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Dr. Knapp Makes Valuable Suggestions to Those Interested in Co-operative and Demonstrative Work.

The past winter has been so wet that there has been less than usual opportunity to prepare the land for this year's crop. The rains have continued so late that many fields are very wet. These conditions make it all the more necessary that the soil be well prepared before planting. In the impatience to commence planting the temptation to plow before the land is dry enough is very great. Against this we issue a word of warning. There are few more injurious farm practices. Land plowed wet at this time is injured for the whole season. Such land is more than likely to be cloddy, and a clod in the field is of little use to plants. Cloddy land is hard to work and seldom gives a good stand. It furnishes a minimum of food to the plants and is exceedingly subject to drought.

While it is desirable, especially in the boll-weevil sections, to plant cotton as early as possible, yet there is nothing gained by placing the seed in the ground before the latter is warm enough to cause it to germinate and grow; or before the soil is thoroughly prepared. This was strongly illustrated last year in boll-weevil sections. Where the land was properly prepared before planting, even though this preparation caused a delay in putting the seed into the ground, the yield was much better than where attention was not given in this detail. A thorough preparation is more than half the cultivation. Do not plant either cotton or corn before the land is worked into a fine seed bed even if planting is a little late.

Last spring a great amount of trouble was experienced in securing stands, especially of cotton. This was primarily due to a late, wet spring; but there were other contributing factors, including poor preparation of land, improper depth of planting and poor seed. The farmers seem fairly well aroused to the importance of good seed. To be good the seed must not only be from a good variety but must have been carefully selected and so cared for that they have strong vitality. Be sure the seeds planted have not been damaged from any cause. Prepare the land thoroughly and sufficiently in advance of planting so that there is a firm seed bed. Then avoid one of the most common causes of loss of stand—that of planting too deep.

With well prepared land good cotton seed, if properly planted, will germinate even in a dry spring when covered to no greater depth than one-fourth inch. Many of the cotton planting machines on the market are faulty in that it is almost impossible to gauge the depth at which the seeds are placed in the ground. This defect is only

THE SPLIT LOG DRAG.

How it Improves Every Road Used Upon.

North Carolina Agricultural Department.

DRAGGING the roads is undoubtedly the cheapest method of keeping the average country road in good condition. For this purpose the split-log drag gives most excellent service and is within the reach of every township, and foreman of road construction. It is simple in its construction and can be built in any township at a very small cost. As an example of the cheapness of the construction of one of these drags, I might mention that recently one was made in a township in Georgia at a cash outlay of only 25 cents besides the cost of labor. The logs of the drag were made from some cast-off bridge lumber of heart pine, and the iron plate for the front section was made of a piece of old cast-off wagon tire. Three men constructed this in less than one hour. The drag when completed worked perfectly.

The value of the drag is that it not only smoothes the road but also crows it and puddles the mud so that it is harder than ever when dried. On clay roads they can be used with the greatest success. To obtain the best results from the drag, some attention should be given to the time when it is used. For the most part, they should be used just after rains or continued wet weather in order to smooth the surface and prevent the formation of ruts which would hold the water. If there are many depressions to be filled up, the drag should be used when the road is quite wet. If, however, the road has already been made fairly smooth, the best results will be obtained by using the drag just as the earth begins to dry. If the farmers of the State would take more interest in the repair of our earth roads and would supply themselves with these drags and make themselves responsible for a certain piece of road, large sections of the farming districts that are now troubled with bad roads could have these same roads kept in very good repair at a very little cost. In many sections of the West where the roads are composed of a black gumbo material, they are maintained entirely by use of the split-log drag. Nearly every farmer owns one and after a rain he spends a few hours on the road adjacent to his farm. In this way the ruts and holes are filled up and the road kept smooth. If the farmers of eastern, central and western North Carolina would be willing to give a small amount of their time in a similar way to looking after the road adjacent to their own farms, he would be very agreeably surprised to find in what good condition the road was kept over which he is obliged to haul his produce to town.

It would be profitable for the various townships to divide up their roads into sections and employ some particular person to look after each section and be sure that the drag is used every time it is necessary.

To Destroy Humanity is No Right.

The prohibition question is now being widely discussed. It is certainly one of vital importance. On the 26th day of May the people of the State are to decide by their votes whether or not the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors shall be allowed in North Carolina.

During the last few years the anti-prohibition workers have been gradually but surely losing ground. Public opinion is now more thoroughly aroused than ever before in favor of State prohibition, and I believe that if the people of North Carolina will do their duty for the next two months, and then go to the ballot box and do their duty, complete victory will be ours.

Mr. Watson's article against prohibition certainly has the appearance of me of coming from (I hope the figure is not overdrawn) "a drowning man." He is evidently catching at anything that has the appearance of argument to carry his point. He says, "Our race has ever been jealous of its individual rights and liberties." True; and may they ever remain so. But government is not possible without a surrendering to some extent of our rights. And again, our rights cease when they come into conflict with the rights of our fellowmen and in any way cause them to suffer. Statistics prove that more than 100,000 youths and men fill drunkard's graves every year. Have we any right to engage in an occupation so destructive to humanity? Should we not willingly surrender the right to manufacture and sell liquor if by so doing we could save any part of that vast army of youths who are annually going to destruction? Grand right it is, indeed. If that is a right we want jealously guarded, there is something very wrong with us. "O Liberty! what crimes have been perpetrated in thy name!" How many precious lives are being hurled into an awful eternity as a result of our unbridled liberty to sell liquor! Oh, voters of North Carolina! is not their blood upon our hands?

Forbid, Almighty God, that it should be thus any longer. I know not what course others may take, but I, for one, will ever after this wash my hands clean of the blood of my fellowman. After the 26th of May, shall the bloody banner of King Alcohol be raised over our State and shall we march to the drum beat of the rum fiend, or shall

Local Items of Interest

The closing exercises of the Mt. Prospect graded school will take place April 10th. Rev. W. E. Abernethy will deliver the address.

Mr. Neil Parker of Anson county and Miss Annie Birmingham, daughter of Mr. Joseph M. Birmingham, of New Salem township, were married on the 22nd at the residence of the bride's father.

Elder P. D. Gold of Wilson, the most prominent Primitive Baptist preacher in the State, will preach the annual sermon at commencement of Peachland Academy on Sunday April 12th.

There will be an old time singing at the Snyder school house, in Lanes Creek township, the first Sunday in April, at 2 o'clock. The old Sacred Harp hymn book will be used.

It is unusual to see a snake in the snow, but Mr. C. E. B. Parker killed a large spreading adder a few mornings ago when the ground was covered with snow. It was so cold that it could hardly move.

Out of some twenty-five or more applicants for the position of rural letter carrier on Route No. 3 from Waxhaw, Mr. Edwin Niven was the successful contestant, having received the appointment from the department a few days ago. The new carrier will assume his duties the first of April.

The Carmel school, one of the best in the county, closed last Thursday with addresses by Rev. Geo. H. Atkinson, Ney McNeely, Prof. Nesbit, and Rev. Mr. Hipps, and a picnic. A good crowd was present and many visitors. The ladies set a splendid dinner, and the day was most enjoyable.

While picking up a hair ornament from under a loom in the Beaumont Cotton Mill at Spartanburg, Mrs. Wheeler an operative, accidentally caught her hair in the machinery and the scalp on the top of her head was torn off. The injured woman was placed in an ambulance and hurried to the Good Samaritan Hospital, where she is in a serious condition.

In speaking of the closing of the school at Diamond Hill, in Anson county, the correspondent of the Messenger and Intelligencer says: The teacher, Prof. W. T. Baucum of Union county, made a very telling talk. When he was through many cheeks were bathed in tears. At the close of his talk he dismissed his audience. I think I can speak for the whole patronage of the school in returning thanks to our worthy teachers for the success of the school, and I hope it will be our pleasure to have them teach the next term.

G. W. Russell, a prominent young farmer of Mecklenburg county, was startled Tuesday morning upon opening his front door to find a small coffin leaning against it and a note attached to the lid demanding that Russell leave a sum of money at a place designated. Mrs. Russell, wife of the threatened man, was so overcome that she collapsed and a physician had to be called to administer restoratives. Great indignation was created when the news got abroad and a constable was sent at once to the scene of the crime and it is believed that two well known young men of the county will have to answer for the affair.

Rev. M. H. Hoyle, one of the oldest and best known preachers in the Western North Carolina Conference of the M. E. Church, South, died Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. F. Rucker, at Charlotte. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon from Tryon Street Methodist church, and the interment took place at Elmwood cemetery. Rev. Mr. Hoyle had been an active minister for more than forty years. He was one of the most genial men to be found, always bright and sunny, with a pleasant word. His face was well known to many of the people of this county, among whom he had labored from time to time.

Mr. Sherrill in the Race.

To the Disfranchisement of North Carolina.

It has come to me from a number of sources that the report is being circulated that I have withdrawn from the race for the Democratic nomination for Commissioner of Labor and Printing of North Carolina. I am at a loss to know how this report originated, as I have never had the slightest intention of withdrawing from the contest. The encouragement and support I have received from every part of the State seem to assure my nomination for this office. I have received almost the unanimous endorsement of the North Carolina press, and letters offering the support of many of the most prominent Democrats in the State. For these assurances I am deeply grateful, and if nominated and elected will give the duties of the office my very best attention.

Respectfully,
J. R. SHERRILL.
Concord, N. C., March 21, 1908.

Famous "White" Actress Who is Really a Negro.

According to Ray Stannard Baker in the April American Magazine there are many supposedly white persons of great prominence in this country who are really negroes. He says:

"There are more such cases than white people imagine. I know of scores of them. A well known white actress, whose name, of course, I can not give, when she goes to Boston, secretly visits her colored relatives. A New York man who holds a prominent political appointment under the State government and who has become an authority in his line, is a negro. Not long ago he entered a hotel in Baltimore and the negro porter who ran to take his bag said discreetly:

"Hello, Bob."

"As boys they had gone to the same negro school."

"Let me carry your bag," said the porter, "I won't give you away."

"In Philadelphia there lives a colored woman who married a rich white man. Of course, no white people know she is colored, but the negroes do, and do not tell. Occasionally she drives down to a certain store, dismisses her carriage and walks on foot to the home of her mother and sisters.

"Only a few years ago the newspapers were filled for a day or two with the story of a girl who had been at Vassar College, and upon graduation by merest accident it was discovered that she was a negro. A similar case arose only last summer at Chicago University.

"Some mulattoes I know of, one a prominent Wall street broker, have 'crossed the line' by declaring that they are Mexicans, Brazilians, Spaniards or French; one says he is an Armenian. Under a foreign name they are readily accepted among white people where, as negroes, they would be instantly rejected. No one, of course, can estimate the number of men and women with negro blood who have thus 'gone over to white', but it must be large."

Mr. John Riha of Vining, Ia., says: "I have been selling DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills for about a year and they give better satisfaction than any pill I ever sold." There are a dozen people here who have used them and they give perfect satisfaction in every case. I have used myself with fine results." Sold by English Drug Company.

Done by Public Opinion.

"In God We Trust" is to go back on the coins. This is one of the things accomplished by public opinion. It may be perfectly safe to tamper with the rights of the American people, but when their sentiments and traditions are interfered with they are pretty likely to become indignant.

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A Waste of Money — Husband (going on journey)—I think, my dear, I'll take out an accident policy. Wife—What's the use, you're never lucky at that sort of thing.—Fliegende Blatter.

Local Items of Interest

Mr. Joel Griffin of Marshville and Miss Kate Liles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Liles of east Monroe township, were married Wednesday afternoon at the residence of the bride's parents. Rev. J. L. Shinn performed the marriage service. A number of the friends and relatives of the contracting parties attended the wedding. After the marriage the bridal party went to the home of the groom's brother, Mr. R. C. Griffin, in Marshville, where a splendid supper was served. On the following day a reception at the home of the groom's father, Mr. John Q. Griffin, in east Monroe township, was given. Mrs. Griffin is a deservedly popular lady and has a wide circle of friends. Mr. Griffin is the popular manager of the Marshville Furniture Company and has a great many friends.

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