

Does it pay to pull fodder? This important and practical question is most emphatically answered in the negative by all the best authorities on agriculture.

All agricultural journals and the best farmers in the United States assert most positively that the blades of fodder should not be plucked from growing corn. They say that the stalks of corn should be cut down with the ears and fodder on them, and then "shredded."

And yet nearly all the farmers in North Carolina still persist in the old wasteful way of pulling fodder from the stalks before the corn has matured. We say "nearly all," because a few have abandoned it and are having their corn stalks shredded.

Very few of our readers have ever seen one, but ere long they will be in very general use. Thus far there is only one in this county, so far as we are informed, and that has recently been bought by Mr. W. A. Squires, an enterprising farmer in Baldwin township.

Because "fodder-pulling" has been the custom of this country from its earliest settlement is no reason why it should continue.

Four white men in Alabama were tried last week, convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary for lynching a negro who had killed a white man. One of them was sentenced to imprisonment for life, and the other three for ten years.

It is to be hoped that this punishment will have a good effect not only in Alabama but in all other States—both at the North and South—where excited mobs too often take the law into their hands. The trial and conviction of these Alabama lynchers is highly creditable to the administration of justice in that State. It is a most unusual event, for unfortunately lynchers usually escape any punishment, but we hope it may be the beginning of better things—a revolution in public sentiment more favorable to law and order.

One terrible result that may follow from lynch law is, that when it is once invoked nobody knows when it will end. If one set of men can with impunity lawfully put a man to death, another set may do the same, and then no man's life is safe. We doubt if there was ever a lynching, but that in after years the consciences of the lynchers were smitten with remorse whenever they recalled the dying agonies of their victim.

A farmer near Charlotte, named Crenshaw, had been missing watermelons out of his patch. One night last week he got his double-barrel shot gun and laid in wait for the thieves. After watching awhile he saw three negroes enter the field, and when one of them picked up a melon Mr. Crenshaw shot at him and then as the other two started to run, he fired the other barrel. The result was the first thief was killed and the second lost an arm.

A coroner's inquest was held and Mr. Crenshaw was sent to jail, but was released by Judge Hoke on a thousand dollar bond for his appearance at court, when he will be tried for murder. Of course no jury will convict him of murder, although he had no right to shoot the thief. Even the Bible excuses a man for killing a thief, who is caught in the act. See Exodus 22 chapter and verse 2.

When the new directors of the penitentiary took charge last spring it was feared that they would have to borrow a large amount, because of the extravagance of the former management, but by economy they have so managed as not to borrow a cent.

Washington Letter.

Washington, Aug. 29, 1901. Washington would be surprised to present to it not for the Senate. Shelby came away, but both sides are so busy in considering what they will do next that there is no time for a discussion of war. The committee of Admiral Sampson have been kept busy with their own work, and they can only state that they will do their best to do their duty.

The latest development in the case is the discovery of the fact that the Cuban General Garcia, who, it is believed, had been captured out of the harbor of Santiago, was resting at the residence of Mrs. W. A. Squires, in Baldwin township, North Carolina.

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It has been suggested that if Shelby should be convicted it will be a great loss to the country. It is not known what the Navy Department will do in this case, and for this reason it is not likely to be heard. They cannot discuss it with the press, and they cannot discuss it with the press, and they cannot discuss it with the press.

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The steel companies claim that the government has a right to use their steel for the construction of the battleships Illinois and Wisconsin.

Fatal Railroad Wreck.

Railroad, Sept. 4, 1901. The fatal wreck of the train on the 29th inst. at New York, N. Y., has been the subject of much discussion. The cause of the accident is believed to be the failure of the brakes on the engine.

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