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FALL BUSINESS PROSPECTS BRIGHT—WILL IT BE WOODROW WILSON?—THE BIG AND GOOD TOBACCO CROP, AND WHAT IT MEANS—THE WISE POLICY OF RAISING SUPPLIES AT HOME.

The approach of fall assures the financial interests that the country is on the eve of its most prosperous period in the history of business. There is not the slightest indication that the election, which is now less than 90 days distant, will affect business unfavorably. The crops growing, and soon to be harvested, taking the country as a whole, are the largest and best which the nation has ever experienced. Just as sure as the sun shines, these bulwarks of our business life will create and maintain good times and easy money.

It looks now like Woodrow Wilson will be the next President of the United States. The moneyed interests have already adapted themselves to this possibility, and the feeling is widespread that the New Jersey governor is the most conservative candidate in the field for the Presidency. But should Theodore Roosevelt again be called to the executive chair, or President Taft remain in the White House, the fact is fixed that no serious business disturbances will result. Business is learning that the American people's common sense may be relied upon, and that no policy of the American government shall inure to the injury of honest capital and industry. The New York stock exchange, which is the barometer of business not only in America but abroad, shows unmistakable signs of strength and confidence which cannot be shaken by speculators or politicians. Money is easy and ready for legitimate investment. Conservatism is the rule. There is a sound and solid basis for the activities of finance.

In our territory of Stokes county, North Carolina, the indications are bright for good times ahead, even the brightest of any year since 1907. The tobacco crop is large and good and will bring in an immense revenue. There are about 8,000,000 pounds of this staple produced in Stokes county yearly, and its sale means the pouring of nearly one million dollars into the pockets of our farmers. How fortunate is that farmer who is able, from a policy of producing his living supplies at home, to save his portion of the

incoming wealth, and not allow the western meat grower and the northern daisy-middling manufacturer to rob him. Corn over a large scope is below the average from the effects of the drouth, but generalizing, we may say that the crop is fair, thanks to the efforts of the co-operative demonstration growers, who so largely bring up the average. Plenty of vegetables, good hay yields, and the finest fruit crop for many years has furnished much ready money to the farmers during the dull months, and largely helped to prevent accumulated debts.

So we have every assurance that 1912 will end up good, with the balances on the right side.

Pulling Stumps.

Every farmer that has stumps on his farm should remove a portion of them every season until his farm is clear of stumps.

There are different ways of removing stumps, but none of the ways I know of will compare with pulling them with a good stump puller.

I have used different pullers, but none that I have used or known of will work near as well as the Hercules.

I would not advise using cables shorter than 200 feet long and usually three-quarters or seven-eighths an inch in diameter. Cables of this size are strong enough to pull a good-sized stump when the earth is wet and they are more easily used when not too large.

Should you have stumps too strong for your puller use a small portion of dynamite in sufficient quantity to weaken the stump so the puller can draw it. Keep your dynamite outfit with you so you can easily use it when needed. Sometimes you may gear to a stump and find it too strong for a reasonable pull, and in such cases you can quickly use a small charge of dynamite

without danger to team or cable.

Pulling stumps in this way gets all the roots out of the earth for fuel and causes a better drainage because of the deep holes made in the earth, some of them extending even 15 feet deep.

About five men makes the best force to run a stump puller to the best advantage. By using this number of hands you can keep stumps in readiness to hitch to and you can pull many more per day.

It is just as important to have a part of the men trained for the business as it is to have men trained to run your thresher or binder or any other machine. If you have not begun to get ready to remove your stumps, would advise that you begin at once, for every stump that you remove this season will save you labor and expense for the future season and thus you will save an annual income that may be enjoyed from time to time. Last, but not least, when you have pulled the stumps and placed them on the wood pile to spend the summer, you need not to dread the chilling winds of winter for they make the fire warmer and the light brighter. —A. G. Cox, in the Progressive Farmer.

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