

Farm and Fireside.

Williamson Plan Pays.

In this county there are hundreds of acres of land that will not make eight bushels of corn to the acre. In many fields the stalks are large enough but the ears are scarce. No one even raised a fine crop of corn when the stalks were 12 to 14 feet high. Corn will never wait on you when you begin to work it. You must keep it up till laying by time. Let us take a two-horse farmer as an example. In the first place he should have three horses. Then he should raise 120 bushels of corn for his horses, 50 for bread and fowls and 100 for pigs. That gives 270 bushels, which we will call 300. That should be supplemented by 100 bushels of oats. Then bad dreams will not visit him because his horses are gnawing stable logs and his hogs living on memory and growing fat on wind. The way corn is raised this year it would require 25 acres to give him 300 bushels of corn. That is 12 bushels to the acre. In the two-horse farm only 25 acres would be left for cotton, potatoes, sorghum and other crops that a thrifty farmer ought to raise. On that 25 acres of corn he would put at least \$2.00 worth of fertilizer to the acre, which would be \$50.00. Now let him take five acres of his best land and prepare it in the winter and early spring by deep plowing and harrowing. All this preparation is done when the weather is cool and his work animals vigorous. Let him plant his corn down in a very deep water furrow the first ten days of April. Put enough seed for a good stand and some to pull out. That corn will stand there until the first week of June. We do not propose to give the whole plan here. But it may be stated as a fact that when properly cultivated with the application of 666 pounds of fertilizer and 75 to 100 pounds of nitrate of soda the five acres will make as much as the 25 in the old way. A home mixed fertilizer that would analyze 8.50, 5.00, 2.50 would cost about \$22.00 a ton. Applying that to three acres the cost per acre would be \$7.33. Add \$2.25 for 75 pounds of nitrate and the total cost per acre will be \$9.58. The five acres would cost \$47.90. Thus the two-horse farmer would get his 300 bushels of corn on five acres instead of 25. He could plant 50 per cent. more land in cotton or other crops. He would improve his land and feel that he was master of the situation and not a slave bound down by untoward circumstances. If he wanted to make more corn than the 300 bushels let him add one acre for every 50 bushels desired. In Cherokee county many farmers have made this year 60 to 90 bushels. Some claim that they will pass the hundred mark. Near Laurens is the Dial farm. My recollection is that it is rather thin level land with sandy top soil. Last winter a farmer rented it, promising to pay \$1,200. He bought \$2,000 worth of fertilizer. With hired hands he prepared the land, planted it in corn, and cultivated the crop. He proposes to cut it with a corn harvester and run it through a shredder. There are 200 to 240 acres, the exact amount not known. Many visitors went to see it in August. The lowest estimate was 8,000 bushels and the highest 14,000. He says that the stover will pay for the labor and 4,000 bushels will pay the rent and fertilizer bill. We ask the farmers who read The Spartan to consider this plan. If any have not tried it they should do so next year. We urge them to follow the plan to the letter. Any deviation from it will lead to partial failure. Never apply an ounce of fertilizer at planting time. Do not get disheartened if the corn is small and yellow the first of June. — Carolina Spartan.

Farms Damaged by Flood.

The State Department of Agriculture is endeavoring to get the most complete reports possible as to the damage resulting to growing crops and to the soils by erosion due to the recent severe flood. The reports are beginning to come in and indicate severe losses along the several river courses. The reports that have been received—and they do not yet touch the area below Columbia, being naturally slow to come in—show over a million dollars' actual destruction of growing crops and upwards of half a million dollars' damage to farm lands. One farm alone reports an actual destruction of crops and property of \$6,050, of which \$5,850 was corn, hay and cotton. — Farmers' Union Sun.

Sheep Raising in South Carolina.

Speaking of the efforts of the Department of Agriculture to stimulate interest in live stock raising in South Carolina, Hon. E. W. Dabbs, of Goodwill, Sumter county, said yesterday that eight years ago his little boy had been made a present of a pair of sheep. Since that time the increase from those two sheep had been over 25 head and they had sold \$200 worth of wool and six had been killed for mutton. In addition to this many wool blankets had been made. The value of cattle raising upon the farm was touched upon by Mr. Dabbs, too. In addition to the receipts for beef and hide Mr. Dabbs asserts that from every \$25 worth of cotton seed

meal or hulls fed the cows \$20 is returned in manures for the farm. Then again there is the good value of butter, cheese and milk. — The State, September 5th.

Cost of Cotton Oil Compared With Butter, Etc.

Dr. Barrow, the South's noted chemist, says: "Many of us are often compelled to consider the question of food from another standpoint. We must consider the size of our pocketbooks, and again does cotton seed oil stand out triumphant over all competing materials. With butter at 30 cents a pound, lard at 10 cents a pound, and olive oil at \$2.50 per gallon, and cotton seed oil at 50 cents per gallon, or 6 1/2 cents a pound, we find that the price of one pound of cotton seed oil will only pay for but two-thirds of a pound of lard, about one-fifth of a pound of butter, and only about one-fifth of a pound or one-fortieth part of a gallon of pure olive oil, and frequently the pure olive oil may be nothing more or less than a high grade of cotton seed oil bearing a fictitious label. "It follows, then, that we have in cotton seed oil not only the purest, most nutritious, nourishing, palatable and strengthening fat we can obtain, but also far the cheapest of any similar material."

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School Prizes For 1908.

The South Carolina School Improvement association offers thirty-five prizes to the schools of the State for the most decided material improvement made during a given length of time. Five of the prizes are to be \$100 each and thirty are to be \$50 each. Regulations concerning the thirty-five prizes that are to be awarded by this association are as follows: 1. Improvements must be made between Nov. 1st, 1907, and Dec. 10th, 1908. 2. Prizes will be awarded to schools where the most decided material improvements have been made during the time mentioned. 3. Under material improvements are included local taxation, consolidation, new buildings, repairing and painting old ones, libraries, reading rooms or tables, interior decorations, beautifying yards and better general equipment. 4. No school can compete for any of these prizes unless it is a rural school. No town with more than 500 population shall be eligible to the contest. 5. All who wish to enter this contest must send names and descriptions of schools, before improvements are made, to the president not later than October 10th, 1908. 6. All descriptions, photographs and other evidences showing improvements must be sent to the president before Dec. 15th, 1908. The chairman of the Board of Trustees of any school that is competing for a prize must approve all descriptions before and after improvements are made. 7. Prizes will be awarded in checks at the annual meeting of the South Carolina Improvement association, Dec. 31, 1908. The prizes are to be used for further improvements in the schools receiving them. MARY T. NANCE, Pres., Columbia, S. C.

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Notice of Election.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
COUNTY OF LAURENS.

Office of County Supervisor.

By H. B. Humbert, County Supervisor of Laurens County.

Whereas, on the 28th day of April, A. D. 1908, there was filed with me in my office a petition in writing signed by more than one-fourth of the qualified electors of Laurens County, S. C., praying for an election upon the question of Dispensary or No Dispensary—That is to say whether alcoholic liquors and beverages may be sold in said county under and according to the provisions of an Act of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina, approved the 16th day of February, A. D. 1907, entitled "An Act to Declare the Law in Reference to and to Regulate the Manufacture, Sale, Use, Consumption, Possession, Transportation and Disposition of Alcoholic Liquors and Beverages within the State and to Police the Same," and under and according to the provisions of all Acts of the General Assembly of South Carolina amendatory thereof; and

Whereas, upon a canvass of the said petition I have found that it does contain the signatures of more than one-fourth of the qualified electors of said county. Now, therefore, I, H. B. Humbert, Supervisor of Laurens County, South Carolina, under and by virtue of the authority in me vested by the provisions of the Act of the General Assembly and the Acts amendatory thereof hereinbefore cited, do order a Special Election to be held in said County of Laurens, State of South Carolina, according to law, upon the question of Dispensary or No Dispensary on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November next, it being the third day of November, A. D. 1908. And at the said election there shall also be submitted the question whether one-third of the license fees and dispensary profits as provided for in said Act shall be paid to the County Treasurer, to be applied to the county school fund or to roads and bridges. And the said election shall be held and conducted by the same officers and under the rules and regulations provided by law for general elections.

Any person who is a qualified elector of said county may vote in said election. Every voter who may be in favor of the sale of alcoholic liquors and beverages in said county shall cast a ballot in the box provided therefor on which shall be printed the words "For Sale," and every voter against the sale of liquors and beverages shall cast a ballot upon which shall be printed the words "Against Sale." Every voter who may be in favor of the application of one-third of the Dispensary profits to the County School fund shall cast a ballot in the box provided therefor upon which shall be printed the words "For School Fund," and every voter opposed thereto, but in favor of its application to roads and bridges, shall cast a ballot on which shall be printed the words "For Roads and Bridges."

Done and ordered at Laurens Court House, in County of Laurens, in the State of South Carolina, on the 29th day of September, A. D. 1908.

H. B. HUMBERT,
County Supervisor of Laurens County.
Attest:
MESSER BABB, Clerk. [SEAL.]
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Teacher's Examinations.

The next regular examination for teacher's certificates will be held in the Court House, at Laurens, S. C., on Friday, October 16th, 1908.
Sept. 12, 1908. R. W. NASH,
7-54 Co. Supt. of Education.

A Card of Thanks.

Please allow us space to express our thanks to the people of our community for their inestimable service in our recent affliction. We feel grateful in our hearts for it all. We wish to express heart-felt gratitude to each one who in any way comforted our bereaved family with service, word or otherwise. We thank you and pray God's blessing upon you. (Signed)
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