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## The No-Fence Law

Mr. S. B. Adams Presents Solid Facts Relative to It.

One of the things, it seems to me, should engross our careful consideration is the passage of a no-fence law. It has been my privilege to converse with a great number of farmers upon this subject and I find there is a burning desire for the passage of such a law. The great destruction of pine lumber by lumber companies have rendered it impossible to get desirable material for fence building and that which is used is the virgin growth of pines and consequently duration is only a few months.

And another point of vital importance is the exceeding great value of timber lands for marketing. We are told that the timber supply is being consumed three times as fast as it is growing. Of course this means a handsome price for the products of the forest and this should illuminate the use of rails in building fences which will decay and waste away in only a few months. But I need not consider this further as no doubt everybody will agree with me that it is unprofitable to split rails for fencing.

Though there is another way in which farmers can fence the plantations if they have the means to do so and that is by wire. This should be preferred every time instead of the maul and wedge, but the mass of farmers have to strain their credit to install such improvements, and as a consequence fencing has reached a low ebb until we might say—"we have the no-fence and all we lack is the law.

But if wire fencing is superior to any other there is still something at the bottom that we should root out, and examine.

1st. That iron fence will not last always. A merchant of Windsor was heard to say that he was ordering by the car loads and selling it to the farmers, which would soon rust and become useless. That is true.

2nd. What direct benefit has the purchaser derived from his expenditure?

Suppose we say a farmer has 10 head of cattle and 15 hogs. The cattle have a fairly good pasture for 7 months in the year. Out of the lot of cattle there will possibly be two milch cows and after having endured the cold, cutting breezes of winter, and the scant provisions they get from a barren forest, it naturally requires about one half of the pasturage season to regain their health and vitality. Thus we may see that cows enduring such exposures are certainly not in a condition for producing dairy products of any desirable quality. But that which adds to the hardships of the cow under conditions now in vogue, is roaming the forest she may chance to come in contact with some of the fences that have reached a "low ebb" and being unwarned of the dangers of trespassing the cow walks in without any unusual exercise of stepping over logs, to complete the days rations with the horrible result of receiving the contents of a gun. The man failing to consider the innocent animals, takes the best aim and sends his load on its errand of deprivation. The writer has seen enough to know what he is talking about.

Last winter we had a heifer that had received a whole load in the jaw. The winter before we had another that received a like load in the eye.

pitiful scene to look at these innocent friends who readily recognize man as their lord. It would cause one to wonder that if anything having the soul of a man would inflict such wounds as this for the sole purpose of revenge. We had others that had been shot very badly as the butcher can testify. The reader will pardon me for stating references to his stock as it is mentioned because it is what's been seen by myself and is not hearsay. Everybody's cattle in this part of the county is treated in the above style. Only two days ago I heard of a nice cow being shot to pieces and will possibly die. I have time and space to mention but a few of the hardships cows suffer from cold, hunger, shot wounds, etc. Suffice to say that we sadly and badly need something that will revolutionize these conditions. And from the best reasoning among those whom I have consulted the only remedy is a stock law or no fence law.

So far as pork raising is concerned, I venture the assertion that farmers are losing twice as much more from hogs running at random in the wilderness as they gain. Any ordinary observer will discover in driving over the county that the hog business in the woods is a poor one indeed.

Scientific investigation shows that after a hog passes the age of 6 months he is not profitable to the owner. This is upon the basis that they are to weigh 200 pounds at 6 months old. It takes a pine rooster 18 months to reach the 200 pound mark.

So then does it justify the pork raiser and the dairyman and beef man in Bertie county to spend a large sum of money for fencing to keep the unprofitable stock from destroying the growing crops? Would it not be far better to diversify, farmers? Buy full blood jerseys, the best blood and type of hogs, fence off a nice pasture keep the bushes trimmed so grass will grow provide plenty of feed on your farm to keep up the pasture, attend to your stock and you will conclude never to turn back to the old ruts. This is what others are doing and we can do as well if we will only get at it right. Yes, all of the butter, cheese and pork we see at grocery store are manufactured where the no fence law exists. These are only a few of the great blessings it will bring us.

There are also many other strange points to be considered in favor of this subject but that would make this article too long, but they will possibly be mentioned in a later discussion if the occasion demands it.

I wish to say in conclusion that I hope those who have to build fences will look into this matter with discretion more think the advantages it would afford, and if you conclude it would be to the advantage of farmers let us so instruct our representatives in the General Assembly to have the desired law enacted. The writer does not infer that he has reached the standard anticipated in this article on full blood jerseys pure blood hogs etc, but verily hopes to do so in the near future.

Yours for Progress.

S. B. ADAMS.

BEST THE WORLD AFFORDS

"It gives me unbounded pleasure to recommend Bucklen's Arnica Salve says J. W. Jenkins, of Chapel Hill N. C. "I am convinced its the best salve the world affords. It cured a felon on my thumb and it never fails

## Power of Music.

Mr. G. W. Lassiter Writes Interestingly on Music.

"Music, is God's greatest gift to man, the only art of Heaven given to earth, the only art of earth we take to Heaven.

When I speak of music. I do not mean simply those musical pitches which appeal to the ear, but that which appeals to the soul, having rhythm, sentiment, and melodic flow as well; and that will include poetry. Poetry is real music within itself; the music of the soul. Music is more universal than any other art, it appeals to more people, and has more influence over the human race than any other one thing.

Music as a pleasure, is enjoyed by all, from the nobleman to the peasant. It is a pleasure to make it, and a pleasure to hear it. There is nothing that entertains more pleasantly, when friends are in the home, than music and nothing more pleasant, than to be able to play or sing when in the home or in company of others. When tired and weary from a day of toil, it will refresh the mind and revive the body. There is nothing more consoling, when sad and lonely, than to sing and play a song, it gives strength and courage.

As a profession, there is none greater, save the preaching of the Gospel. (If you may call that one). There is none other that can do the world so much good, and there is as great a demand for professional musical men and women to day, as there is in law or medicine. The educational institutions of our land are seeing more need of music, and are calling for proficient music teachers. Unlike the other professions, the amateur can begin teaching vocal class work as soon he understands the rudiments of music well. Hereafter it gave employment to a vast number of people that never would be professional, and helps many to become professional, who, otherwise never would be. It is a most delightful calling, because you are almost always making it pleasant for others.

Again, music is one of the greatest mediums for training the mind, it is therefore, to education, like the clearing away of the forest, that fields of grain may grow. It brightens and quickens the thinking faculty, that the harder and more difficult studies may be easily grasped. Music as an educator raises man to that higher intellectual power, where he sees the beauties around him, and makes him a lover of nature.

It teaches one to love the good, the true, and the beautiful, therefore, it has great effect on the morals of the human family. It will soften the rough vile, profane character, and put love in his heart, it will cheer and cause to smile the indolent and melancholy. Music reaches the heart of a sinner, where even the preached Gospel can not, it somehow touches the vital spot, and seems to vibrate with his very nature, as nothing else can. Good music will entice people to church and Sunday School when other things fail. While both music and preaching are essential to christian worship; take preaching only, or singing only and I believe that the singing of the Gospel songs will be more successful

## Wife of 'Lord Douglas' Boy Slays His Father

Becomes Bride of Hubert Halloway Formerly of Raleigh.

Miss Louise Hobbs, the divorced wife of the bogus Lord Douglas, probably the most accomplished bigamist in the United States, was last Thursday night led to the marriage altar by Hubert Halloway, a native of Raleigh, N. C., but now a resident of Norfolk.

Recently Mrs. Douglas secured a divorce, assuming her maiden name of Hobbs. It was reported that the suit for divorce was instituted in order to leave her free to marry Halloway.

Four years ago the alleged Lord Reginald Douglas came to Norfolk, cut quite a prominent figure and following that of two weeks' courtship won the hand of Miss Hobbs, the ceremony taking place in Portsmouth. The couple went abroad,— to France and other countries. Returning to this country they went to California and then to Mexico, where Mrs. Douglas was deserted. She made her way back to Virginia penniless and on foot, and in Texas, while en route home, a son was born. Feeling was high against Douglas here, but he was never located. He treated his wife cruelly before desertion. Mrs. Halloway is a remarkably pretty woman. Since her desertion she has been quietly residing here.—News & Observer.

The people of Bertie county have been interested in this young lady's misfortune. She is a half sister of our townsman, Mr. S. P. Freeman and is widely connected about Colerain. The Ledger wishes her much happiness in her late marriage. While her "Lord" was bogus, she had about the same experience with him that the American girls have who marry the real sap head lords of Europe.

## NO, THANK YOU.

The fair bather was in the greatest danger when the heroic rescuer seized her by the hair. It came off. Puffs and coils and waves and rats it strewed the shuddering sea.

For a moment the rescuer was dazed.

Then he grasped the tiny knob of real hair that remained on the lady's head and drew her in shallow water.

"Did she thank him for saving her life?"

She didn't.

IT CAN'T BE BEAT

The best of all teachers is experience. C. M. Harden, of Silver City, North Carolina, says: "I find Electric Bitters does all that is claimed for it. For Stomach, Liver and Kidney troubles it can't be beat. I have tried it and find it to be a most excellent medicine." Mr. Harden is right; it's the best of all medicines also for Weakness, lame back and all run down conditions. Best for chilts and malaira. Sold under guarantee at R. C. Bazemore's store 50c

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It makes them plump, rosy, active, happy.

It contains Cod Liver Oil, Hypophosphites and Glycerine, to make fat, blood and bone, and so put together that it is easily digested

## Boy Slays His Father

A Most Horrible Tragedy Which Occured Near Tarboro.

Township No. 13 was the scene last week of a most horrible tragedy in the criminal history of Edgecombe county. Logan Jones, in a drunken rage, declared he would wipe out his family and, upon attempting to make good his threat, was shot by his 15 year old son. He was also attacked with an axe by another child. He died instantly from the shot wound.

## MARTIN COUNTY MURDERER CAUGHT

Robert Roberson, the negro murderer of Charlie Whichard, of Robersonville, was captured Tuesday evening while crossing the railroad trestle at South Tunis by to Atlantic Coast Line operators at this point, and was brought to Tarboro Tuesday night by Policeman Joe Bulluck of Robersonville and lodged in jail here.

Roberson was turned over to Sheriff Crawford of Martin county who in company with policeman Bulluck, took the prisoner on the Plymouth shooftly through Robersonville to Williamston where the murderer will be given a speedy trial.

Although Roberson killed Mr. Whichard in cold blood he did not hesitate to talk of the murder to the authorities. He also showed where a bullet had lodged in his left leg from the fusilade fired at him last Wednesday in the swamp near Robersonville.

The two operators at South Tunis will receive the reward of \$100 offered by the citizens of Robersonville for the arrest of the murderer. One of the operators had formally been employed at Robersonville and knew Roberson by sight.

Roberson killed Mr. Whichard because the latter failed to pay him the amount of wages the negro demanded for pulling fodder.—Tarboro Southerner.

## MAKING CUPID HUSTLE

"I'd like to buy a parlor sofa" announced the old gentleman with the gold rimmed glasses. "My daughter has started receiving company from a young man.

"Ah, here is just what you want, sir" responded the polite clerk. "This will last a lifetime."

"Then it won't suit. Show me one that will wear out in six months I don't believe in long engagements."

Mr. Wm. H. Anderson M. D., of Soda Springs, Ida., says that Bees Laxative Coughn Syrup has relieve coughs and colds where all other remedies failed. Its gentle laxative effect especially recommend it for children. It is pleasant to take. For coughs, colds, hoarseness whoopsatic h. Money refunded if not acy-fied. Sold by Windsor Pharmacy.