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A FRUIT GROWERS EXPERIENCE.

Valuable Hints For Those Who Would Grow Apples, Pears and Plums.

W. F. Grabs, of Stokes county, in Progressive Farmer.

Messrs. Editors:—A former article from this place, about trees and fruits, etc., came in dated from Forsyth county, but we are located in Stokes. We have a R. F. D. line from Tobaccoville, Forsyth county. I hope the above explanation will be allowed.

And now as to the fruit business. Our people up here in Stokes can do well for a variety; but it would not be advisable to plant many large orchards here, nor to plant any sort of fruit trees "just anywhere," regardless of location, etc.

Much money and time has been lost by not understanding these things.

The first pear trees that had been bought for this place, my father bought two, and my brother John planted one up on the ridge, a half mile from the stream; I planted the other here on the low grounds, not more than two hundred yards from the creek. These trees were planted some fifteen or sixteen years ago. The tree that I planted died with blight in two or three years after planting—which was about as well perhaps as if it had lived, because if it had stayed there so near the stream, the blooms would have been killed nearly every year by the late frosts in the spring.

Apples, of course, certain varieties, often do well on the low grounds; but not so with many of the various tender early blooming fruits.

Over thirty years ago we planted a small orchard here near the stream, not a hundred yards from the water; in apple trees mostly. Some of the apple trees have been serving right well, are full of fruit at this time. Soon after the apple trees were planted I planted some cherry trees—the old-fashioned Morilla mostly. These Morillas succeeded to bear right often, but they could not stand the frost as well as certain varieties of apples, such as Neverfail and Limbertwig. I planted three trees that we call "sugar cherries" about 150 yards from the stream, and about thirty-five feet higher than the water in the stream, same place as the other cherry trees.

I mention this deliberately in order to say that these fine cherries will not succeed here in the low grounds at all.

These sugar cherry trees were in good soil, and had a good chance for fruit, as to soil, etc., but we never succeeded to get a handful of cherries from them; the trouble was that the bloom was killed by the frosts. These three trees were cut down about eighteen or twenty years after being planted.

Upon the high ridge lands, near King, and any other elevated lands, any and all sorts of cherry trees are regular in fruit, bearing nearly every summer.

The pear tree mentioned above—that which my brother planted upon the ridge—is still standing, flourishing, and has a few pears for this season. The same planter of that tree has a young orchard at that place, of 150 pear trees, that are now about three to five

years old. Some of these oldest trees had a few nice pears two years ago. There are no pears on these young trees this season; the trouble is, that the big frost killed the blooms on the morning of the 17th of last April.

This orchard is on what some call a "nice place," a good location, but the evidence is that the location is not nearly what it should be. Higher up still, on the highest ridges, the pear trees are full of fruit. It would be lost labor to plant Japan plums where the above little pear orchard is located, but upon the ridges, near King, the Japan trees are heavy laden with fruit.

About twelve or fifteen years ago I planted an apple tree here, located about three hundred yards from the stream, in a small orchard, an acre, surrounded by the woods. This tree was of a variety of good keeping winter apple—Angel's Favorite. The tree is still standing in good soil. It cost me forty cents cash—but has never been worth ten cents—but is only worthless, as I have proved, because the location (and the forest trees all around near) does not suit it. About nine years ago I planted a tree grafted from this same tree, upon the ridge, about seventy-five yards from the King depot. This tree at King is not on an ideal spot, but while the leaves of the elder tree here are looking blistered and rough and sickly, with the fruit speckled and falling off, the leaves of the tree at King are healthy looking, dark green, and the tree is loaded with sound, smooth apples. This tree was full of apples two years ago, and I succeed to keep some of the fruit in the cellar nice and sound on up to June, 1903. I am not supposing that this variety of apple is very popular, it being of rather coarse flesh, but it is a fine keeper, and will succeed very well on the tall ridges, I am sure.

The above article is nothing of the "hair-splitting," but belongs to the practical throughout

KING ROUTE ONE.

King, Route 1, Aug. 1.—I will give you a few items from Route 1.

As a general rule, the farmers are busy nearly all the time laying by tobacco and breaking wheat land.

Mr. Wade Johnson, who has been sick for four or five months, is up again and is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Lewis.

Our Sunday School at Mt. Olive is having a nice attendance along now.

There will be an ice-cream supper at Mt. Olive at the old Boyles stand on Saturday, Aug. 12. An Edison Phonograph, one of the loudest talking machines out, will be played publicly.

Two well trained base ball teams will play on the Ale ground, near Mt. Olive. A good time for one and all, old and young. Everybody come just for fun.

Mr. Sanders Green, near King, was kicked twice by his mule on Sunday morning and is very bad. Mr. Green had some tobacco ridged with hail and wind.

Rev. Mr. Wilson preached a very interesting sermon to a large congregation at Mt. Olive on last 4th Sunday evening.

For fear I will write too much, I will stop. Only to say our editors page is very interesting.

THE OTHER FELLOW.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Fagg visited Moore's Springs Sunday.

ASHBURN-AYERS.

Pretty Home Wedding Near Pilot Mountain Last Thursday.

Pilot Mountain Route 1, Aug. 3.—A very beautiful home wedding was celebrated here this afternoon, when Miss Emma, the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Jesse A. Ashburn, was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Mr. James T. Ayers, one of Virginia's most prominent and successful young men. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. M. Barnard, of Virginia.

The wedding was a very quiet home affair, only a few relatives and friends being present on the occasion. The bride's-maids were Misses, Mattie Ayers, sister of the groom, Maude Payne and Burtie Dix, of Westfield, and the groom's men were Messrs. Powell Simmons, of Pilot Mountain, Will Ayers, brother of the groom, and J. Howard Payne, of Westfield. The flower girls were little Misses Mattie Hunter and Nora Bryant. The wedding march was beautifully rendered by Mr. Arthur L. Ashburn. After the ceremony all marched into the dining room where an excellent and beautiful meal was served.

Something very unusual is to be noted about this wedding. Three Doctors of Medicine witnessed the license. They were J. R. Smith and R. E. L. Flippin, of Pilot Mountain, and Dr. Pittman, of South Carolina.

The bride and groom leave tomorrow for their new home in Virginia, and their many friends wish them a long and happy married life.

Mr. Joyce To Sue Defunct Ice Company.

Mr. R. T. Joyce, of Mount Airy, through his counsel, Messrs. Watson, Buxton & Watson, of Winston, will institute suit against the stockholders of the defunct ice company of Mount Airy. The plaintiff in the case places the damages at six thousand dollars. The stockholders who are all prominent business men of the town and about a dozen in number, will no doubt fight the matter strenuously in court.

It seems that about two years ago Joyce, the plaintiff, bought an ice plant, and, as he claims, operated it successfully, but the plant was bought on credit, and the bills came due. On account of Joyce's inability to meet the payments he proceeded to organize a joint stock company, the stockholders agreeing to assume the indebtedness of the business and operate the plant. The plant was then leased to R. R. Marshall, one of the stockholders, and the plaintiff claims that the plant was ruined by excessive use of ammonia, and other negligence, and that he has been damaged to the amount sued for.

PUBLIC IS AROUSED.

The public is aroused to a knowledge of the curative merits of that great medicinal tonic, Electric Bitters, for sick stomach, liver and kidneys. Mary H. Walters, of 557 St. Clair Ave., Columbus, O., writes: "For several months, I was given up to die. I had fever and ague, my nerves were wrecked; I could not sleep, and my stomach was so weak, from useless doctors, drugs, that I could not eat. Soon after beginning to take Electric Bitters, I obtained relief, and in a short time I was entirely cured."

Guaranteed at all drug stores; price 50c.

Important to the Farmers.

Able speakers and organizers will meet the farmers at the following times and places.

Sandy Ridge Academy, Friday, Aug. 11th.

Dillard, Saturday, Aug. 12. The principles of the North Carolina Farmer's Association will be fully explained.

No farmer can afford to miss these meetings. Be present. Bring your wife, children and all who are interested in the farmers cause. You will be entertained as well as benefited.

PROF. J. M. SHARP, Grand Lecturer, N. C. Farmers Protective Association.

Patrick County's New Jail Turned Down Again.

Stuart Enterprise.

A gentlemen from St. Louis came here last week and replaced new cells in the jail in place of the ones turned down by the committee last March on account of the cells failing to be too proof. The committee met again Monday to receive the jail again and were confronted with the same trouble and refused to accept the jail on account of the cells not being strictly too proof. One of the upright bars was easily cut in too.

To Get a Splinter Out of Your Hand.

When a splinter has been driven into the hand it can be extracted by steam. Fill a wide-mouthed bottle nearly full of hot water, place the injured part over the mouth and press it slightly. The action thus produced will draw the flesh down, and in a minute or two the steam will extract the splinter, also the inflammation. Try it and be convinced.—National Magazine.

Watermelon Time.

The melon crop this year is very late, occasioned by the excessive rains last month, and so far very few of the country grown variety are to be seen.

The Charlotte Observer force has organized a Watermelon Club, the worthy object of which is to see that all melons that are premeditated, willfully and without fear left in that sanctum are properly disposed of.

Hail Storm Friday.

Quite a severe hail and wind storm passed over the middle and northern parts of Stokes Friday evening. Considerable damage was done by the storm in the Lime Rock section. It is learned that Messrs. Robert Oakley, Daniel Duggins and Hub Young were among those whose tobacco was injured.

Fire Near Walnut Cove.

Mr. Frank Marshall, who resides near Walnut Cove, had the misfortune to lose his dwelling house by fire on Friday of last week. Only a part of Mr. Marshall's household effects were saved. He occupied the old Joe Fulp brick residence. It was not learned whether he carried any insurance or not.

PECULIAR DISAPPEARANCE.

J. D. Runyan, of Buttermilk, O., laid the peculiar disappearance of his painful symptoms, of indigestion and biliousness, to Dr. King's New Life Pills. He says: "They are a perfect remedy, for dizziness, sour stomach, headache, constipation, etc." Guaranteed at all drug stores, price 25c.

CROPS LOOKING PROSPEROUS.

Various News Notes and Personals From Francisco.

Francisco Route 1, Aug. 5.—The crops in this section are looking very prosperous.

There will be services at Big Creek church Saturday and Sunday as usual.

Among those on the sick list this week are Mrs. Anna Nunn and little son and Mr. Bob Craddock. Hope they will soon recover.

Prof. J. T. Smith visited our community last week. Glad to have you with us, Prof. Come again.

Mr. J. H. Clifton and family, of Pilot Mountain, are visiting relatives and friends near here.

Misses Mamie Leak and Claudia Smith attended services near Smith last Sunday. They report a pleasant trip.

Mr. Joe Smith, of Mt. Airy, spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Smith.

Mrs. Deye Boyles and little daughter, Everette, visited relatives and friends at Pilot Mountain and Mt. Airy the past two weeks.

Mrs. W. W. Leake spent Monday with her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Flippin.

Jarvis, how do you like free delivery these hot days? Fine though, I suppose.

We hope the Pine Hall boys will have a pleasant trip on the excursion to the mountains.

Miss Mamie Leake, of Peter's Creek, Va., is spending this week with Miss Claudia Smith, of this place.

As this is our first attempt to write to the Reporter and in fear of the waste basket, we will stop for this time.

TWO BLUE EYED GIRLS.

Personal Notes From Germanton. Germanton, Aug. 3.—Mr. T. M. Crews, of the Charlotte Observer mailing force, is visiting his mother at this place. He contemplates spending some time at Moore's Springs before his return to his duties.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bitting, of Mana, Tex., have been visiting at the home of Mrs. M. E. Gibson this week.

Mr. Sam'l F. Styers, wife and little son, of Baltimore, are visiting at the home of his father, Mr. E. J. Styers. Mr. Styers is a machinist by trade, but is prospecting with a view of engaging in other business, possibly the raising of cattle and fine hogs.

Mr. J. C. Small, of the Southern Railway, with his family, is visiting at the home of his father, Dr. L. H. Hill.

STATE OF O, CITY OF TOLEDO, ss. LUCAS COUNTY, Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure. FRANK J. CHENEY.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886.

A. W. GLEASON.

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F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by all Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Briefs Adrift.

Mr. W. H. Spencer, of Watkinsville, was in Danbury Friday.

The brick work of Walnut Cove's bank is almost completed.

Mr. Walter Flynt, of Gideon, spent Sunday night in Danbury.

Dr. E. Fulp, of Fulp, spent Sunday night at the McCausless hotel.

Mr. M. A. Sheppard, of Campbell Route 1, visited the Reporter office Thursday.

Mr. W. R. Stevens, keeper of the county home, was in town Monday.

Mr. Thomas Petree has returned from a two week's stay at Moore's Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Chilton visited the mother of Mrs. Chilton, at Red Shoals, Sunday.

Elder Paul Priddy, of Lime Rock, was among those who visited Danbury Monday.

Mrs. Bettie Martin and daughter, Miss Annie, of Gideon, visited relatives here a day or two this week.

Mrs. R. I. Dalton and daughter, Miss Sadie May, of Winston, came up Monday on a visit to relatives.

Miss Maggie Petree, of Germanton, who has been visiting Miss Minnie Blum, returned home Friday, accompanied by Miss Lillian Crews.—Winston Sentinel.

Mrs. J. B. Nutt, of Mount Airy, returned home Saturday after spending several days at Piedmont Springs. She was accompanied home by Miss Mary Joyce, of Danbury.

Mr. Wm. Jackson, of Moore's Springs, was in Danbury Thursday. Mr. Jackson tells the Reporter that he took a peach from his orchard this season that weighed even one pound.

There was no preaching at the M. E. church last Sunday on account of the absence of the pastor, Rev. J. T. Rutledge, who was attending the Sunday School Convention at Elkin.

Mr. Cary L. Carroll, a Stokes boy, who holds a lucrative position with the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., at New Orleans, has moved his headquarters temporarily to Memphis, Tenn., on account of the yellow fever in New Orleans.

Mr. Thomas Mabe, of Hartman, tells the Reporter that one of his hens recently laid an egg as large as that of a goose. He expected to find two yellows in it but instead found that the large egg contained another one fully matured and with shell on it.

It is learned that Mr. Nat Boyden, who died at his home near Donaha some days since, did not leave a will, as was thought at first. If this is true all of his property will go to his daughter, the only child he had. The deceased left a valuable farm of several hundred acres near Donaha, besides a large tract of land in Ashe county.

The Winston Sentinel says petitions are being pretty generally circulated in Forsyth county asking Gov. Glenn to change the sentence of J. W. Hammons from hanging to life imprisonment in the penitentiary. Petitions asking for this change have been circulated over Stokes and it is learned that a majority of those asked to do so signed them very readily.