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OUR FARMERS' CLUBS.

What our Farmers are Doing and How the Work of Organizing is Progressing.

CEDAR GROVE CLUB—DISCUSSING THE CULTURE OF WHEAT.

CEDAR GROVE, N. C., July 3, 1886. The Club met at the usual hour and after attending to the regular business, A. W. Bevel, T. Ketner, Samuel Alspaugh and J. N. Null made short practical speeches on the culture of wheat.

A. W. Bevel.—Turn ground soon. Sow from October 1st to the 20th. Early wheat is generally best. Harrow and roll in Spring.

T. Ketner.—Turn ground soon. Turn when dry. I have best success on clover land that has been pastured. Enrich your land; tend less land well and you will have better success.

Samuel Alspaugh.—I raise from 400 bushels down, 60 being the least I ever made. I turn ground soon and shallow. A short time before sowing I haul manure and scatter. Then break deep. Sow from 1st to 20th of October. Have made 200 bushels per acre. Once I made 100 bushels from six seedling. Manured land put in well seldom fails.

J. N. Null.—Stubble ground to be seeded in wheat should be turned soon as wheat can be removed. Let lie until just before sowing. Then harrow and break and harrow again, then put in wheat with 200 lbs. fertilizer per acre. I prefer putting in with drill. I make my own fertilizer from which I have better results than from any I ever bought. I used one ton last year that cost me \$11.80. Formula: I get 1,400 lbs. of dry dirt from under buildings from which I remove all trash &c., by sifting. To this I add 600 lbs. of dissolved bone. Mix thoroughly and it is ready for use. If I can't get saltpeter dirt, that is dirt from under buildings, I use any loose rich dirt and 60 lbs. saltpeter. By making your own fertilizer you save paying freight on the dirt it contains.

J. M. JARVIS, Secretary.

FALLING INTO LINE.

As will be seen the townships of Bethania and Kernersville are moving to be properly represented in our Farmers' Convention on the first Saturday in August. This is right. Let the farmers in every township in Forsyth County see to it that a good club is organized at once and that a strong delegation be sent to the County Convention.

This organization can be made of incalculable value to the farmers, and it is encouraging to see the interest that is being manifested by the farmers throughout the county.

Forms of Constitution and By-Laws may be had by applying to the office of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER.

SPANISH GROVE CLUB.

Held a meeting on Saturday, the 10th. Notwithstanding the rain-storm, we had a good attendance. Three names were added to the roll, making 22 in all. The movement for a county club was enthusiastically endorsed, and our club will be represented in the convention in Winston on the 1st Saturday in August.

Our club is taking steps to establish a good school and other clubs near us are thinking of joining us in the enterprise. With their co-operation our neighborhood will have a first class school, and this you must put down to the credit of the Farmers Club movement.

SECRETARY.

KERNERSVILLE TOWNSHIP.

We learn that a meeting of farmers will be held in this township on the 17th inst., for the purpose of organizing a club. We were favored with a call from very enthusiastic friends of the movement, who say their township will not fail to be represented in the county meeting on the 7th of August.

BETHANIA TOWNSHIP.

A meeting of the farmers in the vicinity of Rural Hall will be held on Saturday the 24th inst., to organize a Farmer's Club. We hope to have speakers present. Crops suffering from excessive wet weather. Will *Sentinel*, *Republican* and *Press* favor us by publishing the above call?

Hastily,
B. L. BITTING.

A VOICE FROM PITT.

A Progressive Farmer Who Takes a Practical View of Things.

MARLBORO, PITT CO., N. C.,
July 6, 1886.

EDITOR PROGRESSIVE FARMER:—I am trying to persuade neighbors by example and precept that all cotton farming is not farming, and that to sit quietly by and submit to the dictation of those who handle their money is lowering their manhood and subjecting posterity to a humiliation that our fathers would have spurned with contempt. I am for "hog and hominy" first, last, and all the time, and preach that doctrine "in season and out of season." Catching the spirit of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER, I am urging our people to organize for mutual advancement and protection. THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER is all that we could wish for our cause; may it long live to teach the people their rights and duties, and make them be true to themselves and their cause.

The wheat crop, which is very small, has yielded poorly. Oats were very promising but the incessant rains are about to do great damage in harvesting. We had last night and night before the heaviest rains of the season, though we have had them almost daily of late and heavy ones, too. The low land corn is almost hopeless, especially the late planted. Cotton, in addition to what it has suffered by rain, has been universally infested with lice, which, in some places, destroyed it and greatly retarded the growth of all. The price of cotton has been decided for next season, and the merchants are discussing whose head must fall, and who shall be sustained by their gracious favors, to struggle another year for a sustenance for their families. From my boyhood I have hated cotton as a deadly enemy to the prosperity of our country, and each year convinces me more and more that it is a curse to any people that make it their dependence. There are some points I would submit to the public through your paper, but it seems so well filled with better matter that I have waited for a more suitable time, and am still waiting.

F. J.

SENATORS' BIRTHPLACES.

Five Senators can never become Presidents, as they are foreign-born, Beck having been born in Scotland; Jones, of Nevada, in England; Fair, Sewell, and Jones of Florida, in Ireland. New York has given birth to more of the present Senators than any other State, the number being eight; Kentucky, Ohio and Virginia can boast of six each, Virginia and West Virginia being considered in this estimate as one; Massachusetts and Pennsylvania each, with the remainder scattering. Fourteen have been born in New England. Only four States west of the Mississippi—Indiana, Missouri, Iowa and Minnesota—have given birth to Senators. Not a Senator has been born in the western half of the United States.—*Washington Letter*.

—Great damage has been done to the crops on the water courses. One farmer, J. D. Hamlin, who lives on Eno river, informs us that he lost \$150 worth of wheat and oats by the freshest last week. Lower down on the Neuse the losses were very heavy. The corn crops on the bottom lands have been drowned, and it is now too late to plant again. The crop prospect is not flattering.—*Durham Plant*.

State Items.

—Mr. E. H. Brill, near Asheville, has a field of corn which averages eight feet tall.

—A party from London, England arrived this week. They have purchased the Winingham Mine and will at once begin work.—*High Point Enterprise*.

—Some fifteen years ago Mr. T. J. Riggsbee bought a farm near Durham for \$2.93 per acre, to-day the same land sells for from \$150 to \$300 per acre.—*Durham Recorder*.

—Frank Gaston, colored, was hanged in Salisbury on the 3d inst. In his speech on the gallows he said he wasn't "the first man hanged and hoped to God he wouldn't be the last."

—Mr. H. F. Harriss, of this town, has invented a well auger that is a decided improvement over all others that have been made, and will bore a well with greater rapidity.—*Greenville Reflector*.

The chair factory shipped several hundred chairs this week. An order for 360 was filled at one time. As the superior quality of their chairs becomes known the demand for them increases.—*Henderson Gold Leaf*.

—A vicious cow kicked a scythe blade against the ankle of Miss Emma Munday, of Lincoln county, last week. The young lady's foot was nearly cut off by the blow.—*Newton Enterprise*.

—The continuous rains lately have considerably damaged the oat and wheat crop, that which is cut lies wet and the uncut has been blown and beat down by the heavy winds and rains. They have also thrown our farmers behind with their work.—*Battleboro Headlight*.

—We never saw farmers in this section so low spirited, some of them have not worked their corn the first time though it is time it was laid by. They say if the rains continue that not half a crop will be made and they fear that if it should turn dry the result will be even worse.—*Danbury Reporter*.

—A branch of Mount St. Joseph academy (Catholic), Hickory, is to be established at Asheville. Rev. J. McHugh has become pastor of the Catholic Church, and will make Asheville his residence. This is the first permanent Catholic pastorate west of the Blue Ridge, in this State.

—Dan Williams, a miner working in the Fisher Hill mine, about seven miles from Greensboro, was killed last Thursday. The bucket filled with earth became unfastened when near the top of the shaft, which is nearly 100 feet deep. He was standing in the bottom of the shaft and was crushed by the falling bucket.

—The State board of education met at the Governor's office yesterday, 6th inst. The main business of the meeting was to receive bids for the Bible and Carrow lands in Hyde county. There was one bid submitted to them and that was rejected. The survey of these lands is now going on and the board are determined to press the work as rapidly as possible.—*Raleigh News and Observer*.

—Messrs. M. L. Holmes & J. D. Gaskill have purchased the lot at the Depot, formerly owned by the Salisbury Woolen Mills, and will proceed shortly to erect thereon a large tobacco factory—a four story building, 135x50.—The continuous rains have caused the farmers to be low spirited. Corn and cotton are in the grass, a great deal of which has never been worked since it came up, and the bulk of the wheat and oats harvested is still in the fields and sprouting badly. Take it all in all, it is a gloomy outlook for the tiller of the soil, and indirectly for everybody else.—*Salisbury Watchman*.

—James Johnson, who killed his brother with a brick bat, a little over a week ago, is avoiding arrest. The case is a very sad one. It seems that the terrible blow was given during a childish frolic, with no malice and no anger. Charles Johnson, the deceased, leaves a wife and two children—James has a wife and five children. Their wives and children were all present and witnessed the shocking tragedy.—*Chatham Home*.

—Apples are scarce this year. Many trees have none on them; but peaches are quite plentiful.—There is a subscription paper out to raise money to build a union church at Pine Grove in Abbott's Creek township.—Henry Hege died in Reedy Creek township last Thursday night. He was blind and had been entirely paralyzed twenty-six years, during all of which time he lay on his back, unable to move either hand or foot.—*Davidson Dispatch*.

—A drummer who recently traveled through the counties adjoining Mecklenburg on the south and east, says that nearly all the bottom lands have been "turned out," that is, left to grow up in grass and weeds and the upland crops look badly. In York county, S. C., seventy-five farmers have surrendered their mortgages to one individual, Mr. Ashe, giving him the privilege to work out the crops if he cares to do so. The best estimate yet made is one third of a crop.—*Charlotte Observer*.

—Sheriff Hodges is not only a good officer but a good farmer. We have in our office an Irish potato which weighs 28 ounces raised on his farm. Its shape is most peculiar, being very similar in shape to a bear foot.—The hail storm on Monday evening did serious damage to the crops in the line of its march. The cotton plants on the farm of Mr. Fred Wolfenden were completely stripped and the corn was damaged to a considerable extent.—*Washington Gazette*.

—We hear of one citizen, Mr. W. B. Vickery, of Level Cross, who lost \$2,000 on his oat crop alone by last week's flood.—Mr. James Harper, of Richland, only saved three shocks of wheat off of seven acres. The rest took an excursion down towards Cape Fear. He likewise lost several loads of hay.—The latest from Chatham is that three more blockade stills have been laid low. One of them, it is said, was bought only a few days before by the notorious Bone Taylor who had just got home from the penitentiary.—*Asheboro Courier*.

—Among the patents granted in June was one to J. W. Fries, Esq., of this place, for improved process of tanning.—The old organ in the Moravian church is undergoing repairs, tuning, &c. The organ was put up in 1799, and is considered good yet.—Persons taking an interest in the State Fruit Fair to be held in Fayetteville, August 4th and 5th, will please leave specimens of fruit at Messrs. Lineback Bros., who will attend to the shipment. A man in Davidson county says that out of more than 300 Leghorn chickens which have been hatched at his house this summer, he has but eleven young chickens now living. He intends to get rid of the Leghorns.—*Salem Press*.

—We hear great complaint of the wheat crop rotting in the fields throughout this section from the heavy rains.—Mr. D. M. Petty, of Bush Hill, thrashed out, as the products of three acres, 110½ bushels of wheat on the 7th.—J. R. Boone, near McLeansville, this county, has a heifer twenty-six months old that has never had a calf, but gives about a quart of milk a day.—A contract has been made with the penitentiary authorities for 150 convicts to grade the branch road to the factories on Deep River. The work will be commenced at once.—*Greensboro Patriot*.

THE FIRST FISCAL YEAR.

The *Washington Post* publishes the following summary of the financial operations of the government for the first fiscal year ending June 30, under President Cleveland's Administration:

The reduction in the public debt during June, as shown in the statement issued from the Treasury Department yesterday, was \$9,061,898, and for the fiscal year just ended \$86,098,766, against \$63,494,708 for the preceding fiscal year, the last of the late Republican Administration. The total receipts of the Government from all sources during the year were \$336,144,290, or \$16,000,000 more than the expectation of the Treasury officials, as shown in their estimates of last December. Customs receipts were \$192,747,822, against \$181,471,939 during the preceding year; internal revenue receipts were \$117,034,523 against \$112,498,725 the previous year, an increase in both instances, while receipts from miscellaneous sources amounted to \$26,361,945, a decrease of \$3,000,000. This shows an increase in revenue, as compared with the preceding year, of nearly \$13,000,000. With an increased revenue, there is reported a decrease in expenditures amounting to about \$15,000,000. The total expenditures of the year amounted in round numbers to \$245,000,000, against \$260,000,000 the year before. Ordinary expenses for the year just closed amounted to \$130,000,000, or fully \$22,000,000 less than the previous year. The interest charged for the past year was \$30,580,679, about a million less than the previous year, while \$64,702,454 was paid out for pensions against \$56,102,267 during the preceding year.

With total receipts amounting to \$336,000,000 and total expenditures (including \$45,000,000 sinking fund) of \$290,000,000, the government's surplus for the past year will reach \$45,000,000, against \$18,000,000 during the preceding fiscal year ended June 30, 1885.

INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION.

The industrial school is becoming a favorite with the American public. There are but few states in which one or more of these institutions is not in successful operation, and where their good results are not becoming manifest. The course of training in these schools embraces the theoretical and the practical, the ordinary course of study pursued in primary schools, accompanied by two or three hours a day of manual training, under a thoroughly qualified teacher. The shops attached to the schools are fitted up with necessary motive powers, lathes, tools for working metal and wood, etc., and the boys are thus afforded an opportunity of practical work in the respective vocations they may choose. They build machinery, draw plans of and construct miniature houses, build wagons, make furniture, etc., as their tastes or inclinations lead. The work done in some of these institutions by the boys is creditable to them and would be to expert mechanics. The spirit of emulation is aroused and the boys take pride in their work. It also breaks the monotony of routine study and furnishes a profitable and inspiring recreation, and when they leave these schools after the course of study and training prescribed, they are ready to enter upon the trades they have selected and readily become accomplished and expert workmen.

—Benton Gray, a cripple, who kept a little store in McLeansville, was found murdered in his store on the morning of the 3rd inst. The motive of the murder was a little money, which the murderer got and made his escape.

—The President last Saturday vetoed the bill which had passed Congress appropriating \$80,000 for the erection of a government building at Asheville.