

**ADVANTAGES OF PUREBRED SIRE**

Fourteen Reasons For the Use of Sires of Good Breeding and Individuality.

Clemson College, Dec. 22.—Never before was the farmer in South Carolina so serious about a serious matter as today. Just how he can emerge from a cotton-covered crumpled and find his land stocked with good hogs, cattle and sheep is truly a difficult problem. The quickest, cheapest and best way to improve live stock is to invest in the right sort of a sire and, having purchased him, give him good feed and care, says Prof. L. V. Starkey, Chief of the Animal Husbandry Division, who makes the following brief suggestions in the form of fourteen advantages of a pure bred sire of good breeding and good individuality.

- 1—Economical and Rapid Improvement:**  
One pure bred sire will improve the herd as rapidly as 50 pure bred females.
- 2—Lasting Influence:**  
The value of a pure bred sire is not seen entirely in the first generation but continues in the following generations.
- 3—Fewer Sires Necessary:**  
One pure bred sire properly managed will do the work of four scrub sires as they are usually managed.
- 4—Advertisement Valuable:**  
Well bred stock attracts the attention of buyers.
- 5—Demand Created For Our Local Pure Bred Sires:**  
The breeders of pure bred stock in South Carolina should be encouraged by a good market for their breeding stock.
- 6—Opportunity to Work Gradually Into Pure Bred Business:**  
If there is a pure bred sire in the community, it is an easy matter to purchase one or two pure bred females and soon be in the pure bred business.
- 7—Co-operation Possible:**  
If there are as many as four or five pure bred sires in the community there is an excellent opportunity to co-operate by exchanging sires.
- 8—Pure Bred Sires More Valuable Than Scrubs After Their Period of Usefulness is Over:**  
A 2,000-pound pure bred bull is worth more for beef than a scrub which usually weighs 1,200 to 1,400 pounds.
- 9—Prepotency Important:**  
A pure bred sire will sire individuals more like himself than like the dam. This is due to concentrated blood lines.
- 10—Increased Value Through Uniformity:**  
Buyers will always pay more for a uniform cropload of livestock than for a mixture of scrubs and purebreds.
- 11—Offspring Worth More:**  
A calf is worth \$5 to \$10 more, a yearling \$15 to \$20, and a two-year-old \$25 to \$30 more if sired by a purebred bull.
- 12—Wealth Created:**  
The farmer's gain is not somebody's loss, for a farmer can raise a better calf and no one is the poorer. He thus creates wealth.
- 13—Good Influence on Owner:**  
When a man has purebred livestock on his farm he naturally takes more interest in it and feeds and cares for it better than he otherwise would.
- 14—Better Living:**  
The pure bred bull means more money, which in turn makes possible better homes, better schools, better churches, better roads and a better and more satisfactory country life.

exposed. They should be wrapped or otherwise protected when carried to the field and immediately covered with a shovelful of soil when distributed.

**Methods of Pruning at Planting.**—Correct methods of pruning should be carefully employed; otherwise, the shape of the tree might be completely destroyed. At planting, all broken, bruised and otherwise damaged roots should be removed, and the tree inspected for diseases and insects.

For apple, pear and plum trees two years old, three to five well branched, remove the central leader and all outer branches back eight or ten inches to outside buds. One-year whips of apples and pears should be cut back to single stem of 24 to 30 inches, and one-year whips of peaches and plums should be cut back to single stem 16 to 18 inches. One-year cherry whips should be cut to 24 to 30 inches high, and two-year cherries should be cut to three to five laterals and a central leader each eight to ten inches.

Two-year grapes should be cut to two canes six inches above ground, two or three buds each. Muscadine grapes, two years, should be cut to three to five canes six to eight inches above ground.

Full information and instruction about fruits and varieties for different sections of the state, ages and sizes of trees recommended, suitable distances for planting, cultivation, pruning, spraying, etc., may be had from the Extension Service of Clemson College. Extension Circular 18, "Orchard and Nursery Information," will be sent free upon request.

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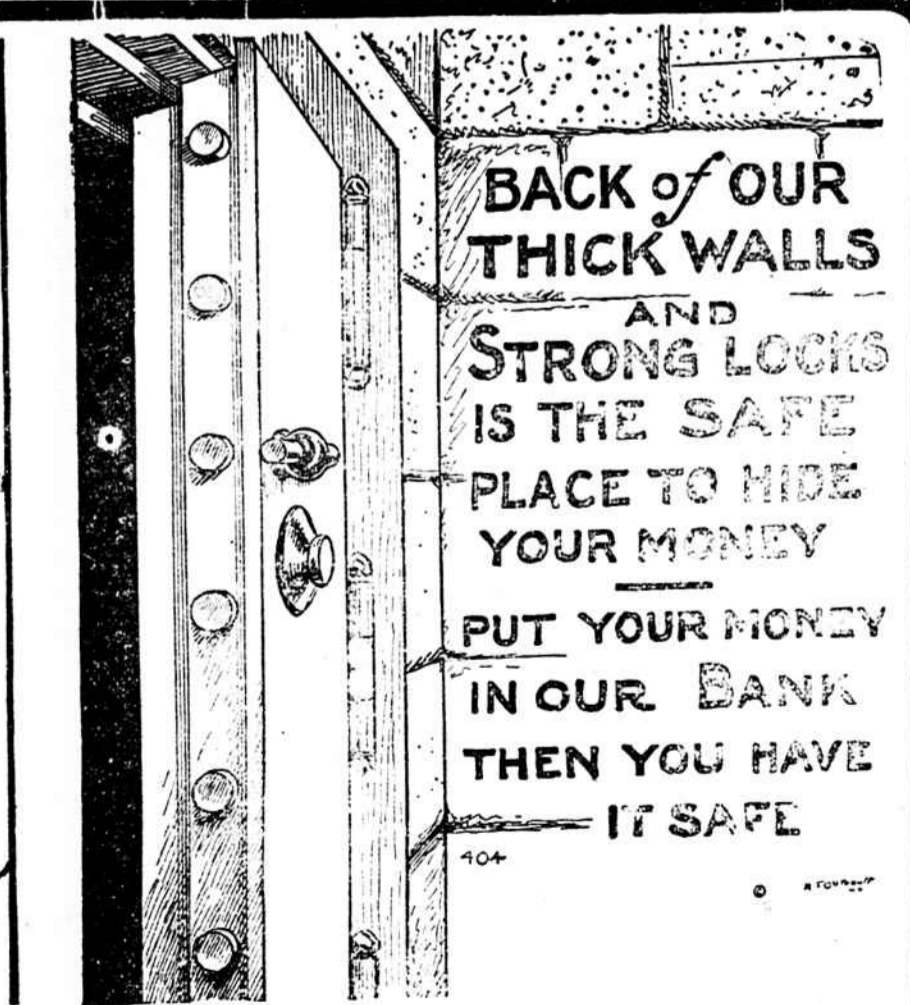
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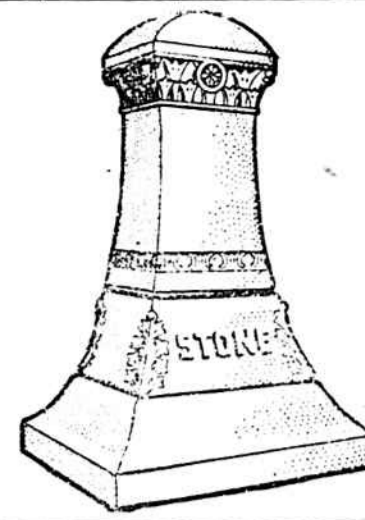
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