

FARMERS' INSTITUTES.

Ball Swamp Church, Thursday, July 18, Barasville, Friday, July 19th.

It is quite certain that a large majority of our farmers are not getting as good results from their farming operations as is possible without increasing either labor or expense.

Take for instance our great crop, corn. Do the 2,750,000 acres planted in corn produce what they should? Can we not increase the yield and the net profit by better methods? Do we select the seed in the best way? Do you plant the best varieties? Are the right kinds and amounts of fertilizers used and applied in the best way? Is our method of cultivation the best and done at the least expense? Is the crop harvested so as to secure the greatest feed value from it and at the least expense?

As long as the average yield for the State remains below fifteen bushels per acre it is certain that the average man still has much to learn about growing corn and it is probable that the best corn grower can also learn something and still improve his methods.

The purpose of the farmers' institute is to discuss just such questions relating to corn culture and similar questions about all other crops and farming operations. If the farmers of the county will come out and discuss such questions with a view of increasing their knowledge and improving their farming this institute may be of untold value to the county.

Effect of Worry.

Philadelphia Record.

"Worry kills quicker than work," said a downtown physician. "Worry wears away the flesh by overstraining the nerves, disarranges the digestive organs, and eventually affects the whole system. But the general advice not to worry is more easily given than followed. There are so many complications of life affecting a man or his family that the ability to get along without worry is a possession of the few—the exceptions. When, therefore, a physician gives the glib advice not to worry he usually overlooks the fact that the causes of worry are not to be removed by the words, even though spoken by a professional man. The primary cause of old age is anxiety, of which the effects are soon noticeable, in impaired circulation, a drawn and pallid countenance, and enfeebled activity. It is a demonstrated fact that criminals and tramps rarely turn gray until very late in life, and this is because they give themselves literally no care, or rather, recognizing none. But an ordinary man with the usual business and family burdens can no more avoid worry than he can do without breathing.

Snow in Montana.

Butte, Mont., June 26.—Fifteen inches of snow fell here Sunday, but this morning it is all slush and the streets are flooded with it. The government rain gauge showed a net precipitation of 11.4 inches.

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Lightning Strikes Church.

Statesville, June 28.—During a severe electric storm about 3:30 o'clock this afternoon lightning struck the steeple of the First Methodist church and the steeple and vestibule were almost completely destroyed. Water also did considerable damage and the loss will probably reach \$2,000.

When the bolt of lightning struck the steeple, a number of the people living near the church felt the shock and went to their doors immediately to investigate. All of course expected to find the steeple badly torn, but there was no evidence of the work of the bolt for nearly 20 minutes, when people some distance away noticed a small blaze near the top of the steeple, which was 117 feet high. The alarm was given at once in the neighborhood, but owing to the fact that the phone system had been cut out on account of the storm, those discovering the fire were forced to run several blocks to the firehouse before the company was called.

The fire department and citizens who happened to hear the alarm or see the fire were on the scene in a short time, and the fight to save the main building and the handsome new pipe organ was begun at once. The firemen worked faithfully and, in a short time, three streams were playing on the blaze, which was high in the air. Ladders were run up to the roof of the building and while on one of these ladders Mayor Grier and Fireman Lacy had a very close call. Mr. Lacy was near the top of the ladder and Mr. Grier about half way, when the screaming of the crowd told them that the steeple was falling. Turning their faces upward, the men on the ladder saw the burning timbers falling toward them, and had it not been for their thoughtfulness in swinging on the underside of the ladder both would probably have been injured. The top of the steeple scaled the ladder over the head of Mr. Lacy.

A negro fireman, John Chambers became overheated and fainted.

By the excellent work of the firemen the fire was extinguished within an hour after their arrival on the scene and the main building was saved. The First Methodist church was built about 30 years ago and was the first of any size in town in several years. Luckily the congregation now has in course of construction a handsome new church. What will be done in regard to the burned church is yet to be decided. With a few repairs the congregation can continue to use it until the new one can be completed.

A. & M. College Entrance Examination.

Examinations for admission to the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts will be held at the County Court House on Thursday, July 11th at 10 o'clock a. m. in the office of the County Superintendent of Public Instruction. These examinations are required by law, and are interested to save the expense of a trip to Raleigh. Young men seeking industrial education should be on hand promptly. Those who are slightly deficient on these examinations will have a chance to study up and try again in September. The students at the A. & M. College earned last year over \$7,000. There are also 120 scholarships. The College offers large opportunities for working boys to get a thorough education.

Here's Good Advice.

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Becomes Doctor of Literature.

London, June 24.—Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain), Whitelaw Reid, the American ambassador, Prince Arthur of Connaught, Prime Minister Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, Admiral Lord Beresford and August E. Rodin, president of the International Society of Fine Arts, are among the distinguished men who will receive degrees from Oxford University during the historical celebration which commenced today. The notable event of the week will be the installation of Lord Cuzon into the chancellorship. Thousands of alumni are gathering here to-day to aid in celebrating the historical life of the institution, which extends back to the earliest days of English history. By means of elaborate pageants the events and episodes of Oxford life from 783 to the present day will be illustrated. The degrees will be conferred Wednesday.

Mark Twain has spent a busy week since his arrival here, the numberless receptions and banquets planned in his honor being sufficient to keep him busy for months to come. Of all Americans, the genial humorist stands next to Roosevelt in the esteem of the British people, and it is a question if the president himself would receive a more flattering reception. Mr. Clemens will receive the degree of doctor of literature from Oxford although he states that he does not intend to doctor literature, considering its case hopeless. The humorist spends two hours every day on his autobiography, which will not be published until he is dead. His decision in this matter. Mr. Clemens says, is not due to modesty, but rather to a desire to keep a whole skin. "Caustic, fiendish and develish" is a phrase he uses in describing the work, and declares "it will make certain people sit up and take notice."

Twenty-four Parrots Die in a Fight.

From the New York Mimes.

Ambrosio Clarijo, a young Cuban dealer in snakes and birds, particularly talking parrots, whose New York office is at 247 and 249 West twenty-fifth street, had much trouble on the Ward Line pier, at the foot of Wall street, yesterday afternoon. The custom-house permit, necessary before Clarijo could remove 250 talking parrots, 92 snakes, and about 40 small alligators from the pier, was missing, and the parrots, cooped up in little cages, fought among themselves, while the alligators and snakes gave every evidence of ill health due to the change from Cuban wilds to the confinement of the pier inclosure.

At 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon there was a pile of twenty-four dead parrots on the pier, and additions were being made every half hour or so as the infuriated parrots fought in the cages. Clarijo begged the customs officers for permission to remove the birds and reptiles, but the officials were powerless to aid him without a permit, though parrots, alligators and snakes, are admitted free of duty.

The fighting of the birds could be heard all over the pier, the air fairly resounding with their angry cries.

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At the Coming Term of Court.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

The July Term of criminal court is only one week commencing Monday, July 1st. On account of the number of prisoners in jail to be tried, it appears that it will take all the week to clear the jail, so Mr. Sinclair was here yesterday and in a conference with Judge Webb, who was holding court, the Sheriff, Clerk of the Court and the Bar, it was decided that the cases of all persons where true bills have already been found and defendants are out on bond, will be continued at the coming term and the witnesses for the State in those cases need not attend court, but defendants will have to appear and renew their bonds. Witnesses for the state and the defendants in all cases that have been bound over by Justice of the Peace since the last term of the criminal court will have to attend court. All witnesses for the state who are subpoenaed to appear before the grand-jury will have to attend.

This is written with the hope that it may save the witnesses some trouble and expense of attending court in those cases where the bills have already been found and the parties are out on bond.

Respectfully,
W. H. Humphrey,
Clerk Superior Court

Are They Falling Down?

Charlotte Chronicle.

The railroads seem to be giving way in the fight against the two-cent fare law. A meeting of the presidents of all the principal Western railroads was held in Chicago a few days ago. The attorneys for the railroads advised the presidents that "while the attorneys predicted that the courts would declare the laws unconstitutional, because the rate of two cents a mile is unreasonably low and practically confiscatory, and also because the laws deprive the railroads of their rights of equity, the general view taken by the presidents was that with the public sentiment so strongly in favor of a two-cent fare and the inability of the railroads to reduce inter-State rates to two cents a mile in certain States, and to maintain a basis of three cents a mile in adjoining States, and for all inter-State trips, it would be folly to fight the Illinois law and to continue the litigation which has been begun in other States." This is an intimation that we may soon hear of the calling off of suits.

Little Girl Playing Tag is Killed By Nail.

Mount Sterling, Ill., June 29.—While playing "wood tag" Friday afternoon, Carrie, 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ebbing, who lives 4 miles north-east of Mount Sterling, stepped on a loose board, which flew up, striking her in the forehead and an 8-penny nail fastened in the board penetrating the skull just above her left eye.

The child died from the wound in her brain shortly after the accident.

Says he Shot the Three in a Dream.

Goodland, Kas., June 24.—John Bello, the Italian who killed a man and wounded two passengers on a Rock Island train east of here Sunday, has told through an interpreter the story of the shooting. Bello asserts that he committed the murder in his sleep as the result of a dream. He dreamed he was fighting a robber and was awakened by the report of a revolver in his hand.

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