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NOT BEST FOR SEED CORN

Highly Fertilized Yields May Produce Nubbins.

Officials of the State Department of Agriculture and others interested in the wonderful increase of interest among the farmers in North Carolina in the best methods of corn culture and the advances made in fertilization and general culture all through the State, declare that there is danger of real injury coming to many corn farmers through the mistaken idea that the best sources of seed corn are the most highly fertilized yields. There is special danger from the "prize acre" patches, where a planter fertilizes farm in excess of possible application by even the ablest and best equipped farmers, procures a series of abnormal yields and puts his "seed corn" on the market. It is bought by planters who seed it in average normal lands with even extra good fertilization and still the plant finds itself in soils far below that in which its abnormal development has taken place and the result is rapid depreciation in the quality and yield. In fact, in the language of Commissioner A. W. Graham, "nubbins" are more than apt to be the result first or last. It is pointed out, too, that most of these abnormal yields are produced through such intensive and expensive fertilizing that the cost of the fertilization and cultivation is considerably in excess of the revenue from even the greatly increased yield. The wise planter, they say, selects his seed from well developed corn that has shown the best capacity of endurance and yield on types of soil such as he is to cultivate and which has been carefully developed by culture and fertilization such as he expects to apply and that will be in the range of realizing a profit over and above his expense of fertilization.

One of the special efforts in the State experiment farms is to develop seed corn that will be best adapted to soils of the section. And the principal purpose of the "acre demonstration farms" that the government is locating as rapidly as possible in the counties is to encourage normal and reasonable corn culture as counteracting abnormal and deficient culture—both extremes being detrimental to the best interests of the average corn grower.

North Carolina Man Invents Wonderful Clock.

Ashville Gazette-News.
Daniel T. Davis, who lives about five miles from Bernard, Madison county, is the inventor of perhaps one of the most remarkable clocks that has ever been invented since the original was invented.

Besides being equipped with the ordinary hands for marking the seconds, minutes and hours, and also having an arrangement for showing the day, month and year, this ingenious time-piece has one face which indicates the exact position of the sun during each hour of the day, while a similar face indicates the position and phase of the moon when it is visible. This device has required considerable mechanical genius. Upon the clock face, at the exact time of the rising of the sun each morning, there appears a miniature sun and this rises as the sun and disappears at the exact time of the sunset. The device showing the position of the moon is equally ingenious, if not more ingenious than that of the sun, for it shows quarters and full moon. The application for patent is now pending at the patent office at Washington.

Mr. Davis is 65 years of age and has a wonderful inventive mind. He has been working on his model for some while. His skill is even more remarkable from the fact that he was not enabled to have even a common school education, being able to neither read or write. He has a comfortable home in Madison county.

Burke County Republicans have nominated A. L. Lefever for the Legislature, A. L. Bristol for clerk, Frank Berry for register.

PREACHER IS CHILD'S FATHER

Mooresville Minister Confesses That Child is His—Resigning from Ministry

Special to Charlotte Observer.
Mooresville, Sept. 1.—Approached by a fellow pastor late last night with the bald statement that the abandonment of the pretty five-week-old girl baby on his doorstep Monday night was attended by some suspicious circumstances, Rev. J. A. Paisley, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church here, broke down and confessed that he is the father of the child, and further that he planned the sensational escapade in which the infant's mother figured as the mysterious star.

Following this private confession a session of the elders of the church was called this morning at which Dr. Paisley made a public confession of his downfall and tendered his resignation as pastor of the church. The session thereupon demanded his resignation from Concord Presbytery, which was promptly forthcoming.

He positively refused to divulge the name of the mother, but there is reason to believe that she is a young school teacher of Pamplin City, Va., who boarded at the home of the minister during his pastorate at Pamplin City.

STATE-WIDE SENSATION.
The affair has created a tremendous sensation here. Nothing else has been talked to-day and there is much to speculate about yet, for Mr. Paisley refused to divulge the name of the child's mother and the members of the church session refused to give out any information as to what took place at the meeting, except that Mr. Paisley included in his statement the fact that he had planned to have the child left at his door.

It is learned that the child was not born in Charlotte, as had been inferred from the fact that the woman came to Mooresville from Charlotte, coming via Davidson. The child was born in Virginia and the woman came by Charlotte and probably other cities to hide the trail. She left here the morning after the night the child was left at the minister's door, presumably for her home in Virginia. The woman was handsome and appeared to be a woman of culture and refinement. She was about 22 years old and the way she carried through her part of the transaction stamps her as a woman of resource and nerve.

Mr. Paisley came to Concord Presbytery from Pamplin City, Va. He came to Mooresville in May of this year and had already become greatly beloved by his congregation and members of other churches. He has been married thirteen years and his wife, who is an invalid, is a sweet and charming woman, who declared that she will not leave her husband but that together they will keep the child and rear her.

Never before has there been such a sensation in Mooresville, and no small part of the talk is of sympathy that a pastor who had endeared himself to the people in so short a time and who is a man of unquestioned ability had wandered from the paths of rectitude.

This is the story, printed in Wednesday's Observer, which excited the curiosity of all Mooresville:

"At 15 or 20 minutes to 12 o'clock last night Mrs. Paisley, wife of Rev. J. A. Paisley, was aroused from her slumbers by some one walking across the front porch of their home in the south end of town. Mr. Paisley was sleeping soundly, but was finally awakened and told of the noise on the porch. He went to the hall door and called to know who was there, but there being no answer, he opened the door to peer out, when, behold, he spied a wee bundle of flesh and blood laid at his front door. It is a pretty, blue-eyed, black-haired baby girl, and was dressed in a long lawn dress. Beside it lay a small bundle with another dress in

it, and pinned to the child was the following note and name: "Virginia Catherine, born July 26, 1910."

"For Mr. and Mrs. Paisley: "People tell me that you two are good and kind. If so, take my baby and raise it as your own, and may God's blessings rest on you and yours through time and eternity. As good blood as there is in North Carolina runs through baby's veins. "A MOTHER."

SINGING CONVENTION AT CONCORD CHURCH

Four Choirs Present—Next Meeting Goes to Dysartsville.

One of the grandest occasions that North Cove has ever celebrated was that of a Singing Convention that assembled at Concord Methodist church August 26, 27 and 28th. Four choirs were present, viz: Dysartsville, led by Mr. L. Price; Carlyle, led by Mr. M. Edwards; Linville Falls, led by Mr. L. Franklin, and Concord led by Mr. Jeff Buchanan. Friends continued to pour in the three successive days from every direction and every train bearing loads were met by a delegation of citizens and the visitors given a hearty welcome, not withstanding North Cove as most other communities had a few citizens who were unfriendly toward the convention and some closed their doors against the visitors and their homes were not represented, every visitor was well fed and comfortably taken care of. By request of the Dysartsville choir the next meeting of the Burke and McDowell Singing Convention meets at Dysartsville the fourth Friday in August, 1911, and through the president, Rev. P. J. Shell, an invitation is extended to every one to come.

Singing conventions are doubtless one of the greatest organizations that has yet been organized, the lines that divide the different political parties, the lines that divide the different churches, and the lines that divide the community into different factions are all forgotten and the people come together as a unit; the only line that is drawn is the line between those who are friendly toward singing and singing conventions, knowing that the angels are a band of singers and are united into a singing convention that never ends but grows stronger as each day is ended. As one is seated in the audience and has the sweet strains of vocal music poured in his ears it is then that he realizes that the vocal talent is one of God's greatest gifts and it is our duty to cultivate it. With three cheers for the advancement that McDowell is making in all lines of education, I am,

A FRIEND OF EDUCATION.

Marion's Rapid Progress.

Charlotte Observer.
Few cities or towns in the western part of the State have improved more than Marion. It has good banking facilities, good hotel accommodations and one of the best water supplies of any town in the State. The water comes from Clear creek, which is five or six hundred feet up the mountain. It flows by gravity into a basin lower down and then by gravity into the supply pipes throughout the city and at good regular pressure.

The new Marianna hotel is a particularly nice one. There are several other hotels, which I am told are all right. The proprietor of the Marianna is Mr. John H. Gray, formerly of Statesville. Marion seems to be fairly well patronized as a summer resort. The air has a distinct touch of mountain crispness and the nights are very cool. It is not far from Black Mountain, which I have been told has been over-run with tourists this summer.

W. T. Hogue, aged 30 years, a car inspector for the Southern Railway, was killed on the yards in Spencer last Thursday, his body being frightfully mangled. Doan's Regulator cure constipation without griping, nausea, or any weakening effect. Ask your druggist for them. 25 cent per box.

THE VALE OF CHESTOAH

The Picturesque Corner of Tarkoe Briefly Described

—Ashford Destined to Become Important Point.

EDITOR MARION PROGRESS:

Over a month ago you printed our first Chronicle of the Cove, (North Cove or Vale of Chestoah,) and assume therefore some further information about this picturesque corner of Tarkoe (that is what the Cherokee called Catawba Land) might be acceptable. Linville Falls station is only some fifteen miles from Marion Junction, altitude about 1,750 feet; and just above it is the first Long Loop of the C. C. & O. R. R., first skirting the east and west, the west side of a long extent (several miles) of wide fertile levels, walled in eastwards by Dogback and Dobson's Knobs (Shag-coat,) and westwards by Honeycutt Mountain, (Gray Gables); the last a south spur of the long massive Humpback (Kannasoga)—4,179 feet; highest of the Sakhnagas, or Blue Ridge proper, in this vicinity. Further to the northeast, visible from crest of Honeycutt, rises the great Grandfather Mountain (Tanawha), 5,964 feet, highest of the summits of the Sakhnagas, along the south slopes of which runs the famous Yonahlossee Road from Linville City to Blowing Rock. Even from the train, as you pass Avery's Station (both above and below it) looking westwards, beyond the almost level-topped line of the nearer, but lower, Blue Ridge, shows the whole range of the Black Mountains from Clingman's at the south to Celo at extreme north end. Mt. Mitchell (Attakulla) 6,711 feet (highest east of the Rocky Mountain) is near south, or left end of the range, just to right of Clingman's; higher, but not boldly contoured; a massive, nearly level-topped ridge, not a peak, or even a pyramid. There is a glimpse of Hawkbill (Nekassa) going up east side of Valley, and from west side rather fuller views of Table Rock (Namonda); these two last rising eastwards, above that grandest of all our Appalachian Canyons, the rugged and romantic Linville Gorge of the Eeseohla river.

Ashford is destined to become the most important point between Marion and Altopass, as here the C. C. & O. Railroad at north end of the Long Loop is within some seven miles of Linville Falls, and is the nearest to all the southeast portion of Mitchell county, and only 17 or 18 miles from railroad terminus at Pinola. In this upper end of the North Cove, though only about 1,750 feet, there are no mosquitoes, no malaria; the nights never very warm, and the mornings always delightfully cool. Within three miles or less of the Long Loop, there comes rushing down between two great domes of the Linville Mountain, in an avalanche of white thunder, a clear, crystalline torrent, tumbling almost precipitously, perhaps 150 feet, and walled into the west by a long line of grand cliffs. This is the Laurel Leap (on Laurel branch) the volume of water less than at Linville Falls, but a very much higher cascade, and in every way more boldly picturesque. At its very base there is a wonderful rain-roof, or shelter rock, where a dozen could defy a deluge. This is the Laurel Leap Lodge, and it welcomes all members of the F. I. O. T. (Free and Independent Order of Tramps) without charge.

Why so many travel seven miles further to see Linville Falls, which went dead broke over forty years ago, and is now hardly more than a cascade, when here within easy reach there is a splendid Splatterdash of nearly 150 feet, is more than I can well understand. Even within half a mile of the Long Loop, on the McTygart branch, are not high falls, but very picturesque cascades, just the place

for picnics or a summer outing. With three or four boarding houses and two stores in the neighborhood, not to mention schools and churches, he who goes further is likely to fare worse.

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FURTHER TO THE NORTHEAST, VISIBLE FROM CREST OF HONEYCUTT, RISES THE GREAT GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN (TANAWHA), 5,964 FEET, HIGHEST OF THE SUMMITS OF THE SAKHNAGAS, ALONG THE SOUTH SLOPES OF WHICH RUNS THE FAMOUS YONAHLOSSEE ROAD FROM LINVILLE CITY TO BLOWING ROCK. EVEN FROM THE TRAIN, AS YOU PASS AVERY'S STATION (BOTH ABOVE AND BELOW IT) LOOKING WESTWARDS, BEYOND THE ALMOST LEVEL-TOPPED LINE OF THE NEARER, BUT LOWER, BLUE RIDGE, SHOWS THE WHOLE RANGE OF THE BLACK MOUNTAINS FROM CLINGMAN'S AT THE SOUTH TO CELO AT EXTREME NORTH END. MT. MITCHELL (ATTAKULLA) 6,711 FEET (HIGHEST EAST OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN) IS NEAR SOUTH, OR LEFT END OF THE RANGE, JUST TO RIGHT OF CLINGMAN'S; HIGHER, BUT NOT BOLDLY CONTOURED; A MASSIVE, NEARLY LEVEL-TOPPED RIDGE, NOT A PEAK, OR EVEN A PYRAMID.

THERE IS A GLIMPSE OF HAWKBILL (NEKASSA) GOING UP EAST SIDE OF VALLEY, AND FROM WEST SIDE RATHER FULLER VIEWS OF TABLE ROCK (NAMONDA); THESE TWO LAST RISING EASTWARDS, ABOVE THAT GRANDDEST OF ALL OUR APPALACHIAN CANYONS, THE RUGGED AND ROMANTIC LINVILLE GORGE OF THE EESEOHLA RIVER.

ASHFORD IS DESTINED TO BECOME THE MOST IMPORTANT POINT BETWEEN MARION AND ALTOPASS, AS HERE THE C. C. & O. RAILROAD AT NORTH END OF THE LONG LOOP IS WITHIN SOME SEVEN MILES OF LINVILLE FALLS, AND IS THE NEAREST TO ALL THE SOUTHEAST PORTION OF MITCHELL COUNTY, AND ONLY 17 OR 18 MILES FROM RAILROAD TERMINUS AT PINOLA. IN THIS UPPER END OF THE NORTH COVE, THOUGH ONLY ABOUT 1,750 FEET, THERE ARE NO MOSQUITOES, NO MALARIA; THE NIGHTS NEVER VERY WARM, AND THE MORNINGS ALWAYS DELIGHTFULLY COOL.