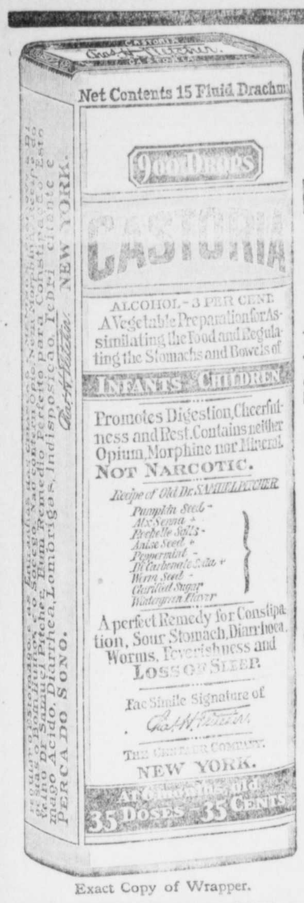

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BUSINESS MEN CAN HELP THE FARMER

Should Become Active In Work Of Organizing Farmers' Clubs.

TO GET FARMERS TOGETHER

Co-Operation Between Commercial Men and Farmers Is Mutually Advantageous.

College Park, Dec. 14.—The fact that a closer relation between the farmers of a community is a good thing is appreciated by nearly everybody. Mr. G. H. Alford, State Agent, College Park, Md., tells in the following article how the commercial business man may serve the farmer:

Just as human efficiency is the basis of national strength so the earning power of our farmers is the basis of their prosperity, and that means the prosperity of every person and every business. The task of augmenting that earning power, making possible the building up of the farmer's efficiency, is the supreme one before Maryland today.

The difference between the average yield of wheat and corn per acre and the largest yield in the State is about five-fold. The average cost of growing an acre of wheat or corn is double its most economical cost. We have, therefore, between the average and the best in farming in the State, an attainable one thousand per cent. This difference of one thousand per cent. against the average farmer is due wholly to conditions which he can easily control with the necessary knowledge.

The County Agent, the Department of Agriculture in Washington, the State Experiment Station, the Agricultural College and the Agricultural High Schools are giving the farmers of this State much valuable information. We are supporting these institutions through our taxes, directly or indirectly. They are doing a noble work, but we should all assist them in accomplishing their purpose by becoming more interested in the business of the farmer.

In almost every city and town in the State, the business men, bankers, merchants, editors, lawyers, and even clergymen belong to Commercial Clubs. The duty of these clubs is to encourage more business in their cities and towns. They are willing to give a bonus to manufacturing plants to come to the city. This policy is all right, and should be encouraged,—but the same Commercial Club usually overlooks the fact that the farmers in its trade territory are not obtaining the results they should. The producing power of the farmer can be greatly increased by the Commercial Club becoming active in the work of organizing Farmers' Clubs. These clubs could take the lead in employing an able, scientific and practical farmer to give advice relating to soil fertility, diversification of crops, live stock, the marketing of crops, and so on. They could co-operate with other forces and organizations in bringing the farmers together at Fairs, Farmers' Institutes, Farmers' Short Courses and Picnics. The business men can assist the farmers to buy pure-bred males, buy better farm implements, build better barns, and to obtain better prices for their farm products.

Every city and town has an asset which, if properly developed, would pour many thousands of dollars annually into its industrial channels. It is easily conceivable that one million dollars could be added to the production of the country surrounding a town of five thousand people, if every farmer in the contributing territory were induced to adopt scientific methods of farming. Such an addition could not be made without touching every banker, every manufacturer, every storekeeper, every doctor, every lawyer, every newspaper owner, and in fact, very person in town. Increase the income of the farmers, and the means will be at hand to provide the betterments which this progressive civilization demands.

There are some places where this problem, among others, is being worked out. But on the whole, our people are more or less indifferent to the importance of the work. If the development of our agriculture means the greatest wealth creation within the State, and if educating the farmers is the key to the situation, why do not our people—manufacturers, bankers, professional men, business men and intelligent farmers—rise en mass and help the farmer to larger production and to larger life, and thereby contribute to the prosperity and uplift of the whole people?

PLANS, IMPROVEMENTS, REPAIRS, THAT SHOULD BE BORNE IN MIND AND PRACTICED BEFOR THE NEW YEAR.

Make an inventory of the farm property. Get ready to start the new year on a sound business basis. Get in wood supplies. Keep the split-log drag at work. Fix up walks and roads. Look after fences and remove stumps from the fields. Begin to make plans for the next year. Lay out crops, decide as to what tools, stock and fertilizers may be needed and prepare to get them. These suggestions are from "Elementary Vocational Agriculture."—Maryland State College of Agriculture.

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STATE'S TAX BASIS

Secretary Girdwood of State Commission Prepares Data For Federal Census Bureau.

TOTAL IS $1,270,935,000

Realty And Improvements Amount To $755,109,000 And Personal Property To $524,825,000.

Asked by the Census Bureau at Washington for certain information relative to the taxable basis of Maryland, Secretary Girdwood of the State tax commission has complied tables showing the value of all property upon which State taxes are paid to be $1,279,935,485.55. This sum is about $180,000,000 in excess of the taxable basis given in the report of the State Comptroller.

Mr. Girdwood explains the discrepancy by saying that the Comptroller's report fails to show the value of the bank stock and stock of other corporations upon which State taxes are paid, though it does show the revenues derived therefrom and the disposition made of the same. The failure to include the value of the stock in the assessable basis table seems to have been an oversight.

In his letter to the Census Bureau Mr. Girdwood says that the real estate and improvements in Maryland are assessed at $755,109,734.79. The remaining $524,825,750.75, making up the total of $1,279,935,485.54, represents tangible and intangible personal property.

It is expected that the new assesement of real property now being made will materially increase the State's taxable basis. Kent's valuation at present is; realty, $8,122,585,00; personalty $2,259,248.98, total $10,381,833.98.

An Appeal.

Eleven years have elapsed since the hospital at Cambridge was formally opened. During this long period the citizens of this county and the neighboring counties, to whom this hospital has so well ministered, have not been called upon to contribute anything towards the support of this charity. The word charity is used in its widest and most comprehensive meaning, as the books of the institution will show that nearly sevety-five per cent of all those who seek admission are absolutely free and pay neither the hospital nor the doctors one cent; of the remaining twenty-five per cent only about one-half of them pay the doctors and the other half do pay their hospital dues. This state of affairs causes all the physicians and surgeons on the staff to give a large portion of their life's work and their own skill with no idea of pay or any remuneration.

Quietly and without ostentation this work has been going on in our midst and has ministered in a way—the benefit of which it is impossible to estimate—to the physical salvation of the people of this and the adjacent counties. The equipment of the hospitals exceptional. The specialists who visit it three times a month are among the best in America and we can truly say we do not believe that in any town of its size in this country will you find a better set of equipped men than among our own physicians. All this means that there has been brought to our very doors with no expense at all to our citizens the very highest and most developed medical and surgical skill which is ever ready to aid alike those who are able to pay at a moderate compensation or for those who are too poor; the charity is as free as the air.

With this statement we feel that we can appeal for so good and deserving a cause to the people of this and neighboring counties to aid this institution which now badly needs several thousand dollars to properly repair the building. Owing to the fact that the plaster will not stay on the ceiling we are compelled to put metal ceilings all over the building and even on the walls the plastering needs painting which will cost a large sum. In addition to that we need heavy linoleum for the floors: this will do away with much of the noise in the hospital and quiet is so necessary for people who are suffering. There are other needed improvements, and we feel confident in advance that the people will render such aid in this matter that we shall soon be able to relieve those necessities which so forcibly confront us and is the reason for this appeal.

To this end the directors and the staff of the hospital earnestly appeal to the citizens of this and neighboring counties not to allow so needed a charity in our midst to be hampered by the absence of necessary funds to properly take care of the hospital building.

MRS. EDWARD G. HOPKINS,
Chairman Hospital Bazaar Committee.

Rock Hall Items.

A meeting will be held in the High School building Rock Hall, Md., Monday afternoon next, 11th inst., at 2 o'clock for the purpose of onganizing a Grange in Rock Hall. All persons interested are invited to be present at this time. The Master of the County organization Mr. Wm. G. Smyth and others from a distance will assist with the work.

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