

Correspondence.

HARRY FARMER'S TALKS.

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Correspondence of The Progressive Farmer. "I planted some corn a few days ago and put some commercial fertilizer on part of it and I can tell to the very row where I put it, the corn is a great deal larger and has a better stand."

This is what a farmer said to us a few days ago. On lands that are infested with insects a little guano will pay a handsome profit in insuring a stand. It will pay sometimes to use a little in the hill to give the crop a "send off" on cold wet lands where the grass and weeds are likely to give trouble. We have had cotton on rich soil that would not grow, yet the weeds and grass seem to delight in beating the cotton. This is the place we like to use some quick acting fertilizers at planting time. It is enough to give a farmer the blues when his cotton is red and does not grow and "General Green" is invading every side. It is with such conditions as these that the commercial fertilizer pays best.

How often people fall when trying to follow the plans of others! A close examination shows that the directions given are often not followed and some of the most important details are omitted. When seed do best covered one inch it might prove fatal to cover two inches. It is hard sometimes for people to learn measures or distances. This trouble is often experienced by every farmer when he employs children or inexperienced help. It is in planting and work of this kind that machinery plays such an important place. It will not put one hill three inches deep and another one-half inch deep.

We find it best to plant early crops, those that we want to come up and grow off quick very shallow. Early in the spring the land is well supplied with moisture; and corn, potatoes and other crops need only to be hid in order to germinate quickly. But the later crops are planted, the deeper they can be covered. And sometimes it is best to cover deeply when the soil is very dry. When any crop is planted in soil that is likely to crust, it should be stirred after every packing rain. The deeper the seed are covered the more important it is to break the crust. The cultivation given will often pay a nice profit on the work required.

When the soil is very dry and you wish to plant a patch of melons or any thing of that kind, just make a small hole and pour some water in it and wait a few minutes for it to soak in, then push the seed down in the mud and cover with dry soil. We have planted several times this way and had success, while others were waiting for rain. The cover of dry earth will prevent the drying out of the water and thus make the seed come up quickly.

The spring is backward here but we are having some nice growing weather now. Cotton planting is well on the way and will soon be completed. Some have set tobacco.

We must tell you about our peas again; it looks like we are in "tough luck" this spring with them. Mary Jane said she did not think the seed were good, but they sprouted and tried to come up. We kept noticing that something was wrong. At last we made a close examination and discovered a rabbit track among the peas and set a trap at once. Next morning we had Mr. Cotton Tail. We set the trap again and caught four in about as many nights. Which saved our peas. The trap was nothing but a box about 20 inches long and made of 1x6 inch boards with a drop door.

HARRY FARMER. Columbus Co., N. C.

Country Life in America for May is a timely number of this large and superb magazine. The value of "Our Mountain Forests" is told by Dr. Chase P. Ambler, with many beautiful pictures of the Southern Appalachians; "Glimpses of Brook Life" treats of the plants and animals found along the streams and "The Inspirations of a Great Farm" tells of the development of profitable dairy herds and of business methods in farming.

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WAYNE COUNTY ALLIANCE.

Correspondence of The Progressive Farmer. Wayne County Alliance met with Home Sub. on April 11th. The day was warm and bright and we were pleased to see so many of the brethren and sisters present. For we had a drawing card in the presence of our State Business Agent, "our Tom" Parker. Then we knew the old Home Sub always does her best to please the appetite. We went to work with Vice-President P. C. Caldwell in the chair, transacted business until twelve o'clock, then adjourned for Bro. Parker's talk, which was fine and up to date. Owing to the death of Bro. D. C. Hood, one of our brethren, the chair appointed a committee to draw up resolutions of condolence to the bereaved family and the Order. Bro. Hood was a member of Falling Creek Sub., and in his death last January the Alliance lost a true and valued member and the community a worthy citizen. J. M. MITCHELL, Sec'y. Wayne Co., N. C.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY ALLIANCE.

Correspondence of The Progressive Farmer. Cumberland County Farmers' Alliance held its regular meeting with Godwin Sub., April 9th, at Godwin. Great interest is now being taken in the duty of the membership of the Alliance. At this meeting the question of "the good of the Order" was discussed by Brethren J. C. Bain and Nathan Williams. As I am Business Agent for Wade Sub., I stated to the brethren in part our plan of doing business, which, I am glad to say, is satisfactory to all the brethren buying goods through our State Business Agent handled by myself. This may not appear to be feasible to some of our brethren. I am convinced beyond a reasonable doubt that if the agents of all our Subs. would order goods through our State Business Agent, it would strengthen our financial standing as an Order. For if we members doubt the ability of our organization to transact business, how can we possibly expect others to put confidence in us? We should be prompt in all our dealings with our fellow-man. The next regular meeting will be held with Flea Hill Sub., at Flea Hill, on Wednesday before the second Thursday in July, 1902. D. D. BAIN, Sec'y. Cumberland Co., N. C.

GOOD SCHOOLS IN GOOD WEATHER.

How a County Superintendent Adapted the Schools to the Conditions in His County. Correspondence of The Progressive Farmer. Every county superintendent and every member of a county or district school board in the mountains and hill country of the South should know of the work of Supt. S. F. Venable, of Buncombe County, North Carolina. In this county, as in so many others, the public schools had for years been taught in the late fall and winter, when the weather is bad and the little children cannot attend without exposure and danger to health. Two summers ago Supt. Venable worked out a plan for what he calls "duplicate graded schools" and induced a number of the districts to give it a trial. The children were classified in eight grades, each grade representing the work of a school year. About the first of June the schools were opened for children of the first, second, third and fourth grades, which included all the children from six to ten years old, and the records show that the average attendance daily of the children of these four grades was as large as the average daily attendance of all children of all grades the year before. After four months, children of the higher grades were admitted. In some instances the first, second and third grades were discontinued; in others additional teachers were employed and children of all grades were taught the next four months. In other cases smaller schools were combined in central schools. So satisfactory were the results that the majority of the schools in this county have now adopted the plan. The attendance of the small children, on account of good weather in the summer and fall, has doubled and some of the teachers reported last summer that every child in their districts from six to ten years old was in school. The progress made by the children was surprising to the parents and children, and was made possible because of the few grades to be taught. These schools will run from eight to nine months this year. The plan is economical, and has many advantages which make it worthy of careful consideration. P. P. C. Knox Co., Tenn.

WILSON COUNTY FARMERS' ALLIANCE.

Correspondence of The Progressive Farmer. The Wilson County Alliance met with Rook Ridge Sub. April 10th. We were proud to have Bro. T. B. Parker with us to give a public lecture, and glad to see so large an audience out to hear what he had to say. Bro. Parker talked an hour or more to a crowd of eager listeners, after which the ladies made ready a well prepared dinner, about which all gathered, after thanks. The men did ample justice to the meal. At two o'clock we assembled again to transact the business belonging to the Alliance. The business was done in regular order. Several interesting talks were made by some of the brethren. We adjourned to meet with Lucama Sub. the second Thursday in July, 1902. Brethren, let us push the Alliance work. Brethren, let us remind our neighbors and friends of the fact that we need their help to carry on our work. J. H. FLOWERS, Sec'y. Wilson Co., N. C.

FARMERS URGED TO MEET IN MOYOCK.

To the farmers of Moyock and surrounding country, and the public generally: You are earnestly requested to meet at Moyock, N. C., on Saturday, the 10th of May, at 2 o'clock p. m., to hold a farmers' mass and experience meeting, and to discuss the necessity of the organization of the farmers, the last class to organize. The example of organization was first taught by Christ in the organization of His Church, then by every profession. I propose to talk of the value of organization, and hope that many others will join in the discussion. Come one, come all. The ladies are cordially invited to be present. W. S. MERCER, Chaplain State Farmers' Alliance.

The Markets.

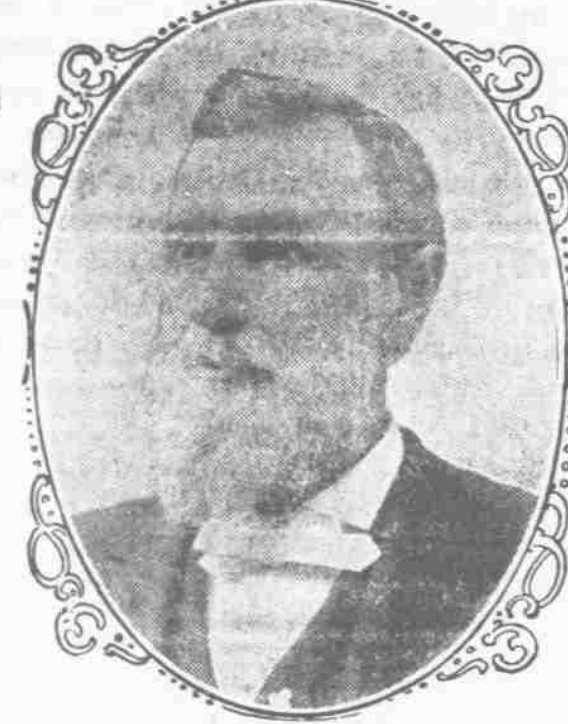
Table with market prices for Raleigh Cotton, Norfolk Peanuts, and Charlotte Produce Market. Includes items like receipts to day, prices to day, and various agricultural products.

Table with market prices for Wilmington Market. Includes items like hams, shoulders, sides, and various meats.

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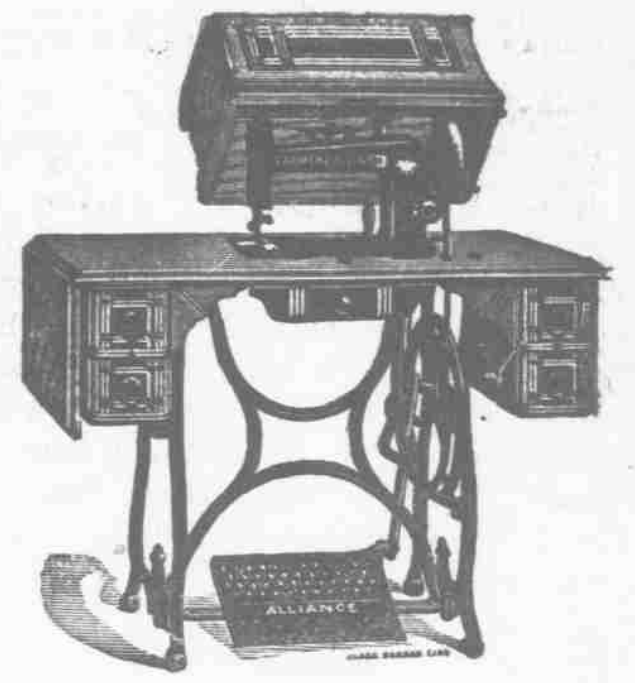
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