

The Model Farm of Geo. W. Truitt.

Southern Cultivator.

We spent the last day of 1906 down with our friend and successful farmer, Geo. W. Truitt. He is still raising cotton, making 400 bales this year, but he does not neglect corn, grain and cattle. He has a fine lot of grain sown and it is looking fine. He gave us a new idea in drilling oats in the open furrow, which greatly simplifies the matter, and works perfectly. He rides up his land with scooter and Johnson Wing, sows his oats broadcast by hand; then runs a ten-foot scantling or pole, up and down these ridges, and leaves the oats down in the sink. We saw a sixty acre field sown this way and you could not tell but that the oats had been drilled with a machine, so evenly had they come up along the furrows. This certainly simplifies the "open furrow method." Mr. Truitt showed us a stalk of cotton with 1,000 open bolls on it. It was the finest we ever saw. Had twelve long, large limbs upon it. It was over six feet tall and as it grew was about eight feet in diameter as the limbs spread out. It was a perfect shaped stalk and presented a cylinder, white cotton, the limbs being tied up to the stalk. Mr. Truitt used large quantities of his early, damaged seed upon his grain, but showed us a pile of 4,000 bushels of as fine as we ever saw. Dry enough to rattle like grains of corn. We met three wagon loads going to the depot to be shipped. He has plenty of labor, having over twenty wagehands. He pays them \$14.00 per month and gives rations so you see he pays well, but he has good, picked hands. This may be the way we will have to solve the labor problem—pay more and learn to produce more. A farmer who makes cotton, corn, wheat and oats like Geo. W. Truitt, can afford to pay well for labor. The man who makes a bale of cotton per acre is not hurt by high wages; it is the man who is sticking to the old slip shod methods of farming. There is no use grumbling; we will have to readjust ourselves, that's all. Darwin's theory has at last struck the farmers, "The fittest will survive." We want to say here: Geo. W. Truitt shreds his corn, feeds cattle, makes manure, keeps his land from washing, and is making it richer every year. But the best thing about him is that he is in love with his calling. He loves to farm and the allurements of town have no charms for him. He delights in making big crops and having plenty of everything around him, and he has it.

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Practical Poultry Talk--Setting the Hen and Managing the New Biddies.

"Uncle Jo" in the Progressive Farmer.

We are on the eve of hatching season of 1907 and the work done in and about the poultry houses and yards this month will count much towards success or failure later on. It is none too early to get out the chicken coops and patch them up if needed, and give them a good coat of whitewash inside and out.

See that all the coops to be used early in the season have good floors to them, not stationary, but movable floors. The ground is too cold in February and March for little chickens to stand on all night. This is Cause of Failure No. 1.

Then again the preparation of the nest and setting hens is another important matter. The best way to do this is to have your nest boxes (soap boxes are good) made properly; first give the box a good coating of whitewash, to which a little kerosene has been added. Into this box put about six inches of dry road dust, scooping it out in the centre; then put a layer of clean straw or hay that has been cut an inch and a half long.

During the early season, when the weather is uncertain, it is best not to put more than eleven eggs in the nest as the outside ones may become chilled, though a good old motherly hen will move her eggs about in the nest. Before putting the hen on, give her a good dusting with some insect powder, and repeat this every week during incubation; do not think because it is early in the season there are no lice. They (like the chronic grumbler) are always with us—no, no, not with us; with the hens, though not in so great numbers as in the summer. Wage relentless war fare on the critters, for you cannot successfully raise a crop of lice and chickens on the same ground.

At the expiration of term of incubation remove the hen and "biddies" to a good coop having a southern exposure, anoint the leads of the little balls of down with a little vaseline, castor oil, sweet oil, or lard; scatter a little fine sand on the coop floor. Then go away and leave them for thirty-six or forty hours, and then give them their first meal of finely cracked oats, wheat or corn, or all three mixed together.

Be particular to remember that I said thirty-six to forty hours before the first meal. Nature has provided in the yolk of the egg (which the chicken absorbs just before it breaks the shell) sufficient nourishment to sustain life for four days, and if you feed them when first hatched you crowd their little stomachs. In that case, look out: in digestion and bowel troubles follows, and such a lot of crying, sorrowing, and measly little chicks you never saw—and one by one their little toes are turn-

ed up to the knots and daisies, and the old hen's work of patient sitting for twenty-one days has gone for naught, and your visions of pocket change will go up in the air like a rocket and burst like a toy balloon.

Senate Votes to Kill Dispensary and Bucket Shops and the House to Repeal Lien Law.

Columbia special in the Observer: The Senate, which has been the only hope of the State dispensary people, today gave another vicious jab to the system by adopting the resolution of Senator Smith to abolish the dispensary. The vote was 19 to 16, with two anti-dispensary absentees paired. Senators Hough and Johnson, who were also absent, are known dispensary men. All of which shows a positive majority of one.

The vote last night and today appears to point to the doom of the State dispensary system, and the anti dispensary people are jubilant today.

The original Smith resolution carried a provision calling upon the joint judiciary committees to report a bill for a substitute for the State dispensary system, but this was amended so as to require these committees to report a bill providing for local option between county dispensaries and county prohibition, which is the provision of the Carey Cothran bill, the anti-dispensary cohorts' measure pending in the House and which that branch will pass by over 10 majority.

By a 2 to 1 vote the Senate today passed the Carlisle-Sanders bill outlawing bucket-shops in this State. Senator Weston tried to secure the passage of a substitute and Senator Sinkler made an effort to get in an amendment so as to have the law in effect July 1, not to impair existing licenses, but both were voted down by large majorities.

The House spent practically all of its session today debating the bill of Mr. Richards to repeal that portion of the lien law which provides for the croppers making liens to merchants for supplies. The friends of the bill took the position that a repeal was necessary in order to relieve the unsatisfactory condition as to negro labor on the farm.

With the Richards bill passed, the cropper is in the hands of the landlord, a lien to another being void except on a written waiver by the landlord. Finally the bill passed, 78 to 32.

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Condemned Murderer who Escaped, has been captured.

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