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SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE

Editor Post: I have been requested by Mr. F. M. Runnels, General Secretary of the Virginia-Tennessee Agricultural and Industrial Association, to bring to the attention of our farmers and fruit growers, the School of Agriculture, to be held at Bristol on the 21, 22 and 23 days of February. There will be three lectures daily, on matters of vital interest to fruit growers, and farmers generally.

This school is held under the auspices of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, an institution that is doing a great work in educating the farmers of the State in scientific agriculture.

No field of industry has surpassed the advanced strides of agriculture within the last five years. Unless he desires to be a back number, the farmer must now be informed on scientific agriculture, and up to date methods. The old methods are fast getting to be a thing of the past, and intensified farming—the getting the best results from each acre of land—are the future problems for the solution of the farmer. All the public lands are fast being taken up and settled. The day of the cow boy, and "cattle on a thousand hills" will be soon numbered among the romantic days of the past. Land is increasing in value as our population increases, and it is becoming more and more essential for the farmer to post himself along new lines of development.

It is to be hoped that our farmers will take advantage of these free lectures. Those who will deliver them are experts in their respective lines, who have by years of study and practical experience, fitted themselves to speak intelligently, and with authority.

Respectfully, H. J. AYERS

Independent undertakers in New York have opened war on the Undertakers' Trust. Their aim is to reduce the cost of dying.

Chicago's reported drop in food prices seems to apply chiefly to such fresh eggs and fresh butter as have been in storage more than five years.

Since the big Democratic banquet the Baltimore Mint Jelup Association is languishing, as mint is exhausted.

The Chinese queues are going next month, according to reports, and the Guggenheims have an option on them. Those Guggenheims certainly have a pull.

Champ Clark is something of a wag, his latest joke is thanking the Democratic caucus for "this honor which you have bestowed upon me," when every one knows that he and his friends had it all cut and dried for months.

Civic League Column

EDITED BY THE LEAGUE.

Meetings, First Friday of Each Month.

Finding the court room locked, the Woman's Civic League was again offered a comfortable room for its monthly meeting by our obliging friend, Mr. C. C. Cochran.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read. The report of the Executive Committee was given by Mrs. Pettit. This committee held a meeting at the home of Mrs. Irvine, Friday, January 20, at 3 p. m., at which meeting the cuts and estimates of drinking fountains for the school were submitted by Mr. Counts.

The committee acted favorably, and advised Mr. Counts to install one fountain, for inspection, in the basement of the school. By this time the fountain is in place, and apparently satisfactory at a very nominal cost, and with the aid of a generous offer of the surplus of the Board of Trade's Treasury, we expect to place one drinking fountain in every school room.

The efforts of our school children in canvassing the Red Cross Seals, which amounted to \$13.58 in cash, will go, as part payment for the fountains.

The Fasher Shipp Musical Co. will be the next number of our Lyceum Course, on February 13. We have thus far had two numbers from the Alkahost Bureau, and they proved intellectual as well as entertaining feasts, and we feel confident their musical numbers will be equally enjoyable. A few complimentary tickets have been issued by the League, and we hope parties receiving them will avail themselves of the opportunity to hear the good things in store.

Another dumping ground for our garbage is very necessary, and a committee is at work, gaining the permission of influential citizens for the filling up of an artificial cavern, whose capacity is "within bounds," yet insatiable for the devouring of white winged spheres.

The question of unpaid dues still follows us like an accusing Nemesis. Ladies, this is the last call. Next month begins another year for our League, when dues again will be collected. Why not pay one dollar now instead of two dollars next month?

We were pleased to have as a visitor, Prof. Young, who is very much pleased with the drinking fountain, installed. He also presented to us the advantages of increasing our school library, furnishing a room as a reading room, containing the current magazines and newspapers. Any advantages we can possibly offer our young America in school life meets with our entire approbation; but, the amount of money involved staggered us, to such an extent that the matter was laid upon the table.

A letter from General Ayers, President of the Board of Trade, was read, asking our aid in the advertisement of our town as a summer resort, in point of good roads, altitude, delightful climate and medical springs. The spring have had our attention of yore, and it was moved and seconded that we revive our interest and raise a certain sum to beautify their location.

Mr. Counts paid us a visit, also, asking our aid in raising five hundred dollars for the advertisement of our town for summer visitors. His petition was signed by numerous business men, pledging one hundred and ten dollars. Mr. Counts assures us that by thoroughly canvassing the town the money can readily be raised and the results of money spent will prove a boom to the town. The League thoroughly appreciates the interest Mr. Counts has and is manifesting in our town, and the energies he puts forth for the welfare of same. This motion made by Mrs. Pettit, and a rising vote of thanks was accorded the gentleman.

It seems that great things are coming our way and are being thrust upon us, and we cannot (as weak women) shoulder the entire responsibility of these vast projects. Mrs. E. E. Goodloe moved that Mrs. Irvine appoint a committee to meet Gen. Ayers and Mr. Counts, for the purpose of ascertaining

definite knowledge as to the plans and means of advertising our town. The motion carried and Mrs. Skeen, Mrs. Pettit, Mrs. Goodloe, Mrs. Irvine and Mrs. Kilbourn constitute the committee.

Last year twenty-five dollars was voted for shade trees for beautifying our sidewalks. We neglected ordering these trees until too late. A motion was carried that the trees be ordered, also that another twenty-five dollars be added to the original sum. These trees will be planted from the Dummy Bridge all the way to the Gap. We will also call upon our city engineer to define the pavement along here for the proper planting of trees.

A goodly number of members showed their interest by their presence at this meeting. In union there is strength; and repetition is encouraging.

If there are any aspiring suffragettes in our League, we hope to have them with us next meeting (the first Friday in March) when they will be given the freedom of the ballot in the election of new officers for the ensuing year.

SECRETARY.

SCHOOL REGULATIONS.

To the Patrons of Big Stone Gap School:

We realize that keeping pupils in for a special period of time, along with other devices on the part of the teachers, do not with certain pupils in our school, accomplish the desired results. For an example: As I stated last week, our maximum penalty at the "dinner hour" is 20 minutes. This penalty may be repeated as many days as is necessary to pay off all penalties. Now, when a pupil, though he may not by any means be of a rebellious nature, get so smart that he realizes he can talk all he pleases on 20 minutes a day, and, further, prefers to follow this course rather than to comply with the law, it becomes necessary for us to form some regulation providing for a penalty for the accumulation of penalties. Therefore, at our last Faculty meeting, our regulations were amended to read as follows:

"Any pupil in the High School Department that is reported for disobedience shall be punished in the following manner:

"First offense: Stay in 20 minutes at noon, and in addition to this, write neatly a given word 200 times.

"Second offense: Stay in 20 minutes and write a given word 400 times.

"Third offense: Stay in 20 minutes and write a given word 600 times.

"Fourth offense: Stay in 20 minutes and write a given word 800 times.

"Fifth offense: Stay in 20 minutes and write a given word 1000 times."

If this is the fifth time the pupil has been reported in four consecutive weeks, he shall, in addition to the above penalties served, be suspended for one week.

The pupil is to study the 20 minutes he remains in at the noon hour, and write the words given at home after school hours. These words must be neatly written else they will be rejected, and required to be written over.

The same regulations above mentioned apply to the Grammar Grades, with the following exception:

"When a pupil is reported five times, he shall be sent to the Principal to be dealt with as the Principal decides.

"The second fifth time he is reported, he shall be suspended for one week."

Third and Fourth Primary Grades are subject to the same regulations, with this exception: "No one in the Primary Grades shall be suspended."

We realize that the proper order and discipline in a school goes a good ways toward shaping manhood and womanhood. Of course, it is by no means everything, still, the spirit of disobedience on the part of any pupil must be checked, and not allowed to grow, if not, the same will bring forth fruit after its kind in the future men and women.

There never was a time when the cry for "Obedience to Law," in the home, in the school, in the land, and to our God, was louder and greater than it is today. So many of our parents

are forgetting, it seems, to teach their children the "old time" respect and obedience and reverence due those in authority in the home and elsewhere.

The above regulations are designed for no other purpose than for the good of your children, and for the best interests of the school. So again we say, let us have your hearty co-operation.

Very truly yours, H. H. YOUNG.

P. S.—A special regulation concerning the "Dinner List," "If a pupil is tardy three times at noon he shall be taken off the "dinner list" for a week. If he is tardy five times after that, he shall be taken off the "dinner list" altogether."

H. H. Y.

Solves a Deep Mystery.

"I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart," wrote C. B. Rader, of Lewisburg, W. Va., "for the wonderful double benefit I got from Electric Bitters, in curing me of both a severe case of stomach trouble and of rheumatism, from which I had been an almost helpless sufferer for ten years. It suited my case as though made just for me. For dyspepsia, indigestion, jaundice and to rid the system of kidney poisons that cause rheumatism, Electric Bitters has no equal. Try them. Every bottle is guaranteed to satisfy. Only 50c. at Kelly Drug Co.

School Notes.

"Did I pass?" was all the teachers heard last week.

The results of the mid-term finals last week show that good work has been done by the school body in spite of the many interruptions.

The teachers are always glad to see visitors at any time, particularly, if the said visitor imagines he has a grievance against any member of the faculty.

A patron who sees only his child's view of a school matter, and is not big enough and broad enough to see that of his child's teacher, also, would rightly be included in the fool-killers list of undesirable citizens.

If any man hastens to the school building filled with what he supposes to be a righteous indignation against any member of the faculty and returns some hours later feeling like a bad penny and looking like one, his friends may be safe in concluding that he got all that was coming to him up there, and that from henceforth he will be a sadder and wiser man in school matters.

The following little paper was written by a Grade III, Sec. B pupil, nine years of age:

Benjamin Franklin.

(By Ted Witt.)

Benjamin Franklin was a good boy. He was very poor. He liked to read. His father worked making candles and soap. Benjamin had to help him. When they would make some Benjamin would sell them. When Benjamin was not working he would stay at home and read. He would help his brother in the printing office. He would borrow books and sit up at night and read them, so he could return them the next morning. When he wanted to know anything he would not ask anyone else, he would go and study for himself. He watched ants and little insects. One day he made him a kite out of a piece of silk, with a steel rod on top. He had a common string, and at the end of the string he tied a key. The key he tied to a bottle, and then he tied a silk piece, and got the bottle full of electricity, and made a door bell and many other things. He sold the old books and got money and bought more new books. We use electricity for telephones and telegraphs and electric lights.

GOOD ROAD TRAIN TOURING COUNTRY.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 3.—During the past week the Good Roads Bureau of the Agricultural Department, organized and sent on tour probably the most interesting and instructive special train that ever stopped within the borders of the national capital. The special is known as the Demonstration Train on Road Work, and it is destined to visit the various states for the purpose of education in good road construction.

The train consists of two special cars, one rrying a stereopticon and a slide on roadmaking, a. ne other containing models of roads, photographs of different types of roads all over the country and models of road making machinery. Many of these

models have never been used before, and will attract the attention of road builders everywhere.

The good roads train has gone to Pennsylvania, where it will make the circuit of the smaller towns for the next two months. The future of the train has not been decided upon, but there are requests for it in many states. Members of the Virginia delegation will endeavor to have the cars make a tour of that state as soon as possible.

AN ORDINANCE

By request of Mayor Horton, we publish below section 2, page 46, of the amended Town Ordinance, which relates to the powers of fire department officials, and is as follows:

"Section 2. Any association of twenty or more men may, with the approval of the council, organize themselves into a volunteer fire company, and make such by laws, rules and regulations, subject to the approval of the council, as they shall see fit for their government and control, consistent with the laws of this state and the general ordinances of the town. They shall take charge of the fire apparatus of the town, see to its proper care and protection under the general direction of the committee of the council on sewers, water works, and fire, and to do all things in their power which may be deemed necessary to prevent and control any conflagration. All members of the fire company, when on active duty, at any conflagration, shall have the powers of policemen in preserving order, in preventing the spread of conflagration, and in taking care of property, such police powers to be directed by the proper officers of the police guard and the fire department. All persons present at any conflagration may be required by the proper officer of the police guard or fire department to aid in extinguishing the flames, in preventing their spread, and in taking care of property, and any person refusing to obey orders of the proper officials of the fire department, or of the police guard, shall be reported to the mayor, and on each conviction thereof fined not less than \$2.00 nor more than \$50.00, for each offense."

Back Home Movement

And What it Means to the Southern States.

The back home movement, inaugurated in North Carolina and originated by W. D. Roberts, of the Charlotte Railroad, can be made to contribute more to the people of Virginia, North Carolina and the South than any other propaganda that has been introduced in fifty years. The proposition is a simple one. All that is necessary is for every resident of the State to show an interest in bringing back the friends and relatives that have gone out into other territories to seek their fortunes and a new home.

The railroads show an unusual interest by their hearty cooperation and willingness to distribute literature abundantly showing the unusual possibilities that await homeseekers, newcomers and returning friends who come down to help us share in the many bounties that have been extended to us within the past ten years.

F. H. LaBaume, of the Norfolk and Western railroad, has just issued a lot of illustrated booklets relative to Poultry and Live Stock Raising, General Farming, Truck Raising and Fruit Growing, in addition to the large illustrated Quarterly Magazine (The Southern Homeseekers and Investors' Guide).

Any resident of Virginia or North Carolina who will send in names of absent friends and relatives will confer a favor not only upon these friends, but upon themselves and the State as well, by sending the names of these people residing in the North and West, so that Mr. LaBaume can send them an attractive assortment of literature, maps, rates, etc., and a most urgent invitation to come down and investigate our section.

One of our citizens who occasionally wipes the dishes for his wife, became tired of the job and refused, saying "that it is not a man's work." Not feeling disposed to lose his help she brought the Bible out to convince him of his error and read as follows from II Kings, 5:8

21:15: "And will wipe Jerusalem as a man wipeth a dish, wiping it and turning it upside down." It is needless to say that he is still doing his occasional stunt.—Exchange.

As a result of an agreement reached by the Pullman Company and the Interstate Commerce Commission, the rates on upper berths will be lower, beginning February 1. The reduction will amount to 20 per cent. below the charge for lower berths. This reduction applies to Pullman cars everywhere, and anyone in the future who wishes to save on their traveling expenses can do so by purchasing an upper berth.

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Interstate Railroad Company will be held at The Fleischman House, Alexandria, Va., Wednesday, February 15th, 1911, at 12:30 o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of hearing annual reports, electing a Board of Directors and transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

H. B. PRICE, Secretary.

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of The Virginia Coal and Iron Company will be held at The Fleischman House, Alexandria, Va., Wednesday, February 15, 1911, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the purpose of hearing annual reports, electing a Board of Directors and transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

H. B. PRICE, Secretary.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

VIRGINIA. In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Wise, the 2nd day of February, 1911.

Sol Hyman, Plaintiff, vs. J. C. Jones, Defendant. IN CHANCERY

The object of this suit is to review a decision of the Circuit Court of Wise county heretofore entered in the above styled cause, and to set aside and annul the said final decree rendered therein and to appear from affidavit on file in the above styled cause that Sol Hyman is not a resident of the State of Virginia, it is ordered that he appear here within fifteen days after the publication of this order and do what is necessary to protect his interest in this case, and it is ordered that a copy of this order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Big Stone Gap Post, and a copy be posted at the front door of the Court House of said county, as prescribed by law.

C. A. JOHNSON, Clerk.

Bond & Bruce, Attys. For J. C. Jones, Wise, Va. Feb 8-4-9

NOTICE.

In the United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia:

In the matter of T. J. Palmer, Bankrupt. In Bankruptcy.

Notice of the sale of store lease, and stock of merchandise.

Pursuant to an order entered on the 2nd day of January, 1911, by the Hon. D. F. Bailey, Referee in the above matter, the undersigned, Trustee in Bankruptcy, will, on Monday, the 27th day of February, 1911, on the premises in the town of Appalachia, Virginia, sell at public outcry: An undivided one-half interest in the use of the store building situated on lots 7 and 8 of Block 11, Keystone Coal & Iron Co.'s Plant No. 1, of the said town, for the period of five years from the first day of March, 1910.

TERMS OF SALE

For cash in hand on the day of sale, one-third of the amount of the purchase price bid, and on the balance a credit of six and twelve months will be given, the purchaser giving notes with good security, bearing interest from the day of sale, negotiable and payable at the Dominion National Bank, of Bristol, Va.

N. B. The purchaser may pay all cash if he so desires.

2nd. On the same day and at the same place, I will also sell for cash in hand on day of sale, all that stock of goods, wares and merchandise, furniture and fixtures in the store building above mentioned.

BIDS SOLICITED

Prior to the day of sale I am authorized and directed to solicit bids on the said stock of goods, either as a whole or in job lots, on which the following terms will be given, to wit: One-third cash, the balance on a credit of six and twelve months, the purchaser giving notes bearing interest from day of sale with good security, negotiable and payable at the Dominion National Bank, of Bristol, Va.

Send your bids to the undersigned at Big Stone Gap, Va. Respectfully submitted, W. S. MATTHEWS, Trustee in Bankruptcy for T. J. Palmer, Bankrupt.