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**READ THIS. STOKES FARMERS.****How I Built Up Some Poor Farms.**

If having been the owner of poor land fits a man to write about poor land, and if he is competent in proportion to the poverty of the land, then I think I am the most competent man in North Carolina to discourse about poor land. Some years ago I bought some so poor that the ownership carried a distinct species of disgrace along with it. For time out of mind owners (and since the war successive tenants) had skinned that land or tried to, for generally the land did the skinning, the tenants being poorer at harvest than at seed time.

This land lay convenient to me. It was free from rocks, hills and waste places. It was light and indeed somewhat given to sandiness and therefore pleasant to cultivate. I bought it, giving the owner considerable less than one-half the price he paid for it a few years previously, and set to work to make it productive.

I did not intend for that land to break me as it was said to have served its former owners. Therefore I sought to proceed upon economical lines. Aware that of the three elements of fertility, ammonia, potash and phosphoric acid, that ammonia is both the most costly and the easiest to escape the soil, I decided to buy as little ammonia as possible, especially as it costs about three times as much as the other properties per pound. Of course I had to have ammonia, but I knew that I could get it without buying it at so much per ton. In fact, get it free, as the process by which I got it, as will appear, did not cost me anything extra to get the ammonia added. Potash and phosphoric acid I also needed largely. These I had to buy because there was no other way to get them into the soil.

The land was plowed and run off in rows three feet apart. In these rows I sowed a mixture of 150 pounds of kainit and 100 pounds of acid phosphate per acre. Listing on this furrow by a furrow from each side I then split open the list and also threw open the furrow for the peas. In this furrow I sowed evenly early in June cow peas at the rate of one bushel to the acre and covered them lightly with a small tooth cultivator. During the summer, as needed, they were given three plowings with a small tooth cultivator, no hoe work being required.

The result was a fair crop of cowpeas and pea vines. The peas I picked as soon as ripe and cut the vines for forage.

In September I plowed under the stubble and applied broadcast the same quantity and the same kind of fertilizer used for the peas. This I narrowed in with a disk harrow, leaving a perfect seed bed. On this I sowed annual (crimson) clover at the rate of three gallons to the acre and dragged it in with a brush.

The following spring the clover yielded a moderate crop of forage, the land being yet too poor to raise clover with much success.

In June I plowed under the crimson clover stubble and again drilled in peas, using the same fertilizer and the same mode of culture as the preceding year. The autumn showed how my land was improving. The crop of both peas and pea vines was good. I might almost say excellent.

In September the pea stubble was plowed under and crimson clover again sown, the treatment

being the same as that of the fall before. The next spring gave a very good crop of clover hay, indeed. This I again followed with peas, the cultivation and manuring being the same as for the two former crops. The crop of peas and forage that came that summer was a wonder. Its equal had never been seen in this neighborhood.

I now found that this pauper farm had been transformed into a very good one indeed, worth many times what I paid for it. That fall I turned under the pea stubble and put the land in strawberries, my staple crop. Since then I have grown as fine berries and as fine crops of all kinds on that land as anybody has grown in the county. Every two or three years I have rotated in cowpeas or crimson clover, using potash in the form of sulphate of potash and acid phosphate on the berry crop, and my land grows better and better.—O. W. Blacknall, in Progressive Farmer.

**How the Trusts Strike Every Home in the Country.**

The tariff question is a business proposition that concerns every man, woman and child, for it taxes the average home \$110 a year, or more than one-tenth of the average family's total income. There is an average of one-eighth-tenths earners in an average home. These contribute thirty days' labor each, or fifty-four days' labor a year to tariff-tax collectors. If this \$110 went as honest taxes to government to meet necessary expenditures, no fault would be found, though the tax would be considered extremely high. But only a very small part of this \$110 can be classed as legitimate taxes. By far the greater part goes to million and billion dollar tariff trusts and monopolies, which thrive now as never before in this country. These greedy trusts levy a tribute of \$94 a year upon the average home, while the government collects an average of about \$75 a year in tariff taxes; the collection last year amounted to \$3.49 per capita, or \$16.52 per family of 47 persons. Do the heads of these 17,000,000 families, the voters, knowingly and willingly donate \$94 a year to the hundreds of trusts? Do they love these trusts more than they love their wives and children? If not, why should they vote to give this \$94 to trusts that do not need it rather than to keep the \$94 for their own families, who do need it? An extra \$94 a year would mean much to the average family in the way of better food, clothing and education.

**Stokes Democrats Encouraged.**

The Democrats of Stokes county are putting up a warm fight and they expect to elect a portion if not all of their ticket. "We are better united than we have been for many years and I feel confident that we are going to win," said a Democrat from that county a few days ago.—Winston Sentinel.

J. D. Humphreys and N. E. Pepper attended the speaking at Dillard Friday.

**QUICK ARREST.**

J. A. Gullidge, of Verbena, Ala., was twice in the hospital from a severe case of piles causing 24 tumors. After doctors and all remedies failed, Bucklen's Arnica Salve quickly arrested further inflammation and cured him. It conquers aches and kills pain. 25c at all Druggists.

**PILOT MOUNTAIN.****W. G. Dodson Returns from Baltimore Hospital—Other Items.**

(From the News.)

Dr. J. B. Smith and Mr. W. G. Dodson returned to the city Saturday from Baltimore, where Mr. Dodson has been consulting specialists in regard to his physical condition. Mr. Dodson has been suffering with a stubborn case of rheumatism for some time, and we regret to learn that there is no improvement in his condition.

Mr. Carl Stamey, of Olympia, Wash., is spending some time with his aunts, Mrs. J. T. Herrin and Mrs. S. F. Pell, of this place.

Mr. E. A. Stone has moved his family back to town from his farm near here. We are glad to have these good people with us again.

Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Woltz have a very sick child. A severe case of diphtheria, however, we learn at the hour of going to press that the child is improving.

The wife of Alfred Webster col., of this place, died this morning at 3 o'clock of consumption. Alfred has the sympathy of a large number of our people, being a worthy citizen.

Mr. S. W. Fulk, our popular hardware merchant, has been confined to home limits by sickness this week.

Mr. M. L. Hill returned last Friday from the World's Fair at St. Louis, and from a visit to relatives in Indiana. We regret to learn of the illness of his brother, Mr. S. A. Hill, of that State.

The makeup of the Democratic county ticket of Surry is the very best that could have been selected by anyone. And there is not the least bit of suspicion of "ring or doodler rule" to it. It is worthy of your support.

Mr. A. R. Brewer brought to our office quite a curiosity a few days ago. It is the skull bone of a rabbit's head that has a good sized shot firmly imbedded in the bone. In fact it had grown perfectly fast before the rabbit was caught, and how long it had carried the shot pressing on its brain, will never be known. We have it, drop in and see it.

**Death of Burrell Lemmons.**

Burrell Lemmons, a well known and aged colored man, died at his home here Thursday night of consumption. He had conducted a blacksmith shop at Danbury for a great many years and was respected and thought a great deal of by everyone. He leaves a wife and other relatives and friends to mourn his demise. The remains were interred at the colored people's burying ground here Saturday.

**CONGRATULATIONS.**

Mr. John H. Cullom, Editor of the Garland, Texas, News, has written a letter of congratulations to the manufacturers of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as follows: "Sixteen years ago when our first child was a baby he was subject to croupy spells and we would be very uneasy about him. We began using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in 1887, and finding it such a reliable remedy for colds and croup, we have never been without it in the house since that time. We have five children and have given it to all of them with good results. One good feature of this remedy is that it is not disagreeable to take and our babies really like it. Another is that it is not dangerous, and there is no risk from giving an overdose. I congratulate you upon the success of your remedy." For sale by all Druggists and Dealers.

**LOCAL BRIEFS.****Personals and News Items of Interest.**

E. P. Pepper went to Greensboro Monday.

Mr. Billie Lawson, of Hardbank, was here Monday.

Sheriff R. P. Joyce went to Walnut Cove Monday.

The public schools of the county will open next Monday.

N. A. Martin visited Winston the latter part of last week.

The dwelling of N. A. Martin is being given a new coat of paint.

W. L. Hall, of Vade Mecum, was in town Saturday. Mr. Hall is a successful merchant of his community.

Messrs. P. H. Young, O. H. Young, and Miss Young, of Max, passed through Monday enroute to Winston.

It is estimated that not less than forty Stokes people have attended the St. Louis Exposition so far.

The registration books closed Saturday. Only those who become of age between now and the election can register.

Hon. S. Porter Graves, of Mt. Airy, spent Thursday night at the Taylor House enroute to Dillard, where he addressed the voters on Friday.

A. E. Holton, of Winston, was billed to speak at Danbury last Thursday, but his engagement was not filled on account of so few people turning out.

Very little tobacco is being marketed now. The weather keeps so dry that only those farmers who have basements for ordering their tobacco can get it ready for market.

Mr. Everett B. King, of Greensboro, came up Sunday night to spend a few days visiting relatives. Mrs. W. W. King is yet visiting at Stuart, Va.

Superintendent D. P. Cooper tells the Reporter that he expects to have the county's new court house completed by December 5th. The inside work, plastering, flooring, etc., is being done now.

Messrs. Jas. and John Cooper, who have been here several months at work on the new public buildings, left for their homes at Charlotte yesterday morning, all the brick work here having been finished.

Dr. B. W. Mebane, of Mount Airy, occupied the pulpit at the Presbyterian church Saturday night and Sunday morning at 11 A. M. We hear his sermons highly commended by those who were so fortunate as to hear him.

Rev. J. T. Ratledge preached his last sermon of the conference year here Sunday night to an unusually large audience. Mr. Ratledge is an excellent preacher and his members and friends will be delighted if conference returns him to the Danbury circuit again.

Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Jones, and Misses Fannie and Annie Kate Jones, of Walnut Cove; Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Dalton and Miss Sadie May Dalton, of Winston; Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Chisman and Misses Chisman, of Pine Hall, returned last week from a two-week's visit at the St. Louis Fair.

Mr. Wm. S. Crane, of California, Md., suffered for years from rheumatism and lumbago. He was finally advised to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which he did and it effected a complete cure. For sale by all Druggists and Dealers.

**NETTLE RIDGE.**

Nettle Ridge, Oct. 23.

A large crowd attended the association at Russell Creek the 15th.

Mr. Willie Ayers opened up a new lot of goods this week.

Mrs. M. E. Ashby is visiting friends and relatives this week. Glad to see her back in Virginia again.

Mr. Jim Tatum happened to the misfortune of getting his stables burnt and his packing house and three houses of tobacco, all of his grain and potatoes. It damaged Mr. Tatum very badly.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. William Ayers is on the sick list this week. We hope he will soon recover.

Mr. Jim Rierson was visiting Mr. John Ayers Sunday. Mr. Rierson, what draws your attention.

Miss Percie Ayers is wearing a three cent smile this week. She saw her best fellow Sunday.

Come again, Bachelor, No. 2, we enjoy your letters.

I will ring off for fear of that waste basket.

**CHEERFUL MOMENT.****MOUNT AIRY.**

(From the News.)

Rev. A. L. Betts has resigned the care of the Baptist church at this place. He will remain here a few days before he accepts work at some other place.

Tobacco is bringing a good price on this market these days. Lugs sold here this week for 10c. Very little good tobacco is being put on the market.

On Sunday October 16th, at the residence of the bride's father, at Flat Rock, granite quarries, Mr. Wm. Williams and Miss Cora L. Shuller were united in marriage. E. C. Shelton performed the ceremony.

Sam Allred and John Fuller have a pair of blood hounds that they have just received by express from Fair Haven, Vermont. Mr. Allred gave us a few points about them this week that are interesting. These two dogs are eight months old and cost about \$200. They are about the size of an ordinary hound dog but are altogether different in appearance. Their ears are very large and they have a shaggy, defiant look. They are of the English strain and are not very fierce. The Russian blood hound is as fierce as a tiger.

**Francisco R. F. D. Route Starts.**

Mr. Jarvis Smith, of Francisco, was a caller at the Reporter office recently. Mr. Smith, who will be as carrier, says the R. F. D. route running out from Francisco will start Tuesday, Nov. 1st. This route goes by way of Dan River and Dodd postoffices.

It will have a large number of patrons.

**A PRISONER IN HER OWN HOUSE.**

Mrs. W. H. Layha, of 1001 Agnes Ave., Kansas City, Mo., has for several years been troubled with severe hoarseness and at times a hard cough, which she says, "would keep me in doors for days. I was prescribed for by physicians with no noticeable results. A friend gave me part of a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy with instructions to closely follow the directions and I wish to state that after the first day I could notice a decided change for the better, and at this time after using it for two weeks, have no hesitation in saying I realize that I am entirely cured." This remedy is for sale by all Druggist and Dealers.

**BETTER CONDITIONS POSSIBLE.****Growing Small Grain Successfully.**

Small grain means full barns, good flour, excellent stock feed, pea vine hay, land gradually getting better, more cattle and hogs, better homes and better conditions every way. It is the salvation of all farmers on the northern belt of our cotton lands. Without small grain there can be no systematic rotation of crops and with a wise rotation there can be no improvement of lands. In this Piedmont belt from Danville down the Southern Road to Atlanta oats should be planted in October and on up to December. The earlier they are sown the better. Fall sown oats are always sure to make a fair yield; the spring sowing is always doubtful. The proper time to sow wheat is October 15 to November 20, but often very fine wheat is made when sown late in December.

There is more in the preparation of the land than in the amount of fertilizer used. Fully three inches of the hard pan or clay should be broken. That should be done each year until the soil is eight to twelve inches deep. That deepening process cannot go on successfully without the addition of humus, which must come from small grain and pea vines. The land being thus prepared, after thorough harrowing it will be ready for the seed.

Oats in this climate should always be put in with the oat drill to insure a stand in hard winters. It is a slow way, but a very sure one. We saw the Appler oat, which is an improved Red Rust Proof, put in with a drill the middle of last November. Winter set in before they came up. The ground was so cold they did not get up till late in January. Then the spring was so dry that they did not get more than twenty-four inches high. They stood the cold and drought and made fifteen bushels to the acre on very poor land. If a farmer wants oats let him sow the Red Rust Proof or the Appler; if good forage with a light yield of grain, let him sow the late tall varieties. We find oats more profitable than straw. When it comes to wheat after the land is thoroughly prepared the easiest way to put in the seed is with a good drill which will distribute the fertilizer. There are hundreds of small farmers that cannot afford to buy a drill for a few acres of wheat and it is often inconvenient to hire one. Let them scatter the fertilizer by hand and sow the seed the same way, and put in with a cutaway harrow, or a double foot plow with two short shovels on the stock. The yield will be as good as if put in with a drill. Charles Petty in Progressive Farmer.

ONLY MAKES A BAD MATTER WORSE.

Perhaps you have never thought of it but the fact must be apparent to every one that constipation is caused by a lack of water in the system, and the use of drastic cathartics like the old fashioned pills only makes a bad matter worse. Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets are much more mild and gentle in their effect, and when the proper dose is taken their action is so natural that one can hardly realize it is the effect of a medicine. Try a 25 cent bottle of them. For sale by all Druggists and Dealers.

Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets are becoming a favorite for stomach troubles and constipation. For sale by all Druggists and Dealers.