

WITH AUNT BECKY.

Crop Conditions—Abundance of Fruit—Changes at Maxton—Farmers' Union Picnic—Prospect of Road Improvement.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Old Fork, June 28—Since my last letter to The Robesonian we have had tremendous rains in the Fork, the effects of which have entirely disappeared, and now we are getting dry again. Corn is being laid by and in a stage when snows would be very beneficial. On uplands I notice that it is firing badly, caused, I suppose, by the long wet spell. Cotton is very spotted in appearance, as a general thing small for the season, though occasionally some very nice patches are seen; which is the exception, however. Farmers who planted cotton after corn have rather a shabby prospect on account of the lice, which have done more than usual damage this season. We have fine gardens hereabout, and an abundance of fruit, which constitutes much of our table fare these days.

Not much local news in these parts. Politics has been considerably under discussion of late, and, as usual, sentiment is divided as to the merits and demerits of the various candidates. The "Squire" attended the convention at Maxton on Saturday and I went up to spend the day among kindred, my first visit to town in some months. During this interval many changes have occurred, the one which struck me most forcibly being the evident growth of the place in all directions and the new pavements just about completed. But one feature impressed me with a painful sense of loss—the destruction of the beautiful shade trees on Main street—and I wondered if they might not have been spared. I felt their absence as that of old friends whom I had known and loved for years, and missed their accustomed place.

I am just in receipt of a letter from a good Scotch friend in Rowland who requests me to inform the public, "that four local Farmers' Unions in the county, viz: Centenary, Students' Hope, Alfordville and Branchville, will give a picnic at Alfordville, on Friday, July 8th, when Mr. Poe, of The Progressive Farmer, will address the populace on "agricultural education." Members of the Union will furnish the refreshments, and the public is cordially invited to attend." This will doubtless be a most enjoyable and profitable day to the farming people. Mr. Poe's reputation for wisdom and intelligent reasoning in all things pertaining to farm work is widespread, and his talk on this subject will be worth having. Aunt Becky and family have been kindly invited to attend, and at present my inclination is running in that direction, but if anything should occur to prevent I will right now thank our kind friend for the cordial invitation extended us.

Miss Janie Hamer, of the Fork, is spending this week in Maxton with her aunt, Mrs. J. G. Whitlock.

Miss Eliza Ferguson, of Sanford, is among her many friends and relatives here this week, all of whom are delighted to have her.

Mr. C. C. York and the "Squire" were appointed delegates from this corner to attend the Lumberton convention next Saturday.

Col. E. F. McRae, in his fine little Auto, gave us a pleasant call Thursday afternoon and Sunday afternoon Mr. J. P. Wiggins and wife and Mr. J. B. McCallum, of Maxton, drove down in Mr. Wiggins' elegant new Buick, and took Aunt Becky and family to ride a short distance, which we all enjoyed very much.

The glorious Fourth approaches, but I hear of no celebration on that day. We will have no mail on the rural routes, and from Saturday until Tuesday will seem a long time, but the time is not very remote when often we received our mail only once a week; so we will not dare to complain of this temporary deprivation.

The subject of good roads is receiving some attention in this section with a fine prospect of great improvement in the near future.

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Farmers' Union Meeting.

President Alexander Issues Call for Meeting in Raleigh July 26-27—Promises to be Most Interesting and Profitable Convention.

President H. Q. Alexander, of the North Carolina division of the Farmers' Educational and Co-Operative Union, has issued the following call to all the members of the great order in the State:

To Members of Farmers' Union: The North Carolina Farmers' Union will meet at the A. and M. College, Raleigh, July 26 and 27. The State union is composed of all the State officials, commissioned organizers, one delegate at large from each county and one delegate for every two hundred members or majority fraction thereof.

The membership of any county is determined by the number of paid-up members as shown by the books of the State secretary-treasurer.

All local unions that have not paid quarterly dues in full, should make settlement at once.

All county unions that have not already done so should meet in regular or extra session and elect delegates to the State convention.

President Hill of the A. and M. College has very kindly agreed to furnish rooms and beds free of charge; only stipulating that the farmers should bring sheets and pillow cases in their grips, as the college beds are not supplied with these articles of bed clothes. Meals will be furnished at the college dining room for 25 cents each.

Application has been made for reduced rates on all railroads of the State. The special rates will be published as soon as received. Or delegates can learn the rate by applying to nearest ticket agent.

The convention will be opened promptly at 10 o'clock a. m., with an address by Hon. J. S. Wynne, mayor of Raleigh; responded to on behalf of the union by Dr. J. Thomas Smith of Westfield. Following these addresses, there will be a public address by his excellency, Governor Kitchin. The convention will also be addressed during the sessions by Dr. J. Y. Joyner, President D. H. Hill and other members of the college faculty and Maj. W. A. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture.

This promises to be the most interesting and profitable convention of actual farmers that has been held in the State within twenty years.

Now, fellow-members of the union, there is a treat in store for every man who is fortunate enough to attend this convention. Possibly many of you have never visited your State capital. Now is your opportunity. The trip will cost you very little. A few days spent on the beautiful A. and M. College grounds and farm, inspecting the work of your own State institution, will be delightful as well as instructive. And of course you will visit all the other State institutions while in Raleigh. This will also be a very important meeting of the union. The report of the educational committee outlining plans for agricultural schools, should be of unusual interest to every farmer in the State. There will be many other matters for consideration in executive session.

Please send me, as early as possible, the names and addresses of all delegates. Also the number of farmers who will attend from your local or county union.

This should be done by the secretaries.

Boys, be sure to be on hand at the opening session, 10 o'clock, July 26. Don't neglect to have the pass-word for the executive sessions.

Yours fraternally,
H. Q. Alexander,
President.

Route 17, Matthews.

Farmers' Union Picnic at Alfordville July 8.

Four Local Unions—Centenary, Students' Hope, Alfordville and Branchville—will give a picnic at Alfordville Friday, July 8th. Mr. Clarence Poe, editor of The Progressive Farmer, will deliver an address on agricultural education. Members of the Union will furnish dinner. Everybody is invited.

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Good News for the State.

Charlotte Observer.

The decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission in the Portland back-haul case possesses a great and obvious interest for North Carolina. It was decided by the commission that the transcontinental railroads' practice of fighting water competition with low rates to Pacific points and making interior points pay the local rate plus the local rate between had been carried entirely too far. Substantial reductions, by which Spokane, Wash, and other interior cities will profit, were ordered. We very much hope that the new "commerce court," to which appeals from the commission now lie, will let this order stand.

For North Carolina points the ease is much stronger than for Spokane. It is not sound public policy that the railroads should throttle water competition at the expense of regions which cannot help themselves, but this is at least a question of public propriety which can be argued pro and con. The discrimination against North Carolina, on the other hand, is for the most part entirely artificial. Railroads make North Carolina points pay back-haul rates simply that they may be exploited. Wilmington and Fayetteville fare hard, while Charlotte pays the rate through its station gates to mountain Virginia plus the rate from there back. If Spokane can obtain relief, hope need certainly not be abandoned by North Carolina.



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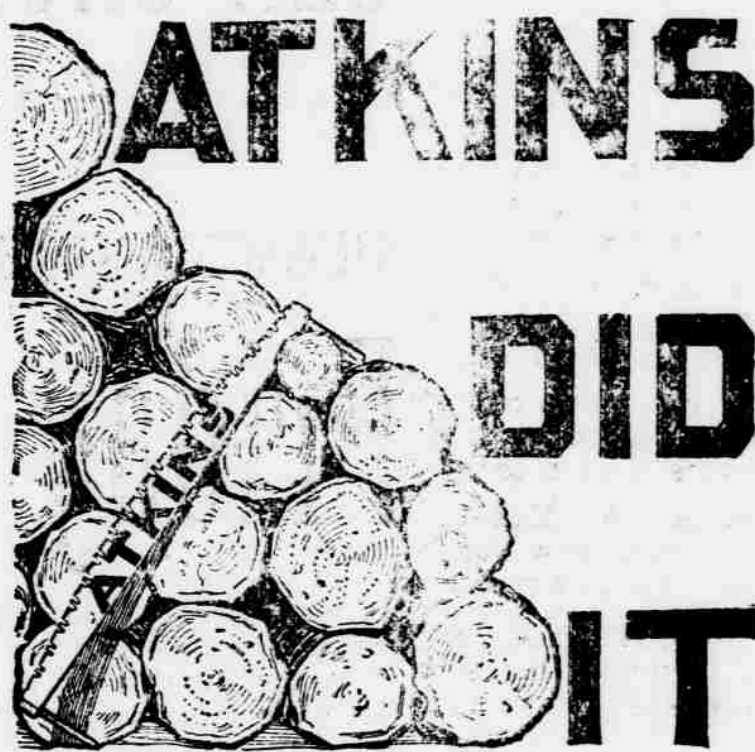
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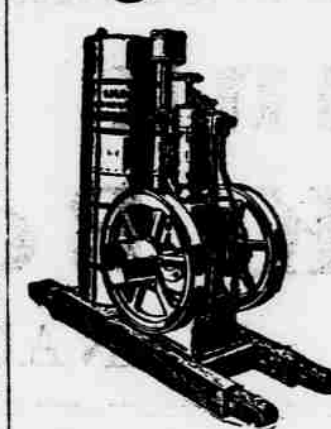
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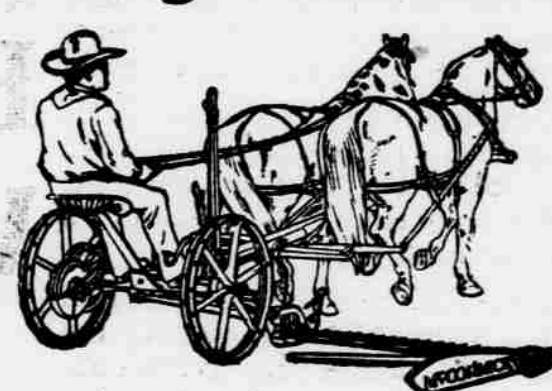
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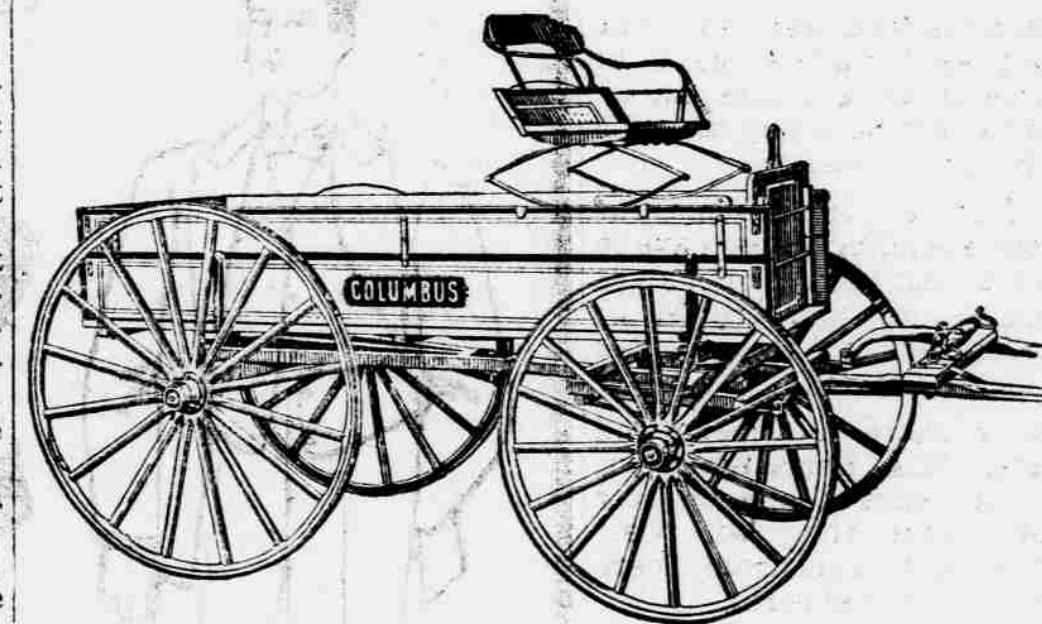
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