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PETER AGIN' IT.

Said Peter, "I'm agin it.
For such flapdoodle I'll not fall.
Remember I'm not in it."
"Let's have a clean-up day," said
Paul.

The time went by to clean the town,
With Peter still agin it.
But one day Pete's house burned down,
And Peter he was in it.

YOUR VOTE IS VALUABLE.

It will be necessary for all de-
mocrats who have heretofore been
careless about casting their votes
on election "because in this town
there are enough votes to spare"
take a new perspective on the
subject, and to realize that in sev-
eral western counties the prepon-
dence of vote is Republican, there-
fore it behooves all who are faith-
ful to the cause to be diligent, and
register their endorsement of the
party and thus counteract the
many votes that will be cast in
other parts of the State for state
candidates and for the electors of
the Republican presidential nomi-
nee.

DONATE OLD SCHOOL BOOKS

The Superintendent of the
graded school is very anxious to
establish the library which will
be to the credit, and benefit, of the
town, and in order to get this fea-
ture started it is thought that if
all the old and out of date school
books, of which there are thou-
sands scattered throughout the
homes here, could be gathered to-
gether and shipped to New York
the allowance made for them
would help to get this library
started in a substantial way.

No book that is in current use
will be utilized for this purpose,
only those that are not the slight-
est use to anyone, and which are
merely cluttering up the book
shelves in homes, and creating
dust. These should be sent by
the children to Mr. Jenkins at
once, and he has promised to han-
dle the matter of exchange.

At a later date it is proposed
to make a canvass of the town
and find out how many school
books there are which are not be-
ing used, and which could be turn-
ed to some useful purpose, but that
matter will be attended to later
on.

TARBORO FAIR—TUESDAY

With the weather good, and a
reasonable run of good luck, The
Edgecombe County Fair should
be a decided success this year,
for the men behind the scenes
have worked indefatigably to make
it all that a fair should be.

First of all the exhibits, from
Edgecombe, Halifax, Nash, Wil-
son Pitt, Washington and Martin
counties, bid fair to excel over
the former year. For the inter-
county contest seven prizes are offered
ranging from fifty dollars for the
first prize to twenty dollars for
the seventh prize.

It has been the special desire
of the officers to eliminate every-
thing of an objectionable char-
acter, and no peddling, hawking
or other unseemly conduct will
be allowed, nor will there be and
side shows allowed that are not
specially licensed by the secre-
tary.

All crop exhibits must be made
in the name of the producer, and

in case of close competition the
judges will take into considera-
tion the neatness of the display.
Prizes will be given for the best
display of fruit or vegetables in
glass, this being confined to girls
actually enrolled in the tomato
club contest.

The ladies canning club prize
is for fruit in tins.
Several prizes will be awarded
to the boys corn club.

Live stock must be enrolled in
the name of the owner, and prizes
are offered to encourage the
breeding of better stock.

The poultry exhibit will be
judged under the American
standard of perfection, and is
open to adjoining counties.

A large space is devoted to the
exhibits of plants, flowers, needle
and fancy work, fine arts and
paintings, and dairy and pantry
supplies, and a large number of
prizes are offered for the best in
each department.

The premiums offered by the
North Carolina department of ag-
riculture in co-operation with the
Edgecombe Fair Association, will
be upon the basis of the most pro-
lific and best exhibits, rather
than the greatest amount of corn
grown.

Special round trip tickets will
be sold by the Atlantic Coast
Line at the price of eighty five
cents, on October 31st, November
1st, 2nd, and 3rd, the return lim-
it being Saturday, November 4th.

FARMERS LOANS.

Bankers are more and more
requiring of farmers who wish
other live stock to meet the re-
quirement of farmers who wish
short-time loans statements as to
their business similar to those
that are required of merchants
and manufacturers. In certain
cases bankers supply farmers
with specially prepared blanks or
rate sheets which the farmer is re-
quired to fill out before his appli-
cation for a loan is considered. In
discussing this practice, the writ-
ter of Department Bulletin No.
409, Factors Affecting Interest
Rates and Other Charges on
Short-Time Farm Loans, says, in
part:

"One important purpose of the
rate sheet is to show how far the
farmer devotes his energies to
raising a single crop, or how far
he diversifies his farming and
gives attention to the raising of
foodstuffs for his family and feed
for his animals. If, for example
farmer A has a garden and raises
enough vegetables and fruit to
supply the family needs, if he
keeps enough poultry, pigs, and
other live stock to meet the re-
quirements of his household for
eggs, meat, milk, and butter, if
he provides enough pasture, hay
and fodder to feed his live stock,
he has this advantage, that when
the cash crop, whether cotton or
grain, is ready for sale in the fall
it is not tied up with a lien to
meet a season's advance for feed
or food. He is in a position, there-
fore, to sell his cash crop when-
ever the marketing conditions are
favorable. The relatively favor-
able position of such a farmer as-
sists him in commanding the con-
fidence of lenders.

"On the other hand, consider
farmer B, who comes to the local
merchant and makes credit pur-
chases of bacon, corn meal, and
canned goods for table use, and
who goes back to his farm with
a bale of hay or a sack of feed
in his wagon box. In his cotton
field there are patches where the
yield is poor because of low soil
fertility and indifferent methods
of cultivation. The only enter-
prise on the farm is cotton grow-
ing, and this crop is mortgaged
in advance to supply the food and
feed purchased in town and con-
sumed on the farm. Farmer B.
has little if any credit at the bank.
He gets a limited store credit on
an advancing basis from a local
merchant. His is the most expen-
sive kind of credit, and probably
he is the farmer who is the least
able to pay for it.

You'll Want A New Overcoat or Suit Thanksgiving

It's very important for you to come early this season—
not so much to avoid the rush right before Thanksgiving
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tiest and most popular woollens are being withdrawn and
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