AGRICULTURAL TOPICS FARM VIEWS AND NEWS

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GASTON COUNTY-HER RESOURCES Total land acreage, 221,709. nd acreage in cultivation,

acreage uncultivated. 52.54

Number of cotton mills, 32. Cherryville Vivian, Gaston, berryville Mills. Dallas — Dallas, Moro-Webb

Mt. Holly-Mt. Holly, Albion,

Stanley—Stanley Mills, McAdenville—McAden Mills. Belmont-Chronicle Mill. ell - Spencer Mountain, Lowell — S Lowell Mills.

Mtn. Island-Mtn. Island Mill. Gastonia-Gastonia, Trenton, Avon, Modena, Ozark, Arling-ton, Lorny Mills.

Sememer — Southern, Whet-ne, Bessemer. Kings Mountain—Lule, Cora, Dilling, Crowder's Mountain, Kings Mountain,

Worth-Hardin Mill. High Shoals-High Shoals

Number of spindles, 292,790. Number of cotton oil mills 1,

natoria.
Number of horses, 1,177.
Number of mules, 2,470.
Number of cows, 5,886.
Number of hogs, 6,312.
Value of live stock, \$516,954.
Value of land, \$3,718,062.

Cotton leads all other crops in Gaston is value and comes second to core in acreage. The acreage in cotton for 1903 was 19,326 which produced 8,642 hales of 500 pounds or 210 pounds of list per sere, 4,204,386 pounds

Corn is a staple crop in this county. The total prodution in 1903 was 294,600 bushels, an acreage of 20,400, an average of 14 bushels per acre. The best yield was on the red lands of the

netamorphic group." Wheat production this present year was 33,760 bushels grown on 14,220 acres.

Oats, especially winter oats are largely grown and supply good grazing. The quantity raised during 1903 was 560,021

Rye production was not taken ato consideration, as it is grown a small way; but enough has Southing of the soils of Gaston. Sorghum cane has been successfully enlitysted in Gaston.
The early amber, the Texan, goose neck, black amber and orange top is grown throughout the country and the yield of syrup is sometimes as high as 600 callege presents.

syrup is sometimes as high as 600 gallons per acre. Sweet potstoes are a standard exop; in Gastou' there were grown 46,500, bushels on 620 acres an average of 75 bushels

to the acre.

The cow pea is a general favorite and is also quite extensively grown as a soiling plant and for forage.

Good cattle are raised all through this county. Almost every distinctive breed is found—Jersey, Guernsey, Holstein, etc., Hogs., such as Berkshire. Chester-White, Chester-Red., Poland China, Easex, etc.

The readers of this paper will readily see that the resources of

Chester-White. Chester-Red. Poland Chitas. Beaux. etc.

The readers of this paper will readily see that the resources of Gaston and her agricultural productions are rick, varied, and valuable—and yet, my farming brother, it is astonishing how low is the price the farming lands self at.

A decided change has set in. The progressive farmers are perting out of the old ruts. Agriculture is becoming more and more varied. The white man is delay the farming. The drifting of terms will cease to paralyze agriculture in Gaston.

The field is partially cleared for new courses of a different raw. Gaston stands as high as my other course in Tarbeel-form, and the plain, the valley and the momentain, the broad and gastal soll and mighty rivers. There are fortunes in her forests and the momentain, the broad and gastal soll and mighty rivers. There are fortunes in her forests and the momentain, the broad and gastal soll and mighty rivers. There are fortunes in her forests and the momentain, the broad and gastal soll and mighty rivers. There are fortunes in her forests and the momentain are related with lovely accuser of the temperate upon with arminately and as make. All produces of the temperate upon with arminately finite. Those who was der amidst her momentains are related with lovely accuser. Thus, it is not shell, we have a non-mark of Gaston who makes a better living, sight town the non-the start living, sight town the country over the country over the country over the country of the start and the country over the country

ort sets both the following in-

ducements to settlers:

1 Favorable geographical and climatic conditions. 2 Adaptability of soils to the raising of a great diversity of 3. The very reasonable prices

4. The character of the pub-5. Good macadam roads and bridges. 6. Numerous railways and

cheap transportation. 7 Close communication with the markets of Baltimore, Wash-ington and Philadelphia.

Settlers desiring to locate will find plenty of land at a fair figure. Those without capital can rent on easy terms. The country offers good inducements to colonies. Land, thick wooded with pines, poplar, hickory and oak is to be obtained at low rates and the best bottom lands can be bought at \$20 per acre.

SOME QUAINT ENGLISH,

Partument idea of the Language In 'A book as amusing as it is rare to in the library of a Wissabicton student.

The work is called "O Nova Guia da Couvernaceo." It is supposed to instruct the Portuguese in English conversation, and the following, a dialogue bended "For to Ride a Horse," is the kind of English conversation it sup-

"Here is a horse who have a bad looks. Give mi snother; I will not that. He not call know to march, he is pursy, be is foundered. Don't you are ashamed to tive me a jade as like? He is und-shord, he is with nails up; it want to lead to the farrier."

An assectate in the took is:

"A day came a man to consult this philosopher for to know at o'clock it was one to eat. 'If thou art rich, told him eat when you shall wish; if you are poor, when you may do."

In the preface the most elegant paragraph is the following:
"We expect than, who the little book (for the care what we wrote him, and for her typographical correction) that may be worth the acceptation of the studious persons, and especially of the youth, at which we dedicate him particularly."

The authors of this strange volume are Jose da Fonseca and Pedro Caro-lino. It would be interesting to know where Pedro and Jose "learned" English.—Philadelphia Record.

Satisfied His Curiosity. The egriculty of the natives of wild countries as to everything belonging to the traveler often leads to amusing situntions. Mr. J. W. Wells tells in "Thre esand Kiles Through Brazil" of his visit to one settlement where the only shopkeeper of the place proved very inquisitive. He was a frequent visitor and would enrefully examine the few belongings of the traveler. His curiosity was finally punished to a very fun

On one of his visits, writes Mr. Wells. he found my bottle of spirits of ammo nis on the table, and, seeing it was something he had not hitherto inspect ed, he naturally laid hold of it and asked of me, "What is this?"

"Only a medicine," I replied, and with a perhaps unworthy antisfaction I watched him hold it up to the light, at it all round and finally remove the glass stopper and then take a good

I had to rush forward to save my precious ammonia, as he staggered and gusped for breath and ojaculated, "I am dring!" By dint of much slapping of his back and douring of cold water he quickly recovered, but nevermore and he touch any of my things.

After Dinner Gracery.

The fake butterous speaker has an caster curver than even the fake elequent speaker. Yet at any given disnor the crater who passes out mere ele-cation to his bearers has a success al most as instant and splendid as his clowning brother. It is amoning what cowaing protier. It is amazing what tisings people will applaud when they have the courage of each other's inepti-tude. They will listen after dinner to anything but reason. They prefer also the old speaker to new ones; they like the familiar taps of humor, of elequesses. If they have tasted the brew perfore, they know what they are going to get. The note of their mood in tolerunce, but tolerance of the accustomed, the expected: not tolerance of the novel, the surprising. They wish to be arrow, the temporating. They wish to be at rest, and what takes their minds me-lests their intellectual repose. They do not wish to climb any great heights to reach the level of the orator.—W. D. Howells in Harper's.

A Gueer Rolle.

A flavor Rotte.

In University college, London, is a singular object that is preserved envertilly in a remote gallery instite a glass case, which again to contained in a huge wooden cophesied, the decen of which are incled and the keys in unforested, The rolle which is thin as maintain on the history of the college as the "steriotor" of Jeromy Bentham, "she in the parametrs in which he first, while his head only is stated to favor been "manualled," It has always been understood that Bentham's body was contained, and is that case it cannot be fit more shorten which is repairing there make because which is repairing there make because the fits one shorten which is repairing there make because which is repairing there make because which is repairing there make because the law.

Part Ballaceand St.

As Irish soldier attending school which is employer whom starting till offer at examination has taken should great difficulty in bringing a section of the correct answer.

"You are a shifting out, Magan," said the impreter, "therefore you have fathed again,"

"Ont," said Free, taking a shifting door his pactor, "take the, and if" make the seas right, flarrest second of at last?"—depare Monamen.

Weather a Bangaroon Woods.

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A RAZOR'S EDGE.

Minute Treth, Like These of a baw.

The edge of a resor consists of innumerable points or "testis," which if the ramer is of good material follow each other thronghout its whole length with great order and clearness. The nabroken regularity of these minute "beeth" goes to make up the blade's excessive keemsess. The edge acts upon the beard not so much by the cirect ap-plication of weight or force as it does by a slight "seesaw" movement, which causes the successive "teeth" to act rapidly on one certain part of the bairy growth. The best razors, according to the microscopists, have the teeth of their edges set as regularly as those of

a perfectly set saw.

This explains the maric effect of hot water on the maor's blade—the act of slipping it thoroughly cleaning the treth of any greasy or dirty substance with which they may have been clogged. Barbers often claim that ru-sors "get tired" of shaving and that they will be all right after awbile if permitted to take a rest. When in this condition a microscople examination of the edge shows that con-stant stropping by the same person has ed the teeth or fibers of the edge to all urrange themselves in one direcone particles to rearrange themselves so that they again present the hetero-geneous saw toothed edge. After this little recreation each particle of the fine edge is up and ready to support his fellow, and it again takes some time spoil the grain of the blade.

When Verdi was putting the last suches to "Il Trovatore," he was visited in his study by a privileged friend, rbo was one of the ablest living myiciaus and critics. He was permitted to examine the score and run over the "Anvil Chorus" on the planoforte. "What do you think of that?" asked Verdi. "Trash?" responded the con-noisseur. Verdi rubbed his hands and chuckled. "Now look at this." he said. "Rubbish?" said the other, rolling a eignrette. The componer rose and em-braced him with a burst of joy. "What lo you mean?" asked the critic. "My making a popular opera. In it I repurists, the great judges, the classicists like you. Had I pleased you I should have pleased no one eise. What you say assures me of success. In three months 'll Truvatore' will be sung and roared and whistled and harrel organised all over Italy:" And so it

A safe Proceeding. Lord Lyons: English minister at Washington during the civil war and afterward ambassador to France, was diplomatist to the core. He was exreedingly tactful in action and had the

wire art of keeping his own counsel.
When Sir Edward Blount called upon him one day at the embassy in Paris be found that a well known journalist had preceded bim. The visitor was laying down the law is a loud tone, and when after his departure, Sir Edward was received, he took the liberty of

"May I be allowed to ask if it is quite wise to discuss state secrets in such a toud toue? I heard every word that was said, my lord, as I sat in the aute

"Abl" said Lord Lyons. "But even then you could not hear what I said. said nothing."-Youth's Com-

The Cherekees and Polythelem. The Cherokee Indian was originally polytheist. To him the spirit world was only a shadowy counterpart of this one. He had so great spirit, as happy bunting ground, no heaven, as heli-all of which ideas were first inroduced to the American aborigines by Christian missionaries. Couse ly death bad for blu no terrors, and he awaited the inevitable end with or anxiety as to the future. All his prayers were for temporal and tangible blessings—for bealth, for long life, for success in the chase, in fishing, in war

and in love, for good crops, for protec

tion and for revenge.

Drooms Mapletood. "Dreams," says an eminent lectures on theosophy, "consist of recollections of the combined impressions received and workings of the physical and astral minds. The soul and subcom the confusion arising from the con-founding of the thoughts of the soul with the exaggerated interpretation of inpressions received by subconscion ble te remember dreams."

"I have no doubt you have beard e stories to my discredit." be said. "I don't like to put it in that way,"

be quietly repl "How then?" be hopefully asked. "I have never beard any stories to your credit," said she,—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Walter (aged five-Pape, when I grow up may I get married?
Pape-My son, I regret to see you anticipa to trouble se early in life.—Chica-

One on the Minister.

Nov. Tubthumer—I've been preaching this morning to a congregation of ames.

Lity Sugmentick—Yee; I noticed you called them "beloved brothren."—Ally

After a man passes fifty he finds that his hopes have to be judied up and re-pulated twice as often as ten years be-fore.—Atchiese Globs.

Moretly as the Seast M.
Mounteest Man-Whit shall I put us
your histoned's timbetone, easdam?
Distracted Widow-Ob, my that he
was my hemband and that he is happy
new-Life.

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CURIOSITIES OF SOUND.

Mvery Solve Has Its Carresponding

In very high or mountainous region ds become diminished in londness se that a conversation cannot be car-ried on in an ordinary tone of voice. In mines or in a diving bell the reverse of this is the case. Speech beomes so startling that it must be curried on in whispers to be at all on-durable to the our. Ecounts of all kinds become musical if the vibrations of air are uniform and rapid enough, It is said that the puffs of an engine would make a tremendous organ real of music if they could be unde to at-tain the rapidity of fifty 21 sixty a secand. Everything in nature has its seynote, as it were, and attuned to one particular musical sound. This fact can be very easily verified in everyday life. Stand near an open plane and speak in an ordinary tone. While speaking you will suddenly hear a

string within reverberate to your voice. The tick of a watch, the sound of evthe mew of a cat, the noise of a wagon. the roll of thunder, the fall of rain, the running of water-in fact, every thing about us can easily be placed by an attentive car on its prop note, one of the sounds of the scale This is a most interesting experiment and easily verified. It is said that the ear can distinguish eleven octaves of sound; but as rule, those made by quick, short vibrations are more easily conveyed. For instance, the whir of a locust

makes a more distinct impression than the sighing of the wind through the trees. A whiriwind in its approach is noiseless. It is only when it strikes some obstacle that the volume of sound becomes terrific to us. Then we receive the secondary shorter waves from the destruction of this obstacle. Tyudall says all friction is rhythmic. Flames are notoriously sensitive to sound. They will boud and flicker and even respond with a leap of quivering light to a high, shrill sound. mother interesting experiment. If we use a glass tube with a small jet of by lowering or raising it to cortain points we can cause it to shriel out shrilly or to answer sympathetically to its own keynote when sung o cen by the voice.

If we could only bear the roll of the vast occurs in harmouy all around us in our everyday life, we could say with truth, indeed, what the poet only

"There's not the smullest och which thou beholdest but in its orbit like an angel sings, still quiring to the young eyed cherubim."—Baltimore American.

The Shopherd and His Flook A certain good hishop was in Italy for his health, and while walking in the country one day he met a small girl who was tending some pigs. The animals were giving her a great deal of trouble, and the good bishop offered to stay and watch the ones that were grunting and rooting in a ditch while the little shopherdess went to catch two runsways that had arrayed from the fold. When she came back, the reverend gentleman stroked the un-kempt curly head of the child and saked her how much she earned by he hard work and was told that see re

ceived 4 soldi a day.
"Do you know." said he, "that 1, too m a shepherd? But I carn much more than you.

"Ah, yes," answered the little peas ant, "but, no doubt, you tend many more pigs than I do."

Carlons Time Recorder. A naturalist while visiting Great Sangtr, one of those islands of the Indian ocean known as the Celebes, or Spice islands, found a curious time re corder lodged at the house of a rajah Two bottles were firmly lashed together and died in a wooden frame. A quantity of black and ran from one bottle into the other in just half an hour, and when the upper bottle was empty the frame was reversed. Twelve short sticks marked with notches from 1 to 12 were bung upon a string. A ok was placed between the stick bearing the number of notches corre-spouding to the bour last struck and the one to be struck next. The sentry announced the time by striking the sours on a large gong.

The Number Seven. The ancients believed and taught

that seven planets ruled the world and its inhabitants, thus accounting for the even days of the week, the seven holes in the head, the seven colors of the spectrum and the seven senses. The operatition attaching to the seventh laughter of a seventh daughter endows such a person with magical gifts and unlimited good luck.

Among noted events and things that bear this mystical number are the Seven Days' war, the great conflict for German supremucy, the seven churches of Asia, the seven sleepers of Ephe-sus and the seven wonders of the world.—American Queen.

Flacing Them. The Busy Man-Pleasant and Boreson are coming to visit me next week.
What shall I do with them? I have so little time.
The Wise Un—Introduce Pleasants

at a club and Boreson to a club,-New Orienns Times-Democrat.

Advise to the Widow. Widow (tearfully)-Yes, my daugh ters are now my only resources. Friend—Take my advice and husban your resources well.—Princeton Tiger.

On a Different Poetlag "A man dat's got a fast hose," said Uncle Eph'm, "door keer how off a be got to git shoes for 'lm. Hit's diff runt if he's got a boy."—Chiesgo Tribuse.

A man's took is always light if his Mistery In Sin Words.

Poverty. Peacs. Prosperity. Pride. War .- Walt Street Journal.

War.

Always in Demand. "You really think so?"

other people's corlectly." - Brookly's THE GASTONIA GAZETTE, twice a week, \$1.00 a year.

"Yest it can always be used to natisfy

The Dear Child-Ob, Mrs. Bloom,

when did you get back? Mrs. Bloom-Bless you, dear, I was not away anywhere. What made you think so?

The Dour Child-I thought you were. I beard my manima say that you were at loggeriesals with your husband for

"Fbe is the most inconsistent woma l ever knew." "Never does what she ought to a what you expect, eh?" "That is just it. Sometimes she does She is lucousistently inconsistent."

Absolutely Past Hope.

Getting Even. Mrs. von Ulumer-We must have th Diggsbys to dinner. We owe them one Von Sinmer-Of course. We passe no swful dull evening there, and it is mething more than right that they should pass one here.-Brooklyn Life.

Making It Busy. "You never allow yourself to read a book until you have read a review of 147 Why is that?" "Well. I prefer to use only prefiges!

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Administrator's Notice.

Having qualified as administrator of Thaddens S, White, deceased laic of Gaston County, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to cabible them to the undersigned on or before the

29th day of December, 1984, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said state will please make immediate payment. This the 22nd day of December, 1903. CASTON LOAN & TRUST COMPANY, Geo. W. Wilson, Adminutrator, Altorney, TF) c6

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NOTICE.

NORTH CAROLINA,)

Gaston County. J

Notice is hereby given the public
that application will be made to the
Governor of the State of North Carolina for the pardon of Rufus Clippard, convicted at the September
1902 term of the Superior Court of
Gaston County, for the crime of lar-Gaston County. ceny, and sentenced to serve on the roads of said County for the term of four months.
This Dec. 7, 1904.
L. J. HOLLAND,

Attorney for Rufus Clippard.

RE-SALE OF LAND.

By virtue of an order of re-sale this day made by the Superior Court of Gaston coupty, N. C., in the special proceeding entitled R. I. Wilson, R. B. Wilson, M. T. Wilson, B. P. Wilson, and others. Ex Parte, we the undersigned commissioners will, on Saturday, the 16th day of January, 1984,

Saturday, the 16th day of January, 1904, at 2:30 o'clock p. m., at the front door of the Gasion Loan and Trust Company on Main Street. In Gastonia, N.C., sell by public auction to the highest bidder the following described land. Ityes and being in Gaston caunty, N.C.;

Alt that tract situated on the waters of Crowder's Creek, adjoining the lands of R. L. Wilson, Mrs. C.M. Whitesides and others, and more particularly described as follows: R minning at a stake on the west side of Crowder's Creek, six poles below an iron wood, corner of lands of R. L. Wilson and Robt. A Falls, and ruse there. S60W 84 moles to a white oak, thence N30W 4 poles to a stake and pointers, thence S30W 4 poles to a stake and pointers, thence S46W 96 poles to a stake and pointers, thence With his line SXR 151 poles to a large gum on benk of old channel of Crowder's Creek, R. L. Wilson's line, thence N76E with R. L. Wilson's line, thence N76E with R. L. Wilson's line, thence up the greek as now ditched to the beginning, contaming 50 acres more or less.

Terms of Sale: Dee third of purchase money cash on day of sale, one third in six (6) months from day of sale, one third in six (6) months from day of sale, one third in six (6) months from day of sale, one third in six (6) months from day of sale, one third in six (6) per cent, per annum, a stitle reserved puril purchase price is paid in fall, with privilege to parchaser of paying all cagh.

Ry R. B. Wilson. M. T. Wilson, Attorney, Commissioners.

Commissioner's Shie of Land.

Commissioner's Sale of Land

By virtue of an order of rosale this day made by the Sepring Court of Laston County, N. C. in the seering proceeding engisted Ergkins Payme and others, Nr Paris, Twill again offer for sale by public suction to the highest hidder at the Court House door to Dallan, N. C., at mosa, on Baturday, January 16th, 1964,

Baterday, January 15th, 1964, that certain tract of lead attented in Gastonia riversal for factor of lead attented in Gastonia rowreship, Gastac County N. C. about two and a hair miser wear of Gastonia. N. C. on the Atlanta & Charlotte Are Lies Railway, thousand & Taylotte Are Lies Railway, thousand of Grier leakings. Thousand Carable. the Moses Frakey piece and others, and housanded as follows, yis: bergaming at a stake on the Hand, side of and Railway and rases North 135 poles to a Mock. Excieve corner; thousand series of the Hand, side of and Railway and rases on the Rast side of and galvesy more corner; thousand fast side of and galvesy tract; thousand the Hand Sailway track to the beginning, out and Railway track to the beginning, outside day and Railway track to the beginning, outside day of the said with the control of the Joseph Camble and devised by him to William P. Armen, which day devised to the fact of the said W. F. Yayne, dated April 21st. 1889 and taget several gas and which is described in the day of the gastonia of the gastonia and original country in Dred Book. J. Rasen 60 and 70.

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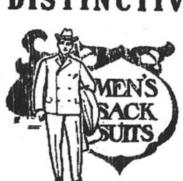
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I. N. Alexander, Town Tax Collector. Her GARRETTE.

parties delinquent.

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