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**LOCAL NOTES AND TOBACCO JOTTINGS.**

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Florida is developing into a fine cigar tobacco state.

We hear that in some sections of the county the young tobacco plants seem to be freching on the bad.

We have frequently been asked what causes tobacco to frech. We don't know and don't think many do. Certain it is the absence from the soil of some quality which is required to make a healthy plant. Deep ploughing disturbing the top root will prevent it, it is said.

Just at this time farmers cannot give too much thought and attention to a thorough preparation of their tobacco land. If the land is thoroughly pulverized the young roots of the tobacco have no trouble in penetrating the soil and getting the full benefit of all manures, then again they will grow to a much greater depth in search of water in case of a drouth when the land is thoroughly prepared.

While the decreased acreage in in the old tobacco belt of this State and Va., may be and doubtless is equal to the increase in acreage in the eastern counties yet it is not a nice policy for our farmers to go into a big crop expecting fancy or even standard prices for medium or inferior tobacco, for they will be surely disappointed. Money out of a tobacco crop for the eastern farmers, as time and experience has often demonstrated, lies in the production of a fine crop. Good tobacco never goes begging even at stiff prices while it is a hard matter to sell common tobacco at any price.

The Atlanta Constitution, wide awake and liberal as it always is, has a premium offered this year of two hundred dollars for the farmer who raises the best and most valuable one acre of tobacco, quantity and quality considered. The stipulations are in substance

these: The competitor must file a written notice of his intention to compete for the prize with Constitution Publishing Co. He must have one acre, no more no less, must have it staked off and given in detail amount of manure used and mode of cultivation. Must live South of Mason and Dixon line but anywhere between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. Under these stipulations it occurs to us that a Pitt county, North Carolina, man ought to be able to get that prize. Everywhere Pitt county has offered her tobacco against that of any other section some of the premiums have been taken. Ex-Commissioner of Agriculture Robinson, of this State, and the Commissioner of Georgia and Mississippi, are the committee to decide the matter. We would suggest that Mr. D. M. Edwards, W. J. Jackson, and others of our farmers whose tobacco has taken premiums, make an effort to get this one.

Everybody noticed how dear the late Senator Vance became to the hearts of the Republicans and Populists—after he died. They lauded him in their speeches, last year and turned his utterances against the Democratic party. Yet their Legislature not only made no provision for a monument for him, nor for a statue of him in one of the State's vacant niches in statuar hall in the capitol at Washington, but it did not even go on record with an expression of a sense of the State's loss on account of his death. This paper and others suggested directly after his death, that the next ensuing Legislature should fill one the State's niches in statuary hall with a statue of Senator Vance, and if the Democrats had had the Legislature this would have been actively urged and such provision would have been made. The expense would have been provided for and without increase of the rate of taxation, either.—Charlotte Observer.

According to the New York Press Mr. Charles Broadway Rouss is now so blind that he cannot recognize his dearest friends. He has to be led about. But he goes to business every day and never forgets to ask: "Does anybody need anything this morning? Are there any letters from the old veterans who fought for the South?"—Richmond Dispatch.

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