

DAWN OF THE FARMER'S DAY.

In the Washington Times of Monday there is an article under the above caption, by Hon. John W. Brook-walter, of Ohio, which speaks of the depression in the agricultural industry in this country, its causes and the end of the depression, and the reasons why the day of the farmer has come and has come to stay.

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OUR RAILROADS AND OTHER COMPANIES.

The Raleigh News and Observer of Thursday contains a summary of the last report of the Corporation Commission on the assessed valuation of our railroads and other industries, and other facts of interest in connection therewith, as follows:

There are 5,861.93 miles of railroad in the State, an increase of 32.32 miles over last year. There were, however, 65.83 miles of new roads built, but 35.51 miles of road were abandoned.

There is more forest in the South to-day than there is in any other part of the United States, on which countless herds could find both feed and shelter.

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VALUATIONS FOR TAXATION.

Atlantic Coast Line, \$13,978,440.50; Southern Railway, \$5,825,677.89; Chesapeake and Delaware Canal, \$1,715,233.23; Miscellaneous Railroads, \$410,414.86.

Telephone Companies, \$88,984.50; Steamboat, canal and ferries, \$249,350.00; Street railways, \$1,199,890.00; Electric Light and Gas, \$268,850.00; Water Companies, \$90,985.00; Telegraph Companies, \$94,149.00; Express Companies, \$28,770.00.

Grand Total, \$46,806,337.57. The counties to which the largest apportionment of railroad property is made are as follows:

Cumberland, \$1,324,498; Guilford, \$1,094,430; Halifax, \$1,780,948; Johnston, \$1,320,710; Mecklenburg, \$1,460,448; Pender, \$1,008,694; Robeson, \$1,715,233; Wayne, \$1,172,737.

The following gives the number of men employed in our midst: Atlantic Coast Line, 3,654; Seaboard Air Line, 2,414; Southern Railway, 4,538; Miscellaneous Roads, 1,605.

The following shows the wages paid per day by the respective roads and the total paid by all: Atlantic Coast Line, \$4.30 per day; Seaboard Air Line, \$4.30 per day; Southern Railway, \$3.88 per day; Miscellaneous Roads, \$2.13 per day.

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

Goldboro Argus: The deaf and dumb negro shot by Mr. Ad. Pike, near Pitaville, on Monday morning, December 14th, died yesterday evening at the county home.

Roanoke Headlight: Several of the large mills have announced their intention of making 40 hours a week's work without any reduction of present pay. This is commendable and no doubt other mills will follow the example.

Darham Herald: One of the largest hen eggs ever seen in this county was brought here yesterday. It was sent by Mrs. J. J. Whitfield, who lives some eight miles west of the city.

Winston Sentinel: Mr. George Morris, who recently escaped from the chain gang of Cumberland county, was located Thursday night in Wilson and was arrested by Messrs. Harrell and Sikes.

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET. [Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce, December 26.] STAR OFFICE, December 26.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at \$2.00 per gallon. ROBIN—Market firm at \$1.35 per barrel for strained and \$1.40 per barrel for good strained.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 60c; extra prime, 70c; per bushel of twenty pounds.

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PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Flour was quiet with a moderate trade. Bye flour steady. Wheat—Spot steady; No. 3 red 84c; options had a slow movement.

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ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Low Round Trip Rates From Wilmington. Sixth Annual Exhibition, Charlotte Poultry Association, Charlotte, N. C., January 12th-15th, 1908.

Christmas Holiday Rates. On Dec. 23, 24, 25, 30, 31 and Jan. 1, the Atlantic Coast Line will sell tickets to all points in territory of the Southeastern Passenger Association.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Trading on the board of trade today was extremely dull, but without head or tail, steady.

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Attends discharge from the urinary organs. It is superior to Salvarsan, and is free from all toxic and injurious ingredients.

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