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GROWING ALFALFA

What North Carolina is Doing With This Crop.

The growing of alfalfa is increasing in North Carolina, as it is in other portions of the South, and it is proving a most satisfactory crop and paying well. Mr. W. E. Benbow, of Guilford county, whose farm is at Oak Ridge, in the northwestern part of the country, and between two branches of the Winston-Salem division of the Southern railway, took up the growing of this crop several years ago and has been very successful in its handling. In giving the details in connection with the crop, Mr. Benbow, early in March, wrote The Field that he considered it "a very valuable forage crop. Three years ago last August I seeded three acres in alfalfa, using twenty pounds of seed per acre. I got a good stand and cut the first crop the following spring—on the last day of April. I cut five crops that year and five each year since, making fifteen cuttings in three years. The stand is still good on most of this lot and the prospect is fine for a crop this spring. It has yielded each year about twenty-four large two-horse loads of choice hay. I think it pays me better than anything else I ever raised. There is no need of failure on any well-drained land if properly prepared and seeded. I sowed twelve acres more last September. Have a good stand. It is now quite green and growing nicely. I think fifty dollars per acre net profit each year a very conservative estimate of the three acres I have cropped three years."

This section of North Carolina is in the Piedmont region, a fine general farming section where agriculture flourishes in practically its branches. Tobacco is an important crop, and all the staple products are grown to advantage. The average yield of wheat by the leading farmers of Guilford county for 1907 was given as over 27 bushels to the acre. Good farming properties can be purchased at from \$10 to \$50 per acre. The growing season is long, permitting from two to three crops annually, and the average mean temperature for the year is a little under sixty degrees. A system of fine macadam roads, embracing a hundred and sixty miles of highways, is now under construction at a cost of \$300,000. The county is traversed by the main line of Southern Railway and several of its branches, supplying transportation facilities to all sections. Greensboro and High Point, two of the great manufacturing centres and business points of the State, are in Guilford county, and their rapid and substantial growth have made it one of the most populous and wealthiest counties of North Carolina.

Work on the Southern.

The Southern railway is repairing the track between Salisbury and Hickory. The track was in a very poor condition the early part of the summer but owing to the heavy rainfall the company decided to delay the extensive repairs which include a practical rebuilding of the track until the weather changed.

The maintenance department put a large force of men at work within the past two weeks and the work is progressing rapidly. The track will be entirely rebuilt and an eighty pound rail laid the entire length of the division between these two cities. New ties are being put in as well and a new ballast. The railway company expects to make similar improvements on different parts of the system.

Aldrich and the Tariff.

I dreamed a dream—
Methought it was a dream.
Although it may have been a scream.
Methought I stood inside the gate
Of Paradise, a happy fate,
And watched St. Peter handling those
Who sought a final, sweet repose.
Among the others still outside
Was one of manner dignified,
Who when his turn had come approached
As though he had been fully coached.
"And who are you?" the saint inquired.
The applicant looked bored and tired.
"My name is Aldrich. I have been!"
"Oh, yes, I know," the saint broke in;
"You are the gent who seems to think
A tariff can't be on the blink."
The statesman stiffly bowed his head,
St. Peter softly smiled and said:
"We have a tariff up here too
On all that we admit, as you
Believe in having, and we fix
A rate as in your politics,
With special interests well in sight.
So we may get our friends in right.
Now you, for instance—well now, say,
You're special in a different way,
And when we come to you we give
A rate that is prohibitive,
And as you can't land here, old man,
You've got to get in where you can."
Forthwith the saint the portal slammed,
And Aldrich murmured, "Well, I'm
damned!"
A deep, dark voice cried, "That's no
joke!"
So loud it was that I awoke.
—W. J. Lampton in the N. Y. World.

Catawba Crops.

The Raleigh News and Observer, in its summary of crop conditions throughout the State, has this to say of conditions in Catawba county:

"Crop conditions in Catawba are about as follows, from best information I can get: Wheat and oats nearly all threshed. The acreage of both is a little above last year. Wheat estimated from 75 per cent to 95 per cent of general average; about 80 per cent will possibly be the general average. Oats are reported to be almost an average crop. Corn on low lands is a total failure, as rains have been frequent since May 19th. Upland corn has a good stalk but not earing so well. Estimates vary from half crop to three-fourths. Will not average over 65 per cent, according to reports sent in.

Cotton is growing fine now, but is very late. All reports say off 20 per cent to 30 per cent over last year. Some places it is as low as half crop. Can't make over 65 per cent to 70 per cent under most favorable conditions.

More clover than usual has been sown, and a fine yield for spring crop.

Pea-vine hay is very promising as it has been seasonable. Fine prospects for sweet potatoes; considering acreage, if season continues, the yield will be above average. No tobacco raised in the county.

The Mint Julep at Oxford.

It is an interesting discovery that the mint julep, supposedly restricted to this country, is a bibulous refreshment that is one of the traditions at New College, Oxford. Nearly a century ago a student from one of the Southern States introduced at a party a liquid refreshment containing the aromatic green leaves. The mint julep leaped at once into popularity among the undergraduates. The young American died before receiving his degree. In course of time the head master received a letter from the young American's solicitor stating that his client in his will had bequeathed to New College a set of beautiful silver loving cups, together with a fund, providing that on June 1 of each year, mint juleps should be served at a dinner for all the dons and students. The bequest was accepted and the health of the donor is solemnly pledged in the fragrant American beverage at each anniversary.

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The Needs of a County to Make it More Prosperous.

The Lenoir News recently had this sensible preachment about Caldwell county, every word of which applies with equal force to Catawba:

Caldwell county has good climate, good water, good lands, fine scenery, and churches, good schools, some good roads, many good farmers, many profitable manufactories, many industrious, law-abiding and peace-loving people.

Caldwell county wants better schools, better roads, better farmers and more of them, more manufactories, more industrious and law-abiding people.

Caldwell county needs to raise more wheat, more corn, more hay, more hogs, more cattle, more sheep, more horses, more poultry more bees, and to manufacture more of her lumber into the finished products and not ship it away in the rough.

Caldwell county needs to protect her forests, kill more weeds and less trees, kill more dogs and buy less meat, kill more moths and bugs (by spraying) and buy less fruit, canned and otherwise.

Caldwell needs more people to patronize home merchants, and stop sending money away to the big cities; more people to improve and beautify their homes and make them attractive. More people who see and appreciate her many advantages, and people who will praise them and talk them up, instead of people who are grumblers and complainers, and who are always talking about a better place somewhere else.

If your county and town is not what you want it to be, set about to make it right by doing your part well. Make your home brighter, your life purer, your work better. Make your farm, your shop, your store, your factory, or whatever position you labor in, the best you possibly can, use every effort to make your county and town what you think it should be, and then if you fail, you may have some little excuse to complain, but not until then. No man has a right to complain because certain things do not suit him when he has done nothing to make them suit him. The croaker and complainer is not a very desirable citizen in any community. He makes his own life and that of his fellows unpleasant and does little to make the world better as he goes through it. Let every citizen of this grand old county take a look at himself and see if he is doing his duty in its up-building and improvement and if he is not, let him "get busy" in his own little sphere of work and do what he can to better conditions and in a short time the results will be surprising.

"Cures" For Consumption.

With the present rapid growth of the anti-tuberculosis movement the number of so-called "cures" for consumption is being increased almost daily. Hundreds of quack "doctors," "professors," and "institutes" are advertising that they can cure consumption for small amounts, with the result that thousands of dupes are yearly cheated out of their lives as well as their money. Besides these, "cures" and medicines of all sorts, numbering now several hundred, are sold for the deception of the public.

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