

CULTURE OF PEANUTS.

Valuable Pointers Sent Out by Alabama Business Man.

The Hartford (Conn.) News-Herald publishes the following letter, sent out by a business man of Ozark to his customers, which has some valuable pointers on peanut culture that will be of interest to those who are planning to plant peanuts on a large scale this year:

"Have your land well drained as wet sobby land will not make good peanuts. Break your land early. About the 15th of March lay off with a good middle buster 3 or 3 1/2 feet, let the land stay in this condition till about April 1, then get on top of the bed with fertilizer distributor and put in about 200 or 300 pounds acid phosphate to the acre. About the 20th of April take your Cole Chada View peanut planter with your peanuts shelled and run right through the acid phosphate fur row and drop the peanuts 8 or 12 inches apart, but don't plant too deep and plant on top of bed.

"Watch your peanuts, and just as soon as you find they are sprouting and getting ready to come up, run a little Joe harrow over them, don't let your peanuts come up in weeds for if you do you will have a hard time cultivating. Run harrow over the rows just as often as you have rain and see little weeds and grass coming through run over them with a harrow. If you should throw some little dirt over the peanut they will come through any way.

"After your peanuts begin to bunch run small scrape or sweep around; be sure and don't get them on a bed. Cultivate shallow and at, keep cultivating with scrape or sweep until they are laid by. You ought to be able to cultivate them without putting a hoe in them.

"About one to 1-2 bushels of good sound peanuts in hull properly shelled should plant an acre of land. There is a little peanut sheller made by Thos. Huston, Henderson, Tex. It is the best huller we have had although it's nothing extra. You can shell about 15 bushels per day.

"Gathering: We gather peanuts with a plow made by C. Billups Sons & Co., Norfolk, Va., especially made for gathering running peanuts. It is quite a success for gathering.

"Varieties: Our farmers have made the best success with running peanuts. They are averaging about 40 bushels to the acre. Some have made and gathered 80 bushels per acre.

"Stacking: Have your stack poles about 7 feet above the ground and stack the same day you plow them up, but don't stack while the dew is on. Stack your peanuts so the nuts will be next to the pole and fill your pole hole up over the top and cap it off with grass or heavy vines. Your peanuts will keep

indefinitely this way.

"Our peanut growers have all made money this year, having sold their crop at \$74 to \$80 per ton to the oil mills."

FARMERS BETTER OFF
Half Billion to The Good Compared With Last Year.

Washington, D. C., January 27.—"Farmers of the South are better off by half a billion dollars than they were this time last year," said President Fairfax Harrison of the Southern Railway System referring to the figures of aggregate crop values published by the United States Department of Agriculture.

"These figures show," said Mr. Harrison, "that in the states of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi, the total value of all crops grown in 1916 was \$1,882,060,000, as compared with \$1,337,552,000 in 1915 an increase of \$504,708,000, or 36.64 per cent. These figures are arrived at by taking the reported values of 13 principal crops as to which the Agricultural Department collects annual statistics and adding values for all other crops based on the percentages of the 13 crops to all crops as shown by the census of 1910.

"While the increased total value is, in large part, due to higher prices for farm products, it is truly remarkable when taken in connection with the unfavorable weather conditions which prevailed in a large part of the territory. In some localities, as a result of adverse weather conditions and the damage done by the Mexican cotton boll weevil, crop yields were substantially reduced, but, taking the South as a whole, its farmers were never more prosperous than at this time."

KERSHAW NEWS NOTES.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. T. Cauthen, who have been living at Oswego for several years, have moved to the home of the latter's father, T. R. Kirkley near Kershaw.

Miss Jen Taylor, of Camden spent last week in Kershaw with her friend, Miss Sarah Benton.

Mrs. T. B. Clyburn at the bedside of her little daughter Minnie Belle, at the Fennell Infirmary in Rock Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. K. Hough, who formerly lived at Bethune, have moved to Chester. Mr. Hough has a position with the Catawba Fertilizer Company.

D. P. Dye went to Chester Monday in answer to a telegram announcing the death of his father-in-law, Mr. William Mobley, which occurred at his home near that city early Monday morning.

Attorney T. J. Kirkland, of Camden was in Kershaw Monday on legal business.

DETECTIVE BURNS FINED.

Declared Guilty of Copying and Publishing Private Papers.

New York, Jan. 26.—William J. Burns, head of a private detective agency, was found guilty here late today of surreptitiously entering the law offices of Seymour & Seymour, making copies of private papers and then publishing them. Burns was employed by J. P. Morgan & Co. to trace a "leak" of information about contracts for war supplies for the Entente Allies from the Morgan office. To obtain the information sought Burns gained access to the Seymour office.

In finding Burns guilty the justice of the court of special sessions who heard the case, laid down the legal principle that no private detective has the right to enter a man's office or dwelling and examine his private correspondence and papers.

"It would be giving a private detective more power than a policeman," declared Justice Collins. "The law puts a protection around a man's home. It would be a deplorable thing if, in America a private house were not safe from being entered by private detectives; and, if a lawyer's office may be safely entered what protection would a client have?"

A fine of \$100 with an alternative of thirty days in jail was imposed upon Burns, who paid the fine under protest. Announcement was made that an appeal would be taken.

Respectable Vultures.

We want to pay our respects to that class of social vampires which infest every city we have ever known, who ply their trade without compromising their respectability in the eyes of the community and of which ville posts Greenville has her full share. We refer to the man who is always seeking to entice some more or less innocent youth to a drinking feast or a gambling party or a combination of the two. The ruining of the manhood of young men seems to be a monomania with them; it is certainly an art. If the truth were known, an appalling list of failures in business and social life would be laid at the doors of these character pirates, some as the immediate results of their influence, some as the more remote result.

They usually have prominent social position which they use as a bait to lure their victims; they are ordinarily of that flashy type which dazzles the eyes of the youth who has but recently been released from the apron strings. We have known men whose greatest delight it was to sit around their club and see how many men, young and old, they could make drunk in the course of an evening. It is a hobby with others to give "parties" in their homes. Young men consider an invitation to such events an honor; they dare not offend by refusing to go, and thus the seed is sown.

In our humble opinion, such men are as much murderers as the most red-handed villain ever caught in the act. Any punishment we can think of is too good for them. If we had a son and these harpies got their hands on him we would go before the judge with a perfectly clear conscience with a plea of justifiable homicide—Greenville News.

Would Pay For Extra Session.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 26.—Allen W. Jones of Midville, one of the largest land owners in the state, today offered to defray expenses of a special session of the Georgia legislature.

Gov. Harris will call such a session to amend a "bone dry" prohibition law, and provided the "State does not feel able to stand the expense." Mr. Jones in his offer, which was made through Thomas B. Frazier, a local prohibition leader, at a conference between the governor and prohibition leaders from all over the State, mentioned \$20,000 as the probable cost of a special session, but added he would pay whatever more was necessary.

Gov. Harris stated at the conference that he had not yet decided that a special session was necessary.

The new legislature comes into existence in June, and Gov. Harris will be succeeded by Hugh M. Dorsey at that time. Prohibitionists in urging a special session before June quoted a campaign statement by Mr. Dorsey that he would veto any change in the present limited prohibition law unless the electorate voted for it.

A starch factory may be erected in Columbia.

Alonzo Monckton, a prominent citizen of Columbia, died Monday.

ON PINE MOUNTAIN

Pathos of Conditions in Corner of Unknown America.

Kentucky Mountaineer's Yearning to Obtain Advantages for His Motherless Brood of Seven Children Related by Woman of Settlement School.

The searching pathos of conditions in a small corner of what might be termed Unknown America is mirrored in a communication received by the National Geographic Magazine from Miss Ethel De Long of the executive committee of the Pine Mountain Settlement school, Pine Mountain, Harlan County, Kentucky. Striking indeed is this picture given by the correspondent in her simple yet supremely sympathetic recital of the paternal yearning of a white Kentucky mountaineer to obtain educational advantages for his motherless brood of seven:

"A man has just walked in from Big Creek, thirty miles away, to try to enter all of his seven children in our school. He would not leave only the older ones, because as he said, 'if I part 'em while they're leetle fellers, they won't have no feelin's fer each other when they're raised. I want ye to take 'em all or none. Hit was my mammy's last wish that I keep 'em together. I'll jest do fer 'em myself the best I ken, if you can't take 'em all.'

"He brought with him an irresistible appeal, a word picture of the seven, and his tale of how he had 'keered' for them. Thirty-four years old, worn, stooped, toothless, he has made a gallant fight to raise his children right. He mentioned the children's clothes. 'I've made 'em all,' he said. 'I couldn't hire nobody to sew fer 'em, so I jest made 'em everything they wear, myself. I've washed fer 'em, I've tended 'em, an' I've gone out in the cornfield to work fer 'em. I've raised 'em as right as I know, but I can't do fer 'em lak I ought.'

"I get right sick with the phtisists, and I've studied about what would happen to 'em if I was to be tuk off from 'em. When I have to go away from 'em to earn a leetle money, hit's sech a dread on me, les' they git burned up at night, s'posin' the house should catch fire, an' leetle fellers allus so sleepy-headed at layin'-down time. Sometimes I'm afraid to go home.'

"'Why didn't you marry again?' I asked, 'so as to get help in raising your children?'

"Tears came into his eyes, 'Hit's best fer leetle younguns to hev jest one mammy, an' s'posin' I'd thought to help 'em a-marryin' again, I might a got 'em in a mighty bad state.'

"'If we take the children, are you going to marry again?' said I.

"'No'm, I'm done with marryin'. I jest want my younguns raised right, whilst I'm a tryin' to make the money fer 'em.'

"'You see, we don't want children whose parents want to get rid of them,' said I, 'but those whose parents want them to have a good chance.'

"'Yes,' he said, 'I know. That's the reason I want 'em here. You want younguns whose parents has got diligence and with innards to raise 'em toward humanity. Yes, I'll pay ye all I can make fer 'em, ef ye'll jes' raise 'em right. I've raised 'em to work. I've worked myself. I begun when I was seven, an' I couldn't git much education. In my raisin'-up hit was one day in school and the next day out; one week in school an' the next week out. I want 'em to git a chance to make their livin's—to live, an' not to be down, 'ere & there.'

"'No, they don't swar, ner cuss; an' they ain't got no mean ways when they're in my sight. I've brought ye a recommendation from folks that met ye when ye come through Big Creek five or six years ago.'

"'We were moved with compassion, although our annual pledges must be multiplied four-fold to care for the sixty children we already have, besides the seven 'leetle fellers,' from the 'chunk of a girl jes' goin' on five' to the fifteen-year-old boy who has hoed corn all summer.

"'How could we resist those faces and the patient father who had done the best he 'knowed'? We told him to bring them, all seven. An hour ago he started back on his long thirty miles to make the children ready.'

Wonderful Drilling Machine.

A remarkable example of concentrated labor saving is the new multiple-spindle drilling machine that at one operation drills the 46 holes required in an automobile transmission case. The holes vary in size from 3-16 to 27-16 inch and some are on an angle, but all are drilled in two or three minutes, although the work formerly required five different machines and involved seven different operations. A 25-horse power motor at the rear drives the main shaft. This is connected to the horizontal heads by steel gears and cloth pinions, and to the vertical head by beveled gears and correct spindle speeds are obtained through gear reductions in oil-tight boxes on the head.

Might Have Been Worse.

Helen asked her grandfather to hold her candy while she went into the house. Since it was a warm day, the candy melted a little in his hand.

When she came out he said: "I am sorry that the candy melted some, Helen, but it might have been worse."

"Yes," she replied, "it might have been et."

Honor Roll For Lugoff School.

First Grade—Coleman Rabon.
Second Grade—Nick Rabon, Chalmers White, Jewel Rabon.
Fifth Grade—Thomas Roseboro, Thelma Lee, Louise Rabon, Jack Hammond.
Sixth Grade—Isabelle White, Marie Branham.
Seventh Grade—Roland Nettles.
Eighth Grade—Alberta Hammond, Lorena Rabon.
Ninth Grade—Hiram Nettles.
Honor Roll for December.
First Grade—Coleman Rabon, Clara Dewitt.
Second Grade—Nick Rabon, Jewel

Rabon, Evelyn Ward.

Third Grade—John Lee, James McCaa, William Hammond.
Fourth Grade—Sern Nettles, Victoria Ward.
Fifth Grade—Thomas Roseboro, Thelma Lee, Louise Rabon, Jack Hammond, Ada Belle Nettles, Leta Wilson.
Sixth Grade—Isabelle White, Marie Branham.
Seventh Grade—Roland Nettles.
Eighth Grade—Alberta Hammond, Lorena Rabon, Thomas White.
Ninth Grade—Hiram Nettles.
Col. T. B. Butler of Gaffney has announced that he is in the race for congress from this district.

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