

Time to Use the Split Log Drag.

Beyond all doubt the roads in this county could be immeasurably improved and kept in order by use of the simple device known as the split log drag, an implement that any man handy with tools can make in a few hours.

The drag does the best work when the soil is moist, but not sticky. The earth then moves freely along the faces of the slabs.

Another valuable result of dragging is the reduction of dust, for the particles of clay adhere so tenaciously that there is but little wear when the surface is smooth.

There are so many influences at work and conditions are so varied in different localities that it is quite impossible to lay down a general rule for the number of treatments needed to keep a road in good condition.

We suggest that the road supervisors of each township take up this subject and thoroughly investigate its applicability to their townships.

Mr. Sears, of Sears, Roebuck & Co.

So thoroughly has the necessity of advertising been established in the modern business world, that no enterprise can live without it.

After twenty years of activity with the firm of Sears, Roebuck & Company, the great mail order house of Chicago, A. P. Sears has retired with a fortune of \$25,000,000.

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CLAY AND GRAVEL ROADS.

A Mail Carrier Thinks That There is Plenty of Good Road Material Right at Hand in Union County.

In the matter of road improvement, none can be interested more than letter carriers. We note with interest what you say of Editor Harris' idea of sand clay roads.

It occurs to me that by making our roads as straight as possible, and then by the placing of this gravel, which we have in such unlimited quantity, a few inches deep in our roads, we could have goods with comparatively little cost.

As I ride on my daily round, delivering and collecting mail matter, my mind often reverts to the pleasant occasion of Labor Day celebration when we had the pleasure of meeting the brethren of the country association, and other friends.

We would like to see something from the pens of our president and secretary in the county papers now and then. It will do us all good.

Let every man and woman in the rural mail service—an army of forty-one thousand—stand firmly, throw back the shoulders, hold up the head, and know that he or she is in the very best of company.

Furthermore, the department at Washington encourages the association of rural carriers. Let every letter carrier become a member of the organization and labor for the most acceptable service, and for the mutual good of all the members.

Washaw, N. C.

Mr. Edouard D'Oize. Excepting perhaps Mr. Otis Skinner there is no actor today, who has essayed Shakespearean roles, whose reading of the lines of the immortal bard equals in intelligence and quality of tone that of the young actor, Mr. Edouard D'Oize.

Friday Evening, October 29th. On this date Mr. Guy F. Gregg presents Mr. Edouard D'Oize, assisted by Miss Eugenia Flagg and a company of players, in Shakespeare's masterpiece comedy, "The Merchant of Venice."

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COTTON.

Local market today, 13.85. President Barrett Calls on Farmers to Hold Cotton.

President Charles Barrett of the Farmers' Union has issued the following address to members of the Union: "To the members of the Farmers' Union. The South is producing this year probably the shortest crop, in proportion to demand, since this section began to raise cotton.

The laws of supply and demand, so glibly quoted to us in the past, are such that cotton is worth more than it is now bringing. The world needs our product. The mills in the United States and in Europe need it.

Hubbard Bros' Letter. Another rapid advance with the market closing at about 14 cents for the active positions, under a demand from the spinners calling cotton, but more especially from many parties who did not buy at lower levels and who now feel certain of a further rapid advance.

Number Bales Ginned. The census bureau today issued a report showing that 5,525,591 bales, counting round as half bales, had been ginned from the growth of 1909 to October 18, as compared with 6,296,166 for 1908.

It is estimated that the value of the cotton crop this year in the States of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Florida, though half a million or more less bales, will bring about \$120,000,000 more than last year.

The Time Now Is, And No Mistake!

You must have fires, why not have the best, most convenient and satisfactory? We have a cinch on the Coal Trade.

We sell you only Lump Coal—not fine stuff, we burn that in our boilers and sell you only the good pure Lump that you can pick up with fingers or tongs.

Monroe Ice and Fuel Co., PHONE 279.

796, and 19,799 in all other States, as compared with 23,623.

Stole the President's 'Possum. President Taft is still on the wing, circling back towards Washington. He will spend all of Nov. 9th in Wilmington, the only stop to be made in North Carolina.

The President's train developed a full fledged mystery today. Railroad detectives, special police and secret service men to the contrary notwithstanding, somebody stole the President's 'possum.

A fat, sleek, shiny-looking possum was put aboard the train yesterday at Hempstead, Texas. He occupied one half of an orange crate, while on the other side was a "mess" of sweet potatoes intended to be served as a concomitant of the feast.

Then came the astonishing news that the 'possum had disappeared. The man in charge of the baggage car had set the crate on the platform last night at Dallas and despite the fact that the train was surrounded by bluecoats throughout the period of darkness, the morning's light revealed the fact that the "bird" had flown, taking the sweet potatoes with him.

Through some psychological phenomenon the President's desires and the woeful loss at Dallas traveled ahead of the train and when it arrived at Longview at noon today another 'possum, all dressed for cooking, was put aboard.

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Our neighbor's faults are magnified sevenfold, but as to our own shortcomings we can not see them with a microscope.

Another Lot of Those \$9.50 All Wool Broadcloth Capes, All Shades, at \$7.50.

Buy Your Winter Needs In Staple Cotton Goods Now!

Cotton Goods Are Almost Certain to be Higher. Certainly not any cheaper. The fleecy staple is steadily advancing in price day by day; the mills are boosting prices on every line made of cotton.

Our immense stock of Staple Cottons is offered to you at prices equally as low as when cotton was eight cents. These prices won't last.

25c. 10-4 Sheeting, special price... 20c Heath Mills Unbleached 10-4 Sheeting, full width, worth 28c yd; special price this week, cheap... 20c 33c Bleached 9-4 Sheeting... 25c 10c Yard wide Bleached Domestic, special this week... 7c Good, heavy, free from starch, yard wide 10c Bleached Domestic; worth 10c when cotton was 8 cents. As a special for this week... 7c yd

Read This List of Staples and Put them on Your List to See:

Table listing various textile goods and their prices, including Sea Island Sheeting, Berkley Cambric, and various types of cloth and flannel.

W. H. Belk & Brother

The Use of Money

The way a man uses money, makes it, saves it, spends it, is perhaps the best test of character. Money should not be regarded as the principal end of life, nor should it be regarded with contempt, for it represents to a great extent the means of mental and physical comfort.

Why Not Begin To Save Now.

When you sell a bale of cotton, if you cannot put the entire amount in the bank, why not deposit part of it? And later on some more, and after a while you will find you have accumulated a snug balance to your credit.

Regulated and controlled by the United States Government.

Advertisement for The First National Bank of Monroe, listing officers: R. A. Morrow (President), J. R. English (Vice-President), Roscoe Phifer (Cashier), W. C. Crowell (Assistant Cashier), and W. H. Phifer (Teller).

Shoes Shoes

We carry shoes for men, women and children from a low price shoe to the best makes.

Men's Edwin Clapp Shoes at \$5.50 to \$6. The Kneeland Shoe at \$4, equal to any \$5 shoe on the market. The Matchless Brand at \$3.50 has no equal.

Clothing Clothing

We have a clean, new stock of clothing for the fall season consisting of men's, youth's and children's Knee Pants Suits. The best values we have ever been able to offer.

300 pair Men's Pants, \$1.50 value at 98c. The newest things in Men's Hats. Big lot Ladies' Coat Suit Samples and Closing Out Lots at 1-3 under value.

All Our Stock from Fire Sale at Sacrifice Prices. Clothing 1-3 to 1-2 price. Dress Goods at half price. Men's Hats at 1-4 to 1-2 price. Notions at 1-4 to 1-2 price.

The Cash Mercantile Co. The House that Saves You Money.

Large advertisement for The Sikes Company featuring images of horses and mules. Text includes: 'The Pick of Fine Horses', 'The Pick of Fine Mules', and 'is the privilege of our patrons.' The company is located at Main Street, Monroe, N. C.