

Good Corn Crop in South Carolina.

The Effect of Good Seed as Shown in the Corn Contests—A Boy's Big Corn Yield—Plans for An Annual Corn Show and a State Dairy Exhibit.

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ON MONDAY of last week the contest for the best yield of corn in South Carolina, was awarded by a commission composed of State Commissioner of Agriculture E. J. Watson; the President of Clemson College, Dr. P. H. Mell, and the writer.

The first prize for the best yield on five acres was won by Mr. J. M. Moss, of St. Matthews. The second prize, by Thos. Taylor, of Richland. Mr. Moss obtained a yield of 500.5 bushels, and Mr. Taylor of 251 bushels on the five acres. The first prize for a single acre was won by J. R. Dingle of Summerton, with a yield of 168.7 bushels, and a total score on points of 99. A close second to Mr. Dingle was A. Bascomb Usher of Marlboro, with an acre yield of 152 1/2 bushels, and 91.7 points.

The Greatest Value of Corn Contests.

The commission has made quite a lengthy and interesting report pointing out the most important lessons taught by this contest. While out of 156 entries there were only 21 who complied with all the conditions, and consequently only this last number upon whose methods the commission was able to pass, yet it is safe to say that nearly all who entered the contest were greatly benefitted by the experience. The value of such contests does not lie so much in the prizes that are won as in the experience gained. It is only possible for a few to win the prizes, but all who participate are bound to gain an experience that will prove of much greater value to them in the future than the money obtained by winning the prizes.

Particularly of interest in this corn contest is the fact that the second prize was won by a boy, A. Bascom Usher, who won first prize in the boys' contest in this State, and at the same time came very near outstripping the men by wresting the prize from them. Mr. Usher is just 18 years old, and is more than likely to be heard from in the future.

Good Seed Counts.

This contest was quite a victory for pedigreed corn. It is a noteworthy fact that practically all of the best yields reported were from a corn that had been carefully bred and selected for a number of years. The corn grown by Mr. Usher is from seed that has won nearly all the premiums in this State for years, while Mr. Dingle's corn has been bred by him and his family for over a hundred years. Another noteworthy fact was the effect of intelligent selection by various breeders scattered over the State. While they no doubt started with widely different types, yet when placed side by side it was difficult to differentiate the various contestants' corn one from the other, thus showing that the points constituting an ideal corn are well recognized by the breeders all over the State.

This was probably the best lot of corn ever brought together in this State and would make an excellent showing anywhere.

An Annual Corn Show.

It is now proposed to establish an annual corn exposition. It now seems that there will be comparatively little difficulty in raising a fund of \$5,000 to \$10,000 for this purpose, and with such a fund the success of this movement would be assured. It is proposed that this exposition shall

not be confined to the State, but shall include all of the South Atlantic, and possibly the Gulf States. There is no reason why such a movement should not prove a success and it would prove a great stimulus to better corn growing in these States.

A Proposed Dairy Show and How It Would Help.

Another movement that should be encouraged in every way is that of holding a dairy show in Columbia at the time of the meeting of the South Carolina Live Stock Association the first week in January. It is proposed that at this time samples of butter and other dairy products from all over the State shall be brought together, to be judged by experts. This movement is one very much needed. The butter industry holds immense possibilities and is one that has been too long neglected. Knowledge of what constitutes good butter and how to make it would no doubt prove a great factor in turning the attention of the farmers to this subject.

A nice list of premiums for this exhibit has been assured. The butter will be judged by experts from the United States Department of Agriculture and each exhibitor will receive a personal letter pointing out to him the good and bad points of his butter, with suggestions for the elimination of the latter.

This movement is the outgrowth of the work that the Dairy Department of the United States Department of Agriculture has been doing in this State in co-operation with Clemson College for the past year. Mr. R. R. Welch, the representative of the Government in this movement, has enlisted the assistance of the Columbia Chamber of Commerce and deserves great credit for the good work he is doing. It is hoped that the farmers of the State will show their appreciation of the value of this effort and help to insure its success by making liberal exhibits.

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