

THE Year Book of the Department of Agriculture, recently issued from the government printing office at Washington, contains much valuable information.

We there find that the value of farm products in the United States for the year 1909 was \$8,760,000,000, having, in the past ten years, nearly doubled.

The most valuable crop in the United States is the corn crop, the corn crop of last year being worth \$1,720,000,000, equalling the total amount of gold and silver coin and bullion in this country.

THE General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, adjourned last Saturday, after having transacted much important business.

The laity are granted a larger representation in the annual conferences, the basis of representation being fixed at one delegate for every 1,500 members, or fraction thereof.

It was decided that Vanderbilt University at Nashville is the University of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and that it must be controlled by the church.

The conference adopted the report of the committee on church relations recommending that the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Protestant Church be brought into still closer relationship.

THE first congressional nominations made this year in this State were made last week by the Republicans of the eighth and ninth districts.

The Democrats hope to redeem the eighth district this year and elect their nominee, but it is uncertain now who he will be.

THE United States League of Local Building and Loan Associations is holding its annual meeting in Charlotte today and tomorrow.

Few of our readers are aware of the good work done by these building and loan associations. They were primarily started for the purpose of aiding persons without much money to build and pay for their homes.

It is eminently appropriate that this meeting should be held at Charlotte, which city has more money invested in such associations than any other city in proportion to population.

WHILE we congratulate Rev. Dr. Ivey on his election as editor of the Nashville Christian Advocate and also congratulate the readers of that paper, yet we condole with the readers of the Raleigh Christian Advocate that they will lose his services.

THE season for shipping strawberries from the eastern part of this State closed last week. Few of our readers have an idea of the importance of the strawberry crop in that section.

Blind Musician in Jail. From the Wadesboro Messenger.

Monroe, May 23.—The case of J. M. Massey, a blind music teacher, is exciting much interest throughout this section of the country.

The chief of police stated that he had seen several of Massey's checks which had been protested. These checks are for amounts varying from \$20 to \$35, and are dated from May 1 on.

Massey is said to be a good musician. He came to Monroe several years ago, and engaged in the business of touring the country and giving musical entertainments and recitals.

[This blind "Professor" is well known in this county, where he married, and we regret to hear of his downfall.—ED. RECORD.]

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Washington, D. C., May 21.—Proceedings in the House and in the Senate during the past week have been decidedly dull.

It seems to have been pretty well decided by the press and the country at large that there will be an International Exposition in 1915, five years hence, in celebration of the completion of the interoceanic canal at Panama.

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There will be no war between Peru and Ecuador, as was imminent. Those countries have accepted the proffer of arbitration under the auspices of the United States, Argentina and Brazil.

Georgia's peach crop, now on the market with its first instalments, is described as fair-sized and of fine quality.

The Department of Justice at Washington is investigating the subject of the price of lumber in the United States with the view to determining whether or not the so-called lumber trust may be reached by the Sherman anti-trust law on the ground that it is a combination in restraint of trade.

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Harmony of Dress.

A beautiful woman also studies the harmony of painting a well kept home; takes care to have the house painted with paint that will continue to look bright, clean and fresh looking.

The outfit of the Lee County Times was sold last week to satisfy a mortgage given by the Lee County Publishing Company to County Commissioner J. F. Womble.

A Regular Tom Boy was Susie—climbing trees and fences, jumping ditches, whittling, always getting scratches, cuts, sprains, bruises, bumps, burns or scalds.

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Figures given below are for the information of the public and are not guaranteed. Trains leave Pittsboro as follows:—No. 138—9:00 a. m., connecting at Moncure with No. 88 for Portsmouth-Norfolk, which connects at Weldon with the A. O. L. for Eastern Carolina points.

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TAX SALE. At 12 o'clock m., on Monday, the 6th day of June, 1910, I will sell for cash at public auction at the court-house door in Pittsboro the following tracts of land for the taxes due for the year 1909.

ALBRIGHT TOWNSHIP. J. S. Fogleman 32 ACRES AMOUNT \$ 1.00

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP. Dr. A. Roberson est. 730 34.17

BEAR CREEK TOWNSHIP. J. W. Poe 76 2.25

CAPE FEAR TOWNSHIP. Joe Peoples 322 (1908) 10.00

CENTRE TOWNSHIP. Broughton & Snelling 20 1.72

GULF TOWNSHIP. W. H. Gilmore 100 50.88

HAW RIVER TOWNSHIP. C. E. Lassiter 1 in lot 34.81

HICKORY MT. TOWNSHIP. J. W. Bright 40 2.75

MATTHEWS TOWNSHIP. Mrs. Lizzie Headen 12 1.00

NEW HOPE TOWNSHIP. W. H. Mims Sr. 32 1-2 3.33

WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP. J. M. M. Gregory 1978 101.14

OAKLAND TOWNSHIP. Rod Gilmore 50 2.75

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