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FRIDAY, OCT. 13, 1911.

The first Fair day was rainy.  
Wagon yard! It's coming,—we hope.  
The Tri-County Fair is a drawer of water, if not a hever of wood.  
We hear that Isaac Withers Justice (not I want Justice) has been recruited.

If Governor Blease should run for the Senate the boom of Judge Jones for the governorship would loose some of its impetus. There would be Manning and McLeod to be reckoned with, not to mention a number of others.

They say the Governor is going to brick "Uncle Ben" for the Senate. The only regret we have is that the Senator can not call back ten years. If he could, a campaign between him and Governor Blease would be the warmest article in the political line seen in this state in many a year.

**FARMER'S PROBLEMS.**

We see in the papers a great deal about the farmers unions, conventions, etc., and their efforts to keep the price of cotton from declining. It is a great problem, and in solving it we have to meet and overcome the speculation interests backed by large financial interests. This of course can only be done by concerted action on the part of all parties interested, if it can be done at all. There is, however, another problem confronting the farmers, if almost as much concern as the question of prices. It is the labor condition. An investigation of the facts will show that the farmer is as dependent upon the negro farm laborer for the planting, cultivating and harvesting of his crop as he is upon the great financial interests for the prices he shall receive for it. He is between two mill stones, both of which are grinding him.

The labor trouble is one largely contributed to by the farmer himself. The farmer's conduct and attitude makes the negro independent and himself dependent; and furthermore, his conduct has the tendency to make a poorer citizen of the negro. How many farmers are there who have large sums of money tied up in negroes, because they have backed them up in some devilment, paid their fine or employed an attorney to defend them? They seem to think, if they don't do this, they will have no hands working upon their farms. The negro knows this and if Mr. A will not agree to do this he promptly informs him that Mr. B across the way will do it.

Some worthless negro will go to a merchant during the year and give a mortgage over property he does not own or forge some man's name as an endorser of a note. When pay day comes the deception is uncovered. Then some white man, in order to have him the next year, steps up and pays the amount due, that ends it. What does the negro think about it? Why, he thinks and says, "If I gits in trouble, Cap will pay me out."

Now the question arises, who is to be blamed, the negro or the white man? There is but one answer,—the white man. The next question: Can we rid ourselves of this servile dependency upon the negro farm laborer? We can if we will all

act fair with each other. If some one violates the law, let him suffer the penalty, have nothing to do with him. If some citizen of the community is corrupting and improperly influencing the negroes, let the better element wait upon him. There usually is a way to rid a community of such influences.

It should be understood that no farmer is to run after another's hands and undertake by fair or foul means to secure them from such one for himself. In all such matters each farmer should be cognizant and appreciative of his brother farmer's interest. This is a question the farmer's unions and other organizations could well consider. The remedy is in the hands of the farmers. If they fail to apply it that is their fault and they have no right to blame others for their condition.

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**Gotton Caterpillar Remedies**  
Clemson Extension Work--Article LII.

Reports from various sections of the State indicate that the ravages of the cotton caterpillar are decidedly general. The old cotton has suffered relatively little from its attacks, but it appears from reports in many instances that the late cotton has sustained rather considerable damage. In its feeding, the caterpillar eats preferably the young leaves, buds, and squares of the cotton.

The eggs are laid on the under side of the leaves of the cotton, usually on the larger and lower leaves. These hatch out into the striped caterpillars seen so abundantly, and becoming full grown, "web up," forming a chrysalis or cocoon from which emerges an olive to clay-yellow colored moth about 1 1/4 inches from tip to tip of wings, with a leaden colored spot on each fore wing. The eggs which are overtaken by frost perish and hence we find that the bulk of these forms pass the winter in the chrysalis or pupal stage. Fall plowing of affected areas will be of great destructive damage to the wintering forms.

The best remedial measure is the application of Paris green at the rate of 2 1/2 pounds per acre applied in the dry form in the early morning when the foliage is moist. A one inch board, about 6 inches in width, about 6 inches wider on each end than the width of the cotton row, and trimmed in the middle so as to make it easily handled before a man on a mule is the chief piece of apparatus needed. A one or two inch sugar hole should be bored in either end so as to fit the rows, and under these should be tacked an 8 ounce duck bag. The Paris green can then be poured into these bags and the opening closed. If intelligent labor is used, by experimenting, a jolt on the board can be determined sufficiently strong to put out the required 2 to 2 1/2 pounds to the acre. Should this not be the case, it would be better to use cheese cloth bags and dilute the Paris green to about 10 times its volume with land plaster, flour, or air slacked lime. The caterpillars taking this substance into their digestive tracts are poisoned by the arsenic contained in it, and death follows as the result. Paris green may be obtained from almost any drug store at about twenty-five (25¢) per pound.

W. P. GEE,  
Ass't. Prof. of Entomology  
October 14, 1911.

**Take Care of the Birds.**

Sometimes you see a boy or even a man out with a gun killing birds as fast as they appear. This should be stopped. Some birds are the friend of the farmer and should be protected. Their greatest work is to destroy insects.

The boys in the family may do a great good by building bird houses about the barn, house and shade trees. The houses should be kept out of reach of cats and dogs. Give each room 6 inches of floor space and make it 8 inches high. A single opening near the top 2 inches in diameter should be made for large birds, but for small birds such as the wren a 1-inch door will do.

When I was a small boy I would trap and kill birds, but I know better now, and wish I had known before now.

I have built a great many bird houses this year and put up about the farm. And the birds build nests in them, too. I used old boards or planks.

If birds felt that man was a friend and not a foe, they would often turn to him for protection. Think of the storms, winds and rains; would you like to have to stay out in them as the birds do sometimes? Think of it. The bird is the friend of the farmer. We can not have too many birds. They should be encouraged and protected. They should be supplied with shelter and water.—Alonzo McKay, in The Progressive Farmer.

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