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## Farmville Tobacco Market Leads In Prices!

### ...PAYS MORE MONEY PER POUND THAN ANY OTHER BIG MARKET IN THE EAST...

### MANY CAUSES THANKSGIVING

#### Governor Sets Apart Date of November 27th to Give Special Thanks to God.

Gov. Bickett's Thanksgiving proclamation is especially appropriate this year and no doubt will appeal to every reader of this paper. It says:

"Our forefathers established the beautiful custom of setting apart one day near the end of the harvest time to rerun thanks to Almighty God for the blessings of life.

"In this good year, 1919, how much have we for which to be grateful!

"Our soldiers who on last Thanksgiving day were far away in foreign lands have safely crossed the seas, and are at home again in happiness and in peace.

"The Lord of the harvest has been good to us. Our fields have yielded bountifully. Our industries have thrived wonderfully. In every line of business endeavor we are prosperous beyond the fondest dreams of our

There has been a mighty triumph of spiritual forces in our midst, for which we should be profoundly grateful. The fruits of this victory are seen in the great forward movements of all the churches; in the finer educational advantages enjoyed by all the children of the State; in the growing demand for complete economic and social justice in taxation and all other matters; and in the larger opportunities offered on every hand to the average man and average woman.

"Surely in this day God has given to men everywhere a bigger, broader conception of Christian service than they ever had before.

"North Carolina is singularly blessed in that in this time of turmoil she is almost entirely free from industrial and racial bitterness and strife. We should be deeply thankful for the spirit of friendship and good will that prevails among us. Let us pray for absolute justice for all, by which alone this spirit may be strengthened and maintained.

"Now, therefore, I, Thomas Walter Bickett, governor of North Carolina, in obedience to the custom established by our fathers and in accordance with the proclamation of the President of the United States do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 27th, a day of public Thanksgiving.

"Let this be a day of rest and rejoicing, observed by everybody. Let us not forget the orphan, the poor and unfortunate. I earnestly trust that all the people will assemble in their places of worship and make this a real Thanksgiving day."

**Combination in Soap.**  
The principle of soap making is to wash the same and is based on the combination of fat and an alkali, as in the case of tallow and lye. Variations in soap are made due to addition of perfume, coloring matter and such substances which have nothing to do with the primary purpose of soap, which is to cleanse.

### TIMES "SURE HAD CHANGED"

Neighbors in France Hailed as Friend  
Man Whom They Had, When  
"Kids" Feared Greatly.

The story of how two doughboys found their old enemy in France is told by Mike Nolan, former police lieutenant of New York city, who served as a K. of C. secretary assigned to the Sixteenth Infantry, First division. Nolan is fifty-two years old and put in 22 years on the New York police force. When he changed the blue uniform for khaki, he was in charge of the twenty-third precinct, the old Tenderloin.

On his breast is a victory ribbon with two bronze major offensive stars and three silver citation stars. He has been recommended for the D. S. C. by the commanding officer of the Sixteenth Infantry.

He had wandered up to a "little bunch" of doughboys who were "shootin' craps," and gave each of the boys a pack of K. of C. cigarettes. The game was an exciting one, and a soldier who was about "to roll the irons" looked up at him and asked him to "kiss 'em for a five." Nolan did so, and the dice turned up a two and a three.

One of the unlucky boys who had lost on the toss of the dice looked up at Nolan and recognized him as an old enemy.

"Holy cat! Look, it's Tenderloin Bull Nolan!" he said to his pal. "Don't you remember, he's de cop who used to chase us from doorways for shootin' craps when we was kids?"

"Shure," said the lucky soldier, "and he pulled us out for smoking butts. And here he is shelling out packs of real cigarettes and kissin' de boys for us. Damn! If it ain't right dat de waz changes de whole world!"

That Now Seen by United States  
Army Medical Officers Goes Back  
Four Thousand Years.

The caduceus, which was introduced in 1902 by Col. John Van R. Hoff, M. C. U. S. A., editor of the Military Surgeon, as part of the medical officers' insignia, dates back 4,000 years, according to F. H. Garrison, M. D., U. S. A., writing in the Journal of the American Medical Association. For a number of reasons the serpent was always the symbol of medicine in antiquity. The Babylonians' caduceus, which as the insignia shows today—two snakes entwined with wings at the top of the staff—occurs in Egyptian remains. It stands for an actual serpent god, Ningishzida, who as the special messenger of Ishtar, was the awakener of life in the springtime, and the Mesopotamian prototype of the Greek Hermes. The Romans had a special functionary, the caduceator, who was a sort of peace commissioner. The caduceus was used on the title pages of books published by the famous medical printer, Frobenius, in 1400 to 1527. The "wand of Mercury," as it is sometimes called, was also carried by merchant traders in ancient times, on excursions where peaceful negotiations were desired and they wanted to be known as neutrals.

**Labor Troubles in China.**  
The 240 a month which the Chinese coolie with his family drew from the Chinese government during his period of enlistment in the army is the basis for the labor disturbance which is rocking China at the present time, says C. G. Thompson of Shanghai in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. Mr. Thompson explains that prior to the war the average coolie made a monthly wage of \$12 to \$15, while having become accustomed to the new standards of living made possible by the 240 allotment he declines now to return to the old basis. Even household domestics have become affected by the new unrest and are demanding more money, he says. Recently because of the unsettled conditions there was a strike of dockworkers in Chinese ports which held up all trans-Pacific traffic for a considerable time, Mr. Thompson stated.

**Man Eats.**  
The physician had diagnosed the young woman's case and was commencing to give her a bottle of medicine. He put two or three drops into the bottle and then took up a jar of peas. The jar was almost empty and there was not enough peas to finish filling the patient's bottle. The physician looked around for another jar. He didn't find one, however. For a minute he was tranquilly perplexed, and then came a sudden relief. He turned to the house and emptied filling the bottle with water.

"Oh," the young woman's voice was very cool, "you needn't have done that. I can eat 'em in the water myself."

### TOBACCO CROP NEARLY SOLD

#### Reported Sale of 207,206,653 Pounds of North Carolina's Estimated Yield

Of North Carolina's present tobacco crop, estimate by the Federal Bureau of Crop Estimates at 285,000,000 pounds, already 207,206,653 pounds have been reported sold, states the Co-operating Crop Reporting Service of the Department of Agriculture in the monthly tobacco report issued today. Estimating reasonably for the few warehouses that have failed to report, 214,116,751 pounds, or 75 per cent of the farmers' tobacco crop, has been sold at an average season's price of \$48.36 per hundred pounds. About two hundred million pounds producers sales for September and October makes a record for the State.

The October sales report amounted to 102,635,197 pounds. The total sales, including resales, were 117,540,363, averaging \$36.83 per hundred weight. During October, 1918, there was but 23

per cent of the crop sold in October, 1916, there was 45 per cent of this year's October first hand sales. The warehouses estimated that of last month's sales 63 per cent was grown in the counties where sold, the larger markets drawing from many counties.

The Eastern markets selling over five million pounds up to Oct. 1st were: Wilson at an average of \$57.10; Kinston, at an average \$55.27; Rocky Mount at an average of \$57.39; Greenville at an average of \$51.72; Ayden at an average of \$53.86; and Farmville, (the leader of them all in highest averages) at \$62.15.

### WORK OF PLANT INVENTOR

#### His Skill Produces Variations That Nature Would Require Thousands of Years to Accomplish.

With a watch glass and a fine camel's-hair brush the plant inventor performs miracles. He causes more changes in six generations than Nature, unaided, would produce in 100,000 years. Two plants may be growing in his garden, native of countries separated by continents. Their structures, habits, hereditary tendencies and identities have been preserved through thousands of years. The plant inventor takes the pollen from one, transfers it to his watch glass, carries it to the other, and from the glass transfers it to the bloom. The resultant seed is sown. The new plants may resemble one plant or the other, or they may be like neither, or they may be the very strangest. There are thousands of disappointments for one success in the work.

Luther Burbank chose one seedling out of 60,000 when he invented the prinberry. The rest were remorselessly destroyed. The new prinberry is a cross between the raspberry and the blackberry, but has a fruit much larger and sweeter than either. Mr. Burbank has produced 300,000 varieties of plants, 50,000 peaches and nectarines, 500 almonds, 5,000 walnuts, 5,000 apples, 2,000 grapes, 2,000 pears and thousands of different kinds of berries, flowers and vegetables in actual production.

### WEALTH IN BAMBEO GROVES

#### Year Cultivation in the Southern States Is Expected to Exceed 30, a Recognized Prospect.

One thinks more readily of an American grove with a roof than of one

### TAKE A TRIP IN THE AIR

#### Lieut. Bishop, With A Big Curtis Plane, will be in Farmville Saturday, Sunday and Monday to give you the opportunity to enjoy the sensation of all sensations. Landing field near East Carolina Depot.

The Bishop-Privette Aerial Co., who had their big Curtis plane here today advertising the Jim Long farm for the North American Land Co., the wide awake and hustling auction folks of this section, will remain in Farmville Saturday, Sunday and Monday for the purpose of taking up passengers, distributing advertising matter, etc.

Lieut. Milburn A. Bishop, who does the living for the company, served with honor and distinction throughout the war, seeing seventeen months overseas, five of which were spent on the Western front, and was shot down on October 19th, last year, in the Argonne Forest. He was decorated with the croix de guerre.

But, however, what is the greatest sacrifice of merit given by the French government for flying, for the valiant services rendered in cleaning out German machine gun nests from an aeroplane.

Lieut. Bishop is stopping at Hotel Davis and those desiring to make engagement for a spin in the air can either see him there, or better still, at the landing field on the Shepard farm just a short distance west of the East Carolina Railway station.

Go out and take a trip in the air—it's the sensation of all sensations, and you'll enjoy it.

with a bamboo grove, but bamboo groves may yet become common in the southern states. In the desirability of planting them makes reasonable progress. It will be a new idea to the farmer, and he will have to think it over. Manifestly the country has one important bamboo grove flourishing in the state of Georgia, where it stands in the custody of the United States department of agriculture, to serve as an object lesson. The young bamboo shoots provide an early spring vegetable, said to have a flavor much like that of sweet corn, and the stalks have a wide range of uses which should make a bamboo grove profitable. It is worth the farmer's consideration, for example, that millions of small canes are yearly imported from Japan, and during 1918 made out of them, for which the United States pays annually about \$4,000,000.

**Hard to Account for Figures.**  
Statistics have recently been published in Germany which are so striking that the Medical Record's Geneva (Switzerland) correspondent says they "need confirmation." It is stated that for every 1,000 boys born in the later years of the war, 1,036 girls have been born. Before the war the ratio was 1,000 boys to 1,024 girls. "Nothing," writes the correspondent, "is known with certainty as to the conditions that determine sex in the human species, but there is quite a large amount of evidence in support of the generalization that during wars and famines, when the conditions are generally adverse, especially with regard to nutrition, the production of male relative to female tends to increase. If there is any foundation for this generalization, then we may conclude either that the figures are pointing out that Germany was really not doing badly during the war, or else that some entirely abnormal influence was at work."

### DRUG OF MARVELOUS POWER

#### Rayard Taylor's Description of Genes Shows Under the Influence of Hashish is a Classic.

Hashish may be reckoned one of the most classic of all intoxicants. Herodotus, the "Father of History," speaks of its use among the ancient Scythians, and it was doubtless the drug referred to by Homer as "the assuager of grief" in the house of Menelaus. Rayard Taylor's account of his sensations on first taking it at Damascus is memorable. It put him in a state of mental exaltation where in all sensations as they arose suggested more or less coherent images in a double form, one physical, the other spiritual, and the latter revealing itself in a series of indescribably brilliant metaphors. A few minutes after taking the drug he found himself at the foot of the Great Pyramid. A wish instantly transported him to the summit, far above the palm groves and wheat fields of Egypt. Then, looking down, he observed that the pyramid was not built of stone, but of gigantic blocks of "plug" tobacco! For a moment he writhed in a perfect paroxysm of laughter at this ludicrous discovery. Then his senses were ravished with delicious perfumes, and there came to him vast divine melodies and harmonies such as Beethoven might have dreamed. Time and space seemed vastly extended, so that a minute seemed an hour and an hour a year, while his friends in the same room with him seemed miles away, as though he were viewing them through a reversed telescope.

### ANIMALS POINT OUT RICHES

#### Innumerable Instances Where Prospector Have Been Aided by Search

A very interesting case is said to have been found the other day in a wild bear's nest in Australia. The story seems likely enough, for Australia has yielded all the really monster nuggets to date—the "Welcome" weighed 2,135 troy ounces and was valued at \$43,500—and one of the biggest was discovered by a prospector who stubbed his toe against a projecting angle of it.

On the Wind river Indian reservation, in Wyoming prospectors look for grains of gold brought to the surface of the ground by ants. And in Arizona antlions are a common source of excellent garnets which are fetched to the surface by the industrious insects.

During the war we had generous need of antimony to make shrapnel bullets. The latter are of lead, but require the addition of 15 per cent of antimony to enable them to hold their shape when the containing shell explodes.

Accordingly, the government sent out experts to look for deposits of the metal, and the most productive antimony mine that we now have in this country was located by the help of a badger, earth thrown out of the creature's burrow showing a glint of the precious stuff.

### TNT Wins Contest With Dynamite

A contest was recently staged between 40 per cent dynamite and trinitrotoluene, and the latter won, says the Scientific American. Two concrete piers had to be blasted out and this gave an opportunity for a comparative test of the two explosives, with the result that 24.5 cubic feet of concrete were removed per pound of TNT, and only 14.1 per pound of dynamite.

TNT is no doubt destined to be used extensively in engineering work, as it is less sensitive than dynamite, but greater precautions must be taken to ventilate after a shot, owing to the large amount of carbon monoxide which is one of the principal products of combustion.

### More Than Master of Languages

Wilfred Stevens, one of the chief translators of the state department at Washington, speaks 32 languages, although he has never been outside of the United States, and has never been to college. One of the languages is an invention of his own, which he says is an improvement over Esperanto. Among his list of languages are Chinese, Japanese, Russian, Polish, Armenian, Arabic, Bulgarian, Croatian, Russian, German, Portuguese, French, Spanish, Italian, Swedish, Norwegian, Dutch, Hungarian, Finnish, Ancient Greek, Latin, Hebrew, Polish and Roumanian. He has also mastered three so-called universal languages—Esperanto, Ido and Gisho, the latter his own idea.

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### WIFE SLAYER ESCAPES JAIL

#### W. B. Kettles Gets Away Three Days After Sentenced To Serve 30 Years.

W. B. Kettles, sentenced to the State prison by Judge Kerr last week for a term of 30 years at hard labor for the murder of his wife in the town of Farmville on the night of August 3rd, made his escape from the county jail sometime during Saturday night and is still at large.

How the wife murderer made his escape is shrouded in mystery. Yesterday morning when the janitor of the jail went to take the prisoners their breakfast Kettles was called, but made no answer. The janitor repeated the call, still no response. Sheriff Dudley was then sent for and when he arrived and went to the cell of Kettles he was not to be found. The surmise is that Kettles made his escape through being provided with keys by a party or parties unknown.

Sheriff Dudley says that the cell was securely locked Saturday

Sunday morning when the janitor went to take the prisoners their breakfast. Either Kettles made a key with which he gained his freedom or some outsider furnished him with one; anyway he escaped. He was confined in a cell in the second story and was to have been carried to the State prison today to be given his sentence.

Kettles, as the readers of this paper will recall, shot his wife in the town of Farmville on August 3rd and then attempted to take his own life by shooting himself in the breast. He was brought to jail here right after the shooting where for days his condition was precarious. He finally recovered but during his convalescence he attempted the second time to kill himself by slashing his throat with a knife.

Kettles was convicted of murder in the second degree at the last term of court and Judge Kerr sentenced him to 30 years in the State prison. On the witness stand, in his own behalf, he stated that he and his wife had formed a suicidal pact. He admitted that he killed her and then tried to kill himself. His defense was that he was mentally unbalanced.

A reward of a \$200 has been offered for his arrest. He is about six feet tall and will weigh between 150 and 165 pounds. A sharp lookout has been requested by the sheriff to all the authorities in the State.

### Use Salts in Dry Battery

An experimenter has succeeded in successfully substituting crystals of Rochelle salt for dry cell batteries in telephone circuits to transmit and amplify sound.

### "Carpet-Bagger"

It is said that the term "carpet-bagger" was first applied to political adventurers in America. It was designed to describe a needy political adventurer who wanders over the country peddling to the prejudices of the ignorant in order to try to get into office. He was so called because he was regarded as having only empty property to back a carpet bag.