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Don't sacrifice your comfortable home on the altar of procrastination, merely because you "haven't time," or "the house won't catch fire," or "it's a waste of money;" you may put off taking out a policy until your property lies in ashes.

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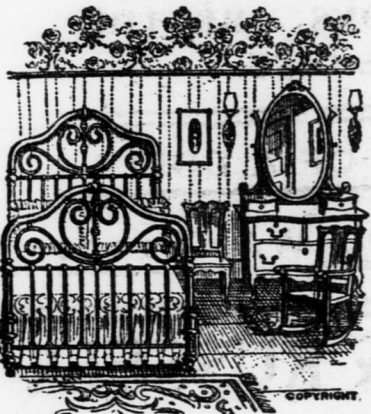
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HELP THE NEGRO.

Plans For Making Him A Better Farmer And Citizen.

The Washington correspondent of the Atlanta Constitution says:—"To teach a colored man industrious habits and improved methods of farming, means to make him a better citizen and to advance the best interests of the state."

In these words Senator Clay, of Georgia, recently replied to Professor P. C. Parks, former director of Clark university, in discussing a proposal to have the government lend its aid through the department of agriculture in making better farmers of the southern negroes.

The plan proposed is for the bureau in charge of farm management investigations to send experts through the south to teach the negroes the fundamental facts of scientific agriculture. Viewing the needs of the south with the eyes of one who has become attached to its soil and its people, H. E. Stockbridge of Atlanta has written to Senator Clay to urge his support of an appropriation which will make it possible for the United States department of agriculture to help negroes to become better farmers.

About 65 per cent of crops of the southern states are produced by negro farm labor. This labor is the least intelligent, least thrifty and least productive in America, declares Mr. Stockbridge. "The inevitable result is," he continued, "that the whole average return from southern farms is lowered."

He goes on to show that the difference between a 36-bushel yield of corn per acre in Vermont and 18 bushels per acre in Georgia is not due alone to difference in soil fertility. He says: "The real difference is in the intelligence and capacity of the farm laborer. This difference is chiefly one of race. Here is where the inefficiency of negro help mitigates against southern success."

That the south as a whole would be more prosperous if the negro farmers were more intelligent and capable, is the self-evident truth uttered by Mr. Stockbridge. In a letter to the chairman of the committee on agriculture of the senate he gives some reasons which occur to him why the national government should cooperate with the states in giving the negro farmers an upward lift.

"Something is radically wrong with the negro farm laborers, and the whole country would be advanced."

Much is being done by both state and federal governments to improve southern agriculture. This effort has hitherto been directed toward improving the condition of white farmers. They have well endowed agricultural colleges, farmers unions, fairs and other aids to progress. The negro farmer has received no aid of this kind, and all the benefit he has secured has been merely incidental.

While these recognized adjuncts to agricultural progress are good for the white farmer, they must be relatively good for the negro farmer. If the average of the whole is raised by improving the productiveness of our white part of the population it is a mathematical axiom that a total product would be increased by raising the productiveness of the negro part.

If the average yield of corn can be increased by inducing white farmers to adopt better methods, there can be no question that the total average would be raised by inducing negro farmers to do the same thing.

It is better for the whole people that all are induced to a high degree of production or value, rather than that a part be left to lower the average of the whole.

"The white men of the south recognize these fundamental truths. They would gladly welcome any effort which offered reasonable hope of improvement. They recognize the fact that conditions have grown worse rather than better during the past few years. As a consequence, the proportion of southern farms abandoned to unproductive and thriftless efforts of negro tenants and croppers is steadily on the increase. The immediate result is seen in the steady decrease of the average yields of staple southern crops. This condition is of national significance."

"The improvement to be attempted shall be by means of education. This education must

be practical—technical—simple. It is for negroes, and must be conducted by negroes.

"It is intended that negro farmers shall be simply, practically and personally taught the principles and practices of good farming. They are to be shown how to make better crops and to be better farmers and citizens."

"This instruction shall be given directly on the farms, so that labor shall not be taken away from the place where it is needed. The system proposed has, in an emphatic way proved its effectiveness. The few negro farmers' institutes and farm demonstrations made have resulted in many definite, individual and community cases of better farming and better living. Better and more effective labor, better farmers and better citizens can be pointed to wherever a trial of the plan has been made. Georgia, Alabama and Florida in particular offer numerous instances."

"It is believed that if the effort can be systematized, localized and intelligently conducted it will soon justify itself in definite, practical progress."

The few competent negroes essential to the success of the plan are available. These men have gained the confidence and cooperation of the white men most familiar with the requirements of such work.

"Practical cooperation of the two races in the attempt would be assured, and such united effort is a part of the plan which would go far toward assuring its success."

Rhodhiss.

Mr. Junius Harill was injured recently by getting a piece of steel in his eye while fixing a shafting in the mill.

Mr. W. S. Taylor and family left Tuesday on a pleasure trip to New York where they will spend several days.

Mr. C. E. Neighbors and son, Earle, went to Rutherford College with the Granite Falls Band Tuesday night.

Mr. James Kennet, of Spartanburg, S. C., was in town Saturday on business.

Mr. C. E. Nabors lost his fine cow Monday night.

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Anniversary of Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence

Charlotte, N. C., May 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 1909.

On account of above occasion Southern Railway will sell round trip tickets at very low rates. Round trip rate from Hickory \$2.50. Tickets on sale May 17th, 18th, 19th, and for trains arriving at Charlotte by 1:00 p. m. May 20th. Final limit May 22, 1909.

President Taft will be the Guest of Honor on May 20th, and to accommodate those desiring to visit Charlotte on that date a special train will be operated to leave Morganton at 6:00 a. m.; Hickory 6:51 a. m.; Newton 7:16; Statesville 8:10 a. m. Special train will also be operated to leave Taylorsville at 7:00 a. m., to connect with special from Morganton, arriving at Charlotte at 9:55 a. m.; returning leave Charlotte at 8:15 p. m. same day.

For further information see larger flyer, or call on your depot agent. R. L. Vernon, D. P. A., Charlotte, N. C.

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We congratulate the Daughters of the Confederacy of Hickory upon naming their chapter recently organized, the "Abel Shuford Chapter." This is an honor most worthily bestowed upon one of Catawba County's leading citizens, and Confederate soldiers.—Catawba News.

Sluggish livers and bowels are the cause of nearly every disease. Cleanse your system and regulate the bowels and liver to healthy, natural action by Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. The surest remedy known. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. Moser and Lutz.

STATE'S WATER POWER. Natural Resources Which Are Worth Investigation.

Mr. D. M. Farnell writes to the Charlotte Observer as follows:

The rivers of North Carolina, having their source in the mountain regions, are fit subjects for study and investigation in so far as the undeveloped watersheds are concerned. The water-power of these rivers is tremendous and will, when properly developed, generate sufficient electricity to turn every industrial wheel and furnish heat and light for every town and city from the mountains to the seashore. The development of electrical horse-power will give a great impetus to manufacturing industries as it will furnish cheap native power and will eliminate the heavy outlay for coal and other fuel. Since 1894, when electric horse-power was first used in cotton mills in this region, the textile industry has entered upon the most interesting period of its history. It will not be long before industries of every description will come to North Carolina for location and the entire State will enjoy a prosperity that has never been equalled by any other country in the world.

The coal supply is being rapidly exhausted and the crying need of the time is cheap motive power. It is estimated by competent authority that the coal supply will be practically exhausted within fifty years. The demands for coal increase year by year. It is obvious to our mind that electricity must supplant steam. The development has been begun and the time is coming when the entire State will be electrified. Electricity, transmitted hundreds of miles and in all directions, will run trolley lines, railroad trains, furnish power for industries and heat and light the cities.

The State should take early steps to protect and preserve the water rights and privileges. Capitalists are already in the field purchasing water sites and development has been started. But the State, while encouraging water development, should at the same time properly safeguard the rights of the people and not permit these wonderful bounties of nature to be converted into gigantic monopoly.

Whooping Cough.

This is a more dangerous disease than is generally presumed. It will be a surprise to many to learn that more deaths result from it than scarlet fever. Pneumonia often results from it. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been used in many epidemics of whooping cough, and always with the best results. Delbert McKeig of Harlan, Iowa, says of it: "My boy took whooping cough when nine months old. He had it in the winter. I got a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy which proved good. I can not recommend it to highly." For sale by W. S. Martin and Company.

Use The Road Drag

We appear to want good roads but it is certain we do not want them as much as we profess, or there would be more split-log drags in use. When each land owner is willing, for the sake of a good road in front of his place, to spend fifty cents to a dollar a month in labor of men and teams to drag the roads passing his own lands, then, and not until then, shall we have passed beyond the talking stage on the working stage of a desire for good roads. By all odds, this is the cheapest and most effective means of improving our earth roads which is within our reach. It is so cheap, and yet so effective, that it ought to be in use on every mile of earth road in our territory; but we venture to guess that there is not now in use an average of one split-log drag to the county throughout our territory. Can any one tell us why?—Progressive Farmer.

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Wm. Farr—England's oldest man married the third time at 120, worked in the fields till 132 and lived 20 years longer. People should be young at 80. James Wright, of Spurlock, Ky., shows how to remain young. I feel just like a 16 year-old boy," he writes "after taking six bottles of Electric Bitters. For thirty years Kidney trouble made life a burden, but the first bottle of this wonderful medicine convinced me I had found the greatest cure on earth." They're a godsend to weak, sickly rundown or old people. Try them. 50c at W. S. Martin, C. M. Shuford and Moser & Lutz.

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