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FAIRS AND FARMING

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Dear Mr. Editor:—Please excuse me for butting in and assuming to authority that I have not been called on to exercise or asked by any one to do; but since arriving in your hospitable and generous little community, I have heard that a Fair is to be held here, beginning the last week in September and I wish to contribute my little mite to it's success.

One of the most inspiring songs of my childhood ran thus: "If thy friends forsake thee, Take it to the Lord in prayer;" and if you are burdened with trouble, "Take it to the Lord in prayer." From my knowledge and observation, I have been taught that if you wish to get the ear of the people, confer with the editor and get him to insert it in the columns of his newspaper, and therefore, this article:

I conceive that nothing is so conducive to the improvement of the methods and products of the farm as a yearly Fair hereat the stock raisers, fruit growers and farmers can give inter-change of ideas and discuss discoveries, and tell each other how they obtained the best results with certain processes. I thank God that among the farmers there is no disposition to secretiveness and that patent rights may be obtained on improved methods.

In the earlier years of this great Commonwealth, the life of the farmer was one of privation, of labor and of waste. Some labor is involved yet, for nothing is accomplished without labor, but our people are growing to be more saving—more saving of time as well as money.

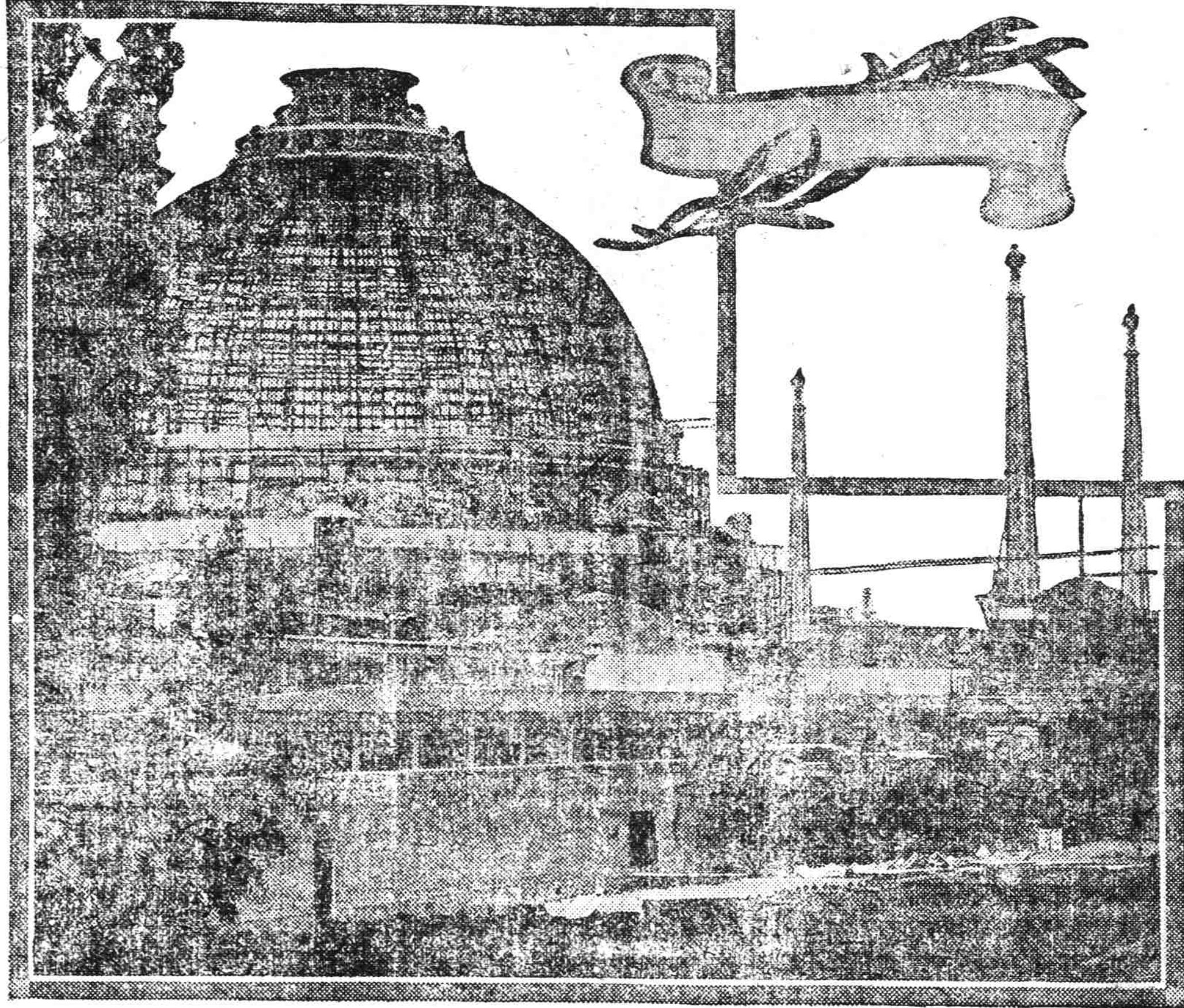
When I meet a farmer, one of the horny-handed sons of toil, I am always disposed to take off my hat to him in token of my great respect for him. His labors are many and his pleasures are—not so many; but he can make his cares less if he will only consent to be amendable to the laws of progress.

Occupying the relation that I do to this community, I am constrained to tell you that I believe, that higher education is essential to the more rapid and successful progress of the farmer. It is not enough for him that he should be versed in the three "R's." The more enlightened our farming element is, the more quickly will it take hold of the improvements and discoveries of the age.

Brains are as necessary for the development as are its muscles, unless the mind be stirred into activity by the enlightenment of an intelligent ambition, the son will do as the father has done, without a thought of improved method. We can see proof of this in Eastern lands where the same rude implements and the same simple style of agriculture is employed now that were in vogue 30 centuries ago.

That the nations of Europe and America are not thus stationary is owing to the fact that educated intellects have directed their efforts to this question of material improvement. In these countries the scholars have not been idle dreamers, jealously guarding the mysteries of a fruitless learning, and transmitting it without increment to equal dreaming successors. They

GREAT DOME OF THE WONDERFUL PALACE OF HORTICULTURE.



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A view of the Palace of Horticulture, showing completed pylon with decorative sculpture in position. The minor domes are to carry an arrangement of vines and flowers that will form a screen for the lights. The main dome is 186 feet in height and 152 feet in diameter, being the largest hemispherical dome in the world. The Panama-Pacific International Exposition will open in San Francisco in February, 1915.

have, on the contrary, brought into fashion a philosophy, which does not consider its dignity compromised by concerning itself with problems of material advancement. Men with intellects, energized by the training of schools, have studied the questions of agriculture, commerce, manufacturing and finance and are ever devising new plans and methods for rendering industry more efficient.

I am not so much of an optimist as to anticipate a time when all the people will be fine scholars, but by persistently insisting upon broad and liberal culture the standard of general intelligence will be raised and the number of close and accurate students will be increased.

With an increased number prepared to think clearly and reason soundly, we anticipate an advance in all practical interests of life.

We are impelled to advocate High Education, not only because it will benefit a few individuals or a few classes but because we believe that it will promote an upward and outward movement of the world's population toward that state of things which has long been the poet's dream and may now be called the patriots hope.

I am more than conscious that knowledge of farming is very limited, that my experience is not great. My observation has been more extended. I am aware that the man or woman who has never taught school knows better how to conduct a school than the teacher in charge. And then I have seen croakers who have endless complaints against our wonderful system of constitutional government, and who could steer the "Old Ship of State" into port much better than he who now stands at the helm.

It is proverbial that old maids and old bachelors have approved ways for rearing children, just so, we, who are not farmers can tell you farmers just how it all should

be done. In the first place, we will tell you that your homes should be made more attractive—Make it attractive to your wife and children that they may ever regard it as the dearest spot on earth—So far as you are able, fill the interior of your home with comforts; carpet the floors if possible, hang pictures on the walls, have a library filled with choice volumes, provide a musical instrument, have the leading magazines, both agricultural and literary on your table, and by all means, subscribe to a daily paper and read it.

Let there be order and neatness about the premises—the gates should be light and lightly hung. I have seen gates so unweildly that I would prefer climbing the fence to opening them. I have recently encountered some of this sort. Keep your fences in order, and those about the house should be white-washed, also the barns and other out-houses—The laws of health require this, as well as those of neatness.

By all means, provide your wife and daughters with enriched flower beds. For flowers are God's jewels—Remember that everything of beauty tends to the elevation of man. Every little morning-glory whose purple blossom is thrilled with the amorous kiss of the sun, tends to put a blossom in your heart.

"Do not judge of the value of everything by the market report. Every flower about the house certifies to the refinement of some body—Every vine climbing and blossoming, tells of love and joy" Remember that the beautiful is as necessary as the useful.

Educate your children and teach them—instill it into their minds and hearts—That it is as honorable to plow a furrow, mow the hay or gather the crops of the fields, as to

write books or sit in Senate Halls.

There is a wide-spread tendency, and has been for years, for the boys to leave the Old Farm and go to the cities in quest of employment. It seems that every farmers son registers an oath that he will never rear, plow nor sow, and the moment he attains his majority and is master of his actions that moment he leaves the unattractive home and farm in pursuit of that "egnis fatuus", more honorable work. This is a lamentable mistake and we should bend our every energy towards its correction. Inculcate in children that tilling the soil is an honorable occupation—that idleness is disgraceful and that to be useless is dishonorable.

I am generous with advice today—advice is cheap—all are willing to give it, but few accept it.

But I am impelled to urge upon each and every farmer to seek to improve his land year by year. Make it fruitful by restoring to it that which enriches it. The Authorities on our Experimental Station at Griffin makes the positive statement that the poorest acre of land in the State of Georgia can, within four years, by the process of restoration, be made to produce one bale of cotton. Our firm belief is that any farmer who sells a single bushel of cotton seed, at any price, robs himself—every one should help to enrich the land.

Perhaps you have had advice urging diversified farming—Never turn a deaf ear to such advice, I beseech you—It is your earthly salvation.

Nothing on this earth is complete unless woman becomes a part and parcel of it. Here today we have evidences of her refining influence. We see the beautiful products of her deft fingers, and the appetizing dainties which the ideal housewives pride themselves on. (A pray

that the younger generation will not depart from the ways of their mothers to transmit to their daughters all the arts of which they may be possessed, and I urge upon the daughters to endeavor to add to those graces thus descended, others, that the emulotion toward perfection may be complete.

"We speak about a woman's sphere, As though it had a limit. There's not a place in Earth or Heaven,

There's not a task to mankind given There's not a blessing or a woe There's not an answer yes or no; There's not a life, death or birth With a feathers weight of worth Without a woman in it.

The prospective Fair is an institution that will come nearer bringing about desirable results in a material way than any other institution in Jackson County and I right here, bespeak for the Officers of the Fair Association the sympathetic co-operation of every citizen in the county.

Let every farm have displayed some of its products in preserved fruits, live stock, sewing, knitting, quilting, and etc.

Every man, woman and child in the county should attend and contribute his mite toward making the Jackson County Fair a magnificent success. It is the intention of the Promoters to bring to the Fair great men from different parts of the country.

The boys and girls from 12 to 20 ought to hear these men, who have achieved success in their line of work, discuss questions which concern, so vitally, future generations. "I am a part of all I have met" is a noble and true saying and I defy any boy to come in contact with greatness without imbibing something worthy. Coming in contact with a great man is an education.

America "has deposited her riches in the spirits of her great men and they are forever secure. No thief can steal them. No moth can corrupt them. The spirits of great men like immortal ships, sail the ocean of time bearing the treasures of the civilization which gave them birth. They outride the fury of all the storms and will sail on till

Time grows old
 The sun grows cold
 And the leaves of the
 Judgement
 Books unfold."

Jordan H. Sanford.

CINDERELLA IN FLOWERLAND

At the Auditorium
 NEXT THURSDAY EVENING

JULY 30.

Come and see the Flowers in Fairyland. Let the children entertain you on that evening. Don't forget.

Admission 15c. and 25c.

TO WORK AT GRAVYARD.

Dillsboro July 20th 1914.

Gentlemen—Will you please announce in your paper, that the people will meet Friday Aug. 7th. at the Keener graveyard for the purpose of cleaning off same. Every body interested is asked to be there and help. Bring tools and dinner.

Yours truly,
 Geo. E. Davis.