

Farming An Honorable Business.

Dear Editor: I come once again asking your indulgence. I notice that all topics are being discussed, all improvements and enterprises of all kinds are encouraged, but we hear very little said in regard to farm education and the farmer's interest. As I am a farmer myself I wish to express a few sentiments along that line. However, it is with reluctance that I resort to my pen to do so.

Undoubtedly the opportunities for the right sort of men in agriculture, as a permanent vocation, were never more attractive than at present. There never has been, in my opinion, a greater chance for actual attainment for making a name and place in this old world than at this age. We should bear in mind that we have but one life to live and but one chance to accomplish a thing and it is very important that we should be awake and ready for the possibilities of life. The world takes but little interest in the young man who does not take any interest in himself, and can't do something that the world wants him to do. To be wide awake means more than a first class college education for if he is rightly aroused he will get the education, but if he is asleep the education will do him no possible good. No advocate has ever maintained that mere study of books on agriculture, will fit a man for farming. Far from it. We are aware that nothing can take the place of the apprenticeship in every department of farm work and that no amount of theoretical or even practical knowledge of the minutest details can attain success without good management and constant exercise of industry in that business.

Of course I do not mean to leave the impression that I am not in favor of education, for every man has as much right to kill himself as to live a useless life. Neither piety, virtue nor liberty can long flourish in a community where the education of youths are neglected. I will say just here it would be well for the farmers to adhere to their calling more closely, and adjust themselves quickly to present conditions. To do that he must see clearly and think straight. But the young farmer is reputed to be unbusiness-like green and gullible by a great many city people. This is because he is ignorant of some of those things with which city people are most familiar, not because he is absolutely ignorant. It is true that some farmers are unbusiness-like in their methods. Too few of them keep such books of accounts, that they may have the accurate knowledge of their business that every man should have. But the average farmer is no more unbusiness-like than the average city man. The farmer has a reputation for lack of business sagacity and contempt for business rules as compared to the city man, because the comparison is made by the city people and the banker or successful merchant is put against the most unbusiness-like farmer. The farmer's reputation for gullibility and tardancy rests upon no fairer foundation.

Because the young farmer is ignorant of a few things with which the city man is very familiar in some cases, the city man concludes that the farmer is green and unsophisticated, when the truth is the city man is ignorant of equally as many things with which the farmer is well acquainted. If I mistake not seventeen of our presidents came from the farm. The census of students of several colleges and seminaries show that the rural districts and villages are furnishing 85 percent of the college students. It is well known that our leaders in most cases are succeeded by men from the country. They always have been and always will be.

There is an impression more or less prevalent among the young farmers that a man must leave the farm if he is respected. Some think that the farmer has the hardest lot of all, but I never heard a city man express either one of these views. I don't believe that there ever was a man reared among rural surroundings, but would be delighted to return to the farm again. There is nothing before, nothing higher, and nothing beyond agriculture. All other trades and professions are secondary and dependent and useful, only in such a degree as they contribute to the one great and universal business and that is farming. Young men, be content on the farm, for you can't follow any better business and hard work is honorable. I want to be free on the old farm, and sit by the river and watch it as it goes on its way to meet the waves of the sea. I want to hear the birds pour out their sweet songs, the pure music this side of heaven. I want to roam over the fields and woodlands. Give me a home on the farm, and not a city life.

PETER SHACKLEFORD
Bat Cave, N. C. Sept. 27, 1908.

Collector Harkins Afraid of J. Wiley.

Washington, Sept. 29.—Much of an effort has been made in the last few days to have Rev. J. Wiley Shook restored to life officially speaking, but without avail. Commissioner Yerkes of the International Revenue, has received visits from prominent Tar Heels, Republicans, and letters from many more appealing earnestly and eloquently in the Rev. Shook's behalf. It is said here that Commissioner Yerkes telegraphed for the resignation of Shook, and that he never got back in the service during this administration. A revenue official here said that Harkins was afraid of Shook who did about as he pleased, and came very near running the office. Assumption of too much authority is the official cause assigned for Shook's dismissal.

URGES ALL TO MARRY.

'Squire Bailes Has Again Put Out His Card in a Humorous and Somewhat Disgusting Card.

'Squire Bailes, who lives just over the line from Mecklenburg county and has made a business of marrying many couples for years, has again become active. Indignation against his methods became so great some time ago that he kept quiet awhile. Now he is again advertising himself. The other day Postmaster Hasty got a letter from the old artist, saying that he sent some cards which he would like to have put in the hands of "cotton mill bosses, popular clerks, etc." The complaint against him is that his business induces young people, especially cotton mill operatives to get married, when they should never marry. The cards read as follows:

CALL UPON AND VISIT THE HOME OF
'SQUIRE WILLARD O. BAILES,
ON YOUR BRIDAL TOUR TO GET
MARRIED, THE
WORLD'S FAMOUS PHILANTHROPIST
AND PROFESSIONAL NUPTIAL-
IST.

His marriage fees are as follows:
To all those over 50 years of age.... Free
To all those of a marriageable age and
not able to pay.....Free
To all Ministers and brother Notary
Publics.....Free
To all South Carolinians, from over
distance of 20 miles.....Free

EVERYBODY GET MARRIED.
Regular Colored People's price.....\$ 1.00
Regular Un-able White People..... 1.00
Regular Able Aristocrats, Bon Tons. 2.00
Regular Secret Marriages, always... 5.00
Regular Complimentary Fee received
very often..... 10.00
Regular Rich man's price never under..... 20.00
Regular Millionaire's price anything
exceeding..... 100.00

In addition, the accommodation of a livery at your service. All parties met on short notice and taken to and from the depot, Pineville, N. C., free of charge. The erection or completion of a telephone line now shortly, with a telegraph office and a rural delivery will give you all the facilities of communication with the 'Squire privately. The maxim of being married by 'Squire Bailes has become famous. The quietness of a noted ideal home in the country supplied with fine water similarizes his general hospitality. He believes in making friends and in keeping of the "golden rule" and virtue by marriage.

I marry about 365 people a year now, as my record shows, and I have always kept a handy record and a complete marriage certificate book of blanks for every couple married by me for the future good of the thousands concerned. Possibly I may be the most well known marrying man known of in all your knowledge, and marry more people than any man you read about; undoubtedly, it is a bridal tour to those who make it it so. Don't trouble or worry for license; South Carolina has no license or any hard questions to answer. Why get married at home? You hardly ever get married but once. Generally, your folks will actually like you better to get something somewhere else. You never know any more, see anybody else or make any more friends at home. Always more people get married in South Carolina to her population than any of the Southern States.

It is nothing unusual to see a dozen persons get married at 'Squire Bailes any Sunday. The better the day, the better the deed. It is a sacred, solemn, blessed privilege exempted. I do love to tie them up as well as any preacher and be smith sufficient to weld their hearts, since they are already joined together in love. Take pleasure in having 'Squire Bailes to perform your gold and silver weddings. Love never dies. Don't forget to have my marriage certificate recorded at your court house the same as any other instrument of writing. It is a more desire than license. Why? Because you hold the original certificate as ready proof wherever you go. I am prepared to accommodate even the richest.

Call and see me, I am not hard to find, My ceremony is easy, but binding and treatment kind.
I am situated most conveniently on both sides of the State line, at
Eleven miles south of Charlotte, and one west of Pineville P. O., North Carolina.

TRANSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

The Reported Sale of this Road to the Southern is Without Foundation.

At the time our article of last week, giving publicity to the rumored sale of the Transylvania to the Southern railway was written, J. F. Hayes, general manager of our road was not in town and was not seen in connection with our report. In an interview this week he authorizes us to deny in toto that any negotiations have been or are now being made for the change in the ownership of the Transylvania railroad. Mr. Hays assures us that if a transfer of this property were contemplated there are no valid reasons why the fact should be kept secret. The road is paying its running expenses and interest on its indebtedness and is therefore not bankrupt nor in

the market as a bargain sale.

The manifest friendship which exists between our road and the Southern is not more marked than should be between any trunk line and its feeders. The fact that this road is using a Southern freight engine in handling its business this summer is explained by the fact that the engine purchased for this road was not properly fitted for short curves, and had been temporarily exchanged with the Southern for one that is.

The Southern is giving more prominence in its summer resort advertising to the Beautiful Sapphire Country than might seem merited, but there is scarcely another resort section on its entire line which brings the road as much business.

Prominent officials of the Southern have been guests at the hotels of the Toxaway Company, and may have stayed longer longer than would seem proper to an outsider unless they had business interests here to detain them. But curiosity to see the resorts which their company was advertising caused their visits, and their stay among the beautiful and healthful surroundings of our delightful summer climate shows that even railroad officials can be credited with good judgment.—Brevard News.

"Grand Revival."

This strange phrase will be found on a signboard by a highway in Wake County. It becomes stranger yet when we read "Grand Revival at Willow Springs Catholic Mission."

A revival in a Roman Catholic church! Who ever heard of such a thing? All these years there has been no such announcement in Raleigh or in Baltimore or in Rome. It is an effort of the Roman Catholics to adapt themselves to local conditions—an imitation of the Baptists and Methodists.

This illustrates of the characteristic marks of Roman Catholicism. It adapts itself to all conditions. Like a certain sort of snake it is green on a green tree and brown on a brown tree. In Mexico it supports idolatry; in Rome lotteries; in the United States it is very pious.

"When the devil was sick,
The devil a saint would be,
When the devil is well,
The devil a saint is he!"

Could Romanism once get hold in North Carolina, it would cast the Bible out, close the free schools, institute Mary-worship, church-salvation and indulgence. But as it is, it is spending much time repudiating all these and imitating Protestants.

The wonder is that devout men and women in the Catholic church do not see its double-face and leave it.
There are many Roman Catholic Missions in Wake County. We understand they are building a chapel for every ten miles. Their effort is to gain standing in Wake County. Now Wake County is one of the most thoroughly Baptist counties. It is strongly equipped in Baptist churches. It were as difficult for Catholics to thrive here as for Baptists in Italy. If they can gain a foothold here, they can gain it anywhere in America. Their failure or success is accordingly, significant.—Biblical Recorder.

Trial of D. G. Hart.

Spartanburg, S. C., Sept. 29.—The investigation of the case against D. G. Hart, charged with burglarizing the postoffice here on Thursday night, was heard before United States Commissioner McGowan today. The government was represented by Postal Inspector Pulsifer, and a number of witnesses testified concerning the interior arrangements of the office and the actions of the accused on the night of the robbery. The defendant offered no testimony in rebuttal. The commissioner, at the conclusion of the investigation, stated that he would reserve his decision as to sending the case to United States Court until he had time to study the testimony adduced. Hart is out on bond in the sum of \$1,000 until the decision is made.

The White brothers of Concord who shot and killed young Russell Sherrill in the presence of his mother in Rowan county after charging him with ruining their niece, an account of which we gave last week, was admitted to bail by Judge Brown last Saturday. The bonds were \$25,000 each and were quickly made up.

GERMAN IMMIGRANTS.

The Southern Railway Will Make Special Efforts to Induce Them to Locate in the South—A Call for Co-Operation.

Those interested in the development of the resources of the South are, to some extent at least, conversant with the methods employed by the Southern Railway Company in advancing the material growth of the country served by its lines. For several years past that Company has made special efforts to attract to the South a desirable class of German immigrants. While this work is one that requires time, labor and patience, the results have been fairly satisfactory, and several settlements of that class of people have been established along the lines of the Southern Railway.

The success achieved by the Company has convinced it of the wisdom of redoubling its efforts, and it has decided to wage an active campaign, having for its purpose the location of a larger number of thrifty German farmers along the line. There is no better class of emigrants than the thrifty German farmer and such a settlement is always an important factor in the

\$1,000 Worth of Shoes.

The above to be closed out in Thirty Days.

Ladies Oxfords, usual price \$2.00, now selling at \$1.60; the \$1.75 shoes going at \$1.49. Mens \$3.00 shoes reduced to \$2.49. Nothing can compare with these values anywhere. We have the largest line of

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Lynn, North Carolina.

Five Thousand Dollars Worth

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\$15.00 Overcoats now.....	\$10.00	\$20.00 Tailor made Suits.....	\$14.50
10.00 " " ".....	6.50	15.00 " " ".....	10.50
8.00 " " ".....	4.75	10.00 " " ".....	7.50
\$25.00 Tailor made Suits.....	15.50	8.00 " " ".....	5.00

25 cents on the dollar saved on Boys Suits and Overcoats.

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Domestic \$50.00 now \$25.00. New Home \$40.00 now \$20.00. Come at once everybody and get the advantage of the cut prices you will not be sorry if you come.

G. M. GLAZENER,

Hendersonville, N. C.

growth and development of the section of country in which it is located.
The Southern Railway Company will soon publish an illustrated pamphlet in German, the object of which will be to give reliable information concerning each of the Southern States tributary to its lines to all Germans considering the question of change of location. This pamphlet will be followed by other publications giving general information about this territory which it is thought will be the means of attention or thousands of Germans to the South.

These publications, besides having a general distribution, will also be sent in answer to all inquiries which are now being received daily from Germans all over the North and West and in Europe.
Too much stress cannot be laid upon the importance of the people of the South doing all they can to foster and promote this movement. Germans already located in the South can do much to promote this work. The Southern Railway will be glad to have from each German located along its line his individual opinion of the country in which he is located as a desirable field for this class of immigration. This information will be of special value in its negotiations with other Germans, and the result will be mutually beneficial. Undoubtedly there is abundant room in each county of the South for German farmers, and it is hoped the Southern Railway will receive the earnest and active co-operation of the people located along its lines. This will result in producing a tide of emigration to the South of active and energetic Germans, and will cause thousands of that class of people to seek homes in this Southern clime.

Mr. M. V. Richards, Washington, D. C., the Land and Industrial Agent of the Southern Railway Company, will be glad to hear from those interested on the subject. Write him and send him the names and addresses of your German friends and relatives in the North and Europe so that he can send them the literature referred to.

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GREENSBORO, N. C. Account Reunion, Non-Resident North Carolinians, Oct. 12-13. Tickets on sale Oct. 10 and 11 with final limit 7 days from date of sale, rate one fare plus 25 cents. For 15 day final limit, rate one fare plus \$1.00.

Raleigh, N. C. Account North Carolina State fair, Oct. 19-24. Tickets on sale Oct. 17-23, inclusive, with final limit Oct. 26th. Rate one first class fare plus 50 cents admission to fair.

HICKORY, N. C. Account State Convention W. C. T. U., Oct. 1-4. Tickets on sale Oct. 1-2-3 with final limit Oct. 10th 1908. Rate—Apply to Agents.

WILMINGTON, N. C. Account meeting North Carolina Presbyterian Synod, Nov. 3. Tickets on sale Nov. 2-3-4, with final Nov. 13th. For rates apply to Ticket Agents.

GREENSBORO, N. C. Account North Carolina Annual Conference, M. E. church, Oct. 14-19, 1908. Tickets on sale Oct. 12-13th, with final limit Oct. 20th. For rates, apply to Ticket Agents.

DENVER, COLO. Account Convention Brotherhood of St. Andrew, Denver, Colorado Spgs. or Pueblo, Colo. et. 7-11, 1908. Rates, one first class fare plus 50 cents for the round trip.

RICHMOND, VA. Account Annual Horse Show, Oct. 13-17, 1908. Tickets on

sale Oct. 12 to 15th, 1908 with final limit Oct. 19, 1908. Rate, One first class fare plus 50 cents admission free.

SAN FRANCISCO CAL. Account American Bankers Assn, Oct. 20-23, 1908. Tickets on sale Oct. 7 to 16th inclusive. Final limit Nov 30, 1908. For rates apply to Ticket Agents.

DETROIT, MICH. Account Christian Convention, etc. Oct. 10-22, 1908. Tickets on sale Oct. 14-15-16-17 with final limit Oct. 23rd. Rate, one first class fare plus \$1.00.

For further information, relative to the above reduced rates, apply to any ticket agent, or address, J. H. Wood, Asheville, N. C. District Passenger agent.

For Sale.

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