

RICHEST COUNTRY IN THE SOUTH

The Palmetto State has Gold Dust in its Soil--North Carolina a Formidable Rival in Corn Culture--Our Farmers Don't Pull Together.

It is said that the richest agricultural county in the United States is Lancaster, in Pennsylvania, but which holds the high place of being in the lead in the South? It is said Marlboro, in South Carolina, has this honor, and that it is more productive and that the value of its lands is higher than even in Texas, in that wonderful Brazos valley, along by Waco and Waxahatchie, where it is said the soil, shown at one of the great expositions abroad, was found to be richer even than that of the Nile. But Marlboro probably leads and any South Carolinian will tell you in a moment that it is the richest county in his State and even south Georgians said it was wonderful, though they hold that their section is the garden-spot of this universe. Poor farmers are scarcer than hens' teeth in Marlboro and the land is easily worth from \$200 to \$250 an acre. At the court house it was said that land was in such request that it was not necessary to advertise, but merely to pass the word that it could be had, and that there are thousands upon thousands of dollars in bank ready to pay for it in an instant. Marlboro claims the honor of producing more cotton than any other section on the earth and to also be the greatest producer of corn to the acre, not to speak of other crops, and no farmers make anywhere in the South a more careful study of fertilization and other methods of agriculture. It is a section noted for attractive country homes, fine stock, the latest agricultural machinery and even steam plows, for one of these is at work there at this hour. The land is light in color, sandy, with a clay sub-soil, and very level. It is lighter than the south Georgia land and the farmers told me they expected to beat Georgia, North Carolina, or any other State in smashing records this year. They claim that ten years ago a farmer raised over two hundred and fifty bushels of corn on an acre and the writer got some of the corn from that farm for planting here, having brought other corn from Texas, Alabama and other States, for similar use. The farmers of Marlboro say that when the national corn show is held in Columbia, S. C., where it will no doubt be held in 1913, they propose to walk away with the big prizes for corn. They acknowledge that North Carolina is a formidable rival in corn and cotton growing, though the people of no one county in North Carolina pull together on farming like those of Marlboro, which may be well taken for an example by any county in the South.—Sel.

New Corporation

The O. K. Cowing Company, of Williamston, was chartered Saturday to purchase and sell either by wholesale or retail dry goods, notions, groceries and to carry on a general mercantile business. The total authorized capital stock is \$10,000, but may begin when \$2,100 has been subscribed. The stockholders are O. K. Cowing, F. E. Cowing and H. C. Harrison.

"Our baby cries for Chamberlain's Cough Remedy," writes Mrs. T. B. Kendrick, Rasaca, Ga. "It is the best cough remedy on the market for coughs, colds and croup. For sale by All Dealers.

Engagement Announced

Much cordial interest is centered in the announcement of the engagement of Mr. Richard Anderson Everett, of this city, to Miss Clara Charlotte Price, of Brooklyn, New York, the wedding to take place at noon, on Monday, April 24, at St. Peter's Episcopal church in Brooklyn. It will be a very quiet affair, the invitations having been limited to only the relatives and a few intimate friends of the contracting parties. Mr. Harry Everett will be best man and Miss May Lake, of Brooklyn, maid of honor.

Mr. Everett, having lived here practically all of his life, and being a young man of strong personality and enviable characteristics, has won numberless friends in both social and business spheres, who are anticipating extending his bride and himself a cordial welcome on their return.

The above taken from a Brunswick (Ga.) paper will be interesting to many friends in Martin County, as the groom-to-be is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Everett, formerly of Hamilton, and the nephew of Mrs. A. H. Smith of Williamston.

Constipation brings many ailments in its train and is the primary cause of much sickness. Keep your bowels regular, madam, and you will escape many of the ailments to which women are subject. Constipation is a very simple thing, but like many simple things, it may lead to serious consequences. Nature often needs a little assistance and when Chamberlain's Tablets are given at the first indication, much distress and suffering may be avoided. Sold by All Dealers.

The Children and Easter

Years ago the observance of the Easter season was confined to a few, now everybody irrespective of creed, catches the spirit of the glorious day and gives some expression outwardly to the feeling within. Easter Eve here was dark and rainy, but the sun shone in splendor Easter Day and through all nature breathed the blessed spirit of things made new. Especially was the day beautiful to the children, and with smiling faces each went to his respective Sunday School where joyous music, lovely flowers and Easter souvenirs made the hearts of the little folks glad. Easter Monday was a holiday, the school closing and the children enjoyed every moment of the day. Each Sunday School in town observed it, the Baptist picniced at the Biggs Farm, the Methodist hunted eggs in the Watts grove, the Christians at the residence of J. G. Godard and the Episcopalians on the Church lawn. Fruits and candies were served and hundreds of bright colored eggs were found by the happy children.

New Banks Organized

The Bank of Jamesville with a capital of \$5,000 has been chartered and the following officers elected: Dr. J. E. Smithwick, President; S. L. Wallace, First Vice-President; W. H. Martin, Second Vice-President; A. J. Manning, Cashier. The institution will be of great benefit and convenience to the business men of Jamesville and vicinity. This will make the sixth bank in Martin County.

The Bank of Washington County established recently by several business men of Williamston, has chosen the following as officers: Wheeler Martin, President; John Skittlethorp, Vice-President; William B. Watts, Cashier. The institution will be the second one in the town of Plymouth.

Miss Hannah Vic Fowden Entertains

A number of friends enjoyed a most delightful evening as the guests of Miss Hannah Victoria Fowden Monday, the occasion being the celebration of her birthday which occurred on the previous Friday. The hours were spent in games and in the enjoyment of a contest—"A Flower Romance." As the romantic ever appeals to the hearts of the young, so the contest was interesting from the beginning. Miss Irene Smith and Fred M. Shute tied in winning first honors.

At a late hour refreshments were served, consisting of a salad course, fruits and candies. There were many expressions of good wishes for Miss Fowden, and the guests were pleased to have been permitted to spend the last hours of Easter Monday in such a hospitable home.

Those present were: Misses Mary and Irene Smith, Annie Kate Throver, Eva Wolfe, Penelope Biggs, Louise Fowden; Messrs. A. D. Mizell, Fred M. Shute, Louis Bennett, Maurice Moore, Durward Gurganus and Claude Clark.

Closing of High School

The Williamston High School will close on May 4th, 1911. Attorney General T. W. Bickett will deliver the address before the graduating class. He has a State reputation as an orator and the Faculty were fortunate in their selection of a speaker.

When a medicine must be given to young children it should be pleasant to take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is made from loaf sugar, and the roots used in its preparation give it a flavor similar to maple syrup, making it pleasant to take. It has no superior for colds, croup and whooping cough. For sale by All Dealers.

"Never go where you are not wanted. If a man wants you to go to his room he will invite you to do so, and if the merchant wants you to visit his place of business he will invite you through the columns of your local paper. It is wrong to intrude upon privacy.—Ex."

Notice

Subscribers of the Williamston Telephone Company will please make the following additions and changes to their Telephone Directories.

New subscribers: Ayers, A. B. 107-1½; Bradley, Rev. Rufus, 44; Coaltrain, C. C. 114-3½; Crawford, J. C. Sheriff, office 68; Dennis Simmons Lbr. Co. Logging Camp, 114-4½; Griffin, Geo. W. 106-½; Gurganus, J. D. 42; Leggett, J. H. 101-½; Manning, A. J. 114-1½; Manning, N. R. 114-3; Market, 52; Peel, Penny, 106-1½; Peel Ephraim, 106-2; Peoples N. C. Steamboat Line, 19-2; Roanoke Bottling Works, 88; Roberson Charlie T. 114-4; Rogers, Walter 131; Smith & Hadley, 52; Teel, Mrs. W. J. 103-5; Taylor, McS. 38; Whitaker, W. J. 89; Williams, Dr. John W. 103-4½; Wyman & Whitehurst, 100-1½.

Changes: Daniel & Staton, 104-3½; Daniel, Wm. Ed. 104-4½; Gurganus, J. Henry, 109-2½; Hardison, Simon E. 104-4; Hopkins, J. W. 104-3; Hardison, J. B. 104-1½.

Jamesville Central

Askew, C. A. 14; Davenport, J. L. 18; Evans, J. E. 17; Edwards, D. S. 20; Hotel, 19.
Change S. R. Biggs Drug Co., to The Jamesville Drug Co., 3.
W. C. Manning, Mgr.

Death of Mrs. J. T. Hyman

After two weeks of suffering, Emma, the beloved wife of Captain John T. Hyman died on Saturday morning, April 15th, 1911. She was born in 1840 in Martin County near Oak City, and last year celebrated her golden wedding having married Capt. Hyman in 1860. There were no children to bless the union and husband and wife lived lovingly together in their country home. Mrs. Hyman was a Miss Harrell before her marriage and has many relatives in the upper section of the county. She had never connected herself with any religious body but had faith in the doctrines of the Primitive Baptist Church and attended its services.

Sunday afternoon a large number of friends and relatives assembled at the family residence near Oak City to pay the last mark of respect to the dead friend and neighbor. Elder Thomas Lawrence conducted the funeral services, after which the body was laid away in the cemetery at the Harrell homestead.

Another Fire Loss

An alarm of fire was started Wednesday night about 7-15 o'clock. It had been raining for several hours and a slight shower was falling. The fire was located in the storeroom of the L. E. Corey Grocery Company on the railroad just above the depot. The building was a rough wooden one covered with metal roofing. It was stored with boxes and barrels of groceries, which were entirely consumed, for the fire was on the inside and in full blaze when discovered. The house had been open during the day but there is no clue to the origin of the fire. The loss is estimated at \$5,000; insurance \$3,000.

Pointed Paragraphs

Every woman's aim in life is to boss some man.

Troubles, like babies, grow larger by nursing.

A smart man is one who agrees with a woman—so she thinks.

In this era of expensive living the father of ten children has a strenuous job.

Merely loving a woman doesn't satisfy her; she wants you to make love to her.

A man who insists that he is just as good as you are may not be extra good at that.

How a giddy girl does enjoy making a man keep on trying to kiss her when she won't let him.

It's a good thing for a man to bump up against the proof of his own importance occasionally.

You wonder why you have more trouble than other people and they wonder why you have less trouble than they do.—Chicago News.

Died in Baltimore

The body of Frances Elizabeth, infant of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Cleary, of Kinston, was brought here from Baltimore for burial Saturday. Mrs. Cleary had been in the city with the babe for several months, and though it had always been delicate, no immediate danger was feared. Early on the morning of April 13th, it was taken with severe pain and had not the strength to fight for life, and so the angels carried it away to Him who said: "Suffer little children to come unto Me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

Accompanied by the parents the body arrived on the 1:10 train and was taken to Oakdale Cemetery and interred in the Keith plot, Rev. Rufus Bradley, reading the beautiful service of the Church.

Commencement at Robersonville

The annual commencement exercises of the Robersonville Graded and High School will be held Thursday and Friday, April 27th and 28th, in Baily and Adkins' Warehouse. The exercises will begin on Thursday night with a program to be rendered by the pupils of the music department and those of the first and second grades. On Friday morning at 11 o'clock the annual debate by members of the Excelsior Literary Society will be held. It is very probable that Gov. Kitchin will preside over this date.

Friday afternoon at 2:30, the annual commencement address will be delivered by Gov. W. W. Kitchin. Friday night will mark the closing exercises. A diversified program, which it is hoped will please, is being arranged for that night. As the exercises will be held in the warehouse, where plenty of seats will be arranged, no one need fear a lack of accommodations and thus stay away. Everybody is cordially invited to attend these exercises and it is hoped that a large crowd will come out. Music will be furnished by the Robersonville Brass Band.

Kicked by a Mad Horse

Samuel Burch, of Beeton, Wis., had a most narrow escape from losing his leg, as no doctor could heal the frightful sore that developed, but at last Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured it completely. Its the greatest healer of ulcers, burns, boils, eczema, scalds, cuts, corns, cold-sores, bruises and piles on earth. Try it 25c at Saunders & Fowden.

Two Pardoned

Jesse Barlow and Josh Hyman, who were sentenced to the State Prison for two and four years respectively, were pardoned by Gov. Kitchin last week. It will be remembered that they were tried and convicted of attempt to burn the Stallings building in which they conducted a barber shop. One year of their term has already been served. The pardon was recommended by the attorney who was employed by the insurance commissioners to prosecute the prisoners.

In cases of rheumatism relief from pain makes sleep and rest possible. This may be obtained by applying Chamberlain's Liniment. For sale by All Dealers.

Died in Raleigh

The funeral of Joseph Rogers took place here on Sunday afternoon, the interment being in the Baptist Cemetery. Skewarkee Lodge of which the deceased was a member, buried him with all the honors of the Craft. Religious services were conducted at the home of relatives in the country by Elder John Rodgerson, of the Primitive Baptist Church. From there the body was borne to its last resting place.

Mr. Rogers was a resident of Williamston several years ago, having been machinist in the factory of J. L. Woolard. Leaving here he went to Vaughn to work for the Greenleaf Johnson Lumber Company. A short while ago he was taken to the Rex Hospital at Raleigh, where he underwent an operation and died on the afternoon of April 13th. The body was brought here on Friday.

He was the son of the late Elder Levi Rogers and was still at young man. His wife, who survives him with two small children, was Miss Bennett, of Martin County.

ROBERSONVILLE NEWS ITEMS

Local Happenings and People who are Coming and Going, Here, There and Yonder as Gathered by our Regular Correspondent.

Mr. Ransom was in town Sunday.

W. Z. Morton spent last week in Danville.

D. M. Jones was here from Greenville Tuesday.

J. W. Ferrell, of Greenville, was in town Tuesday.

Mrs. J. E. Ward returned from Wilsom Wednesday.

It is said that Cecil Everett spent Sunday in Oak City.

Mrs. S. G. Hysmith and children spent Tuesday in Bethel.

Miss Minnie Bryant, of Gold Point, was in town Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Coffield returned from Greenville Monday.

Miss Myrna Hight left Saturday for Rocky Mount to visit relatives.

Misses Lishie and Addie Coburn, of G. H. Point were here Wednesday.

Miss Selma Everett spent Sunday with Misses Mace and Pearl Robertson.

There are two photographers in town this week, going from house to house taking pictures.

Mrs. Hermon Robuck and Miss Millie Robuck, of near Williamston, were here Wednesday.

Mrs. J. C. Taylor and Miss Ora Taylor, of Oak Grove, spent Tuesday with Mrs. R. J. Nelson.

Prof. A. E. Standfield, of Farmville, is teaching a singing class at the Primitive Baptist Church.

Elder G. D. Roberson went to Bethel Monday p. m. to conduct the burial services of Mr. McG. Jones.

The merchants here attended the annual meeting of the Retail Merchants Association of Martin and Pitt Counties at Bethel Wednesday.

Drs. Nelson and Ward assisted by Dr. Saunders, of Williamston, performed a very successful operation on Mr. Robt. Jenkins, who lives near here. When they amputated his leg. His many friends and loved ones are rejoicing to know that he is getting along so fine.

The Easter egg hunt was greatly enjoyed Monday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock. The children of the Disciple, Methodist and Baptist Sunday Schools assembled on Main Street and at the hour appointed marched down near the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cochran where the eggs had been hidden. For two hours the children enjoyed themselves looking for the eggs, and then marched back to town. One pleasing feature of the occasion was the excellent music furnished by the Brass Band which is only three months old.

Up-To-Date Methods on the Farm

The farmer is no longer deprived of the benefits of city life. He has his telephone, his rural free delivery of mail, and one of the best things is to have goods that he needs the most delivered right to his door by a reliable traveling salesman. This Company is the pioneer in this line with over 2000 salesmen on the road taking care of the trade of over 2,000,000 farmers. Right now we need an active energetic young man in Martin County to handle this important work.—Address. The J. R. Watkins Company, 113 South Gay Street, Baltimore, Maryland. Established in 1868. Capital over \$2,000,000. Plant contains 10 acres floor space.