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#### TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Again we want to say to our correspondents that they must give us their real names if they expect us to publish their articles. We must have their names as a guarantee of good faith. And again, we must ask our friends-all-to condense what they have to say-boil it down. We are anxious to give as great variety as possible to our readers, and to do this the articles should be short and to the point.

## OUR CIRCULATION.

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915	Subscribers	Sept.	1st,	1887
1,944	"	Jan.	"	1888
2,376	"	Feb.	**	"
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## THE ISSUE TO BE MET.

In the mighty and impending revolution let us get down to the bottom defects in our system, in order that the new industrial edifice which we propose to erect in the South shall rest on a solid foundation. We may league the farmers of the South together in Granges, in Alliances, in Inter-State Farmers' Associations, and we may adopt solemn and high-sounding resolves, but until we as a people come down to solid facts and look the situation squarely in the face as sensible, practical men, it will all be for naught. We should control our cotton crop, worth to us \$260,000,000 per annum, and yet we have no more control over its price, nor option as to when it shall be sold, than the inhabitants of Iceland: Why? Simply because we buy everything we need and generally on a credit, and are forced to sell at such time and at such prices as our creditors dictate. The policy of buying meat, bread, hay, guano, &c., on a credit and raising only one crop with which to pay for it, and that, too, in a country which possesses all the conditions for producing these things, economically and successfully, is the supremest folly. Thousands of trains should produce come from Northern States and pour them out in our depots and go back empty. This is what has become of the \$8,000,000,000 which we have received for our cotton crop since the war. This is the trouble with us as a people.

And now to add to our embarrassment and to further augment our

burthens the "Bagging Trust" proposes to force us to pay to a few men the enormous sum of \$2,000,000 on bagging. We can and should raise in the South Atlantic and Gulf States all the jute that would be required to wrap our cotton and to make all the bags we need. Its cultivation is as simple as possible and the appliances for manufacturing it are not costly. THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER a year ago suggested that the cotton farmers of the South should investigate and consider the expediency of manufacturing our poorer grades of cotton into wrapping for our staple. This could be done, and we believe we can demonstrate that it can be done advantageously.

This, among other great questions, should engage the attention of farmers all over the South. If we ever succeed-if we ever come up to the full measure of the grand possibilities of this God-favored section, we must devise ways and means by which we can control our cotton crop; and to do this we must raise our own supplies at home.

### MOORE COUNTY FARMERS.

North Carolinians, as a rule, know too little of each other and of their State. We should travel and study our State more and learn more of our the city. Are you willing to aid us people, of their methods and systems. in extending its circulation? If so, We believe this, but were never more | we will be gratified to supply you with impressed with its truth than on the flying trip which we made to Carbon- for it. ton last week. We travelled from Sanford to that point, traversing the whole way, the old Red Sand-stone Belt, and we were greatly gratified to find such a highly creditable system of farming as beautifies and adorns the hills all along the route. Mr. J. D. McIver and the Gilliams and Coles and Wilcoxes, and others, would do honor, as farmers, to any section of our State. No one can ride along that route without noting two things: the good judgment and science displayed in the system of horizontalizing | FARMERS' POLITICS-SEASONtheir lands in cultivation, and the good ploughing; two very essential things in good farming.

The pic nic was a splendid success in every particular; a large crowd and a magnificent dinner, ample to meet all demands. Mr. D E. McIver, whom a large proportion of the good people wanted to make State Auditor, and Mr. Allen Jones, a sprightly and clever young "Tar Heel," and a good talker, and the writer, made speeches. We met many warm-hearted friends, and among them several of our dear old comrades. Long and pleasantly will be remember the good people of Carbonton and vicinity.

## THE BAGGING PROBLEM.

The farmers are aroused. They are unanimous in denouncing the outrage attempted by the Bagging "Trust." They may not be able to meet it successfully this season, but they will prepare for a repetition if they are wise and true to themselves. We can make bagging of the straw of our long leaf pine. We can make labor to the extent of their full wages. bagging of jute grown in our own poor grades of cotton. We can substitute wire for ties. Will the Alliance or the Inter-State Farmers' Association, or both, take hold of this im- literature by any public carrier. portant matter and solve the problem? It can be done. It ought to be done.

## DO YOU WANT TO KNOW?

There are thousands and tens of thousands of our people, in and out of the Alliance, who will be eager to laden with the very articles which we know the proceedings of the State Alliance in its session this week. The quickest, surest and cheapest way to get it, and get it correctly, will be to send your dollar at once to this office and take THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER for one year. It will contain the official report of the proceedings. Do this at once, if you would have your name entered in time.

THE ALLIANCE AT THE CAP-OL ITAL.

The Farmers' State Alliance will meet to day in Metropolitan Hall, President Alexander presiding. It is meet and proper that its first annual session should be held at the Capitol of our State. Advocating those great principles of equity and justice upon which our government is founded, representing that class of our citizens which constitutes three-fourths of our population, it is proper that all their declarations relating to the common interests of a common people, should be proclaimed from the Capitol and center of our State. It will be a splendid body of patriotic, conservative gentlemen, and THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER bids them welcome, thrice welcome to the City of Oaks."

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er an chian bound <del>aid a</del>nd enlastic year Delegates and visiting friends wil remember that the doors of THE PRO GRESSIVE FARMER, at No. 13, West Hargett street, are thrown wide open to receive you. Come and see us.

#### A WORD TO THE BRETHREN

Are you a subscriber to your organ? If not, we would be gratified to place your name on our list before you leave an outfit, with which to procure a club

#### THE FRUIT FAIR.

Will open to-morrow in the new store building of Messrs. W. C. & A B. Stronach, on Fayetteville St., and only a few steps from the entrance to Metripolitan Hall, where the meeting of the State Alliance is to be held. Members and visitors to the Alliance will have a fine opportunity and with out inconvenience to inspect this superb exhibition of our fruits.

# ABLE READING.

The office seeker is abroad in the land. He tells the people that he desires to execute their will. He asks them to tell him what they want, and common honesty as well as the best interests of the country demands that the people make known their wants. The Farmers' National Alliance at its session at Shreveport, La., last year, set forth some demands on behalf of the farmers, from which we make the following extracts: They make up a strong platform. Read them.

We demand the repeal of the present National Banking System.

We demand that the Department of Agriculture be made one of the departments of State; that it shall be increased in scope and efficiency, and in connection therewith, there shall be established a Bureau of Labor Statistics.

We demand the enactment of laws to compel corporations to pay their employes according to contract, in lawful money for their services, and the giving to mechanics and laborers a first lien upon the products of their

stringent, and be extended so as to suppress the transmission of such

We demand that the United States Government purchase, by right of eminent domain, the telephone and telegraph lines, and operate them as adjuncts fo the United States postal service.

That in view of the fact that the delegates to this body represent a majority of the cotton producers of the cotton belt of America, which belt produces over two-thirds of the cotton of the whole world, and in view of the further fact that two-thirds of the cot ton in the cotton belt is demanded and used for export to a foreign power, which fixes the price on every pound of our cotton; and in view of the fact that the said power is debarred from returning to this country a single yard of manufactured cotton, thereby making said power interested in crowding infamous outrage.

down to the lowest figure the price of cotton. We hereby demand that the United States Government adopt a speedy system of reduction of the import duty on manufactured cottons, in such a way as to do justice to this, the greatest of all classes of producers.

We demand such a revision of the tariff as will lay the heaviest burdens on the luxuries and the lightest on the necessaries of life, and as will reduce the incomes from imports to a strictly revenue basis.

That as a remedy against the unjust accumulation and encroachment of capital, we demand a graduated income tax.

That as upon the intelligence of the people depend the stability and purpetuity of our own free Government, we demand for the masses a well regulated system of industrial and agricultural education.

That we oppose the continued influx of pauper labor from the monarchies of Europe, whose anarchic views and communistic doctrines are breeding discontent and disloyalty to law, order, peace and good government, and by an overplus of worthless labor, reducing our own laboring classes to starvation, we therefore demand more stringent laws to prevent this country being further used as an asylum for the communists and paupers of other countries.

We demand that the Constitutions, both State and National, be so am ended as to provide for the election of United States Senators by direct vote of the people.

# FARMERS' CONVENTION."

The citizens of Durham, ever alive to the best interests of their town and State, a spirit which has made it one of the leading manufacturing cities of the South, in response to a call published in their daily papers, met to consider the question of tendering an invitation to the Inter-States Farmers' Convention, which will be in session in this city during next week, to visit them and accept their hospitalities. The meeting was largely attended and the invitation most heartily extended, as the following correspondence will

DURHAM, N. C., Aug. 10, '88. L. L. POLK, PRES'T FARMERS' INTER STATE ASSOCIATION, RALEIGH, N. C.

Dear Sir: We, the undersigned, have been appointed a committee on the part of our citizens to extend through you a most cordial invitation to the gentlemen who will be in attendance, as delegates, upon the Farmers' Inter-State Association, which assembles in Raleigh on Tuesday, August 21st, to visit our enterprising town. Durham will be glad to see you, one and all, and we promise you a royal welcome. Please be kind enough to intimate your acceptance of this invitation, and oblige.

Very respectfully yours, J. S. CARR, G. W. WATTS, HENRY A. REAMS, J. B. WHITAKER, JR., E. C. HACKNEY.

RALEIGH, N. C., Aug. 10, '88. MESSRS. J. S. CARR, G. W. WATTS AND OTHERS COMMITTEE, DURHAM, N. C.:

GENTLEMEN: - Your esteemed favor, extending through me to the Inter-State Farmers' Association, which meets in this city on the 21st inst., a cordial invitation to visit your enterprising town, has just been received.

I beg to assure you that it will give That the laws relating to the sup- me sincere pleasure to convey to that fields. We can make bagging of our pression of the transmission of im- body at the earliest practicable momoral, profane or obscene literature ment this kind proffer of your generthrough the mails, be made more ous hospitality, and I feel assured that the members will most cheerfully and readily accept it.

Thanking you, and through you the good people whom you represent, for this renewed and timely manifestation of that public spirit which has so prominently characterized your town from its birth, and for the opportunity thus kindly afforded our distinguished visitors to witness the achievements of real North Carolina pluck, push and energy, I am, gentlemen, with sentiments of very high regard.

> Your obedient servant, L. L. Polk, Pres't, &c.

Sparta Alliance, in Edgecombe county, endorses and adopts the resolutions of Cocoa Alliance and Temper. ance Hall Grange, denouncing the Bagging Trust. We hope every farmers organization in the South will take a determined stand against this

#### RESOLUTIONS THAT RING

The following resolutions are to the point and are commended to the consideration of the brotherhood everywhere : if seast borton

WHEREAS, A trust has been formed to extort exhorbitant prices on cotton bagging; therefore we, the members of Macklin Spring Alliance, No. 56, in Wake county, do hereby resolve to use no more cotton bagging until the present quoted prices be reduced, but will use some other material instead.

Resolved further, That we ask the co-operation of all Alliances, Granges, and all other farmer organizations throughout the South in resisting this oppression, and that these resolutions be published in THE PROGRESSIVE

T. A. COUNCIL, C. W. Suges, J. B. OLIVE, C. E. MCNAMARD, W. H. H. Jones,

Aug. 9, 1888.

#### A PIC NIC AT FORESTVILLE

On the 2d inst. Forestville and Neuse Farmers' Alliances, jointly, gave a pic nic which was much enjoyed by all who attended. The day was very warm, but everybody seemed to enjoy it, any way. The lemonade stand was frequently visited, where ice and lemonade were plentiful. The arrangement was splendid; every plan was executed in the most admirable manner. The farmers manifested much more interest than is customary with them.

We were honored by the presence of Mr. A. D. Jones, who made quite an interesting and enthusiastic speech. After Mr. Jones, Mr. A. C. Green occupied the stand for a short while, and he also made quite an interesting speech. Both Mr. Jones and Mr. Green are practical men, and they gave the farmers good wholesome ad

vice, explaining their condition, &c. After the conclusion of the speeches, quite an agreeable announcement to all was then made. It was that the barbecue was ready. Numerous baskets were then brought up, filled with everything nice that could be desired on such an occasion. This part the ladies did so well perform. Some of the ladies were then asked to assist the committee in arranging the table, which was judiciously done. Never was there more perfect order on such an occasion; everything passed off as pleasantly as could have been desired.

After everybody had done justice to the splendidly prepared dinner, the programme for the day was complete, and all were left to suggest the way they would spend the remainder of

The young folks spent the afternoon in social chats, strolling around in the shade of the massive oak trees, &c. The farmers spent the time in discussing the condition of their crops, farms, &c., and every group spiced their conversation with politics, a topic that a

discussed by nearly everybody. G.

Bad amage - Quest two RALEIGH, N. C., August 6, '88. EDITOR FARMER:-I see from the two last issues of your paper, that the manufacturers of bagging have formed a ring and put up the price of bagging for no other purpose but to pocket all the farmers make. Now, sir, I think it is time to call a halt. I am proud to see that the Alliance and the Grange of other counties have said they will not use a yard unless they come down. I hope you will bring it before the State Alliance in such a way that they will take the proper steps, also at the meeting of the cotton States. I hope there will be a resolution by State and Inter:State that we will not use a yard, but wrap with anything that will hold it together. I think we have time, and if proper steps is taken the cotton factories of the South can and will make a coarse cloth for the purpose, thereby using more cotton at home, thereby encouraging home manufacturers, and if that be so the bagging factories have done us a favor when they did not intend it. Now, sir, I will speak for No. 31 that we will stand by any rule that will advance the farmers of the South. I for one will use Alamance plaids or anything else that will hold it, and let the ring know that there trap failed,

Every person keeping poultry should keep an accurate account with his stock, placing all the expenditures incurred and the amount of the receipts on the proper sides of the sheet. The losses should, of course, be charged to the expense account.

and that we are still free men.