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## OLD MAN DISCOVERED

The identity and whereabouts of the individual signing himself, "The Old Mann" to a series of articles published in the Journal for the last several months has been quite a conundrum to the readers of that paper especially old citizens of Jackson county. I am not among the older ones although getting quite hoary and have spent many happy days on the old red hills of Webster, (now deceased) and the rugged sides of Jackson County's lofty peaks. I have carefully noted the writings endeavors of my old friends Tom Frizell, Joe Buchanan, and Jess Leopard to spot this same old man and James Cathey's denial of being this "Old Mann" I have been expecting for a long time to hear from others of my old friends who have been born and raised and lived to the ripe old age of four score years or more, and who at the time this "Old Mann" gives his historic dates knew every man in the whole of Jackson County. I speak of such men as M. W. Bryson, Wib Fisher the Cowan's D. L. Love, W. A. Enloe, whom he speaks of and many others, and "oh say" what has become of Tom Davis (colored) he surely ought to have located this same "Old Mann" but it looks as if it was left for me to enlighten the readers of the Journal and place before the anxious waiting, and almost despairing public the name of this "Old Mann". In doing so I will ask you to go back to the beginning of his back of Junk and review it with me, and see if the whole summed up don't in brazen letters spell this "Old Mann's name. We will now review that, Dog-tail. Had you ever thought of what a wonderful old bear hound was? If not read that this, "When only a boy father and I went to Buncombe County, on returning home we camped near the head waters of Scotts Creek, along in the night I heard a noise in the brush I seen two red balls the gun snapped and the dog kissed me etc, the dog had followed us and had overtaken us at this place" now reader how does that dog-tail wag to you? Taking his dates for it we will say this dog-tail was supposed to happen about not less than eighty years ago, he being ninety-eight years old now and was only a boy when the gun snapped, and at that time you older men know about how long it would take one to make the trip to Buncombe over the roads and mode of traveling eighty years ago. I say and I believe you will all agree with me, that was the most wonderful dog I have any knowledge of either in history or experience and I have had an unlimited experience in hounds. After reading this dog-tail I asked several of the old hunters of the Scotts Creek locality if they knew of any blood of that strain of Bear dogs being bred to this late day. If so by whom? The answers I received were, its a lost dog, and "its a dead dog" one said the last dog known to be of the blood of the dog that made the famous historical one week handicap race through the Counties of Haywood and Buncombe over strange roads and through strange localities on his masters trail, and only for the old flint lock gun losing its priming would have met his death at the hands of that same young master died by over eating the Balis Mulligan at the big stew and plenty of moonshine Banquet held on the hill south east of Webster the night after the one eyed gent had his neck pulled. I was further informed that only one family owned the blood of these dogs and that this family lived near the Cracking chestnut Gap. That is the end of the dog-tail.

(Continued next week.)

## COTTON AND THE SOUTH

(By WALTER H. CANDLER)

The cotton situation for the past year has taught the South a valuable lesson. The question now is, will she profit by this lesson, will she quit being a one crop country and turn to diversified crops—the road to agricultural prosperity? High priced cotton has kept the South back more than anything else—by making it a one crop country. This cannot be successfully contradicted by any thinking man.

Credit will ruin any country. Cotton calls for credit. The average farmer in the South today is in debt to his bank and merchant. This is an unfortunate condition. No country can pave the way to prosperity when the majority of her citizens are in debt. The farmer is not alone responsible for this state of affairs, he is, rather, the unfortunate victim. The trouble lies mainly in the credit system. In extending credit to the farmer, the merchant and banker insists that he plant every available foot of ground in cotton.

The farmer is compelled by the inexorable law of credit to depend upon the one crop, which, when gathered, will bring him in the most cash. While raising this crop he and his family buy meat that comes from Chicago, beans from Boston, molasses from New Orleans, wheat from Kansas, coffee, sugar and rice from most any old place. He pays two or three prices for these commodities, and when his crop is in he is lucky if he can pay up and break even—and be in position to start again the following year where he began the preceding year. He is not progressing, he is merely living, thats all.

The question of diversified farming has been a much vaunted question in the South for the past few years. But what can we expect when we teach one thing and practice another? The farmers would be glad enough to have diversified crops if they could, but the trouble with most of them, they can't. It takes a certain amount of money each year for them to get by on, and unless they plant cotton, the banker will not let them have this money and the merchant will not extend credit. Who is to blame?

The South is the most productive farming country in the United States. There are very few things of any real value that cannot be successfully raised in the South. It is a fine hog country, and some of the finest cattle in the world are raised in the South. No where in Kansas, or even in Canada can be found superior wheat, corn, and oats to that grown in the South. Yet the Southern farmer is borrowing money at a high rate of interest to buy all these things, paying two or three prices for them, while he raises cotton to satisfy his creditors.

The source of all wealth is farming and manufacturing. Unless we encourage the Southern farmer to grow everything on his farm that he needs; and the Southern manufacturer to manufacture the products of the South in the South, we will cry a long, long time for Southern prosperity and progress—cry in vain.

It is a deplorable condition, and it may require heroic measures to remedy it; but it is a condition that must be remedied before the South can come into her own—her heritage of prosperity.

## 23 FAIRS YET TO BE HELD IN N. C.

Twenty-three county and district fairs, officially recognized by the state department of agriculture and for which appropriations have been made for premiums, remain yet to be held in North Carolina. Twelve have been completed, and six are scheduled for the week beginning Oct. 12.

To all of these fairs, representatives of the department are detailed to act as judges.

On account of the decrease in the appropriation for premiums, ordered by the state board of agriculture when severe cuts were made in the department's budget, Chairman of the Fair Committee W. N. Hutt and his assistants have been hard pushed to meet the requests of the fair authorities. All kinds of economy in expense allowances have been resorted to, to make the activities of the department in the interest of the fairs as effective as possible.

While last year \$5,000 was allowed by the board for fair purposes, this year a reduction of \$2,000 leaves the amount at \$3,000.

Fairs already held were in Durham, Salisbury, Wilkes, Jackson. This week fairs are being held for Avery county at Elk Park; Eastern Carolina at New Bern; Toe River at Spruce Pine; Forsyth at Winston-Salem; Alamance at Burlington; Lexington at Lexington; Sand Hill at Pinehurst.

## ASKEW TO PREACH

Rev. R. H. Askew will preach at Dillsboro Baptist church Sunday at 11:00 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.

The Choir has made much preparation for an effective song service.

The service will be honored with a solo rendered by Miss Anna Camp Stedman.

Miss Stedman will be accompanied by Mrs. Chas. Enloe Daniels.

## GET THE HABIT

Come worship with us.

Cottage prayer meeting will be held at 3:00 P. M. Sunday at the residence of Mrs. James Parris. Come help us to carry the glad tidings to them.

Prayer mee'ing Dillsboro Baptist Church Sunday 7:30 P. M. Choir practice 8:15 P. M. Conducted by Rev. R. H. Askew assisted by the Superintendent and S. S. teacher of the M. E. Church. As follows: Mr. Holmes Bryson, Supt. Mr. J. J. Mason, Bible class teacher. Capt. W. A. Enloe, Intermediate class. Mrs. J. J. Mason, Infant class. Mrs. W. A. Enloe, Junior class.

## FACTS FOR SUFFERERS

Pain results from injury or congestion. Be it neuralgia, rheumatism, lumbago, neuritis, toothache, sprain, bruise, sore stiff muscles or whatever pain you have yields to Sloan's Liniment—brings new fresh blood, dissolves the congestion, relieves the injury, the circulation is free and your pain leaves as if by magic. The nature of its qualities penetrate immediately to the sore spot. Don't keep on suffering. Get a bottle of Sloan's Liniment. Use it. It means instant relief. Price 25c. \$1.00 bottle holds six times as much as the 25c. size.

## THE ANNUAL COST OF KEEPING HORSES AND MULES.

"The keep of work horses and mules on the average farm constitute a large and important item in the operating cost of the farm," says Mr. J. M. Johnson, of the Farm Management Work. "Just what charge should be made for the labor of these animals is an open question. The item will vary on different farms and under different conditions.

"To ascertain, if possible, the cost of keeping a horse or mule on the average farm in Western North Carolina, and to determine the charge which should be made against the crop for each work animal, the Division of Farm Management has made investigations during the past summer on thirty farms in Catawba County and has obtained the following results.

"On the thirty farms are kept 92 horses and 45 mules. The horses average nine years of age while the mules average just one year more. The extreme ages run from the age of three years for some of the horses which are at rather light work to 28 years for one horse and 29 years for one mule. Each of these animals are reported as doing some farm work. The average weight of the horses is approximately 1,150 pounds while that of the mules is 1,000 pounds. The farmers gave the 92 horses a value of \$14,793 for an average of \$160.80. They valued the 45 mules at \$6,658, or an average of \$147.73 per head. The annual depreciation in value on the 92 horses was \$782.50 or \$8.60 per head while on the 45 mules this item was \$572.50 or \$12.50 per head. A few of the mules and a somewhat larger proportion of the horses were less than five years of age and were really increasing in value. The value of the horses and mules amounted to \$21,441. The total depreciation in value per year amounted to \$1,355. At six per cent the interest on the valuation amounts to \$1,286.40. The veterinary services amounted to \$13.50 or slightly less than ten cents per animal. The shoeing bills amounted to \$325.20, while the total cost of all feed consumed amounted to \$14,231.15. This makes the annual cost of keeping 137 head of work stock on thirty farms in the Piedmont section of North Carolina amount to \$17,215.31. This gives an average cost per animal per animal per year of \$125.66.

## OUR 21ST ANNIVERSARY

Tuesday, Oct. 12th, is the 21st anniversary of the University of North Carolina.

Dr. J. H. Kirkland, Chancellor of Vanderbilt University, will make the address. Subject, Patriotism—a new Interpretation.

On Monday night, October 11th, the visiting alumni will meet to rekindle their loyalty and enthusiasm to inform themselves about the University's rapidly enlarging work, and to form constructive plans for co-operation a field in North Carolina.

Altogether the occasion will be a great event in the history of the University.

## CREAMERY ROUTE FOR JACKSON.

The creamery route up the river which has been under consideration for some time, will be started next week.

Mr. Lawrence of the North Carolina Creamery has been here this week getting everything ready for the route, he has employed John Coward to handle the route.

Mr. Lawrence informs us that Prof. F. H. Brown, Mr. Moody, Mr. Hunter and a number of others are going to patronize the route, and it is believed it will only be a short time until many others will fall in line.

The creamery route for this county is one of the best things that has come our way, as it affords a market for all the butter fat in the milk that has here to fore been going to waste compared with the price received for it now. It will be only a few months until this county will be receiving hundreds of dollars each month for the cream that has been letting go to waste.

Prof. Rhodes of this city has been working on this for sometime and is to be congratulated on his successful efforts.

## SOUTHERN HOLDS STOCK MEETING

Richmond, Va., October 12.—At the annual meeting of the stockholders of Southern Railway Company today, a large number of individual stockholders attending in person and a great majority of the total capitalization of the Company being represented either in person or by proxy, Fairfax Harrison, President of the Company, Robert M. Galloway, Banker of New York, and John W. Grant, Capitalist of Atlanta Ga., whose terms as Directors expired, were re-elected and Henry B. Spencer, Vice President of the Company, who was elected by the Board to fill the unexpired term of the late Col. A. B. Andrews, was also elected Director for a full term of three years.

Following the policy inaugurated last year, the meeting was open to the public and there was full and frank discussion of the report covering the operations of the Company for the fiscal year, ended June 30th, which was submitted to the stockholders at this meeting, and of the plans and prospects for the coming year. President Harrison presided and a number of the Vice Presidents and other principal officers were in attendance and all questions asked by stockholders in regard to the management of the property were fully answered and full information concerning the affairs of the Company and conditions in the territory it serves.

## SYLVAN HEIGHTS FOR SALE

My "place in the sun" opposite Court House and Fair Grounds: Two five room dwellings, 1 basement, crib, stables, smokehouse, 3000 apple trees, peach, pear, plum and cherry trees, and 100 grape vines. Low price and easy terms to quick buyer. Title perfect, no encumbrances.

GEO. P. MILLER.