

**Eastern North Carolina Farmers Hope for Better Things in 1907.**

Messrs. Editors: Notwithstanding the great depression from crop failures in our Eastern section, the farmers have gone to work in good earnest to retrieve their losses in the making of a 1907 crop.

Fall-oats are doing well and preparations for truck, especially cabbage, peas and potatoes, seem to be on the usual scale in our county.

There are more corn buyers in Craven this year than for a long time, and all need peas; none of importance were picked in Eastern North Carolina.

The cotton gin nearest me that usually gins nearly 300 bales will not reach 100 of the 1906 crop, as all is ginned. A farm with 400 acres cleared land and with eighty acres in cotton has only made twenty-three bales this year, and that is about the average of the county with, of course, some few exceptions where small areas have done better.

Our farmers are encouraged with the conclusion, however, that we never have two years together like 1906. So they are preparing with a will to make due preparations for 1907 and find in Nature's abundant soil resources, coupled with the science of enriching and cultivating, that will enable the tiller of the soil to rejoice in an abundant harvest.

More poor hogs have been killed around here than ever before, and some who usually sell one or two thousand pounds of fresh pork, have only enough for 1907 meat. Sweet potatoes, field peas and ground-peas being scarce, hogs could not be fattened on corn. D. LANE.

Craven Co., N. C.

**Alliance Lecturer Cates Has a Good Trip to Lenoir.**

Messrs. Editors: We wish we had time and you space to tell you all about another nice trip to Lenoir County. But suffice it to say that on the morning of December 11, 1906, we were met at Falling Creek and driven out to the good home and farm of Pres. Geo. F. Parrott. Here we viewed the crop, stock, provision on hand for winter, consisting of horses, mules, cattle, chickens, turkeys and more than one hundred guinea fowls all hollering "pot-rack" at one time. We soon left that racket and made our way over to Holy Innocents, and that same night in the church here we met a goodly number of armers, including the ladies, and had a splendid Alliance meeting. One man said he laughed and cried, and cried and laughed, and was going home feeling like he wanted to be and do better. We visited most of the old Alliances and reorganized at Deep Run, Woodington and Parrott's school-house, the last one being named "Parrott Alliance," in honor of our State President.

We are much indebted to Oscar Hardy, Elder Henry Cunningham, Sam Parish, E. K. Davis, E. H. Waller, Henry Edwards, Dr. Wooten, R. I. Sutton, and many others, for kindnesses shown us and for any success we met on this trip.

We especially want to thank the Kinston Free Press for the encouragement given us both through the paper and otherwise, and would assure the editors that they have our hearty co-operation now and always.

And now this is our last report of 1906; before you read this 1907 will be upon us. Let me ask one and all to close up the book of criticism of the last and go forth to meet the duties of the new year with more of a manly heart than ever before. Let us men folks decide to be better men, better husbands, better brothers, better citizens, better Alliances, and, above all, better Christians.

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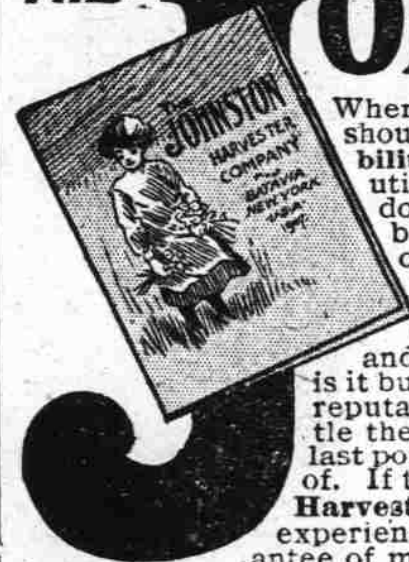
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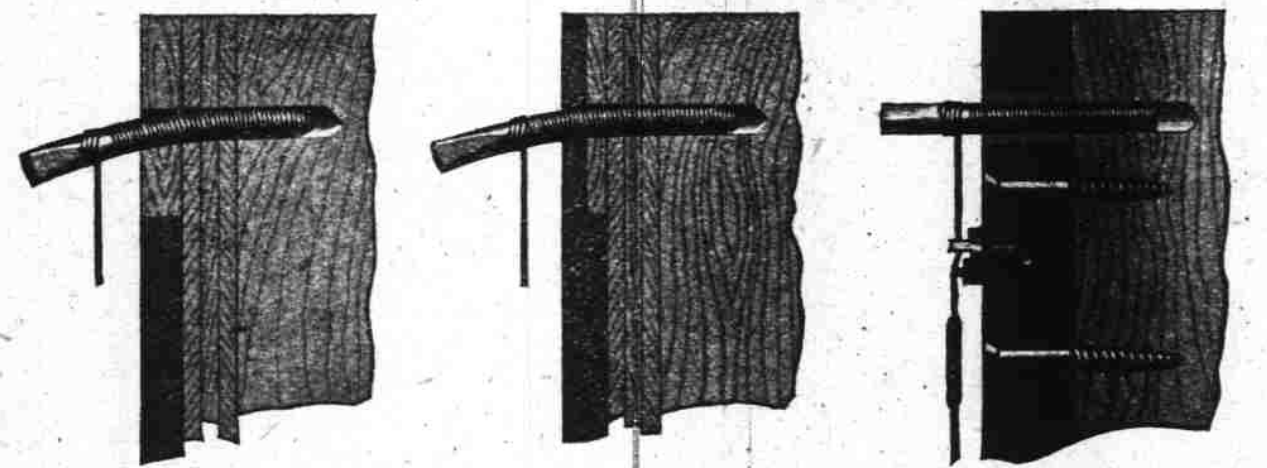
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