

**Tobacco in the East.**

The following is an extract taken from Greensboro Patriot, contributed by C. A. Bray, leaf tobacco dealer of that place:

Every farmer who wishes to be successful must grow less tobacco and grow it good. One acre of good tobacco is better for you than ten acres of sorry stuff, for one acre of good tobacco will pay you a profit, but ten acres of sorry stuff will bring you in debt. I don't care how large the general average on tobacco is, these good rich tobacco always demand a good price.

Manure for tobacco should be horse stable manure and a first class commercial fertilizer, with a large per cent. of ammonia and potash. The following would make a most excellent tobacco fertilizer: 2 per cent. of phosphoric acid, (ava.) 4 per cent. of potash K2O derived from sulphate potash, and 3 1/2 per cent. of ammonia derived from nitrate soda and dried blood. Put on 500 pounds to the acre in the drill. Never put fertilizer in the hill for good results. An excellent way to use your horse manure is to drill it in the poorest spots of land very lightly and then go over the land with your fertilizer just the same as if the manure was not there. This gives you uniformity and good size in your tobacco.

Keep your tobacco well worked, running your plough close to the plant first time and further off each successive time to the last plowing. This prevents breaking the new roots of the plant which have just crossed your last furrows. Give your tobacco plenty of space to grow in. Topping tobacco requires science, experience and judgment. In this section tobacco should be well primed and then topped from eight to twelve leaves, and sometimes fourteen in very rich spots. In topping tobacco judge from the growth of the plant how many leaves it will thoroughly mature and then top at that. More of it should be topped at eight and ten leaves in this section than at anything else. Your success in growing tobacco depends largely on topping it just right. If you top too low it makes it coarse and bony; if you top too high it makes it thin and poor, with a lot of tips.

Grow your tobacco good and rich, let it get thoroughly ripe before cutting it. Cure it as bright as you can on the stalk and if you should then want it mahogany it is no trouble to hang it up and let it run red. The tobacco trade wants this class of tobacco, then let us be up and doing and supply the wants of the trade with this valuable type of tobacco which is produced only in the Old Piedmont belt of North Carolina and Virginia.

Endeavor to grow all your grain and supplies at home and grow what tobacco you can mature well and cultivate first class, for a money crop. This is the only remedy for the present low average on tobacco that I know of which each farmer may avail himself of independent of the others.

This article is written without reward or the hope of reward, in the hope that it may direct some poor down trodden farmer's thoughts in the right direction and enable him once more to carry a full pocket book and wear a smiling face as he once did.

**How a Letter May Be Recalled.**

Many times people would like to recall a letter after it has been mailed. This can be done even if the letter has reached the post-office at its destination. At every post-office there are what is called "withdrawal blanks." On application they will be furnished and, when a deposit is made to cover the expenses, the postmaster will telegraph to the postmaster at the letter's destination asking that it be promptly returned. The applicant first signs this agreement: "It is hereby agreed that, if the letter is returned to me, I will protect you from any and all claims made against you for such return and will fully indemnify you for any loss you may sustain by reason for such action. And I herewith deposit \$— to cover all expenses incurred and will deliver to you the envelope of the letter returned." In many cases persons have made remittance to fraudulent parties or irresponsible firms, not learning their true character until after the letter had gone, and have succeeded in recalling them. There is an instance where a Kansas City merchant had remitted a dishonest traveling man a draft for \$175 and by means of a withdrawal recalled the draft just in time.

**How Some Senators Get Rich.**

The time was when a Senator on his salary could not get rich. That time has passed. Mr. Walter Wellman, writing from Washington to the Chicago Herald, shows how it is that they get rich in these days:

"Monday last a certain stock-broker in this city filed an order for 900 shares of sugar stock in Wall street. His customers were three United States Senators.

"In filling this order the broker began buying at 113 1/2 and bought up to 115. Yesterday this deal was closed out at from 117 1/2 to 118. The profits on the transaction was about \$30,000.

"This is what one broker did. How much stock was handled by other brokers here and in New York for senatorial account no one knows.

"It is pretty well understood that Senators who were able to get inside information concerning the sugar schedule in the Finance committee revision have been buying in Wall street for a week or more. They were speculating on a sure thing, for the manner in which the sugar schedule favors the trust could not fail to put its shares up in the market when the facts should become public property.

"There is a great deal of gossip about these senatorial investments in sugar, but it is not considered probable the Senate will order an investigation. The Senate does not care for any more sugar speculation investigations."—News & Observer.

The eighty-first report of the American Bible Society was presented to its managers at its annual meeting in the Bible house this afternoon. It showed that receipts for benevolent work, including gifts from auxiliaries were \$188,377 and disbursements for benevolent work near \$265,668. The total gifts of the living were \$68,886.

Never before, with a single exception, have so many volumes of the Bible been sent from that Bible house in one year to foreign countries. The entire number is 101,354, and seven-eighths of them went to Mexico, Central and South America.

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Eggs, per dozen,	66
Beeswax, per lb.,	20
Hides, green, per lb.,	3@3 1/2
Hides, dry,	6.07
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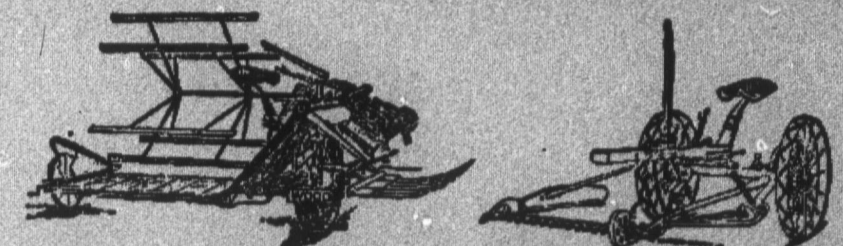
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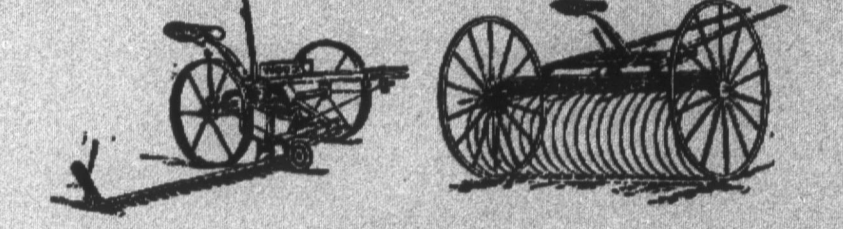
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The Onslow and Jones Branch of The Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Association.

The applicants for membership in the Onslow and Jones Branch of The Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Association of North Carolina met at the Court House in Jacksonville on Saturday, January 9th, to perfect a reorganization. The State Agent, J. S. C. Carpenter, of Raleigh, made a brief explanation of the plan as operating in this and other States. The plan, in a nutshell, is this: The farmers, or those owning detached property in the counties of Onslow and Jones are privileged under special act of the N. C. Legislature to obligate themselves in a policy contract

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