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Wanted—More Vine yards.

Mr. W. L. Melcher writing from Laconia, N. H., says: "The grapes arrived in good shape and I have distributed them. We are encouraged that we have found something to yield a profit. I think the result is good for the first year and an unfavorable season at that. More vineyards must be set out. It makes me more anxious than ever for the mountain road. I expect to succeed in accomplishing this soon notwithstanding the hard times."

These are a few words but right to the point for which we thank Mr. Melcher. It shows his business sagacity. They are a success and all are gone and people everywhere—like Oliver Twist—are asking for more. We are sorry we have no more to give them but the unstinted praise of our grapes gratifies us very much. Said one person to us: "Why I never saw anything like it. Another 'I never saw such fine fruit.'" A gentleman from Chattanooga whose opinion we esteem says unqualifiedly: "They are the finest grapes ever seen in Chattanooga;" and a dealer Mr. Muxen makes the statement that they are superior in every way to anything ever sent here and the city has been flooded with grapes from Talapoosa and elsewhere. And all this means that Sequachee grapes will have a steady local market next year. Talking with a farmer the other day we remarked that one wagon load of grapes had yielded \$23.00 cash last Thursday. He answered: "Yes and to realize that amount of money from anything else one would have to haul three or four big wagon loads."

Mr. Melcher's idea as to the extension of the vineyards is the right thing and we fully endorse it. The company's vineyards ought to be increased to fifty acres if not more this season and we long to see the whole mountain side back of the town cleared and its value enhanced since it is proved that their adaptability for fruit growing is not to be questioned. Now how to get at it and to set about the work.

With one half crop the profit on these grapes is safely \$40 per acre more than could be raised for corn or other crops on the choicest valley lands in four years taking late years as a basis which proves our position that fruit raising is and will be a paying business right here. Take a case right as to apples. There are not many apples this year—last year there were too many. We know one man on the mountain who has 500 bushels of late fruit which will mean to him \$500, better than any corn crop.

Last December a circular was mailed calling attention to grape culture as an investment in which these figures were given:

California has an average yield of 1.77 tons per acre at an average price of \$17.66 per ton yielding the owner \$29.80 to the acre. In New York the yield was 1.75 tons per acre at an average price of \$70 per ton yielding the owner \$122.50 per acre. In Ohio the yield was reported at 1.80 tons to the acre at an average price of \$57 per ton yielding an average income of \$102.60 per acre.

The entire cost of the land preparing planting trellising and caring for the vines until the end of the third year when they begin to be a source of profit will not exceed \$100 an acre which expense will be

distributed through the three years.

The income the third year from setting can safely be estimated per acre as follows: 680 vines five pounds each at three cents per pound \$102.80 which is a very moderate estimate but sufficient to cover the entire outlay. After the third year the annual income should average not less than \$100 an acre.

Subsequent events have proved that these figures and the circular was a fair and conservative estimate. We endorsed the proposition then and we reiterate our endorsement now and although the invitation to those interested here fell flat at the time of its publication we now ask a re-perusal and earnestly recommend the friends of Sequachee to stand by it and by helping themselves help the town and Valley.

Apart from this consideration we shall encourage the planting of vineyards and orchards as the very best and safest investment anyone can make but their existence means some employment and what gives employment helps to build a piece of the road up the mountain will open such a vast territory for this and kindred uses that it cannot be made too soon. We know there are many who will be glad so avail themselves of the chance to get even very small plots but the greater the variety of fruits the better for the place.

Enlarge the vineyards and bring them down the mountain side to Massachusetts or Vermont Avenue. Form an association and buy the present vineyards of the Company. To set out more grapes ought to mean the location of a basket factory here and that would perhaps suggest other enterprises, but by all means keep the ball moving.

THE NEWS favors enterprise. We do not want anyone to take hold who believes in 'I can't' but those only who say 'I will and shall.'

A Valuable Book.

We acknowledge from Foster V. Brown the receipt of the Year Book of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. It is a collection of short articles treating of the farm, field and garden, forestry, fruits, irrigation, road construction, everything in fact calculated to attract the attention of the farmer or fruit grower. There is one article in particular which we shall publish when we finish our present series of articles on Tennessee Apples. It is the "Principle Insect Enemies of the Grape." It is copiously illustrated with splendid wood cuts which we would be only too glad to reproduce if we were within our means. There are interesting articles on the Two Florida Freezes, Hemp Culture, Pruning and Care of Woody Trees, Pine Apple Industry in the United States, Small Fruit Culture for Market, Cure and Prevention of Pear Blight and like articles. It is a valuable book.

Beat the Train.

Ernest Walker, the boy who sells the News at Whitwell, started on his bicycle for Victoria just as the passenger train pulled into Whitwell, one morning last week and beat it to Victoria. As the train does some shifting, Ernest gained some five minutes start. The distance is a little less than four miles and he won a dollar on the trip.

LOCAL.

Ulpian Ferguson was in town Sunday.

About everyone went to the polls Thursday.

Matthew Pryor was in Tracy City Saturday.

John Poe, of Inman, was in town Saturday.

Maj. Thos. H. Hill went to Jasper Monday.

John Turner, of Whitwell, was in town Saturday.

Riley and Lucius Ables were in town Saturday.

Miss Effie Haynes is visiting at Kinball this week.

G. W. Watley from the mountain was in town Saturday.

S. P. Pryor spent Saturday and Sunday at Oak Grove.

The Institute at Jasper Saturday was fairly well attended.

Miss Janie Francis attended the Institute at Jasper Saturday.

Mrs. R. J. Brown and family were visiting at Whitwell Sunday.

I. Hammock and family returned Tuesday from a trip into Georgia.

Mrs. C. H. Davidson has been visiting her parents for the past week.

R. J. Kilgore, wife and children of Whitwell, are visiting Esq. Watley.

Volley Lasater is now able to get around but his foot is still very sore.

J. R. Houts, of Whitwell, was visiting his brother C. C. Houts, Sunday.

Wm. Thornton, of Jasper, was up Saturday to attend Grand Army meeting.

R. J. Kilgore of Whitwell, is now numbered among the followers of the News.

Mrs. Josie Cox and child, of Chattanooga are visiting Mr. Haynes family this week.

Job work that can be relied on as being neat and nice done promptly at this office.

Sam Houston Academy has suspended its opening indefinitely until cooler weather.

Who was the young girl that made two blushing attempts of mail one letter last Saturday.

The mysterious camera seems to be the centre of attraction now at the cave on Sundays.

Joe Green, of Victoria, was in town Saturday and remembered us in a substantial way.

Austin Coppinger won an \$80 filly off of Breck Turner on S. B. Raulston's election for Trustee.

Mrs. Hale from Chattanooga was in the city Wednesday selling medicine, a sure cure for most everything.

School opens here next Monday. Send your child to school and see that it studies. This is your duty and you should attend to it.

Joe Hicks of Whitwell was in town Saturday to attend Sons of Veterans meeting. He also subscribed for the neat and newsy News.

Our friend Austin Coppinger says of the Sequachee grapes, "They are a derved sight better than muscadines," which is true every time.

Advertised Sequachee Property.

The following are property owners whose names appear in the Delinquent Tax Sales. Space prevents us from giving the list complete, otherwise we should give a complete description of the property. Read it over and see if your name appears in it.

W. A. Brown, G. A. Brown, Bennett & Pike, Burroughs & Peavy, G. W. Bodet, Chattanooga B. & L. Association, J. H. Clancy, W. H. M. Cates, J. P. Ensworth, L. N. Farley, Lizzie E. George, Sequachee Mfg Co., E. A. Gross, J. M. Hardaway, Shade Lofty, N. E. Investment Co., A. I. Nute, G. W. O'Neal, Mrs. Jas. Owen, B. W. Rogers, S. B. Russell, Sequachee Town & Improvement Co., E. E. Smart, Lizzie Sherburn.

A Fruit Growers' Association.

Whiteville, Aug. 6.—Last Saturday was organized a Fruit Growers' Association, the object of which is to encourage the farmers to raise something for market besides cotton. T. C. Stewart a member of the Tennessee & Kentucky Land Immigration Company was made Chairman of a committee to confer with the railroad company in regard to the freight rates. The Immigration Company has recently established an office here through which they will distribute their paper published at Memphis. There have been quite a number of families from the North located in this section through this company.

Sons of Veterans

Camp P. M. Pryor No. 7 Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Division of Ala. and Tenn., was instituted Saturday last and officers elected as follows:

Captain, R. J. Kilgore; 1st Lieutenant, J. R. Ables; 2nd Lieutenant, Joseph Hicks; 1st Serg't., W. C. Hill; Q. M. Serg't., W. S. Pryor; Officer of the Guard, James Skiles, who were duly installed. The Camp will meet the 2nd Saturday at 1:00 p. m. At next meeting balance of officers will be chosen and organization completed.

Austin's Latest.

Austin Coppinger always has a story suited to the occasion and as the republicans have had a walk over in this county, Austin is at his best as he believes it presages victory in November. His latest effusion is something like this:

Silver Man.—"I hear that the streets of Heaven are paved with gold. Is that so?"

Gold Bug.—"Yes, old boy, the Bible says 'the streets are paved with gold.'"

Silver Man.—"Well, by gum, I don't want to go there. I don't want any gold in mine and I ain't even taking the gold cure."

Mr. M. W. Anderson, of Jasper, relates to us a strange experience. The birds attacked the black grapes in his garden but do not touch the Niagaras. We are not sufficiently acquainted with bird physiology to say they think them not ripe and so let them alone. Mr. Sherman has had the same experience in the company's vineyards.

Mrs. Mary J. Brown of Sequachee and Mrs. Elizabeth Dyer, of Whitwell, are the guests of Mrs. W. A. Moore, at the Moore House.—Dunlap Tribune.

County Election.

The county election passed off very quietly. The republicans were out in full force and very enthusiastic and they carried the day. The democrats did not vote theirs straight but scratched it considerably. The republicans claim that a good many democrats voted the straight republican ticket but this is an error. The democrats voted for the best man irrespective of party because they wanted good men. The republicans are jubilant and declare they will get a greater majority in November but it is not possible. It may be much less.

The official vote in the 7th District is as follows:

Supreme Judges.	
Rep.....	243 Dem.....189
Sheriff.	
Rep.....	265 Dem.....166
Trustee.	
Rep.....	538 Dem.....192
Assessor.	
Rep.....	228 Dem.....195
Constables.	

Warren (r).....	247
Barnett (r).....	262
McBryer (d).....	87
School Directors.	

Ball (r).....	224
Lasater (r).....	239
Day (d).....	192
Rogers (d).....	181
Martin (d).....	180
Carter (r. col).....	164

The vote for Judges of Chancery Court was as follows: Republicans, 1588; democrats 1070. Republican majority 508

Rogers for Sheriff received 1635 votes against Sexton's 1026. Republican majority 609.

Raulston republican candidate for trustee received 1643 votes against 1010 for Hoge. Republican majority 633.

We would give the figures for all the districts of the county but as districts 2 and 12 have not yet sent in their figures we have concluded not to bother with printing an incomplete table.

Manuf'g Property Advertised.

5 lots returned to the Sequachee Mfg Co. in Sequachee City. For full description see Book I, pages 622-3 Register's office at Jasper.

5 lots bounded north by Blocks, south A D, east and west Bld and Machinery, assessed to Sequachee Mfg Co.

This latter paragraph is given exactly as published in the Jasper Democrat. It is a pretty hard case to make out but we will let it pass.

Sam Houston Academy.

The board of Trustees met at Jasper Monday. All present.

The records of previous meeting were read and approved. Secretary reported that Treasurer had duly filed his bond and had requested Treasurer of former board to transfer records and accounts.

Examination of Records of County Courts fail to show any report of settlement since Sept. 7, 1874, when A. A. Hyde reported on hand collateral to the amount of \$5,595.61.

The meeting then adjourned.

A certain young man in Sequachee thinks churning is a pleasant task as he asked his sister Sunday morning to let him churn, but to his sorrow an accident happened to the churn and spoiled all his pleasure.

Newton Fultz had a brand new boy arrive at his house Saturday night.