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TO SCHOOL TEACHERS: The Superintendent of Public Schools of Franklin county will be in Louisville on the second Thursday of February, April, July, Sept. October and December.

I will also be in Louisville on Saturday of each week, and all public days, to attend to any business connected with my office.

J. N. HARRIS, Supt.

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BAD CROPS.

Bad Farming—Hard Times—Remedy.

The Messenger has already called attention to the hard times now prevailing in North Carolina, and it is not confined to one great section. It is general. The next twelve months will be very trying. The people have so little money that they go to the towns where circuses are showing, and have to content themselves with looking at the pictures and witnessing the parade through the streets. They then go to their homes feeling sorrowful and despondent because they had not seen the ring performance and again heard the stale jokes of the clown.

There may be many ways to account for the crop failure. To many of you the way of seeing it you need not go very far to find it. Too much idleness, too little economy, too great reliance on others to do the work for you, these are some of the reasons. Harder work better methods of farming and making the farm self-sufficient by raising all home supplies, would prevent many a mortgage and save many a farmer from ruin and poverty.

There is a want of tact, of judgment, in crop raising. Too many farmers risk it all on one crop for market. This is to imitate the reckless and half-crazed gambler who risks his whole fortune on one throw of the dice or one turn of the card.

When will all this cease? Shall it be when ruin is complete and inevitable, is upon the farmers? As it is, there is no money because there are no crops to sell. The short crops caused by bad seasons leave the farmer stripped and penniless. His friend, the merchant, is in the same condition of distress in so far as payments go. The whole system is wrong so low, and all seem to seek, but the remedy is far off.

We are so impressed with the bad condition of things produced mainly by bad methods, that we reproduce a part of an editorial that appeared recently in the Salisbury Truth. It says: "The people have no money; neither have the town folks. But is it to be wondered at when we take into consideration the fact that our people buy nearly all they eat or wear, or use on the farm or in the little household? They buy a little cotton and tobacco and buy their clothes and meat, much of their flour and meal, their farm implements, their cooking utensils, their wagons, carriages, carts, harness and plows."

This is a correct picture. But hear what it tells of just one county, and then say if you believe that is exceptional. The Truth says: "Just think of it; away down in Montgomery county, where ten or fifteen years ago every man raised his own meat, they are depending in the white press still upon feed meat and yellow corn from the West. A gentleman from that county informs us that he sold at a little cross roads store 3,000 pounds of white Western meat in one month. Right before our own town it is brought in by car loads weekly, if not daily. And so it is throughout all this section."

What is true of Montgomery is more or less true of every county almost in the State. That agriculture is not flourishing, that farming does not pay, you need not wonder at. It would be almost a miracle if it could pay as practiced by the greater number of people who plow and sow.

and almost everything else imported. Here in Wilmington we eat Northern canned fruits and vegetables all winter and import cabbage from Norway, away off in Northern Europe. Most of the hay used is from the North. And that too, in the teeming South, where everything is propitious, and the farmers can work out doors eleven months in the year. Is not this a shameful condition? Is it not distressing?

Truth says this, and there is force in it: "Since the war those who have led the experiment of raising cotton and tobacco and buying their meat and corn have grown poorer and poorer year by year. Really, seventy-five per cent. of the Southern farmers who have adopted this plan are very much worse off than they were at the end of the war, and each year but adds to their rapidly increasing poverty."

"If a change be not speedily brought about, our farmers will soon be deserting their once prosperous and still healthy farms in good old North Carolina and go wandering their way to the far West where they can get hog and hominy cheap."

Make all you can, save all you can, work all you can. Diversify your crops. Be sure to produce at home what your family consumes. Debts, mortgages, illnesses, and extravagance will keep your nose to the grindstone until the end comes. Enrich every foot of land you can cultivate. Do not try to grow corn and cotton on poor worn out lands. The farmer is the cause of all prosperity. Upon him depends the prosperity of a State. The shortness of crops of course is in part owing to unfavorable seasons. But with greater diversity, more self-reliance, more enriched lands there would be very much more of crops for market.

The North Carolina State Fair, once fed its cattle and horses upon Northern grown hay. This too at an agriculture fair. What a burlesque on farming! Rich meadows of hay and pastures of clover, well stocked hog pens, and good cattle and many products all enter into wise, progressive farming. The farmer who buys his corn, his pork, his lard, his hay, his butter, his vegetables is on the way that leads to the poorest of houses—far poorer than the poor house—far poorer than the poor houses established by all of the people of a country for the maintenance of the aged, infirm and destitute.—Wilmington Messenger.

Mr. J. C. Jones, city marshal of Fulton, Arkansas, writes: "About ten years ago I contracted a severe case of blood poisoning. The leading physicians of the city were called in, and they prescribed medicine after medicine, which I took without affording me any relief. I also tried mercurial and potash remedies, but which brought on an attack of mercurial rheumatism that made my life one of untold agony. After suffering for four years, I gave up all former remedies and commenced taking Swift's Specific (S. S. S.). After taking several bottles I was entirely cured and able to resume work. I consider Swift's Specific (S. S. S.) the greatest medicine for blood poisoning to-day on the market."

Two bottles of Swift's Specific cured me of a breaking out all over my body, caused by blood poisoning. VICTOR SCHWARTZ, 24 S. Royal St., Mobile, Ala.

For thirty years I was afflicted with blood poisoning, from which I suffered beyond expression. I commenced taking S. S. S., and after using five bottles I am entirely cured. A. M. SCHENK, Washington, D. C.

I suffered for twenty years from blood poisoning. Three bottles of Swift's Specific (S. S. S.) cured me entirely. CATHERINE MOSHER, 1015 N. 10th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

The Negro Should Stay.

However much the desire may be divided among our people—and by this we mean the white people—for the negro to exodus this country or remain, the solid, stubborn truth shall be kept from the poor deluded, half-farmed negro, that this is his home, the climate of his nature, that our people are the most tolerant and generous in the world, and his best friend—and that he should stay right where his associations date back through the centuries, where his faults, and they are many, (but who of us is without fault?) are borne with firm custom, where his privileges as a free citizen are unquestioned and undimmed, and where his destinies are linked by law with the whites, who, under a Democratic administration, have for 20 years paid 90 per cent. of his government and education, while he has furnished 90 per cent. of the crime and ignorance of the State. Moreover, all is not going to go so well for the negro in his new home, whence "Peg-Leg" Williams, and other railed headings and speculators are luring them. But we very much doubt that the negro will find all this out after it is too late. The Argus has given the consideration of this question as much attention and space in its columns as any of the leading issues of the day. We have endeavored to give the negro light on this vital question to him; but Sias Herring and "Peg-Leg" Williams seem to stand in better repute with the average darkey than we—Goldboro Argus.

Catarah cured, health and sweet breath secured, by Shilo's Catarah Remedy. Price 50 cents. Nasal Injector free. For sale at Farnam's drug store.

Old Man—And could you support my daughter, sir? Her Lover—I have two strong arms but can they support her? They often leave, sir.—Toledo Blade.

To prevent diseases of babyhood from attacking your child, use in time Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup, the best remedy for children. Price 25 cents.

Mercurial Rheumatism. Mr. J. C. Jones, city marshal of Fulton, Arkansas, writes: "About ten years ago I contracted a severe case of blood poisoning. The leading physicians of the city were called in, and they prescribed medicine after medicine, which I took without affording me any relief. I also tried mercurial and potash remedies, but which brought on an attack of mercurial rheumatism that made my life one of untold agony. After suffering for four years, I gave up all former remedies and commenced taking Swift's Specific (S. S. S.). After taking several bottles I was entirely cured and able to resume work. I consider Swift's Specific (S. S. S.) the greatest medicine for blood poisoning to-day on the market."

Newton, N. C., Nov. 25, 1889. The Legislature of 18-9 incorporated the "Confederate Veterans' Association and Soldiers' Home of North Carolina." Julian S. Carr, Durham, N. C., president; W. C. Stronach, Raleigh, N. C., secretary and treasurer; executive committee: Col. A. B. Andrews, Col. W. F. Bessley, Capt. S. A. Ashe, Fab. H. Busbee, Esq., and Col. T. M. Emory. The above names are a sufficient guarantee that all moneys paid into the Soldiers Home will be properly accounted for.

We want ladies to go to work in every city, town, village and hamlet in North Carolina to help raise money for the Home. If necessary get up some kind of an entertainment during the Christmas holidays for the benefit of the Home. The plan is to establish a Home at an early day for those who are without home or family, and are now in the county poor houses. If you (if a sufficient sum is raised) to extend aid to others who are families and need aid, but cannot go to the Soldiers' Home.

Each town, company or individual will be granted for all accounts paid, and at stated times a list of such will be published in the newspapers. Let our towns, as well as individuals, vie with each other as to who shall stand at the head of the list.

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Read contributions to N. C. Stronach, Treasurer, Raleigh, N. C., or to the undersigned at Newton, N. C. All newspaper men in North Carolina (retirees or secular) will please copy the above at least once in their respective papers, and thus help the cause. Mr. C. Stronach, Agent.

A New Struggle. The working classes have struck against high-priced cough medicines, and endorsed Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup. Price 25 cents a bottle.

An Example to Follow. Mr. Rick's "Nail" whose fine article for tobacco we published last week, tells us that he prefers old hand fire tobacco. He says he can get a better body and a better crop on old hand than he can on new ground. He planted forty-five acres this year. He maintains more health than he did, and lets his tobacco land lie idle—growing weeds every other year. Says he never makes less than 700 pounds per acre, and generally more. According to his theory, tobacco should never be checked in its growth from the time it is planted. Plow after every rain, and if hard pressed, plow every other row, thus working one-half of every plant, and then turn back and plow the other half. If the weed does not grow off to suit him, turn off on one side, and apply 200 pounds of guano, and if that does not start the plant to his satisfaction, turn off another side ten days after, and put as much more. Says one year he put 1,200 pounds per acre, costily, but he got \$500.00 for every acre. Says he succeeds by attending to his business—always being up and at his post by daybreak. Toss from 10 to 18 hours; says no negro he ever saw had judgment enough to top tobacco, that each plant should be topped according to its growth, constitution, etc.; that he superintends the topping as closely as he does the sowing; selection of colors and grades when preparing for market; says no man, whether doctor, lawyer, merchant or farmer, can succeed at anything unless he gives to his close personal attention; that successful men have no time to idle or loaf, and that those who do not succeed generally fail because they are too lazy. Mr. Rick has been wonderfully successful as a farmer, and he gives his secrets in a simple and easy manner. Whether a successful man's statement is a matter of consideration is for you to decide.

Sick headache, biliousness, nausea, constipation, are promptly and agreeably relieved by Dr. H. H. Liver and Kidney Pills (Little Pills). Business, nausea, drowsiness, distress after eating, can be cured and prevented by taking Dr. J. H. Liver and Kidney Pills.

Dr. Geo. H. Thayer, of Bourke, Ind., says: "Both myself and wife were cured by Dr. J. H. Liver and Kidney Pills. I had a severe case of biliousness, and my wife had a severe case of constipation. For sale by Farnam's drug store."

For a safe and certain remedy for fever and ague, use Dr. J. H. Liver and Kidney Pills. There are times when a feeling of lassitude will overcome the most robust man, and when a craving for pure blood, to furnish elements of health and strength. The best remedy for purifying the blood is Dr. J. H. Liver and Kidney Pills. Will you suffer with dyspepsia and liver complaint? Dr. J. H. Liver and Kidney Pills will cure you. For sale at Farnam's drug store.

That hacking cough can be quickly cured by Shilo's Cough Remedy. We guarantee it. For sale at Farnam's drug store. No need to take those big cathartic pills, one of Dr. J. H. Liver and Kidney Pills is a gentle cathartic and is most agreeable. Shilo's consumption cure is sold by Farnam's drug store.

Bright, Glorious Homes. There is no prospect of earth's supremacy, but a bright, glorious spot; that all the rest of the world is hurried along the streets, lost, crying, and from numerous windows cheerful lights shine out upon the pavement. A vision of happy homes filled through the pain where the family circle keep the fires of affection brightly burning by words and deeds, where peace, contentment and love hold sway over the household. It is a holy, beautiful, and happy home. For sale by J. H. Liver and Kidney Pills.

Lowly hearts and willing hands form the motto.

Lowly hearts and willing hands form the motto which I state here, our dearest place into existence on earth. These essentials fill with the most happy of men; the steady, avowed palace where luxury abounds as on the moment house which might be called a monument to poverty. The parent blessing that heaven accords to earth are as much within the reach of the lowly mechanic as the millionaire, and may be enjoyed equally by both, and what blessing is greater or more universal than love? As we write our kind's eye rests upon two pictures. Let us peep into the home of the laborer, and although the room may be uncarpeted and cheerless, destitute, perhaps by the gloomy touch of poverty, still that man rejoices in the laughter of his little ragged children, in the affection of his faithful wife, and he, at least, sees everything transfigured in the light of love.

But alas! there are many homes, both rich and poor, where misery reigns instead of happiness. We will not, this year, speak of pain. The father, not welcomed by the merry little ones for children are instances of crime, and must be hustled off to the nursery, the ceremony called supper is gone through in silence, and a certain gentleman spends the rest of his evening at the club. The merchant has yet to learn that fashion should not usurp the throne of love. What a strange power is money? It compels itself into everything; into an ordinary color into a gown; and suddenly, out of these as they touch our senses it leads forth its rival, personage of the past, lovely or awful, great or small. How deadly that money's hand be beautiful with business as she fields life's scenes into all she views, in order that the things which start out of themselves, uncontrolled by us, be angels that cheer and not demons that mock. Then let us all strive to make our homes happier. Be not chary of loving words to dear ones, nor of pleasant appreciative kindness to those around you. It is hard to tell what the influence of such attentions may be upon the future of the latter, even though they be not of those whom you have gathered into your heart of hearts.

We believe in letting the boys have all the milk they wish to drink, but they should not run to the milk room and help themselves to milk that has been set for creaming. Let them take out their supply before the milk is set.

Mercurial Poison. Mercury is frequently injudiciously used by quack doctors in cases of malaria and blood poisoning. Its after effect is worse than the original disease. B. B. B. (Botanic Blood Balm) contains no mercury, but will eliminate mercurial poison from the system. Write to Blood Balm Co., Atlanta, Ga., for book of convincing proof of its curative virtue.

A. F. Britton, Jackson, Tenn., writes: "I caught malaria in Louisville, and when the fever had been broken my system was saturated with mercury, and I had rages in my mouth and knots on my tongue. I got two bottles of B. B. B., which healed my tongue and mouth and made a new man of me."

Wm. Richmond, Atlanta, Ga., writes: "My wife could hardly see. Doctors called it a dreadful trial. Her eyes were in a dreadful condition. Her appetite failed. She had a pain in her joints and bones. Her kidneys were deranged, and she was unable to urinate. Dr. J. H. Liver and Kidney Pills cured her. B. B. B. which she used until her health was entirely restored."

It is a poor sign to see weeds growing by the roadside beside a farmer's field, especially so if the field itself seems to be clear of weeds. Some weeds grow by the roadside as a menace to the property of others.

BUCKINGHAM'S SALVE. The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sprains, dislocations, rheumatism, sores, ulcers, chapped hands, chilblains, and all skin eruptions, and regularly cure without the use of any other medicine. It is recommended by the highest medical authorities, and is sold by all druggists. For sale by J. H. Liver and Kidney Pills.

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The Editor will not be responsible for the views of correspondents. Brief communications from all sources most earnestly solicited. News items if any nature will be thankfully received.

STARVATION. PRICES. The price of starbuck has advanced to \$1.00 per pound. The price of starbuck has advanced to \$1.00 per pound.

CLOTHING. The price of clothing has advanced to \$1.00 per yard. The price of clothing has advanced to \$1.00 per yard.

Star Shirt. The price of star shirts has advanced to \$1.00 per shirt. The price of star shirts has advanced to \$1.00 per shirt.

DAVID ROSENTHAL. The price of David Rosenthal's goods has advanced to \$1.00 per item. The price of David Rosenthal's goods has advanced to \$1.00 per item.

RESTAURANT. The price of restaurant food has advanced to \$1.00 per meal. The price of restaurant food has advanced to \$1.00 per meal.

RUFFIN FOGG. The price of Ruffin Fogg's goods has advanced to \$1.00 per item. The price of Ruffin Fogg's goods has advanced to \$1.00 per item.

THE BARBER. The price of the barber's services has advanced to \$1.00 per shave. The price of the barber's services has advanced to \$1.00 per shave.

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