

POINTS AND PARAGRAPHS ON TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

Under this head will be printed from time to time noteworthy utterances on themes of current interest. They will be taken from public addresses, books, magazines, newspapers, in fact wherever we may find them.

A Fact That Speaks Strongly.

The drink bill in South Carolina is a little over two dollars per capita. In the United States it is ten dollars per capita.

A Bloody Record.

Judge Bryan then remarked that he had it on the best authority that in North and South Carolina for the past few years there were more murders in proportion to population than elsewhere in the United States.

Greater Diversifying in the South.

The southern land is capable of producing a greater diversity of marketable products than the lands of the west and northwest.

As to Preachers.

"Show me ten preachers," said a woman the other day, "who have even a suggestion of sympathy or pathos in their voices, or who read the service with any degree of impressiveness, to say nothing of common intelligence, and I will show you ten churches filled every Sunday to the doors, but with congregations that are interested and in thorough accord with their respective ministers."

Poppies.

Nothing in nature is more gorgeous than poppies. Growing in a wheatfield they make discs and great plashes of scarlet, gleaming in a sea of rich gold rippling heavily as the mid-summer breeze glides over it.

The Way To Check Crime.

The only way to check the vicious-inclined is by holding up to them constantly the terrors of a broken law; the only way to stop criminals from perpetrating crime is by enforcing that law to the limit.

Taxation in Cities.

The taxpayers in the country have no idea how much lighter are their taxes than are the taxes of those who reside in the cities. The rate of taxation in nearly every city is at least twice as high as it is in the country.

No Safety for the Negro Out of his Place.

Yet we cannot blame the white people of the South for being extra sensitive on this subject. A small element of the colored people and their friends at the North seem to be determined to be aggressive in these matters.

IREDELL'S FLOCK OF SHEEP.

Mr. Archer Tells of a Year's Experience—Is Thoroughly Satisfied That Sheep Husbandry is a Paying Investment Here—A Better Showing Under Improved Conditions.

Samuel Archer in Statesville Landmark. A few days ago a gentleman said to us, "Well I used to read about that flock of fine wool sheep, but lately I hear nothing from them. What's the matter? Are they not doing right?"

When a person is busy at work that must be done, writing is generally put off. That has been my situation. Then our wool that was sold early in June to the Chatham Manufacturing Company at Elkin, N. C., was not all delivered till late in July on account of harvest.

I have just finished an article for the Charlotte Observer and I may not do better than quote some parts of it and abridge other parts for The Landmark. Last year the wool from 200 ewes and three rams brought us \$375.75 or about \$1.85 per head.

Up to the time of our division of the flock between Gibson, Aderholdt and Archer, before shearing we had lost seven and a half per cent. (15 sheep) of the flock and part of that from accidents.

Parasite worms, the great enemy of sheep husbandry in all countries, and which affect the animal so often in one or another of its organs, have not shown themselves any more dangerous or destructive here than I have experienced elsewhere.

Once in the spring we were frightened with the discovery that we had the disease and some of the yearling lambs began to run down and several died before we commenced vigorously to give all the sheep, both sick and well, rosin, sulphur, sulphate of iron, etc., clean out the sheep quarters and disinfect their troughs and racks.

Also a friend who has common sheep wrote me about that time that his lambs were beginning to die from what I considered was the same trouble, and I recommended the remedies. He wrote me that not one died after he commenced treatment.

But going back in my story to the 40 cents shortage per head on fleeces. The lambs were less and all shore less because they should have had more to eat and been cared for better in summer and fall.

The fact that the flock, young and old, fed on the grains, grasses and fodders common to this country came through the year in as good health as I have known them to do under similar conditions in other parts of our county, is substantial evidence that the sheep business in this country with fine wool sheep is a success.

and grasses more especially for stock feeding, as they are this year and doubtless will be from now on, and had the excellent sheep barns that were finished only at the close of last year been up for use from our start and the sheep sheltered in them and under trees from the hot sun and bleaching rains as they have been all this year, I am confident they would easily have shorn over 10 pounds average, young and old.

Two friends in Ohio having the same kind of sheep and class of wool much heavier than ours, this year wrote me they sold at home at 22 cents for the whole clip. But the Chatham Co. were liberal with us for a factory in the South not working so much fine wool as coarse.

Another evidence is that our three Merino stock rams, being housed and fed about as they would have been in Illinois where they came from, shore in aggregate over 25 pounds more than last year—one clipping 30 pounds, one 32, and one 38 pounds, and I am confident that "Goliath," the last noted, will clip over 40 pounds next year.

What I say must not be considered in the least as a reflection on my partners, for they are not only my friends, but strong adherents to the business—have built fine sheep barns and are adjusting their farm operations to sheep and wool growing. I must give them both credit for having their sheep, taken as a whole at this time, in better condition than mine are, for they are succeeding this summer with their sheep.

Smothered in her Coffin.

One day last week a colored woman who was supposed to have died at Lincoln Hospital, Durham, was placed in a coffin and shipped to Person county for burial. At Dennison junction groans were heard in the coffin, which frightened the bystanders, but finally the coffin was opened and the woman's hands clasped her throat and her body was warm. It was left open for a while, but it was supposed when the groans ceased she had smothered to death.

Grim but Effective.

Two negroes who are employed as porters on Southern and Seaboard Air Line trains, respectively, met on East Trade street the other day and engaged in a discussion as to the number of passengers hauled by the two roads. The Seaboard darkey described at length the heavy passenger traffic of his road, saying it excelled all past records of railroads in the South.

What a Little World!

The conspiracy between science and invention to decrease the size of the earth continues. When Christopher Columbus, having decided that India could be reached by sailing westward from the coast of Spain, set out with the Santa Maria, the Nina, and the Pinta, this terrestrial ball was no small thing.

Good Results of the Free Delivery. A gentleman who has traveled over a large portion of the country recently finds that along the macadam road and the rural free delivery routes the people of the county are greatly improving the appearance of their homes by painting their houses and grass plots and lawns and yards around their houses, and otherwise beautifying them with flowers and shrubbery.

ON CATCHING COLD.

Some Simple Ways by Which It May be Avoided.

Habitual colds are due to an ill-kept skin on the outside and dyspeptic mucous membranes on the inside, the result of indigestion or constipation, coupled with carelessness.

Cold water, proper food, and common sense are the foundations upon which a cold cure must rest. A cold sponge bath one to three minutes long with a brisk dry rub immediately before and after, is excellent—usually that is necessary to keep the cutaneous circulation alive and the skin reactive to sudden changes of temperature.

For those unaccustomed to cold water, tolerance can be gained in three weeks' time by the use of water at any comfortable temperature, making it one degree colder each day, until it can be employed without dread as cold as it will run.

For cold feet, wading ankle deep in cold water in the bathtub for one or two minutes before retiring will be found effective. If reaction does not set in after brisk rubbing, wrap the feet in flannel; they will soon thaw out.

Some colds are due to micro-organisms that attack the air passages, but this is much less likely to happen in a person whose powers of resistance have been raised by dietetic and hygienic measures.

If colds result from dust in the nasal passages, as sometimes happens, the nostrils may be washed out regularly with some warm alkaline solution, and with as much satisfaction as one brushes the teeth. This is properly a part of the morning toilet, for those at least who suffer from catarrh in the atmosphere of great cities.

The inside and outside skins of the body are so much in sympathy and so dependent on each other that any disorder of the one is sure to react upon the other, and this is especially true of the alimentary canal and the skin as a whole.

One should "keep moving" when wet or chilly, and not stand on a street corner or elsewhere without taking deep breaths. The lungs used in this way act as a pump to drive the blood along.

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NEW WAISTINGS. They are at Yeager's.

The new waistings are here. If you have not seen them, then there's one pleasure yet ahead of you—come in and see them. They are new in fabric, new in color and color-combinations, absolutely new in patterns, and simply bewildering in variety.

NEW SKIRTS.

Here also you will find the newest styles in walking skirts and dress skirts. The styles and fabrics are elegance itself. We invite your inspection.

NEW HOSIERY.

Finest line of plain fall and winter hosiery ever shown in Gastonia. Our children's and misses' hosiery at 25 cents, running in sizes from 4's to 9's, is the best ever offered in this market.

Miss Parks, our expert milliner, has arrived and will again have charge of our millinery department.

JAS. F. YEAGER.



A TELEPHONE

In a single emergency is often worth the price of the yearly rental, whether the emergency happens at your home or at your office. But leaving the emergency out, a phone in your home is an economical convenience, in your store or office a money-making investment.

R. B. BABINGTON MANAGER

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Col. W. G. STEPHENSON, Supt.

SAVING MONEY!

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Table showing savings results for 1, 5, 10, and 25 years at 4% interest. Columns include DAILY, 5 YEARS, 10 YEARS, and 25 YEARS. Values range from \$1.00 to \$11.00.

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