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PEACH PROSPECTS IN THE SANDHILLS

Orchards Looks Well and the
Orchard Men are
Hopeful

(Bion H. Butler)

During the winter I have talked with peach men in and out of the Sandhills, and the conclusions to be drawn are that the peach prospect is now, and will be a good one. Last year the prices were not as good as was desired, but it does not appear that low prices of last season have discouraged the men who are best posted as to the possibilities of the crop. Two years ago the late frost was disastrous. This was taken then and since then as one of the exigencies of the industry, and not likely to be repeated very often.

Two unsatisfactory years in succession jolted many of the orchard men, but this spring sufficient money to finance the crop appears at hand from various agencies, and it seems that this condition is met. The trees have come through the winter and look well. Pruning has been carried on as rapidly as is believed to be wise, spraying has started, cultivation is commencing, and the orchards are preparing to handle a big crop.

One thing I find in talking with the orchard men is the belief that the crop must be produced for lower costs than in the past. One observing and successful grower says we have always figured too much on the high price of our peaches and too little on what those peaches cost us to make. If we will pay more attention to producing at the lowest possible cost the selling price will not be half so worrying. The opinion of many of the growers is that the region must put a heavy foot on high costs of production, and be able to market good fruit at a price that will be attractive to the buyer, for price is becoming more of a factor in the last two or three years than it was when everybody was throwing money around just to see it bounce.

From a government bulletin it is discovered that the peach crop last year was not so big as to be troublesome. Three years ago a bigger crop was made in the country. The difficulty last year was that Georgia put too many inferior peaches into the market, and queered the whole game at the time Sandhill peaches appeared. I am told that Georgia peaches are being neglected, and that there is a tendency for some of the orchards to drop out, and that is a condition that shows to some extent in the Sandhills. It is always to be expected that some men will tire of their jobs and neglect or quit production, and while the orchards as a rule in the Sandhills are in excellent shape some of them are falling before that natural selection which eliminates the successful or the neglected institution, and some of the Sandhill orchards will go. But the bulk of them will probably stay and be properly maintained and prove successful.

Unless frost comes to damage the fruit this year the outlook at present is that the biggest crop ever known will be made and that it will be of the highest possible quality. It is a recognized fact that stress is steadily laid on the quality of the fruit in the Sandhills. Growers are learning more about getting their fruit in shape to sell, and it looks as if we are getting a better rating in the market as Moore county fruit is better known.

A buying movement has been noticed in the orchards, outsiders picking up orchard property on a considerable scale. Around the store box philosopher's club I gather that the buyers of orchard property are men of means who have looked into the peach situation in the Sandhills with much pains and are making the investments deliberately. The story as it runs is that the men who are buying have gone over the situation throughout the United States and decided that the peach business is not overdone,

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AN INSPIRATION

However the battle is ended,
Though proudly the victor comes
With fluttering flags and prancing nags
And echoing roll of drums,
Still truth proclaims this motto,
In letters of living light—
No question is ever settled,
Until it is settled right.

Though the heel of the strong oppressor
May grind the weak to dust,
And the voice of fame with one acclaim
May call him great and just,
Let those who applaud take warning,
And keep this motto in sight—
No question is ever settled
Until it is settled right.

O, man, bowed down with labor!
A woman, young, yet old!
O, heart, oppressed in the toiler's breast
And crushed by the power of gold!
Keep on with your weary battle
Against triumphant might;
No question is ever settled
Until it is settled right.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

GALA WEEK AT THE CAROLINA THEATRES

Celebrating the Anniversary of
the Opening of the Two
Theatres

Oh, Boy! How did you do it? That's what is going to be said to the management at the end of next week by everybody who is so fortunate as to see "The Thundering Herd," "The Thief of Bagdad," and "Dick Turpin." All of them good robust, healthy, red-blooded pictures, with no "eternal triangles," no love-sick scenes nor other objectionable features. Every one of them will send you away feeling better for having seen them.

On Monday and Tuesday the Zane Grey story, "The Thundering Herd," will be the attraction and it is "there" in every sense of the word. With the best features of "The Covered Wagon," "North of 36" and "Wanderer of the Wasteland" combined into one picture, "The Thundering Herd," is the best western the management has ever had the good fortune to screen. With its train of parairie wagons, its tribes of full blooded Indians, its tremendous herd of Buffalo, its magnificent winter scenery in the Rockies, it surpasses all other western pictures. We wish we could go from house to house and tell you more about this picture because we know you will regret it if you let it go by.

On Wednesday and Thursday, the anniversary days, the greatest picture ever produced, "The Thief of Bagdad" with Douglas Fairbanks, which has just closed a wonderful engagement in New York and has since been road-showed in all the largest cities, will be presented. Although this is our chief attraction of the week and by far the most expensive picture we have ever shown, it does not seem necessary to take up much space in describing it because everybody knows all about it and everybody who have seen it, want to see it again.

At Pinehurst, in the evening, the production will be greatly enhanced by the playing of the Carolina Orchestra, who will use the special orchestration which was used during its New York run. Matinees will be given

in both Pinehurst and Southern Pines at 3:00 p. m., and the evening performances will begin promptly at 8:15. This production is in twelve parts and there will be no preliminary reels. You will enjoy it much better and will accommodate your neighbors if you make a special effort to be in your seats at 8:15. Reserved seats are now on sale at the usual places. On account of the excessive cost of this production we are compelled to increase the admission, but they are still less than the city prices and the picture is well worth it.

Then—to wind up the anniversary week in a blaze of glory we have secured for Friday and Saturday none other than Tom Mix in his newest and best production, "Dick Turpin." This production has just finished a two weeks run at the new Piccadilly Theatre, New York and is proclaimed by every New York paper to be Tom Mix's greatest. Tom Mix as Dick Turpin is as hard riding, as two fisted, and as quick with the pistol as of yore and the public has set its approval on "Dick Turpin," utterly delightful and romantic and thrilling.

Celebrate with us and feast on a week of real entertainment.

TO TEST NEW SPRAY SCHEME AT HAMLET

The latest development in orchard spraying machinery is a cold steam process sprayer which delivers a liquid material from a nozzle in a mist as fine as steam. This machine is at present being perfected by the McElroy-Shepherd Engineering Laboratories, of Charlottesville, Va., in co-operation with entomologist R. W. Leiby, of the Peach Insect laboratory. A demonstration of the sprayer is to be given from ten to twelve o'clock on Friday, February 20, at Hoffman Farms, to which all peach growers and others interested are invited.

According to entomologist Leiby the delivery of a spray material under steam pressure is a new and radical idea. Orchardists who have seen the machine in operation are enthusiastic over its merits because no gasoline engine or air pump are required, these being always the bane of the now used large orchard spraying machines.

It is understood that the principle used in the cold steam sprayer is

identical to that used in the cement gun, the patents of which are held by the McElroy-Shepherd laboratories. The present sprayer is an outgrowth of the steam cotton sprayer developed last summer in the Sandhills by these laboratories in co-operation with Entomologist Leiby.

VASS-LAKEVIEW SCHOOL NOTES

Miss Olera McCraney spent Tuesday night with Miss Mary Thompson.

We are sorry to report that Miss Wylantha Byrd is absent from school this week. She is seriously ill with pneumonia. We hope she will soon be better.

Messrs. Royce Byrd and Farris Wilson have started to school this week.

Misses Loula Eastwood and Grace Gardner went shopping in Sanford, Monday of this week.

We are glad to say that we have a new member added to our high school, Mr. Dan Matthews.

The girls basket ball team played the Jonesboro team last Friday afternoon and won with a score of 23 to 16. We couldn't have been entertained more royally than we were. They served us a plate supper in the school house, and afterwards took us to the picture show. We congratulate these girls on their splendid team work in basket ball, and also in other outside activities.

Mr. F. M. Dwight and Loula Eastwood motored to Red Springs Monday evening.

Miss Frances Blue, of Flora MacDonald College, was a visitor in school Monday.

The baseball team is putting in some good practice at present and from the looks of things we are going to have a real team.

STOP WAR OR WE BANKRUPT WORLD

John H. Fahey Tells Kiwanis
Peace or Destruction is Fate
of Globe

At the Wednesday meeting of the Kiwanis Club at the Southern Pines Country Club J. H. Fahey, of New York and Boston was the speaker. Mr. Fahey is one of the foremost editors of the country, and has been in the past the president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States and connected in other prominent ways with public affairs. Mr. Fahey took for his theme the Dawes plan that has been adopted for settling the financial affairs of Germany, particularly with regard to the debts owed the other nations, and he had not proceeded very far before he impressed on his audience that Germany can pay its debts and maintain its establishment if it is allowed to carry on business in a way that money can be earned. But if Germany is not permitted to engage in world wide trade, and to earn money no power on earth can restore Germany, make Germany able to pay her debts, or get rid of her as a threatening factor in world peace or continued civilization.

The Dawes plan practically put Germany in the hands of a receiver, taking her railroads and her industries under bond for payment of her debt. The operation of collecting and paying is in the hands of an agent, Parker Gilbert, an American, to carry out the plan a German national bank with a capital of \$100,000,000 patterned after our Federal reserve system, has been created. The next step is to permit Germany to enter into world trade that she may have a market for her products, and earn money to pay with. And there turns the whole proposition. If Germany is encouraged to establish her industries and to recover her prosperity and to enter the world's fields of general industry Mr. Fahey thinks the Dawes plan will work out and Germany will thrive and pay her debts to the allied nations. But if Ger-

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INFORMATION AS TO COUNTY COURT

Prof. Matthews Corrects Some
of Doctor Poate's State-
ments

The laws of North Carolina and names of beautiful young women are alike,—both change, some for better, some for worse.

The attention of the readers of The Pilot is called to some errors in Dr. Poate's discussion of the General County Court.

1. The salary of the judge of the General County Court is fixed by the county commissioners. It may be more or less than \$3600 a year. The salary of the prosecuting attorney is also fixed by them. It may be more or less than \$1000 a year.

2. The judge of the General County Court may practice law if he chooses, and he does not have to give his full time to the court.

3. To get a jury trial in criminal actions no deposit fee is required.

4. Appeals are made in the General County Court "in the same manner as is now provided for appeals from justices of the peace." North Carolina Constitution Article I. Section 13. "No person shall be convicted of any crime but by the unanimous verdict of a jury of good and lawful men in open court. The Legislature may, however, provide other means of trial for petty misdemeanors, with the right of appeal." This clearly shows that one has a constitutional right to appeal from a General County Court, not only from findings of law but also from findings of fact, because that court uses other means of conviction than "by the unanimous verdict of a jury of good and lawful men in open court."

(Signed) W. D. MATTHEWS.

WEEKLY MARKET NOTES

A movement is now under way to organize all the truck products of eastern North Carolina by districts so that the sale of these products will be put on a sound basis and a steady market provided for them throughout the entire year, reports George R. Ross, chief of the State Division of Markets.

"There will probably be eight of these local associations formed," says Mr. Ross, "with one central organization made up of the different locals. Each local will operate under a separate charter but will sell their produce through the same distributor and will enroll their members under the same form of contract.

"Ultimately all the units will be formed into a Federation with a view to organized buying and selling for the entire group, but for the present each association is to be an independent unit, identified with the others only in the employment of a common distributor.

"A committee has already met and adopted plans for the organization of an association at New Bern, to be known as the New Bern Truck Growers' Association and it is expected that other associations will be formed later at Chadbourn, Clarkton, Wilmington, Wallace, Warsaw, Mt. Olive, Beaufort and Kinston."

Following up the work done last fall, when around 2,000 head of cattle were placed on the farms of western North Carolina, Virginia and South Carolina, the State Division of Markets is now helping the feeders to sell these cattle. The work is under the direct supervision of Mr. T. L. Gwyn, who has had practical experience in marketing cattle. If there are others in the State who desire assistance in selling their cattle, a letter to the Division of Markets, N. C. Department of Agriculture, Raleigh, N. C., will receive prompt attention.

An Edgecombe farmer learned through his county agent that he could get the best cotton seed in North Carolina right in his own county and he bought 300 bushels from the Edgecombe Seed Breeders' Association.