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—Yellow fever has appeared at Tampa, Florida.

—The large saw mill of Walker & Co., at Reidsville, value \$20,000, was destroyed by fire on the 6th inst.

—\$150,000 worth of liquor was licked up by the flames in New York on the night of the 6th inst.

—Gov. Vance has accepted the invitation of the Cumberland Agricultural Society to be present at its Annual Fair November 10th and deliver an address.

—Well done for Wilmington! It has declared in favor of a subscription of \$150,000 for the extension of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad to that city.

—President Cleveland is "swinging around the circle." His train consists of engine, baggage, supply cars and two palace cars. His trip will make 4,435 miles and will occupy 22 days.

—THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER will be pleased to welcome its friends during Fair week at its office in the Williamson & Upchurch building, on Hargett street, near the National Bank of Raleigh.

—The managers of the Industrial Association are greatly encouraged at the prospect for a successful Fair. They are working actively and hard, and say that the Fair of 1887 will excel anything yet done in their history.

—Don't forget, when you start to the State Fair, to put a little loose change in your pocket with which to pay for a year's subscription to THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER. It will be about the best investment you will make.

—Be sure to subscribe for THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER when you come to the Fair, and what is better still, bring some subscriptions with you. Call at our Registry office, on the Fair grounds, and get a specimen copy.

—The farmers of Rockingham are arranging for a Farmers' Institute at Wentworth on Thursday and Friday, the 3d and 4th of November. By all means have it. These institutes, properly conducted, are great educators.

—The Trades Parade, under the supervision of Mr. Z. T. Broughton, promises to be a huge affair, and one of the great attractions of our State Fair. He reports that the business men of Durham and other places will take a prominent part in the parade.

—Taylorsville will have a big celebration of the completion of the railroad to that point, on the 1st of November. Three brass bands, two military companies, a reunion of the old soldiers, a big dinner and numerous speeches are to be some of the features of the occasion.

—Register! Register! Register! your name and postoffice address in THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER REGISTRY on the Fair grounds and get a sample copy of the paper. Look out for the Registry of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER and give us your name in a nice book prepared for that purpose.

—Herr Andre's Alpine Choir and Tyrolese Co. will appear at Metropolitan Hall in this city on Friday evening the 14th inst. This company comes with the highest endorsement as to its character and proficiency, and we congratulate the lovers of fine music on the treat that is in store for them. The performance is for the benefit of the Y. M. C. A.

—THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER wants to know if North Carolina has more dogs than sheep. As far as this section is concerned the answer is, that there are about 20 dogs to one sheep.—High Point Enterprise. And of what benefit are they to the people? Read the article this week in another column—"Dogs Versus Sheep," and tell us what you think of it.

—The "Baking School," conducted by Fleischmann & Co., at our State Fair, will be a novelty. Of course all the good housewives and those who expect to become good housewives, will examine the process and learn how to make good bread. There is health and happiness in good bread, and our ladies should look into their work. See their advertisement.

—THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER acknowledges the receipt of a crate of elegant peaches from the model fruit farm of our good friend, Mr. J. Van Lindley, of Pomona, N. C. They are sound and perfect and resemble Eaton's Golden Cling very much in color and flavor. Many thanks for this most acceptable present. It is pleasant to be thus remembered by kind friends.

—Good. The Faculty and officers of the University are organizing a society for the study and development of North Carolina history. We congratulate them upon this most commendable action. Our boys and girls should be taught more about their State and its history. It should be taught in every school in the State. We shall have more to say on this subject.

—The Baltimore and Ohio telegraph lines have been swallowed up by the Western Union Syndicate, and thus the work goes on. Big fish swallowing the little ones. Jay Gould wields a fearful power. How long before the Government, State and National, together with our transportation lines, will all belong exclusively to monopolies? Are our people aware of the danger which lies ahead of us?

—The Editor of this paper left last Saturday evening to attend the annual meeting of the Farmers' National Alliance and Co-Operative Union of America, as a Delegate of the North Carolina Farmers' Alliance. He is now in Shreveport, La., "shaking hands all round" with the brethren of the Northwest, and will return to Raleigh in time to take in our State Fair and to tell the North Carolina visitors something of the "sights" he has seen and much about the workings and progress of the Alliance.

—"Some Punkins" is the only thing that will express it. It lies beside our desk in all its huge proportions and shows what a live, progressive man can do when he tries. It came to us by express, prepaid. And that's just like him. We intend to take it out to our State Fair and label it "From the model farm of that model farmer, Mr. J. W. Wadsworth, Charlotte, N. C.," and we dare you to beat it. And then after the Fair, won't the editor of the farmers' paper have a good time? Friends, we are resigned to such persecution as this.

—Farmers, remember that all articles for exhibition at the State Fair are transported to and from the Fair free of charge. Remember also that the fare on the railroads to all, visitors of the Fair, is only one cent per mile each way. So come along and bring something with you, and see the people, hear what they say; go into the Farmers' Institute and hear and take part in the discussions, and make new acquaintances and new friends, and get new ideas, and catch the renewed and invigorating spirit which the occasion will inspire. Our word for it, you will be pleased and profited.

—We do not remember ever to have seen such active work among the officials of agricultural fairs in our State. They all seem determined to "out-do" themselves this year, and what is better the farmers and other classes are lending them more aid and encouragement than hitherto. We doubt whether a larger crowd of visitors has ever entered the gates of our State Fair than will this year. From all points of the compass, and from all portions of the State, they are coming. A half dozen points are asking for special trains to accommodate their people. The State Farmers' Institute will be largely attended.

—Allen's Forty Lessons in Book-keeping, arranged as a text-book for use in graded and high schools and as a reference book for business men, should be on the desk of every business man and in the counting room of every book-keeper and in the hands of every school teacher and of every boy student in our State. It is the embodiment of lessons learned through long years of actual experience as a merchant, and to those who know the author it is only necessary to say that it is the work of Mr. Geo. Allen, of Newbern, N. C. He has just issued the third edition. Has sold 400 copies to the Baltimore county schools.

—Thanks! thanks! kind friends for your generous efforts on behalf of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER. Our subscription list is growing every day and we are proud of our patrons. All classes and professions are represented on it. The farmers are coming up to its support handsomely. If one member of a club or alliance or grange would take a copy to his next meeting and show it and read our very low rates to clubs, we believe that it would add 1,000 to our list in two weeks. Try it. It is the mouthpiece of the farmers of the State and is their faithful and never-tiring advocate, and if they would be felt in our State they have only to give their organ a liberal and hearty support. Again: Many thanks for the handsome lists that are being sent in to us. Let them come.

TO COUNTY AND SUBORDINATE ALLIANCES IN N. C.

(CIRCULAR NO. 1.)

OFFICE SECY OF F. S. A. OF N. C., Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 7, 1887.

1. The officers of all County and subordinate Alliances now organized, or which may be hereafter organized in the State of North Carolina, will henceforth make all reports and applications for blanks and forms, and remit all fees and dues to the Secretary of the State Alliance at this office.

2. The secretaries of the various County Alliances will report at once the name and number of each subordinate Alliance in their respective counties, together with the number of members in each—the number of male members over 21 years of age—the number of male members under 21 years of age and the number of female members in each.

3. All commissioned organizers will report promptly the Alliances organized within their respective jurisdictions, which have not been reported to the National Alliance and which have not received their dispensation or charter, and will remit the fees due to this office. All organizers will report to this office on the 15th day of this month all work done by them up to that date which has not been reported to the National Alliance, and will remit all monies due this office (if any) up to that date.

The Secretary will provide as soon as possible a supply of all necessary blanks and forms, constitutions and rituals, for the use of the order in this State.

In the incipency of our organization he cannot too strongly urge upon all the officers the vital importance of making prompt and correct returns and reports as required by our Constitution.

L. L. POLK,

Sec'y Farmers' State Alliance of N. C.

The daily production of paper of Holyoke, Mass., is closely estimated at the enormous amount of 177 tons. In this manufacture more than \$500,000,000 of capital is employed, and between 4,000 and 5,000 hands, whose monthly wages aggregate upward of \$200,000.

FROM SEASHORE TO MOUNTAINS.

Echoes From the Fields.

(This column belongs to our correspondents. We want at least one letter per week from every county in the State. Write on Postal Card. Give us facts and news and items of interest, "botted down." No matter about the style—give us the items. Write briefly and to the point. Give your postoffice and county. If you can do so, mail your letter on Saturday.)

WILSON COUNTY—

I see that THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER for last week has the Cross Mark, which reminds me that I am in arrears for my subscription, so I enclose you one dollar to pay it for 1888. Permit me to say that I think THE FARMER is doing good work for the farmers of the State in trying to educate them up to their interest. If they would quit raising 7 and 8 1-2 cent cotton to pay for 10 and 12 cent western meat, and raise it themselves, they would, in my opinion, be better off. What has been done can be done again, for I can recollect when this part of the country raised all farm supplies, and the farmers were much better off than now, and I think if they do not go at it again, they will be worse off than they are, and the commercial class will own and control a large part of the land, and those who work it will be almost slaves for them. In every issue of your paper you should urge the great importance of raising farm supplies. Suppose for instance, there had been no meat, and corn imported in the State, and it had all been produced at home, how much better off the farmers would be. I am astonished at such a suicide policy and hope they will soon change it. There are other causes that oppress the farmers of the country that I may allude to hereafter.

HOME SUPPLIES.

FARMERS ORGANIZATION.

All the departments of trade and industry are dependent upon the tillage of the soil. The king himself is fed from the field. There is no necessary conflict of interests between these various lines of pursuit. That which will conduct to the benefit of the producers must needs be advantageous to all departments of legitimate trade. The merchant, the artisan, the professional man, all alike are concerned in that which concerns the farming interests of the country. There need be no apprehensions felt by any, not farmers as to the ends sought by the organizations of farming people and the results to other business likely to follow. Existing economic conditions make it imperative for farmers to organize with a view of protecting their interests against the evils that have come from unequal legislations. The good of all the country and of every worthy interest in the country is involved in the success of their work. To secure such conditions as will put the farmer upon an equal footing with those who handle and transport his produce, and those who manufacture it into articles of use, will be to promote the interests of all other lines of business and every class of society. It will, by giving the producer a large portion of the fruits of his labor, increase his ability to be useful and valuable as a citizen, while it will largely augment the happiness of his home. No man need fear aught from the farmers' organizations. They promise good to the country. They promise hurt only to those things that are wrong and ought to die.—Democratic Standard.

VALUE OF GRADE JERSEYS.

It costs no more, in fact it costs much less, writes Col. Peters, of Georgia, to keep a good cow or hog than a poor one. For example, take a man who owns five or six cows.

If he will buy a good Jersey bull of prepotent family, the heifers of his first cross will give them fifty per cent. more butter on average, and of much finer quality than their mothers gave.

It is an axiom that the bull is half the heard. I have seen grades of the third cross that no one could tell, by look or butter, from registered Jerseys. It is hard to calculate how much good a fine, vigorous Jersey bull can do in a country neighborhood. One mistake is frequently made that should be avoided. A half-breed male should never be used to breed from. It is the male that lifts the grade, and a half-breed will lead a herd downward, no matter how fine the females may be. Where a Jersey is introduced his sons should be killed for beef or used for oxen, and his daughters crossed to another pure breed Jersey. In one cross any man can see such a difference that he will thank me for my advice. In three crosses he will have a most valuable herd—as good butter-makers almost as registered Jerseys.—Western Rural.

THE COST AND PROFITS OF COTTON MILLING.

One of our citizens has taken sufficient interest in the cotton factory movement to write to two experienced cotton millers and get the benefit of their advice and estimates upon the project. They advise a mill to begin with 4,000 spindles, so constructed as that 4,000 spindles additional, or looms for weaving as might be determined, could be put in. The estimated cost of such an enterprise is \$85,000, and it is stated that, if judiciously managed, the property should yield an annual dividend of 15 to 20 per cent.—Statesville Landmark.

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TOBACCO MARKETS.

RALEIGH—Reported by T. B. Moseley, Manager Stronach's Warehouse.

Our market, since my last report, remains unchanged. The offerings of new is much heavier than usual at this season of the year. We had fine sales last week, and in every case the farmers were entirely satisfied with the prices. Several averages for barn round reached 30, and one 44 cts. Below I give quotations:

Table with columns for tobacco grades and prices. Includes items like New Common Lugs, Good Bright Lugs, Fillers, Common, Good to Fine, Cutters, Medium, Fine to Fancy, Wrappers, Common, Medium to Good, Fine to Fancy, and Common Fillers. Prices range from \$2.00 to \$4.00.

DURHAM—Reported by J. S. Lockhart, Proprietor Banner Warehouse. New Common Smokers \$3 to \$5. Medium 5 " 8. Good 8 " 12. Common Cutters 12.50 " 16. Medium 16 " 20. Good 20 " 25. Fine 25 " 30. Fancy 30 " 35. Common Fillers 8 " 6. Fine 6 " 9. Medium 9 " 15. Common Wrappers 15 " 22. Medium 22 " 30. Good 30 " 40. Fine 40 " 75. Fancy 75 " 90. Receipts very large during the past week. Market active and all grades in demand.