

BACK TO TO THE FARM.

(Communicated)

If the price of provisions keep on climbing as they have been doing during the past year the effect should be a great stimulus to the "back to the farm" movement of which we have heard so much the past decade.

Common sense and observation should teach any man that one of the main reasons of the high price of food stuffs is the growing scarcity of farm labor, and the consequent curtailment of acreage cultivated. Thousands of farmers all over this country, unable to secure adequate help, are gradually curtailing their operations until it is no common sight to see a farm that formerly sold five or six hundred bushels of corn now hardly producing enough to feed the stock and fatten the pork.

Of course we all know that a gang of unprincipled blood suckers have seized upon the war as an excuse for boosting the price of everything that we consume, but if a scarcity of production did not exist the foreign demand for foodstuff would be met and there would still remain in this country a sufficient quantity to supply all home demand at reasonable prices.

Just why young men and older ones, too, should wish to leave the farm and rush off to the overcrowded cities is not easy to understand. True they work hard on the farm. And equally true, they work even harder in the city and save less. In a majority of cases, unless they are intellectually far above the average of mankind, they live in penury and die in want.

With the present demand for farm produce it would certainly appear the height of folly to abandon the certainty of plenty on the farm for the precarious life of the average city dweller.

A New York writer gives as a reason for men leaving the farm, that they dread being known as "Country Jakes." That writer is a jackass and his statement is a joke. With the present easy means of communication between town and country it is difficult in these days to distinguish the town man from the countryman. If anything, the countryman approaches nearer to masculine perfection than the city cousin.

Looked at from whatever angle we may view it, the question of the future of the farm is serious. That our young men are leaving it by thousands is a fact. That there are none to replace them is a lamentable fact.

And in endeavoring to locate the cause one is almost forced to the conclusion that the men of this nation are gradually losing the love of honest toil for which their forefathers were noted.

E. J. Justice of Greensboro who is now handling a hundred million dollar suit for the federal government on the Pacific coast, is said to be slated for even a bigger and better place than he now has. He will be offered according to well founded rumors, a position as assistant to Attorney General Gregory, and placed in charge of all of the public land litigations now before the department of justice.

On the eve of the leavetaking of her honored and most beloved son, Louisburg paid a worthy and fitting tribute to Governor-elect Thomas W. Bickett Wednesday night in a banquet at the hotel given by the citizens of Louisburg.

Ten per cent increase in salaries of all Agricultural department employes paid \$1,200 a year or less and 5 per cent for those who get from \$1,200 to \$1,800 is authorized in the annual Agricultural Appropriation bill, passed by the House. The measure carries \$25,694,685.

MRS. CLAYTON'S LETTER

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Now that the nights are long what can be more interesting than a good book to read by a cozy fire? In all ages the best and most complete expression of the ideals and tendencies of a people is found in the literature of that people. Mr. Claxton, who is the head of the Federal Bureau of education, says that in the present time we are to look for this expression in the great works of fiction. No matter how much education one has, if he has not read some of the great works of fiction his education is not complete. Literature as nothing else can give one an outlet for his own ideals and thoughts, a better knowledge of human nature, and a mastery of his own language.

The thirty books below are standard books of modern fiction, prescribed by the United States Bureau of Education. How many have you read? Get one and read it now.

1. Adam Bede. George Eliot.
2. Arabian Nights.
3. A Modern Instance. William Dean Howells.
4. Clarissa Harlowe. Samuel Richardson.
5. David Copperfield. Charles Dickens.
6. Guy Mannering. Sir Walter Scott.
7. History of Henry Esmond. William M. Thackeray.
8. Ivanhoe. Sir Walter Scott.
9. Joseph Vance. William F. De Morgan.
10. Kidnapped. Robert Louis Stevenson.
11. Lorna Doone. R. D. Blackmore.
12. Luck of Roaring Camp. Bret Harte.
13. Ordeal of Ricard Feverel. Geo. Meredith.
14. Pilgrim's Progress. John Bunyan.
15. Pride and Prejudice. Jane Austen.
16. Robinson Crusoe. Daniel Defoe.
17. Romola. George Eliot.
18. Tale of two Cities. Charles Dickens.
19. The Cloister and the Hearth. Charles Reade.
20. Vanity Fair. William M. Thackeray.
21. Vicar of Wakefield. Oliver Goldsmith.
22. Last of the Mohicans. J. Fenimore Cooper.
23. Scarlet Letter. Nathaniel Hawthorne.
24. The Pilot. J. Fenimore Cooper.
25. Les Miserables. Victor Hugo.
26. The Three Musketeers. Alexander Dumas.
27. Pere Goriot. Honore de Balzac.
28. Anna Kerenina. Count Leo Tolstoi.
29. With Fire and Sword, Henryk Sienkiewicz.
30. Treasure Island. Robert Louis Stevenson.

The fellow who does it today instead of tomorrow seldom has to ponder over the mistakes of yesterday.

If the price of print paper continues upward we will soon be tempted to circulate \$50.00 bills instead.

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2. Use seed of the best variety, intelligently selected and carefully stored.
3. In cultivating crops, give the rows and the plant in the rows a space suited to the plant, the soil and the climate.
4. Use intensive tillage during the growing period of the crops.
5. Secure a high content of humus in the soil by the use of legumes, barnyard manure, farm refuse and commercial fertilizers.
6. Carry out a systematic rotation of crops with a winter cover crop on Southern farms.
7. Accomplish more work in a day by using more horse power and better implements.
8. Increase the farm stock to the extent of utilizing all the waste products and idle lands on the farm.
9. Produce all the food required for the men and animals on the farm.
10. Keep an account of each farm product, in order to know from which the gain or the loss arises.

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UNCLE WALT MASON.

An Ill Wind.

To pay the grocer for his butter I had to soak my lyre; my warelike breast was all a-flutter with forty kinds of ire I quoted passages from Dante, in my profound despair, and said I'd wreck the grocer's shanty, and pull the grocer's hair. And then I heard that merchant putter, "Cool down, cool down, my son! I wish that I could sell you butter at fifty cents the ton. For I get tired of hearing kickers who snort around and swear; I'm weary of the man who bickers and howls and paws the air. The grocer, friend, is in no danger of salting wealth away; it is the horny-handed granger who's getting rich today." Then I cast down my martial armor, my shotgun and my sword, and said, "If this thing helps the farmer, I'm sorry that I roared. When I was young and full of yearning for manhood to begin, I use to do the weekly churning, and bring the henfruit to town. And so I'll make no further sputters, nor no more I'll rant around; for I'm aware that country butter is worth two bones a pound."

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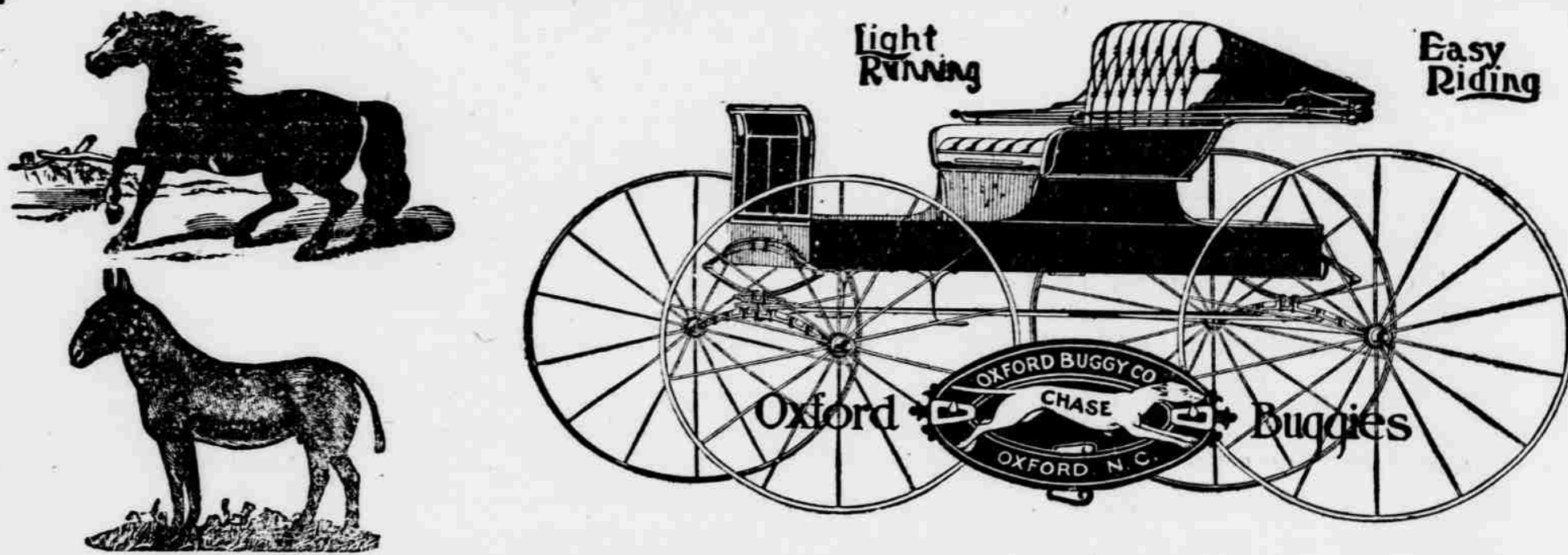
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The First North Carolina Brigade became the Third brigade of the Tenth Division.



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