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STORIES OF THE PIONEERS

Facts Concerning Community of Which Pinehurst is the Center



YES indeed, this section of the old State is waking from its century sleep, and refreshed, has taken a new lease on life—doing things—moving round over its good roads and observing!

¶ In previous issues we've told what Gates, "the millionaire;" Pumpelly, "the gentleman farmer;" Derby, "Harvard half-back;" and Tufts, of Pinehurst, were doing; but the future of this, a coming section, is not in the hands of the "hopelessly rich," but the pioneers, who, attracted by its possibili-

pounds an acre, one hundred pounds more than the cotton farmers of the country average. Three hundred pounds is not as big as it should be in North Carolina, but it pays; that is, it did pay before Europe got into its mixup. Three hundred pounds of ten-cent cotton means (average) thirty dollars and in addition, the seed is worth six dollars; thirty-six dollars in all. Deducting half for working shares, leaves eighteen dollars; ten dollars buys the fertilizer, or eight dollars net profit. On land that cost ten dollars an acre, seven dollars to clear and ten dollars for buildings, nine dollars is a reasonable return, and it mounts up rapidly when the operation is a big one; say a thousand acres, or even less.



PINEHURST—THE COMMUNITY

ties, are developing the agricultural Community of which Pinehurst is the center.

Take W. H. Carpenter, for instance, a carpenter by trade, who with small capital and many difficulties to contend with has developed one of the best farms in his section. In 1906 he bought one hundred and eight acres of typical Sand Hill uplands for \$275.00 adding twenty acres the year following at a cost of \$56.00. Ate quite a hole in \$600.00 capital; married and six children, family living in a small cabin. Ten acres cleared at the start, four more the first year, seventy today; nice home, barns, buildings, three cows, three mules, hogs, garden, peach orchard, vineyard; value \$7,000.00; his own boss; liberty and living!

In this section it is interesting to note that the average yield for cotton on all farms of the State is over three hundred

Just to show what he could do on an acre of typical Sand Hill land, J. B. Von Canon raised a hundred and thirty-nine bushels of corn in 1910 at a total cost of twenty-nine cents per bushel, using sixteen hundred pounds of fertilizer made up of one-third acid phosphate, one-third kanit and one-third cotton seed meal. Two years later, one thousand pounds of fertilizer per acre produced forty-six bushels per acre on thirty-five acres at a cost of thirty-five cents per bushel. Henry A. Page produced fifty bushels to the acre on one hundred acres in 1912, and in 1913 forty-five hundred bushels on one hundred and forty acres.

And right here on the Pinehurst farms eighty-six bushels per acre were produced in 1912. ¶ Here are C. C. Bennett's figures on tobacco, a yield of one thousand pounds of "bright" on six acres at a net