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Money for the Farmers Concert Was a Success

derson County

We are glad to publish the following communication which relates to a matter of great importance to the farmers:

The farmers, not only of this section but many others as well. do not seem to realize the fact that a small fortune lies awaiting them in raising broom corn.

It is a weil known fact that the greatest broom corn country in the United States, or even in all the world, is Oklahoma, There, fighting drought and intense heat, the farmers raise immense crops of broom straw annually, thereby furnishing almost all of that counrv with brooms.

One of the most prominent seed houses in the South states that both the. Dwarf broom corn, the seed of which they import direct from Oklahoma, and the Improved Evergreen broom corn, will do well coived. The encore given in rein this part of North Carolina.

Both of these warieties have very early, strong, extremely prothe stalks are cut immediately after the brush has been pulled, they make most excellent feed for cattle. On the other hand the Improved Evergreen although it produces the finest brush,-which cures out a greenish color, and brings the highest market price,stand the drought that the Dwarf

Taking it from the profit point of view: An acre of corn may bring its \$15 but more likely only \$10, while ten to eighteen hundred pounds of straw can be pull corn was raised. At the present time the market price for A 1 broom straw is 71 cents per pound; consequently an acre would bring from \$75 to \$135.

WEATHER RECORDS

FOR FEBRUARY

The Hendersonville weather report for February, which has been sent to A. H. Thiessen at Ral eigh, section director of the U. S. weather bureau, shows an aver ge temperature of 29.3, which is slightly more than seven degrees higher than February 1905, and nearly five degrees higher than the February average for the seven years 1899 to 1995 inclusive.

The anaximum last month was 65 on the 22nd and the minnimum was 11 on the 3rd. The mean maximum was 51.7 and the mean minimum war 26.9. showing an average daily range of mearly 25 degrees, which is a very good showing.

Last month's precipitation was only 1.21 inches, the lowest Feb ruary total on record. The next est was 1.76 an 1901; but as a rule February is a very wet month, the seven year average being 7.10

A STARTLING REQUEST

Louisville, Ky., March 3.- "Send me a list of the unsaved men and women of Louisville."

This message was received Thursday by Postmaster T. H. Baker from a man at Rutland, Vt., who said he had heard of the wickedness in Louisville and desired to do missionary work here.

Postmaster Baker forwarded a city directory with a letter, saying that the directory contained 250,600 names, and he was certain that this plan would afford everybody in Louisville a square deal.

A QuestioN Answered "Can February March?" "No, but April May."

The badness in the best of us and the goodness in the worst of us should restrain any of us from throwing mud

A Profitable Industry for Hen- The Choral Society is a Credit to Hendersonville

> The great drawback about establishing a high standard is the difficulty of maintaining it; but the Hendersonville Choral society has not only maintained, it has decidedly surpassed, the high standard set last year. The excellence of the first aunual concert given about ten months ago was a welcome surprise; but last week's, concert was decidedly better.

The first number of the program was a series of operatic airs beautifully rendered by the violin quartette,-Mrs. G. Colton and Misses Annie Smith, Edna Hart and Eva Smith. Mrs. Col ton is a very valuable leader and the other members also did admirable work. The violin quartette appeared again in Part II, and that number also was very well rendered and enthusiastically response was bright and catchy.

The beautiful solo, "Angel" their advantages. The Dwarf is Serenade," ably rendered by Mrs. Pless, was a real treat to all, and ductive and has long well fibered its beauty was greatly enhanced brush. Its average height is by the violin obligate by Miss about five feet, which makes the Edna Hart. The trio, "Waves of brush pulling very easy. Another the Sea," by Mrs. Pless, Miss reason for its popularity is that if Rosa Few and Mr. Pless, was very effective.

The chorus work showed a great improvement upon last year's form. Four choruses were given. The first. Ciro Pinsuti's "Spring cong," was rendered in fine tempo, but needed more volume. The second, Bishop's "Tramp o'er is not nearly so bardy nor can it Moss and Fell," was the masterpiece of the evening in choral work, the broken time and intricate solo work demanding a thorough knowledge of ensemble singing. Of a very different style but equally effective was the beautiful trio and chorus, ed from an acre of land much "For Thee, O Dear, Dear Counpoorer than the land on which the try," from A. R. Gaul's cantata, "The Holy City." The closing number on the program was Sullivan's "The Lost Chord."

> The male quartette, Messrs. Pless, Boyd, Thomas and Still well, did good work, and their second selection received more applause than any other number on the program.

> The attendance and the financial outcome were better than had been expected. The hall was well heated and every effort was made to ensure the comfort of the audience. The concert was a success in every way; it was a performance that would do credit to much larger towns. Mrs. Ivins has been untiring in her efforts as director and the result was a gratifying testimonial to the efficiency of her labor.

WEATHER REPORT

DATE MAX. MIN. MEAN.

Following is the weather report of Hendersonville for the week ending

Feb.	28	43	14	28	
Mar.	1	57	19	38	
	2	57	41	49	
	3	63	49	56	1.06
	4	58	32	45	
	5	49	27	38	
	6	47	24	36	
Maximum					63
Minimum					14
Mean max					53
Mean min					30
Mean					41
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The conservative democracy may not be dead, but, to a certainty, it is dormant. There is none to do it reverence. Mr. Hearst exerts a hundredfold the influence in the party that Mr. Cleveland does. There are few things that can be predicted with more certainty than that in the next democratic convention the radicals will sweep everything before them, on a platform demanding municipal ownership of public utilities; and it is by no means unlikely that the platform will contain a clause looking to governmental monopoly of the coal traffic.—Washington Post.

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