

Virginia News Notes.

Tobacco Farmers Are Organizing in Amelia—Notes on the Tobacco Markets—Prominent Member of Richmond Tobacco Exchange Dead—Farmers' Institute at Culpepper.

Messrs. Editors: Tobacco organization work is progressing finely in some portions of Virginia. In Amelia County especially, canvasses are being conducted vigorously. E. T. Berduant, vice president of the Tobacco Association, has recently been at Amelia Court House to consult with C. N. Stacy, a member of the advisory board, in regard to making a thorough canvass in the interest of the Association.

The Tobacco Markets.

Offerings of tobacco on the Richmond market for the past week have been moderate on account of cold rains and dry weather. Sales of old tobacco continue in a small way; prices are higher than for the past week. At Danville the offerings the past week have been mostly of medium grades. Many farmers who sell on this market are holding off until the money stringency loosens up a little.

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tity of primings. Prices were very good, with indications that receipts will be heavy for weeks to come. The average price of \$10.53 at the South Boston market is the highest since 1902.

Capt. Wm. M. Bridges Dead.

In the death of Capt. Wm. M. Bridges, on Tuesday night the 12th inst., Richmond lost one of its most esteemed citizens and the Richmond Tobacco Exchange one of its most efficient officers since 1888 up to the time of his death. He had been the secretary treasurer and inspector for the tobacco trade of Richmond.

Culpepper Farmers Hold Institute.

A meeting of the Farmers' Institute of Piedmont was held at Culpepper on November 12th. W. H. Eggborn, member of the State Board of Agriculture from that Congressional district, conducted the meeting. An address on corn culture was made by Prof. H. B. Heegis, formerly in charge of the State test farm at Saxe. Prof. R. J. Davidson, of the Polytechnic Institute at Blacksburg, made an address on the composition of fertilizers.

J. M. B.

Richmond, Va.

FARMERS' ALLIANCE NEWS.

A note just received from State Lecturer H. M. Cates says: "It may be best not to say much about it because I have noticed that the colored people are the best organized of any people at all, and they say less about it. However, I want to say that the 13th day of November was a field day for the farmers' Alliance in Johnston County. We reorganized the old Archer Sub and the Buffalo Alliances in less than six hours, with about forty members of the very best men and women in all the land. And to-night we go to Live Oak and hope to do better still. As the preachers say we are truly in the middle of a great (Alliance) revival. Am expecting to begin work at Godwin, Cumberland County, November 26th. Get ready boys."

We regret that a report of Johnston County Alliance, October 12th, was mislaid two weeks ago. The meeting was a good one, and Johnston County reported then 200 members, this number having since been

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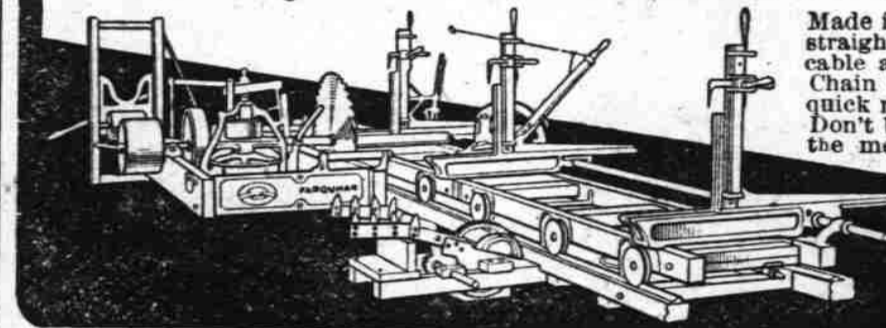
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