

"The Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union of America" has originated in Texas, and its promoters expect it to extend to all the farming States as the Farmers' Alliance did. It is said that there are 3,000 local unions in Texas, with a total membership of 40,000, and that the movement is spreading rapidly. The purpose is to buy and sell in bulk, to educate along agricultural lines, to study politics and to discuss political economy. The trouble about combining these subjects for study is that they won't go together. Politics will get more than its share, for even now Ex-Governor Hogg is advising the union to take political action. Every farmer, as well as every other citizen, ought to study public questions well enough to vote intelligently and independently, but the question for the Southern farmers now is, how to make more cotton and corn on an acre and how to make it the easiest and most economical way. Likewise, the most important questions for the merchant, the banker, the teacher, the builder, and the manufacturer are those relating to his own business—the question of getting the best results out of the occupation engaged in. And organizations of men in the same line of business for mutual help and development of their business is legitimate and good, but when such organizations, as such, go into politics, they have moved out of their just line of work.

The extra session of Congress, called by the president to pass the Cuban reciprocity treaty, expired by limitation yesterday at noon and the regular session immediately began. The president's message, which was read yesterday, contains seventeen thousand words. He gives a review of the year's work, talks much of the Panama affair, and says that no other else deserves as well of the country as the soldiers, and that it would be unwise at this time to reconstruct our entire monetary system. The forestry preservation of the government is endorsed and Congress urged to continue it. The president in this matter refers especially to the West, and makes no mention of the proposed Appalachian forest reserve. As to the bill which would scourge the president suggests that Congress make prompt enactment of whatever remedial legislation its judgment may approve.

The trustees of Trinity College, called together to discuss the resignation of Dr. Bassett, professor of history in the college, given by him because of the storm of disapproval raised by his article saying that the negro would finally win social equality, and that Booker Washington, the negro president of Tuskegee Institute, was the greatest man save Gen. Lee born in the South in a hundred years, met last Tuesday night. Dr. Bassett's resignation was rejected by a vote of 18 to 7. Senator F. M. Simmons, one of the trustees, was present and voted with the minority for Bassett's dismissal. This action was only what was to have been expected.

Our excellent Wesley Chapel correspondent says that the farmers in his section are leaving off their grain sowing to some extent in anticipation of increasing their cotton acreage. This is not surprising. Cotton is now at a price which gives the farmer a good profit, and certainly he has been on short profits long enough, and the temptation to neglect the other crops for cotton is a very natural and a very strong one. While cotton is high and going up yet, with every prospect for a good price for a long time, still we don't know what a year may bring forth. It is to be hoped that our farmers will not take the chance of crippling themselves by neglecting their supply crops.

Mr. John R. Morris, poet, prose writer, commercial traveller and big hearted gentleman, died at a hospital in Baltimore last Saturday, having been taken there from his home in Goldsboro to be treated for diabetes. There is no private citizen, perhaps, in North Carolina whose death would have been regretted by more people. He travelled over the State for many years as a salesman, and beside the great number of people who knew him personally in business relations, perhaps a larger circle knew him by his writings. A splendid intellect, coupled with untiring energy, classed him, without the aid of the schools, as a man of learning and the most extensive culture.

Dr. J. V. Jay, the Buncombe county man who murdered his three children, was sentenced to the penitentiary for thirty years. Evidently the man was crazy when he committed the deed, but if he had been proven so he would have gone to the criminal insane department of the penitentiary.

The sky-high price of cotton, without a compensating rise in the price of cotton goods, means big trouble for the cotton manufacturers, from yarn spinners up. The Charlotte Chronicle of Saturday had an amusing cartoon illustrating this subject. It showed a number of well known mill men grappling with the cotton bull. Bob Kinchard of Lincoln has the plunging bull by the tail, and Capt. Heath of Monroe and A. P. Rhyme of Mr. Holly have ropes about his horns, each one pulling for dear life's sake. On top of the animal's back, prancing in glee, is Mr. C. B. Bryant, secretary of the cotton manufacturers' association, saying, "I told you so, you ought to have bought long ago!"

One of our correspondents suggests that now is the time to take up the plans for building the monument to the Confederate soldiers of Union county. This is a good idea, if we ever expect to have a monument before the last of the old soldiers have made their final march.

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Relating to the Public Schools.

(Teachers, committees, students or others interested in the public schools are invited to contribute to this column. School news, personal items or anything bearing upon the public schools will be welcome.—The Editor.)

The Unionville boys are preparing to have a Christmas debate on the question of whether local taxation is or is not advantageous.

Because of the late arrival of the programs for North Carolina day, and the consequent inability of the teachers to prepare them, the county superintendent has taken the liberty to set January 15th, instead of December 18th, as North Carolina day in Union county. All white teachers will observe this day. The teachers will please send by hand for programs, as they make a bundle too heavy to mail. Don't fail to send to the county superintendent at once. The pamphlets are fine lists of literature and will be easily gotten up. Remember, January 15th, and make an interesting day and invite all the patrons out. A report on North Carolina day will be required.

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News from Wolfsville. The weather has been extremely cold for the last few days; but very nice for hog meat, opussum, and "lover" rabbit. Christmas will soon be here and old St. Nick will have to be hustling to get loaded up with presents, for the young people are expecting a whole lot of good things from him. Mr. and Mrs. Mark Austin of Waxhaw spent last Sunday with Mr. J. P. Keziah near Wolfsville. Mr. Sam Redwine and Miss Ethel Price of Weddington visited at Mrs. W. P. Redwine's last Sunday and Monday. Mr. R. B. Redwine and family of Monroe visited at Dr. T. W. Redwine's one day last week. Mrs. Alice Cuthbertson spent a few days last week in Waxhaw. Mr. Tom Crenshaw of Charlotte visited his brother, Mr. Clark Crenshaw of Vann, last week. Miss Jennie Parker is visiting her uncle in Stanly county. The entertainment given at Weddington Academy was in every way a success. The audience was very good owing to the very cold weather. A merry Christmas and a happy new year to one and all. Success to The Journal. Z.

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Notice! FINE FARMING LAND FOR SALE. By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court, made in the case of Charles N. Simpson and others vs. Ruby W. Simpson and others, I will expose for public sale on Tuesday, January 5th, 1904, at the court house door in Monroe, N. C., at 12 o'clock noon, that one plantation on the Concord road, about 10 miles north of Monroe, at the bridge over Stewart's Fork creek, adjoining the lands of J. F. Moody, C. N. Simpson, Francis Stewart and others, containing 150 acres, more or less. This is a very valuable tract of land for agricultural purposes, convenient to market, and is a fine graded road, consisting of valuable bottom and upland, well timbered with oak, hickory and sweet gum trees, etc. Terms of sale—one third cash, the remainder payable hereafter in two equal installments from time to time, secured by note and approved security or the purchaser will have the option of paying all cash. This sale is made for partition and the title is good. This 5th day of Dec. A. D. 1903. CHARLES N. SIMPSON, Court of Court.

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Big Values Hitched to Small Prices. Good Yard Wide Bleaching at 5c. 10c. yd. Cannon Cloth only 8c. Barker Mills best yard wide Bleaching 7 1-2 cents.

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