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**NORTH CAROLINA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.**

President—J. Van Lindley, Pomona.  
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—Raleigh is taking steps to have an electric fire alarm.

—The Methodist Conference will meet in Newberne next year.

—Mr. W. B. Potter, an expert, says that Durham has the best electric system in the State.

—Work will commence on the Durham end of the Lynchburg and Durham Road in a few days.

—The value of the taxable property in the State, during the year, has increased about \$6,000,000.

—Turner's N. C. Almanac for 1888 is before us. This is the fifty-first edition of "The Old Reliable."

—Charles Dickens, jr., and Henry Irving are expected to dine together on Christmas day at Chicago.

—North Carolina stands seventh in number of postoffices among all the States of the Union. She has 2,110.

—Her Most, the Anarchist of New York, has been refused a new trial and is now sentenced to one year in imprisonment.

—John G. Carlisle, of Kentucky, was re-nominated by the Democratic caucus for Speaker of the House without opposition.

—A generous hearted, wealthy colored citizen of Ohio, has given \$30,000 to an institution in that State for the education of the colored race.

—Reports go to show that the value of the dairy products this year will be \$480,000,000, about \$20,000,000 more than the wheat yield.

—Dr. Herbert Battle, son of K. P. Battle, President of the State University, was elected State Chemist last week by the Board of Agriculture.

—There will be an election in Onslow on the 23d inst. to decide the question of a subscription to the Wilmington, Onslow and East Carolina Railroad.

—Durham is making arrangements to build a \$100,000 hotel. She needs it, for a town of such energy and enterprise cannot get along with one hotel.

—Chicago has been chosen as the place of holding the next Republican National Convention. The time of holding the Convention is June 19th, 1888.

—We are pleased to see that the cultivation of sorghum is growing to be a profitable industry in North Carolina. Diversified crops is what the State needs.

—New York intends to have a triumphal occasion at the centennial celebration of the inauguration of Geo. Washington as the first President of the United States.

—There was a teachers' training class organized in the Murphey school building on Tuesday, the 13th inst., by Prof. Moses, assisted by Messrs. Miller and Savage.

—Montgomery had the largest fire in its history on the 7th inst. Several grocery stores were consumed, with one large wholesale store. The total loss will be over \$250,000.

—Who will be the successful contestant for the premium on the largest number of subscribers for THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER? Send in your names, brethren; only three more weeks.

—Liquor licenses are booming in Charlotte and Atlanta. In the former city they cost \$1,000, and in the latter \$1,600. After all, it is the man who stands in front of the counter who pays it.

—The large barrel factory at Philadelphia was completely destroyed by fire on the 10th inst. Loss about \$100,000. Three hundred men are thrown out of employment by the burning of the factory.

—Wake County Teachers' Council held its regular meeting on Saturday the 10th inst., but as the weather was so inclement, there was not many present, and the regular business was postponed till the next session.

—We know that the readers of this paper will overlook any short comings or defects which may appear in this issue, when told that the editor has been constantly at the bedside, for several days, of a dying daughter.

—The Pittsboro Home has entered its fifth volume and we wish it continued and increasing success. Bro. Merritt is a symmetrical man, and his paper is neat in appearance and neat in matter. It is full of North Carolina.

—On Sunday, the 11th inst., as ten persons were crossing Neuse river in a ferry boat at Milburnie, when about midway it sank and two of them drowned, the others made their escape by swimming to the banks.

—A delegation of students of the University of Virginia called on the President the other day to invite him to attend the commencement next summer. The President will accept if his official duties will allow him.

—Prof. E. G. Beckwith has been elected Assistant Professor of Mathematics at Wake Forest, and will take charge of his department on the 15th of January, 1888. He is an excellent teacher and the trustees did well to select him.

—Our readers will do well to read the advertisement in this issue of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER of Mr. T. H. Murray. Those who desire to buy any fine stock could not make a better selection than those for sale by Mr. Murray.

—We are indebted to Rev. C. T. Bailey for a copy of the North Carolina Baptist Almanac for 1888. This is the seventh edition of the Baptist Almanac, and Dr. Bailey deserves credit for editing such a well gotten up manual of facts.

—The students of Trinity College are in need of a library and literary societies, and they do most earnestly appeal to the general public for help. That is a good cause and should receive a hearty support from all friends of the College.

—The well-known Potts-Linke murder trial has been decided. W. A. Potts and Mrs. Susan Lincke were on trial for the murder of Paul Lincke. Mrs. Lincke has been acquitted and Potts has been found guilty and sentenced to be hanged on January 26th.

—Charlotte is ahead again in the way of new enterprises. She now has a sausage factory which grinds up one thousand pounds of sausage per day. Charlotte is furnished from this factory and it makes large shipments to other towns. Hurrah for Charlotte!

—Dr. Herbert Battle, of the experiment station, has made arrangements to receive telegrams from about twenty different points in the United States, giving the temperature of each, that will give all the different degrees of temperature in the United States at one time.

—The revival at the First Baptist Church has closed, and the good done in the city of Raleigh during its progress is wonderful. There were about five hundred professed faith in Christ, and about the same number reclaimed as backsliders. The city has undergone a revolution in many respects.

—Monday, Dec. 12th, 1887, the Supreme Court reversed the decision of the Superior Court in regard to the sale of wine and beer. Now and hereafter it will be illegal to sell wine or beer in a town where local option is in force. The decision of the case has been awaited with much interest in many towns in the State, as well as Raleigh.

—We were presented Tuesday morning with a nice sample of peanuts, by Mr. J. H. Wood, of Clayton, N. C. He says his crop was the finest he ever raised. He also says the hills will average from one hundred and ninety to two hundred and twenty peanuts. We extend our thanks to the kind brother for his benevolent gift to the editor of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER.

—Durham now has a tobacco association, established for the purpose of sustaining the reputation of its market and its dealers, to punish all who try to injure the reputation of the local dealers, and to enforce such means as may be necessary to secure honesty and uniformity in the classification and marking of tobacco. Said association is to run thirty years. No capital is required.

—Raleigh's tobacco market is growing very fast and there is coming to this market nearly as much tobacco as any market in the State, and as fine. The farmers who have tobacco to sell will do well to give Raleigh a trial, and we are sure they will be pleased with the prices. We think it will be well for all who have tobacco to sell to see the report of Stronach's Warehouse as given by the manager, Mr. T. B. Mosley, in this paper.

—The Wadesboro Intelligence says: "It makes us feel sad when we see a strong, able-bodied man bound up under a lien and mortgage, toiling on, year after year, like a gallery slave at the oar, toiling against overwhelming odds, when he should know, as others do, that there is no possible chance for him to get his head above water. As easy were it for a man to ford the Atlantic ocean with a millstone tied around his neck, as for a man, once down, once overwhelmed with an old debt, to recover from his embarrassment by cultivating the poor soil of Anson county, so long as he buys supplies at time prices. We can see the evil, but we cannot point the remedy. We only know there is no chance for the poor lienier. We can only tell him what we would do, were we in his place: We would surrender all, and go to work for wages until we could get enough ahead to buy a few acres of land, and cultivate one crop, without asking for help. This may not be a remedy, it may not suit every man's case, but it is what we would do, and we would come out solid."

**DIED.**—Mrs. Mary C. Browder, wife of Mr. David H. Browder, and daughter of L. L. and S. P. Polk, on the morning of the 13th inst., aged 22 years, one month and 20 days.

A dutiful and affectionate daughter and a fond and loving wife, a devoted mother and an humble believer in her Redeemer, her sweet Christian spirit has gone to the home of its glorious reward.

**THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.**

We give space to this important document because it deals almost exclusively with a matter that is of supreme importance to the farmers of the country—the reduction of taxation. We have an overflowing treasury and a people with empty pockets. Speculation runs high and all great monied enterprises flourish, but the farmers are in a deplorable condition financially. They would do well to study and investigate the causes which have brought about this unnatural and singular condition of affairs. The President talks very plainly on this subject.

**PRIMARY ELECTIONS.**

It is gratifying to know that our able and discreet contemporary, the Economist, is in thorough accord with us in the matter of primary elections. We predict a mighty tumbling to pieces of political parties, if better and surer methods are not adopted for securing the voice of the people in the matter of conventions, nominations, &c. They have been bossed and swindled and bull-dozed about as long as they can stand it. There will be wide extended rebellion in the camps if there is not a change.

Hon. W. D. Kelly, of Pennsylvania, recently made a tour of the South, and on his return made a speech in which he refers to our State in the following terms:

"My friends, North Carolina is the most beautiful and richest portion of God's earth upon which my vision or

feet have ever rested. You know that she produces cotton, rice, indigo, tar, pitch, turpentine, and superior timber. You know that her soil and climate are adapted to the cereals, wheat, corn, rye, buckwheat, and oats, but you probably do not know that that State, long known as the Rip Van Winkle of the Union, from which more than fifty thousand free white people have fled to the two States of Indiana and Illinois is the land of wine and honey, the apple and peach, the fig and pomegranate, all of which I saw prospering in open field and under the most artless culture."

The prisoners at the work house are doing good service on the county roads. If the work is properly managed, the roads in Durham county will be as level and solid as plank roads, in ten years.—Durham Recorder.

And so it ought to be in every county in the State. If the convicts were put on our public roads, the taxpayers would in some measure be compensated for the money they spend in keeping up the system, and we would have better roads. Suppose the 1200 convicts were divided into squads of fifty—this would give that number to twenty-four counties. Fifty convicts at work under proper management in a county ought to improve the roads greatly in a year. The taxpayers and thinking men of the State are beginning to look into this important matter.

**ALLIANCE NEWS.**

Mr. W. A. Austin, of New Salem township, one of our best farmers and most active citizens, has been engaged recently in the work of organizing Farmers' Alliances in the county. On Nov. 25th he organized an Alliance at Price's School House, in Goose creek township, with 21 members. Mr. A. W. McManus was elected President, J. W. Caudle, Vice-President and J. T. Helms, Secretary.

On Nov. 26th he organized an Alliance at High Hill with 14 members, with Mr. H. W. Pusser as President. On Dec. 1st he organized "The Crooked Creek Alliance" at Love's School House, with 10 members; Mr. Alvis Baucum President, and Mr. J. P. Hinson Secretary.—Enquirer and Express.

Mr. W. A. Austin, a commissioned organizer of the Farmers' National Alliance, makes the following appointments to organize Alliances, all meetings to be called to order at 10 o'clock a. m.:

Liberty Hill church, Stanly county, December 15th.

Crowell's Debating Hall, Dec. 19th. Waxhaw church, Dec. 20th.

Tindle School House, Dec. 21st.

On January 5th Mr. Austin will organize a County Alliance at Rock Rest High School, four miles east of Monroe. Capt. S. B. Alexander, President of the State Alliance is expected to be present at the organization of the County Alliance.

On the 5th day of January, 1888, the County Alliances of Union county will meet at Rock Rest for the purpose of organizing a County Alliance.

JOSEPH M. AUSTIN, Sec'y Ento Alliance.

The Constitution of the State Farmers' Alliance has fixed the day of meeting of the several County Alliances on the 1st Friday in January, we must change the time of our next meeting in Jonesboro from the last Saturday to the First Friday, (which will be on the 6th,) at 11 o'clock a. m.

J. O. KELLY, Pres't Moore Co. Farmers' Alliance.

The County Farmers' Club meeting not having a full attendance on the 5th inst, notice thereof being too short, we adjourned to meet again on the 17th at 12 o'clock, and earnestly request a full attendance, not only for the purpose of electing delegates to the State Association at Greensboro, but for that of other business of equal importance.

By order of Executive Committee. D. P. SHIELDS, Sec'y.

—Sanford Express.

**TO THE SUBORDINATE ALLIANCES OF JOHNSTON CO.**

A meeting will be held in the town of Clayton on Saturday, the 17th inst., for the purpose of organizing a County Alliance. Each sub-Alliance is entitled to one delegate for each ten members or fractional part thereof, with its standing and special committees. Let each Alliance take action at once to be properly represented in this meeting. The meeting will be called to order promptly at 11 o'clock.

C. E. MCCULLERS, Deputy Organizer.

**HAVE YOU TRIED IT?**

Have you noticed the exceedingly low club rates at which we offer our paper? Have you taken a copy to your Club or to your Alliance and tried to get up a Club? Do you want to see the farmers organized? Do you want to aid in this grand work? Do you want to place the farmers in a position where their voice will be heard? Do you want your paper to wield an influence for good? When we came to Raleigh we announced our purpose to put at least 4,000 subscribers on our list by the first of January, 1888, and we are now more hopeful than ever that it can be done, provided our friends all over the State will give us just a little help. Will you not try to get us a Club? Here are our rates:

1 to 5 subscribers,	\$2.00 per year
5 " 10 "	1.65 " "
10 " 15 "	1.50 " "
15 " 20 "	1.25 " "
20 or more "	1.00 " "

Strictly Cash. Send us a Club.

**ALLIANCE NOTICE.**

The members of the Executive or Business Committee, elected by the Wake County Alliance and by the sub-Alliances composing the same, will meet in Raleigh, N. C., on Friday the 16th inst., at 11 a. m.

By order of J. W. JONES, Chm'r. W. H. HOLLAND, Sec'y.

**NOTICE TO THE FARMERS OF WAKE COUNTY.**

The farmers of Wake county are urgently invited to meet in Raleigh on Wednesday, the 21st inst., to select delegates to represent Wake county in the Farmers' State Convention, which meets in the city of Greensboro on the 2nd Wednesday in January. This is strictly a farmers' organization, and it is highly important that our county be well and properly represented. I issue this call, therefore, and at the suggestion of the officers of the North Carolina Farmers' Association. The meeting will be called to order promptly at 12 o'clock on the 21st inst. in the court house. Let every township be well represented.

J. D. ALLEN, President County Alliance. City papers please copy.

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE N. C. FARMERS' ASSOCIATION.**

This Association was organized at the Farmers' Mass Convention, which was held in the city of Raleigh, January 26, 1887, by electing a President, one Vice-President for each Congressional district in the State, a Secretary and an Executive Committee of five. It adopted a Constitution and By-Laws for its government. It adjourned to meet in the city of Greensboro on the second Wednesday in January, 1888. The Constitution restricts the membership of the Association to such only as have their chief interest in farming. Each county in the State is entitled to as many votes in the body as it has members in the lower branch of our Legislature, but in no manner restricts the number of qualified delegates who are to cast these votes.

The object and purpose of the Association is to take such action as may best improve and promote the agricultural interests of our people. This is the broad basis upon which it is founded and it hopes to have the hearty approval and co-operation of every farmer in our State.

Although called without organized effort or formulated plan, the convention of last January was composed of nearly four hundred farmers representing forty-three counties. We earnestly hope that every county in the State will be represented in our meeting in Greensboro.

Let the farmers in each county in the State call meetings at once and elect delegates (as many as will come) and give them certificates, to the end that all sections and the interests of all sections may be represented. Reduced rates on railroads have been secured and the agents are instructed to issue round trip tickets to all delegates. Reduced rates have also been secured at the hotels and boarding houses in Greensboro.

A Farmers' Institute will be held during the session. Able and distinguished agriculturists will be present to address the body on important topics connected with agriculture. Every effort will be made to render the occasion interesting and profitable.

ELIAS CARR, President. All State papers requested to copy.

**TOBACCO MARKET.**

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

Our receipts for the past week were light, owing to the cold harsh weather. Our prices are entirely satisfactory, and especially so on all of the better grades. The light breaks for the past week have enabled our buyers to clean up their prize houses and they are now keen to see it coming in. Below I give quotations:

New Scrap Common Dark	\$ 1 to \$ 2
" Bright	2 1/2 " 4 1/2
" Fillers, Common	2 1/2 " 4
" " Good to Bright	3 1/2 " 10
" " Fine	10 " 14
" " Smokers, Common to Good	3 1/2 " 5
" " Good to Fine	6 " 12 1/2
" Cutters, Common	14 " 18
" " Good	18 " 20
" " Fine	25 " 30
" " Fancy	30 " 40
" " Wrappers, Common	15 " 22
" " Medium	22 " 30
" " Good to Fine	30 " 35
" " Fancy	35 " 40