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Is There any Money in Farming?

The answer to this question depends on circumstances: On the one hand more than anything else, who undertakes to farm; and next, on the means at his command for conducting his business.

But, then, it is very evident that taken as a whole, farming is not of late years in this section a money making business.

They make a crop, gather it, and turn it over to the mortgagee in satisfaction of his claim.

When pay day comes round they can only get the market price for their crops, which, if it has been a good crop year, is often very low, and the whole of it insufficient to cover the cost of supplies.

But what is the practical effect of this condition of so large a part of the farming community on the body politic? Evidently the tendency is to landlordism.

The rich growing richer and the poor poorer. The rich, (few in number,) will eventually own the lands, and the poor, (a majority,) tenants at will, or hirelings by the day, the week, the month or the year.

One of the earliest effects of this state of the farming interest will be noted in the diminished productions of the soil, especially of those crops which go into the support of human life.

If the experience of the past proves anything it is that such a system of farming cannot long be successful. The farmer who would live an easy, independent and successful life must produce his own supplies over and above any crop intended for the market.

matter of family and farm supplies at only the cost of raising them by his own labor is his only security.

Just here may be related a conversation held a year or two ago with an "old-time" farmer. In reply to the remark "times are hard," he said—"I don't know anything about hard times: Every year is alike to me."

"How is that?" we asked: "Don't you owe anybody?" "No." "Does anybody owe you?" "No." "Do you raise everything you need?" "Yes, pretty nearly."

"Make your own clothes?" "Yes, nearly all." "Do you sell any produce?" "Yes, enough to do all the buying, pay taxes, &c."

"This 'old time' farmer, it would seem, answers the question, 'Is there any money in farming?' There is a little—always a little, when the business is conducted with wisdom and discretion.

The industrious, discreet and frugal man, whether farmer or mechanic, is apt to prosper; but the idle, thoughtless, and wasteful, will lag behind. In the ordinary pursuits of life, especially in the beginning, the income is small, and if not carefully garnered, will slip away, and there will be nothing left to show for it.

While in Washington, a few days since, it was the pleasure of the writer to call on Mr. Henderson, the active and hard-working member of Congress from this District.

As expected, he was found at his desk, busily engaged in the matters then before Congress. He has already acquired a reputation as a worker, and his constituents at home may rest assured that they are ably represented by an earnest honest friend who will watch their interests with zealous care.

To prevent the destruction and to authorize the sale of forfeited stills. That boilers, stills, and other vessels, apparatus, tools, and implements used in distilling or rectifying, and seized and forfeited under any of the provisions of the internal-revenue laws, shall not be destroyed, but shall be sold at public auction.

The officers of the Department of Agriculture have given in the February Bulletin a complete and satisfactory report of all the expenditures made by the board for all purposes during the fiscal year, ending November 30, 1885.

The Commissioners appointed by the President under the provisions of section 3547 of the Revised Statutes of the United States met, in conformity therewith, at the mint in Philadelphia, on the 10th inst., for the purpose of making the annual trial of the coins reserved at the several coinage mints in the United States during 1885.

The work of the first committee was to open and count in the presence of the Commission, the coins reserved and forwarded from the several mints in the United States, and to distribute coins from the several packages to the committees on weighing and assaying.

The review of the work of the mints was satisfactory, not a coin was found to be without the limits of deviation allowed by law. When it is remembered that the most minute error in any of the details of coinage will result in changing proportions or weights, the accuracy of the work is simply marvelous.

The above shows only a brief outline of the work done. Outside of work hours the time of the Commission was engaged in attending lunches, dinners, &c., tendered by citizens of Philadelphia, Mint officers and the Clover Club.

We are indebted to the "Southern Fertilizer Co.," Richmond, Va., for a copy of a little book entitled "Tobacco; how to cure it, especially fine yellow."

The first hint we get from this little book may be more important to those who raise tobacco than some are aware, and that is the selection of the seed for a crop.

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out from \$10 to \$25 clear profit to the ton on a worthless manure.

It is hardly possible that any of the press of the State could have been bought by even so wealthy a corporation as the Associated Fertilizer Manufacturers, yet such a thing might be possible.

Before its establishment we paid \$45 per ton for an ammoniated fertilizer and \$35 per ton for acid phosphate or superphosphate of lime. Then we knew nothing about the value of the article purchased, often with fear and trembling, but with the hope that the manufacturer was honest and was giving fair goods.

A few years ago fertilizers were adulterated with leather, hair and horn to represent so much ammonia, and while the article contained it the fertilizer was worthless because the ammonia was in an insoluble condition and likely to decompose for years, doing no good until decomposition occurred.

Under this head, a correspondent of the Chicago Mining Review, has some interesting things to say. He is of the opinion that gold and silver should be united and equal in purchasing power and in the liquidation of all obligations, either personal or State.

In pursuance of such new idea, I propose a new cometallic dollar, the essential nature of which is that it shall contain one half in value in gold and one half in silver.

The new coin which I have invented, and the adoption of which I propose consists of an outer disk of silver of the value of 50c., resembling a coin with a hole through its center.

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There is great apprehension in some of the northern States of there being immense damage done by the recent warm rains. The ice is breaking up and is being carried down the rivers by the swelling waters with great velocity.

Following the death of Gen. Hancock, comes that of Horatio Seymour. How rapidly time's relentless work goes on, Seymour was one of the men with a history. His name is familiar in every house in the land.

There is but one of the democratic Presidential candidates from 1860 to 1880 alive—Tilden—the rest have in the providence of an Allwise Ruler, gone hence. It is a sad retrospect for the democratic party. So many of our great men have fallen to sleep in less than a generation.

Mr. Seymour was an intimate friend of the Hon. Philo White, who is so well remembered here by the older part of our citizens, as the editor of the Western Carolinian in 1850.

Why go to bed and shiver for hours with cold feet when a hot rock, brick, or sand bag will give comfort and enable you to sleep in a short time? Such facilities for the relief of the sick is common in every family.

IT WILL PAY YOU FARMERS, WHO ARE WANTING COMPOSTING MATERIALS.

To call on the undersigned before buying elsewhere. I have a line of PHOSPHATES

Varying in price from \$15.00 to \$25.00 per ton. Also, German Kainit and AGRICULTURAL LIME

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To parties wanting to buy in car load lots, delivered at China Grove, Third Creek, or Salisbury, at a small profit. J. ALLEN BROWN.

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Henry Waterson, editor of the Louisville Courier Journal, is reported as dying with acute meningitis.

Dr. Young, alias Dr. Garrett, was arrested in Concord and jailed. He has been removed to Winston for a hearing.

The way to wealth is as plain as the way to market. It depends chiefly on two words—industry and frugality; that is, waste neither time nor money, but make the best use of both.

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MARRIED: At the residence of the bride's father, in the vicinity of Salisbury, by Rev. J. R. Rampe, D. D., Mr. John W. McKenzie, editor of the Montgomery Vidette, and Miss Mary Louise Johnston, eldest daughter of Mr. Alfred L. Johnston.

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The last Notice. All those who have not paid their Town Taxes for last year will do well to call on me and settle them without further delay.

MERONEY & BRO. Have fitted up Machinery at their Store House for the purpose of overhauling old Sewing Machines.

Don't throw away a pair of Tongs, or Scissors, for want of a rivet; a Bucket, for want of a hoop or bail; a Smoothing Iron for want of a handle; a set of Knives for want of grinding.

We hope soon to start up our Wood Working Machinery, Machine Shop and Foundry, which will enable us to repair anything from a Sewing Machine to a Steam Engine.

