

Union Picnic and Barbecue For Craven.

The Craven County Farmers' Union met at the court house in New Bern, Saturday, July 8th, with a very good attendance from the different locals, and matters of interest to the Union were discussed by various farmers from different sections of the county.

It was unanimously decided to hold a picnic and barbecue on September 14th, at some one of the locals in the county, the place to be decided upon at the next county meeting.

Every local was urged to send a full delegation to this meeting as not only the site for the picnic will be decided, but other matters of interest to every farmer will be discussed.

Mr. B. E. Rice, Land and Industrial Agent for N. & L. railroad, has expressed a desire to speak to the Craven County Farmers' Union some time this summer. He has been invited and is expected to be with us on that day. Other prominent speakers will also be invited. We want to make this the biggest day in the history of the Craven County Union.

It was suggested that there be held a short Agricultural Fair in Craven County some time this fall. It was also suggested that the matter be taken up with the Chamber of Commerce and Retail Merchants Association of New Bern, asking their co-operation and this matter will be taken up at the next meeting.

At the close of the business session the members were served with delicious refreshments consisting of ice cream and cake. The next County Union will meet at the court house in New Bern the second Saturday in August. Everybody invited.

W. O. GASKINS,
Secretary.

Vardaman Tells 'Em.

A gentleman whose business takes him through Mississippi at regular intervals was in Charlotte recently. It is his profound conviction that the Mississippi brand of politics contains a larger proportion of tobacco to the cubic centimeter than any similar form of excitement in the world. He heard enough Vardaman and anti-Vardaman talk to set his brain awl. He attended a campaign meeting at which the former Governor made a plea to be sent to the Senate. A paragraph or so of the speech made such an impression upon the visitor from North Carolina that upon his return to his hotel he jotted a few notes down for future reference.

"What we need," shouted Governor Vardaman. While his supporters howled and his opponents screamed until one could scarcely

hear even that stentorian voice, "is to raise more produce at home and stop buying so much from the Northern States. Take the average Mississippi farmer. He buys canned and other fruits—likewise canned and other foods. He gets up at the alarm of a Connecticut clock, fastens his Chicago suspenders to his Detroit overalls, washes face with Cincinnati soap in a Pennsylvania wash-basin, sits down to a Grand Rapids table, eats Indiana hominy, fried with St. Joseph lard on a St. Louis stove and puts a St. Louis bridle on a Tennessee mule. He sits down at night to read a Bible that was printed in Chicago, kneels to say a prayer composed in Jerusalem and covers himself with a New Jersey blanket only to be disturbed all night by the howling of his dog which is the only home-raised product on the place."

Governor Vardaman may be wild and demagogical on some things but the characteristic sentences quoted cause it to appear that he is eminently sound on the good old gospel of "living at home."—Charlotte Observer.

Mr. W. R. Bryant of the Juniper Branch Local, in Johnson County, desires a speaker or lecturer for his section. This local is doing some business through the State Business Agent, but they want to get in shape for bigger things and want a speaker to help them.

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