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FARM DEMONSTRATION.

Valuable Work of the Southern Railway Throughout the Southern States.

Atlanta, Ga., February 16.—An average yield of 46.6 bushels of corn per acre was secured by 498 farmers in Alabama and Mississippi who cultivated 6,352.5 acres in 1912, following the methods advocated by the field agents of the Department of Farm Improvement Work, maintained by the Companies that make up the Southern Railway System. On neighboring farms where the ordinary methods were followed the average yield was 17.5 bushels per acre. In the same states 674 farmers who grew cotton under the methods advocated by this Department had an average production of 1,205.5 pounds of seed cotton per acre on 14,389 acres while on neighboring farms where ordinary methods were followed the average yield was 531.5 pounds of seed cotton per acre. C. A. Lawrence of Planterville, Ala., averaged 109.25 bushels of corn per acre on 35 acres, A. Henderson of Greenwood, Miss., averaged 100 bushels per acre on 25 acres, B. Killian of Collinsville, Ala., averaged 2,732 pounds of seed cotton per acre on 6 acres, Dr. C. N. Parnell of Maplesville, Ala., averaged 2,313 pounds on 20 acres, and a long list of other farmers who made splendid yields of both corn and cotton by following the methods advocated by the Department could be given.

These figures from the annual report of Mr. T. O. Plunkett, Manager of the Department, show what is being accomplished by farmers living along the lines of the Southern Railway and affiliated Companies through the aid of the agricultural experts, the farmers in all cases cultivating their own land with the resources at their command. The work of this Department has been extended to all states served by the Southern Railway and affiliated lines, field agents having been placed in Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky, and Tennessee in September, 1912. They have been cordially received and it is expected that their work will prove as successful as that of the agents in Alabama and Mississippi.

The Department of Farm Improvement Work grew out of the movement inaugurated by President Finley to aid the farmers in the territory threatened by the Mexican boll weevil to learn how to grow cotton in spite of the weevil. For this purpose practical farmers who had grown cotton in Texas under boll weevil conditions were employed and their work proved so successful in not only aiding farmers to successfully combat the weevil but also in teaching them how to get larger yields per acre by the adoption of proper methods of culture, rotation of crops, and greater attention to live stock raising, that President Finley determined to extend the benefits of this work to the entire territory along the Southern and affiliated lines. The field agents in the service of the Department are agricultural experts whose services are given without any cost to the farmers and who work in full cooperation with the state and federal departments of agriculture and the various state agricultural colleges.

Crest Of Blue Ridge Highway. (Charlotte Observer.)

Linville Falls, Feb. 17.—The Crest of the Blue Ridge highway begins to look more like a reality on this side of the Blue Ridge. Two gangs of men and teams are now at work on this side, starting from the point where the highway joins the present Pineola road, one mile from Linville Falls postoffice. Work is still in progress on the other end of the road, having nearly seven miles completed from Altapass this way, ready for the top-dressing of sand and clay. The forces from this end will meet the gang from Altapass somewhere on Humpback Mountain.

At present they are about five miles apart, but all the heavy rock work is yet to be done. The work on this end is under the direction of Engineer Valentine, formerly county road engineer of Buncombe County, and he says that if he is given sufficient men and explosives he will be able to finish this section by June 1. It is hardly to be expected, however, that this will be accomplished. The surfacing will then have to be done, and it will be August before the road is ready for travel. It is now being built 18 feet wide, with the intention of widening it to 24 feet as fast as possible.

Engineer Valentine says that President Joseph Hyde Pratt of the road company is insisting that the maximum grade shall not be over four and one-half per cent, regardless of expense. The road could be built much faster and more cheaply. Mr. Valentine suggested, if he were allowed to make an occasional grade of five and one-half per cent, but Doctor Pratt would not permit it, preferring to have the road right when it was opened. The sand and gravel surfacing is preferred to macadam as being better able to stand automobile travel.

The building of this great through highway is already stimulating the building of other good roads to get the benefit of it. The people of Jonas Ridge, across the Linville River from Linville Falls, are building a road from the top of Steep Gap, down that gap to cross the river and come to Linville Falls, where it will give them access to the C. C. & O. Railway and to the Crest of the Blue Ridge highway.

A Wild Western View. (Charlotte Observer.)

The view taken by Oklahoma of the double standard is different from that held by the North Carolina Legislature. This is manifested in a recent decision by the Oklahoma Criminal Court of Appeals. In the course of a decision rendered it was held: "We are not willing to establish a double standard in Oklahoma in favor of men and against womanhood. This court will extend to the prodigal daughter every right and every protection which is afforded the prodigal son. It is a false and vicious standard of morals which opens every door and bids welcome to the prodigal son, but closes every door except that of the grave to the prodigal daughter. We believe that, if any differences are made between men and women, they should be in favor of womanhood." The justice and truth of that decision is not to be denied.

Wonder if mermaids tie up their hair with marine bands?

COUNTY CORRESPONDENTS

Items From Our Regular Correspondents and Neighboring County Papers.

WHITNEL.

Mr. D. M. Cloninger left Sunday for Baltimore, where he will purchase goods for his new stand of business at Newton. Messrs. W. A. and Jas. H. Blair are continuing at the Cloninger stand near the railroad. They are billed out as The Blair Mercantile Co. May prosperity smile upon their new undertakings.

Bully for the News! Hurrah for Martin! Give us better roads "somehow." The editorial of last Friday together with J. B. Voncannon's article would be a fitting epitaph to engrave on some of the non-road improvers' tomb, with only a few words added to make things plain, i. e. Here lived in the progressive century a "patriotic" citizen who had spent time and money for that which satisfied not—namely—"mud tax"—which amounts to a higher figure than a permanent road improvement tax. See! The idea that narrow tires ultimately damage a road or public highway is no longer glimmering in the shadows—for if broad tires did not benefit a road-bed, why is it that the Lenoir & Blowing Rock Turnpike Co. doesn't table a lower rate for the narrow tire against the 3 and 4 inch tires—just simply because the broad tire acts in the place of a roller when properly guided over a road. You may go up to Biltmore if you like and examine the roads of the famous Vanderbilt estate, and if you find any wagons supported by a narrow wheel tire you will discover something that is against the policy of the management of that estate—for even to the wagons that are used to haul away the trimmings from the shrubs are equipped in the modern common sense way—Broad tires. If the same policy could be instituted here the result would be marvelous. So much for the road question this time while we anxiously wait for something new from our "Good Road Association."

Rev. I. W. Thomas, of the Whitnel Baptist church, will fill the pulpit next Sunday at 11:00 a. m. and in the evening at 6:30 p. m. The people are glad for the fourth Sunday to arrive when they are accorded the privilege of hearing him preach.

The carpenters who will erect Mr. W. E. Plumber's house arrived last Sunday and the village of Harrisburg assumes a prosperous aspect occasionally.

Mr. R. A. Beard has recently added a phone to his home, making connection with the outer world. Mr. John E. Deal is also the proud possessor of the same convenience.

Glad to observe that Messrs. W. J. Lenoir and E. Jones, Jr., are making preparations to drain their creek bottoms with tiling. A marked advancement in the proper direction. R. McL. S. February 18th, 1913.

OAK HILL SCHOOL.

The school at Oak Hill is going along nicely. The teachers and students are hard at work for the County Commencement now. We know with their efforts they will succeed in all their undertakings. The Principal is trying to make up money to have a well constructed on

DEVELOPING DAVENPORT.

New Dormitory to be Erected at Once. Capacity of Institution Will be Doubled.

Through the generosity of a friend of the institution, a new twenty thousand dollar dormitory will be erected to Davenport Female College this summer. The plans are now in the hands of the building committee, of the Board of Trustees and as soon as they are perfected the work will be commenced. The necessary money has been provided by the generosity of a friend of the institution, whose name we are not yet at liberty to divulge. This means the doubling of the capacity of this grand institution, which is doing so much for the education of young womanhood and which is the pride, not only of all Lenoir, but of the Western part of the State. Under the present management the capacity of the college has been taxed to its utmost for several years and the addition of the splendid new building will double its usefulness. The new structure will be located on the ridge some distance to the west of the present building and will be modern in every particular. Our whole community is to be congratulated upon this fortunate bequest to this already splendid institution.

A sociable man is one who when he has ten minutes to spare, goes and bothers somebody that hasn't.

the school campus. He will be glad to have any donations from those that would like to see a perfectly sanitary well for the school.

The two young men, Messrs. D. T. Smith and Frank Austin, who had accepted the challenge of Lutz's school, won a decision two to one on the subject: "Resolved; That our Women should have the same privilege to vote as our Men." We congratulate the young men of both schools. They all did well and it bespeaks for them much.

Mr. Albert Phillips, of Idlewild, Ashe county, who has been selling books in and around Lenoir, is visiting his friend, Mr. Wiley G. Hartzog, at Mr. T. M. Whitener's. X. February 19th, 1913.

LITTLE RIVER.

Our farmers are taking advantage of the pretty weather for the past few days and are preparing for crops. Mr. F. M. Whitner has been plowing with three horses, which looks more like farming than with only one to the plow.

Mr. W. L. Deal is having some timber cut for market.

Mr. N. W. Williamson is cutting hickory logs for Picker Sticks.

Mr. C. L. Sherrill has bought a place from Mr. Vance Roberts near Union Church.

M. H. M. Crouch has sold his farm to Rev. J. M. Shaver who expects to move to it in time for the opening of school next fall.

A little son of Mr. Arthur McRary died last Tuesday night and the body was buried at Union Church Thursday, Rev. J. M. Shaver conducting the services.

Mr. T. H. Sherrill is building a new barn. S. February, 19, 1913.

May Still Get a Drink. (State Journal.)

For the benefit of those anxious souls who fear that the Webb liquor bill which has just been passed by Congress will dry up completely the fountain of interstate supply, we hasten to say, nay. While many good prohibitionists would no doubt be glad if this were the effect of the law, still it is not. Thousands of people, both prohibitionists and antis, do not understand just what the law is intended to accomplish.

It means simply that when liquor is shipped to this State it becomes subject to the laws here. It is not unlawful in North Carolina for a man to order liquor from the outside of the State for his own use. We simply require that he shall not engage in the sale or distribution of it. The Webb bill takes the National hand out of any interference with us in carrying out our own laws. That is all. If Major Jones, who has always taken a little sniff before breakfast, Suh, and expects to do so, orders a gallon to adorn his sideboard, nobody will interfere with him. But if a man who is known to be a blind tiger, orders a barrel to supply his customers, Uncle Sam simply says to North Carolina, "Son, he's your meat."

And by the new search and seizure law that is likely to be passed by this Legislature, North Carolina will be able to catch the tiger either before or after he gets to his lair.

Central Highway. (Special to The Observer.)

Asheville, Feb. 13.—That the Central Highway of North Carolina, connecting Morehead City with the Tennessee line by a good road which will be available for use at all seasons of the year will be finished by the middle of the coming Summer is the belief of Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, State Geologist, and numerous other men who are interested in the road, the Highway Commission having met here last night for the purpose of discussing plans as to what action should be taken looking to the early completion of the highway. The counties represented at the meeting were Buncombe, Carteret, Wake, Durham, Orange, Davidson, Rowan, Iredell, Catawba, Burke, McDowell, Haywood and Madison.

It was stated that only 25 miles remains to be finished before the road is completed. A portion of this line is between Waynesville and the Tennessee line and bridges have already been constructed along this territory. Four miles is on the link between Old Fort and Swannanoa Gap, and it is believed that this will be graded and surfaced soon, as a petition bearing the signatures of a majority of the voters of Old Fort Township has been presented to the General Assembly asking that the Good Roads Commission of Old Fort Township be empowered to issue bonds for \$30,000 to carry on the work. The remainder of the unfinished portion of the road is in Burke County and provisions are being made there for the issuance of bonds for good roads purposes.

The seed catalogues are being sent out over the country. It would be well for publishers to send out a few chicken coops.

If you want a man to think you are smart, you have only to make him think he is so.

NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Interesting Reading Matter of Local and National Affairs in Condensed Form.

The bill introduced to force railroads to pull mileage on the trains instead of the mileage being exchanged for tickets was defeated in the Legislature.

The chair factories of Thomasville make approximately 6000 chairs daily, while fifteen years ago there was only one factory there with a capacity of one hundred chairs per day.

The Federal Pension bill passed Congress last Tuesday appropriating over one hundred and eighty millions of dollars for pensions. This is an increase of one million over the last pension bill.

Washington, Feb. 17. Mr. R. T. Claywell of Morganton came to Washington today to get an expert to go and see about the strange light on Jonas Ridge. The geological survey will send a man down at the request of Mr. Webb.

The revolutionists under the leadership of Diaz seem to have won the victory in Mexico. President Maduro and his cabinet have been placed under arrest and the General of Federal army has been proclaimed President.

The bill providing six months terms for all public schools in the State passed second reading in the Legislature last Tuesday. It will come for final consideration on Wednesday of next week and will, no doubt, pass its final reading by a good majority.

The legislature should provide in every possible way for the comfort of the Confederate veterans and the wives and widows ought to be properly cared for. The people of the state will not begrudge money so used. —Greensboro News.

Joaquin Miller, "The Poet of Sierras" died last Monday at his home in California after an illness of two years. He had been married three times and his last wife and child, a daughter, were with him at the time of his death. He was about 70 years of age.

"The announced policy of the incoming Administration toward the agricultural interests of the country, I am quite sure, will be exceedingly popular throughout the United States," said George H. Campbell of Baltimore, assistant to the president. —Washington Post.

Greensboro, Feb. 17.—Following a session well attended and which extended for several hours, the City Commissioners this afternoon definitely and unanimously refused the petition of hog raisers and others allowing hogs to be raised within a less distance than one-quarter of a mile of the city limits. The commissioners refused to grant the petition, which was signed by approximately 500 people, and it is understood that an appeal will be made to the Legislature for relief.

There is a good deal of difference between the scum and the upper crust, though both are at the top.

Yesterday we saw a man masked as a Highlander, and can't help wondering how they strike matches in that country.

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