

Farmer's Institute:

The following program has been arranged for the Farmers Institute to be held at Boone on Monday, Aug. 19th 1907:

Morning session will open at 10:30 o'clock and afternoon session at 1:20.

SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION:

Corn Culture, by C. B. Williams, Director N. C. Experiment Station.

Insect Pests and Spraying, by Franklin Sherman, Jr., State Entomologist.

Problems in breeding and feeding live-stock, by A. L. French, Rockingham county.

Suggestions for the improvement of farm homes, by Franklin Sherman, Jr.

Fertilizer and their use, by C. B. Williams.

Opening of the question box and general discussion.

If the local committee will provide a dairy cow and beef animal, Mr. French will give a short lecture demonstrating the differences in form of these two types of cattle.

While these subjects will be discussed, any others of special interest may be suggested by those present. Every man meets with difficulties in his work and the institute is the place to which our farmers should bring their difficult problems and help each other solve them.

There should be no hesitation about any farmer joining in and making these institutes of great good to the county. No one man can alone acquire either by study or through experience what is needful him to know to do the best farming and therefore if these farmers institutes are made occasions for giving and receiving help, for study and comparison of ideas and methods much good can not fail to result to those who take an interest and active part in the work.

The above program is given to indicate the nature of the Institute, but it may be changed or added to, as those present desire. A question box will also be open, into which all are invited to put such questions as they desire discussed. A large number of intelligent questions means an interesting Institute, and special attention will be given to this feature.

The Farmer's Institutes are held for the benefit of farmers, and none but strictly farming questions will be discussed. It is, therefore, especially desired that a large attendance of farmers and their families be secured, and to this end you are urged to be present and to induce your neighbors to do the same.

TATE BUTLER, State Director
Farmer's Institute.
T. C. BRID, Ch'm. Co. Farmer's
Institute Com.

The Unknown.

The eyes gazed strained with peer ing into the unknown. We can not penetrate the evil which the Father hangs over coming days as the light gauze of mist over the gaunt hills or the smiling pasture lands. It is better not to know. The joy hidden in the years would unfit us for common task, whilst the dread, apart from the sight of His all-sufficient grace that waits to succor us, would paralyze. It is His mercy that puts its hand over our eyes. But if by the constitution of our minds we must anticipate the future, then let us believe that it is radiant with His presence, filling each moment to its outermost rim. No day, whatever it takes, can deprive us of Him. Each day will utter to the next some speech of His love. All the days linked together and entwined with His present grace will make a golden chain of holy and blessed living.
—F. B. Meyer.

Feather Grass.

Mr. Editor: Coming a few weeks ago as a stranger into Watauga county, I was at once struck with the luxuriant growth of a handsome grass which I have not seen elsewhere. I learned that the name given it here is "Feather Grass," which answers very well to its general appearance. A careful analysis convinced me that it is the grass to which the botanists have applied the rather formidable name of "Holcus Lanatus," and which in various parts of the United States is called "Meadow Soft Grass," or "Velvet Grass," or "White Timothy." Of course, we Tar Heels have a right to call it "feather grass," if we choose, though this name is applied elsewhere to a very different kind of grass.

In order to be sure of my analysis, I sent several specimens to the Agricultural Department in Washington and have received a letter confirming the result of my examination.

There seems to be great diversity of opinion in regard to the value of the grass. An English writer says: "This grass is not liked by cattle, either when green or in hay, being too soft, soggy and insipid." Dr. Beal, of the Michigan Agricultural College writes: "It is so soft, velvety, conspicuous and handsome, that everyone at once becomes interested in knowing the name and value, but it is still questionable whether it is worthy of cultivation anywhere. During summer on the most old pastures of New England, we have often seen bunches untouched and going to seed, while June grass, red top and white clover were kept closely cropped."

On the other hand, Dr. Phares, of Mississippi says: "It constitutes nine-tenths of all the so-called mesquit grass planted in the Southern States. It grows much larger in the South than in the Eastern States or England; and it seems too, to be more valuable and greatly-improved here."

I have made some inquiries among the farmers about Banner Elk, and, while there is some diversity of view, the general estimate of its value is decidedly favorable.

The national Agricultural Department desires to collect information in regard to the economic value of this grass and has requested me to get the views of the farmers and stock-raisers of this region upon this point.

Until August 25th, my address will be Banner Elk, and after that date, Asheville, N. C. Response from any of your readers stating what their experience has shown them of qualities, good, bad, or indifferent in this grass, will be gratefully received by me and duly appreciated by the Department of Agriculture.

R. F. CAMPBELL,
Banner Elk, N. C.

Communing with nature at Oyster Bay the President is doubtless pondering over the most simple way to confound the nature fakirs.

It is said that a ton of water from the Dead Sea will yield 187 pounds of salt; that from the Atlantic ocean 81 pounds, and from the Pacific 79 pounds.

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Blowing Rock and Elsewhere:

The Convocation of Morganton held its mid-summer session at Valle Crucis last week, the following in attendance:

Bishop Horner, from Asheville, the Rev. John S. Moody, (Dean of Convocation) from Hickory, Rev. William R. Savage from Blowing Rock, and the Rev. Messrs William H. Hardin from Gastonia, John C. Seagle from Rutherfordton, Malcolm S. Taylor from Morganton, John Norton Atkinson from Foseco, and Hugh A. Dobbins from Valle Crucis.

On Wednesday morning Bishop Horner ordained Mr. Hugh A. Dobbin a Deacon, and that night Mr. Dobbin presented to the Bishop for confirmation a class of seven.

On Sunday last Bishop Horner preached in the Episcopal church at Blowing Rock in the morning, and at 4 o'clock in St. Luke's Episcopal church at Boone.

Bishop Horner was the guest of Mrs. Alice Council in Boone on Sunday evening, and left for his appointments in Ashe county and Wilkes.

Mrs. Moody accompanied her husband, Rev. John S. Moody, to the convocation at Valle Crucis and was a guest of the school household.

Mr. Irwin Wheeler from New York city, attended convocation at Valle Crucis.

Rev. W. H. Hardin and family are visiting friends at Valle Crucis.

Blowing Rock is quite lively now with a number of summer visitors who enjoy the pure air and good water and beautiful scenery of this glorious region in the "Land of the Sky."

A large number of boarders are enjoying their vacation at the Episcopal school at Valle Crucis.

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The soldiers of the German army are supplied with mattresses filled with paper shavings. They are more comfortable than those filled with shucks and will last three years.

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Mt. Airy has shipped many tons of blackberries to Norfolk, Va., from which wine will be made.

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Only a Mask.

Many are not being benefited by the summer vacation as they should be. Now, notwithstanding much outdoor life, they are little if any stronger than they were. The tan on their faces is darker and makes them look healthier, but it is only a mask. They are still nervous, easily tired, upset by trifles, and they do not eat nor sleep well. What they need is what tones the nerves perfects digestion, creates appetite and makes sleep refreshing, and that is Hood's Sarsaparilla. Pupils and teachers generally will find the chief purpose of the vacation best subserved by this great medicine which, as we know "builds up the whole system."

In Baltimore, a baby girl has been born without arms. Otherwise the little babe seems alright.

"It is not what it costs to educate your children that cost, but what it costs to u n e d u c a t e them.

BANK STATEMENT.

Following is the report of the condition of the Watauga County Bank at Boone, N. C., in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business May. 18, 1907:

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	\$25,619.95
Overdrafts unsecured,	371.10
Banking house	1,470.24
Furniture and fixtures	400.00
Due from banks and bankers	6,740.33
Cash items	100.00
Gold coin	1,370.00
Silver coin, including all minor coin currency	1,099.89
National bank notes and other U. S. Notes	3 913.00
Total	\$41,084.51

LIABILITIES

Capital stock	\$10,000.00
Undivided profits, less current expenses and tax paid	1,047.47
Bills payable	3,246.00
Time certificates of deposit included in bills payable	26,347.54
Deposits subject to check	443.50
Cashier's ck's outstanding	443.50
Total	\$41,084.51

State of North Carolina, Watauga county, ss: I, E. S. Coffey, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

E. S. Coffey, Cashier.
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J. M. May, Register of Deeds.

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