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LIVE STOCK MEETING.

Large Crowd Heard Discussion Saturday—Shorthorns Best Beef Breed for This Section—Co-Operation Urged—Essentials in Swine Raising.

A large and enthusiastic number of farmers attended a live stock meeting in the court house on Saturday. The meeting was arranged by J. W. Cameron. Mr. K. C. Ikeler, a representative of the Federal Bureau of Animal Industry, working in co-operation with the agricultural experiment station, gave an able address on beef raising problems. The various breeds of beef cattle were discussed, the strong points and the weaknesses of each breed were called to the attention of the farmers. Shorthorns, Aberdeen-Angus and Herefords were mentioned as breeds adapted to this section. The preference under most conditions would go to the shorthorn because it is more docile and is and always has been "the farmer's cow," due to the fact that it is the best milking beef breed of cattle, being able to produce a market-topping calf or steer and at the same time furnish the farmer's table sufficient milk and butter to supply the farmer's family. The Hereford is the best grazer of the beef breeds and will thrive on pastures where the shorthorn would merely survive. The Angus leads in quality of meat and dressing percentage, but is a rather poor milker, and under range conditions tends to go wild and is therefore harder to manage. The shorthorn, by inheritance, is a domestic breed—depending on the farmer to supply roughage or grain to supplement short pasturage. There is a place for each of the breeds in this country, but the farmers were urged to get together and agree to the one breed best adapted to the particular conditions that pertain in this locality.

Mr. Ikeler presented in a very clear manner the results that might be expected in beef production by the use of pure-bred sires on native females. He advised against purchasing pure-bred females as satisfactory beef animals result from the crossing of pure-bred bulls on native stock. By means of selection and breeding up of the resulting females, animals that are good for meat as pure-bred steers are a normal result. He advised the farmers to have a better bull than the females as a present bull can transmit and fix his own characteristics and is thus to be considered more than one-half of the herd. The best of bulls suitable for use on native females would be from \$10 to \$150 for a good pure-bred calf. It was suggested that several farmers should get together in purchasing a bull, so that several other smaller groups in the county would secure equally good bulls, a system of changing from one group to another could be established and thus a bull could be kept during his whole period of usefulness without inbreeding. Mr. Ikeler is ready to assist the farmers in the purchase of such bulls if the farmers decide that they wish to organize and to take up beef raising. Mr. Ikeler stated plainly that he was not opposed in any way to the dairy work. He stated the conditions in a frank and business-like manner, showing that he is well equipped for his work in the interests of farming.

The farmers were urged to consider the matter carefully before taking up the work. They were urged to get pastures started at once if they are to take up any line of live stock farming.

Co-operative marketing was urged as beef can thereby be shipped in car load lots and a better price realized.

Mr. Ikeler will be at the service of the farmers at any time they decide to form a "Beef Growers' Association" or "Bull Club," as the farmers decide to call it. From interest shown here is every probability that the farmers will organize as there are already several herds of beef cattle in the county as a nucleus around which to group the work.

Following Mr. Ikeler, a short talk on profitable swine production was given by J. D. McVean, state agent in charge of Pig Club work in North Carolina. Mr. McVean stated that pasture and grazing are prime essentials in profitable swine production. He pointed out that from 30 to 50 per cent. on the feed bill can be saved by use of forage crops, also showing that pigs on forage crops or pastures are healthier, stronger, more prolific and less susceptible to disease than pigs in dry lot. The necessity and remedies for keeping swine free of

vermin and parasites were given. Sanitation plays an important part in swine production. The question of markets and the age for marketing were touched on. Markets away our swine and 8 to 9 months is the most profitable age at which to market our swine. The importance and the cost of temporary fencing for use in connection with grazing crops were brought out.

Mr. McVean devoted a moment to the Pig Club work which is being actively carried on by Mr. Cameron, the demonstration agent. There is much interest in the work.

Let Children Work.

Everything.

A recommendation by Commissioner of Labor Shipman that no child under 13 years of age be employed in a mill, in messenger service or anything else during the hours that school is in session, is the last proposition concerning child labor. If a child goes to school from five years to thirteen he certainly gets a long rest from any kind of labor. The child labor business has been overworked. The child needs labor. He needs it to strengthen him; to give him knowledge, to fit him for his life work. Men who made as good citizens as any in the world; men who lived to the ripe old ages we read about, toiled when they were children.

The men who pioneered; the men who opened the country and took their children with them, worked early and late—and the child worked, too. The child labor question is really not so serious as many make us believe. The child who has no money; the child whose parents are poor; the child who needs things to eat and clothes to wear; if he be reverent, will thank God that he finds opportunity to labor to help some. We are opposed to child slavery. We are opposed to toil that is unnatural. We are opposed to putting little children in mills and sweat shops and working them beyond human endurance—but mill men do not do that. The successful mill man knows that too much work is detrimental to him. He wants the labor to produce, and if half the stories we read were true, they would never be told. The men who employ labor understand that shorter hours get more results than tedious hours. They understand that the human being can stand so much—and if you overload it it does not produce. It doesn't take legislation to keep the mill men from employing child labor. It takes it sometimes to keep parents from lying about their children's age; it takes it to keep little tots away because parents want to force them to long hours of toil. A boy or girl who has passed the ten year limit should be given work. It means much to them—and we hope the legislature will be slow in cutting out all kinds of labor by children under thirteen years of age.

THROWS ACID AT JUDGE.

Girl Scatters Vitriol in Court Where She Is Plaintiff.

From the New York Herald. Judge Edward W. Woodman and Police Surgeon Riley were burned, and lawyers and witnesses narrowly escaped when Miss Ruth Benson, 21 years old, of 15 Essex avenue, Orange, N. J., attempted to throw a pint of vitriol on her cousin, Thomas Almond, in the Orange police court.

Miss Benson had accused her cousin of a crime when she went to his home to nurse his mother. He denied it. When the case was called, Miss Benson arose and attempted to take a bottle full of vitriol from her coat pocket. Arthur B. Seymour, city counsel of Orange, saw her, and called Sergeant Riley. As Riley grasped her arm she screamed that she wanted vengeance, and jerked the cover from the bottle.

The liquid was scattered about the courtroom, Judge Woodman receiving some of it on his hand, while some of it burned Sergeant Riley's arm. Others fled from the room. After the girl was quieted she refused to testify in the case, and Almond was released. Justice Woodman committed the girl to the house of detention in Newark.

Five Cents Proves It.

A Generous Offer. Cut out this ad, enclose with 5 cents to Foley & Co., Chicago, Ill., and they will send you our trial packages of Foley's Honey and Tar Compound for coughs, colds, croup, bronchial and lagrippe coughs; Foley Kidney Pills and Foley Cathartic Tablets. For sale in your town by All Dealers.

ELECT EDUCATION BOARD.

House Committee Reports Favorably Bill to Elect Board of Education by People—Includes Other Counties as Well as Anson.

Tuesday the House committee on education reported favorably the bill to elect the Anson county board of education by the people. They also reported favorably similar bills applying to Richmond, Henderson, Lee, and Brunswick counties. It is probably that the Anson county bill pass the House, but the indications are that it will be killed in the Senate.

Superintendent of Education Kiker was in Raleigh in the interest of the bill providing for the uniform certification of public school teachers of the state (which bill was tabled in the House) and was asked to give his views on the bill to elect the board. He made a five minute speech opposing the bill, and Representative Thomas made a five minute speech in favor of it. The Raleigh News and Observer gave the following report of the debate:

"Superintendent Kiker, of Anson county, threw his strength against the bill for the election of the county board of Anson. He urged that it was not an issue in Anson and came, as a matter of fact, as a great surprise to many people of the county.

"He declared, furthermore, that Wadesboro dominates the politics of Anson county. With this state of affairs it is unfair to the county to adopt a system, by which one township in the county would have the complete running of affairs educationally for the entire county.

"He argued again that the two dollars per day for the salaries of the commissioners while they happen to be in session would not be much of a drawing card for educational leaders to put up a campaign for the jobs.

"Representative Thomas came back with a few bouquets for Superintendent Kiker. But he had more than bouquets to offer. He went straight after the present system of electing school boards declaring, however, that he would be the last man in the county to lift his voice against the best interests of the schools.

"As to the question of the surprise of his people at the issue raised, he said that in his campaign four years ago and also two years ago his people in great numbers urged that this be made an issue and that the county boards of Anson at least be elected in this way.

"Once upon a time, Mr. Thomas was a school teacher himself. Yesterday he admitted that he then thought that the election of county boards of education by the people would be ruinous. Since then, however, he has become a bit more intimate with politics. Now he fails to see its damning tendencies."

To Give Portraits of Lee to Schools.

The public school children of Anson county are asked to write original papers on the subject, "The War Between the States," these papers to be in my hands by March 20th. Two handsome framed portraits of General Lee will be given as prizes for the best and next best papers. The portraits are to be owned by the schools which the successful writers attend.

The Wadesboro graded school is barred from this, having just been given a portrait of General Stonewall Jackson.

MRS. T. L. CAUDLE, Member State U. D. C. Committee for placing portraits of our great leaders in schools.

Recorder's Court Tuesday.

Frank Wall, Joe Kersey, Dolphus Colson, gambling; \$10.00 and costs, each.

Vallard McLendon, gambling and carrying concealed weapons; three months on roads for each offense.

J. C. Streater and Ben Sellers, assault with deadly weapon, prayer for judgment continued, costs to be paid now.

William John Bennett, gambling; prayer for judgment continued.

Martin Little, carrying concealed weapons; two months on roads.

Rich Young, larceny; five months on roads.

Mike Jefferson, assault on female person; nullo contendere.

Will Gullidge, assault with deadly weapon; nine months on roads.

Henry Evans, who, last week, was sentenced to the roads for nine months for carrying a concealed weapon, appealed, and gave bond in the sum of \$100.00.

NEW FOAD BILL KILLED

Mass Meeting Casts Heavy Vote Against It—Suggested That Stock Be Worked One Day a Year.

About 100 people attended the mass meeting Saturday to discuss the proposed new road law. Messrs. R. E. Little and S. M. Clarke and Dr. J. E. Hart, chairman of the board of county commissioners spoke in favor of the bill, and Messrs. E. D. Myers, W. H. Downer, D. V. Mauney, T. J. Watkins and W. A. Gaddy spoke in opposition. Mr. James A. Leak was chairman of the meeting, and Mr. W. C. Bivens, secretary.

The chief points of those favoring the bill were that the roads must be kept up by some means, and that working the stock was the best and fairest method of doing it. A man has to work, and his stock is no better than he is. It was urged that this bill was only an experiment, and that if it did not meet with the approval of the people after being tried it could be appealed two years from now. It was stated also that the public spirited men who have been working their stock on the road favored the bill, while most of the opposition came from those who do just as little work as possible.

The bill was opposed chiefly on the grounds that stock might be abused and that certain men might be forced by the road overseer to furnish more than their share of stock and implements.

Before the speaking was finished those present became impatient to swat the bill. Mr. E. D. Myers made a motion that the bill be rejected, which was seconded by Mr. D. E. Gatewood, and pretty nearly everybody voted against the bill. It is not thought that the bill will be urged further.

Since the meeting numbers of citizens have expressed themselves as being in favor of working the stock on the roads one day a year. They say that this will not be a hardship on any one, and that there will be much less danger of the stock being abused; also that this will furnish enough stock to do all the hauling necessary and as much as there will be hands to work.

This is being urged by gentlemen who were opposed to the bill considered Saturday, and they say that they think the county will be almost unanimous on the question.

State Wide Primary Bill Which Allows Counties a Say So.

Raleigh, Feb. 17.—The subcommittee of the joint Committee on Elections has about completed a substitute for the Hobgood-Weaver and other state-wide primary bills pending in the Legislature, and it is probable that it will be reported in the Senate tomorrow. The revised bill provides that there shall be effective on and after ratification a state-wide primary system that shall include the legislative and the county tickets together with township officers, if the county board decides to include the township officers. However, if after the ratification of the act a certain percentage of the voters in any county petition for an election on the ratification of the act as to their county officers, the election shall be called and the state-wide primary law shall not apply to nominations of county officers if the people of the county vote against such applications at the polls.

Engagement of Miss Ruth Allen to Mr. R. P. Lyon Announced.

On last Tuesday night Mrs. H. W. Little gave a Valentine party to a number of young people. The spacious and lovely home was artistically decorated with beautiful cut flowers. The color scheme of red and white was carried out in every detail.

An interesting amusement which afforded much pleasure was the mating of partners by matching valentines. Then large, red, heart shaped books were given each couple, who in turn made "Life book." At this game the prize was won by Miss Mary K. Little and Mr. Fred Leggett, the trophy being a dozen red carnations.

At the close of the evening, after a delicious salad course served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. L. J. Huntley and Mrs. W. H. Reddish, the guests were happily surprised by finding small cards, concealed in dates, announcing the engagement of Miss Ruth Allen and Mr. R. P. Lyon, the wedding to take place in April. Congratulations and best wishes were then offered to the happy and popular couple, which closed an evening that was thoroughly enjoyed by those present.

Favorable Report on Anti-Jug Bill.

Raleigh, Feb. 17.—There was a joint executive hearing and ultimate favorable report tonight on the Thomas anti-jug bill of the State Anti-Saloon League to prohibit the shipment of intoxicating liquors from any point without the State of North Carolina to any point within said State, and to prevent the delivery and receipt of any intoxicating liquors so shipped within said state.

An especially remarkable amendment was that of striking out Sections 3 and 4 that provide for the act not to apply to shipments of wines for sacramental purposes "when received by any minister or other duly authorized person of such church."

Another amendment struck out "or otherwise" in Section 1 so as to make the section read "That it shall be unlawful for person, firm or corporation, or any agent, officer or employe thereof, to ship, transport, carry or deliver in any manner or by any means whatsoever, for hire 'or otherwise' stricken out here, any spirituous, vinous fermented or malt liquors or intoxicating bitters, from a point without this state to any person, firm or corporation, or any agent, officer or employe thereof, in this state."

Bumper Crop of Wheat.

Last year the United States produced the greatest wheat crop in the history of the country, but owing to the tremendous increase in the present acreage the crop this year is expected to overtop that of last year by many hundreds of million bushels. The South will produce more wheat than it has in many years.

Canada has increased her wheat acreage 25 per cent, according to the conservative estimate of President Shaughnessy, of the Canadian Pacific Railroad, although the general estimate is as high as 40 per cent. He says all of the big crop in Canada and the States will be needed, and the growers can count on a good profit, even if the war in Europe were to come to an end.

In this country the wheat statistics published a few days ago state that there remains of last year's crop an exportable surplus of 100,000,000 to 150,000,000 bushels, probably. That would not permit of exports during the next five months at the rate of the last seven, but Argentina and India ought to meet a large part of the demand in the next few months. The present situation as to high prices has been created, not by greater European demands, but it is attributed to the inability of Russia to export; Rumania has not been exporting, but a dispatch last Friday says that 46,000 carloads of grain for Germany and Austria-Hungary are about to be released by the Rumanian government. It is said that the exports from Argentina and India can hardly be as low as 100,000,000 bushels, and may perhaps be well above 150,000,000, and that should relieve the strain here appreciably.

It is expected that the demand for corn will be greater this year than it was last year. The crop will be larger and it is estimated that the South will largely supply its own needs for corn and feed stuffs.

This Is Going Some.

Waxhaw Enterprise.

Waxhaw is bound to be dry. In addition to other petitions being circulated asking for the curtailment of booze one of still more drastic terms has been proposed. It provides that no person shall drink whiskey in the town of Waxhaw, provided that any found with the smell of whiskey on his breath or carrying about on his person preparations calculated to kill the smell of whiskey it shall be prima facie evidence that said person has been drinking and it is further provided that any one refusing to allow another to smell his breath for the aforesaid purpose shall be adjudged in contempt of court.

FOR SALE—A small farm of about 0 acres, three and one-half miles southeast of Wadesboro, mostly gravel land, on or near the A. C. L. R. R. Known as the Eli Hildreth home place. Address Mrs. J. A. Lyerly, Hempstead, Texas.

DR. W. H. WAKEFIELD of Charlotte will be in Wadesboro at the National Hotel on Wednesday, February 24, and at Ansonville on Wednesday, March 3rd, for the purpose of treating diseases of Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat, and Fitting Glasses.

For croup or sore throat, use Dr. Thomas' Eclectic Oil. Two sizes, 25c and 50c. At all drug stores.

LILESVILLE AND WALLTOWN.

Account of Fire Thursday Night—Losses Partially Covered by Insurance—Play Friday of Next Week.

About 12 o'clock Thursday night fire broke out in the drug store of the Kerr building and had gained such headway when discovered that it was impossible to save it. The flames soon spread to the A. P. Liles store and destroyed this also. The origin of the fire is unknown. It required a good deal of work to save other buildings. Had it not been that the buildings on the east and south are brick the entire business portion of the town would have been wiped out.

The first floor of the Kerr building was occupied by L. G. Fox with a stock of drugs and Dr. J. E. Kerr's office. In the upper story was the Masonic hall and Woodmen of the World. The losses, as near as can be estimated, with insurance, follow:

Dr. J. E. Kerr, building, surgical instruments, office furnishings, etc., \$3,500; insurance, \$2,500.
Fox, stock of drugs, \$5,000; insurance, \$2,500.
A. P. Liles, general store, \$5,800; insurance, \$2,500.

Damage to stock of good of Mr. C. L. Frederick by moving out, \$—.
Mr. C. L. Frederick's residence caught fire by sparks falling on the roof, but was soon put out.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Justice, of Marion, N. C., are in Lilesville, the guests of Rev. T. B. Justice. Mrs. Justice (nee Miss Virginia Wall) is quite ill. Her many friends are deeply concerned about her condition.

The play, "My Dixie Girl," which was to have been produced at the Auditorium of the High School, by local talent, on Friday night, has been postponed until Friday evening, Feb. 26. This is an unusually strong play, the scene being in that romantic state of Kentucky. It contains parts to suit every person—romance, humor, pathos and tragedy. The proceeds will go to the Betterment Association.

The cast is exceptionally strong and is unusually fortunate in including Miss Woody, who has had quite a bit of experience in this line of work.

The cast follows:
Col. Harrison Dangerfield.....
.....Mr. W. M. Long
Mother.....Miss Jane Mar Liles
Nancy Sikes.....Mrs. Rosa Wall
Miss Cornelia.....Miss Joyner
Kate Bramlison.....Miss Fanny Wall
Dixie.....Miss Woody
Paul Shelby.....Mr. S. H. Clark
Mose.....Mr. J. B. Downer
Mike.....Mr. R. L. Williams
Scotty (officer).....Mr. Ernest Knotts
Howard Northcote.....

.....Dr. Wortham Wyatt
Stages Manager and Electrician.

.....Mr. W. P. Porter
It is hoped and expected by the management that a special orchestra will furnish music for the occasion.

Seawell Insurance Bill Passes House.

Raleigh, Feb. 17.—The House passed by a large majority the Seawell insurance bill to give the state Commissioner of Insurance the power to raise or lower the fire insurance rates after the manner of the law in Kansas, as recommended by the legislative investigation commission, but defeated by a vote of 70 to 40 the bill of the State Department of Education and State Teachers Assembly to provide uniform examination and certification of public school teachers, the vote being on a motion to table.

These were the two big features of the House proceedings. The passage of the Seawell bill was without debate having come over as unfinished business from the long discussion of the measure yesterday. The debate of the Senate bill for examination and certification of teachers was long and spirited with Chairman Mintz of the Committee on Education leading the fight for the bill and his Wayne county colleague, Representative Matt Allen, as one of the chief opponents, and Representative Smith of Cleveland, for 20 years a teacher, as another of the most vigorous opponents.

The Senate was informed by Chairman Chatham of the Senate Finance Committee that he will lay before the Senate tomorrow the revenue bill from the House, and that the purpose was to proceed at once with its consideration by sections. Chairman Chatham will be in charge of the bill during its consideration in the Senate.

Irish Cobbler, Red Bliss and other varieties of seed potatoes for sale at Burns Bros.