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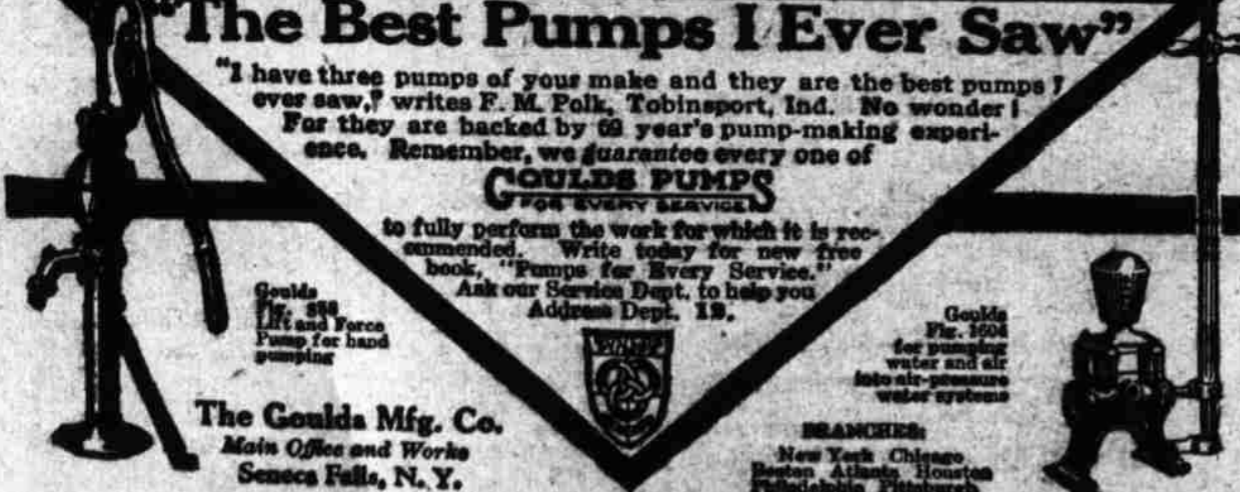
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We Must Pay Teachers More

EVERYTHING that country teachers eat or wear has advanced in price. The value of the small salary paid heretofore has decreased almost one-half. Instead of becoming better paid, as should be the case, they will this year face an actual reduction in salary unless steps are taken to increase their salary in proportion to the increased cost of commodities.

The shoes worn by teachers have doubled in price; the price of cotton clothing has almost doubled; there will be a large increase in the charge for board this year, even in our country districts; wool clothing is almost prohibitive in price—and still some country teachers will be called on to teach a four months' school at a salary of \$35 per month or a salary of \$140 per year!

This is grossly unfair, for it has been almost impossible for many teachers to exist on these nominal salaries even in normal times. If we are to retain men and women of worth as teachers therefore, we must increase their salaries. The second grade teacher who has been getting \$35 per month should get \$50 or \$60 this year and other teachers an increase accordingly. It is grossly unfair to do less than this; and if the members of any community find that the taxes will not allow such an increase in the local teacher's salary, they should increase it by private subscriptions rather than pay a small salary and accept an inefficient teacher.

P. T. H.

Miss Nicks Used the Telephone

The Progressive Farmer Pig and Chicken Club,

Gentlemen:—

I RECEIVED my pig and certainly I am well pleased with it. He weighed 85 pounds and is a beauty. One of my neighbors said he is going to send in a club and get himself a pig. I did not have any trouble getting my club, simply called around over the telephone. 'Twas really fun.

Have not received my registration papers yet, and in the meantime I am calling him "Buster." Am afraid I can't send you my picture because there is no photographer near, however, if I had a good kodak might get one.

Thanking you many times for the nice pig, I am,

MISS LINDA NICKS.

Hickman County, Tenn.

GEORGIA NOTES

THE President of the Bank of Tennille, Tennille, Ga., Dr. McMaster, is a strong advocate for having the farmers of Georgia raise more wheat. He has not purchased any flour or meal for the past three years, receiving from one acre of ground, close to the corporate limits of Tennille, enough wheat and corn to supply his family of five persons all the flour and meal they have used.

There are two farmers in Washington County, Georgia, who own adjacent farms of the same quality of soil—one inherited nearly all of his 400 acres, the other was a tenant and saved enough to purchase his place of 160 acres. The 400-acre farmer has raised cotton exclusively, the other has raised wheat, corn, hogs, cattle, or is a "diversified" farmer. The former is in debt, the latter owes nothing and has a bank account. This is a true statement of the condition of these two men.

The Cotton Market Situation

THE general cotton market has been firmer this week. Sustaining factors have been the abnormally low temperatures over the South, continued firmness of spot cotton holders and strengthening statistics. Then latterly there has been the ban on grain speculation, which is reported to have caused some switching of wheat speculators into the cotton market. To these gentry, accustomed to the dizzy heights attained in the grain and provision markets, cotton naturally looks alluringly cheap.

But it is not at times like the present that cotton needs speculative support; such support is needed during periods of over-supply and abnormal depression. Not many producers have any cotton left, and those who have some are probably carrying it for the restoration of world peace, when an extraordinary increase in the demand will result in fancy prices. To be sure, advance buying on new crop months has put these deliveries

to within a fraction of 20 cents, and this is of very great benefit to the cotton planter. To start off with a new crop at around 20 cents would be something entirely new. It will be quite different from going to 20 cents after the bulk of the crop has left the growers' hands. Such a price, in addition to the raising of most if not all of the home requirements, will mean an era of prosperity previously unknown in the South.

There is an acute scarcity of long staple cotton, and prices are at phenomenal levels. The foreign supply of long staples is short, and the demand more urgent than ever before. Under existing conditions, this may be expected to continue into next season. The Sea Island planter should watch his crop with scrupulous closeness. He must diligently employ every known device to circumvent the weevil, for the relative slowness of development renders Sea Islands more susceptible to impairment.

The general crop is backward, owing to the long cool spell, and much replanting has been necessitated. It is now thought that the acreage will be not far from last year's figures. With the weakening land and weevil to contend with, it is indispensable that the farmer should give his crop more conscientious cultivation. This is the one year for him to make more food, feed and cotton too.

W. T. WILLIAMS.

Savannah, Ga.

North Carolina Markets

Prices paid by merchants for farm products in the markets of North Carolina, as reported to the Division of Markets, Wm. B. Camp, Chief, for the week ending Saturday, May 13:

Town	Corn No. 2	Wheat	Oats	Soy Beans	Cowpeas	Irish Potatoes	Sweet Potatoes	Apples
	Per Bushel	Per Bushel	Per Bushel	Per Bushel	Per Bushel	Per Bushel	Per Bushel	Per Bushel
Ahoke	\$1.68	\$0.80	.....	\$2.25	.....	\$1.00	.....	.....
Charlotte	1.75	.89	.....	2.75	.....	1.00	.....	.....
Durham	1.90	.85	.....	3.00	.....	1.20	.....	.....
Fayetteville	1.80	.85 1/2	.....	2.50	.....	1.00	.....	.....
Lumberton	1.90	.....	.....	2.25	.....	1.00	.....	.....
New Bern	1.85	.86 1/2	.....	3.25	.....	1.25	.....	.....
Raleigh	1.75	.80	.....	3.00	.....	1.00	.....	.....
Rocky Mount	1.92	.93 1/2	.....	4.85	.....	1.50	.....	.....
Scotland Neck	1.90	.88	.....	.....	.....	1.25	.....	.....
Winston-Salem	1.50	.90	.....	2.70	.....	1.15	.....	.....

BUTTER, EGGS, POULTRY AND HOG PRICES

Town	Western Creamery Butter	N. Carolina Butter	Eggs	Spring Chickens	Hens	Per Pound	Hogs
	Per Cwt.	Per Cwt.	Per Doz.	Per Doz.	Per Doz.	Per Cwt.	Per Cwt.
Ahoke	\$0.48	\$0.40	\$0.25	\$0.30	\$0.20	.....	.....
Charlotte	.50	.45	.30	.35	.25	.....	.....
Durham	.50	.45	.30	.35	.25	.....	.....
Fayetteville	.45	.45	.30	.25	.15	.....	.....
Lumberton	.45	.45	.30	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Bern	.48	.45	.30	.....	.....	.....	.....
Raleigh	.48	.48	.35	.35	.18	.....	.....
Rocky Mount	.42	.50	.30	.25	.25 1/2	.....	.....
Scotland Neck	.45	.40	.25	.25	.15	.....	.....
Winston-Salem	.....	.42	.27	.17	.16 1/2	.....	.....

PRICES OF COTTON, COTTON SEED AND COTTONSEED MEAL

Town	Middling Cotton	Cotton seed	Pounds of Meal for
	Thursday	Per Bushel	Ton Seed
Ahoke	18.37	.....	.....
Charlotte	20.00	\$0.60	.....
Durham	19.50	.....	.....
Fayetteville	19.50	.75	2500
Lumberton	19.50	.....	.....
New Bern	19.00	.90
Raleigh	19.50	.83	2700
Rocky Mount	19.00	.90	2800
Scotland Neck	19.25	.90

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