MOCKSVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 1912.

BROTHER GARDNER EXHORTS.

High Cost of Living Fully Explained to Members of The Club.

Yellow Jacket. "Frem Maine to Californy," said Brother Gardner as he rose in his place-from de Atlantic to de Pacific dar' am a howlin' and screechin' and a cussin' 'bout de high cost of livin'. Mo' dan a thousand men hab giben deir opinions on it, and I propose to say a few words on de subjick myself. I has observed and I'se gwine to speak of de universal habit of extravagance dat has fallen upon dis kentry.

"We have a list of members numberin' over fo' hundred, and I do not believe dat two of 'em have got a dollar in de bank or could bury one of de chill'en widout borrown de money. Every cull'd pusson seems crazy to spend every shillin' he can git holt of and go in debt besides.

"Yesterdy afternoon I took a walk over to de cabin of Giveadaf Jones to see how his 'taters was comin' along. He wasn't home, but his wife axed me to drop and have a snack. I looked for a glass of buttermilk and a piece of hoe cake, but what'd ye s'pose was spread befo' me on the table? In de first place, dar was a white tablecloth dat must have cost \$1.50. I's been keepin' house for forty years, and I has always reckoned dat oilcloth was good 'nuff for me.

"Den dar was silver knives and forks and spoons, same as you'd find on de table of a king. After dem came napkins and cake and custard and cold beef and sweet cake, and befo' I could git my breath I was offered a glass of claret wine!

"Kin you blame me for pinchin myself to see if I was dar or sumers

"Dar am Brodder Jones workin" in a woodyard at \$9 a week, and dar was all dat luxury, same as if he was de Emperor of Russia. hain't wantin' to discourage any body, but I'm tellin' you dat crash will come in de Jones fam'ly sooner or later, and when it does come dat fam'ly will drop to the bottom like a grindstun thrown into de sea.

"A few nights ago me and the ole woman was invited to attend a birthday party of de wife of Samuel Shin. We went because it was hinted dat dar would be ginger ale and fried cakes for refreshments. We had on de same Sunday clo e we had had for de last fo'teen years, and we had no sooner got into de house dan de old woman nigh had a fit.

"Mrs. Shin had on a dress all kickshaws and frills and furbellows-a dress dat never cost less dan \$10 and de rest of de women seemed to be dressed up to attend a queen's weddin'. Mrs. Gardner's eld bonnet and my old coat looked like poverty hung out on de clothes line.

"I have neard de word gorgeous ness many times, but nebber know dat house. Dar was red and blue rugs on the floor, lookin' glasses over the mantels, gold cha'rs and pictur's—a perfect revel of extravagance. Me and de old woman was just too scart to move around.

"When we looked for de fried cakes and ginger ale we got three kinds of ice cream mixed togather, two sorts of wine, three kinds of cake and a lot of candy. When We got home at last we jest sot there and looked at each other for half an hour and neber said a word. Brudder Shin works in the flour

lift it 50 feet high.

tiger on it. I axed for a drink of tin' de pace in extravagence. water out of de goard but it was brung to me in a glass goblet. bobbery and pester you wid ad-When I was ready to go Mrs. Be- vice. I'm old fogy and 'way be bee axed me to wait a minit till hind de times and it would be imshe played a tune on her pianuer. pertuent in me to offer sugges'uns. Think of it! Brudder Bebee don't I have just got dis much to say airn \$10 a week de year around, De next member of dis club who and yet ha can have tiger rugs, am livin' like a lord on \$10 cut glass and pianners! When I went home and told the old woman my doah at midnight to borrow about it she opened her mouth and | rent money, am gwine to feel sum held it open for ten minutes befo' thin' jar him, and if he ain't in she could say:

" 'May the Lord have mercy on elect a new president! my soul!

"De street dat many of us lib on is named Coon Street. I has resided dar for 20 years and had no Oxford Ledger. fault to find. Six weeks ago Brud ders Peustock and White begun to go around wid a petition prayin' de Common council to change de fess it has reached a point beyond name to Rosamont street. Dey our expectation, if we are to credit contended dat de name Coon street | the statement of an Oxford gentlewas degradin'. Dey got a piece of man who has returned from a trip the women to realize their importmy mind, I tell you when dey got around to me, and I dun wint at it and blocked the game. What's de matter wid Coon street? Nothin'. If dar am anything wrong it am wid de coon hisself.

other night to buy some corn meal and codfish when Brudder Flimflam Johnsing came swellin' in. He didn't see me and he went ahead and ordered the best of tea and coffee, print butter, fine flour and white sugar, same as if he was a member of the Beaft trust. He payed for them and swelled out and when he had disappeared de grocer said to me:

"Keep your eye on that coon, Brudder Gardner. He's bound to hit de ground wid a kerchug dat will be heard two miles.'

"Me and de ole woman was soun asleep a few nights ago when sumbody rapped on de doah. I didu't git up till I saw the pusson would not go away, and den I went out to find Col. Canbiff on de doah step. He had on a plug hat; he had on patent leather shoes; he had on a frock coat; he had on a 75 cent pair socks and a red neck tie, and his diamond pin nebber cost less than two dollars. Why did he rout me out of bed at dat hour of de night? His rent was behind, and he wanted me to see the landlord about it!

"A short time ago I was walkin" down de street one afternoon and a culli'd woman come out of a carpt store and said she wanted my advice. I thought I had seen her sumwheres, but it was ten minutes befo' I could place her Den I made out she was de wife of Brudder Cahoots. Brudder Cahoots is one of de bootblacks in de possoffis, and it's a lucky week wid him when he can scrape togather \$8. What his wife wanted me to decide, was whether she should get a royal wilton or an axmister carpet for her parlour, ed what it ment till I stepped into though at that time they had neither butter nor meat in de house!

"All around us the people of our race are wrentin' houses wid bathrooms in 'em. Dey am buyin' cuckqo clocks and Japanese require even more than a two thirds vases. Dey am havin' lace curtains at de windows. Dey am goin' to hoss races and de theater elect Wilson. and rentin' boxes at de possoffice.

"All around us the people are orderin' ice cream and angels' food and nebber askin' de price. Dey want de shinist of patent lether and de redest of neckties. Dey his income. His outgo must be at am ridin' on de street kyahs like ple in America who never played think they think, remarks one of be induced to grow any more—or least twice dat. How does he do kings and if dar am a sale of brass you a single nasty trick.

it? He does it by runnin' in debt, bed stids you'll see 'em buttin in. and some day an airthquake will De jewsharp has got too common, bust forth under dat house and and dey must have dair planners. A plaster of paris bust of General "Waydown Bebee, sittin' ober Grant was once thought to be de dar wid his old suit on, looks to be catchest thing gwine but dey have a man of sense and economy, but replaced it wid a Japanese vase or what did I see first thing when I a bronze. De white folks am pretentered the house one day last ty good at droppin' deir dollars, week? It was a rug wid a great but de cull'd folks am surely set-

> "I hain't gwine to kick up no week, and who comes knockin' at bed for a week after you'd better

Let us go home!"

Ham Sandwiches.

We were fully aware that the high cost of living had crawled up to an alarming point, but we must conto the western part of the State. ped off at Greensboro, and while waiting for his train he saw a man come from a nearby restaurant with a ham sandwich in his hand, which he exhibited to a crowd of fellow "I was in a grocery store the travelers, remarking on the tissuelike thinness of the ham. A gentle man, noting the discomfixture of the hungry man, laid a soothing hand on his shoulder and remarked: My friend, let me tell you something; you may think that piece of ham is thin, but you just wait until you get to Charlotte and ask for ham sandwich and see what you get. Why, sir, take my word for it, they have a machine by which they photograph a piece of ham on the bread and hand it to you for a dime."

Potato Seeds.

Plenty of folks do not know that the seed of the potato is not the tuber or root which we eat. Potatoes flower and bear a little seed in a pod or ball. To get a new breed we have to plant the seed, not the "eye" And here again you find a case where genus does not reproduce itself. The 'eye'' will give you the same sort of potato, but the seed harks back to a former ancestor and may give you something totally different.-Yadkin

Wilson Not the Democratic Choice

Woodrow Wilson is not the choice of the majority of the Democrats for President.

Champ Clark was in the lead on the first ballot taken at the Baltimore Convention and remained in the lead for more than two days. In fact, he received a majority of all the votes cast on six ballots, and while the Democrats claim to adhere to the two-thirds vote. still it has been the custom of that party to give the nomination to the candidate receiving the majority of votes in the convention, and Clark would have been nominated at Baltimore but for the severe denunciation of the Speaker by Bryan linked with his veiled threat to bolt the convention if Clark was nominated. The politicians finally decided to allow Wilson's nomina tion in order to save a bolt, but it must be remembered that it will Democratic vote and several hundred thousand Republican votes to

It is certain that Wilson will not get the full Democratic vote and he will not draw many Republican the will.

there are over ninety million peo-

THE DAVIE COUNTY INSTITUTE.

Will Be Held in This City, on Monday August 12.-All Farmers And Their Families Invited.

Dear Sir:-I will thank you if you will call the attention of your readers to the Farmers' Institute to be held in Mocksville, on Monday, August 12th, and urge them to attend. We are wanting our institutes, this summer, to be the best attended of any we have had, and to have them so it will be necessary for us to have the co-operation of every person who desires to see our agricultural and homeon the farm conditions improved. North Carolina, as you know, is on the up grade in agriculture as well as other lines. It is a State of wonderful possibilities and we want to do all that we can to develop it as rapidly as possible. I know of no better way than by improving our agricultural and rural conditions generally.

Please call special attention to the Women's Institute features of these meetings and urge the women living on the farm to attend | crops. them. I regard the women's institutes of more importance than the institutes held for men. I want ance, and also to realize the im-Our friend advises us that he stop- portant position they hold in the vation formerly in use and the economy of farm life. Their lines kind of work they actually per of work are of far more importance than making corn or cotton, or any line of agricultural endeavor. Their other errors. work is the building of the home and the rearing of the family. We want them equipped for this very

important work. As an inducement to get them to come out we are offering a premium of \$1 for the best loaf of bread baked and exhibited by any woman or girl living on the farm. Town women cannot compete for this prize. We want to encourage the country women. The following conditions are to be observed: The exhibitor may use any kind of yeast she prefers, but salt rising bread will not be given a premium. Not that it is not good bread, but we want to get our women in the habit of making bread easier of cultivation. than by the salt rising process That process is too slow, laborious

and uncertain. The following score card will be used in judging bread: Flavor, 35 points; crust, color depth, texture, 20 points; lightness, 15 points; grain and texture, 10 points; crumb color, moisture, 10 points; shape and size, 10 points. Size recommended: 71x31x24 inches. This size is not obligatory.

By giving this matter prominence in your paper you will great-Yours truly, ly oblige. T. B. PARKER,

Director of Farmers' Institutes

Two Ways of Saying It. "It's the constant drop of water

That wears away the stone, It's the constant exerciser That develops all the bone. It's the constant advertiser That brings the bacon home."

The constant drop of water Wears away the hardest stone; The constant gnaw of Towser Vanishes the toughest bone; The constant cooing lover Carries off the blusning maid; And the constant advertiser Is the one who gets the trade.

the first one to be laid off when panic comes.

The meek shall icherit the earth but the hustler will have the estate before the legatee cau probate

Laying By Crops.

Southern Ruralist.

The time was when the Southern farmer who could lay by his crop of corn or cotton with the fewest plowings-least cultivation-was the best fellow. Even now early laying by is a matter on which many farmers pride themselves These are the farmers who have most time for going fishing and at tending barbscues. They are not the farmers whose corn cribs are fullest or who make the most bales per plow. Indeed, the best farm ers have about stopped talking about "bales per plow," and now make "bales per acre."

These facts are becoming gener ally recognized and the truths on which they rest are becoming part of common practice. At this seas on of the year, however, it is well my feeling was so strong that I to recall some of the principles in volved. Even the faith of the most devout believer is the better for know when I reached the floor. occasional revival. So we do not hesitate to repeat the facts-always important whether old or new | could not speak or move but I can - bearing upon the laying by o

The belief, once so prevalent that early laying by was an ad vantage to the crop, was not originally wholly wrong. It was the result of the implements of culti formed. The Dixie plow is responsible for this as for so many

Unquestionably, a crop of corn is often injured by late cultivation er be done in times of electric which this obsolete and inexcusable implement. With a moderate ly moist season the surface soil is filled with fine feeding roots. Any implement which turns a furrow, cuts or tears through the soil more | the top or upper part of the house than two inches deep will ruin large part of these essential roots. The crop begins to wilt, stops when one is leaning against a wall growth, and is irretrievably dam. or a tree, the lightning is apt to be aged by this kind of plowing. The transferred to his body. Thereonly prevention is to stop working fore, do not lean against objects the crop-early laying by.

The fact to bear in mind is that the fault in such cases is not with late cultivation, but with the kind

The next important point is that if cultivation is good, much cultivation is better. Therefore, late cultivation is best. It is best because it gives the crop longer benefit of a good thing.

All this, however, depends or the right kind of cultivation. The kind of work is not wholly dependent on the kind of implement used. It is possible to do good work with poor tools, but good tools render without charge, and when he let good results more certain and much ber condition be known, a number more easily secured.

sometimes do as good work as any cultivator. Even then, however, a ticket to Darlington, S C., where it is hard on team and workman, the woman has a sister. while, if soil is too hard or too moist, bad results are sure. For mother was on her way to the hosreally satisfactory results, there- pital, where she will undergo an fore, late laying by requires a real operation for appendicitis. She implement of tillage-some form of married at the age of 14, and is toothed or regulatable disc culti-

It must be kept in mind that killing grass is not the object of cultivation Conservation of soil moisture is the all important thing. Shallow and frequent cultivation is the means. The result is the dust mulch which prevents evaporation of water and keeps the crops. growing in even the driest season. The young man who can smoke If this work is done as often as the cigarettes or leave them alone is surface soil crusts over, grass and weeds never get a start and plowing for the purpose of killing them by burying alive is undecreary,

The application of these facts means that the time for laying by is not after the proverbial "three plowings" or any other definite Writers seldom write the things number of cultivations. The time Do not lose faith in humanity: they think. They simply write to lay-by is when the crop has the things they think other folks reached full development-cannot

the ground that a team cannot pass through the rows without serious damage.

These points are as thoroughly established in good practice as is the law of gravitation; cultivation is manure; shallow cultivation of growing crops keeps them growing; late laying by means better yields,

How It Feels To Be Struck By Lightning.

The Monroe Journal prints the following description by Miss Ruby Cook of her feelings when struck by lightning:

"We were all in the room sitting peacefully. I was sitting on a trunk and I said to myself, 'I had better get up or lightning might strike me.' As I went to get up the lightning struck me. When it hit me can't describe it. I shut my eyes and remember falling, but I don't The last thing I heard was the screams of those in the room. I remember that I thought that I would have to die and leave the world. Then my mouth opened three times, my body grew rigid: I seemed to be in heaven where everything was bright and shining. That is all I remember till by and by I heard some one say something and I could open my eyes."

When this child was hit by the lightning she was sitting with her back against the wall of the house. That is something that should nevstorms. Almost every case in which one has been hit was one where that person was standing against or leaning against something. When the lightning strikes a it seeks to get to the ground by traveling down the walls, hence during a storm.

Mother and Child Deserted.

Wadesboro Ansonian

A pitiful sight at the National Hotel Friday night was a little 18year-old mother and baby, penniless, sick, and deserted by the husband and father. They arrived here from the western part of the State without a cent of money. Finding her in this condition at the station, Fred Mills told the lady that he would carry her to the National Hotel. There she was taken care of by Mr. Mills of the boarders and others chipped The sweep and Dixie stock will in 25 and 50 cent pieces until a sufficient amount was raised to buy

It was a sad case, for the little now deserted by the man who promised to love and protect her.

The husband should be arrested and placed on the chain gang, and his wages turned over to his wife. ED.]

My heart goes out to the man who does his work when the boss is away, as well as when he is at home.-Ex.

Many a man's reputation would not know hif character if they met on the street.

The great mistake you can make in this life is to be continually fearing you will make one.

For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of Chart Helitekers