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OUR COUNTY AGENT'S DEPARTMENT

Some Timely Talks to Polk County Farmers, and others, on Timely Subjects, by County Agent, J. R. Sams.

To Polk County Farmers

Why don't you listen? Why don't you grow that which is in demand? Why not produce hay and put on the market after feeding your own stock, instead of buying inferior hay, paying \$15 per ton freight, to say nothing of the price of the hay that can be produced in Polk county cheaper than in the county where it is shipped from? You have the soil, the rain fall and sunshine to produce as fine hay as can be grown on the earth. You have an unlimited market at present for all the hay you can grow. You have an unlimited list of hay plants to select from, that will make the finest quality of hay. Alfalfa, sweet clover, mammoth clover, red clover, alsike clover, etc. Then you have the cow pea, velvet bean, soy bean, vetch with rye, wheat oats or barley, soudan grass, sorghum, orchard grass, tall oat grass, meadow fescue, dallas grass, timothy, red top, and many other grasses to select from; or a dozen combinations of these grasses and legumes may be formed to produce the most nutritious feeds. When I came to Polk county I was confronted by almost everyone that grasses would not grow in Polk county. At this time no intelligent man or woman will question the matter, if some lime is used with

alfalfa and the clovers, and some nitrogen and humus for the grasses. Why not grow that for which there is a demand? If you don't believe there is a demand for hay; just go to any freight depot or farmers warehouse in almost any section of the South and see the farmers load their wagons with hay, paying \$12.50 to \$15 per ton freight and for the hay beside. I appeal to every farmer in Polk county to begin to think now about growing hay for next summer. Sow sudan grass and peas or sorghum cane without peas. Then in September sow oats and vetch or wheat and vetch for hay next spring. Don't be caught again next spring hauling hay back from the railroad. Let the hay hauling be the other way. It is a serious reflection on the good horse sense of every farmer of Polk county to haul hay from the railroad to his farm when the possibilities of growing hay here are so great, and the labor of hay making so small compared to cotton and other crops grown in the county. Any one who doubts what I have written, just go over Pacolet bridge and ask Grant Miller whether or not I am lying. See his grasses and clovers growing. Ask him the lick which brings such results and then go and do likewise.

Learn About the Farmer.

Back of all legislation must stand united public opinion which always is to be trusted in this nation when the people have intelligent understanding. Most of our troubles come from imperfect knowledge and consequent lack of interest in public questions. For years this has been the case with the American farmer whose situation and importance until lately has not been even measurably sensed. As soon as the people generally in the great cities as well as in the smaller communities come to realize how much of the nation's prosperity depends on the farm then the wheels of reform will begin to turn with rapidity, and all the people will benefit.

Almost half our population is rural, living on six and one half millions of farms which employ approximately thirteen millions of workers. The value of the annual production of these men is \$19,176,015,000 which is greater than that of mining or any branch of manufacturing.

What a sad commentary it is upon our legislative intelligence when we realize that in spite of these stupendous and important figures, the income of each farm factory or farm mine, whichever way we choose to visualize it, averages only \$2,793.

The province of government is to create prosperity, the greatest good for the greatest number, to harmonize the laws under which we live so that reward shall come to the people in relation to their service. There are between the City Hall in New York and the Battery Wall—a distance that can be walked in ten minutes thousands of high binders in the world of speculation who have never done an honest day's work in their lives, but who make often in a day and quite frequently in a week as much if not more than the average farmer makes in a year. It is getting time for the public

not only to seek information regarding the farmer, but to insist upon having it. When this demand is felt the information will be forthcoming, and who it is, equitable legislation for the farmer will lead a business development the like of which this country, great as it is, has never known.

The Wheels of Industry are Moving.

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Railroads are ordering material to a greater extent than for a good many years. Building contractors are finding an increasing and almost incessant demand for their work. Building materials are tending to higher prices and to an increasing scarcity of supply. The demand for lumber grows apace and the trend of prices is upward. In some sections the supply of skilled labor is scarcely equal to the demand, though there is still a large amount of unskilled labor out of employment.

Highway improvement is proceeding at a rate which must soon tax the facilities of highway contractors and the people who supply road-building equipment. With the certainty that the country has entered upon an era of highway building of which as yet we have seen only the beginning, there is a vast volume of business ahead for highway workers.

The demand for pig iron, long dormant to such an extent that the industry seemed almost dead, is increasing, and the advance in steel and pig iron has not lessened the demand for these materials. Indeed, people always buy on a rising market and cease to buy on a declining market. No sooner had the county come to a full realization of the fact announced many months ago by the Manufacturers Record that the entire financial policy of the

Let's Have a June Wedding



THE SCHOOL BONDS CARRY

One Hundred and Eighty-three Votes Cast in Favor of the Proposition and Only Eight Against the Bonds.

At the election held on Tuesday to vote on a proposition to issue \$60,000 in bonds for the purchase of a site and erection of a new school building the vote was 183 in favor of issuing the bonds and 8 against the proposition. This result shows beyond a doubt that the people of Tryon believe in education and progress. The building to be erected will have eleven class rooms, large auditorium, superintendent's office, cloak rooms, toilets, heating plant, and will be up-to-date in every way; in fact, the latest and most approved type of school building will be ours.

The contract for the erection of the building will be let soon, and it is hoped to be able to occupy the new building this fall.

Now watch Tryon grow! With our new streets and sidewalks, the State highway and up-to-date school, Tryon will be the best residential town in this part of the country.

country had been reversed, and that President Harding's boast that lowering discount rates and thus stimulating the credit facilities of the country was one of the most important actions of his administration, then the far-seeing people of the county began to get ready for business.

With every decrease in interest rates there has come an advance in the price of government bonds and in the general security market, fulfilling in that respect every statement which the Manufacturers Record has made during the past two years. The demand for new securities has been so tremendous as to astonish the county and show the enormous buying power of the American people.

Co-incident with the lowering of discount rates and the stock and bond market has come a betterment in farm conditions with higher prices for agricultural products. The War Finance Corporation has continued its active operation of lending money to assist farmers and livestock raisers, and in many cases the very fact that this corporation was prepared to advance money for these purposes has caused

local banks to loosen up in their credits, and thus the money actually loaned by the War Finance Corporation has been one of the benefits derived from its operations.

Business is not yet by any means at full tide, but it is moving forward rapidly, and when it reaches full tide every transportation facility in the country will be heavily overtaxed with a larger volume of freight than can be handled, and the manufacturing interests and the building and construction work of the country will likewise be fully taxed.

All of this condition can be hastened by a lowering of freight rates, which would stimulate the volume of traffic exactly as the lowering of discount rates stimulated the revival of confidence and building operations. High discount rates and high freight rates have been a burden on business.

The tide has turned. The surge is on. But if we would reap a full measure of prosperity we must hasten the passage of a tariff bill; hasten the plans for better financing of the agricultural interests on a safer and

broader foundation than agriculture has ever had before; hasten the lowering of freight and passenger rates. And when these things have been accomplished we shall go forward with a stride of seven league boots to a prosperity which will furnish profitable employment for the day laborer and the mechanic, for the capital of the country and for profitable production in agriculture, in manufactures and in mineral operations.

Glory be, a change has come, and the wheels are moving!

Administrator's Notice

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of James Gosnell, deceased, late of Polk county, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 8th day of June, 1922, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 8th day of June, 1922.

W. J. WILSON, Administrator.

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

J. L. Black was in Spartanburg Thursday.

Mrs. Clarence Bush was in Spartanburg Thursday.

Miss Loraine Stone spent Wednesday in Spartanburg.

C. Bush transacted business in Hendersonville, Saturday.

W. B. McSwain, of Greens Creek, was in Tryon Monday.

The Misses Nash were shopping in Spartanburg Thursday.

Mrs. Georgiana LeCount was a Spartanburg visitor Thursday.

W. B. Stone, left Friday for Chicago for a visit of a couple weeks.

DuPre Watson of Mississippi was a recent visitor to his mother here.

R. M. Early transacted business in Asheville Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Jas. Jackson left Saturday for Wofford, S. C., to visit her sister.

Miss Amelia Watson left Wednesday for Connecticut to spend the summer at her former home.

Mrs. Florence Averill was called to Asheville Wednesday on account of the illness of her niece.

Mrs. Sallie Watson, Mrs. Milliken and children, Bobbie, and Sarah were in Spartanburg Saturday.

Mrs. E. H. Cawthray was in Asheville Friday and Saturday visiting her sister who is in a hospital there.

A series of meetings is in progress at the Methodist church, conducted by the pastor, the Rev. Mr. Fike.

The Southern Ry., this week completed a switch for unloading purposes for the contractors of our streets and highway.

R. M. McCown and wife left Tuesday by automobile for their former home in Florence, S. C., to be gone for about ten days visiting relatives.

Material is being placed on the ground for the erection of an addition to the Mountain Industries; when completed it will increase the size of the building nearly 100 per cent.

Frank C. Cain and wife arrived Saturday from St. Matthew, S. C. are occupying their Tryon home for the summer. They were accompanied by his brother and family.

Chief Wilson and a good force of laborers are busily engaged in laying new and larger water mains, getting ready for the construction of our system of hard surface streets and walks, grading for which is being done in various parts of town.

Miss Padgett, a County Home Demonstration Agent, who has been on a prospecting tour thru Polk County for three weeks, went to Raleigh for a two weeks' stay. It is to be hoped she may return to the county for regular work. The matter will be decided within a short time.

Children's Day will be appropriately observed at the Congregational Church on Sunday morning. At ten o'clock and interesting program The Lord's Prayer interpreted, will take the place of the regular Sunday School. At the time of the regular morning worship the minister will give an address to the boys and girls who are requested to occupy reserved seats. W. A. BLACK, Pastor.