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OLD FORT HAPPENINGS

Concrete Sidewalks Nearing Completion—Thanksgiving Service—Personals.

Old Fort, Nov. 29.—There has been some wonderful improvements made in our little village in the past few months. The new concrete sidewalks on Main street are almost complete. They certainly improve the looks of the town and the "cinder" days are almost forgotten. No doubt there is many a thankful "shoe sale." Is everybody as well satisfied, the merchants for instance?

J. L. Nichols has installed on the back part of his store lot a new corn mill which is a great convenience to those who are not afraid to indulge in the corn bread "diet." The mill does good work and Mr. Nichols is kept busy.

The Old Fort Graded School is moving on nicely. Every body seem well satisfied with the force of teachers. The attendance is extra good.

Several Old Fort boys are working on the new railroad at Blumont.

Ross Hoffman, Frank Terrell and George Cannon are spending the winter in Florida.

Rev. R. L. Doggett will be pastor of the M. E. church this year. He and his family arrived last week and have moved to the parsonage.

J. D. Elliott and family returned to Old Fort last week after residing a year in Brevard. We are glad to welcome them back to Old Fort.

George Hyams has purchased a lot on Bailey avenue and anticipates building a new home soon.

Miss Lizzie Crawford has given up the management of the Sandlin Hotel and Mrs. J. C. Sandlin is again in charge.

Dr. Betts, of the Biblical Recorder, spent Saturday and Sunday in town and preached Sunday morning and night at the Baptist church.

Miss Ada Lavender, of Route 2, is in town for a few days.

There will be a Thanksgiving service at the Baptist church Thursday night. A collection will be taken for the orphanage.

Mrs. George Stepp of Montreat is visiting her sister, Mrs. Gibb Stepp.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hyams and little daughter of Canton are visiting the parents of the former, Mr. and Mrs. George Hyams.

Dr. D. M. McIntosh was called to Asheville last week on professional business.

Mrs. C. H. Burgin spent a day last week shopping in Marion.

Mrs. Minnie Saunders of Marion is visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Winslow of Asheville spent a few days here last week visiting relatives and friends.

Miss Lillie Lytle spent a day in Asheville last week.

Russell Nichols came home from Bryson last week and has been confined to his bed with pleurisy but is improving. He has been working in a barber shop at Bryson.

Capt. C. S. Burgin is in town spending a few days at home.

Old Fort is certainly coming to the front with weddings this year, and gossip says there will be at least two or three more before the

year ends.

C. R. Perry of Asheville is in town on business.

Mrs. J. W. Walker left Monday for Canton to visit her son, U. G. Walker.

Mrs. Julia Clark returned to Canton Monday after a few days' visit to relatives and friends here.

Rev. George Curtis and family have returned to their home in Asheville after a week's visit to relatives here.

RTA.

Some Nuts for Farmers to Crack.

How much do you suppose it costs you a year to repair wagons and harness on account of bad roads? How much does it cost you a year for shoes and clothing that are ruined by your children wading through the mud to school? How much does it cost you a year for medicine to cure your children's colds contracted in wading through the mud to school? How much of a damage a year is the mud that prevents your children from attending school; or damage to them, rather, in the loss of an education? How much damage to you is our bad roads in preventing your reaching market with your produce? You are perfectly willing to spend money in the buying of reapers and mowers and other farm machinery. You are willing to purchase carriages and harness. At the price potatoes are today, one load would be the average farmer's tax for ten years for good roads. At the end of that time the roads would be good and you could vote to rescind the law if you wanted to and you would have your good roads and no tax for thirty or forty years, the balance of our life.—Selected.

A Real Newspaper Bargain.

As will be seen in our offer elsewhere in THE PROGRESS, we offer four publications for but little more than the price of one. They are The Atlanta Georgian Weekly News Briefs, Spare Moments Magazine, The Gentlewoman and THE PROGRESS—all four for one year for only \$1.25. In other words you get the three extra papers or magazines for the small sum of 25 cents. They are worth four times that amount. Pay up while this offer is open. Even if your time is not out it will pay you to set your subscription another year ahead in order to get this big offer.

Our Premiums.

THE PROGRESS is now offering to all subscribers who pay a year in advance from this time or a year from the date of their subscription if already paid in advance, a splendid two-bladed pocket knife. We have three styles to select from, and subscribers may take their choice. The knife costs you absolutely nothing, and is given simply as a premium to pay in advance. Pay up all arrearages, if any, to date, and for another year and you get a knife free. Or, if you prefer it, we will give instead of the knife, a pair of splendid 8-inch spring tension shears.

If you are already paid in advance you can take advantage of this offer by paying up for another year. It will pay you to do it.

Charcoal is the common fuel of Japan.

DISTRICT CONVENTION

County Organization of P. O. S. of A. Meet in Semi-Annual Session at White Pine.

Officers of the county organization of the P. O. S. of A., in this county, and delegates from the several camps of this order met in semi-annual session in White Pine school house, Montford Cove, Friday and Saturday, November 17-18. A delegation from Camp No. 44 of Rutherford county, were permitted to sit as honorary members. Camp No. 30 acted as host for the occasion.

The session held Friday night was devoted principally to reports, District President W. L. Fortune conducting the business in his usual efficient manner. Short and timely addresses were made by Rev. W. L. Haynes, D. M.; and B. C. Arrowood, W. L. Fortune, A. W. Gilliam and L. D. Hemphill.

Saturday morning, a public was held. Several hundred friends and ladies were present in addition to about 100 members of the order. The progress and work of the order were outlined by I. L. Reel and A. W. Gilliam, President L. D. Hemphill, of Camp No. 30, welcomed the visitors and introduced County Superintendent of Schools D. F. Giles who made the principal address.

This was given in the speaker's usual taking way and the responsiveness of the audience fully indicated that his efforts on behalf of the cause of education were highly regarded.

Adjourning at 12:30 o'clock, the next hour was given over to the refreshing consideration of good things to eat prepared by the ladies of the community. Every person seemingly most thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Re-convening, the organization elected officers for the ensuing term, viz: Past President, L. D. Hemphill; President, W. L. Fortune; Vice-President, A. W. Gilliam; Secretary, C. E. House; M. of F., I. L. Reel; Conductor, J. T. Lail; Treasurer, W. M. Goodson; Guard, W. B. Marlow; Inspector, J. D. Jimison. The office of chaplain was left open to be filled by appointment by the president.

The following resolutions were read and adopted, viz:

"Resolved, that the county Organization of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, of McDowell county, in county convention assembled at White Pine school house, Montford Cove, Saturday, November 18, 1911, do herewith express its deep-felt appreciation of the courtesies and helpful aid extended by Camp No. 30, and the friends and ladies of Montford Cove, and further be it

Resolved, that the county organization hold it ever in constant remembrance that the entertainment and kindness shown was such as to endure for all time, and further be it

Resolved, that to the visiting members of Camp No. 44, of Rutherford county, we extend our thanks and appreciation for their attendance and assistance as they so ably contributed to the success of the convention, and further be it

Resolved, that copies of these resolutions be sent to each camp in McDowell county; a copy to camp No. 44, of Rutherford county; a copy to the MARION PROGRESS for publication and a copy to be spread

upon the minutes of the county organization.

(Signed) C. E. HOUSE,
A. W. GILLIAM,
E. S. HARRIS,
Committee.

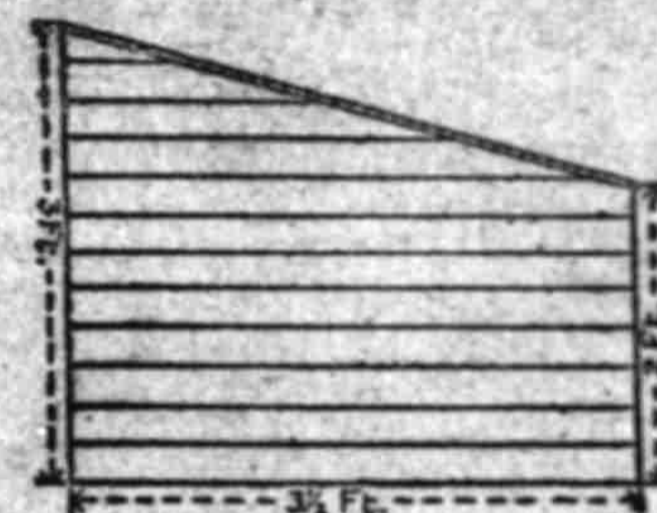
It was decided to hold the next meeting in Marion, May 10-11, 1912.

[A lengthy and interesting report of the convention was received at this office too late last week for publication then and, as space is limited this week, only the main parts are given above.—EDITOR.]

COLONY HOUSES PROVE BEST

Have Many Advantages Because They Can Be Moved From Place to Place With Little Trouble.

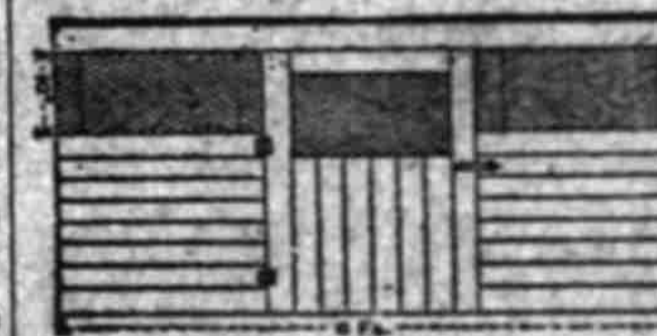
I like colony houses because they can be moved easily from place to place and thus insure clean surroundings for the chicks. They also enable one to take the broods from an undesirable place such as the dooryard or



Side Elevation.

the garden and keep them in a field where there is plenty of insect food or scattered grain left by the binder or the reaper, writes W. J. Judson in the Orange Judd Farmer. In such surroundings the chicks can save considerable outlay for food by converting into flesh what would otherwise go to waste. Young chickens can be removed from the house or the brooders when about six weeks old. If taken from hens they should be dusted thoroughly for lice at that time and if not already marked should be marked with a poultry punch.

At first they should be confined to a temporary yard by wire netting not less than two feet high. A convenient size for this yard is one rod each way. Of course, the larger the inclosure, the more grass there will be for the chicks. It is best to keep them here for three or four days, or a week, depending upon their age and the distance they are removed from their former location. When they become accustomed to the place, the fence may be removed by using hoppers which contain one-half to one bushel of feed, but considerable



Front of Colony House.

time may be saved in feeding, it being necessary to fill the hoppers only once or twice a week.

A very convenient sized house for 50 to 70 chicks is shown in the accompanying illustration. It is six by three and one-half feet on the ground, three feet high in front and two feet behind. Iron roofing or building paper may be used, both on the top and on the sides. For floors, one-inch matched stuff is best. The bottom may be made of rough boards, the upper side planed. In the summer the chicks need an opening about ten inches wide, running the entire length of the front. This may be covered on the inside with one-inch mesh poultry wire. Where the door is full high, three feet, it is much handier to have a screened opening on the top, ten inches in width, as shown in the drawing. Two men can carry such houses from place to place or one person can shift them by moving one end at a time. By using colony houses, I believe the farmer can produce healthier chicks with less expense and better than by the ordinary methods practiced on most farms.

There was considerable snow in the mountains last week and the mercury dropped to ten above zero.



SOME MISTAKES IN POULTRY

Too Many Beginners Start on Too Large Scale—Most Common Error is "Learning Too Fast."

It is well for the beginner to adopt the advice of men who are veterans in the service, in order that they may avoid many of the stumbling blocks, says the Poultry Journal.

Too many novices start on too large a scale. They are not content to begin at the bottom round of the ladder and gradually climb to the top. That is too slow for them. If blessed with sufficient capital they are pretty sure to start on a large scale. Without experience, is it any wonder that they do not succeed?

But this is not the only cause of failure with the beginner. The others might briefly be stated as having too much land; buildings too scattered, entailing too much unnecessary labor; the breed or breeds selected not being suitable for the purpose intended; house not built upon the sanitary plan; too much changing of the bill of fare; unmindful of small details; harboring too much unprofitable stock; carelessness in caring for ailing birds; relying too much on hired help, and learning too fast.

It is a waste of money to buy too much land. From 5 to 10 acres is sufficient for the largest kind of plant.

A general mistake is the continual changing of the bill of fare. There should be one system of feeding and that regularly followed. The bill of fare should contain the greatest variety possible, but the system should not be changed. New articles of food should not be given to the exclusion of others until the fowls have had a chance to become acquainted with them. All additions or changes should be gradually made. If the fowls are doing well on what they are getting, no change should be made at all.

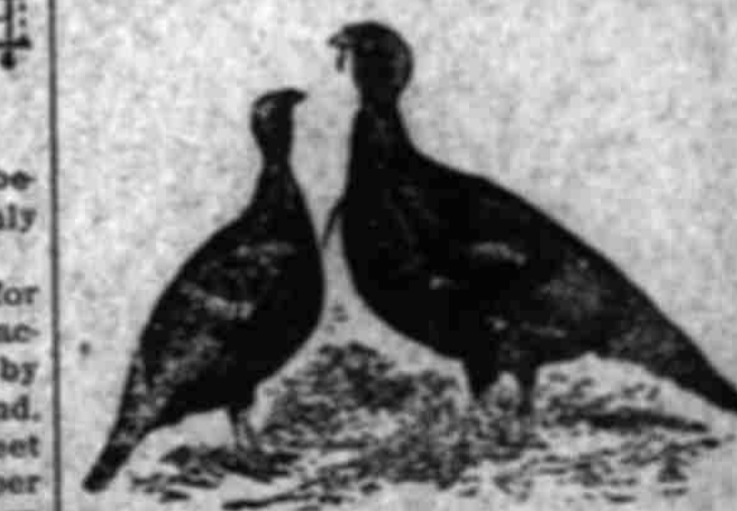
Probably the most common error is "learning too fast." It is a noteworthy fact that, as a rule, by the close of the first year the beginner forms the opinion that he knows it all. Thirty years spent in the poultry yard has taught the writer that he has much yet to learn. There is always something new turning up.

The wise man reads, studies, practices and investigates, thus daily adding to his store of knowledge.

SUCCESS IN TURKEY RAISING

Inadvisable for One to Attempt to Rear Large Fowls Unless Abundance of Space Available.

It is inadvisable for any one to attempt turkey rearing unless they have abundance of space, for these birds,



Gobbler and Hen.

more perhaps than any other denizens of the poultry yard, are unable to bear confinement. Sundry attempts have been made to rear them in limited runs, but as yet the effort has not met with success. Those who are favored with space will find turkey rearing profitable, provided that they can secure attention being given to the birds.

The Printers' Cost Congress, in Greensboro last week, organized by electing H. E. Seaman, Durham President, J. J. Stone, Greensboro, vice president; C. G. Harrison, Greensboro, secretary-treasurer. The purpose of the organization is to adopt a uniform method of estimating the cost of job work.