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News of Interest Gleaned From All Sections of the State and Arranged For Busy Readers

SELECTING SEED-CORN FOR LARGE YIELDS.

North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station, West Raleigh—C. B. Williams, Director.

The practice of selecting seed-corn from the best ears in the spring costs the farmers of North Carolina, in decreased yields of shelled corn, an amount equal to more than five million dollars annually. Just so long as this method is followed, just so long will the corn-growers of the State lack the amount of producing what they select-corn. The proper place to select seed for planting purposes next year is the field in fall. One day spent in the field in selecting seed-corn properly will pay better in increased yields than most any labor performed during the entire year. There are many ways in which this work might be done satisfactorily, the exact method depending upon local conditions and practices. Economy of performance of the operation is always to be looked after but not at a sacrifice of efficiency. Where corn is gathered from stalks in the field in the usual way, a good method for the corn-grower to use is to sling a cotton-picking bag over the shoulder or take a basket in the hand and go through and make the selections from the field of corn which he has that is a little above the average in productivity. Take two rows at a time and select seed from those stalks which have two well-developed ears per stalk, remembering that in the selection of seed one should select from the stalks that will yield the largest amount of seed per stalk. The reason stalks are selected from two rows is because in testing and comparing varieties of corn during the past years on the Experiment farm and elsewhere, it has been found that the

ent height, for such ears are more easily and cheaply gathered; they ripen more uniformly and are less liable not to have the embryo grains fertilized, as the tasselling of all stalks will be practically at the same date and the pollen from all will be given off at about the same time. The ears should be held not upright, but in a rather drooping position, as such ears are less liable to rot, as they will shed the rain rather than admit it into the ears, as they frequently do when held in an upright position; especially is this so if the husks (shucks) do not cover the tips of the ears completely. Also, it is well to discard all ears that have the tips poorly covered with husks, even if all the other characteristics are up to requirements. When, during the winter, the corn thus gathered is gotten out for more careful selection, choose those ears of cylindrical shape and those which possess deep wedge-shaped and large-earmed grains which completely and deeply cover the cobs and which are arranged in parallel rows. Select heavy, well-matured ears that have medium-sized cobs with kernels that are heavy in weight and medium rough in indentation, and which have the butts and tips fairly well filled out. Keep the seed stored in a dry place until planting time.

If you have not selected your seed-corn before from the field in the way indicated above try it this fall. You may be a little doubtful as to the value of this extra effort, but give it a fair trial and we feel sure that you will never go back to the old and less profitable method of selecting seed-corn from the barn.

Opening at Elizabeth.—Thursday morning saw one of the most successful openings in the history of Elizabeth College. Students began coming in three days ago until now all the professors and students have arrived and are ready to begin work. Mr. Henry J. Zahn, of the annual

BITTER ROT IN APPLES

North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station, West Raleigh—C. B. Williams, Director.

Occurrence in North Carolina.—This disease occurs in very destructive form throughout the Piedmont and eastern sections of the State, though it is possibly less destructive further west. In a recent trip through the middle section of the State, the writer saw dozens of orchards ruined by this rot which, but for the presence of it, would have yielded largely. In many of the orchards visited, the trees were in fine condition, showing suitability of soil and climate, and they bore an abundance of fruit, but closer examination showed that the ground under the trees was completely covered with rotten apples and that the apples still on the trees had numerous specks of soft, brown rot. In many villages and towns all apples offered for sale in stores were affected with this rot.

The facts as stated above show the very destructive prevalence of this disease in this State. This rot has been known in destructive form in the United States since 1867. It is estimated to have done \$1,500,000 of damage in four counties in Illinois in 1900. In the Middle States, the losses are estimated to be from one-half to three-fourths of the entire crop. The President of the National Apple Shippers Association estimated the damage in the United States in 1900 at \$10,000,000.

Description of the "Bitter Rot."—There are many different types of apple rot, some are hard, some soft, some wet, some dry, some of one color and some another, etc. The bitter rot of the apple, sometimes called the "tip rot," is a soft, wet, hollow rot, occurring usually in circular spots on the fruit. Black spots of which there may be from one to twenty or more on each apple, enlarge rapidly, run together, and the whole fruit becomes a soft, rotten mass. The disease usually begins while the fruit is still hanging on the tree, and as the disease progresses, many of the apples fall to the ground before they are gathered.

NO MORE CONVICT LEASING

Georgia Rids Herself of Cruel System of Long Sentencing

WORK OF SPECIAL LEGISLATURE

Governor Smith Signs Bill Which Ends a Regime of Conviction and Great Brutality in the Cracker State.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—At midnight Saturday night Governor Hoke Smith signed the convict leasing bill which hereafter prohibits leasing of felons except by agreement of the Governor and prison commission. The bill was passed by the Legislature Saturday after \$65,000 had been spent in an extra session, and nearly a month used in discussing the legislation. With the signature of Governor Smith on the bill as enacted, Georgia has done away with a system which has been in existence ever since 1865.

It was to settle this vexatious question that Governor Smith called a special session of the Legislature. He desired that the leasing system be absolutely abolished and the bill as passed provides that there will be no leasing of convicts to any contractor for private gain. It is said these contractors have made thousands of dollars out of convict labor in Georgia in the last forty years, men being leased to them at \$100 a piece with the proviso of board and sleeping quarters.

In the investigation which led to the present legislation, there was considerable testimony to the effect that negro convicts had been shipped by owners, that they had been abused had been sold to the highest bidder.

MATTERS OF CURRENT NEWS

Items of Interest Gathered By Wire and Cable

GLEANINGS FROM DAY TO DAY

Live Items Covering Events of More or Less Interest at Home and Abroad.

Foreign Affairs.

Chancellor von Buelow welcomed the Interparliamentary Union. It is thought that Great Britain and Germany will stand together in preventing extreme measures against Castro by Holland.

Sren Hedin, the Norwegian traveler, gave details about his trip through unexplored Tibet.

Cardinal Vanutelli, the Papal Legate departed from London amid the singing of "God save the Pope."

The cholera continues to spread rapidly in St. Petersburg.

Andrew Carnegie has written a letter to the Interparliamentary Union urging universal peace and asserting that Emperor William could abolish war.

THIS FLIGHT ENDS IN DEATH

Airship Plunges to the Earth From Great Height

CARRYING ONE MAN TO DEATH

Wright's Aeroplane Meets With Serious Accident, Killing One and Severely Injuring the Daring Navigator.

Washington, Special.—After having drawn the attention of the world to his aeroplane flights at Fort Myer, and having established new world records for the heavier-than-air flying machines, Orville Wright, holder of the world's record as an aviator, was seriously injured when the latter's new aeroplane fell through twenty-five feet of clouds and crashed down upon the Fort Myer camp ground, a fatal wound. The aeroplane was severely damaged and it was with considerable difficulty that the body was recovered and taken to the hospital.

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DASHED TO GROUND

IN WRIGHT AIRSHIP

Lieutenant Selfridge, U. S. A., Dies From Injuries.

MACHINE IS A TOTAL WRECK

Army Officer Was a Passenger With the Aeroplane Inventor, Whose Leg Was Broken as They Plunged Seventy-five Feet.

Washington, D. C.,—Lieutenant Thomas E. Selfridge, of the Fifth Artillery, a member of the aeronautical board of the army, was fatally injured and Orville Wright, holder of the world's record as an aviator, was seriously injured when the latter's new aeroplane fell through twenty-five feet of clouds and crashed down upon the Fort Myer camp ground, a fatal wound. The aeroplane was severely damaged and it was with considerable difficulty that the body was recovered and taken to the hospital.

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News from Washington is to the effect that the religious views of Judge Taft may get something of an airing in the Washington courts, if United States District Attorney Baker carries out his present inclination to prosecute W. A. Cuddy, an evangelist, for attacks made upon the Republican nominee. Mr. Baker thinks Cuddy could be arrested on a charge of criminal libel, and is now considering taking such action. There should be some way of bringing Governor Glenn into this litigation.

Sheriff Cole has just returned from Upper Laurel where he went to attend a Union of Sunday Schools. 13 Sunday Schools were present, and one of the most interesting features was the contest for supremacy in singing. He also reports good speaking from different orators. There were present 1200 to 1500 people who were fed bountifully, every one remarking that it was the best dinner they ever had. He said he was never treated better or enjoyed a visit better in his life and extends through this paper his heartfelt thanks for the kind treatment received.

In 1892 W. J. Bryan bolted the Democratic National ticket and platform and voted for James B. Weaver, Populist candidate for President.

About that same time W. W. Kitchin was bolting the Democratic ticket and supporting the Populist nominees.

In 1904 T. E. Swann bolted the Redmon-Ebbs-Nelson ticket and voted for Bob Sams, a rag-tag candidate for the Legislature.

In 1906 the Redmon-Ebbs-Nelson faction bolted the Swann ticket and voted for nobody, which was a much better choice. And the people bolted them all.

If the Sheriff borrowed ten thousand dollars last year to make his settlement and borrowed twenty-three thousand for the same purpose this year how much will he have to borrow next year?—Record.

Sheriff Cole has never borrowed more money than he had uncollected taxes. He has made five settlements up to this time and if you will take the pains to ask T. N. James, W. C. Sprinkle and Dr. Roberts, the Finance Committee, you will find that he has paid every dollar due the county. We feel proud that we have a Sheriff who can borrow any amount of money he needs, thereby helping out the unfortunate cases during these hard times instead of selling their ears or

Mr. Taft's Religion

If Mr. Taft is a Unitarian, that is his own business, and a matter of his own conscience. All the public has the right to ask of him from the religious viewpoint is that he respect the decalogue and be on good terms with the Christian code of morals. There certainly is not any complaint of him on that score. We are not aware of which brand of Unitarianism Mr. Taft affects—whether the conservative or the radical type. But it does seem to us that Democrats are on pretty thin ice in carping at even radical Unitarianism when it is considered that their patron saint, Thomas Jefferson, disbelieved in the divinity of Christ, and was of the Tom Paine and Rousseau deistic school of religious thought.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

Speaking of the Democratic platform

as regards "predatory wealth," the New York World, Democratic, says:

Mr. Mack must share the amazement of The World over a pretended Democratic platform which while reiterating "its abiding faith in the principles of Democracy as against plutocracy," is framed in the interests of the very plutocracy it professes to denounce. It is a platform for the protection of Wall Street gamblers; for the protection of insurance criminals; for the protection of traction thieves; for the protection of Rym-Harriman stock jobbers; for the protection of predatory corporations. It is a betrayal of Democratic party; it is a betrayal of the Democratic masses.

Imports Under a Lower Tariff

To the Editor of the World: The Bryan and Kern-Commercial Travellers' Club on Broadway is composed almost entirely of commercial travellers and clerks of importing houses, representatives of foreign manufacturers and Custom-House brokers. Why? Because low tariff will mean more imports and larger salaries and commissions—more work for the foreign workmen and less for those here. J. VAN ANTWERP, New York, Sept. 19th.

Charge that he is a

dozen years of absolute unemployment behind him in Congress, this rip-roaring demagogue turns upon a newspaper that punctured his gas-bag with facts, and like the ass he is brays, "You are a liar," in the absence of other counter-argument.

"This is the plane upon which a gubernatorial campaign has been pitched by William Walton. It is the plane of campaigns that have been pitched by Vardamans, Heflins, Davises, Smiths, Debess and Haywoods all over the Union, for the sake of gratifying cold-blooded ambition and selfish desires. It will be a sad day for the North Carolina Democracy when it places its standard, heretofore born by statesmen, in the hands of this man. He will build up the State? He will be patriotic? Sure! He loves the name of Kitchin so well that he tips his hat whenever he speaks it. He will appeal to the best in the commonwealth and lead that forward and upward? No, to be United States senator, as he has to be governor, he will appeal to the worst, to the ignorant, to the prejudiced, to the passions to prohibitionist and to anti-prohibitionist with equal ease; will array class against class, labor against capital, man against man, Democrat against Democrat, until North Carolina will sink in the esteem of other states to a level she has never sounded before under Democratic rule. With him it is rule or ruin, and if he rules he will ruin. It is nothing for him to drive a Democrat out of the party in a sentence. It is nothing to him to war on capital for votes. It is nothing to him to put North Carolina's welfare in the balance to gain office. His nomination by the Democrats at Charlotte would mean the beginning of the end of Democratic rule in this State, for with unbridled fury he has assailed who were assailing like a wall for Democracy when he was juggling with Mary Ann Butler for Populist votes, for the sole reason that they are not for him, and he is today undermining the defenses of the Democracy with every special he makes."

Registrars And Judges

An entire new Registration has been ordered for the November election, and the following Registrars and Judges appointed for the same. The first named is the Registrar.

No. 1 Township—1st Ward—J. Henry Roberts; Van Smith, Zeb V. Fisher.

2nd Ward—Luther Wardrop, C. A. Clark, B. E. Guthrie.

3rd Ward—Geo. E. Robinson, P. W. Plimmons, Oakley Rector.

4th Ward—J. W. Bryan, Jr., J. Man Wallin, J. E. Rice.

No. 2—S. Brigman, Malone Wallin, J. S. Tweed.

No. 3—D. S. Clark, John Merrell, J. P. Messer.

No. 4—J. M. Dewesse, Nels Anderson, Levi Hamlin.

No. 5—W. W. Murray, Tilden Jervis, W. L. George.

No. 6—B. S. Teague, M. F. Plimmons, Frank Randall.

No. 7—James Roberts, J. J. Ledford, R. F. Payne.

No. 8—J. F. Aikew, W. G. Price, C. A. Ferguson.

No. 9—Township—1st Ward—J. F. Garenfo, S. W. Brown, W. W. Parris.

2nd Ward—V. H. Reynolds, Joe Farnier, Charley Stackhouse.

No. 10—Anderson Wallin, E. S. Bishop, J. A. Reese.

No. 11—H. D. Waldrop, J. L. English, J. H. McGhee.

No. 12—S. C. Worley, Jas. A. Worley, G. W. Wild.

No. 13—J. E. Gregory, J. T. Blankenship, J. B. Wild.

No. 14—L. W. Black, Jno. Ramsey, J. H. Ray.

No. 15—W. O. O'Quinn, Jesse Brown, Patterson Rees.

No. 16—New Park, Gold man Profit, N. D. Shigen.

But you should be used by

you in your efforts to please the Western Democrats who were so unfaithful in the last state convention. Of course it didn't take Ellor long to get next and to become painfully aware that the joke was on him. He made reply to the Solicitor's letter, in effect saying that had he been better advised of the Ashville's gentleman's sympathy and political affiliations he would not, of course, have made the request."

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Southern Railway Company

SCHEDULE OF PASSENGER TRAINS N. B.—Following schedule figures published only as information and are not guaranteed.

East Bound (Central Time)

No. 38, Daily.....Due 4:30 A. M.
No. 12, Daily.....Due 1:15 P. M.
No. 102, Daily.....Due 8:35 P. M.

West Bound

No. 35, Daily.....Due 2:35 A. M.
No. 101, Daily.....Due 7:35 A. M.
No. 11, Daily.....Due 3:30 P. M.

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Taxes, Taxes!

TO THE TAXPAYERS OF MADISON COUNTY: I will be at the following places on the dates named for the purpose of collecting your taxes.

- Sandy Mush, Reeves' School House.....Tuesday, Oct. 6th
- Spring Creek, Seminary.....Wednesday, Oct. 7th
- Meadow Fork, School House.....Thursday, Oct. 8th
- Big Pine, at the Forks.....Friday, Oct. 9th
- Little Pine, Shoal Hill.....Saturday, Oct. 10th
- Old Bull Creek, School House.....Monday, Oct. 12th
- Mars Hill, Speaking place.....Tuesday, Oct. 13th
- Middle Fork, Frog Level.....Wednesday, Oct. 14th
- California Creek, Speaking place.....Thursday, Oct. 15th
- Upper Laurel, Speaking place.....Friday, Oct. 16th
- Poster's Creek, Cody's Store.....Friday, Oct. 16th
- Grapevine, Speaking place.....Saturday, Oct. 17th
- Hot Springs, Speaking place.....Monday, Oct. 19th
- Shelton Laurel, Chapel Hill.....Tuesday, Oct. 20th
- Big Laurel, Rice's School House.....Wednesday, Oct. 21st
- Marshall, Court House.....Thursday, Oct. 22nd

Please meet me at the dates above named for the purpose of collecting your taxes as well as the new Fall assessment. All persons who do not come and pay them, as I am bound to do, will be liable to pay them later, and at a higher rate.