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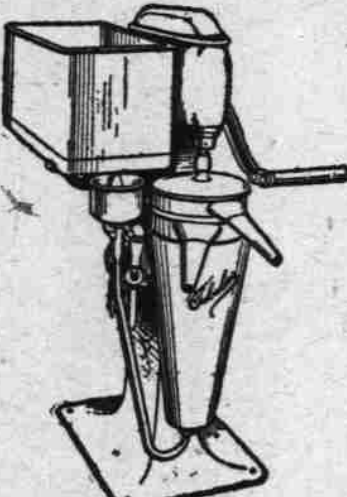
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Virginia News Notes.

The State Fair Was a Great Success—Lynchburg to Have a New Independent Tobacco Factory—Tobacco and Prices Good—Other Items of Interest.

Messrs. Editors: From every standpoint, the Virginia State Fair of which we sent some notes last week was a great success. We ought to say in addition that the poultry exhibit was a show within itself, numbering 1,500 birds.

Surpassing the speed of Major Delmar (2.06 3/4), mentioned last week, the performance of George C., the bay gelding, in going a mile at 2.06 1/2 set a new track record for Virginia.

On Friday, the 11th, a great audience crowded the spacious grandstand and near-by places to hear the Hon. Wm. J. Bryan.

The fair has come to stay and those who, when the subject of reinstating the old State Fair was broached nearly two years ago, prophesied failure, have been most agreeably disappointed.

Lynchburg's Independent Tobacco Company.

Lynchburg is to have an independent tobacco factory for the manufacture of plug, cut plug, twists, little cigars and cigarettes. The company is already incorporated with G. N. Booker, President; W. J. Morrison and J. B. Strachan are also connected with the new plant. Mr. Booker has been connected with some of the largest tobacco concerns in the country, has traveled in France, China, Japan, and England, introducing the cigarette machines. Mr. Morrison for many years was connected with the I. C. Williams Company, of Richmond, and has been a successful manufacturer. Mr. Strachan is widely known in railroad and banking circles in this State.

New Warehouse in Keysville.

The Planters' Warehouse Company, in Keysville, Virginia, is erecting a three-story building which will be one of the most commodious tobacco warehouses in all that section. The new crop of tobacco is now being cured and offerings of primings are bringing good prices.

New Tobacco in Lynchburg.

The offerings of new tobacco on the Lynchburg markets are coming in rapidly and several loads have been sold at good prices. The new crop is in good condition and buyers are much pleased with that already handled. The prices are satisfactory to farmers and are sustained on all grades.

Fine Tobacco Around Danville.

The quality of the new tobacco offered on the Danville market during the past week has been good; the prices have been prime and the farmers are evincing great delight at the good sales made and will no doubt take advantage of them to market the crop as soon as circumstance will permit.

It is said that the 1907 crop is the best raised for the past few years. The independent buyers and the order men are not buying to any extent, but the corporations are buying freely, taking from 75 to eighty per cent of the bidding.

It is generally conceded that the prices are the highest since 1902. Some buyers anticipate a decline, but many believe that the size of the new crop and the small stock of the old crop left will cause the price to keep up.

Dark Tobacco Men Meet.

Mr. E. T. Bondurant, vice president of the Association of Virginia,

Kentucky and Tennessee, addressed a large gathering of tobacco farmers at Charlotte Court House, October 7th. Mr. Bondurant's speech was well received and he strongly urged the farmers to pledge their tobacco to the Association. Hon. H. D. Flood also spoke. His slogan was that organization should be the watchword of the farmers.

Tobacco Prices at Petersburg.

The Petersburg Tobacco Association fixed the date of October 9th for the opening sale of new tobacco on the warehouse plans. The sales were largely attended, the offerings moderate, and the prices high, ranging from \$6 to \$7 for lug; wrappers bringing up to \$20.

J. M. B.

Richmond, Va.

FROM LECTURER CATES.

He Has Been Busy Organizing and Visiting Sub Alliances—Will Start Another Campaign in a Few Days.

Messrs. Editors: Let me tell our Alliance brethren and friends that the good work is going right on, in the lecture field. More than a dozen Subs have been organized since our State meeting at Hillsboro, and many an old Sub has been visited by the State lecturer and new members added and the old ones made stronger.

I am just in receipt of a letter from Brother Parker, saying that on the second Thursday in October, at the country meeting in Edgecombe County, the old Juvenile Alliance was re-organized with thirty-seven members. You may be sure this was good news to me. Tell the farmers all over the Old North State, "Go thou and do likewise."

I shall spend a few weeks at home now sowing wheat and housing corn. But on the fifth of November I will start out on the warpath again. Johnston first, then Cumberland; Wilson next and, so on. I am hoping to get into some new counties this year. I want to get back into Wake. I wonder what has become of my good friend, W. B. Upchurch, and numbers of other good fellows I met in Wake County? Moore County ought to be looked after, and then Brother Lane, of old Guilford, has not been heard from since the State meeting. He promised to "do about" when he went back home. Let's don't one wait for another, but each do his part and we shall surely win. Talk to your neighbors, tell them what a power we farmers could be and how little we are in the eyes of the business world—all because we will not pull together.

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