

VARIED EXPERIENCE AS A TOBACCO AUCTIONEER.

Editor Webb on the Warehouse
Floor for Forty Years.
(Southern Tobacco Journal)

During the brief existence of the Old Man, who is boss of this Journal—to be somewhat accurate, covering a period of about forty years—he has had a varied experience as a tobacco auctioneer. He sold during his professional life more than two hundred million pounds of tobacco, or about as many pounds as the State of North Carolina now produces on an average. During all the years the Old Man has been selling this tobacco he has sold the stuff at all kinds of prices. He had seen frowns and despair depicted upon the faces of many thousands of farmers on account of low prices—and then he has seen them smile and sometimes shout for joy, when receiving high prices. He has sold tobacco—one time at least—for \$25.00 per pound, and then millions at 25 cents a hundred. He has sold a break (one time) that averaged 55 cents per pound. This was years ago and the sale consisted almost entirely of fine wrappers, some of which sold for \$1.50 per pound. He has sold millions of pounds for 2 cents per pound which would now sell for 20 cents, and so on.

After, say, forty years of selling tobacco, the Old Man is going through a new experience this season. He is selling thousands of pounds of tobacco daily that is brought to market on auto trucks, and he is selling tobacco for prices that are higher than he ever dreamed they would or could be. On last Tuesday he sold a break of tobacco at the Piedmont Warehouse that amounted to 262,000 pounds for an average of \$34.43, for which the farmers received the sum of \$92,855.36. We mention this sale because we are connected with this house and have been for 23 years.

He Hustled.

(Christian Science Monitor.)

An interesting little Liberty Loan episode in Iowa: John Brus, a wealthy resident of German antecedents, in Aspinwall, a town inhabited chiefly by Germans, displayed antagonism to the loan. He was arrested, but responsible citizens told him that if he would "hustle" for a subscription of \$25,000, in his township, they would see that the charge against him was dropped. Otherwise he would probably have to go to jail. He saw the point, took a \$500 bond himself, and hustled, on Liberty day, from morning until late at night, successfully. Incidentally, it is reported that the Stars and Stripes floated over homes and business houses in Aspinwall, on "Liberty Loan Day," for the first time within the memory of the oldest inhabitant.

The Texas Spirit.

(Houston Post)

Texas gets \$29,974 from the Government under the Smith-Hughes vocational educational act. Texas is so used to speaking in terms of hundreds of thousands of her school expenditures that a few thousand more or less from the Federal Government will make little difference. And there are still those in Texas who would prefer that the National Government leave our educational matters to the State alone.

A CHILD HATES OIL, CALOMEL, PILLS FOR LIVER AND BOWELS.

Give "California Syrup of Figs" if
cross, sick, feverish,
constipated.

Look back at your childhood days. Remember the "dose" mother insisted on—castor oil, calomel, cathartics. How you hated them, how you fought against taking them.

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ONE THOUSAND SQUARE MILES OF ITALIAN TERRITORY TAKEN.

More Than 120,000 Prisoners and
1,000 Guns Taken.

Virtually one thousand square miles of Italian territory have been overrun, more than 120,000 Italians have been made prisoners and in excess of 1,000 guns have been captured by the German and Austro-Hungarian armies in their eight days' drive from the Isonzo and Carnic Alps fronts of the Austro-Italian war theater.

From the east the enemy invasion on the center of the battle front now is well within gun range of the Tagliamento river, where it has been presumed that General Cadorna would turn and make a stand.

According to the latest Berlin official communication announcing the heavy losses to the Italians in men and guns, engagements successful for the Teutons have taken place on the Tagliamento plain, while the Rome communication announces that there has been fighting on the hills of St. Daniele Del Friuli, along the Ledra canal, at points northwest of Udine and from four to five miles east of the Tagliamento.

Meanwhile preparations to aid the Italians in the hour of extremity are being rushed by all the allies. Jules Cambon, general secretary of the French ministry of foreign affairs, in a statement has expressed the conviction that the Italians will be able to stem the tide of the invasion with the aid of French and British troops sent to reinforce them. The American government is to waive all export restrictions in favor of Italy, permitting that country to take whatever materials she requires, regardless of prospective shortage here. A large amount of shipping also is to be given Italy in work in conjunction with her own merchant marine in taking supplies overseas.

The new Italian premier in a message to General Cadorna has assured the commander-in-chief that all classes of the populace of Italy are with him in his hour of trial and will stand by him and the army until victory rests with them. A similar message was sent to the British prime minister.

GERMAN PEOPLE FACE A WINTER OF SACRIFICES

Copenhagen.—Some of the prospects which the German people are called upon to face the coming winter are officially announced in today's German newspapers, as follows:

There is only enough shoe leather for the use of miners, fishermen, canal workers and a few allied trades. The manufacturers of leather footwear for the rest of the population will soon be suspended. They will have to get along with wooden soles and cloth uppers.

There is a big shortage in vegetables and no hope for material improvement in the fresh vegetable supply. The turnip must again be one of the main stays of German diet this winter although to a less degree than last year.

The fuel problem has not been solved, despite all the efforts made for its solution, and the city populations may expect to notice the results of this fact keenly from time to time. The coal commission prophesies that the pinch will be felt here and there within the next few days.

The railway administration of Saxony announces that railway travel will not be allowed without special permission.

Finally, after the fashion plates for winter are out the government has decreed that women's skirts must be made with a reduced amount of material, which will necessitate their being made both shorter and tighter.

MAKING MONEY ON TOBACCO.

Mr. Jas. D. Thompson Made Nearly
Sixteen Hundred Dollars on
Four Acres.

(Smithfield Herald)

Mr. Jas. D. Thompson who lives near Pine Level sold his last barn of tobacco here Tuesday at the Center Brick Warehouse. Mr. Thompson is one of those farmers who have been fortunate this year with his tobacco. He had four acres in the golden weed and received clear of grading and warehouse charges the sum of \$1,599.57. He paid for grading \$60.25 and for warehouse charges \$57.90. The highest price he received for any of his tobacco was forty cents a pound and his average was about 31 cents. He sold all but one barn at the Center Brick warehouse. Such tobacco farming as this is a paying proposition.

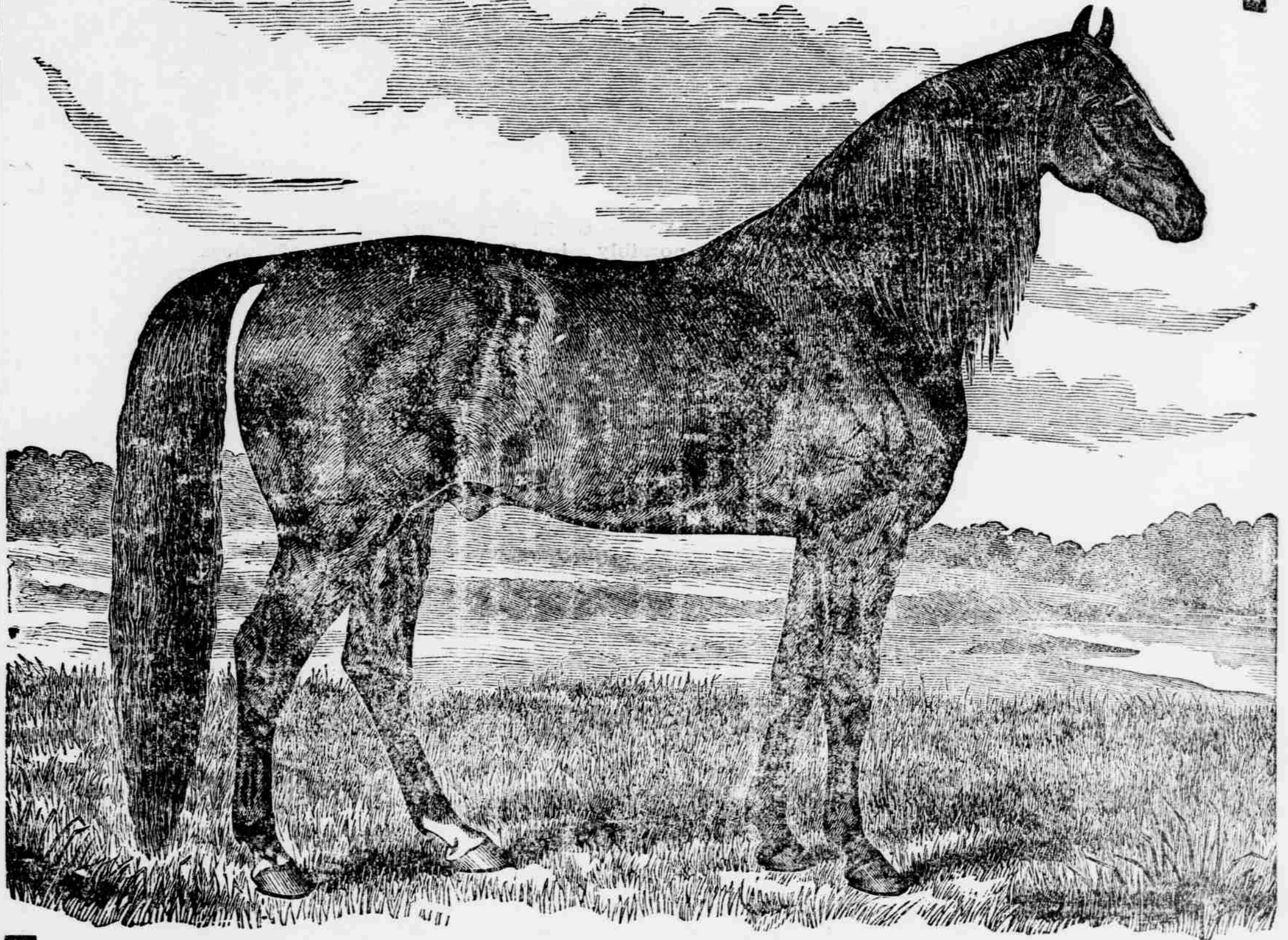
Britt Martin of Anson county was riding a mule in a trot, the saddle girth broke, the mule fell and the young man's head was hurt so that he died three days later.

Certain Cure for Croup.

Mrs. Rose Middleton, of Greenville, Ill., has had experience in the treatment of this disease. She says: "When my children were small my

son had croup frequently. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy always broke up these attacks immediately, and I was never without it in the house. I have taken it myself for coughs and colds with good results." adv

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