

THE WONDERFUL COUNTRY.

There once was a time when, as old songs prove it: The earth was not round, but an endless plain; The sea was as wide as the heaven above it— Just millions of miles, and began again. And that was the time—ay, and more's the pity It ever should end!—when the world could play, When singers told tales of a crystal city In a wonderful country far away!

State Items.

Charlotte Home: A cotton stalk over eight feet and having on it 207 fully developed bolls was shown this afternoon. Winston Daily: We were shown a gourd, suspended from a vine in a peach tree yesterday which is 37 inches long. Gastonia Gazette: Mr. Lucius Henderson, of Begonia, picked 380 pounds of cotton one day last week. Who can beat it? Wilson Advance: Mr. J. E. Brown showed us a squash last Tuesday that measured 48 inches in circumference and weighed 38 pounds. Durham Recorder: A large meeting of renters was held in the mayor's office Saturday night looking to the formation of a Building Association. Southern Tobacco Journal: Maj. W. W. Rollins, of Marshall N. C., has 100 acres in tobacco this year, and the Major claims that the crop will bring him \$50,000. Major Rollins is the largest tobacco grower in the world, and his crop this year is somewhat under the average. At the low prices of last year we understood that his crop realized \$40,000. Gold Leaf: The North Carolina Tile and Brick Company was formed at Pomona, Guilford county about a year ago for the purpose of manufacturing tilinks, piping and fire proof brick and terracotta flues from a Kaoline clay deposit about four miles West of Greensboro. Newton Enterprise: A capitalist and manufacturer was in Newton a few days ago looking around for a location for a \$100,000 cotton factory. Kernville News and Farm: No town can succeed long without diversified industries. They are essential to the life of the town, each assisting the other and all giving vitality to the place. Newberne Journal: Mr. L. Harvey has on exhibition a stalk of cotton from Mr. W. L. Kennedy's farm that contains eighty-nine bolls. Durham Plant: The great and powerful weed that comforts and soothes

is the staple of this section, and at Durham its sale reaches enormous proportions. Over fourteen million pounds of leaf tobacco sold in Durham since Oct. 1st, 1886. The farmers bring their tobacco to Durham because it is a steady market all the year round. In summer and winter, well as in spring and fall, the buyers are upon the market and the highest prices are paid. The output of manufactured tobacco for the year amounted to about 4,000,000 pounds of smoking tobacco about 100,000 pounds of chewing tobacco, 50,000 pounds of snuff, and 350,000,000 cigarettes. North Carolina Farmer: Whatever will benefit the farming interests will benefit all others. If the reduction of interest will promote the farmers prosperity, it will also in the long run benefit the whole body politic. North Carolina takes the premium over Pennsylvania. The grass and grain exhibit gotten up and exhibited at Asheville, and the Mt. Holly Fair and Institute by Capt. Nat. Atkinson, was sent to the Pennsylvania State Fair, and took the first premium, as it has in every place shown, and yet, we do not make enough of these articles to supply the home demand. We show what we can do, but fail in what we ought to do. Shame on our farmers. Sanford Express: Mr. A. F. Page, of Blue's Crossing, Mr. D. A. McDonald, of Carthage, and Mr. J. M. Graham, of Jackson Springs, have formed themselves into a company to build a railroad from Blues Crossing on the R. & A. road to Troy in Montgomery county. They will build this road 13 miles without a charter as these gentlemen own 13 miles of land in a solid body extending 13 miles west of Blue's Crossing. In this 13 miles of railroad there will not be a cut more than ten feet deep. This road will penetrate a body of the finest timbered pine land in North Carolina. It is indeed a big project, but its promoters are business men, and will no doubt build it. Wilmington Messenger: The gas works at Greensboro, now use Chatham county, (N. C.) coal. This is an entirely new source of supply. It is only since the opening of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley railroad that these mines have become accessible, yet located as they are, only forty miles from Greensboro. The road taps the coal-field country and the supply is abundant. Colonel A. H. Leftwich, of Lynchburg, manages the plant here, and we have it on the authority of those operating the works that in gas-producing capacity the Chatham coal is fifty per cent. superior to the East Tennessee article hitherto used. The North Carolina coal began to be used last April. Goldsboro Argus: Mr. T. B. Parker's \$60 worth of ensilage to the acre, which we told of yesterday, if converted into beef would be worth \$100. Of this at least \$50 would be clear profit. Can anybody equal this making cotton? If not why will not our farmers raise corn and at the same time enrich their land? Mr. Parker is engaged in filling his silo with choice corn. He has about six acres of corn, planted after his pea crop, which he is cutting now, and he thinks his crop worth about \$60 per acre. The crop was only plowed twice and never howed at all. It is easy to be seen, therefore, what a snug little profit there is to the acre. Next week he will sow the same land in rye thereby making three crops which he has planted on the same land this year. Of course this requires heavy manuring, but then it pays. Raleigh News and Observer: Messrs. Alfred Williams & Co., of this city, will give at the next session of the Teachers' Assembly a beautiful solid gold watch, stem-winder and stem-setter, chatelaine model, handsomely engraved, for the best examination in their Moore's School History of North Carolina. The examination will be publicly held in the Assembly Hall, and competition will be open only to all actual teachers. Thirty questions will be submitted, and written answers are to be handed in for inspection by the examining board. Former successful contestants in the examinations in North Carolina History will not be allowed to compete for this prize. The wonder of the street yesterday was an immense pumpkin displayed at the store of Messrs. W. C. & A. B. Stronach. It weighs 115 1-2 pounds and measured six feet around. It came from the farm of Mr. W. C. Stronach. State Chronicle: Ring the bells! Beat the cymbals! Blow ye the drum-

pet! Sound the trombone! The Warrenton Gazette says that not a car load of hay or corn has been brought to that market during the season; on the other hand, Mr. J. L. Shaw and Mr. S. Johnson are both shipping hay to Northern markets. A friend in Pender county writes a long letter giving an account of the recent visit of Commissioner Robinson and Immigration Agent Patrick to pender county. The Chronicle had already published the facts about the meeting and the crowded condition of our columns prevent the insertion of the communication. We give space to one sentiment: "If Commissioner Robinson and our new State Chemist, Mr. Battle, can break down the wall of separation between the people and the Department and can show the people that they are heart and hand, with the farmers and for the farmers, they will render this Department more useful and beneficial to the State than it has yet been. To this end they can canvass the State and revive the drooping cause of Agriculture, the better for themselves and the State at large." If the farmers of this country expect ever to see their condition bettered, they must cut loose in a measure from the bitter political factions that have cursed North Carolina and the South since the war. They must cease to follow and take the lead. Surely they have seen enough of both sides to know by this time that their interests demand separate and independent action and an entire repudiation of factious politics, unless they can utilize these so as to promote their own ends. In order to do this effectually they must take hold of the machine and run it—select their own men for conductors, engineers, and firemen. Otherwise, their impoverished, and almost hopeless condition, must remain as it is. The farmers should organize at once a mutual protective union for the elevation and advancement of this great interest.—Salisbury Truth. 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. RACKET STORE! THE GREAT Bargain House OF RALEIGH! Is taking a great boom. We are now opening the largest and cheapest stock of goods ever brought to the Racket, consisting of Dry Goods and Notions of all descriptions, Boots and Shoes, Hats and Caps, Ready-made Clothing, Carpets, Hardware and Cutlery, Stationery, Jewelry, Gold and Silver Watches, &c. Our Millinery Department is full and complete and will be run by Mrs. Alice Goodwin and Miss Undine DeCarteret. These goods are purchased for cash and from houses that are compelled to sell at reduced prices. They will be sold for cash and for less than they can be bought in any other market in this State. To the intelligent, who will be convinced, these facts and figures must command conviction, but these eloquent eulogies are powerless to him who lacks the level head, the honest heart and the almighty dollar. They are of no avail whatever to the ante-deluvian of one hundred per cent. who piles on the profit until the land pirates, who were ignoring the prices, have converted his real values into bubbles, valued at the mills two cents a pound. Ladies, come to the Racket and buy your Cloaks, Silk and Silk Velvet Cloaks for \$14, worth \$24. Come and buy your Clothing and Boots and Shoes and save your money. VOLNEY PURSELL & CO., No. 10 E. Martin St. A. C. VOGLER, MANUFACTURER AND DEALER IN ALL KINDS OF FURNITURE. UNDERTAKING IN ALL ITS BRANCHES. You will find me at my same old stand in Salem, where I have been for 29 years, always ready and willing to wait on my customers. My stock of Furniture is complete, also my Undertaking Department, where I have all kinds of WOOD AND METALIC COFFINS AND CASKETS, BURIAL ROBES, COOLING BOARDS AND HEARSE READY At any minute, Day or Night, to wait on you. Don't forget the place when you want anything in my line. Also Veach's Ironing Stand. Thanking you for past favors, I remain, Respectfully Yours A. C. VOGLER, MAIN STREET, SALEM, N. C. Biblical Recorder. (ESTABLISHED 1835) REV. C. T. BAILEY, EDITOR. REV. C. S. FARRISS, ASSOCIATE EDITOR. TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTION. One copy 1 year, including postage, \$2 00 One copy 6 months, " " 1 00 Address, EDWARDS, BROUGHTON & CO., RALEIGH, N. C. Important to Tobacco Growers! In saving your Tobacco Crop, use VERNON'S TOBACCO HANGERS. By their use the capacity of your barn is doubled with same number of sticks. Great saving in time, fuel and labor. Requires no change in barn and no change of sticks. Will repay their cost first season in saving your primings alone. Have been thoroughly tested and a big success. Guaranteed to excel anything of the kind ever invented. Their cheapness brings them within the reach of all. No tobacco grower can afford to be without them. Will be on exhibition at our State Fair. Send your orders, giving number of sticks to be filled, and we will quote prices. Agents wanted. Address, VERNON TOBACCO HANGER CO., Greensboro, N. C.

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