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FARMING IN THE SOUTH.

"Old Fog" Has Some Up-to-Date Ideas on Farming and Puts Them Down—Things to Be Considered and Plans Suggested.

(CONTINUED FROM YESTERDAY.)

The average production of cotton is one bale to three acres or one third of a bale to the acre. The average price of cotton this season is about \$36.00 a bale—one-third of that \$12.00. Now estimate the cost of producing it—fertilizers, say \$2.00 an acre, labor \$5.00, picking \$2.00, ginning and packing (4 bales) 50 cts, bagging and ties for same, say 25 cts. Now sum up and we have \$9.75, leaving \$2.25 to cover cost of plow, team, wear and tare of implements, blacksmith bill and rent of one acre of land, to say nothing of one's supervision, worry, etc. Can any one see any profit in that?

Bring up the yield to half bale per acre—the only items of expense increased are the picking \$1.00, ginning, etc., 30 cents, bagging and ties 12 cents, in all \$1.42, whereas the increase in value of half a bale over one-third bale is \$6.00, and we have to profit account \$5.83 in place of \$2.25. Now let the yield be one bale per acre, which can easily be done, and the expense account will be \$15.25 and the value of cotton \$36.00, leaving \$20.75 to profit account. Notice how rapidly the profit increases with productiveness of land. The lesson is, don't cultivate poor land. Sow it in grain if you choose, put it in grass, or turn it out to sedge and pines, but do not cultivate it in plowed and hoed crops. You will have your labor and trouble for naught.

Good cultivation is as essential a factor in making good crops as is land. The soil must be deeply broken and frequently stirred. This cannot be done with poor, weak stock. If you have such get rid of it, it will not pay the cost of feeding. Better trade off and get a smaller number and cultivate less land. So, if short of provisions it is also better to reduce number of stock. A well fed animal will do much more work than a half starved one. When feed is scarce it is decidedly better to be understocked than overstocked. There is scarcely a farmer in the country that would not be better off by contracting his operations, reducing acreage to his best land and cutting down expenses at every point. Especially is this important when cash in hand is short. Working on credit has brought endless woe to the farmers of the South. A farmer in debt and working on borrowed capital is very much like an animal bogged in the mire—every move that he makes tends to sink him deeper and deeper; contraction is the plank to bring him out.

Another thing that must be considered in planning for the year is the matter of labor. Can you get it? Can you control it? Can you rely on it? The answer to these questions will vary more or less in different localities. Taking the country at large, we are led to believe more and more labor is being diverted from the

farms, that it is becoming more and more unwilling to be bound by regular hours and to be held to steady work. Farmers should not close their eyes to these signs of the times. It is unwise to risk much on ventures that call for much labor. Our true policy is, first to contract, especially as regards those crops that demand a great deal of labor; second, to substitute machine for hand labor wherever practicable; third, to substitute manure for labor as far as it can be safely done. Instead of cultivating one hundred acres, cultivate fifty acres and try to make as much from the fifty acres by applying to them manure purchased with the money that would be required to hire labor and get the other appliances requisite to cultivate the other fifty acres. That is what is meant by substituting manure for labor.

OLD FOGY.

Organ Church, Jan. 1st, 1902.

DIES IN THE OMNIBUS.

Mr. Harry D. Smith, a Traveling Man Stricken With Heart Disease—Passes Away as He Nears the St. Cloud.

Mr. Harry D. Smith, of New York, came in on the delayed train Tuesday night. While riding up in Brown Bros.' bus he was suddenly stricken with heart disease. The porter discovered something wrong as Mr. Smith leaned over and seemed asleep. The porter's suspicions were aroused and he attempted to wake him but found him unconscious. Being near the St. Cloud he quickly obtained help and Dr. Archey was called in but found nothing to be done, Mr. Smith was dead.

It was not his first attack and to friends who knew him well the stroke was much less surprising than sad.

The body was taken charge of undertaker Bell and it is in the parlor of the St. Cloud hotel.

Mr. Smith was some 55 or more years old.

The following telegram was received at 1 p. m. today: "Have body embalmed and laid out. Either brother Tom or myself will go to Concord."

JNO. B SMITH.

Rear-Admiral Schley Appeals to the President.

Rear-Admiral Schley has had a hearing by President Roosevelt with regard to the decision of the court of inquiry. He asks the President to reverse the findings and it seems presents phases of injustice to him not before visible to the President. He left the President satisfied with the interview.

Write this down

in the book or memory: THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A HARMLESS COUGH. Every cough is a warning of a confidence that goes from bad to worse unless it is remedied right away. Opium-laden medicine is a delusion. Allen's Lung Balsam cures the worst of colds. It clears the bronchial passages, so that the lungs get plenty of air. Why not get a bottle today?

HANDSOME DONATIONS TO DAVIDSON.

Mrs. J. M. Odell and Mr. P. B. Fetzer Each Endow a Scholarship.

As a part of the good results from the visit of Dr. Henry Louis Smith to Concord, Mr. P. B. Fetzer tendered to him the endowment of a scholarship to the college. While telling it with gladness, Mrs. J. M. Odell promptly tendered a like donation in honor of her father, the late E. W. Allison, Esq. Dr. Smith gratefully accepted them and they are now a part of the endowment of Davidson College. The sum of each is \$1,000.

Six to Hang in One Day.

Governor Aycock has set Wednesday, February 26, as the day for the execution of six criminals. The cases have all been carried to Supreme Court and new trials have been refused. Four of them are the Emma burglars, near Asheville; one is Andrew Jackson, the Lincoln county burglar, and one is J. H. Rose, the Wilson county burglar. It is said that two of the Emma burglars stand some show for commutation of sentence to life imprisonment.

There is a movement to have Jackson's sentence commuted probably from aversion to capital punishment alone, for it is said to be a very aggravated case. He burglarized a home in Lincoln county in which there were two women only. When detected and they attempted to defend their home and property he fought them using a knife. One was severely wounded. He escaped and was captured a year later. On the trial a child was shown to the court with birth marks corresponding with its mother's wounds. This being the case the Governor will hardly exercise clemency in the case.

If troubled with a weak digestion, belching, sour stomach or if you feel dull after eating try Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Price 25 cents. Samples free at M. L. Marsh's drug store.

Concord Thief Caught.

Joe Brown, of Concord, was caught here Monday night. Brown, who is a colored man, was wanted in Concord for larceny and an officer came up for him yesterday and returned to Concord with him.—Salisbury Sun of 7th.

Twenty-Five Pieces For 25c.

We will, until further notice, Laundry 25 pieces, such as Pillow Cases, Sheets, Towels, Napkins and Handkerchiefs, for 25c. Not more than 8 sheets to be in each lot. Table Cloths and Spreads in with the above will be 5 and 10c each. No starch will be put in any of the above mentioned.

We are yours to please, CONCORD STEAM LAUNDRY.

EXTRAORDINARY BARGAINS ALL OVER THIS STORE.

First, last and all the time this is the store of the people—the great masses whose patronage goes where the best values are to be had. The sole power to draw crowds here lies in the uniformly low prices that prevail for worthiest qualities. We seek constantly to widen our scope of business, to enlarge our facilities and broaden our service. On the first of each year an effort is made here to give our patrons better service and make changes that are beneficial to our customers and ourselves. Now comes a January Sale that all humanity is interested in. This is a sale of dependable goods at real bargain prices. The goods in our store look even better than they do on paper. During the holidays a great deal of goods were somewhat soiled and wrinkled in decorating. These goods go in this sale for less than cost and are as good as new.

We have just purchased SAMPLE GOODS in Men's Wear at greatly reduced prices:

Ten dozen Men's Wool Fleece Shirts and Drawers, real value 1.00 per garment, our special price **62½c**

Twenty dozen Knit Undershirts, big value, only **25c.**

Sample Sox

Twenty dozen Sample Sox, the very best and selected to sell from and they retail at 40 and 50 cts, in this sale your choice of the high grade sox at **25c.**

Ladies' Hosiery

Within a short time the sales in our Hosiery Department have increased wonderfully and we attribute the worthy quality to be the cause. We claim to sell the best 10, 15 and 25 cent hosiery to be had and a visit to this store will prove our talks. Special—60 dozen children's hose, extra heavy, at **10c**

One case of Misses double knee Hose, superior quality, at **12½c.**

Fifteen dozen Ladies Sample Hose at 15, 25 and 35c. that are worth double. The quantity is limited and will be picked over quickly.

H. L. Parks & Co. H. L. Parks & Co.
DEPARTMENT STORE DEPARTMENT STORE

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And if moving time is delayed much longer we will not have such a job after all. For the next few days until, our new quarters are ready, we are going to make prices that will sell goods if

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Good Job Work!

We substantiate this statement with the real stuff, and leave it to you to say whether our work is all right or not; and if it is not we guarantee to make it so. We are here to make a profit—a living—also to do justice to our customers.

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