood are those of Messrs. D. F. Wright, Johnnie Overby, Will Overby, Jas. and Charlie Joyce, W. M. Overby and R. P. Puckett. We have just about finished up threshing wheat here, about one more week will finish it up with nineteen more crops to thresh yet. The wheat crops are turning out fine, as good if not better than for years. Mr. Jack Creasy and son have done our threshing this time. They give us the best satisfaction of any machine we have had here for several years. They give us plenty of time to stack our straw, and even help us stack if we get a little behind, and do every man a nice job. They stopped Saturday, August 3, to give us old soldiers time to go to Danbury to the reunion. They have threshed up to the present 4,612 bushels and will have upwards of 1,000 bushels to thresh yet here in our 19 crops. Practically all of this wheat was raised in a four mile circle of Smith postoffice. Some among our best crops now threshed are Messrs. Jas. and Chas. Joyce, 81 bushels; Isham and Jim Dalton, 119; Frank Overby, 104; J. R. Smith, 101; F. C. Smith, 107; R. L. Hall, 82; T. J. Martin, 92; F. L. Moore, 101; G. W. Harf, 95; W. A. Martin, 109, and a few of our best crops to be threshed yet are Messrs. W. M. Overby's, supposed to be 250 bushels. A. F. Wright's 125 bushels. A. F. Overby, 75 bushels and B. A. Overby 200 bushels or more.

Nearly everybody from here attended the reunion at Danbury last Saturday, both old and young. Mr. W. J. Overby carried Miss Prineie Martin, and Mr. J. D. Martin carried his nieces, Misses Hester and Agnes Collins.

WELL WISHER.

GIDEON.

Gideon, Aug. 6.—We are pleased to report good crops and fine rains recently and farmers generally have worked out their crops and gotten them in flourishing condition. They promise fine yield of both corn and tobacco if no bad luck should happen.

Mr. Nick Mitchell has returned from Roanoke, Va., Business College, which he has been attending since January. He has a diploma, and will now seek a position at Winston or High Point.

Mr. Edgar Mitchell is about to complete a neat cottage near here. Mrs. Martin has also had her house repainted and other improvements are contemplated in the near future.

Mrs. F. A. Gunderson, a lady of Ocala, Fla., is spending some time with Mrs. Martin at this place. She is a thoroughly accomplished lady, and a fine music teacher, being a graduate of one of the finest colleges of Buffalo, N. Y.

H. Y. Z.

A sacred song service led by Mr. Hiram Ford was an enjoyable occasion Sunday afternoon in the Presbyterian Church to those who attended.

WILL NOT HOLD TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

THIS WAS THE DECISION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AT ITS MEETING HELD HERE LAST SATURDAY.

The County Board of Education for Stokes was in session at the court house here last Monday, members present being Dr. E. Fulp and R. E. Smith.

At this meeting the Board decided not to hold a Teachers' Institute this year, but the Superintendent was directed to hold as many township and county teachers' meetings as he may see proper. An order was made that any teacher who fails to attend any of these meetings continuously shall be debarred from teaching in the schools of the county.

The following committeemen were appointed in the various townships:

Beaver Island—J. F. Rothrock and John Williams.

Yadkin—W. L. Smith.

Snow Creek—C. D. Smith.

Quaker Gap—T. J. Thore.

Walnut Cove Special tax district—W. B. Vaughn.

No other business coming before them the Board adjourned.

The News At Pinnacle.

Pinnacle Route 2, July 29.—Messrs. Henry George, Otto Tucker, Joe Tilley and others called on Misses Sissie and Ida Smith Saturday night. They had some nice music and a good time.

We guess Misses Lilla and Bessie East are wearing broad smiles this week as Messrs. Powell Thore and Will Palmer called on them Sunday.

Misses Cora and Martha Thore spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Minnie Lee Tilley. Messrs. J. R. Cox and John Slawter give them a call Sunday evening.

Miss Maggie Lawson is visiting near Snow Creek this week.

Mr. Sunnie and Miss Vertie East are visiting in Virginia this week.

Messrs. Earlie Smith, Fletcher Vaden, Jim Lawson, Geo. Cox, Jesse Lawson and others were the guests of Mr. P. Palmer Sunday.

We wonder what so many went visiting for.

Miss Rosa Slawter and Miss Cromer spent Sunday evening with Miss Ida Palmer.

Mr. Jno. R. Covington seems quite sad since Mr. W. P. Smith beat him to his girl.

There was a large crowd at Brown Mt. church Sunday.

The "big bear" is yet in the mountain near by, but it does not stop the boys from traveling on Sunday nights. Mr. T. J. Thore is doing a lot of threshing wheat this season with a machine about 35 years old. We think if the threshing business keeps improving that in about two more years the threshing in this section will be done with the great frail.

A Primitive Baptist foot-washing will be held at Rock House church the second Sunday in August. No doubt but there will be a larger crowd there that day than ever before at a foot-washing. Infact, to tell the truth about it, we are old maids of 23 summers but, we expect to catch us a fellow on that day. We will be dressed in red, so you may watch for us.

RUTH AND JULIA.

"REGULAR AS THE SUN"

is an expression as old as the race. Oo doubt the rising and setting of the sun is the most regular performance in the universe, unless it is the action of the liver and bowels when regulated with Dr. King's New Life Pills. Guaranteed by all druggists, 25c.

NORTH CAROLINA IN THE LEAD.

Consumes More Raw Cotton Than Any Southern State.

Greensboro, July 30.—A cotton manufacturer here speaking of North Carolina's consumption of raw cotton says that last year, according to the United States compilation, of the 2,292,249 bales used in Southern mills, North Carolina consumed 677,146 bales. This he says was more than the combined consumption of Georgia, Virginia, Alabama, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas and Kentucky, and 6,910 bales more than the next highest Southern State.

Ten-Year-Old Boy Meets Horrible Death.

Germantown, July 31.—Yesterday evening at 5 o'clock, at the mill of Mr. Geo. Styers, of this place, Raleigh Myers, the ten-year-old son of Mr. Frank Myers, was caught by a belt in the machinery and frightfully mangled. Death relieved him of his suffering about twenty minutes after the accident.

The remains were carried to Friendship this morning for interment, being accompanied by relatives and friends of the deceased.

The horrible accident occurred late yesterday afternoon in a grist mill operated by the father of the deceased and Mr. George Charles. The boy was just playing in and around the mill. His clothing was caught on a set screw and he was thrown on a shafting. The mill had to be shut down before the boy could be released. He died in about fifteen minutes after being rescued.

Mr. Myers has four other children. The deceased had been living with his aunt, Mrs. Snyder, in Broadway township until last Saturday when he went home to stay with his father.

Some Happenings At Germantown.

Germantown, July 29.—Our sleepy little village is now coming to the front.

The Academy is about completed, and Prof. Carson is here looking after the interest of the school which opens the 26th of August. The prospect is bright for a first-class school.

Rev. W. H. Wilson filled the pulpit of the Baptist church last Sunday, giving us two able sermons.

Miss Mary Matthews entertained a few of her little friends Saturday evening. After enjoying games, etc., for a while, delicious refreshments were served on the lawn.

Mr. John Poindexter spent Saturday in Winston on business.

Miss Carrie Poindexter is visiting her sister, Mrs. Sullivan, at Walkertown.

Mr. Percy Stewart, of Charlotte, and Mr. Cleve Crews, of Greensboro, are spending a few days with Mr. Robt. Crews.

Mr. John McKenzie and family left for their home at Clemmons, after spending a while with Mrs. J. E. Crews. They were accompanied by Misses Inez Grimes, Mabel and Sarah McKenzie.

Mrs. J. C. Small and daughter, who have been visiting Dr. Hill for some time, returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Foy have returned from the Exposition at Jamestown.

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