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LIST OF PREMIUMS FOR COUNTY FAIR.

Liberal Premiums Offered Along All Lines—Other Attractions of General Interest.

A most attractive 24-page premium list for the McDowell County Fair Association has just been issued from this office. The fair is to be held in Marion October 19, 20 and 21. Liberal premiums are offered and many interesting features for the big event have been planned. The premium list contains the following premiums and information which will be of general interest to everybody in the county:

We are glad to submit herein list of premiums which shall be offered by the McDowell County Fair Association at the Fair to be held in Marion, October 19, 20, and 21. These premiums are to be in cash, and are given by the Association with the assistance of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, McDowell County Commissioners, Board of Aldermen of Marion, and many generous hearted private citizens who have contributed to this most worthy undertaking.

Besides the large number of premiums which we announce herein there will be many which will be offered by the different merchants and business interests of Marion. The premiums offered by merchants and business interests will not be under the direct supervision of the Fair, but will be open to Fair exhibitors only, and we urge that every one be especially interested in the different exhibits, and to make a special effort not only to win a premium from the Association, but to win one or more of the many premiums offered by outsiders.

Advance Programs.

We expect to have short talks during the Fair by prominent men on agricultural and industrial subjects, dairying, good roads, etc. In connection with the Fair we expect to hold an old time Fiddlers' Convention, which will be at night, announcements in full to be made later. The first day, October 19th, is Farmers' and Good Roads' Day. Second day, October 20th, is Old Soldiers' and Parade Day. Third day, October 21st, is Ladies' and Educational Day.

Special amusement attractions for old and young will be on the program daily, and everybody will have a good time.

Announcement.

In this our first effort to hold a Fair in McDowell County we are determined to establish a high record in all that goes to make a Fair strictly agricultural and of the highest value in stimulating community, county, and state spirit. We believe that an Agricultural Fair can be held in McDowell County that will stimulate agricultural life, and make our farmers and people better in the true sense of the word. A bureau of information will be provided in connection with the Fair in which all visitors can get whatever information they desire, and whatever attention they may require.

Notice.

Special exhibit rooms will be provided for exhibits of all kinds and every nature. Exhibits will be received after October 1st, and up to October 19th, at 12 o'clock, at which time all entries will be closed.

Remember the time, date, and be sure and have your exhibit ready ten days before the Fair opens, unless it is perishable product. In that case bring it to Marion on October 15th, 16th, 17th or 18th, or even the 19th up to 12 o'clock.

Entry blanks and exhibit cards will be furnished by the secretary upon application.

No entrance fee will be charged for any exhibit that is offered, that is to say, it will cost no one to enter an exhibit for a premium.

Those who enter live stock in any of these exhibits will be required to have their stock or poultry here for Friday only, at two o'clock. At this time the judges will examine all entries critically, and give the exhibitors a chance to take their exhibits back with them Fri-

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THE FARMERS' INSTITUTE

Premiums for Best Loaf of Bread, Best Five Ears of Corn and the Best Pig.

The Farmers' Institute will be held at Marion, Thursday, August 17th, beginning at 10 o'clock.

At the same place and date will also be held institutes for women by Miss Minnie L. Jamison, of the North Carolina Normal and Industrial College, and others. The objects of these Institutes are to bring together the women from the farm homes, that they may become better acquainted and talk over among themselves subjects tending to the betterment of conditions in rural homes, such as better and more economical foods and better methods of preparing them, home sanitation, home fruit and vegetable gardening, farm dairying, poultry-raising, the beautifying of the home and home surroundings, etc.

Let the wives and daughters come out to these meetings in large numbers. Interesting programs have been prepared for these meetings.

A premium of \$1 will be given for the best loaf of bread baked and exhibited by a girl or woman living on the farm.

A premium of \$1 will be given for the best five ears of pure-bred corn.

A premium of \$1 will be given for the best pure-bred pig between 8 and 12 weeks old exhibited by a man or boy living on the farm.

The institute will be conducted by Mr. T. J. W. Broome, of the State Department of Agriculture, with competent assistants, who will discuss agricultural topics of interest to the farmers.

A question box will be opened in the afternoon, and a full discussion of the subjects presented will be given.

All farmers and their wives, sons and daughters, and all others interested in farming and the betterment of the farm homes, are urged to attend these meetings and join in the discussions.

Morning sessions will open at 10 o'clock and afternoon sessions at 1:30.

Bring a book and pencil to take notes.

The boys are especially invited to attend the institute.

Ector News.

Ector, July 24.—Miss Annie Dobbins, who has been visiting her parents, has returned to Richmond, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gardin, and daughter, of Buffalo, S. C., spent last week at Ector.

Miss Bessie Sisk spent Sunday with Miss Annie Dobbins.

Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Clontz are spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. C. Clontz.

Edgar Sisk is spending a few days at Ector.

Miss Bertha Lunsford of Biltmore spent a few days with Miss Bessie Sisk and Miss Mae Miller here.

Guss Sisk spent last Sunday with his parents here.

Best wishes to THE PROGRESS.

CASEY.

To accommodate veterans and the public generally, the Southern will operate a special train from Charlotte to Wilmington via Greensboro and Sanford, for the Confederate reunion at Wilmington. Train will leave Charlotte Tuesday morning, August 1st, at 8 o'clock. Fare for round trip will be \$4.65.

EXPERIMENTAL FARMS

Work Done on These Farms Will Interest Every Man Who Tills the Soil.

Special to MARION PROGRESS.

Raleigh, July 24.—Some days ago we called the attention of your people to the local experimental farm work we are doing in the different counties of the state. Not all of the counties have these farms yet but we confidently expect to get the work in at least 80% of the counties this year.

The work done on these farms is such as will interest every man who tills the soil. Some of them have fertilizer experiments; some cultural methods experiments; some variety tests; some testing the relative value of fall as against spring spreading of manure, &c. in all of which the farmer has a vital interest. Large signs are erected in front of these stations and the details of the work are carefully labelled with large letters on painted boards so that all who pass by may see and understand the work in operation.

There may be a few cases where from one cause or another, such as failure to get a stand, unusually dry weather, forced inattention to the work on the part of the farmer, &c., the experiment in question may not show what it is expected to show but we will have to ask you to wait till the following experiment is placed on the road as the results may be more interesting.

You will generally find two experiments on your road each year—one during the summer and during the winter and spring. The nature of the experiment can always be understood from the signs in front of it.

We have to grapple with weather conditions just like you do, but we are very much gratified to be able to say that our work this year is doing extraordinarily well in all the counties considering the untoward conditions under which our local experimenters have had to work. Much credit is due them for the interest and determination shown in carrying out the instructions.

While the Department furnishes all the fertilizers, and all the seed, when necessary, for the prosecution of this experimental work, the farmer does not get anything extra for his work. The work is so planned that the extra time given to the experimental side of the work just balances the extra fertilizer used on that part of the acre not under experiment. It will be seen, therefore, that these men are engaged in a patriotic service to the state. The most important return is their increased knowledge of their own local conditions.

Next week we expect to begin a series of articles in this paper on organic matter in the soil and will emphasize the use of green manuring crops as the best and easiest means of putting humus in the soil which is the basis of all soil fertility.

J. L. BURGESS,
N. C. Dept. of Agriculture.

There will be an ice cream supper given in Stroudtown on Saturday night, July 29.

SAUL AGAIN.

And David wants some argument, does he? Well, I can hardly conceive of anything more ridiculously absurd than for him to ask for argument on a question which to all fair-minded men needs no argument but is proven by even a glance at its real import.

If he says the South was in the wrong—was not justifiable in carrying that terrific struggle to the bitter end—he sets at naught the opinions of all the poets, lecturers, and statesmen for the past half century. Was it right for the South to give up when the tide turned against her? Look, Brother David, to the history of that period for the answer to that question. Would it have been right or even possible to check the Southern armies when once they had plunged into that conflict? Consider the temper of the South and the Southern man's keen sense of honor and justice and remember that it was to maintain that honor and justice that he fought, then answer this question. What could have curbed the Southern mother's patriotism who not only insisted upon giving her last son for the Confederacy but in the face of poverty and starvation wove her own garments into uniforms and blankets for him, and when he came home sick or wounded nursed him to health again that he might take his place at the front?

And last but not least. Why did those men so willingly fight if it was all wrong? Answer these questions, my brother, if in your superior judgement you consider them any argument. As I have already said, the question has but one side and it is proven by the opinions of all our great men of both past and present. In my first article I set forth my opinion of the South and her men of stainless honor, dauntless courage, and lofty devotion to principle, and we must agree that they were such. Then it follows that they were right and the section for which they fought and the cause which they so nobly represented should not be slandered by such a narrow, prejudiced and inexperienced man as I believe David to be.

The fact that the South's heroic deeds still live in storied song sung by such men as Sidney Laneir, John Temple Graves, Henry W. Grady and scores of others of broader vision than this man David is proof enough that the South was justifiable in fighting even the last two years of the war.

Hoping that David will not give Bob Taylor credit for this article, I remain,

Sincerely,

SAUL.

Tremendous Corn Crop Expected.

Raleigh, July 20.—The increase in the corn crop in North Carolina in 1910 over 1909 was upward of 7,000,000, the 1910 crop being 57,754,000. Now it is estimated by the State Board of Agriculture that the 1911 crop will be larger by a very much bigger percentage of increase so that something like seventy odd millions of bushels may be expected.

The tobacco trust doesn't ask a rehearing, it has heard enough.

CANADIAN BILL PASSES

Senate Adopts The Reciprocity Measure by a Good Vote—Democrats Responsible.

Washington, July 22.—The reciprocal trade agreement between the United States and Canada, embodied in the reciprocity bill that proved a storm center in two sessions of Congress, passed the Senate without amendment today by a vote of 53 to 27. A majority of Republicans voted against it. Of the 53 votes for it 32 were Democratic and 21 Republicans; of the 27 against, 24 were Republicans and 3 Democrats.

This action settled the whole Canadian reciprocity question so far as Congress is concerned, and save for executive approval and the Canadian Parliament's ratification, made the pact the law of the land.

Congressional practice will delay the affixing of the President's signature until next Wednesday, when the House is again in session. The reciprocity bill, having originated in the House, must be returned there for engrossment and for the signature of Speaker Clark while the House is sitting.

The Canadian Parliament has not yet acted on the agreement. With one exception the provisions of the bill as passed by Congress will not become effective until the President issues a proclamation that Canada has ratified the pact. The exception to this procedure is the paper and pulp section of the bill, which it is announced will become immediately effective when the President signs the law.

The Democrats voting against the bill were Bailey of Texas, Clark of Arkansas and Simmons of North Carolina.

No New Fangle Disease in Mitchell County.

Asheville July 2.—The reported contagious disease, presumable blood poison, which was said to have baffled Medical skill in Mitchell county, this state, proves on investigation to have originated in the case of a physician of that county who accidentally cut his finger and later developed symptoms of blood poisoning. Reliable authorities in Mitchell county and in Tennessee declare that there is no epidemic of any description. Health officers of this city have also investigated last week's reports and claim that the facts are as here stated.

Weaverville College.

The advertisement of Weaverville College, Weaverville, N. C., is found elsewhere in our columns. We would be glad to have our readers investigate the merits of this institution.

The institution is located in the famous western North Carolina section, in the very heart of the mountains, with a climate unsurpassed. The village of Weaverville is free from the noise and vices of the city, and while conveniently situated nine from Asheville, is separate entirely from that city.

This excellent institution, with its very moderate charges and splendid advantages, should commend itself to those who have sons and daughters to educate.