

THE FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

Nearly 200 Farmers Present—Many Ladies Also Attend the Institute.

One of the most largely attended and profitable Farmers' Institutes ever held in the city was conducted at the court house and the Elks' Home yesterday. There were nearly 200 men at the court house and the Elks' Home was filled with ladies from all parts of the county. Dr. F. L. Stevens, Mr. E. S. Millsaps and Mr. J. P. Kerr addressed the men's meeting and Mrs. Emelie Orr and Mrs. Charles McKimmon addressed the ladies' meeting.

Soil Improvement.

E. S. Millsaps talked in the forenoon on the soil improvement, and emphasized the importance of improving the soil, if farmers expect to get profitable returns from their labor. The subject was discussed under the following heads: Deeper plowing, liberal use of legumes, rotation of crops, live stock and drainage. The matter of soil improvement by deeper plowing, was emphasized. This is an aid to nature in enabling the sun, air, and frost to break down and make available the raw elements of our original clays, and also makes a reservoir to hold water.

The legumes are valuable humus makers, besides their value as nitrogenous fertilizers.

Soil is greatly improved by a systematic rotation of crops. No plant feeds on its own excreta or effete matter, but this may be fertilizer for some other crop.

Drainage is an important factor in soil building, as a wet soil excludes the air and drowns the soil bacteria. No county can become permanently rich without live stock, and it is a rule in all civilized countries that live stock increases as the value of land increases.

In the afternoon Mr. Millsaps discussed the importance of cultivation. This should always be thorough and the farmer should have some definite object in cultivation.

The conservation of soil moisture, and the making available of plant food should be the main purpose of cultivation. This should always be level and shallow. In any weather, it should be more frequent in order to conserve the moisture.

Intelligent handling of the soil will greatly increase the profits of the farmer, and year by year enable him to put his soil in better condition, and use more and better machinery.

Preventable Human Diseases.

Dr. F. L. Stevens, of the A. and M. College and Experiment Station, who is the conductor on the Institute party, spoke twice before the meeting.

One subject was, "Preventable Human Diseases." He spoke principally of the three diseases, typhoid fever, tuberculosis and hookworm. The first two are caused by bacteria, living things so small that 300 end to end reach only a distance equal to the thickness of paper. They increase so fast that one in twelve hours may result in many millions.

Typhoid fever is caused only by these bacteria which breed only in the intestines of a typhoid person. The excrement from the sick person is full of typhoid germs. These seep into our milk and give typhoid to others. All milk should be protected from surface water and seepage, and all excrement from typhoid patients should be mixed with lime and buried.

Tuberculosis, including consumption, is also caused by germs and its spread chiefly through sputum. Great care should be taken by consumptives to burn all sputum to prevent spread of the diseases.

One person in ten has typhoid.
One person in ten dies of tuberculosis.

One person in four has tuberculosis.

By following the cause of action indicated by our knowledge these diseases can be checked and eventually stopped.

Dr. Stevens also spoke of the more serious of plant diseases, telling how to prevent them. Grapes, apples and other fruits should be sprayed with lime-sulphur wash. Oat smut can be stopped by formalis as can also wheat smut.

Poultry on the Farm.

Dr. J. P. Kerr spoke on "Poultry on the Farm," as follows:

This is an age of progress, and thoughtful men predict that the greatest development in this great country of ours during the next decade will be in the Southern States. Our successful future in the Piedmont section will not come from any one crop system, nor from a two crop system, but success will come to us when we adopt a system of diversified farming embracing one or more branches of live stock. If we accept as a fact the lessons of experience either of individuals or nations we know that no permanently successful system of agriculture has ever existed in which live stock husbandry did not play an important part. Take Belgium, for instance which was originally a sandy half-barren waste but by good farm-

ing with poultry raising and the growing of other live stock has developed into one of the richest soils in Europe. Growing live stock has made Denmark rich and has kept the farmers of Holland prosperous and contented. The United States now leads the world in the profitable production of poultry in large quantities. In recent years no industry has shown such amazing growth and such increase in values as poultry. In a recent report Secretary Wilson of the U. S. Department of Agriculture says the farmer here has become a worthy companion of his cow and that the value of poultry and eggs is just about equal to the cotton and wheat crops.

"Uncle Sam's hens now lay twenty billions of eggs a year, which placed end to end would make a belt around the earth at the Equator thirty eggs wide with enough eggs left over to make a line from the North Pole to the South Pole. These eggs loaded in railroad cars, 12,000 dozen to the car—400 crates each containing 30 dozen, allowing 43 lineal feet track to the car would make a solid train of cars reaching from Concord to New York.

It has been said that he people of the Old North State are the most conservative people in the Union, and North Carolina has often been called the Rip Van Winkle State. We can no longer succeed by going on in the old way, but must adopt new up-to-date methods. If the people of this country had been satisfied to go on in the same old way as their forefathers we should now be plowing our land with wooden sticks and cutting our wheat with reap hooks and would be:

"Like the benighted Hindu,
Who does the best he kindo,
He sticks to his cast from first to last,
And for trousers makes his skin do."

I would say come let us reason together for a little while about some of the little things on the farm. Our Savior, when he had fed the 5,000 said to his disciples "gather up the fragments." Nature says "gather up the fragments." In Nature's household there is no waste. The decay or rocks from the soil for plants. The decay of plants form the mould, in which future plants will grow. The water dissipated in the air becomes clouds and rain. The brilliant hues of flowers and plants are not mere adornments, but they serve to attract bees that fertilize the plants by carrying the pollen from flower to flower. The carbonic acid we breathe out is breathed in by the trees and plants to form their woody stems.

Science as well as Nature says "gather up the fragments." The former refuse in making kerosene oil itself. The waste of logs is made into paper. In the United States mint in Philadelphia by putting in a grated floor over the other floor \$80,000 worth of gold was saved in one year. The New York branch of the Waltham Watch Co., when they were vacating a building in which they had been melting gold for nineteen years burned the floors and realized \$67,000 from the ashes.

I come not to advocate large poultry plants nor do I wish the hen to become a supplanter of any of the other sources of the farm but I do claim for her a place in the farm and state without fear of contradiction that he is the most profitable little animal around the farm to gather up the fragments and convert them into palatable food in the way of meat and eggs.

The Woman's Institute.

The Woman's Institute opened with an interested audience of eighty people. Mrs. Orr, of Charlotte, was the first on the programme, and gave a most instructive talk on food and dietetics. She told of the effect of the different foods upon the body. How protein must be taken in proper proportions to build up the tissues and from what foods we received this. Why starches and fats are necessary, and why the man with a well balanced ration must add to his bill of fare the vegetables and fruits which he so frequently denies himself. The proper feeding of children and why the adults diet differs from that of the child. The absolute necessity for drinking more water and good results that accrue from the properly cooked food.

She was followed by Mrs. Charles McKimmon, of Raleigh, who first gave a talk on how to make good bread and followed it by a demonstration of quick rolls.

Mrs. McKimmon's demonstration was an eye opener even to experienced bread makers. In a very graphic way she showed how the yeast is a plant, how it multiplies, how it feeds on the food provided and the necessary conditions for its growth. She showed the reason bread must be worked or kneaded, why we often find a loaf of bread, otherwise good, full of large holes.

In her own inimitable way, in the presence of the audience, she made up a batch of dough for quick rolls. Part of this batch was made at once into a pan of what proved to be really quick rolls—for the entire process, in-

cluding the rising and baking required not quite two hours. The other part of the batch was set aside for a second kneading. Thereby Mrs. McKimmon demonstrated the fact that the second rising gives a bread of finer and more beautiful texture. This she demonstrated in the afternoon session at which time the rolls of the first batch were passed around, hot, to be sampled by the audience.

Mrs. Orr's talk on the "Moral Training of Our Children" is something that every mother who has a child to rear should hear. She speaks out of a full heart and her wide experience and sound judgment.

Successful institutes were held also at Mt. Pleasant on Wednesday and Harrisburg today. It is most gratifying to know that he attendance on all these institutes was large.

Prof. McLeod Elected to Succeed Prof. McLain.

At a meeting of the School Board held Tuesday, Professor Hinton McLeod, of Red Springs, N. C., was elected principal of Central Graded School in place of Mr. J. Lacy McLain, resigned.

Mr. McLeod is an honor graduate of Davidson College and has had four years experience as a teacher. He comes very highly recommended, as the following will show, and the Board considers itself very fortunate in securing his services.

"Covington, Ga., June 1st, 1910.

"To Whom It May Concern:

"Prof. Hinton McLeod was elected assistant superintendent of the Covington Public High School for the session 1909-'10, and has filled that position to the entire satisfaction of the School Board and of the patrons. "He was unanimously re-elected to the position for next session but voluntarily declined to accept.

"Prof. McLeod is an exceptionally strong instructor, thoroughly qualified in every way to render efficient service as a teacher; is of most exemplary character, greatly beloved by all the pupils under him and exerts a splendid influence for good over his pupils.

"The Board desires to commend him most heartily to any community desiring a first class capable teacher and regrets that he could not see his way clear to accept the position to which he was elected for another school session.

"Unanimously adopted by the School Board at its meeting May 31st, 1910.

"T. G. GALLOWAY,
"Chairman."

Mr. Weddington Finds Hidden Check.

Mr. W. J. Weddington was the man "tailed the fox" in the hunt for The Tribune's Hidden Check. There were numerous others who were close on the trail and deserve special mention but as special mention cannot be endorsed and anything realized on it at the bank, we refrain from publishing the names of the near-successful. "Under the fifth step of the left hand stairway at the court house," was the sesame that led to the treasure and a number of the hunters came near finding the secret. The search was participated in by more Tribune readers than any previous contest and interest was more intense.

Mr. Blackwelder and Son Improving.

Parties in the city Tuesday from No. 7 township report that Mr. George P. Blackwelder and his son, who were so badly hurt in the sawmill explosion last Thursday, are now considerably better, and it is hoped they will get well. Mr. Blackwelder is able to leave his bed.

Miss Tina, aged 12, who died Friday, and Miss Lizora, aged 16, who died Saturday morning were buried in one grave at Bear Creek Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

A trained nurse from Charlotte is now attending Mr. Blackwelder and his son.

Meeting of Lyceum Committee Friday Night.

A meeting of the committee to arrange for the Lyceum course here will be held Friday night. Mr. S. H. Bryan, the representative of the Alkahest Lyceum of Atlanta, will be in Concord next Monday morning to make the canvass of the city for season tickets. The following compose the committee:

C. P. McLaughlin, chairman; Prof. A. S. Webb, secretary; Chas. B. Wagner, treasurer; J. W. Cannon, Jr., Frank Smith, Rev. S. N. Watson, T. D. Maness, M. B. Stickley, J. H. Rutledge and J. B. Sherrill.

To Discuss Railroad Rates.

St. Louis, Mo., August, 3.—A conference of attorneys general from ten States is to be held in this city tomorrow for the discussion of the 2-cent fare dispute and other pending railroad rate litigation. The states to be represented are Oregon, Kentucky, South Dakota, Arkansas, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Minnesota and Missouri.

Mr. J. W. Cannon, Jr., left this morning for Asheville.

MT. PLEASANT NEWS.

Marriage This Afternoon—Mr. Blackwelder and Son Still Improving.

A wedding of interest to Mt. Pleasant will be solemnized this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Foil, when their daughter, Miss Katie, will be married to Mr. McTyeire Richardson. The ceremony will be performed by the groom's father, Rev. N. R. Richardson. It is announced as a quiet home wedding. The bridal party will leave for Greensboro immediately following the ceremony. The bride is one of Mt. Pleasant's most popular and attractive young ladies and her presence will be missed in social circles. The groom is a son of one of Mt. Pleasant's popular pastors, but is now located in Greensboro, having a responsible position with the Southern Railway Company at that place. The young couple have a wide circle of fast friends who wish them joy in life's journey. They will make Greensboro their future home.

Mrs. M. A. Foil is attending the Classical Missionary convention of the Reformed church at Hickory. She represents the society of St. James Reformed church here.

Misses Mary and Bessie Heilig returned from Jefferson, S. C. yesterday where they have been on an extended visit.

Prof. A. W. Fisher has gone to Wilmington for a few days recuperation on the seashore.

Prof. J. S. Bueheit, of Catawba College, made an educational and missionary address in the Reformed church Tuesday night.

Mrs. Luther Lentz has gone to Black Mountain to visit her daughter, Mrs. Lee Barnhardt.

Mr. W. B. Beaver spent yesterday in Greensboro.

Miss Ora Fisher is visiting in China Grove.

Mr. J. Y. McEachern is pending part of a short vacation at Norfolk.

Mrs. S. H. Long, of Charlotte, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Welsh.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Johnson, of Mecklenburg, are visiting Mrs. Johnson's father, Capt. Jonas Cook.

Mrs. J. B. McAllister, of Concord, spent Sunday here.

Mr. W. S. Hartsell is spending a vacation in Rowan.

Miss Ella Moose has returned from an extended visit to friends and relatives in Charlotte.

News was received here Sunday morning of the death of the infant of Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Nussman at Spencer. Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Nussman, Misses Nina and Lillie Nussman and Mrs. Sallie Misener and daughter, Miss Rubie, attended the funeral Sunday afternoon.

Mr. George P. Blackwelder and son, Martin, who were injured in a boiler explosion a week ago, are now supposed to be on the road to recovery.

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Musical at Forest Hill.

The Young People's Mission Band of the First Baptist Church will have a Musical at the residence of Mr. A. W. Morgan, Forest Hill, Friday night, August 4. The public cordially invited. A silver offering will be taken at the door and refreshments will be served free. The following is the programme:

Instrumental Music—Katie Lee Raeford.
Recitation—Shelby Howell.
Vocal solo—Miss Stella McGhee.
Instrumental Music—Mrs. Hutelins.
Recitation—"Tangled Locks"—Lelia Burton.
Vocal duet—Misses Morgan and Lentz.
Instrumental music—Lena Biggers.
Recitation—"The Girl Who Smiles"—Lelia Howell.
Vocal solo—Mr. Hutelins.
Music (Cornet and Piano)—Messrs. Hurt and Fisher and Miss Sallie Morgan.

President of Farmers' Union Asks Prayers for Rain.

Columbia, S. C., August 2.—E. B. Dabbs, president of the South Carolina Farmers' union, has issued a call to "all ministers of the gospel and officers of all churches and devout men and women" in the state requesting that next Sunday be set aside as a day of prayer for rain, as information from many sections of the state tells of prevailing drought, which in some localities is as bad as the drought of 1881.

Barn Destroyed by Fire.

A barn belonging to Mr. C. C. Hill, of Glass, was destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon about 6 o'clock. The origin of the fire is unknown and when discovered it had gained such headway that Mr. Hill and his neighbors were powerless to cope with it. A small quantity of grain and feed stuff and three hogs were burned. A cow, two horses and several vehicles were saved. The loss is estimated at \$200 with no insurance.

EDUCATIONAL RALLY

AT ST. JOHN'S.

Interesting Day August 10 in Behalf of Education.

There will be an educational rally at St. John's school house on Thursday, August 10, and everything is being done to make this an occasion of great value to the cause of education. Music will be furnished by the Mt. Pleasant band, which, as is well known, is one of the best bands anywhere. The following will be the programme:

Music by the band.
Prayer—Rev. J. J. Long.
Music by the band.
Address of welcome—Rev. J. J. Long.
Music by the band.
Address—Rev. Chas. P. McLaughlin. Subject, "Education as Regards the Church."
Music by the band.
Intermission for dinner.
Music by the band.
Address—Rev. Plato Durham. Subject, "Education as Regards the Home."
Music by the band.
Address—Prof. G. F. McAllister. Subject, "Education as Regards the Community."
Everybody is cordially invited and urged to come. Refreshments will be served, and the proceeds will go to the school. All are asked to bring well filled baskets of dinner.

The Concord Lyceum Course.

As has been previously announced, Concord is to have a Lyceum Course this season, the best that money can buy. Six attractions have been secured. The Hon. Frank J. Hanly, of Indiana, has no peer on the lecture platform today. A finished scholar, a broad-minded statesman, a polished orator—he comes to Concord for his initial appearance—with a message that all should hear. Ralph Parlette, the editor of "Lyceumite and Talent," is a humorous philosopher, who tells an old-fashioned story in his own inimitable way. A "chalk-talkist," a male quartet, a concert company, and Edwin Weeks' company of specialty artists, constitute the rest of the course. All the story of the merit of these attractions cannot be told here. Everyone who is interested in the best things for Concord is expected to help this good work along by the purchase of one or more season tickets at the absurdly low price of \$2.00 for a single course ticket.

Albemarleans Enthusiastic Over Outlook For New Railroad.

Albemarle, Aug. 1.—The incorporators in Albemarle of the Raleigh, Charlotte & Southern Railway returned from the meeting at Greensboro very enthusiastic on the subject. They say that there is now no doubt that the road will be built in the next two years. With the completion of this road, Albemarle will have as good or better railroad facilities as any town in the State, and will be midway on a line connecting two of the best towns in the State.

The Excursion to Norfolk.

Many Concord and Cabarrus people will go on the Southern's big excursion to Norfolk on Tuesday, August 8. The train will leave Concord at 6 o'clock p. m. on that day, and arrive in Norfolk at 6:30 o'clock Wednesday morning. This special train will consist of day coaches and Pullman sleeping cars. Two days and one night will be spent at the seashore. The round trip rate from Concord will be only \$4.50. See big ad. in The Times today.

A Reunion.

We are requested to publish the following:
There will be a reunion at the Grandma Little old homestead, in No. 10, August 18. We hope the grandchildren and great-grandchildren and all the friends will be there. Everybody is cordially invited and to bring a full basket. Hope every body will understand the place, about two miles from Bost Mill.
D. H. McLARTY.

Mills Start Up.

The Cannon mills will start operation in the morning, after being closed down for several days on account of the power being off. The part of the Cabarrus mill that uses primary power is now in operation. The Gibson mill resumed work today at noon and it is probably that the Locke mills will start up in the morning.

Had Not Been to Concord For Sixty Years.

Mrs. Bennett and daughter, Miss Laura Bennett, of Camilla, Ga., are visiting relatives in the county. Mrs. Bennett was in Concord yesterday for the first time since seven years before the war between the States, and, as might be expected, she expressed herself as amazed at its growth and development.

Use our Penny Column—it pays.

UNDERWOOD HURLS

THE LIE AT BRYAN.

Denouncement of Thrice Leader of Democracy Acclaimed by Members Who Stood on Chairs and Madly Yelled and Waved.

Washington, Aug. 2.—Standing upon chairs, waving handkerchiefs and yelling at the tops of their voices Democratic representatives today acclaimed R-representative Oscar W. Underwood, of Alabama, Democratic leader of the house, when he fired a verbal broadside at William Jennings Bryan for criticizing his position on extension of the tariff revision program. It was the most remarkable scene in the House since the beginning of the extra session of Congress.

Excoriating the three times candidate of the Democratic party for presidential honors, Leader Underwood denounced Mr. Bryan's attitude as to revision of the iron and steel tariff schedules, and said that Bryan had placed upon every Democratic member implications unfounded on face. He called on his Democratic Colleagues of the ways and means committee for corroboration of his attitude in the committee and in the caucus.

Mr. Underwood was backed up in a similarly striking speech by Representative Kitchin, of North Carolina, long a devoted friend of Mr. Bryan. Mr. Kitchin expressed surprise that any Democrat should so malign Mr. Underwood and the party.

If Underwood's attack was remarkable for its bitterness and vigor, it was not more so than the general applause which greeted his sarcastic references to the Nebraska leader, and his pacific and complete denials of the charges made by Bryan.

Mr. Kitchin referred to Mr. Underwood's frank statement about his iron company holdings and said he had expected that it might be made an occasion by our opponents to slander and libel the Alabamian and the position of this Democratic House, but I never dreamed that any Democrat in this country would attempt to malign Mr. Underwood or the Democratic party.

The Concord Veteran Choir at Greensboro.

The Greensboro Record of August 1 has the following:
The special train for Confederate veterans run from Charlotte to Wilmington passed through Greensboro this morning at 11 o'clock. About 35 members of the Guilford Camp boarded the special train for the seashore reunion. The train consisted of six coaches and was well loaded with the vets.

White at the station the squad from Camp No. 212, of Concord, got off and, forming on the platform, sang several songs to the delight of the large crowd which gathered about the aged warriors. These old men sang in voices grown mellow and sweet with age, and despite the influence of the years they were yet strong and true.

"Tenting on the Old Camp Ground," "Dixie" and other favorites followed each other in beautiful harmony. Confederate war songs were sung and one telling of heroes and of battles, sung to the tune of "Ye Old Time Religion," seemed especially like an echo from a triumphant battle field and the stanneh, true, life and devotion of the camp, when these men once young and brave followed Lee and Jackson to the cannon's mouth.

A young Miss, about 12 years of age, was with the Concord delegation as mascot and she assisted in the impromptu entertainment at the station by reciting a story of heroic days and deeds. The Concord bunch will find ready hearers wherever they go if they sing as they sang here.

Another Great Famine is Expected in China.

New York, Aug. 2.—The Christian Herald announces that it has received the following cable message from Shanghai, China:
"All Yangtze flooded. Awful destruction and death. Terrible famine this autumn."
(Signed) "BEALS,
"Wuhu, China."

It is said by those who have made the message public that it would seem to indicate that the relief which the spring crops was expected to bring to the famine stricken districts of China has been dissipated by another inundation of the country in the districts where the famine has raged for the last few months. It is asserted that if the condition is as severe as the cable message intimates, it would seem that the suffering during the coming fall and winter will be even greater than that of last season.

Cotton Crop Report.

Washington, Aug. 2.—Special cotton crop reports issued by the Bureau of Statistics, Agricultural Department, estimates the condition of the crop July 25 was 89.1 per cent. of normal, compared with 79.4 average ten years on that date.