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Progressive Farmer.

Next in importance to increasing the yield per acre in reducing the cost of the cotton crop, is lessening the cost of cultivation, and this is a matter of unusual importance just now to most farmers, owing to the scarcity and high price of labor. And we do not hesitate to say that the cost of preparation, planting and cultivation can be reduced one-third, or even one-half by the intelligent use of improved farm implements.

MORE HORSE POWER, FEWER MEN.

Instead of one man driving one mule in the preparation of the land for planting, he should drive two, or even four. We drive but two now, but are looking forward to the time when we expect to drive four. We are waiting for our mule colts to get a little older. Again, four is almost absolutely necessary in heavy soils, especially where the disc harrow is brought into use. Mules are cheaper than men, and most farmers could use more work stock than they now possess, and use them profitably, though we do not advise buying them at prevailing prices; they should be raised on the farm where needed. The matter of the cost of the mule's keep is not to be considered; he will feed himself if we drive him at the right time.

Haven't you realized the need of more horse power—just after harvest say when peas needed to be sown and all crops needing work? And many a time you failed to get in the peas and thereby lost a large amount of valuable hay, not to mention the value they would have been to the soil. Any one man riding a disc harrow, driving four-in-hand, could have put in five acres in a day.

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NO NEED TO HOE COTTON TO KEEP DOWN GRASS.

What about hand-chopping—how are we to get along without hoe hands? How can expenses be reduced here? We say emphatically that in no place can there be a greater saving of labor than in this matter of hand-chopping of the cotton crop. In fact, the hand-hoeing can be entirely eliminated.

How?

By using the harrow and weeder at the right time.

We know that most farmers are skeptical as to this method. We were ourselves; so much so that we refused an offer of a manufacturer of one of the leading weeders on the market to ship us a weeder on condition that we use it from the time of planting until the first of June, and pay for it if satisfactory.

This was four or five years ago. In the meantime we have noted the experience of others, and after talking with an Alabama farmer and getting his experience, we determined to give it a trial.

THE WEEDER WHIPS "GENERAL GREEN" COMPLETELY.

We were discussing the merits of various farm implements, and we asked what was the greatest labor-saving tool he had on his farm. "The weeder," he replied, with emphasis. He said that it had enabled him to dispense with hand-hoeing entirely, except some hand-thinning, and this was reduced more than half. As to grass, he said he had had none since beginning to use the weeder.

Our experience corroborates his, and we unhesitatingly recommend its use in the cotton field as a great labor-saver and grass-destroyer. There are some soils, however, that are not suitable to its use. On very strong land, and on fresh stumpy land, it would not work satisfactorily. On stiff clay soil, in the event of a packing rain, a steel frame slant-tooth harrow should be run in front of the weeder, going straight across the rows, and then follow with the weeder going diagonally across. This will stir every particle of the top soil to a depth of half an inch, exterminating all grass and weeds while in sprout. Should another rain fall right away, go over again as soon as the ground is dry enough to get on.

KILL THE GRASS EARLY.

The point is to kill the grass in the sprout or before it gets rooted. Keep this up until first of June, or until its further use is inexpedient. It is the May grass, or the grass that would come with the cotton, that gives the farmer trouble. We succeeded in keeping the grass down last year, and we would have lost our crop but for the harrow and weeder. We had to do some hard-thinning, but it was quickly done.

HOW TO PREPARE FOR WEEDER.

The land should be well prepared to a depth of six to eight inches, the rows laid off and bed made with four furrows with small plow leaving a bolt in middle. Should a rain fall, run slant tooth harrow straight across rows; if it does not rain, we would run lengthwise the rows. In either case the bed made by the four furrows will be visible. Get on top of this bed with guano distributor, having on small plow, and put fertilizer not over two or three inches deep. [We recommend this because as it is usually put in, at the bottom of a deep furrow and a heavy bed thrown on it, it takes the cotton roots too long to reach it.] The fertilizer should be covered with a forked harrow or small tooth cultivator, and should be put in a week or ten days before planting.

When ready to plant, let forked harrow or weeder precede planter; this will leave the land comparatively level and gives a good seed-bed to the young plants and is in condition for the weeder to do its best work.

MR. BROOM HAS CUT HIS LABOR BILL ONE-HALF.

If it rains do not wait for cotton to get up to start weeder, but drive right on; it will help the cotton to get up and kill the first crop of grass.

Reader, if you are a farmer, and your land is suitable to the use of the weeder, get one—for the children's sake, if nothing else. It will save them many a hard day's work. A boy and a mule will destroy as much grass in a day as a dozen hoe hands. With the use of the weeder, harrow, and expanding cultivators, and other labor-saving tools, we are running our farm with half the force we formerly required.

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GOOD TIMES PREDICTED.

Judge Bennett Thinks That the Next Ten Years Will Be Prosperous Ones For the Farmer.

Wadesboro Messenger and Intelligencer.

I predict for the farmers during the next ten years, a period of unmatched prosperity. The enormous out-put of gold has depreciated that metal 30 per cent. since 1898. By this, I mean it takes 30 per cent. less of the 45 leading products of our industrial life to buy ten dollars of gold than in 1895. Moreover, we have learned so rapidly to this time the sobering lesson of farm life that a youth, born and reared upon a farm, should resolve never to go more than one mile from a cow's tail.

It will stagger the farmer of 1917 that we ever lingered about wheat sowing.

The strong, sensible young man, who gives patient and sedulous attention to his work, will save in ten years a down-setting reasonable assurance against old age. All agencies close to the farm point precisely to success. If we had negro labor back again, instead of the volcanic stuff from the basin of the Mediterranean and foothills of Vesuvius, we would have our hands on the nuniments of a fortune.

Brethren, please take notice and foster this golden nursery. I see it coming. We know what we want and how to get it. Attention, friends!

Every acre of land in our county, laid down in wheat, may make returns of wheat straw to the value of $6.00. Good wheat straw is a first-class long forage—nor fodder, nor clover hay, in and out, excels it. Rye straw is not as nutritious and digestible as the wheat straw. Oat straw more nearly approaches it. Yet bundles of rye, though covered with spikes—that is beard—may have its harshness tempered by immersion in water and thus serve horses without other grain.

In the rush to chase whiskey out of our country-side, I trust our people will not forget feed for beast. We have to live in coparcenery with our beasts of burden and lactation—our milch cows, our beeves, sheep, lambs, kids—and along so.

If we push for grass rendered into hay, for wheat, rye and oats convertible into a sweet blend, we shall stimulate nature and save ourselves. Our system demands stimulation. It is the problem of the age! You can't thresh it out.

Prudent men look for help in expedients parallel to the situation. If you refuse compromise the fight is on and "cunning, the natural defence of the weak," takes the run. The sun is not yet risen on our parts. We will not isolate ourselves, but embrace the good, the situation, and go on.

R. T. BENNETT.

Notes from the Billville Banner.

Atlanta Consitution.

We've been having a halleluia time, but spring ploughing will make us lose all our religion.

Two temperance conventions and six moonshine distilleries are in full blast here.

Joy is playing the fiddle up this way, and Trouble is dancing the flippity-flop shoes off his feet.

The juicy sap is flowing, and the trees in this neighborhood are too full for utterance.

The mocking birds will soon be giving us melting notes, but we're still bothered about the 30-day notes in bank.

Seven alligators have made their appearance in the local mill-pond, and all we need now is a summer hotel, with board as high as our ambition.

Our additional evidence of Prosperity is that the moonshine distilleries have all moved six miles nearer town.

When you meet Trouble in the big road these days he climbs a tree, so that he can't hear Joy playing the banjo.

The cities are singing, the valleys are ringing, and Good Times have jumped into a dress suit.

An electric railroad from Biltmore to Montreat is projected, and surveyors are now in the field making a preliminary survey of the route.

The living the world owes a man costs more to collect than it is worth.

MRS. THAW, THE MOTHER.

By Mrs. W. H. Felton.

My heart was surely touched when I read the testimony given by Mrs. Thaw, the elder, to aid her son, who is on trial for murder.

This gentle, well-mannered old lady has been a victim of sad circumstances, in these latter days, but her dignified appearance doubtless has done more for her son's relief than all the mass of other evidence that has been dumped into the criminal court during the past six weeks.

Everybody treated her with proper respect, and it is clearly shown that poor Harry Thaw has a worthy mother, however far he has strayed from her love and her teachings.

The faithful old mother has done her best for the poor son, and this trial and its long strain on her heart and her purse will go far towards shortening the dear woman's life. Constant friction will wear out any machine—whether of iron or the human frame. The wounds may heal over, but the scars remain, and no one but a mother can understand the agony of a mother's suffering when children bring shame and scandal on the mother's heart who bore them into life.

Mrs. Thaw, the elder, is the most interesting person to me who has appeared in the Thaw trial. When one remembers the natural aversion this good woman felt towards the soiled actress who entwined herself about her son's affections, and yet who had courage enough to put all her own feelings in abeyance for her son's good, as she saw it, and who still had to go down into the valley of deep humiliation, after she hoped the marriage might work well, and who has been drawn out on tender hooks of apprehension and distress ever since her son shot Stanford White, one cannot fail to feel deep sympathy and respect for this long-suffering mother—who battles against the tendency to give way—so heroically.

This poor Harry is apparently the black sheep in the Thaw flock, and if he is mentally unsound, he has been hardly dealt with, under present conditions.

His inheritance of wealth made him attractive to the very class of people who always follow after the pickings which are garnered from the spend-thrift rich. His money was the attraction. He dropped into questionable company, and the gang hankered after the money he spent in wild profusion. He was evidently more sincere and right thinking than Stanford White's class of men. He really loved the girl whose disreputable mother traded on her beauty and made merchandise of her virtue.

All this, Mrs. Thaw, the elder, has been forced to see, to know and to endure, while she was helpless to stop or hinder any of it.

It is a real satisfaction to womankind to know and appreciate the dignified and womanly attitude of the elder Mrs. Thaw during all this turmoil and vexation. She has become her trouble gracefully and every reader of the Thaw trial will insensibly think better of poor Harry Thaw because of his mother, and for his mother's sake.

Madstone Madness.

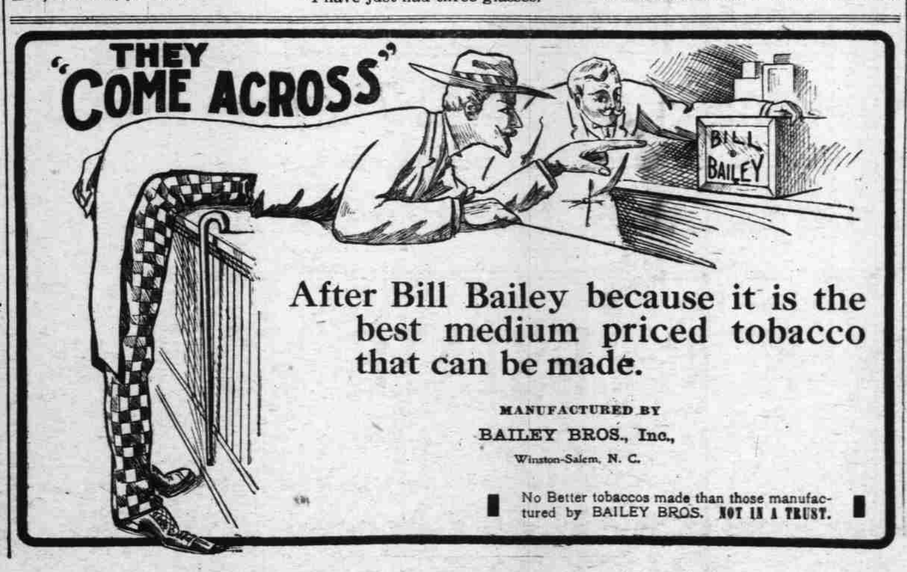
Raleigh Cor. Charlotte Observer.

A policeman who was met on the street to-day, said he had just come from the home of a boy who was bitten by a dog alleged to be mad, this having occured day before yesterday, near the postoffice, and the dog having been killed by the policeman with his club. He is a white boy 14 years old and his people must have faith in the so-called madstone. The officer said that the boy had not been taken to any doctor, but that yesterday a "mad rock" had been applied and had been sticking ever since except at such time as it had been removed to be washed. He said the boy's leg was greatly swollen and inflamed. When asked if the lad would be taken to a doctor said no, that to-morrow he would be taken to Apex, where there was another "mad rock" as he termed it. This shows there are yet people in North Carolina who believe in madstones and don't think anything of the treatment of hydrophobia. So missionary work is necessary and the act by the present Legislature to provide preventive treatment for this class of people comes none too soon. The "mad rock" used in this case is known as the "Buffalo," and there are people who regard its virtues as most profound, equaling the "King's Touch" of olden days and that sort of thing.

The Public Must Share the Suffering.

Charlotte Observer.

From an interview with General Manager Nichols, of the Carolina Northwestern Railway, in the Yorkville, S. C., Enquirer, we learn that the extra passenger trains run each summer to accommodate pasengers to the Blowing Rock country will not be put on this year owing to the recent action in making the passenger fare 2¼ cents flat. "We are up against a hard proposition," Mr. Nichols is quoted as saying, "and one that we can hardly see light ahead in." This is not the only minor road whose already hard struggle for existence has been made harder by the cutting of passenger rates to the bone. Of course, the public must share the suffering. It remains to be seen what the big roads can or will do, but we fear the access to the North Carolina summer resorts will be less convenient and more expensive than in recent years.



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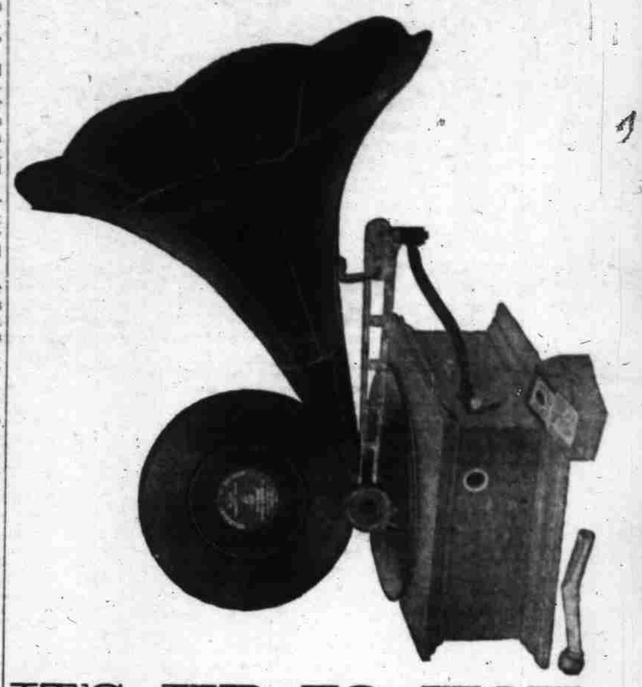

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