

TOBACCO AS AN UPBUILDER.

Diversified farming has become an old theme in the South, but it is a good theme and should be stuck to until diversified farming becomes the rule instead of the exception.

While there are a number of crops that the farmers of Eastern North Carolina might raise with profit, there is none that offers more inducements at present than tobacco, for the growth of which this part of the State is especially adapted.

The profit, of course, depends upon the cost of production and the quality of the product, assuming that there is a market near enough to take what is produced.

The experimental stage has passed and tobacco-growing is now an established industry in the Eastern section of the State, and one of the most profitable in a number of counties where it was scarcely known ten years ago.

Tobacco is a stimulator of hustling, there is no doubt of that, and there is money in it for any community which gives it systematic, business-like attention.

There has been no effort that we have heard of to grow tobacco as a crop anywhere near Wilmington, and yet we have been assured by experienced tobacco handlers, that the ideal section for the cultivation of smoking tobacco, and leaf that is in the greatest demand as a smoker in foreign markets, is the section between here and Mount Olive.

Here then is the ideal section, ideal in climate and soil (cheap land, too, to those who wish to buy), cheap fertilizers and a shipping port for a market near by with low cost of transportation.

Under these circumstances what good reason is there why the section we speak of should not become a great tobacco growing section and why Wilmington should not become a great tobacco buying, manufacturing and shipping city?

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MARRIAGE AT SOUTHPORT.

Miss Annie Holden, daughter of Capt. T. M. Thompson, to Lieut. Earl L. Brown, U. S. Engineer Corps.

TRIBUTES TO THE JEWS.

One of the finest tributes that we have ever heard from the platform to the Jewish people was the eloquent lecture by our lamented Vance on "The Scattered Nation."

"The Jew is not a disturber of the peace of any country. Even his enemies will concede that. He is not a loafer, he is not a sot, he is not noisy, he is not a braver nor a rioter, he is not quarrelsome.

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SOME NEW AND INTERESTING QUESTIONS.

The approaching completion of the Illinois drainage canal, connecting Lake Michigan with the Mississippi river, opens up some interesting questions, in one of which the dwellers in the cities on the Lake are interested.

It is interesting, in another of which the city of St. Louis and other cities which draw their water supplies from the river are interested.

It is contended by some that the immense volume of water which will pass from the Lake through the canal, will have such an effect in lowering the Lake surface as to destroy the navigable channels of these Lake cities, unless constant dredging be resorted to.

The question that occurs here is what right the city of Chicago has to open a canal at its end of the Lake which will steal the water from them and thus practically ruin them as shipping ports?

Of course, the Chicago people and others who are interested in the canal, declare that this is a mere pretense inspired by jealousy of Chicago's prominence and progress.

St. Louis and other cities which draw their supplies of drinking and other water for domestic use from the river are much more concerned for the dwellers in the Lake cities for they say that turning into this river the sewage of a city of more than a million and a half people, and emptying it into the river whence they draw their supplies will pollute and poison it that it will not be fit for use.

The promoters of the canal make light of this and undertake to show that the noxious matter carried down by such a volume of water would be a mere trifle and could not possibly materially affect the healthfulness of the water of the river into which it flowed, but St. Louis does not propose to take Chicago authority for this but will call on the United States courts to say what right the city of Chicago has to make her river a sluice into which to dump Chicago's sewage.

In addition to its other numerous disreputable accomplishments, the mosquito is now accused of being the disseminator of malaria. But who ever saw a mosquito with malaria?

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AT FORT CASWELL.

Target Practice With Eight-inch Disappearing Rifles—No Hits Made.

SOUTHPORT, N. C., Sept. 6.—Battery "C," Fourth Artillery, under command of Lieut. Anderson, engaged in target practice to-day at Fort Caswell.

Six shots were fired with the eight-inch disappearing rifles, using charges of forty-four pounds powder and one hundred and fifty pound projectiles.

The drum of the old blockade runner Ella, off Baldhead, was used for a target; but while the shots were close there were no hits. The battery expects to have practice again on Friday.

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MORMON EMISSARIES.

North Carolina Conference of Latter Day Saints—Headquarters in Goldsboro. Forty Workers in This Field.

[Special Star Telegram.] RALPHIGH, N. C., Sept. 6.—Presiding Elder Louis Swenson, of Utah, has arrived here and is actively in charge of the North Carolina Conference of Latter Day Saints or Mormons.

The conference embraces fifty-seven counties of the State, some of the extreme western counties being in the Tennessee-conference and some of the southern counties in the conference of South Carolina.

The Southern States' mission embraces fourteen conferences, covering eleven States, namely: Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Florida, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Ohio which has recently been added.

Chatanooga is the headquarters for the Southern States mission and there the Southern Star, Mormon organ, is published. There are now about five hundred Elders at work in the Southern States mission.

Presiding Elder Swenson says that about forty five elders are, or soon will be at work in the North Carolina Conference. To this number add six or eight local workers in the field.

Elders Emery and Bolin are located in this county with headquarters in Raleigh. Headquarters for the North Carolina Conference will be in Goldsboro. Goldsboro was selected in preference to Raleigh as being more convenient.

There are elders at work in Wilmington, Wilson, Kinston, Elizabeth City and other places in the east and these fields can best be reached from Goldsboro.

Special attention is paid to the east in winter. Presiding Elder Swenson says he regards North Carolina as one of the best Southern States for the propagation of Mormon belief.

Converts he says are being made rapidly and the treatment the elders receive here is in marked contrast to the way they are mobbed in Georgia. Elders say that if people do not agree with them here they generally treat them fair.

Corporation Commission. The corporation commission to-day fixed the new cotton seed and hull rate, issuing a circular making the new cotton seed rate established by the Southern Railway operative not only on that road but also on various roads of the Seaboard Air Line and Atlantic Coast Line. This rate is based on per ton of 2,000 pounds.

THE BAGGAGE QUESTION. Mr. F. T. Mills, of Wilmington, Files Complaint With Corporation Commission.

[Raleigh News and Observer.] Another matter before the Corporation Commission yesterday was the complaint of Mr. F. T. Mills, of Wilmington, vs. the Wilmington and Weldon railroad and the Seaboard Air Line, alleging discrimination in making a contract with one livery firm of Wilmington to allow its representative exclusively to appear on the train of the road and solicit the carriage and transfer of baggage of passengers.

Plaintiff alleged that the contract amounted to the granting of a practical monopoly of the baggage transfer business in Wilmington, and constituted an unjust discrimination against him and all other livery companies who were denied the right to have representatives on the trains of the defendant roads.

In support of this he cited a former statute, now repealed, forbidding any contract that would result from allowing all of this kind of business to one representative on their trains that the company whose agent was permitted on trains was virtually their agent, was under bond to them, and that it was a great convenience to passengers and saved confusion and delay at the station. Passengers could if they so desired, wait until they reached the station to arrange for the carriage of their baggage. It was not alleged that the contract led to any extortionate charges. The commission took the matter under consideration.

Mr. C. M. Busbes represented the plaintiff, Mr. R. O. Barton, of the Coast Line and Capt. J. M. Turner presented the case clearly and forcibly for the Seaboard.

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KILLING ON MASONBORO SOUND.

One Negro Accidentally Shot Another, Inflicting Wound From Which He Died.

By the accidental discharge of a gun in the hands of William Bracy Sunday morning about 9 o'clock, Cornelius Nixon was shot and killed, an entire load of No. 7 shot having taken effect just between his eyes.

Bracy and Nixon are both colored men, the latter about 18 years of age, and were employed by Mr. P. R. Fowler at Fowler's Point, on Masonboro Sound. Sunday morning the two negroes, with Mr. Ohas. L. Jones, were at Bracy's home; Mr. Jones having gone there to get Bracy to extract two loaded shells from a breech loading gun, with which he had been hunting. Bracy unbreeched the gun and tried to push the shells out with a cane. Failing in this he laid the gun upon his lap, breeched it and in attempting to let down the hammers of the gun, one barrel was discharged with the result as before stated.

The negro fell, as he was not instantly killed Mr. Jones quickly harnessed a mule to the city for surgical aid. Just after passing the second toll house, the buggy in which he and the wounded man were riding broke down. A cart was procured in its stead, but just before reaching town the negro died. He was taken to the City Hospital and at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon a jury of inquest, composed of Justice Jno. J. Fowler (chairman), Dr. C. P. Bolles, Messrs. M. Kirschbaum, James Hall, William Nistle and Samuel Hall, were empaneled and after examining witnesses, rendered a verdict exculpating Bracy and declaring the killing an accident.

DEATH OF GEORGE R. DYER. Died in Savannah, Georgia, Last Evening About 6.30 O'clock.—The Funeral.

A telegram received in the city early last night conveyed the sad intelligence of the death of Mr. George R. Dyer, son of our esteemed townsmen, Mr. John Dyer, which occurred at 6.30 o'clock last evening at his home in Savannah, Ga., after an extended illness covering a period of several months.

Mr. Dyer is well and favorably known in Wilmington, he having spent his early days and a part of his young manhood in this city. He went to Savannah a number of years ago and has since been engaged on the local staff of the Savannah News, which he has served with credit to himself and to his employers. He was married in this city to Miss Mary Clowe before leaving for his adopted home, and she with one son survive him, and she, his father, who resides in this city, also survives him and has the sympathy of a wide circle of friends.

The remains will be brought to this city, probably to-day, for funeral and interment, the announcement to be made later.

STEAMSHIP WENT ASHORE.

Norwegian Vessel Drifted Off of River Channel and Grounded Sunday.

The Norwegian steamship Aquila, of 1,407 tons burthen, Captain Anderson, arrived at Southport Saturday night from Bremen, Germany, consigned to Messrs. Heide & Co., of this city, and laden with kainit for the Navassa Guano Company.

Sunday forenoon she was taken in tow by the tug Alexander Jones for this port, but when near Big Island, about eight miles from the city, she being loaded deep and by bad steering, she drifted out of the river channel and went ashore.

The Jones and Blanche, however, pulled her float on the flood tide Sunday afternoon and started with her to this port. They proceeded about three miles up the river, when she again struck the same way went ashore and up to last night she had not been floated. Her cargo is, however, being lightered and she is expected up this morning. The Marion, with the Jones and Blanche, went to her assistance. Captain Anderson said the Aquila was drawing twenty feet six inches of water when she came over the bar.

United States Custom House Inspector Polley is now aboard the ship looking after the discharge of part cargo.

The accident is not at all detrimental to the port, as the pilots say similar occurrences are