

DAILY REFLECTOR.

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LOCAL NOTES AND TOBACCO JOTTINGS.

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There will be a shortage of plants this season on account of the extreme cold weather which prevented a good many farmers from sowing sufficient plant land.

Mr. G. T. Tyson in the March number of the Southern Cultivator says tobacco was first prominently introduced here in 1886 and this section now leads in fancy wrappers and fancy cutters. Rocky Mount, Wilson and Greenville each have three tobacco warehouses and a sufficient number of storage and other houses. He says further there is more hog and hominy in the eastern section to-day than there has been since the sixties.

During the present year we propose to make the Tobacco Department one of the most interesting features of the already popular REFLECTOR. We have just completed an arrangement by which the REFLECTOR will go to the home of nearly every tobaccoist in North Carolina and Virginia, that is manufacturers and leaf dealers, and it is through this medium that we expect to draw the eyes of the tobacco trade to the superior advantages of the eastern section in the production of bright yellow tobacco. As a matter of fact nearly all the largest manufacturing concerns in America are now represented on the eastern markets. They could not afford not to be, and hence as a matter of business the eastern leaf dealer could not do better than to place his business card in the columns of this paper which hails direct from the center of this now far famed golden belt.

During the past two months we have had quite a number of prominent business men here to tell us that they would willingly build more prize houses for

the coming season if they could find a sure tenant for at least one year. One gentleman said he would build half a dozen if he could rent them out. How many we will need at present it is impossible to say, however, if the market sells as much as it did last year (and there is no reason why we should not sell at least a third more) there will be a need for at least three more. We have no doubt but that plenty of houses will be built to take care of the next crop. The market is now beyond the doubtful line. It is no longer an experiment. Those who at first were its worst enemies to-day are its well wishers, and men who two years ago could not be induced to enter into the tobacco business or to think of building prize houses are willing to lend a helping hand and do all they can to encourage the tobacco market.

As an evidence of the value of a tobacco market to the public who are in no way interested in the tobacco business just compare the value of real estate adjacent to the warehouses three years ago with what it is now. Four years ago this year the first tobacco warehouse was built in Greenville. At that time we know of a piece of property that was bought for twenty seven hundred dollars a few days ago a party wanted to purchase one-tenth of it and the owner said he would take twenty two hundred and fifty dollars for it, but did not care to sell at that price. Now we don't want to say that the increased valuation of the property is solely attributable to the tobacco market, for there are two other enterprises that have added largely to the value of the property namely; the Railroad with the depot near this property and Hines & Hamilton's lumber mill. Aside from these what else has added to the value of this property? That nearly all kinds of real estate has depreciated in value no one will dispute, while this property has increased in a most wonderful ratio. We know of another smaller piece of land owned by a man who three years ago did more to discourage the support of this market than any other man that we know and even urged his friends to ship their tobacco to some other market. At that time

his land was valued by himself at three hundred dollars and could have been bought for less money. A few days ago he was asked what he would take for it and he said four hundred and fifty five dollars, an increase of over 40 per cent. These are two instances where the tobacco market has helped others besides those directly connected with it. Besides there are numerous other cases and in fact all real estate in Greenville has advanced wonderfully in price. There is a piece of land just in front of the warehouses owned by J. J. and J. R. Cory. If the public doesn't believe that the tobacco market has added materially to their property just ask these young men what their land was worth in 1890, and what it is worth to-day, or what they can sell it for to-day.

Cow-peas for Distribution.

The North Carolina Experiment Station has a small quantity of cow-pea seed, Red Ripper, Unknown and other varieties, which have been found to do well on the Station farm. These will be distributed free in one half pound packages to farmers of the State who will agree to test them and report the result to the Station in the fall. Four cents in stamps must be enclosed with each application to pay postage on the seeds. Address, Dr. H. B. Battle, Director, Raleigh, N. C.

Greenville Market.

Corrected by S. M. Schultz, at the Old Brick Store.

Butter, per lb	19 to 25
Western Sides	6.60 to 7½
Sugar cured Hams	11 to 12
Corn	40 to 60
Corn Meal	50 to 80
Cabbage	5 to 15
Flour, Family	300 to 340
Lard	6 to 10
Oats	50 to 60
Potatoes Irish, per bbl	300 to 350
Potatoes Sweet, per bu	30 to 40
Sugar	8 to 5
Coffee	16 to 25
Salt per Sack	80 to 200
Chickens	12½ to 20
Eggs per doz	10
Beeswax, per lb	20
Kerosene,	9 to 10
Pease, per bu	50 to 75
Hulls, per ton	500
Cotton Seed Meal	20 00
Mides	1½ to 2
Minks	25 to 75