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The Laymens Convention assembled in Columbia this week is said to have eclipsed all other efforts or gatherings of this movement. What ever South Carolina undertakes she does with a whole heart.

We believe that nine men out of ten are with President Wilson on his preparedness program. At least that is the way those with whom we have come in contact express themselves and what you find in one section you are pretty apt to find in another, especially on national questions.

We have it a little on the Tar Heels yet. The legislature is going to allow us two quarts a month while in North Carolina your face is only good for one quart during the month. But the North Carolinian is resourceful and but few of them but what know how to make a little run for themselves.

Every teacher on the 19th, meeting and all program

bringing the parents into closer touch with each other.

If any are in doubt as to the advisability of the preparedness program of Mr. Wilson they might ask themselves what is the use of any navy or army at all if we cannot have one that would be able to compete on at least an equal basis with any other nation. With a weak and inferior navy we will be, in case we should ever be involved in war, at the mercy of that nation. We would be in the predicament of trying to save our fleet from destruction at the hands of our enemy instead of having a navy sufficient strong to protect our rights and our ports. Let us have one equal to any other nation on earth or do away with the farce of having any at all.

Friends of a Strong America.

If we respect ourselves, and if we appreciate the advantages that we have long enjoyed, we will do unto others as we would wish to have them do unto us in like circumstances. Let us, for instance, ask this very simple question: What countries, today, would be glad to see the people of the United States able to protect themselves against any possible attack, and able to enforce peaceful measures in the regions where the United States ought to exercise the leading influence? The people of the following states would undoubtedly like to have the United States very strong and well prepared for the defense of her own territories and for the encouragement of right and justice in the world: Holland, Belgium, Switzerland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, China, Canada, the Australian Commonwealth, the South African Union, Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Cuba, and most of the other Latin American republics, and probably Spain. The countries that we have named do not want anything that they do not already possess, and have no aggressive designs or purposes. Since the people of those countries are well aware that the people of the United States have no aggressive purposes, they will feel stronger and safer. The world, if the United States had a bigger and stronger navy and international relations, would be a better world. From 'The Progress' in The American Review for February.

RELATING TO RIDGEWAY.

Mr. D. W. Tidwell, a veteran of the late war, died at his home in Longtown on Tuesday last. Mr. Tidwell had been in bad health for a long time and his death was not unexpected. His remains were interred at the Presbyterian cemetery at Longtown on Wednesday.

Messrs. J. S. Edmunds, R. C. Thomas, C. P. Wray, and C. H. Wray attended the sales in Winnsboro Monday.

Capt. W. J. Johnson returned from New York on Friday.

Mr. C. L. Wray has broken ground for the erection of a new brick store next to the J. M. Wilson building.

The Farmers and Merchants Bank will erect a modern bank building in their recently purchased lot.

Rev. Mr. Pritchard of Williamsburg, a former rector of the Ridgeway Presbyterian church was in town on Wednesday.

The Old Folks concert at the school house Friday was quite a success.

New automobiles continue to arrive which indicates prosperity either real or imaginary.

Mr. R. S. Spence has been attending the Federal court at Greenwood as a juror.

Mr. Hamp Mellichamp of Blackville is visiting his mother.

Mr. M. L. Cooper, a prominent farmer from the Bear Creek section, was a business visitor in town Wednesday.

Some one wanted to know what had become of the legislature, we referred him to the tax levy. He lost his religion immediately and desired no further information.

Demand for fertilizer unusually light, presumably on account of the high price.

MORE MEAT-MAKERS  
FEWER RAZOR-BACKS

"Piney-Woods Rooter" is Giving Way to Better Bred Members of Hog Tribe

The ungainly, unprofitable hog known as the razor-back is fast giving way in South Carolina to a better type—a safety razor-back. The well bred hog far exceeds the razor-back in meat and pig production and modern farming conditions require that these two factors be carefully considered when hogs are being selected. Good farming has no place for the razor-back, because good farming is first of all economical.

Market hogs are storehouses in which grain, forage, and other feeds are stored up in the form of meat. The small granary is of comparatively little value; the profits are in those having at least reasonable capacity. The razor-back is a "storehouse" with very little capacity and can not make rapid gains. On the other hand, a pig of any of the popular breeds is capable of attaining a weight of from 250 to 350 pounds at nine to twelve months old; indeed, such weights are not unusual in the Corn Belt.

The well bred hog far outclasses the razor-back in regularity of breeding and ability to produce large litters of pigs. This is one of the most important points to be considered in hog-raising.

Finally, look at this picture of a typical razor-back and then call to mind the appearance of any well-bred hog. The differences are so striking that a comparison seems absurd.



A typical "piney-woods rooter" one year old. The kind of hog not to have. It is less common in South Carolina than it once was.

However, one need not begin with an entire herd of pure bred animals in order to succeed with hogs. The logical method is to use pure bred sires—whether breeding hogs or horses or cattle—and to grade up the herd at minimum cost. Decide on the breed of hogs you desire to raise, selecting from the popular breeds; use only pure bred boars of this breed, sticking to the breed chosen, and at the same time avoiding inbreeding; give reasonable care in feeding and general management. If these things are done, you may expect the hogs to respond by bringing in steady profits.

R. L. SHIELDS, Chief Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Clemson Agricultural College.

During the fall of 1914 Chicago wholesalers quoted the following prices per pound on named varieties of pecans: Schley, 45 cents; Van Deman and Delmas, 40 cents; Stuart, 35 cents; Alley, 30 cents.

The wise gardener looks to his tools in the first days of spring so as to be ready when the rush comes.

DEMONSTRATION STATISTICS FOR 1915

The year 1915 was a most successful one for the demonstration work in South Carolina, according to annual reports of the county demonstration agents which have been received at Clemson College by State Agent W. W. Long. This annual report is tabulated from a weekly report sheet which the agent fills out at the end of each week. On these sheets the agents report the statistical results of practically every line of work they are engaged in. In this way it is possible to obtain each year an accurate summary of the results accomplished by the whole organization. At the same time, one reading a report of the work should bear in mind that the agents report only on the demonstrations, or farmers who work direct under the supervision of the agent. They do not include any estimate of the great increase in the wealth of the state through the work of farmers who are indirectly influenced by the demonstration agents. If statistics for this were obtainable, it is certain that they would be vastly greater than those for the demonstrators alone.

Acreage in corn	19,530
Total yield of corn (bushels)	574,779
Acreage in cotton	14,618
Total yield of cotton (pounds lint)	7,004,066
Bushels of vetch and grain seed (mixed) harvested	16,038
Pounds of bur clover seed saved	67,372
Acres of alfalfa sown in fall of 1915	15,799
Number of purchasing or marketing clubs started	58
Number of fruit trees pruned and sprayed	55,436
Number of people co-operating with traps	1,016
Number of hogs vaccinated against cholera	7,323
Value of hogs vaccinated against cholera	\$52,158
Number of pastures started	527
Percentage of demonstrators killing or raising meat	90%
Percentage of demonstrators killing or raising wool	26.92%
Number of tons of fertilizer home-made	7,844
Number of tons of fertilizer bought or sold	87%
Percentage of demonstrators shallow-cultivating	84%
Percentage of demonstrators field-seeding seed	24%

SOME IMPORTANT LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Reversing its position of Tuesday night, the house yesterday by a large majority voted in favor of a substitute child labor bill introduced by Mr. McCullough; the new bill, which was given a second reading on a ye and nay vote of 61 to 39, provides that after July 1, 1916, no child under 13 shall work in a factory, mine or textile establishment and after July 1, 1917, no child under 14 shall work in similar occupations. A special provision prohibits children working in a district where compulsory school attendance is in force.

Prohibition measures were further entrenched in South Carolina yesterday when the senate by a vote of 26 to 18 reduced the amount of liquors that may be imported each month from one gallon to two quarts. Earlier in the morning an amendment to limit monthly shipments to one quart was rejected by a vote of 21 to 23. Several other amendments were offered, among these being two to allow the alternative of beer shipments. One Senator Hughes of Union would provide for 60 bottles or one-half barrel of beer monthly. Sen. Sinkler of Charleston offered to substitute an amendment to provide for 30 bottles of beer. Vote was taken on the alternative amendments during the morning session.

In the evening the bill was further modified by the adoption of the Hughes amendment, which provided for monthly shipments of 60 pint bottles of beer in lieu of the two quarts of whiskey. The amendment was adopted by a vote of 22 to 19. The Hughes amendment was further modified to preclude shipments of beer with a content of alcohol greater than 5 per cent. Provision was also made to have beer shipped in open cases, that rigid inspection might be enforced. The bill in its entirety was passed by a vote of 28 to 12.

The bill by Messrs. Moore and Robinson to establish the John De La Howe industrial home and school for destitute children, carrying a State appropriation of \$10,000, was given a second reading in the house yesterday morning, with practically no opposition. The management of the institution, which will be located on property in Abbeville county designated in the will of the late John De La Howe, is placed in the hands of a board of trustees to be selected by the general assembly. The school will be operated for white boys and girls between the ages of six and 16, who are destitute and who have neither parent nor guardian to care for them or whose parents or guardians are unable to care for them. An inmate of the home shall be kept there until 21 years of age, unless sooner dismissed by the trustees or a judge. The bill requires that each boy or girl shall work at least four hours a day and shall be instructed in such branches of useful knowledge and arts as may be suited to his or her years.

A bill relating to the high schools of the State and providing for State aid was passed in the house last night by the overwhelming majority of 89 to 9. The bill regulates the disbursement of the \$35,000 appropriation for the advancement of high schools and does away with the charging of tuition in certain instances. The bill has been endorsed by practically all those connected with the public school system of South Carolina.

WHAT FEED TO GIVE TO BREEDING STOCK

Beef Cattle Fed For Breeding Purposes Need Tissue-Making Foods.

In the management of beef cattle for breeding purposes, the object in feeding is to develop the animal and maintain vigor and tone. Therefore, feed rations rich in tissue-building materials, protein and ash, and avoid feeding excessive quantities of fattening feeds. Below are feeding rations for South Carolina cattle feeders:

Concentrates: Mix the feeds in each group in proportions suggested and feed as directed:

Group 1: Corn-and-cob meal or ground barley or rice meal, 40 pounds; ground oats, 40 pounds; wheat bran, 10 pounds. Ration: feed from 1 to 2 pounds of this mixture per 100 pounds live weight, exact quantity to be fed depending on age, weight, and general condition.

Group 2: Corn-and-cob meal or ground barley or rice meal, 50 pounds; cottonseed meal, 10 pounds; bran, 20 pounds; cottonseed meal, 10 pounds. Ration: as in Group 1.

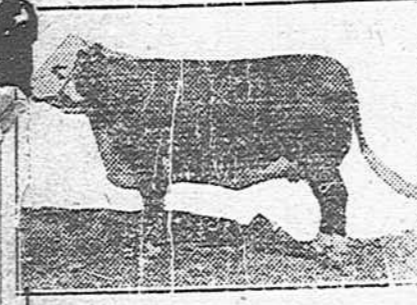
Group 3: Corn-and-cob meal or ground barley or rice meal, 40 pounds; cottonseed meal, 10 pounds; bran, 50 pounds. Ration: as in Group 1.

Roughage: Feed from 5 to 8 pounds cowpea hay, clover, or alfalfa, and what crab grass or other hay the animal will clean up. Stover (corn fodder) and oat straw may be used with the cowpea, clover, or alfalfa hay. Corn silage and roots, such as beets, carrots, turnips, etc., are excellent feeds and, when available, should make up a part of the roughage, replacing about 6 pounds of the dry roughage. Feed about 2 pounds of silage per 100 pounds live weight.

Livestock need salt. Feed it in small quantities at regular intervals or put in a suitable box to which the stock have continual access.

Good and abundant pasturage is essential in economical livestock production. During the grazing season, if pastures are good, cows and calves need very little attention.

Pure fresh water should be available at all times. It should be given them at least twice daily and during hot weather three times daily.



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