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A LESSON FROM NATURE FOR THE FARMERS

The Unnaturally Limed Lands of Virginia and North Carolina as Shown by Government Records.

When wash day came around old Mrs. Sims filled her tubs from the water barrel that caught the rain from the roof of her cabin, down near North Bend way, on the Big Miami river. But in dry weather she had a bad time. The boys had to fetch water from the river. Miami river water is hard as blazes and washing in it is some job. In the drought of '17, the boys had to go to Cincinnati and they filled the water butt for her before they went. It was three days before wash day. Next day Jimmie and Sam Slick were fooling round the yard. They had chased the chickens, walloped snoots and gotten a tucking from Mrs. Sims for general devilishness. They were mad and bound they would do "mom" a turn. To when she was taking a snooze, they up and shoveled a lot of dirt in the water butt to fix her against wash day. My, wasn't she mad when she saw it! The boys didn't come near her. Well, wash day came, the tubs had to be used and Mrs. Sims was highly careful how she dipped in the barrel so as not to stir it up. The boys were still keeping pretty quiet, but they saw that "mom" was looking terrible peased over the tub. "Boys," says she, "wasn't this here water river water?" "Yes'm," says Jim. "Wall, I declar," says Mrs. Sims, "it's plum soft like rain water. I do believe that mud you 'uns put in have took up all the hardness."

Now, this is true, and every old farmer in Ohio and Indiana knows it. But there is much more to it than the mere softening of water for wash day. Though it is this that tells the story, which is, that a lime-hungry soil will take lime from a natural water and leave it soft. For it is lime and magnesia in solution that make waters hard. Wherever you find sections, with river bottom lands, that have a great reputation for fertility, you can be sure that the river waters which overflow them in the spring freshets are very hard waters, bearing a fairly good percentage of lime and magnesia. These waters standing on the land, lose a part or all their lime and magnesia, which are then retained by the soil beneath. This is true of all these lands in the Mississippi Valley, Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana and the Valley of Virginia. The flood waters standing on these bottoms lime them and it is easy to show it chemically.

Now why is it that such lands have no such reputation in Virginia east and south of the Shenandoah and Potomac flood plain? A mere glance at the analysis of the river waters of the country, published by the government tells the story. The waters of the Miami, Maume, Kentucky, Muskingum, Cumberland, Missouri and Cedar rivers of the middle west contain six to twelve times the amount of lime and magnesia as that contained in the Dan, the Neuse, the Pedee, the Roanoke and the James rivers of Virginia and North Carolina.

The Presidents Message.

It is under stood that in the message he is now preparing, President Wilson will deal with the Philippine independence, conservation, Government ownership of merchant marine, the Mexican trouble and the effect of the European war on the United States. That does not indicate however that the message will be a long one. The President has the faculty of saying a good deal in a few words. The message will contain nothing calculated to disturb business and it will not take long in the reading for it is to be supposed the President will adhere to the excellent custom he set in getting close to both branches of Congress with what he has to say.

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Careful diet is of utmost importance to men and women past fifty years of age; it keeps up their strength, and the oil found in Scott's Emulsion is a nourishing food, a curative medicine and a sustaining tonic to regulate the functions. It contains the medicinal fats of pure cod liver oil and science proves that they furnish twice as much energy as other foods—then too, it creates pure blood, sharpens the appetite, relieves rheumatism, strengthens the body and alleviates the ailments due to declining years. Scott's is free from wines, alcohol or harmful drugs. Beware of substitutes.

GOT THE WRONG MAN

Policeman Jones Captures a Foreigner Instead of an Escaped Convict

News was received here Friday night that five white prisoners had made their escape from the State farm at Tillery and the officers were instructed to be on the lookout for them. Among the prisoners was Earl Cotton, who is serving a sentence for the murder of a traveling man near Raleigh at a rock quarry. This is the second time Cotton has made his escape, having gotten away some four months ago, but was captured in Weldon next day after robbing a house there. Saturday morning Chief of Police H. B. Jones received a telephone message from Spring Hill, the first station north of Scotland Neck, to meet the freight train when it arrived here, as one of the convicts was beating his passage this way. Being most sure for the arrival of the freight, Chief Jones put off in a run to the station and got there just as the freight arrived. He took up position on the opposite side from the depot, thinking his man would get out from the side. Soon after the train stopped Chief Jones says a strange man got off the train and started up town. Feeling sure he had his man under cover, the chief followed at a quick rate, and the man seeing he was followed put on more steam, and he and the chief had quite a pretty race for some distance, the chief commanding him to stop, but the stranger paid no attention to him. The chief, thinking he would frighten the stranger into coming to a halt, fired his "persuader" the ball taking effect in the ground just a few feet ahead of the policeman.

The man was finally captured and it was discovered that he was unable to tell who he was or where he came from—in English. Chief Jones says that the man was putting up a bluff, started to carry him to the State farm in an automobile, but the machine refused to work so the prisoner was taken before Mr. L. Waxman, one of our leading merchants, who speaks fluently several languages. Mr. Waxman, speaking to the man in Russian, soon found that he had been in this country only a few weeks and had wandered this far in search of work.

Mr. Singleton Returned

The following are the appointments made by the North Carolina Methodist Conference in session at Washington last week, for the Warrenton district:

- R. H. Willis, presiding elder. Battleboro and Whitakers, M. W. Dargan.
- Bertie circuit, L. D. Hayman.
- Conway circuit, E. E. Rose.
- Enfield and Halifax, J. L. McNeer.
- Graysburg circuit, M. Y. Self.
- Harrellsville circuit, J. A. Morris.
- Henderson, First church, R. C. Beaman.
- Littleton, S. A. Cotton.
- Murfreesboro and Winton, B. B. Slaughter.
- No-thampton circuit, E. H. Davis.
- North and South Henderson, W. G. Lowe.
- Rich Square circuit, W. C. Merritt.
- Ridgeway circuit, J. E. Holden.
- Roanoke circuit, Rufus Bradley.
- Roanoke Rapids, William Towse.
- Scotland Neck, L. T. Singleton.
- Warren circuit, R. W. Bailey.
- Warrenton circuit, R. H. Brown.
- Weldon and South Weldon, J. A. Hornaday.
- Williamston and Humelton, J. T. Stanford.
- Littleton Female College, J. M. Rhodes, president.
- Missionary to Japan, J. W. Frank.

It is a pleasure to note that Rev. L. T. Singleton has been returned to Scotland Neck, where he has served faithfully for one year. Both Mr. and Mrs. Singleton have made many friends here who are delighted that they will remain in Scotland Neck.

Thanksgiving Services.

Remember that the regular Thanksgiving services will be held in the Baptist church at 11 o'clock this (Thursday) morning, instead of at night as heretofore. Special music appropriate for the occasion will be rendered, and everybody is invited to be present.

SANTA CLAUS MAIL TO BE CARED FOR

The Postmaster General Issues an Order for The Benefit of The Little Boys and Girls.

At last Santa Claus has an official status. You can write letters to him and mail them with the assurance that the old saint or one of his numerous authorized personal representatives will secure the letter and attend to the request. For many years youngsters here and there have sat them down in the early days of December and indited a missive to the giver of all Christmas gifts specifying their inmost desires. If these letters are entrusted to elder brothers or sisters or even parents for transmission to some mysterious adult communication with St. Nicholas all has here before been well and good. The presents then arrive on time. But there are many adventurous children who conceive the idea of communicating directly with the North Pole dweller without taking their relatives into their confidence. These write the letters—secretly, address them to "Santa Claus" simply and drop them in the nearest mailbox in sublime confidence that the postman knows exactly where Santa lives. But the postman doesn't know where the child lives in all cases, and so complication result, and a disappointed child wonders why Santa left him a pair of new shoes when he expressly asked for a billygoat. No longer are these youthful plans to go agly, witness the following regulations issued from the office of the Postmaster General:

Office of Fourth Asst. P. M. Gen., Washington, Nov. 7 1914. called to the Post Master General's Order No. 7670, of Nov. 19, 1913, amending sec. 594 of the Postal Law and Regulations by the addition of a paragraph which reads as follows:

3. Postmasters are authorized to deliver all letters on which the postage has been fully prepaid arriving at their respective postoffices during the month of December of each year, which are addressed plainly and unmistakably to "Santa Claus," with any other terms of expression identifying the person for whom such letters are intended, to responsible charitable institutions or reputable individuals in the town or city of address who may desire to use them exclusively for philanthropic purposes. Letters of the character described addressed for local delivery, on which postage is wholly unpaid, or paid less than one half rate, also may be delivered to such institutions or individual, the postmaster shall distribute them in such proportion as he may deem proper. When no volunteer request is presented, postmaster will forward with out delay all "Santa Claus" letters to the division of dead letters, in accordance with sec 543, Postal Laws and Regulations.

JAS. I. BLAKSLEE, Fourth Asst. P. M. Gen.

At The Palace Monday Night

The first episode of "Lucile Love, The Girl of Mystery," was shown at the Palace Theatre Monday night, and the house was filled to capacity. Everyone who saw this wonderful picture was highly pleased and will eagerly await the appearance of "Lucile Love" every Monday evening.

You can read the story in The Commonwealth each week, and see the pictures Monday night following, which makes the story more interesting, both to reader and spectator.

Read the two chapters today which covers the episode for next Monday night. Should you fail to get your paper don't hesitate to call at the office for one, as we will endeavor to always have a limited supply on hand.

Engagement Announced.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Coombs Robert announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Fannie Gregory Robert, to Mr. Hubert Hawthorne, the wedding to take place in Macon, Ga., early in February. Miss Robert is a sister of Mrs. J. L. Dunn, of this community. She has visited here many times and has many friends in and around Scotland Neck.

Who Was the Good Samaritan? Guess!

On Friday morning, the 20th, as people were busy with their accustomed duties, going to and fro on the streets, intent on making the dollar, the shrill whistle of the locomotive was heard as the freight train neared the little town of Scotland Neck. On looking out a gentleman of small stature (chief of police) was seen rushing towards the station with pistol in hand, handcuffs in pockets, and there might have been other warlike implements not to be seen. He arrived on time, ready to do and dare. As the train slowed up a man, tall, unkempt, hungry looking, stepped from the freight, searching largely for someone with a sympathetic nature that would perhaps give him a loaf of bread or better still, work that he might buy bread, but only the gleaming steel of the muzzle of the gun did he see. "Hands up!" Up went his hands, and headlong he rushed, realizing his life was endangered (self preservation being the first law of nature) down the street, across the field he rushed. Chief of Police firing as fast as gun would fire. The foreigner rushed into the yard of one of our neighbors, thinking perhaps here he would find mercy and protection, but out ran the son of the home with pistol pointed. He was secured, manacled, led down the street, and he was searched (for he might have had arms concealed and it wasn't safe for such a ferocious looking person to be at liberty) Between two policemen he was carried to the lock-up and thrust in. The question arises, what had he done? Why this unwarranted arrest?

The night before several convicts escaped from the State farm. So any stranger was supposed to be a convict.

Three men with the police were detailed to take him to the State farm. With much pride by his captors he was hustled into an automobile to be taken to Tillery—but just a few miles out the machine refused to aid in this persecution and refused to move, so back to town they came and later they found out that the State farm never knew him.

Imagine if you can the crest fall len police and deputies. Was he arrested? Yes, by one who took him home, fed him and gave him work. Another said "I'll take him home add see that he is cared for." Neither of these claim to be Christians, but "I was a stranger and you took me in. I was hungry and you took me, inasmuch as ye have done it unto these ye have done it unto me."

Where are the Christians of our town? Is this a civilized community? Who was the good Samaritan? I leave it to the community to answer.

One Who Observes.

Oak City Items

Oak City, N. C., Nov. 17. (Delayed)—The young folks of the Oak City High School organized a literary society last Friday. Prof. Dimmette, as temporary chairman, called the meeting to order. The following officers were elected: Miss Clyde Jordan, president; Miss Beatrice Daniels, vice president; Miss Clarice Cartwright, secretary; Miss Mae Harrell, treasurer. The members assemble every Friday afternoon when music, recitations, readings, debates are in order.

T. E. Brown, State manager of the Boys Corn Club gave a lecture at the school building last Friday afternoon.

Mr. Joe Early left last week for the hospital in Richmond.

Miss Lela Philpot spent Monday in Hobgood.

Miss Carrie Pippin spent the week end with Mrs. T. C. Allsbrook.

Misses Gertrude Savage and Lucy Graham returned to their home in Speeds Monday after spending several days with Misses Pearl and Jefferson House.

J. C. Ross spent Friday in Robertsonville.

Marion Burnette and sister were in town Saturday.

Miss Arlette Bascom Dushan of Atlanta, Ga., is the guest of her mother Mrs. J. L. Hines.

FARMERS SHOULD RAISE MORE LIVE STOCK

Mass Meeting Called to Discuss the Subject. Notable Speakers to be Present. Everybody Invited.

Mr. J. Harper Alexander, Jr., has sent out invitations to the farmers and business men throughout this section to attend a mass meeting to be held here on Wednesday, December 2, for the purpose of discussing the question of raising more live stock in Halifax and adjoining counties. Mr. Alexander has for some time had this matter under consideration and has had a great deal of correspondence with men who have studied the question, and he is thoroughly convinced that this will be a big asset to the agricultural industry of Eastern North Carolina.

Mr. C. A. Maul, advertising manager of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad has promised to be here at the meeting and deliver an address to the farmers, showing them where it will be their advantage to engage in this industry. Besides Mr. Maul, Mr. Maul, Mr. Alexander says there will be several other speakers who are deeply interested in the question.

The primary object of this meeting is to get the farmers and business men interested to such an extent as to make the employment of a live stock expert to come here and remain throughout the year, where he will be at the command of every person who will need his services either to treat diseases of stock, or to advise upon what to plant to maintain them and how to prepare the lands for the purpose.

Mr. Alexander says he expects a large crowd to be here on that date for he has talked to many farmers, and they all agree that a live stock expert will be a splendid thing for the community.

Where He Fell Down.

Harvey E. Garman, private secretary to Representative Rucker, was once a newspaper man, but got discouraged early in his career.

"I worried along as a reporter for a week," says Mr. Garman, "I didn't get anything very startling into the columns of my paper, it's true, but at the end of the first week I thought my fortune was made. One of my friends told me of the intended elopement of a girl of a prominent family. She was going to marry a man much below her in social position. It was an event that would set the town by the ears, and I told my city editor I had a sensation to spring on a set date. After the date had passed he asked me about it.

"Oh, it's all off, now," I answered. "The story is dead." "What's the matter?" he asked. "What was it about?" "I told him of the projected elopement and added: 'But there's nothing in it now. The girl's father showed up with a shotgun and spoiled the story.' "After the city editor had finished commenting on my 'news sense,'" Mr. Garman said, "I determined to forsake journalism for politics."—Baltimore News.

Two Expeditions Saw Eclipse. So far as is now known only two of the many expeditions that had been organized to observe the eclipse of the sun on August 21 reached their destinations. These were the observers from the Royal observatory, Greenwich, consisting of Messrs. Jones and Davidson, who were stationed at Minsk, Russia, and the expedition sent out by the joint permanent eclipse committee of the Royal society and the Royal Astronomical society, consisting of Messrs. Cortie and O'Connor and Messrs. Atkinson and Gibbs, who took up their station at Hernoesand, Sweden.

Both parties had perfect weather, a clear sky and secured fine photographs of the corona and chromosphere. The Greenwich party paid special attention to the ultra-violet spectrum of the chromosphere, and Father Cortie's party restricted itself to the yellow and red regions of the spectrum. So it is hoped that a wide range of the chromosphere spectrum will have been obtained.

Tungsten in the United States. The tungsten resources of the United States are probably considerably larger than have been generally realized. Many new deposits have been discovered in various parts of the Western states, according to the United States Geological survey, and, should prices advance, it is probable that the output could soon be increased much above the record year of 1910, when 1,821 tons were marketed. Most of these new discoveries are not sufficiently developed to show how large an output can be expected from them; but it is probable that some will prove to be of considerable extent, and one or two new large producers would make a noticeable difference in the American market. Similar discoveries may also be expected in other parts of the world.

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