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THE VALUE OF CORN.

Returning to the subject of corn culture, the suggestion has been made to us that, after all is said, it would be the part of wisdom for farmers of this mountain country to turn their attention mainly to the growing of the grasses, for cattle and sheep raising. In a way the point is well taken. In some sections even of Buncombe county farmers have begun to realize the relative value of sheep over dogs, and this realizing sense is so strong that they have not only done away with their own sheep killing dogs, but those desiring to raise sheep have found a way to kill off the dogs of that kind owned by others. This is as it should be. One of these days the raising of stock in western North Carolina will be done on a much larger scale, and it will mean increased prosperity for our people. But, as showing how no mistake has been made in first turning our attention to corn, we quote from an article written for the current number of the Tribune Farmer:

Just now, when the Eastern farmer is busy harvesting his crop and the question of the winter food supply for his farm stock is uppermost in his mind, it will be interesting to turn our attention to the methods of growing and handling corn. As one compares the use made of this plant now with its former uses, its greater importance becomes apparent. In some sections of New England the toping of corn, leaving the ears on the butts of the stalk to mature, is practised, and most of the food value of the stalk goes to waste, but in most cases the whole plant is served with a fair amount of economy. The feeding value of most plants depends largely upon the cultivation they receive and upon the way in which they are grown. This is true of corn. The condition of the soil and the methods of culture may practically double its protein content, increase its nitrogen free extract by one-fifth and more than double its fat. A soil rich in humus, well prepared for the seed, then carefully handled during the growing season yields the richer plant. Poor soil and poor culture give the poorer plant. Special fertilization is not so potent as special culture; the problem is solved through culture more than in any other way. Even the selection of seed is all important, though it does not avail as does the handling of the soil. The possibilities of the corn plant are far greater than any one not entirely conversant with it could imagine. Even as it is usually raised its value is great. Corn, at the rate of fifty bushels to the acre, gives 8000 more pounds of dry matter. The entire plant is 68 per cent digestible. An acre of land in grass, yielding at the rate of one ton of hay, produces only 2000 pounds of dry matter, only 7 per cent of which is digestible. When each amount of dry matter is multiplied by its digestible coefficient, we find that in actual feeding value the one acre of corn exceeds five acres in grass. Therefore, every time land is changed from the productivity of one ton of hay to that of fifty bushels of corn its value has been raised five times. This should set the farmer to thinking and working to cultivating more and extending his operations by taking advantage of the land he already has rather than by purchasing more land.

In other words, when we put the work of cultivating corn upon a basis that is profitable, through the adoption of improved methods, we will have laid the foundation stone for a successful stock industry. The statement that "every time land is changed from the productivity of one ton of hay per acre, to that of fifty bushels of corn, its value has been raised five times, is one that farmers may well turn over in their minds.

SOUNDING THE KEYNOTE.

The New York Sun recently undertook to poke fun at Senator Overman for his speech delivered at the Charlotte convention when the North Carolina senator took occasion to sound a warning against the encroachments of the predatory corporations usually classified as The Interests. It should be borne in mind, however, that no less authority than Gifford Pinchot has declared that there is too close an association between politics and business, and that this association must cease if congress is to serve the generality of people in the future. Instead of the corporate interests, broadly speaking, this is likewise the view held by Garfield, who would like to run for Governor on a progressive platform in Ohio, and it is a view that is subscribed to largely by sections of the country throughout the continent.

tral west. The Sun's editorial has attracted the attention of a New York man, who thus writes to the Sun over the signature, "For Revenue Only":

"In the Sun of July 19, the editorial article headed 'Sounding a Key-note' says: 'Tariff for revenue only, with the State reeked all over with cotton mills that depend upon protection for existence' . . ."

"I can show you a southern cotton mill, unless I have been misinformed, with a capital of over \$2,000,000, about 3000 operatives, compulsory education of the minors, who have to go to the public schools so many hours a week or they can't work in the mill; paid for and sustained by the mill, all Anglo-Saxons, not a foreign born person among them, happy, good homes, healthy, paid the highest standard of wages, a clean, attractive village. I have seen the above plant and it all looked true to me.

"Every thread of the stuff they make is sold in China and South America. I have seen it marked and put on the cars to go. If it is a fair question, will you tell me how protection makes this mill depend upon it for existence? Not a thread is sold in the United States."

ADVERTISING FOR A MAYOR.

The place of mayor of Madgeburg is vacant. The salary is 21,000 marks (\$2550) a year, including the rental of a dwelling in the city hall. Besides his salary the incumbent will receive 4000 marks (\$1000) for his official expenses. Candidates should apply before September 1.

The above is a copy of an advertisement, appearing in German newspapers. Mayors of cities are not always easy to secure there, because special qualifications are demanded for the office. City administration is a profession, for which one must qualify himself somewhat as he would for the practice of law or medicine.

It would be many years before the cities and towns of this country could secure such municipal experts to carry on their business, if they desired them, because they would have to be trained. Comparatively few men have either the time or the inclination to make a thorough study of city business, because there is no special demand for such expert knowledge. Our political methods of choosing mayors take little, if any account of special qualification for the work they are to do. The mayor must be a regular Democrat, or Republican, or an important member of some faction. He is usually supposed to be a good business man, of good reputation as to habits and honesty. A man must be popular, or he will not be placed on the ticket, for fear he would jeopardize the ticket's chances of winning. Another reason why young men do not qualify themselves by study for municipal administration is that, even if one should be elected to the brief tenure of a mayor's office, the pay is not usually large enough to be attractive.

But while we cannot in this country, for many years, have qualified experts to administer municipal affairs, there is one very simple thing we can do, to correct the evils of administration so wildly complained of, and which are driving many perplexed communities to all sorts of elaborate experimentation. A city's affairs are vast and important, and the people are beginning to realize that they should be conducted on business lines, like those of an individual or a corporation. "The commission plan" of city government is becoming a popular phrase. We take it that two things and only two are required to obtain a satisfactory administration, and it does not matter what term one employs in describing it; viz.: a competent man or men and sufficient salary.

The one simple thing that we can do to secure better government in the towns is to pay for the whole time of a good business man, and keep him right on the job. While there are few municipal experts there are good business men in every community who can be hired to look constantly after community affairs. Such are often chosen to the mayor's office, but the pay is small and they are supposed to be compensated largely by the honor, and make the office merely a side issue, devoting most of their time and attention to their regular business or profession.

Mr. Bryan and his friends will have it out in Nebraska tomorrow, when there is to be a fight over the adoption of a county option plank in the platform of the Nebraska Democrats. Ever the redoubtable Jim Dahlgren, of Omaha, is for once in his life lined up against Mr. Bryan, and the impression prevails that Mr. Bryan stands to lose. However, losing is a detail which will neither discommodate nor disconcert the great Nebraskan. It is a familiar experience which will not the least militate against the receipts of the box office, incident to the Chastanqua circuit, so what boots it if Dahlgren does win out?

The campaign which is to be made for new members of the Board of Trade is to be commended, and should be encouraged in every way possible. The end in view, stated briefly, is to secure more members, to do more work towards the upbuilding of the city. Moreover, it is a most timely movement. A city that does not constantly strive for progress, is likely to find itself losing ground, like a private business when a stand-still policy is pursued.

In this state's "Business" all activities are being encouraged.

SURVEY OF STATE FROM THE CAPITAL

Farmers Visit Batts' Corn Field—That Rooster Case—Other State Items.

Gazette-News Bureau, Chamber of Commerce Rooms, Holleman Building, Raleigh, July 25.

Commissioner of Agriculture Graham has returned from a trip through the central and piedmont cotton belts and says he finds the crop three weeks late and the prospect not very good, but that August is the crucial month so far as this crop is concerned. In other words, August is the month which makes the crop. He says cotton is better in the piedmont region than in the central section and that west of Raleigh, with good seasons and a late frost, he believes an average crop can be produced, but everything depends upon very favorable conditions. He says that the crop has shown great improvement in the past 30 days. In the eastern section conditions are not good, but farmers are working hard to get out the grass, which has grown so rapidly, owing to the rains, which have been more frequent there than in other parts of the state where cotton is grown.

The commissioner, speaking about the corn crop, says it is generally good, though late. He expresses great pleasure at the success of the farmers' institutes, saying they are well attended, and that more interest is shown than ever before.

Batts' Fine Corn.

Your correspondent paid a visit to the magnificent corn fields of John F. Batts, the world's champion corn raiser. He has 30 acres in one field and the average number of ears to a stalk is six. A number of stalks have ten, and in a seed patch not far away, of perhaps a half acre or more, some stalks have 14 ears. Next week the state officials and the United States experts will see this corn. All that in the seed patch comes from a ten ear stalk and every grain was selected. Only perfect ones were planted. It takes pains to do a thing like this, but it certainly pays. Farmers go from everywhere to see Batts' corn. Corn-fields are growing well among this corn, which is on sandy land, which a few years ago could not produce a quarter of a bale of cotton and only a few bushels of corn, and which had a most trifling value.

There are now 135 children of the Methodist orphanage here and the endowment totals \$35,000, while \$4000 has been specially raised to pay for a new laundry. Other improvements are to be made. Rev. John N. Cole has been re-elected superintendent, and he is proving an admirable manager.

Democrats here express regret that there has been any sort of a split among the democrats in the Sixth district, and say they believe everything will be amicably settled at an early day. That district is not in the habit of making trouble.

Keen Interest in Rooster Case.

Keen interest has been felt in the famous "rooster suit" brought against Dr. Winston at Asheville. Many years ago a court decided that a rooster had an inherent and inalienable right to crow at any time during the 24 hours.

The Eastern Carolina baseball league has taken over the franchise of the Raleigh team, the local management owing the latter about \$900. It is said that the three men who undertook to play "angel" (that is, finance) the Raleigh team dropped some \$1500. The management does not seem to have been popular.

Investigating Charges.

The state board of internal improvement is investigating charges made against the state sanitarium for tuberculous patients, which is in the sand hills of Moore county, and in which there are now about 20 patients. This board has only had to investigate two other institutions, and in one case found the charges not founded and in another case everything was adjusted very satisfactorily. The board has great power, and it is the one from which the governor, who is its head, gets exact information regarding all state-aided institutions. It ought to be said, for it is the truth, that in no state have the institutions been managed in a cleaner way and with less graft than in North Carolina.

Y. M. I. Field Day.

(Contributed.)

The Y. M. I. field day at Lincoln park will be the chief event of the week among the friends of the work. This event will take place tomorrow at 3 p. m. and continue through Wednesday. The program tomorrow will be as follows: Hurdle race, standing broad jump, potato race, 100 yards dash, high jump, sack race, climbing the greasy pole, 200 yards dash, relay race, and the fat man's race. The prizes to be awarded have been given by the Y. M. I. and are now on exhibition at the Y. M. I. drug store. In the closing of this two days' event the managers have decided that the game of baseball between the "Fats" and the "Leans" will be worth coming to see. The star players are all well known on the diamond. Among them will be found Alfred Wilson, George Greenlee, R. H. Loder, James Miller, Charles Howell, P. A. Goins, Noah Murrough, and Dr. Torrence. Refreshments will be served, and in addition to this R. J. Martin will barbecue a lamb. The Y. M. I. brass band will furnish the music for the occasion.

W. J. T.

Pamper Wins Tennis Championship.

Augusta, Ga., July 25.—Carl Pamper of Atlanta Saturday won the South Atlantic tennis championship on the courts of the Augusta Country club, defeating Nat Thornton, the title holder, in the challenge match. Thornton, who won the championship cup two years in succession, was outplayed in all departments of the play by Pamper.



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The Citizens bank will move October 1, from its present location on Pack square to the corner of Patton avenue and Haywood street, into the store room which has been occupied for the past 15 or 18 years, as a drug store. The bank officials have been considering this move for several months, but it was not until recently that the plans were perfected and it was absolutely certain that the change would be made. The bank has secured a long lease on the building.

This move will no doubt prove very favorable to the bank as the location is one of the best in the city for any kind of business. Many people pass it each day and it is just across the street from the postoffice.

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Cash in Banks & Vault	548,896.58	Deposits	4,700,565.82
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