

**TOBACCO.**

**GLEANINGS FROM THE TOBACCO JOURNALS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE TOBACCO FARMERS.**

A member of congress from Chicago wants to place a tax of \$5 per thousand on cigarettes.

Measures similar to the Georgia anti-trust law are before various State legislatures, including Indiana, North Carolina, South Carolina, Minnesota and Pennsylvania.

Pittsburg retail Cigar-dealers are complaining that they are compelled to meet undue competition from saloon keepers, who are giving away a Stogie with each drink.

At Chicago Ill., February 12th, the Grand Jury returned indictment against George M. Coldy for the signature of E. Miall, Commissioner of Inland Revenue, Canada, and for uttering counterfeit trade marks and labels of a Canadian firm.

Wholesale tobacco merchants in Georgia say the anti-trust law recently passed and signed will "cut no figure" as they have been advised by counsel to continue their business as formerly and to make any contracts which will benefit them.

A young lady residing in Lynchburg, Va., recently sent the Shah of Persia, through Minister McDonald, a gold-embroidered tobacco pouch filled with the finest tobacco. The Shah seemed much pleased with same and deigned to return his royal thanks.

Chicago merchants are making war on department stores before the Illinois Legislature, and urging the passage of the Schwab bill, which proposes to divide articles of merchandise into 78 classes, departments stores containing a number of those classes to be licensed by the city authorities, the fee in no case to be less than \$500.

There is some hope for the trust ridden when they begin a war on each other—as with the cigarette trust entering the plug field, also counteracted by the plug men making cigarettes; so now with the coffee trust, who are going into the sugar manufacture, because the sugar men were buying up coffee companies and firms. Both products in consequence are much lowered.

Prize packages, pictures, draw packs, coupons, gaming and chance inducements to buy cigarette, tobacco, etc., are now also coming under the State's ban, and the manufacturers will welcome the day when the demand will have ceased, and the immense cost and rivalry will then sift down to one of pure merit of the goods put up. To day every sort of side issue is brought in play to sell. The prizes eating up the profits or reducing the cost of raw material, or deteriorating the output. It can't be otherwise, unless the best tobacco can be sold for the same price as low grades.

One reason why New England tobacco growers prefer to sell their crops at a low price in the bundle, says the American Cultivator, is to be found in the outrageous charges some of these commission men charge of their services. We have before us a letter depicting some of the horrors of employing these "Yankee Jews," "who charge from 3 to 4 cents per pound for assorting, plus the price of cases. Then \$1 50 to 2 00 for selling and 5 per cent, for quick cash." Then he might have added sampling, storage and coöperage and other charges. We have long known of these abominable charges. Again, the dealer may sell lots of low grade goods, and the owner of a good crop helps the dealer in that way. So we have always insisted upon the farmer doing his own work, and get the benefit of it.—Western Tob. Journal.

As a result of the agitation against prison cigar and other factories in the Illinois penitentiaries, Representative Schulbert has introduced a bill to regulate the employment of convict in the prison of that State. It provides that convicts shall not be required to work at any trade, industry or occupation, wherein or whereby their work shall be farmed out, contracted, or sold, to any person, firm, association or corporation; but the product of the labor of convicts may be disposed of to the State, or to any political division thereof, or to any public owner or controlled by the State. The prisoners, so far as possible, shall manufacture all needed articles for the State institutions. They may also be used by the State for the building of public highways, roads, canals, and other public improvements of this nature, that would not be undertaken unless the labor of convicts was available.—Western Tob. Journal.

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It is very difficult for a farmer who is just beginning in this business, and who finds all sorts of expenses accumulating, to make up his mind to secure the best stock, no matter what it cost. Yet if he really understands his business this is what he will do if his purchase is restricted to a single animal. Breeding from this he can soon stock up to the extent that his farm requires, and his profits on his live stock increase will be generally than from the growing and sale of crops. It is the advantage of the live stock on the farm that if managed as it should be that it will make the farm pay while it is all the time being made richer, and that thus it will make the growing of crops ultimately profitable.—Boston Cultivator.

**A Proud Record**

"Who was that Squire Hextable that died last week?" asked the caller at the newspaper office.

"He was a man," responded the editor of the Perkins Junction Palladium, "who had taken this paper 19 years, always paid for it in advance, never expected me to make a local item about it when he put a new roof on his barn or sold his pork, when he came in to ask me a question never began by saying, 'An editor is supposed to know everything,' always sent a \$2 bill with the wedding notice whenever any of his family got married and never had an idea he could run my paper better than I could."

And the editor of the Palladium furiously tried to wipe away the tear with the office towel.—Chicago Tribune.

**Young Man on a Down Grade.**

He knows more than mother.  
He spurns advice from father.  
He is boisterous on the street.  
He has questionable companions.  
He steps unsteadily at times.  
He returns to his home late at night.  
He is becoming unreliable in business.  
He is delinquent in payments.  
He is discharged from his position.  
He is involved in difficulties.  
He is not seen on the street now.  
He is void of reputation.  
He has family and friends, but they are sorrowful.—Ex.

**CASTORIA.**

The fac-simile signature of *Dr. J. C. Pritchard* is on every wrapper.

**FARM AND GARDEN.**

In every neighborhood where special attention is given to gardening or fruit growing there should be a horticultural society. There are always some good seed grown at the meetings, and they help to make one enthusiastic in the business.

Forest leaves contain, upon the average, at a rough estimate, some two dollars' worth of fertilizing material per ton, besides the value of the vegetable mould they will make. They are well worth the trouble of gathering and hauling, whenever there is nothing more important to be done.

Give your cattle salt frequently. It may be taken as an indication that cattle need salt when they are seen licking each other to get the briny exudations from the skin. Of course this may become a habit. Indigestible balls of hair are often formed in the stomach which cannot but be but hurtful.

It would be hard to find any farmer who has gone intelligently into the sheep business, keeping good stock and giving good care, whose profits for the year have been considerably augmented. If doubtful as to the profit in sheep, let us observe closely those who are handling them, and see if they are not arranging to carry still larger flocks.

While manure from the horse stables is commonly used for gardens because it heats more quickly, we think that quite as good results for most crops will be secured by the slow but equally rich, cow manure. Horse manure is always much too dry unless it has the liquid excrement mixed with it. The absence of moisture rather than excess of nitrogen is what makes it heat rapidly. But it also makes the manure fire fang even when it is buried in the soil. Partly decomposed cow manure will furnish some available plant food at first, and will not dry up and injure the roots later in the season.

Most of those who begin farming buy more land than they can pay for, because a part payment of land leaves good security for the balance. Then they find innumerable expenses in purchasing tools and stock to begin operations. The temptation always is to economize in the stock, thinking that it is easy to breed up. Some times this is done, but more often the economy in not buying the best stock dooms the farmer to the same labor and expense of caring for it, while it is, when grown, not worth half, or a quarter, what it would have been if he had begun right at the first.—Progressive Farmer.

**Don't Work Before Breakfast.**

A bad custom is prevalent in many families, especially among our farmers, writes J. L. Hersey. It is the habit of working an hour or two before breakfast, doing the chores, hoeing, cutting wood, etc. This is convenient in many cases, but is not conducive to health. The common notion that the morning air is the purest and most healthful is wrong, for at no hour is the air more filled with dampness and fog than about sunrise. The heat of the sun gradually dissipates these as the day advances. An early meal braces up the system against these external influences.—New England Homestead.

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