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A TRIP UP MULBERRY CREEK

A Visit to One of Caldwell's Most Prosperous Farming Sections.

Tuesday morning the writer had the pleasure of making a trip up Mulberry creek, which is one of the finest farming sections in Caldwell County, and is surrounded by some very picturesque scenery.

A visit to and a look over Mr. J. C. Coffey's finely located farm was a treat in many ways. Mr. Coffey is farming on a business basis and his farm is equipped with all the modern farm machinery that is of use in this country, having in his barns over \$1,000 worth of the best of farm machinery. He farms about 30 acres of the very finest bottom land and farms it after approved methods.

Last October 12th Mr. Coffey planted an acre of land in ryegrass and crimson clover, and at the first cutting this year made three tons of the best of hay, the second cutting made 1 ton, and this week he expects to cut it again and get not less than one-half ton, which is a safe estimate. He has been offered \$30 a ton for this hay, which made this land pay him \$135 for the acre in hay and there will be other cuttings later on. This is a good record to make on an acre that requires so little attention as this crop, and a look over Mr. Coffey's barn will show any one that he has a sufficient amount of feed on hand of the best quality. Mr. Coffey is also in the mercantile business under the firm name of J. C. Coffey & Sons, the store being located on Mulberry Creek and the public road.

Mr. J. A. Laxton who lives a few miles up the creek also has a fine farm which he is managing in a manner that is conducive of the best results as to productiveness and as a paying proposition. Mr. Laxton is very much impressed with the idea of holding a stock show here during the county poultry show in December. He is willing to bring whatever he might have here at that time in the way of good stock for exhibition. Mr. Coffey is also impressed favorably with the stock show and will give it his hearty support in every way possible.

A little further up Mulberry Creek Mr. Lawrence Moore, one of the young and progressive farmers of that section, is building one of the finest country homes in the county. The house will have 11 nice and comfortable rooms on the two stories and will be equipped with water brought from a nearby spring in the mountain. Mr. Moore also has a most excellent farm which he is operating in a business and scientific manner.

Taking it altogether this stretch of valley along the Mulberry Creek is as fine a piece of bottom farming land as one can see in many miles travel. This is fully justified by the looks of the farms along the route and the prominence of the farm houses, which are equal to any found in the towns. Further more these are the people that really live. They have all they want and don't have to run out to some fellow's store to get it. Most of these homes are fitted with water throughout from a nearby cool mountain stream.

The only disagreeable feature of this trip was the bad roads which were rocky as well as muddy, and if this section was touched by a good road there could be no more desirable place on earth to live and die in than along Mulberry Creek.

WILL STUDY CONDITIONS.

Auburn, N. Y., Sept. 29.—Thomas Mott Osborne, chairman of the state commission on prison reform, entered Auburn prison this morning to serve a short term, self imposed for the purpose of studying the effect of the present prison system on the mental and physical condition of a man.

He was assigned to the "idle gang," has a cell in the south wing and will live the life of a convict in every detail while in prison. His moustache was shaved off, but his hair, cropped closely normally, was untouched. He wears a convict's uniform.

The arrival of Mr. Osborne inside the prison was without incident and the convicts, to all outward appearances, are faithfully honoring the request he made yesterday that they consider him as one of them. In prison uniform, the local guards who knew him well outside, failed to recognize the new arrival. With moustache gone and grey uniform his complexion appeared automatically to assume the so called prison pallor.

Mr. Osborne was led down the yard to acting deputy warden Patterson's office and after a cell was assigned the prison life began. His fellow townsmen on the outside have repeated many times today:

"Wonder how Tom will like bread and tea for supper in a cell instead of a five course dinner at home today?"

The convicts seem to realize that his errand is one of great moment in the matter of prison life in the future and are willing to cooperate in any way he may suggest to help him accomplish his purpose.

Pussy Got Free Ride.

(Daily News)

Kinston, Sept. 29.—Brigadier Crawford, in charge of this district of the Salvation army, is considering the establishment of barracks here. No action will be taken in the matter within three months, but early in January the brigadier will be invited to come here and investigate the field and confer with local people.

Engineer Russell, of a Norfolk Southern west bound passenger train through this city yesterday, discovered a white cat on the trucks underneath the baggage car of the train at Morehead City. She was evidently settled for a journey and was comfortably installed. She purred contentedly. At New Bern the engineer investigated, and again at the station here, and the cat, covered with coal dust, was still riding, having come nearly 70 miles. "She's got a pass, and she's going to ride to where she's going," the conductor said.

Having observed the modern red and green hats with the bow like a rudder behind, the Davidsonian is now scanning the horizon for the split pantaloons. There is no danger of that; when it comes to shank exposing the brethren are far more modest than the sister there's a reason.—Ex.

The plea of Miss Olivia May Wilson, that the Santa Claus of the poor children be given free use of the United States mails, is a reminder that Christmas is not far distant and that it is time to begin to think about the "empty stocking." —Ex.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Items of Interest to The People of Lenoir and Caldwell County.

Dr. W. I. Pitts is preparing to build an addition to his office on West Main street.

The Lenoir graded school seems to be enjoying an unusual large attendance this year.

The factories seem to be running on full time in Lenoir and some are even running at night to keep up with their orders.

October was escorted in with a pretty sun shiny day Wednesday and we trust that it will be a fair sample for the rest of this month.

There are not many vacant houses to be found in Lenoir at this time of the year which is a good and healthy sign of the growth of the town.

Downie & Wheeler show is billed for Gastonia October 10th, and the great Barnum & Bailey circus is billed to show in Charlotte on October 13th.

The street crossings in Lenoir should be put in better shape by the time the winter rains and mud arrives. Some of these crossings are in very bad condition.

Christmas is not so far off as it seems and our merchants would do well to begin their advertising earlier so that all may have the chance to lay in their supply for old Santa.

Mr. R. L. Gwyn agent for the Reo cars, is expecting some cars in by the 15th of this month. At present he has sold all his machines and is without one of his own until this shipment gets in.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Edwards of Blowing Rock passed through Lenoir Tuesday on their way to New York, where they will visit relatives and will perhaps spend the winter in Washington.

There is every indication of a good business here this fall for our merchants. The farmers all seem to be in good shape and business generally seems to be on the move in the right direction.

The wire is being strung along the route of the new telephone line between Lenoir and Blowing Rock, and when completed this will be a great convenience to the people of both this place and the Rock.

The stock show at the poultry exhibit here in December is an excellent idea and it is getting encouragement from the stockmen who seem to be much interested and willing to place their stock on exhibit.

We are of the opinion that a good steam laundry would be a good paying proposition in Lenoir if properly equipped and conducted. There is a large quantity sent away from here each week and with what other local work a plant here could pick up, it seems it would be a good and safe investment.

Mr. W. G. Corpening of Asheville, was in town on business Wednesday and was a pleasant caller at The News office. Mr. Corpening has been building the railroad for the Grandin & Yadinin Railway and is possibly the oldest railroad contractor in the South, having been engaged in the business since 1867. He has built railroads in every state south of the Mason & Dixon line except Florida.

THE LENOIR COTTON MILLS.

Another one of Lenoir's Substantial and Progressive Business Concerns.

The Lenoir Cotton Mills, one of our largest and strongest manufacturing enterprises, was organized and built in 1901.

Mr. J. D. Moore of Gastonia, and a number of our local citizens were the prime movers in the promotion of the organization of this corporation. They were met by a hearty response from the people of Lenoir who subscribed liberally to the stock of this enterprise.

The first Board of Directors were Messrs. J. D. Moore, J. O. White, G. W. F. Harper, M. M. Courtney, and J. L. Nelson. The first officers of the company were Mr. M. M. Courtney, President; Mr. G. W. F. Harper, Vice president; Mr. J. D. Moore, Secretary and Treasurer, and Mr. J. O. White, Manager and Superintendent. The Board of Directors is the same at present with the exception of Mr. J. H. Beal who to fill the vacancy on the board caused by the death of Mr. Moore. Mr. J. L. Nelson was elected to fill the office of Secretary and Treasurer also made vacant by the death of Mr. Moore. Since which time the Board and officers remain unchanged.

When the mill was erected the capacity of the plant was about 3,500 spindles, which was increased to double this capacity in 1903. Egyptian cotton is used in making yarns, running in size from No. 28 to No. 70. Both carded and combed yarns put up in skeins, cones and tubes are manufactured. The products being distributed principally from Philadelphia to Boston. The most modern machinery is installed in the mills and the products are as fine as is found on the markets.

At present there is employed in this mill about 130 hands. Mr. F. C. White being the Superintendent of the factory. The weekly payroll amounts to about \$700. While the annual production figures up to \$250,000.

The buildings of the factory are of solid structure with heavy concrete foundations and a large smokestack of red brick, and all working space is well lighted and ventilated. The company has erected nice comfortable cottages for their employees located in a shady grove with water and sewer in close proximity to insure sanitation.

The management of this enterprise has been most satisfactory from the start to the stockholders. There has been no labor troubles or other misfortunes to contend with.

As a feeder to the town of Lenoir the Lenoir Cotton Mills has been a most valuable addition to our factories. Through their many employees and for their running and other expenses there is a rather surprisingly large amount of money turned into the business channels of the town through this medium each week. Lenoir is fortunate in having this splendid manufacturing enterprise within its limits and its head office in our town, and its capable and courteous Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. J. L. Nelson, as a resident and citizen. We are of the opinion that the Lenoir Cotton Mills will continue to enjoy its prosperity and growth as at present managed.

LOVELADY TO START THE BALL

(Charlotte Observer)

The people of Lovelady Township, in Caldwell County, who are engineering the good roads meeting at Granite Falls, Friday, have secured Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt as the main booster. Mr. J. M. Alfred, superintendent of the Granite Falls Manufacturing Company, wants The Observer to give this meeting "a whaling boost," for he says that if the scheme carries, the road to be built will fill in from the river to the saw mill six miles of the Hickory Granite Falls Lenoir road. People traveling between Charlotte and the mountains will readily appreciate the importance of such a "fill in." We hope the Township Good Roads Association to be formed will be representative of the spirit of men like Alfred and that will mean the success of the meeting. Should Lovelady take the lead, the balance of Caldwell County will be apt to fall into line.

Stock Show

We find a considerable sentiment over the county, in favor of holding a Stock Show in connection with the Poultry show this fall. We think the idea a good one and should by all means be carried out. There are many good horses and cattle in Caldwell County, as well as hogs and sheep and a display of them in connection with the poultry show will no doubt stimulate the industry of stock raising. The time has come when first class meat, mutton and beef especially are hard to get and when found the prices are very high. There is always an active demand for first class beef and mutton right here at home and Caldwell should at least raise all her people can consume. It cost no more to raise a good steer than it does to raise a "scrub" and the good animal is worth on the market more than twice as much. By all means let us have a stock show this fall.

Contributions to Cemetery Fund.

The following persons have contributed to the Cemetery fund since the last list was printed:

Messrs. Sam Tattle, Millard Crisp, Lee Cottrell, E. C. Ivey, Messdames W. P. Ivey, J. R. Ervin, Miss Eoline Hailey.

If anyone has contributed to this cause and their name has been omitted in these printed lists please notify us at once.

A few days ago a gentleman voluntarily contributed \$3. to the cemetery work. This gentleman does not even own a lot in the cemetery. What about those who have loved ones buried there, yet have contributed nothing?

CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

THAT'S WHEN.

"Will a merchant who is wise Ever cease to advertise? Yes, when the trees grow up side down;

When the beggar wears a crown; When ice forms on the sun; When the sparrow weighs a ton; When gold dollars get too cheap; When women secrets keep; When a fish forgets to swim; When satan sings a hymn; When girls go back on gum; When no politician schemes; When mince pie makes pleasant dreams;

When it's fun to break a tooth; When all lawyers tell the truth; When the drummer has no brass; When these all come to pass, Then the man that's wise Will neglect to advertise."

NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST.

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

An involuntary petition in bankruptcy has been filed in the U. S. District Court at Asheville against the Cherokee Tanning Extract Co. of Andrews.

"Commission government is creeping along so fast it will soon be so that cities will be ashamed of themselves for not having adopted it sooner—Baltimore Sun.

Tuesday night the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Moore of Hickory, was the scene of a pretty wedding, when their daughter, Miss Fleta Moore was married to Dr. Chas. L. Hunsucker.

Officers state that two trains arriving in Durham Tuesday brought in over 500 gallons of whiskey for the large crowd that will be here for the circus. It is estimated that over 1000 gallons arrive there weekly.

Three boys all under the age of twelve, and all working at night were before the county court Saturday morning for breaking out window lights. The court ordered the boys to be thoroughly spanked by their parents. This is a good remedy for boys.—Catawba County News.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 28.—The Southern Railway Company is now installing an automatic electric block signal system on the main line between Seminary, Va., and Orange, Va., a distance of 80 miles, all double track. This system will be similar to the type which has given splendid results on the double track stretches between Denim, N. C. and Charlotte, N. C., and between Monroe, Va., through Lynchburg to Montview, Va., and when completed will provide continuous automatic signal protection for trains from Orange into the Washington Terminal Station, giving in all a total of 195 miles of double track protected by this system on important stretches of the Washington Atlanta main line.

The liquor question continues to be a problem. People want a stimulant, it seems, and are going to have it, and all conditions, socially, take risks to both make it and get it. While strong drink, to excess, makes crime, so does the law against its manufacture, sale, and use, fills court dockets, and furnishes many recruits to the penitentiary, jails and county roads, with thousands of dollars paid out for fines and costs. Our ancestors used liquor and tobacco as a staple article of traffic. A majority of homes had their decenter or sideboards. The people of this generation might be satisfied with malt beverages and wines as a medium. You cannot legislate reformation into humanity. Less law and more of the Grace of God and persuasion is the only way to reform humanity. Are we not depending too much on man-made laws and disregarding the divine injunction, and teaching to the temperate in all things? Intemperance covers a multitude of sins. We seem to see only the one. Union Republican.

Wood is now cut so thin that it is used for wall paper. Yep, that's the kind they use for partitions in our flat.