

THIS BABY OF OURS.

There is not a blossom of beautiful May,
Silver of daisy or daffodil gay,
Nor the rosy bloom of apple-tree flowers,
Fair as the face of this baby of ours.

You can never find on a bright June day
A bit of fair sky so cheery and gay,
Nor the haze on the hill, in moonlight hours
Blue as the eyes of this baby of ours.

There's not a murmur of wakening bird,
The clearest, sweetest, that ever was heard
In the tender bush of the dawn's still hours,
Blue as the eyes of this baby of ours.

There's no gossamer silk nor tasselled corn,
No flimsiest thread of the shy wood fern,
No blush of the sun through summer showers,
Pink as the palms of this baby of ours.

There's no fairer shell by the sounding sea,
No wild rose that nods on the windy lea,
No blush of the sun through summer showers,
Pink as the palms of this baby of ours.

May the dear Lord spare her to us, we pray,
For many a long and sunny day,
Ere he takes to bloom in Paradise bowers,
This wee bit darling—this baby of ours.
—Farm and Home.

State Items.

Mr. C. H. Scott and corps are now engaged in surveying the railroad from Franklinton to Durham.

Mr. Mike Woods, for a number of years the efficient tax collector of Goldsboro, was found dead in his room on the morning of July 23d.

In the competitive examination for the cadetship at West Point held at Weldon last week, the committee recommended to Congressman Simmons Messrs. Geo. B. Ransom, of New Berne, and John B. Spellman, of Weldon, as the most suitable young men for the appointment. Mr. Simmons decided to appoint Mr. Ransom, will Mr. Spellman alternate.

The Wilmington Star says: On Monday night Mrs. Robert Phillips committed suicide by swallowing two ounces of laudanum. Mrs. Phillips, who has been married about six months, was suffering from a very painful ailment, and a neighbor, a lady, gave her the usual dose of laudanum. She took the bottle home, and about 2 o'clock at night, awoke her husband and told him that she had taken all the laudanum. The husband at once went for a doctor, who did all in his power to resuscitate her, but it was too late. It is thought the lady was suffering from melancholia. She was from Fayetteville.

Greensboro Cor. News and Observer: The Guilford county Teachers Institute convenes here Wednesday the 25th inst., with Prof. W. A. Blair, of Winston, as Principal and Prof. C. P. Frazier, of Archdale, as assistant. The institute has been held here for years and is always well attended and an occasion of much interest. The board of aldermen last night granted the right of way to Dr. J. W. Griffith to establish a street railway. Dr. Griffith has made estimates and expects to begin work at an early day. The board also closed a contract with E. W. Bowditch, engineer of Boston, to make a survey for the city water-works at a cost of \$1,250.

Charlotte Chronicle: Will Crow, the negro who shot into the pay train on the Carolina Central road on June 11th, now resides in jail at Monroe. Mr. W. D. Alexander, a well known farmer of Mecklenburg, is meeting with good success in the sale of his Henry oats, and the farmers who have tested the oats, speak very highly of the results. Maj. Jas. G. Harris, in giving his experience says that the Henry Oats gave him more satisfaction than any he has ever sown. He sows ten bushels of Henry oats on five acres of land, which was fairly good soil, having yielded a good corn crop the previous year. No manure was used and from the ten bushels he threshed 130 bushels. Mr. R. W. Wallace did the threshing. This is a good yield.

Greensboro Morning News: Mr. P. D. Price, who went to Raleigh a few days ago in company with other gentlemen to negotiate with the authorities of the penitentiary with regard to the employment of convicts to build the Madison branch of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad, informs us that it is the wish and intention of those who have subscribed to the enterprise to have the road built by contract instead of employing a number of convicts to do the work. Mr. Price says a committee will be sent from the penitentiary to this place August 11th and will be taken over the line of the proposed route when propositions will be made for the work. Mr. Price is hopeful for an early completion of the road. When this is completed, Greensboro will have eight lines of ingress and egress.

Piedmont Press: The question whether the Co-operative Workers of America is a political society, forbid-

den by the laws of this State, is before the circuit court at this term for decision. The indictments against members of the society is set for trial today. **LATER**—After due hearing before his honor Judge MacRae, the case was dismissed.—A difficulty occurred in Newton last week between Joseph Dishman and William Harden, in which Dishman was very seriously if not fatally cut. The difficulty arose over Dishman's son, who, it seems, knew too much of Harden's irregularities to suit him. Dishman was alive at last accounts, but was in a critical condition. Harden evaded the officers until last Sunday, when he was captured skulking around in the old fields near Newton. About three hundred men were searching for Harden, who is now in jail awaiting the result of Dishman's injuries.

Kinston Free Press: A mad dog bit two horses of Mr. J. I. Davis living about three miles from town Saturday. The dog was killed by his son. No serious damage was done to the horses. It is thought.—There is a good chance of the cotton factory being established in Kinston. A stock company, of \$70,000, has been organized and near \$50,000 of stock is already taken. Our moneyed men should certainly not let this chance slip them to start the establishing of manufactories in our midst and to start the town to growing again. Subscribe liberally to the stock—it is almost certain to be a paying investment. Taking no other consideration into view, it is a moneyed man's duty to his fellow beings to furnish work to people by investing in enterprises of this nature. To look at it in a selfish point of view, it is as safe an investment as can be made and will, besides greatly enhance the value of what other property you may own in Kinston and vicinity. Don't let this chance fall through.

News and Observer: Agreeable to a resolution passed at the last meeting of the board of agriculture, preparations have been commenced by the department of agriculture to make the largest and best possible exhibit of the State's resources at the next State fair.

In view of several important facts, it is certain that the next fair will be more largely attended than any ever held heretofore. Raleigh itself offers attractions and inducements in the way of paved and sprinkled streets, hotel accommodations, and there is every reason to believe that the President of the United States will be present. These things will bring the largest gathering to the capital city ever known in its history and it is very proper that the people of the State should see its products and resources to the best advantage. The exhibit of gems, nuggets and precious stones will be unexceptionably large and handsome. Besides the State collections, several private collections will be shown, and a wider practical knowledge of this feature of the resources of the State given than ever before. The commissioner of agriculture desires specimens of fine grain for this exhibit, and will correspond with any who will contribute in this line.

JUSTICE.

An old darkey who had done no work for several months was offered fifty cents as a farm hand. Determined to assert his worth under all circumstances, the ignorant old fellow indignantly remarked:

"I wuks faw no man faw fifty cents er day. I se never onreasonable, but justice shall be maintained. I will not wuk faw fifty cents, I se willin' ter compermise fur twenty-five cents er day an' a watermillon."

FARMERS' CLUB.

Form of Constitution and By-Laws.

CONSTITUTION.

This club shall be known as the Farmer's Club of _____ Township. Its object shall be to improve the condition of the farmers and promote the cause of Agriculture.

Its officers shall consist of a President, Vice-president and Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected for the term of one year.

It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all regular or called meetings of the Club, and to announce the order of business. In his absence, the Vice-president shall preside. In the absence of both, the club may elect a temporary Chairman.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of the Club, and carry on such correspondence as the Club may direct.

In addition to the officers, there shall be an Executive Committee, consisting of three or more members, as the Club may

determine, to transact business appertaining to the Club.

Applications for membership must be made by petition, endorsed by one or more members of the Club. Such petition shall be referred to a committee, who will report at the next regular meeting, when a vote may be had upon the petition, a majority of the Club, not of those present simply, being necessary to elect to membership.

No one shall be eligible to membership unless practically engaged in Agriculture. Farmers' wives and daughters may be elected as honorary members.

There shall be no initiation or other fee charged. All necessary expenses shall be defrayed by proportionate assessment or by voluntary contributions, as the Club may decide.

The President, Vice-president and Secretary shall be ex-officio representative members of the Club to the County Club, when such is organized, and shall have full power to vote and act for the Club, unless the Club shall decide to elect other members as such representatives.

The Club shall have power to draft by-laws for its government.

The Constitution may be amended by giving two months' notice of the amendment proposed, in writing, but no amendment shall be carried without a two-thirds vote of the members of the Club.

BY-LAWS.

I. The meetings of the Club shall be held once a month (or oftener) at such time and place as the Club may direct. Special meetings may be called by the Executive Committee if deemed advisable.

II. The Order of Business shall be:
1. Calling the roll.
2. Reading minutes of preceding meeting.
3. Election of new members.
4. Report of committees.
5. Unfinished business.
6. New business.
7. Election of officers.

III. Elections shall be by ballot, the tellers appointed by the President, and those candidates receiving the largest number of votes, as counted before the Club, shall be declared elected.

IV. After the regular business, the Club may hear discussions, essays or addresses upon Agriculture, but no religious or political discussions will be permitted, or nothing calculated to mar the harmony of the Club.

V. Seven members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Each member will have the right to express his views fully upon any subject under discussion, but must do so courteously and not indulge in rudeness. Breach of courtesy will subject the offender to reproof, and if persisted in, he may be expelled by a vote of the Club. An expelled member cannot regain admission under one year.

Every member should feel it his duty to advance the interests of his fellow members and of his brother farmers, giving such aid and council as they may seek, when in his power to do so.

The above form, with slight modifications, will answer for the organization of County Clubs.

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