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### HARRY FARMER'S TALKS.

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Editor of The Progressive Farmer:

We want some of our readers to write on some crop or subject which they have made a success or complete failure in, giving all the details. A speaker said once to a large crowd that, "any man can make money." An old farmer asked, "How?" The speaker replied that he did not know. "Well, it is the 'how' we want to know," said the farmer.

So, friends, it is the "how" that the up-to-date farmers want to know. Just give it in your own language just like you were talking to your neighbor. The editor will put it in good shape. These articles will do an immense amount of good. This is the kind of book farming that helps. "An ounce of experience is worth more than a pound of theory."

We do not like to give our failures, but they are as important as a success. In writing give the cause of the success or failure as you see it. It saves us from doing unnecessary hard work. A young farmer hears some one say that lime is good for land that needs it and mixed with leaves and straw it will cut them up and put them in a nice condition for a potato crop. He jumps at the conclusion to try it on his stable manure with the result that its value is entirely destroyed. He knows that stable manure is one of the best fertilizers he can use on almost any crop, but if mixed with lime all the ammonia, the most valuable part, is entirely destroyed and lost.

Now to give in detail an experience so that the average reader can understand it will help thousands of struggling farmers. Now do not be afraid to do this for fear you will glut the market. Every one who reads your experience is not going to try it. Farmers are a conservative class and do not jump at every new thing they hear about. In some instances this may be best, but we are most too slow about making changes. But we all often "sin against light" to our own hurt.

But let us make farming one of the best callings that can be followed. The time has come when a large number of farmers make fancy crops that buyers come to their doors to buy. So you see that if you have enough of any crop to justify it, the

commission merchant or agent will take it off your hands. One man cannot raise any crop to be sold on the general market well because it requires carloads to get the best prices.

HARRY FARMER.

Columbus Co., N. C.

#### Money in Farming.

There are many men in Northampton who are making money farming, and our farm lands are steadily increasing in value. There probably will never be a time when Northampton farm lands will be worth less than now. The farm is becoming more attractive each year. There are many notable instances of farmers who have made money during the past few years. They can be found in every neighborhood. Citizens of other States who make their home our lands and invest money in them. Dr. Robt. P. Morehead, a native West Virginian, who located in the county about eight years ago, and has built up a large practice, has bought several small farms, and it is said never loses an opportunity to invest in farms, if near enough to him to give them some oversight.

Perhaps the most notable instance of successful farming in the State can be found in this county. We refer to Senator Ransom, who retired from public life six years ago, comparatively a poor man, having devoted the best years of his life to the service of his country. Like his great kinsman, Nathaniel Macon, he turned his attention to agriculture. —Roanoke-Chowan Times.

The order of the Superintendent of the Rural Free Delivery system directing the postmasters to post in their respective offices correct lists of all persons served by routes radiating therefrom opens the gateway for floods of mail of all sorts and kinds to our rural neighbors. The medicine men, the novelty men, the cheap jewelry and merchandise men, all sorts of men, including the newspaper men, will get copies of these lists and send the people mail by the bushel. Hitherto, as we understand it, it has been the policy of the Post Office Department to protect its patrons against receiving all sorts of unsolicited mail by instructing postmasters not to furnish lists of names from among its patrons. But in the new order this policy is reversed. The theory is that the posting of lists of patrons will bring them larger volumes of mail and, in turn, greatly increases the amount of mail gathered up along the routes. —Gastonia Gazette.

## THE CHARLOTTE POULTRY SHOW.

### List of the Awards—Officers Elected.

This is the last day of the Charlotte Poultry Association's Show in the city hall. The attendance yesterday was quite large.

The breeds of chickens on exhibition are as follows: Barred, bluff and white Plymouth Rock, white Wyandotte, white and brown Leghorn, white and black Minorca, pit and Indian game, bantams, and a few others. There is a very fine collection of geese, among them being the Toulouse and wild geese and the Pekin and Muscovy ducks, which are as large as common geese. The turkeys, several breeds of pigeons and the proud little bantam chickens come in for their share of attraction. The white and gray Belgian hares and the squirrels make a pretty exhibit.

Following are some of the awards announced last night:

Barred Plymouth Rocks, W. B. Alexander: First cock; second and third hen; first pullet; third pen.

A Bertlering, Atlanta, Ga.: Second and fourth cock; fifth hen; fifth pen.

B. S. Davis: Third cock; first hen; first and second cockerels; second, third, fourth and fifth pullet; first, and second pen; first collection.

C. C. Randleman, Randleman, N. C.: Fifth cock; fourth cockerel; fourth pen.

Warden Bros.: Fourth hen.

E. M. Rigler: Third and fifth cockerel.

White Plymouth Rocks, P. G. Biggers: First cock, first cockerel; second pullet.

J. A. Bely, Burlington: First and second hen; second and fourth cockerel; first and fifth pullet; first pen.

Roy Butt: Third hen.

McArrowood, Burlington: Third cockerel; third and fourth pullet.

Red Cops, Wm. Bush: First hen; first cockerel; first pullet.

Black Langshan, R. H. Henderson, Coronaca, S. C.: First cock; first and second hen; fourth pullet.

Wm. Jose: Second cock; third, fourth and fifth hen; first and second cockerel; first, second and third pullet; first pen.

Brown Leghorns, John P. Green: First cock; first, second, third, fourth and fifth hen; first, second, third and fourth pullet; first pen.

Nevin Poultry Yards: Second cock.

W. L. Ormond, Bessemer City: First cockerel.

Buff Leghorns, W. F. Lilly, Petros, Tenn.: First cock, first and second cockerel; first, second, third and fifth pullet; first pen.

Nevin Poultry Yards: Second cock; fourth pullet.

Black Minorcas, H. M. Collins, Charleston, S. C.: First cock; first hen; first cockerel; first, second and third pullet; first pen.

Wm. Bush: Second cock; second, third, fourth and fifth hen; second cockerel; fourth and fifth pullet; second pen.

Light Brahmas, W. L. Ormond, Bessemer City: First cockerel; first pullet.

Bronze Turkey, T. J. Allison, Sugar Creek: First Tom.

White Minorca, F. S. Bullington, Richmond, Va.: Third cock; first, second, third and fourth hen; first cockerel; first, second, third and fourth pullet.

Toulouse Geese, B. D. Springs: First gander; first, second and third goose.

All the ribbons have been placed and everybody can see who the winners are.

The annual meeting of the Association was held last night. It was decided to hold the seventh exhibition on January 12, 13, 14, 15, 1904. Officers were elected as follows: B. S. Davis, president; W. B. Alexander, first vice-president; E. G. Warden, second vice-president; Rev. J. A. Dorrittee, third vice-president; Jno. B. Taylor, secretary and treasurer; S. W. Porter, superintendent; A. W. Banks, assistant superintendent; F. J. Marshall, Atlanta, judge. —Charlotte Observer, 15th.

The poultry show closed last night after having continued from last Tuesday. It was not a financial success, owing to the very unfavorable weather which cut the attendance to about half what it was last year, but the completeness and excellence of the exhibits are said by experts to have been fully up to the standard of State events of its kind in former years. Among the outside exhibitors who took prizes at the fair were: W. D. Harrill & Co., of Ellenboro; Kornegay & Son, of Mount Olive; J. M. Workman, of Burlington; P. R. Brooks, of Black Creek, and Henry Jaeger, the well-known Atlantic Coast Line engineer, of Florence, S. C. The judges and other officers of the show who came from a distance, left to-day, returning to their homes. —Wilmington Cor. Charlotte Observer.