

OF INTEREST TO OUR FARMER FRIENDS.

CATTLE AND HOG PRIZES OFFERED

Wachovia Bank and Trust Company Announces That It Will Give Away \$115 for Best Cattle and Hogs.

One of the most forward steps that has been taken by a business concern in this section in the interest of stockraising is the announcement today by cashier W. B. Williamson of the Wachovia Bank and Trust company that during the ensuing year the bank will offer as prizes the sum of \$115 in gold for the first and second best steer and first and second best hog raised west of the Blue Ridge mountains. The steer contest is open from October 1, 1911, to April 1, 1912. For the heaviest steer, on foot not over three years of age, sold and butchered at the Asheville market a prize of \$50 is offered and for the second best \$25.

For the heaviest hog, net, not over ten months old, killed between October 15, 1911 and March 1, 1912, a prize of \$25 is offered, second best \$15.

Cattle raising is a large, profitable industry in western North Carolina, but it is a recognized fact that, the industry could be developed to a larger extent. With the fine grass lands in the mountains there is no reason the cattle production cannot be doubled and perhaps trebled; it is a vast field. Inseparably linked with improved farming, is stockraising, one is dependable largely upon the other. To raise big crops, fertilizer must be used, and nothing is better than barn products, while the crops in this section can best be converted into money by feeding them to stock.

The dog raising contest is limited to pigs not over ten months old because pork raisers say that the money in hogs lies in pushing them while they are young.

Farmers in County Who May Compete.

The farmers of Buncombe, Haywood, Transylvania, Henderson, Jackson, Madison, Swain, Macon, Clay, Graham, Cherokee, Yancey and Mitchell are open to compete for these prizes. Indications are that a large number will enter. In offering these prizes the bank officials and stockholders are acting upon the idea that the basis of a permanent prosperity lies to a considerable extent upon the development of the agricultural and resources of that section.

Following are the stipulations in detail:
\$115 in Gold Coin Given Away to the Farmers of Western North Carolina.

Wachovia Bank & Trust Company's Asheville N. C.
BIG CATTLE RAISING CONTEST.

For the heaviest weight steer, on foot, sold and butchered on the Asheville market, between October 1, 1911, and April 1, 1912.

Open to all farmers and stockraisers of Western North Carolina of the Blue Ridge.

First Prize: Fifty Dollars.
Second Prize: Twenty-five Dollars.

Rules.

1. Entry to open Feb. 1, 1911.
2. Entry to close July 1, 1911.
3. Contest to close April 1, 1912.
4. Steer must not be over 3 years old when sold.
5. Steer must be calved and raised in Western North Carolina west of the Blue Ridge.
6. All steers must be flesh marked and a proper record kept of same.
7. Affidavits and proper proof of weight must be furnished.
8. In case of ties prizes will be divided in the class tying.
9. There must be two witnesses to entry blank, not related to contestant by blood or marriage.

Wachovia Bank & Trust Company's Asheville, N. C.
BIG HOG RAISING CONTEST.

For the heaviest hog (net) killed not over ten months old, between October 15, 1911, and March 1, 1912.

Open to all farmers and stockraisers of Western North Carolina, west of the Blue Ridge.

Rules.

1. Entry to open Feb. 1, 1911.
2. Entry to close July 1, 1911.

6. All pigs must be flesh-marked and proper record kept of same.

7. In case of ties the prizes will be divided in class tying.

8. There must be two witnesses to entry blank, not related to contestant by blood or marriage.

9. Affidavits and proper proof of weight must be furnished. The contestants will be notified later where, in his community, his hog is to be weighed.

Entry blanks can be had of the Wachovia Bank & Trust Company, Asheville, N. C. upon application.—Gazette News.

The Experience of Many.

A man who has gone into the poultry business in the right way recently received a jolt that surprised him. He paid a good price for eggs guaranteed to be from hens that had scored 100 points and when his first flock of birds were about a year old he had them scored by a local judge. He was delighted when several of his best pullets and cockerels scored 100 and the rest ran up above 95. He was sure he had champion prize winners until he sent about a dozen of his best ones to the Chicago Poultry Show. Then came the jolt.

His birds were judged by men who know their business and play no favorites and the result showed none of his stock to be better than 92, while more than half of the flock ran down below 85. Of course, his birds are pretty good at that but not good enough to bring fancy prices, while the eggs will bring little if anything above store prices.

This man's experience is too often repeated. The whole trouble lies in amateur excepting too much of their flock, unscrupulous fanciers misrepresenting their stock and local judges being incompetent or too anxious to please.

Rail Fence Philosophy.

It is just as much the duty of a farmer to attend the precinct, township and county conventions and vote at the elections as it is to attend church.

Some men are moral because they know it pays—others because they could not be anything else.

The boss does not tell you every day how he appreciates your work. It may be because he is too busy.

If there was only one mudhole in the township there is always one man who will fall into it, even if he has to walk a mile to find it.

Some of the sweetest fruits and nuts are enclosed in the roughest shells.

What a monotonous world it would be if all of our thoughts and tastes were alike—if we all preferred blue flowers or gray skies.

There's always room at the top—and generally much more than there is at the bottom.

Interesting News.

A farm of 140 acres near Leattered grain to kill his neighbor's predatory chickens had to pay a fine of \$50 and narrowly escaped a prison sentence.

A farm of 140 acres near Leavenworth, Kan., recently sold for \$52,743.

Do not keep apples too warm or they will rot. They will stand dry cold.

Draw up a pile of straw near the chicken house where the hens can work on it.

All beef and mutton will hereafter be raised on the small farms and farmers must learn how to meet the new conditions.

Do not be afraid to tell your wife that you love her or your daughter that she is good looking, or to praise their dress, because women folk appreciate genuine compliments more than money.

"Chickens with short toe nails are the best egg layers," says Prof. J. E. Rice, poultry expert for Cornell university. "These chickens have short toe nails," he said, "from continuous scratching for

JANUARY CROP MAKING.

Do all the Plowing Possible This Month—Lay Plans Now for the Crops—Some Common Wastes and Mistakes.

As I sit and watch a steady downpour of rain, I am wondering how many of our farmers realize that right now is being laid the foundation of those bales of cotton and big yields of corn that they are dreaming of making this year.

The man who realizes that his crop of next summer will largely depend upon the amount of moisture that his soil stores up from these winter rains, will already have seen to it that his soil is in the very best condition to retain as much of this rain as possible. If preparations for the storing of winter rain have not yet been made it is not necessarily too late to, in part, remedy this neglect. Of course, the thing to do is to loosen up the soil by plowing so that more of this water can be absorbed. When that soil becomes compact a very large proportion of the winter rain runs off and is lost, but in escaping over the surface it carries with it much of the finer soil, often washing the fields into gullies and thus depriving the coming crop of both moisture and plant food.

Some Cautions About Winter Plowing.

We frequently have some weather in January in which plowing can be done so it behooves the careful farmer to watch for these chances and to turn all of the dirt possible. It is too late to use any cover crop, so if plowing is done from now until spring it is best to place the furrows on edge and leave it in this rough state so all the water and cold possible can find ready entrance to the soil. There is another benefit from this winter plowing that must not be lost sight of. Remember that most of the insects that will annoy our crops next year have made for themselves snug water-proof and frost-proof homes in the soils of our fields. If we break those soils now many of these insects will be brought up to the surface and the next two months of cold and wet weather will kill large numbers of them.

But by all means be careful in doing this plowing to see that your soil is not too wet. Plowing wet soil destroys the granular condition thereof and puts it very much in the condition of mud that has been prepared for the making of brick roads. It breaks down the granular condition and cements it together in such a way that neither water nor air can well enter it and, of course this "kills" any soil. While this injury is not as great with sandy as with clay soils, yet the difference is only one of degrees. Put it in your pipe and smoke it—plowing any agricultural soil wet will injure it. Some have an idea that this injury is nullified if there is a rain after the soil is plowed wet. Under these circumstances the damage is no doubt lessened but not done away with. A safe rule is to avoid wet plowing as much as possible.

Plan for the Year's Work.

When a general begins a war he first plans his campaign. The good farmer will use these months of comparative leisure to plan his campaign for the coming year. Go over your farm carefully and plan just what crops you wish to plant. The crops and the quantities of each can only be determined by your past experience and by your needs and market facilities. Remember that the first thing is to see that you have necessities of life for your self and your live stock. Having determined just what plants will best do this and how many acres are needed for this purpose, go over your fields and select the land that in the past proved best adapted to produce a given crop and do what you can to put in the best condition for this crop. After planning this, then see what is left for a "money" crop. There is no crop that answers this purpose in the South so well as cotton, provided it is purely a surplus crop. Make up your mind that you are going to see to it that every acre on your farm produces a maximum crop. Of course, it will not do it, but if it does not, don't leave a place to blame yourself. Let the weather or some circumstances over which you had no control bear the blame.

failures or poor crops on the farms of the South due to the failure of the farmer to adapt the crop to the soil best fitted for it than to any other direct cause. It is inviting certain failure to plant corn in land that you know will not produce more 12 or 15 bushels, when this same land would easily produce over a ton of hay. Lands that have recently had heavy manuring, or that have had a crop of peas turned under will really produce better corn the first year than cotton. So a little planning this way will pay handsomely.

Another profitable thing to do is to look around and see some of the wastes that are going on upon the farm and to plug up those holes as quickly as possible. The most common waste of the farms of the South is one of manure. Few are prepared to take care of it as they should. Realize that the manure from a grown horse or mule is worth close on to 10 cents and of a cow eight cents a day, if properly saved and used, and I am sure all will get busy trying to save it.—Prof. D. N. Barrow, South Carolina Field Editor in Progressive Farmer.

REFUSES \$30 A POUND FOR 40-POUND TURKEY.

Owner of Sweepstakes Winner, The Duke of Antwerp, Now Negotiating for a Blue Ribbon.

Allentown, Pa., Jan. 21.—At the Madison Square Garden show, held Christmas week in New York, the blue ribbon for being the finest turkey in America was awarded to "The Duke of Antwerp," a White Holland gobbler hatched and raised by William J. Morton, a poultry fancier of this city. The bird weighs forty pounds and was developed from stock imported ten years ago by Senator Penrose.

Mr. Morton started out in his effort to raise the finest turkey in America with the same deliberation that characterized Lord Rosebery when he announced his ambition to breed a Derby winner.

The triumph of Mr. Morton, however, was complete, as the bird, which looks like a living creature of white velvet, not only won first prize in his own variety, but over all other varieties as well.

Barely had the sweepstakes ribbon been hung on his cage when Mr. Morton received an offer of \$1,000 for the bird. This he refused, as well as a later offer of \$1,200. Instead of selling his prize gobbler, Mr. Morton is negotiating to buy the blue ribbon hen, in his aim still further to improve the breed. The offer declined of \$1,200 for a forty-pound turkey is believed to be the highest ever made for America's favorite Thanksgiving bird, as it has not been recorded that any bid of \$30 a pound for turkey was ever made before.

Liked Fresh Milk.

A farmer of Underwood, Wash., had a bull puppy, shipped out from Boston. The puppy's principal diet had been milk served from the bottle. During the first day on the farm the puppy was intensely interested in the operation of milking the cows, and for several days never failed to watch his master closely during the milking time, morning and evening. When one of the cows began to fail in her usual supply of milk, investigation disclosed the fact that the puppy was supplying his own rations three or four times a day by milking the cow himself.

The farmers of Nash county are looking with interest to Saturday, February 4th, when a Farmers' Institute will be held at Nashville. Farmers will be there from all over the county that day. In recent years the men of the county have taken an interest in these institutes and since the Farmers' Union is in more interest will be taken. No doubt there will be many contestants for the \$1 premium for the best loaf of bread and \$1 for the best five ears of corn.


Prominent Shelby Man Dies From Peculiar Disease.

Shelby, Jan. 21.—Mr. Everett Branton, one of the most prominent men of the town, died yesterday morning at an early hour, after an illness of several months. His disease was peculiar, being what the physician termed. Hotchkiss' Gland trouble, a disease which has never been known in this section before.

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