

News and Reviews

By

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Shortage for 1924

Discussion on a train re-
a New York farmer
was informed that a
feared for this year
producing sections
Conditions were
for fall plowing
meadows were
which ordinarily
been left down.
reason why a short-
possible is that prices
such that many
sold themselves
What will the farmers
state plant as an emer-
I then asked this
farmer. "A mix-
of old peas and oats sown
the rate of one and half
sheds to two bushels of oats
a bushel of peas," he replied.
This mixture is used by my
friend who says it will pro-
an excellent crop of palat-
and nutritious hay. Cut-
ing should be done, he said
the oats are in the milk
age. The average composi-
of such hay is about 8 per
cent protein 37 per cent carbo-
hydrates and 15 cent fat. As I
was taking down this formula
I occurred to me that we order-
some field peas a short time
ago for J. W. Habernicht.
I wonder if friend Habernicht
used this mixture. What's the
matter with your North Caro-
lina farmers, asked my fellow
passenger, that with the ad-
vantages they have over us be-
ing able to grow so many
leguminous they have to buy
so much northern and western
hay? Something in the land-
scape attracted the attention
of my newly made friend on
the moment and I was relieved
of the necessity of answering
an embarrassing question.

Roasting Ear Corn

The month will be half gone
as you read this and with corn
planting time only a week or
ten days off. We must place
our order for Snow Flake corn
without further delay.
As with Iceberg lettuce and
early potatoes we are plant-
this roasting ear crop cooper-
atively and must use one
variety only and that variety
is the Williamson Farm Snow
Flake and plant about one peck
to the acre.

Nitrate of Soda.

While there is no special
hurry it will be wise to have a
supply of Nitrate of Soda on
hand for side dressing the let-
tuce. The plants should be
well started and growing in
order to derive the greatest
benefit from the application of
this pusher. Soda is extremely
volatile and much of it would be
wasted if applied before there
is sufficient warmth in the soil
to allow the plant to assimilate
and receive full benefit from
this stimulant. Apply as a
side dressing 150 to 200 pounds
per acre, taking care that no
soda touches the foliage. I al-
ways like to make application
just before a rain, first crush-
ing the lumps.

Early Potato Planting.

Don't give up planting Cob-
ble potatoes because you seem
to be late with this feature of
your truck planting. The coun-
ties North of us can only bene-
fit from late summer shipments
to the cities of the extreme
South, while Polk County
growers may have a share in
the northern demand, and sure-
ly will be in position to supply
the southern trade in advance
of the growers in the north
western counties. So don't
hold up on your early potato
planting while March shows on
your calendar.

Queer Sort of Advice.

We realize that conditions are
different in the many sections
of a country, and yet some of
our farm papers seem to give
advice that is far from being
specific. For example I picked
up a farm paper on the train
this morning which tells its
readers to mix quickly with
lime with fresh poultry man-
ure and store the mixture
away until ready to use. If the
reader follows this advice there
will be but little ammonia left
in the mixture at time of using.
On another page we read that
without modification, it is not
profitable to fertilize a straw-
berry patch in the early spring.
The writer and neighbors have

proven without doubt that a
good dose of 8-5-5 fertilizer ap-
plied in early spring more than
pays. Again we read that
farmers should go show in
planting soy beans. We wonder
sometimes who has the job of
answering these questions, and
what the tax paying farmer
thinks of such advice he some-
times has to help pay for.

The Eastern Shore of Virginia

50 years ago Accomac and
Northampton Counties in the
state of Virginia were isolated
and undeveloped. Situated on a
narrow peninsula between the
Atlantic Ocean and Chesapeake
Bay, the only means of communi-
cation with the main land was
by sail boat, except on the
northern boundary of Accomac
where country roads led to the
southern counties of Maryland.
Few of the inhabitants of the
interior of these counties ever
passed the three mile limit
from their shores and had little
conception of what was going
on in the outside world. It is
related that when the first lap
of the rail road which now
traverses the two counties, was
completed to Tasley in upper
part of Accomac, a celebration
was arranged befitting the aus-
picious occasion. Couriers were
sent advertising the event to the
utmost part of the coun-
ties, with the result that the
day appointed for the celebra-
tion found the little town of
Tasley filled to overflowing
with people, many of who had
come a distance of fifty to sixty
miles to see the wonderful Iron
horse whose nostrils belched
forth (it was said) steam and
whose shriek as it dashed down
the iron road could be heard
from one end of the country
to the other. The locomotive
selected for the trial trip was
one of the old wood burner type
with a roaring smoke stack, and
the start was to make from a
point about ten miles up the
road. Unfortunately rain be-
gan to fall just before the
hour set for the arrival of the
train putting into commission a
conglomeration of umbrellas,
but the heavy down pour dis-
tressing tho it was failed to dis-
pel the enthusiasm of the peo-
ple, and every one was in a
state of expectancy, which
was intensified when the shrill
sound of the whistle up the line
announced the approach of the
wonderful Iron horse. As the
engine appeared around a curve
a quarter mile away, a young
chap (and something of a wag)
leaped upon the track and dash-
ing down the line between the
rails, shouted, "Down with
your umbrellas" you will scare
the engine. Like magic every
umbrella came down on the in-
stant, the awe stricken crowd
standing in silence, unmindful
of the moisture trickling down
their necks as the engine and
train passed on to the tempo-
rary terminal in the lower end
of town. There are little in-
dications of the unsophisticat-
ed as our modern pullman
train passed thru the thriving
towns of Accomac and North-
ampton counties this March
morning, in the year 1924.
On every hand is evidence of
shift and prosperity. Com-
fortable and attractive farm
buildings surrounded by
fertile fields are not seensimply
here and there, as our train
moves northward, but this
beautiful aspect is continuous
on either side of the heavily
ballasted road we are moving
over so smoothly.

Polk County For

Polk County. All Together.
Through the multiplied gifts
of nature, Polk county is the
best place on earth to build a
house and live.
What her native and adopted
people need more than any
thing else, is to get together
often and know each other bet-
ter and find out all the good of
nature and learn to make the
most of them.

What has brought about this

wonderful transformation.
First I want to say that Accomac
and Northampton counties
are distinctively agricul-
tural. There is practically no
manufacturing. Cotton grows
to perfection in this soil, but
these Virginians are disposed
with one accord to leave this
crop to the long eared mule
and the man with the black
skin farther south, to whom
they think it belongs. So
after the Iron Horse had paved
the way and solved the trans-
portation problem these east-
ern shore of Virginia farmers
turned their attention to early
trucks making leaders of early
Irish and sweet potatoes, add-
ing to the list later early cab-
bage, cauliflower, and straw-
berries, and these are the crops
that have with intelligent farm-
ing and cooperative marketing

transformed this little Eastern
Shore into two of the most pro-
ductive and prosperous coun-
ties in the United States.

By P. C. Squires

A Ramble through Pea Ridge

Last Monday, March the 3rd,
after a hard days work, the
writer undertook to make good
promises made to farmers in
that section. Accordingly sev-
eral homes were visited that P.
M., and we landed at William
Fowler's for the night. His
peach orchard had our full at-
tention until darkness drove us
in.

Next morning the apple orch-
ard, winter and summer pastur-
es were discussed and some
things regulated. While at Mr.
Fowler's his father Mr. Aaron
Fowler came in, who is 72 years
old, after ascertaining his age,
he related a very interesting
story of the activities of his life
which would make good reading
for the young men of the pres-
ent time. Mrs. Fowler said he
had never had any serious sick-
ness; that he had worked at all
kind of farm work, such as
plowing, hoeing corn, ditching,
splitting rails and etc. He has
also worked as a carpenter hav-
ing built several houses. The
day he was talking to me, he
cut and split a cord and one
fourth of wood in less than the
day; A task that would chal-
lenge the most of young men of
Polk County and yet Mr. Fow-
ler has passed his three score
years and ten by two years and
bids fair to be here 20 more
years.

I saw much land plowed in
that section, and new land be-
ing cleared.

Mr. James Thompson who has
been confined to his room for
several months seems to be
cheerful, and we trust the good
Spring weather which is com-
ing will bring back to him
strength and good health.

Mr. Granville Thompson was,
as usual in good spirits and
cheerful. He kindly showed
me his land which he has pre-
pared for planting and the
land is all right. He says Mrs.
Voorhies has the lettuce plants
all right for him, and Mr.
Thompson is all right, so it
looks as if some body will be in
danger of being beaten in the
head lettuce game. Mr. Thomp-
son also said he knew how to
grow corn and intended to make
some body hustle or get beaten
on an acre of snow flake corn
for roasting ears.

Some people say that Pea Ridge
is a kind of blockading, boot
legging kind of place; but I am
some what of the opinion that
some body else does this kind
of business and Pea Ridge does
the real work.

Any body that has had much
chance of observation can pass
through a country and tell if
much blockading and boot leg-
ging is going on. In such a
country all kind of progressive
and useful work is neglected
and the people carry in their
countenances an air of fear and
constraint dread. A man can't
habitually violate the laws of
the land and not show it in his
face. Polk County is too good a
place and too many ways to
make a living honestly and
legally for a man or woman to
follow illegal practices. And
Pea Ridge is one of the very
best sections for human effort
to bring good results.

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of nature, Polk county is the
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people need more than any
thing else, is to get together
often and know each other bet-
ter and find out all the good of
nature and learn to make the
most of them.

To this end there should be
some kind of organization, or
consolidation, or association of
already existing organizations,
that would at regular meetings
take into consideration the
general interests of the whole
county.

Why not have a local Board
of Trade in each of the six
townships of the county, or
some kind of an organization to
look after the best interests of
that township, and then associ-
ate all these organizations and
have, say quarterly meetings of
all these township groups for
the purpose of boosting every
good thing in all the town-
ships?

Now can any one see a rea-

son why not? The new hotel in
Columbus is nearing comple-
tion. Why not call for such a
meeting early in the Spring to
discuss the propriety of such a
movement, so that we can get
in more complete harmony with
the great movement under-
taken by the Western North
Carolina Incorporated. When
the above hotel is completed,
why not arrange for a meet-
ing, have a general meeting
from all sections of the county.
Have a banquet.

Form such organization look-
ing to the unifying of our county
resources, and consolidating
the same for more efficient de-
velopment of Polk county along
all lines.

A Polk County
Board of Trade.

The whole of any thing is
greater than any of its parts.
This is greater than any of its
parts. This is nothing new. It
is a mathematical idiom which
needs no proof, and in fact does

not admit of a proof.
Therefore, Polk County is
greater than any of her towns
or townships taken severally.
Polk County with a single man
or woman left out would not be
complete no matter how trif-
ling that man or woman might
be.

Under our present County
organization; who is in a gen-
eral specific way looking out
for the greatest and best
things for the county at large.
Of course we have the Board
of County Commissioners, The
Board of Education, The Road
Board, Sheriff, Clerk of Court,
Register of Deeds, County
Agent, Home Demonstration
Agent and etc. All trying to do
the particular thing where-
unto they have been chosen;
but without further complicat-
ing organization could not all
these agencies, with the the
Board of Trade of Tryon, Sal-
uda and Columbus, agree and
meet together at least twice
per year for consideration of all
the great questions relative to

the growth and progress of the
greatest and best things of the
County-at-Large? What Polk
County needs most is better
understanding of her needs—
This understanding will come
quicker by the getting together
of all the interests, so that all
may get a broader view point,
that we may learn our neigh-
bors need, as well as that of
our own. Why not?

Respectfully, J. R. Sams,
County Agent.

Tom Tarheel says Abe Grow-
ler never would take much
stock in co-operative marketing
until he attended a meeting
where dinner was served on the
grounds and a payment made
to the members. Abe couldn't
resist an appeal to the stomach
and pocket book a the same
time.

A Brittany Custom.
It is the custom in many of the
towns in Brittany for all couples who
become engaged during the year to be
married the same day.

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