

WEEKLY ERA.

AGRICULTURAL.

[Greensboro North State.]

Hon. S. W. Watts is a successful farmer as well as a Judge. He has been engaged in cotton-culture, and has introduced what is called the Continental Cotton. It is very prolific and has the finest lint of any cotton heretofore made in the South; and the last state Fair, recognizing these qualities, awarded a diploma. Judge Watts asserts that this cotton will yield, upon improved land, from four to six thousand pounds of seed cotton to the acre.

We have heretofore advocated, in these columns, the planting of cotton in this section of North Carolina. We were promised a communication, giving directions as to the cultivation of this staple, but the gentleman upon whom we relied for this information, failed for some reason, to give it. Now is the time to consider the question of cotton culture in this and contiguous counties. We do not urge farmers to engage extensively in this industry, but everyone may try, in a limited way, what he can do.

For the benefit of those who desire to avail themselves of the use of the seed of the kind of cotton above spoken of, which has been so flatteringly recommended by the State Fair, we append the following directions, given by Judge Watts:—

"Plant by the 10th of April, and check as you would corn, 3 by 4 feet distance, 2 seed to the hill, taking out one, after securing a stand.

"In using guano, put one peck of salt to the bag, mix well and put a large table-spoonful to the hill.

"Compost horse stable manure, cotton seed and dirt together, using four loads of dirt, one of horse stable and one of cotton seed. Occasionally sprinkle your heaps with salt and lime. Put a large shovel full of compost to hill before planting."

The seeds are put up in packages containing one pint. Three packages will plant an acre. The price is one dollar per package. They may be obtained of Judge Watts, at his residence in Franklinton.

We hope our farmers will take this matter in hand, and where they have a soil adapted to the growth of cotton, put in an acre, or two, by way of experiment.

Peas for Pigs.

The Stock Yard *Sun* is satisfied from recent inquiries that Northern Wisconsin, Minnesota, Wyoming, Colorado, and such other sections as do not produce corn to any advantage because of the brevity and coldness of the season, may all have success in pork producing, simply by raising oats and peas for feed.—These two articles will grow to perfection in any of the countries named. Oats can be fed in the field without harvesting, to the best advantage, and they fatten hogs in the most rapid manner. Peas are the chief dependence in Canada for making pork. Fifty bushel to the acre have been raised in that country, though that is an extraordinary yield, about 30 bushels being an average crop. The vines, after the peas are thrashed out, are about equal to clover hay for sheep. Peas weigh from 60 to 65 pounds per measured bushel, and have considerably more nutriment than the same amount of corn. So there is no reason to doubt that the hog can be raised to good advantage in all the Northern country in question. Peas will grow to perfection where oats can be produced. An average crop of peas will bring the farmer nearly, if not quite, as much as an average crop of corn, counting the vines as food for sheep. This applies to the pine country of the lower South about as well as to Canada.

Success in Peach Culture.

It is useless to undertake to grow peaches unless you intend to bestow the very best culture. A slip-shod system will not do. Many think that after a peach orchard is established, it can be let alone like an apple orchard. There was never a greater mistake. The nature of the two trees is very different. The peach must have constant culture in summer, if you would have a large crop of large superior peaches. The ground must be plowed and harrowed often during the season. It must be kept open and porous.—The peach trees need cultivation as much as corn or potatoes, and you will not get fine fruit without. You shall have no other crop on the ground. There are so many failures in peach culture, by neglect of working the ground, that we feel compelled to urge no more peach tree planting, unless the party planting intends to work the ground thoroughly after planting. If this is done, and a good location is selected, peach growing may be made a success. If not done, it will prove a

failure. There is a fine prospect for a good peach crop next year, and those will make the most money who will bestow the highest culture.

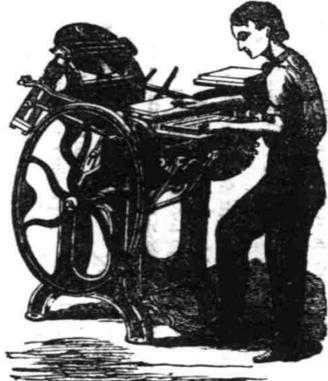
Chester Pigs.

This breed of hogs was formerly held in high repute, for the genuine article is, no doubt, one of the best of the swinish fraternity; but of late years the demand for them has very materially increased, and the *Pa. Journal of the Farm* gives as a reason for the declension that "it results from an almost indiscriminate shipment of white pigs in Chester County. When the demand was at its highest point, dealers were scouring the county, and buying up any kind of pigs so they had no black hair, and shipping them abroad to the disappointment of purchasers, and discredit of Chester Whites. They can scarcely be claimed to be a distinct breed, but are only the result of many years careful crossing, and not having their characteristics fixed, show a strong tendency to revert to their original state."—*State Journal*.

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