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FARMERS' CLUBS.

Progress in the Work of Organizing.

CEDAR GROVE FARMERS' CLUB.

The farmers of South Fork township, in this county, held a meeting at Cedar Grove on Saturday last. Twenty-four members were enrolled, but the completion of the organization was postponed until Saturday, the 1st of May, when they feel assured the roll of members will be largely increased. Great interest is manifested in the movement, and the best of good feeling prevailed. The proceedings of the meeting will appear in our next issue.

We learn that in addition to the Cedar Grove Club there were three other clubs formed in the county the past week, but up to the time of going to press we were unable to get definite information in reference to them. We will be able to say more about them in next issue. The good work is evidently progressing in Forsyth county.

Meeting at Boyer's School House last Saturday. Meetings at two points Monday and yesterday to organize Clubs in Lewisville township.

CATAWBA RIVER CLUB

A meeting of the Catawba River Farmers' Club was held at Whisenhunt's School House on the 10th inst. The Club was organized by electing T. P. Cloninger, President, Abel Seites, Vice President, J. W. Mowser, Secretary, A. J. Carpenter, G. W. Seaboch, Marshal and an Executive Committee consisting of the President, Secretary and the following members; J. F. Moore, John Huffman and others. John Robinson, Esq., delivered an interesting talk on the necessity for organization among Farmers. The first Saturday in each month was adopted as the time for the regular meeting of the Club. Twenty-six members were enrolled. The subject for discussion at the next meeting is "The Raising of Tobacco." The monthly meetings of the Club will continue to be held at the same place.—*Piedmont Press*.

FARMERS' MEETING.—The farmers in the vicinity of Tyro, in Davidson county, propose to have a meeting at that place on Saturday, the 8th of May, at 1 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of forming a Farmers' Club, and consulting together for their common good. The editor of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER has been kindly invited and will be present to deliver an address.

IN WAYNE COUNTY.

The meeting of the farmers of this section to be held in the Court House here on Saturday, for the purpose of organizing a Farmer's Club promises to be a largely attended occasion, as we hope it will be; for it is exceedingly to be desired that our farmers become more united in action and consultation for their common good. Let every farmer of this section attend the meeting next Saturday.—*Goldboro Argus*.

ORGANIZATION OF THE GUILFORD COUNTY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Pursuant to previous advertisement several parties interested in growing and shipping fruit, met in Greensboro, Saturday, April 10th, and made a temporary organization by electing A. M. Smith, president, and J. C. Lindley, secretary. Among others who were present by proxy and in person were W. H. McCormick, large grower of fruit, J. Van Lindley, large grower, who is also president of the State Horticultural Society, J. S. Ragsdale and J. R. Ragsdale, large growers, Ward & Young, large growers, and others. The interest was fully discussed relating to the consignment of fruit, manner of handling, the proper sorts to plant for success, in marketing fruits from this section, the very important subject of rates of shipments by express companies, &c. The meeting adjourned to meet at the court

house in Greensboro, on Saturday, April 24th, at 10 o'clock, and it is earnestly urged on all people who are the least interested in growing or shipping fruit in any way to meet at the court house on the above date, when permanent officers will be elected and all matters of interest will be fully brought before the organization.—*Greensboro Patriot*.

CAUTION TO THE WORKING PEOPLE OF N. C.

RALEIGH, N. C., April 16, 1886. It having come to my knowledge officially that certain persons are holding public meetings in different parts of the State in the name of the Knights of Labor and teaching communistic and revolutionary doctrines, contrary to the principles of our order and dangerous to the people of our common country, this is to warn all people against them, as they have no authority to speak for the Knights of Labor or to call any meeting in its name. All regular organizers are furnished with credentials from the office of the general secretary-treasurer, which are signed by T. V. Powderly, G. M. W., and Frederick Turner, G. S. T., and a blue printed seal, and any person who does not display this document has no authority to organize assemblies of our order.

JOHN R. RAY.
State Organizer.

All State papers will do the working people a service by giving this a place in their columns.

THE FORERUNNER OF A COLONY.

Mr. W. H. Higgins, a capitalist from Sunbury, Pa., arrived at the Central yesterday, and during the day he made the acquaintance of several of our prominent citizens, with whom he discussed the object of his visit. Mr. Higgins is here to secure a location for a colony of farmers from Pennsylvania, and the colonists represented by Mr. Higgins are all provided with money enough to buy land, stock and farming implements. They do not desire to lease, but to buy.—*Charlotte Observer*.

MR. HEWITT'S TARIFF BILL.

What is known as the Hewitt tariff bill, and which has been reported to the House of Representatives, is not, as the Baltimore Sun says, "all that the friends of reform could wish," but is such as it is thought a majority of the House can be induced to vote for. The free list is made to include wool, flax, hemp, lumber, salt and fish. There is a reduction of ten per cent. on sugar, and a moderate reduction in textiles of a high grade. Coal, and the metals, are untouched. The total reduction of tax effected by the bill is variously estimated at from \$12,000,000 to \$20,000,000.

PECANS.

There is a man in Santa Rosa county, Florida, who has supported his family upon the produce of a few pecan trees. Less than fifty years ago, a man walking over the ground where these trees are, had in his pockets some pecans sent him from Louisiana, and thinking they might grow, made holes in the sand with his cane and dropped in each hole a nut, covering it with his foot. The forest thus planted is now more valuable than an orange grove, yielding a better per cent to the owner. The pecan is a hickory tree and the timber about as good as the shell bark hickory. It can be grown in all parts of the South with profit. Luke Blackmer, Esq., Dr. J. J. Summerell, and perhaps others about town, have pecans growing on their premises, though the trees are yet too young to bear fruit.—*Salisbury Watchman*.

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State Items.

—There were sold to our manufacturers during the month of March, \$52,119.26 worth of revenue stamps.—*Durham Recorder*.

—W. F. Snider is quite a successful truck farmer. He has a farm of about 1½ acres near the city, in cabbage, that promises well. Last year he cleared \$250 on this same land, and the year before \$300.—*Charlotte Chronicle*.

—A Wilkes county man, Dr. D. P. Smith, is now living in the Sandwich Islands, is Lieutenant of the King's body guard and "has influence at court." He is now in this country on a diplomatic mission.—*Charlotte Chronicle*.

—D. A. Bodenhamer has purchased the feed and sale stables belonging to R. A. Jordan, and will at once convert it into a first-class livery stable. The stables will be under the management of his brother, Jacob Bodenhamer, now of High Point.—*Kernersville News*.

—C. B. Brooks has purchased a half interest in the Salem Paper Mill.—Chas. Reynolds, by recent improvements, has more than doubled the size of his tobacco factory, near Sunny side, and has put in a new boiler and engine.—*Salem Press*.

—We are informed by one of our cotton-buyers that the number of bales of cotton sold in Concord since last September exceeds that sold for a whole year previous to that time—from September, 1884, to September, 1885. There is still in the country much cotton that is unsold.—*Concord Times*.

—Capt. Lee, who has a contract on the Boston and Southern Construction Company's railroad from Shelby to Rutherfordton, dropped dead yesterday morning while washing his face. He was preparing to go forth to commence the labors of the day, when the sudden summons came.—*Charlotte Observer*.

—Mr. A. A. Springs and family, of Winston, N. C., arrived here last week. These good people will make Hillsboro their home, and we extend to them a hearty welcome. Mr. Springs well engage in merchandising and in manufacturing plug tobacco, with Mr. L. C. H. Brown superintending the factory.—*Hillsboro Observer*.

—We venture the assertion that Goldsboro has a hen that will take the cake from any other hen in the State. She belongs to Capt. J. J. Robinson. She has raised fifty chickens this year, from spring to spring, besides bringing in one dollar and a half to her owner for eggs—and she ain't anything but a common piney woods hen either.—*Goldsboro Argus*.

—Mr. Jas. B. Lanier is building a large distillery, with a capacity of 50 bushels of corn per day, which will produce 200 gallons of whiskey.—The new tobacco factory on Council street is going up rapidly, and will be completed by the time agreed upon—15th of May.—The tobacco factories here will employ in the neighborhood of four hundred hands, this season, which is double the number so engaged last year.—*Salisbury Watchman*.

—Mr. Frank Younts is building a new house on his farm in Cotton Grove Township.—Two persons met in the drug store one day last week. One was 11 years old and weight 152½ pounds, the other was 42 years old and weighed 95 pounds.—Five orphans arrived at the Baptist orphanage at Thomasville, last Friday night and one Saturday night. There are 25 children at the orphanage now and more are daily expected.—A correspondent in the southern part of the county says that he fears that the peach crop is a failure. We are glad to know that the contrary opinion is held by a good many others.—*Davidson Dispatch*.

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—Miss Lucy E. McIntosh, daughter of Mr. Nicholas McIntosh, of Wolf Pit township in this county, was severely bitten on the hand last Saturday, 10th inst., by a dog which is thought to have been afflicted with rabies at the time.—*Rockingham Rocket*.

—The quantity of lumber, and various kinds of machinery daily passing over the railroad at this place to different points of Western North Carolina, indicate a rapid increase in enterprises in our section.—The village of Clyde station, twenty-five miles from Asheville, has five nice new churches in and near the place. This indicates well the character of the people who inhabit this pleasant vale.—*Asheville Citizen*.

—The belled buzzard was seen near town last week. This buzzard was caught several years ago in Caldwell county, a bell was fastened upon it and it was turned loose and has been heard from occasionally in different parts of the State. It flew over Newton last Thursday.—The work of erecting the buildings of the spoke and handle factory is progressing rapidly. Mr. Weedon thinks he will start ten or twelve shuttle-block saws next week.—*Newton Enterprise*.

—Hon. R. Y. McAden, president of the Spartanburg and Asheville railroad, yesterday informed an *Observer* reporter that trains will be put upon regular schedule between Spartanburg and Asheville, on June 1st.—Gaston county, through McAden's mills, is supplying plaids to South America. A large shipment of plaids from these mills was made to that country last week, in addition to shipments of plaids to New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Boston and Cincinnati.—*Charlotte Observer*.

—The proposed Presbyterian church at Blowing Rock is hoped to have ready for worship by the first of July.—Mr. E. P. Miller had the misfortune to lose, last week, his thoroughbred Jersey Bull, "Governor Jarvis."—Mr. John M. Bernhardt, who was at Blowing Rock last week, reports the snow 4 inches deep on top of the mountain Friday morning, the thermometer as low as 20 degrees above zero and the wind howling. At 100 yards on this side there was no snow at all.—*Lenoir Topic*.

—Mr. A. T. Summey has placed on our table a limb of a peach tree full of bright healthy bloom. And so they are found here and there throughout the town and country. But unfortunately they are in a hopeless minority.—Prof. C. D. Smith who is at present in the city, showed us yesterday beautiful specimens of spinal found in Haywood county, and cut in Philadelphia. They are of a rich orange color, possessing a rare brilliancy, and sparkle like the diamond and are more attractive even than the beryls and aqua marines before shown us by the same gentleman.—*Asheville Citizen*.

—The gin house and saw mill of Thompson & Blackwood, near Bellwood, caught on fire last Wednesday night. The ginhouse and gin were totally destroyed, involving a loss of about \$500, with no insurance.—During the trial of criminal cases Judge Avery sentenced four prisoners to the penitentiary: John Duncan, burning mill, twenty years; Seborn Jones, larceny, two years; G. W. Parker, forgery, three years, and John Champion, false pretences, four years.—The large tobacco factory of Bostic Bros. & Wright will commence work on Monday with about forty hands, which number will be increased in a few days to sixty. This firm expects to manufacture from 150,000 to 200,000 pounds of tobacco this year. Mangum, Webb & Oats will also commence work on Monday with a somewhat smaller force of hands. They expect to manufacture 100,000 lbs. of tobacco this season.—*Shelby New Era*.

—Work is progressing upon the new hotel at Warm Springs, which will be when completed one of the handsomest buildings in the South.

—Eighty-six feet of the county bridge at Enterprise factory in Randolph was washed away by the recent freshet.—The authorities of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley R. R. contemplate building a branch from some point on that road to a point on Deep river which will be most convenient to the greater number of the river factories.—A man by the name of Charles Horney, who lived about seven miles from here, on Deep river, committed suicide Wednesday morning by hanging himself to the limb of a pine tree. He was in bad health and temporarily insane.—*High Point Enterprise*.

—Messrs. Ramsey & Maxwell began work for the season, last Monday morning, at their tobacco factory on east Broad street. They started with 80 hands, which number they will increase on May 1st to 120.

—While everybody was away from home, Tuesday, the residence of Mr. Man. Combs, of Concord township, caught fire and was entirely consumed with all its contents. Mr. Combs' crops of wheat, as also his bacon, were in the house, and were burned.—Steele's tobacco factory with Turner's machinery in it has been rented by two of the live business men in this town, who will, May 1st, begin the manufacture of plug tobacco there. The papers were all signed yesterday, and the gentlemen who are to manufacture placed an order, yesterday afternoon, for 100,000 pounds of leaf.—*Statesville Landmark*.

—Tuesday night of last week the Young Men's Local Option Club was organized with a membership of one hundred and twenty-five.—The people of Person county are thoroughly aroused and are strongly in favor of the railroad from Durham to Lynchburg via Roxboro and South Boston.—W. G. Couch, of Orange county, is this week putting his crop of sweet potatoes on the market and says the crop will bring him \$400 in cash. He has ten barns of tobacco that he don't think will bring as much as the potato crop will.—Wednesday night of last week the academy at Caldwell in Orange county was burned and with it some 6,000 lbs. of tobacco, the property of Mr. H. Y. Harris. The tobacco was stored on the second floor while the first floor was being used for school purposes. The loss on the building was \$500, on tobacco \$1,000. No insurance. It is said to have been the work of an incendiary.—*Durham Plant*.

—Rumor has it that Greensboro is to have a new tobacco warehouse.

—The oat crop in south Guilford is reported a failure.—Forty new bills were found by the grand jury at the Federal Court last week.—Mr. Warren Davis, a highly respected citizen of Mt. Airy, dropped dead last week.—Joe Lawson, a negro barkeeper at Reidsville, shot and killed Alex. Simpson, also colored. Lawson is now in jail.—The celebrated Brower insurance cases, and all other civil cases were continued until the next term of the Federal Court.—Messrs. E. P. Wharton and Frank Pugh's bid of \$3,200 for building the new market house has been accepted and the building will be completed about the first of August.—Strange to say that the last term of the Federal Court, which convened here on the 5th inst., did not sentence a single man to the penitentiary. Reform is taking its course.—The Planter's Bank, with an authorized capital of \$200,000, at Mt. Airy, is now open and ready for business. J. M. Mathews is president, Winston Fuller, vice-president, G. D. Hensley cashier.—At the last term of the Federal court here there were 32 convictions and 8 acquittals. Sixteen parties were imprisoned in the county jail for terms ranging from one to four months.—*Greensboro Patriot*.