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THE STRAWBERRY MOVEMENT.

About 3,000 Crates Went Forward Yesterday—Exodus of Pickers to Fields.

Wilmington Star, 29th.

The season of the luscious strawberry is upon us. All this section of Eastern Carolina is now feverish with excitement incident to the rush and hurry of one of the largest berry movements on record. The exodus of pickers to the fields has begun and each train nowadays is crowded with hands going to the strawberry belt. Nearly a hundred went out yesterday morning, one party for Teachey's alone having numbered 53. Sunday night 25 went to Rocky Point to one grower.

The shipments by the Southern Express from points along the W. & W. road yesterday numbered 2,100 crates, while those by refrigerator cars numbered 100 crates. The shipments from the A. & Y. road yesterday amounted to 180 crates. No report was received from the Chadbourne belt. The Southern Express handled 1,000 crates Sunday and will run its first special train to-day. The prices thus far have been most satisfactory and commission men say they are likely to remain so for some considerable time.

Road Improvement.

Wilmington Star.

There is not a State, as far as we know, which has entered upon the work of road improvement which has not kept it up and spent money freely upon it, because experience proved that it paid. It pays not only the farmers and others who have occasion to use the roads, but it pays the State by the enhanced value of the property for taxation, frequently doubling and quadrupling the value in a few years. This is not simply a temporary, but a permanent increase. But in addition to this it stimulates increased new industries, and thus adds to the wealth of the people and of the State. Next to railroads good public highways are the great industrial developers.

Many distinguished persons, representing almost every section of the United States, will be gathered at Winston-Salem, N. C., from May 23d to 29th, when the Centennial of the Salem Female Academy will be celebrated with appropriate and very interesting exercises.

BOY TURNED BLACK.

Disease Said to be the Rarest in the Medical Profession—Puzzled the Physicians.

Charlotte News.

Tamaqua, Pa., April 29.—Frank Lentz, aged 16 years, of Paterson, a small village west of here, was found dead in bed last evening. For the past year the boy has been suffering from acute chloasma. When he was taken ill his skin was covered with black blotches, which gradually ran together, until he became as dark as a negro.

The disease was marked by extreme lassitude, and the boy became little more than skin and bones. The disease is said to be a very rare one.

Dr. Chreitzberg in Gaffney.

Gaffney Ledger, April 29.

Rev. H. F. Chreitzberg, of Gastonia, N. C., arrived in the city yesterday and is at present the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. N. Polger on Smith street.

Mr. Chreitzberg is a native of this State and was for many years a member of the South Carolina Conference and was one of its ablest preachers. He was transferred to the Western North Carolina Conference in 1892, and has filled some of the first churches in the conference; four years in Asheville, four years in Charlotte, and now has charge of a church in Gastonia. He has come to Gaffney to assist Rev. W. Hodges in a protracted meeting in the Buford Street Methodist church which began last night and will continue through the week. Services will begin every morning at 10 o'clock and at 8:15 every evening. The public is requested to attend.

What the Factories Do.

Wilmington Morning Star.

The richest States in the Union are manufacturing States; the richest cities are manufacturing cities. The richest community is not the one which produces the most crude material suitable for manufacture, but the one which converts that material into some useful article or articles for which there is a demand. The South produces annually about 9,000,000 bales of cotton, worth in round numbers about \$300,000,000. A bale of this cotton converted into ordinary cotton goods would be worth three times as much as the raw lint. That would make the cotton crop worth \$900,000,000 instead of \$300,000,000.

HOW BILL ARP KILLS BUGS.

Offers the Children Five Cents a Dozen for the Dead Ones.

Bill Arp in Atlanta Constitution.

I am trying Colonel Reddings plan to exterminate the potato bugs. He says begin early and watch for the first ones that come. Make an inspection every morning and kill the large striped ones before they lay their eggs. My crop is about six inches high. I have six long rows in the garden and the other morning I killed about thirty and then told the children—the grandchildren I mean—that I would pay them a nickel for every dozen bugs they found. That evening they killed sixty and next morning forty, and this morning fifteen, and this evening ten. So the three little girls brought me in debt sixty cents and feel rich. The bargain is that they are to pay me back for all I find and I have not found but five yet, though I don't look very carefully. Children like to work for money just like grown folks. I remember well the first half-dollar I ever earned. My father was clearing land and told me I might have the saplings if I would trim them up and pile the brush and I might have the wagon and team to haul them to town and sell them. I had the evenings after school and Saturdays to work and soon had a load ready and sold it to our school teacher for a silver half dollar. I was rich, and as I drove home I felt it in my pocket every little while to be sure it was there. I like to reward these little chaps, for it does them so much good and makes them love me. The love of an innocent child is the purest on earth except the love of a mother. I have no greater comfort now than the glad smile of a little one that jumps into my arms whenever I come. It flatters my vanity, for though I am old and ugly the little one will hug me and pat my wrinkled cheeks and turn away from those who are young and handsome. The greatest inducement for a parent to be a Christian is to secure the salvation of their children and meet them in heaven, for it is said in the scriptures in three places "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved—thou and thine house." It was said by Paul and Peter and the Spirit, "thou and thine house."

Last year my potato crop was seriously damaged by these bugs, and by the paris green, too, for I used too much of it, and so I am taking Colonel Redding's advice and killing off the big striped beetles before they lay their patches of yellow eggs on the under side of the leaves. I instructed the children to look for eggs and they found only two leaves with eggs on them. With a little sharpened stick they dug around the base of every plant, and there found most of the beetles, but I am already satisfied with the experiment, and hope that I will not have to use paris green at all. I shall continue my bargain with the children, even if it is expensive. I overheard them plotting this evening about going to the drug store tomorrow and buying some ice cream, and they agreed to take two saucers apiece. These little girls are great inventions, and I love to watch them and then ruminate and ponder why it was that children, especially boys, get more selfish and deceitful as they grow older. The devil seems to let them alone until they get weaned from their mother. The good and the bad are strangely mixed in this world. New plagues and pestilences keep on coming, both on animal and vegetable life, but a kind Providence has provided remedies and given us minds to find them. But I have found no way to keep the pigeons from preying upon my young peas as they peep out of the ground. They utterly destroyed my first planting and have begun on the second. We have had a flock for many years, and never knew them to trouble the garden before. I say, Colonel Redding, what must I do about it? My wife says cover them with brush, and I will if I can find the brush. The English sparrows do leave us most of the crop, but the pigeons don't leave us anything. Reckon I will have to turn the boys loose on them. The beans, onions, and early corn are alright yet, and the strawberries seem to have no enemies. They make a beautiful show and give us great comfort.

In a week or two we will have ripe fruit in abundance and shall send some to the preachers. Bro. Yarbrough says he doesn't think it any harm to send good things to a preacher even on Sunday.

CONTEST CLOSES MAY THIRD

Raise a Club of Subscribers and Win a Prize Worth Trying For.

Three Handsome Prizes to be Awarded for Three Largest Clubs of Subscribers Sent to The Gazette by Saturday, May 3rd—Particulars of the Contest.

THE GAZETTE is one paper in Gaston county whose circulation is growing greater and not less. It is now issued twice every week; it is printed throughout from new type, neat, clean, attractive; edited with care in every department, it endeavors to be reliable always, to print the news and tell the truth, and is devoted to the protection of home and the interests of Gaston county. These things, together with the aid of its friends, are making the paper go at a rate which eclipses all its previous records.

But we feel that our very kind friends are entitled to some reward. Therefore, encouraged by the results of other similar offers made to our subscribers in the past, we have, as previously announced, decided again to interest our friends who have helped us and are helping us now to make THE GAZETTE what it is to-day.

There are two important points to note: first, THE GAZETTE is offered twice a week for a dollar to all who get the dollar in by Saturday, the third day of May; second, to the three persons who bring us the three largest lists of new subscribers by that date, we will give three handsome prizes.

Now for the particulars concerning the contest and the prizes: **FIRST PRIZE**—To the person who brings in the largest list of new paid subscriptions under this offer by the date named, we will give a choice between two handsome twenty-dollar prizes.

1. Choice number one is a fine new improved Columbian Phonograph now on exhibit at Torrence's Jewelry Store. It is not the small kind with a cylinder record. It is an improved loud instrument with a circular record like a dinner plate, and can be heard easily across the street. This fine machine and six records (three large and three small) make up this outfit.

2. Choice number two is a most beautiful ladies' Mahogany Desk, with chair to match, now on exhibit at The Gastonia Book Store. The desk is Macey's make inlaid with white holly and mother-of-pearl, a lovely piece of furniture, as every lady who sees it will testify. The chair to match goes with it. Bring the largest list of new subscribers and take your choice of the two superb prizes described above.

SECOND PRIZE—For the second largest list of subscriptions under this offer, the prize will be a choice between a very large and handsome new five-dollar hammock and a five-dollar Waterman's Fountain Pen—both at The Gastonia Book Store.

THIRD PRIZE—For the third largest list of subscriptions brought in under this offer, the prize will be a fine \$4.00 dollar silk umbrella or a beautiful three-dollar rug at Thomson Co.'s store.

Anybody is a new subscriber who does not now take the paper, with this limitation: a mere transfer of the paper from one member of a family to another or from one neighbor to another for the sake of getting a name on the list is not securing a new subscriber. Of course no honest person would resort to a scheme like that.

In this subscription contest the prizes are awarded not for the largest number of names but for the largest number of paid annual subscriptions at one dollar each. Four 3-months or two 6-months subscriptions count as one annual subscription.

The contest is to end Saturday night, May 3rd, so that we can make up the awards Monday for the paper coming out on the following day.

These are the conditions of the contest, and we hope our friends will get to work and forward subscriptions as fast as they get them. Everybody who knows us knows that these prizes will be awarded just as we say. If the biggest list contains no more than one subscriber, the person who brings it will get one of the twenty-dollar prizes.

Strawberry culture is spreading rapidly in our town and some of the neighbors are trying it as a business for profit. Dr. Felton, Jr., has put out thirty thousand plants the last season. It was Isaac Walton, the great fisherman, who wrote in his book on angling, "Dr. Butler said that 'doubtless God could have made a better berry than the strawberry, but doubtless God never did,' and so I say that God never made a more calm, quiet, innocent recreation than angling." My good friends, Dr. Benham and Colonel Murphy heartily endorse Walton on fishing and will sit in a boat half a day in a summer's sun and watch the corks and ruminate and not catch enough fish for supper. If I was as fond of it as they are I think I would go to Florida and stay there. I have caught more fish there in one day than in all my life up here in north Georgia.

I did not go to Dallas the long spell of grip left me too dilapidated to travel so far and give up my home habits and comforts, but I read all about the great reunion with keen satisfaction. There is life in the old land yet and love for the "Lost Cause" in the hearts of our people, the Confed-

crates and their children and children's children. May it never be extinguished.

The Potato Bug.

Edgefield Advertiser.

The potato bug, which proved to be so destructive to the Irish potato crop last year, totally destroying it in many places, has already made its appearance and is ready for the fray. They can be exterminated, however, by mixing one ounce of Paris green in three pounds of flour and sifting this on the potatoes.

The Southern Cultivator recommends this and says there is no danger of poisoning the potatoes. This should be done immediately after the first bug is seen, for they can soon ruin the entire patch.

Where an Editor Can't Get a Pass. Jas. H. Sturtevant in his Concord Tribune.

At Memphis we cross the Mississippi on an immense bridge, which cost three million dollars. Every person who goes over this bridge pays fifty cents, whether an editor or president of a railroad. This is one place where an editor can't get a pass. It belongs to a company which is not controlled by any railroad.

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J. F. YEAGER.

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