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Get Ready.

Get ready to farm! This may seem like uncalled for advice to men who are supposed to be farming already. The truth is, however, that many men who have no other business than the growing of crops are not really farming. They are laboring under a delusion. They think they are farming, and many other people entertain the same misapprehension. They are in reality, however only making believe farm.

They are doing a few things on farms and really believe that the result is farming, when it is really the merest apology for farming.

Scratching the land three inches deep with a baby plow just before planting time is not farming. Leaving the soil bare of all vegetation and subject to heavy washing winter rains is not farming. Burning off dry vegetation to get it out of the way of pigmy plows in the spring is not farming. Plowing around stumps year after year when a few hours' work would get them out of the way forever is not farming. Letting from 10 to 25 per cent of your land be occupied by stumps and fence hedges which a little effort and sense would convert into your best tillable land is not farming. Working a 6-inch strip of soil to "through" for each man and team is not farming.

All really good farmers will affirm the truth of these assertions. Even most of those actually doing these wasteful and futile things will hardly dispute the justice of criticism. Yet these very things, and others equally unfortunate, constitute the daily practice on thousands of Southern farms.

True progress is being steadily made. In ten years' time a remarkable change has occurred. Improvement, however, is all too slow. Not only Southern farming but all Southern industry and business is now facing a crisis. Dire disaster can only be prevented by an immediate and radical change in our general farm methods.

Science and practical experience agree that the only protection against disaster from the bowl weevil lies in good farming. The only hope is to make our soils so productive—by better methods of farming—that cotton may be produced in spite of the weevil. We must make cotton enough to supply both the demands of commerce and the voracious appetites of this insect pest. There is but one way—by better farming. The better methods indispensable to this new kind of farming cannot be put into practice in a day nor a single season.

Now is the time to get ready—to begin. Better methods, better cultivation—mean better implements. Two horse plows, sulky plows, gang plows, riding cultivators require smooth fields. The stumps must go—their removal is the first indispensable step toward good farming.

If we are to make cotton enough to pay the grower a profit and also feed the weevils our best land cannot be wasted by supplying standing room for stumps. If we are to support ourselves and the horde of coming weevils we cannot waste time plowing around stumps, waste implements by breakage on useless obstacles, nor waste time and money on needless repairs made necessary by stumps.

Prudence—common sense—dictates that it is better to do now in a business-like way, before the weevil forces us, what we shall be driven to do after the weevil comes. Let's get ready!—Southern Ruralist.

Do you know that full nine out of every ten cases of rheumatism are simply rheumatism of the muscles due to cold or damp or chronic rheumatism, and require no internal treatment whatever? Apply Chamberlain's Liniment freely and see how quickly it gives relief. For sale by all dealers.

The Panic Over.

It is now more than three years since the panic of 1907. Panicky conditions no longer exist. Even in the cotton manufacturing business there was a better feeling before the holidays. Everybody feels that when the holidays are over there will be a little further improvement. No one should expect a distinct revival in the form of a rushing demand; for a while yet cotton manufacturing will remain on close margins. In this one instance there is a world overproduction at the present prices, and it is not possible, in the face of increased spindles and decreased cotton production, to sell goods any cheaper. Indeed, there is more chance for goods to be further enhanced than for cotton to fall in price. Labor would not be available in this country to spin more cotton even though we had it. If cotton manufacturing should get on a living basis, this would be enough to expect for the present.

The best hope of trade revival is with the farmer. Cotton-growers were never better suited than now. Cotton is a money crop more than any other. It is less perishable than most crops and is therefore a better basis of stored values. The cotton carried at farmers' homes bear conclusive witness that these will have money throughout the year, making cash purchases. This crop is now in hand. It brings more money than it would have brought had the crop been bigger.

A multitude of other crops have been good, not only in the South but all over the country. The spirit of better and more diversified farming is in the bones of the people. Large production of corn per acre has fairly become a fad. Folks who used to go fox-hunting for entertainment now aim at the corn prizes for entertainment instead. This spirit is bound to tell during the coming year.

It will require steady and hard work yet a while to do much more than make ends meet in some pursuits, but relief is near and the water has become shallow. Nineteen eleven is thus a year that will require continued exertions, but on the last night of 1910 we shall doff our hat and bid the panic of 1907-08-09-10 a most unregretful adieu.

The Producers Share.

Farmers and fruit growers are working the "inside ballots" with great results. This ballot is a note put in the inside of the barrel or box. It reads about as follows:

I put up this package and I was paid—for it. Will you please write and tell me what you paid for it.

Jenksville. Henry Brown. John Smith who lives hundreds of miles away may buy these goods and find the note. Let him consider it his duty to write Henry Brown and tell him the retail price. This is a good way for Smith and Brown to get together and compare notes. When this is done, as it will be by thousands of people that consumer's dollar will be cut up so that both Brown and Smith will have more of the white meat. One of our people bought a barrel of apples for \$5.50 and found by the inside ballot that the grower received 75 cents. A reader in a Nebraska town found New York grapes selling at 35 to 40 cents per basket. We traced up the inside ballot and found that the grape association paid the growers an average of a little over 18 cents with two cents out for the basket. Keep up the inside ballot. It will do for the producer what primary nominations will do for the common people.—Ex.

When buying a cough medicine for children bear in mind that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is most effective for colds, croup, whooping cough and that it contains no harmful drug. For sale by all dealers.

The Alexander County Mule.

H. E. C. Bryant in the Missoula, Mont. Herald.

"The horse is the greatest entertainer the world has ever known," said John E. Medden, one of the old-time horsemen at the New York show. He has given more pleasure under as many varied conditions than any painter singer or writer."

This statement is rather broad. The latter portion of it is true, we admit, but the first is too sweeping. The horse has outstripped the painter, the singer and the writer, all right, but he has never been in the same class with the North Carolina bred mule. In Alexander county—Little Aleck the natives affectionately call it—the Tar Heel mule reaches perfection. There the roan mule thrives.

In size the North Carolina mule does not rank with the Missouri product of the family, nor with the Bitter Root animal, but for cunning trickery and all-round mule he has the world beaten.

The Alexander mule! There is an entertainer for you! It is in that neck of the woods that Gentry Brothers the dog and pony show men get their mules.

The Little Aleck people claim that a well-bred, properly-reared, roan-colored brushy mountain mule such as Congressman Tyre York used to campaign on, can kick the shortening out of bread without ever breaking the crust, or kill a dog without making him holler. That is entertaining some. On one occasion at Taylorsville the county seat of Little Aleck, a great contest was held. John Pegram, a Brushy Mountain dweller, rode his roan mule, Mike, to town and hitched with a half hundred other nags in a stall, under the shed of a livery stable.

Some time during the day a bunch of boys, led by the Tom Sawyer of the village chased a stray dog into the shed. As the canine disappeared behind the outer wall he was going at lively clip, and, apparently making for the other end when he could escape. But, the unique part of it was that he did not reappear, and on investigation the lads discovered his flattened body, as dead as a herring, lying near the wall back of Ran Mike. The boys were out for entertainment. Some smart little fellow tossed a tin can down the open space and Mike let go one foot and flattened it against the wall.

It was here that real fun began. Can after can started through but every one was stopped in the same way and exactly the same place. Mike was at the bat, and there wasn't a boy in town that could strike him out. More than a hundred cans, it is estimated, met the fate of the first one. Yet withal, Mike never seemed to exert himself. It required a pretty keen eye to see him move.

That afternoon while Pegram led him out, one of the boys asked: "What'll you take for him partner?" "Money wouldn't buy him," was the reply. "He can kick a chew of tobacco out of your mouth without touching you."

Evidence to back our claim could be piled miles high, but this will suffice. If there be any who do not believe the assertions here made let him call on policeman Carver, he is from Brushy mountains, and knows the mountain mule.

Saves Two Lives.

"Neither my sister nor myself might be living today, if it had not been for Dr. King's New Discovery," writes A. C. McDonald, of Fayetteville, N. C. R. F. D. No. 8, "for we both had frightful coughs that no other remedy could help. We were told my sister had consumption. She was very weak and had night sweats but your wonderful medicine completely cured us both. It's the best I ever used or heard of." For sore lungs, coughs, colds, hemorrhage, lagrippe, asthma, hay fever, croup, whooping cough—all bronchial troubles—its supreme. Trial bottle free. 50c and \$1. Guaranteed by C. C. Sanford.

Some Biblical Matter.

The Bible informs us that King Solomon possessed more wisdom than any man who ever lived prior to his day. His father, King David, said that he had rather be a door-keeper in the house of his God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. He died when Solomon was quite a youth. Then it was Solomon who prayed to God for knowledge to guide and direct his people, and the Lord said because he prayed for wisdom and not a long life and riches, that he would make him wiser than any man who had ever lived, and would also add a long life and riches to him. Solomon is the author of the Proverbs and the book of Ecclesiastes, the richest of writings. He tells you he had rather go to the house of mourning than to the house of feasting. He tells you to fear God and keep his commandments, for He will bring every work into judgment with every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil. He tells you that immediately after death the spirit returns to Him who gave it, and there to be held in reservation until the day of judgment. He tells you to remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh when I shall say I have no pleasure in them. Solomon says the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. He tells you to keep company with good people—he tells you the mouth of a strange woman is a deep pit and he that goeth astray shall fall therein. He says it is better to dwell in the corner of a house top than with a brawling woman in a wide house. He tells you a deceitful woman is a deep ditch, and one addicted to lewd habits is a narrow pit, lying in wait for whom she may devour, as she increases the transgressions of men, yea, she looks as fair as the moon, and as clear as the sun, and words spoken by her fall like drops of honey, and whoever coyed therein never returns. He tells you it is better to dwell in the wilderness than with a contentious and an angry woman. The Bible informs us that King Solomon could impart unto us how easy the children of men can be led astray by the female race when properly decorated and in possession of the beauty which cannot be excelled and laying in ambush seeking whom they may devour.

J. R. WILLIAMS.

New Use For The Automobile.

It's time to quit abusing owners of automobiles as persons of extravagance and without balance. An owner of a machine for the past month has been spinning to the county every morning just about daylight, and an investigation was quietly made. He has thirty rabbit gums set within a radius of three or four miles of the city and he makes a trip to them every morning, his average catch for the past week being fifteen a day. He probably does not sell them; just salts them away and eats them; he is in a fair way to bankrupt the meat trust.—Greensboro Record.

Better Use the Banks.

During the absence of Mrs. Bettie Watson, near Kinston last week a tramp entered her home and stole \$3,600 which the good lady had sewed up in an old mattress. The banks would have kept her money safe and would have paid her \$144 a year for the use of it. This is indeed a dear lesson that should teach other people to keep their money in the bank. But will they do it!—Salisbury Post.

His Perfect Man.

"There was one man whose life was perfect," said the Sunday school teacher "What one of you can tell me who he was?"

Little Mary Jane's hand went up and the teacher nodded to her. "He was mama's first husband" she said.

BEWARE OF OINTMENTS FOR CATARRH THAT CONTAIN MERCURY.

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surface. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.

It Was Soap.

A New Jersey farmer came to the city the other day and, among other things, he visited a high class restaurant, says a Philadelphia paper. His appetite ran to cheese, and, inquiring of the waiter what sort of cheese was listed, remarked that he desired "something new." "Why don't you try a bit of Roquefort?" suggested the waiter. "What's that?" asked the farmer. "Hang it," he added, "bring me some. I like the name, anyway." He ate of it and liked it. So he thought he would take some home to his wife. Arriving late, he laid the small cheese wrapped in silver paper on the sideboard. He forgot to enquire about it till next night and then he asked his wife how she liked it. "Oh, I s'pose it's mighty stylish up to the city but I jes kinder couldn't use it. I couldn't get no foam out of it, and when I washed the children they smelled kinder funny, and I can't say I like it."—From Scraps.

Death in Roaring Fire

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The liquor dealer from whom we have purchased most of our liquor this year, all of which we bought on a credit and none of which we have paid for has sent us a circular stating that in the future he will sell strictly for cash and requesting us to send either certified check, P. O. money order or express money order with our order. He will sell us no liquor next year.—Montgomery's Vindicator.

Old Soldier Tortured.

"For years I suffered unspeakable torture from indigestion, constipation and liver trouble," wrote A. K. Smith, a war veteran at Erie, Pa., "but Dr. King's New Life Pills fixed me all right. They're simply great." Try them for any stomach, liver or kidney trouble. Only 25c. at C. C. Sanford's.

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