

FARMERS' UNION DEPARTMENT.

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Bardensville—A Live Local in Good Farming Section.

The senior editor of this department was with Bardensville Local Union Saturday afternoon at its meeting place in Britt's township. It was a most delightful occasion, and we believe the members were very much encouraged and much enthusiasm was manifest. We were a little late arriving on the grounds and Mr. H. H. Bizzell, of Mt. Eliam Local, was making an address. He is a very fluent speaker. After his address this writer was called on and responded in a short talk. Mr. C. B. Skipper, of Lumberton, was next called on and responded in a very appropriate talk, after which refreshments were served and the entire audience engaged in social converse and swapped jokes. The audience of some hundreds was equally divided between ladies and gentlemen. A number of ladies are members of this Local, and add much to the social side of the order. Mr. David Davis is president and J. R. Davis is secretary of this organization, and I tell you it is a live little Local in the midst of a good farming section. They promise to be on hand at Lumberton on the 26th of August in full force.

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We are authorized to announce that Hon. Thad Ivey, of Wake county, will address the Local Union at Gold Hill Saturday, July 30, at 11 o'clock a. m.

We are authorized to announce that H. Q. Alexander, president of the State Farmers' Union, of Charlotte, will address the people of Saddle Tree at their picnic on the 11th of August. Let everyone come out and hear this distinguished speaker.

OSCAR L. CLARK.

Sixth District Democrats Made a Strong Nomination.

Raleigh News and Observer.

The Democrats of the sixth congressional district were wise in the selection of Mr. Oscar L. Clark, of Bladen county, as their candidate. He is not widely known in the State at large because his life has been devoted to farming and business, but he is well known in his district as a man of character, sound sense, and a leader in agricultural and industrial matters. He will make a useful Congressman and measure up to the high office. The truth is there is not a better man in North Carolina than Oscar Clark. He speaks well and clearly, he has been a marked success in everything he has undertaken, and is the best type of the patriotic captains of industry whose success means the opening of new doors of opportunity to those about them.

Oscar L. Clark was born in Bladen county July 16th, 1865, and after preparation in the public schools entered Davidson College, from which institution he graduated in the class of 1886. In June of the same year he was married to Miss Cora Withers, of Davidson. He is a leader in the Presbyterian church. All his life Mr. Clark has devoted his energies to mercantile and farming interests and the lumber business and has won the largest measure of success. He is a man of wide information, good scholarship, practical judgment, common sense and has been the leader of his section in the agricultural, commercial and lumber interests that have taken such rapid strides in his section in recent years. He has made money and has made it honestly and in a way that has helped in the development of his district.

Though he has always taken deep interest in politics and been a Democratic leader, Mr. Clark had never been a candidate for office until he was nominated for the State Senate two years ago, and the chief incentive then to accept the honor was to have a hand in shaping a good drainage law. His interest in that most important work for Eastern North Carolina was evidenced in the State Senate, for he had charge of the State Drainage bill and secured its passage by a unanimous vote. It is justifying the wisdom of its passage. Several counties have availed themselves of the provisions of the act, Senator Clark and others in Bladen having established drainage districts and begun the good work of drainage in his own

county. This was the most constructive piece of legislation of the legislative session, and will do more for the development and progress of the State than any other single act. Mr. Clark's leadership in beginning the work of drainage in Bladen county affords an object lesson of the immense help it will be in making farming more prosperous. Too much rain and the lack of drainage are the lions in the path of successful agriculture in North Carolina, particularly in Eastern North Carolina, and in the practical and wise leadership to secure modern drainage, Mr. Clark has demonstrated his practical statesmanship. In the Senate he was active also for good roads legislation and earnestly favored the enlargement of the educational work of the State, particularly agricultural and mechanical instruction.

Mr. Clark will make a strong candidate. When he was named for the State Senate in 1908, he was elected by 3,367 majority. In their senatorial convention, the Republicans decided by a two-thirds majority not to put out any candidate against him. Men of all parties know that in public position he will have no private interests to subservise and will have an eye single only to promoting the public welfare.

Has Done Things Distinctly Worthy.

Charlotte Observer.

The anti-Godwin Democrats of the sixth district certainly did not hurt their cause when they chose their nominee. Born 45 years ago, State Senator O. L. Clark has done things distinctly worth while since he graduated from Davidson College in 1886. He is a successful merchant, farmer and lumberman, characterized also by knowledge and public spirit. The drainage bill of the last Legislature, a measure of demonstrated value to the State, and especially to the eastern counties, was put through by him. In Congress he would serve his constituents well.

LYDIA LEAFLETS.

A Protracted Meeting—New Cotton Mill—Cotton and Tobacco Backward—Other Items.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Darlington, S. C., R. F. D. 2, July 25—Rain and tobacco drummers seem to be the most popular things around here now.

A protracted meeting will begin at Wesley chapel the second Sunday in August. We hope that this will be the most successful meeting that has been held here in many years.

Dr. L. F. Blackmon, who recently graduated with honors from the Atlanta School of Dentistry, has located in Darlington, and will be associated with Dr. Ed. A. Early in the practice of his chosen profession.

Miss Inez Jeffords, of Darlington, visited at the home of Miss Docia Register last week.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of Wesley chapel has recently increased its membership and is doing splendid work.

Dr. Wallace Parnell, who recently graduated in medicine, has begun practice in the Philadelphia section.

On account of the heavy rains here last Friday and Saturday, several of the bridges were upset, and the people who were away from home were put to some trouble in getting back.

Mr. B. F. Melton is on the sick list at this writing. We hope that he can soon be out again.

Preparations are being made for erecting a new cotton mill in Darlington. This building when completed will be among the largest in this county.

The tobacco crop seems to be behind this year. There has not been much cured in some places yet. The cotton also seems to be a great deal later than usual.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller Elmore visited at the home of Mr. L. W. Reddick Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hobson, of Raeford, N. C., spent a few days in this section recently, but returned home last Saturday.

Rev. J. R. T. Major and Mr. J. R. Register, who live near here, are spending a while in Augusta, Ga. We hope for them a pleasant trip.

Miss Lizzie King entertained a few of her friends at the home of her uncle, Mr. J. C. Clements, last Wednesday night. All report a pleasant time.

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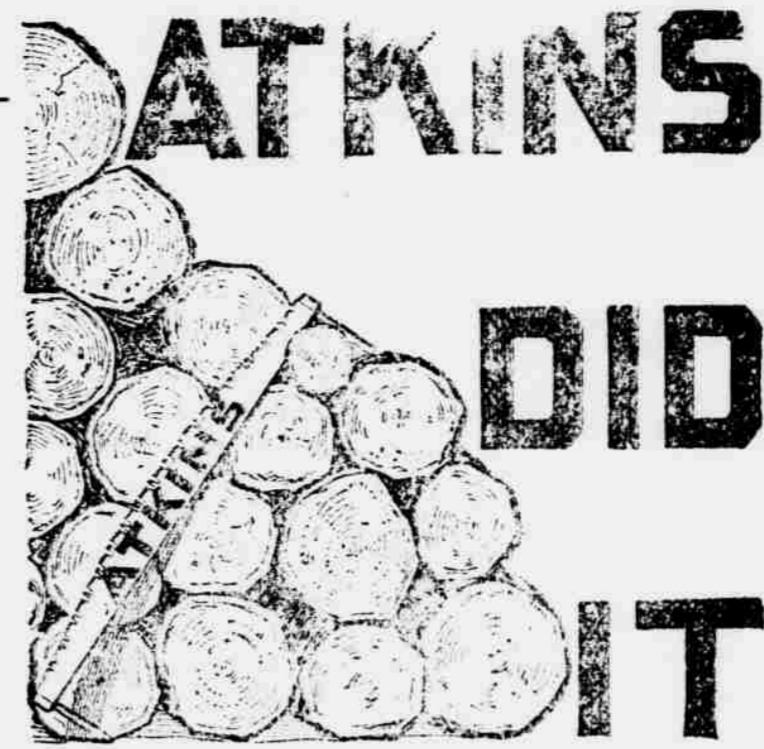
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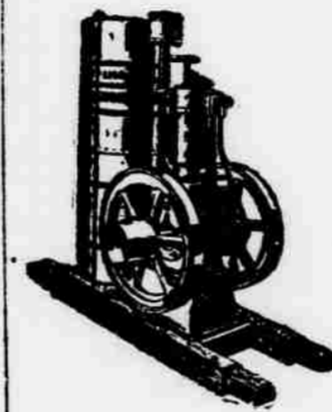
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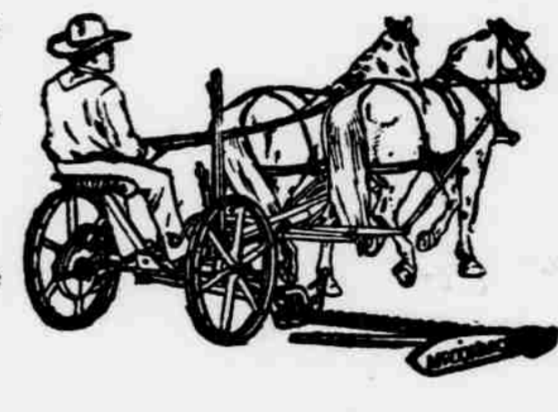
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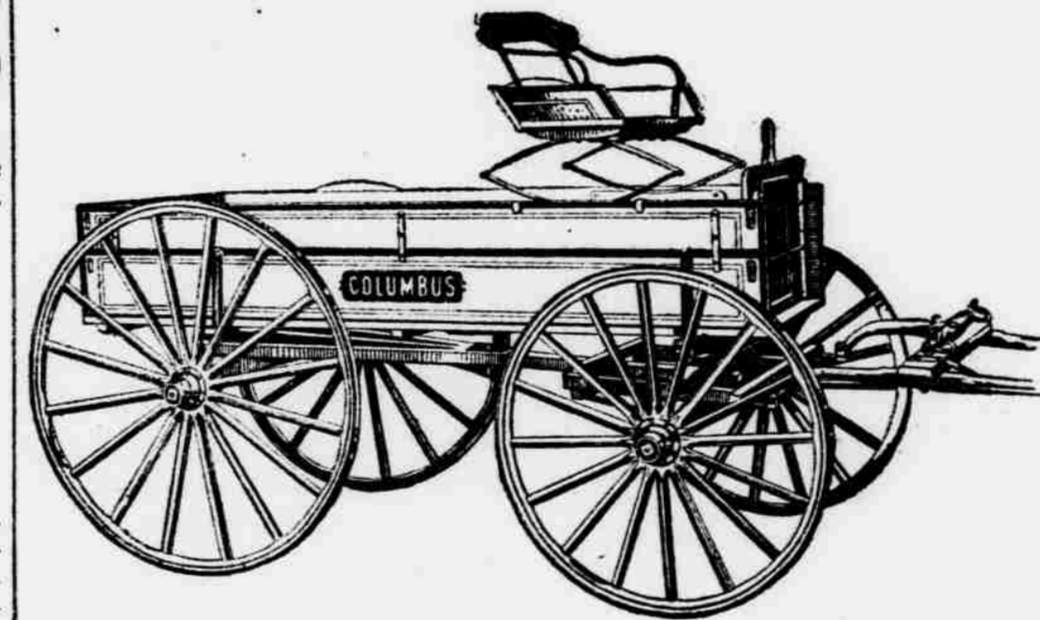
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