

LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

In the Senate Mr. Wimberley's bill to work public roads by taxation, was lost.

Senator Williams introduced a bill to authorize premiums for certain field crops. It was loaded down with amendments and killed by ridicule, a proceeding that would have better suited a less dignified body than the North Carolina Senate.

Mr. Means introduced a bill to amend the Constitution of North Carolina as follows: 1st. To prevent any member of a General Assembly which creates an office to be eligible or appointed to the first term of that office. 2d. To make the Commissioner of Agriculture a Constitutional officer of equal dignity with the Secretary of State and other officers of State and elected by the people. 3d. To make the term of office of Governor and other State offices to begin on the third Wednesday after the first Monday in January, so that the General Assembly can count the vote before the term of office begins.

A bill providing for election of cotton weighers in counties of Rowan and Mecklenburg, passed third reading.

Mr. Lusk's bill to prevent the keeping of screens, blinds and other obstructions in bar-room doors, failed to pass by a vote of 31 to 13.

Bill to change time of holding court in Granville county, passed.

Bill to prohibit sale of liquor near Beaver Dam Church, in Union county, passed.

A bill for regulating fees of Solicitors in capital felonies, was tabled by a vote of 46 to 3. Messrs. Turner, Williams of Pitt, Stubbs, Pou and LeGrand opposed it, and Messrs. Means and Blair favored it.

In the House, Mr. Holman, a bill relating to sale of liquors near New Bethany Church, in Iredell county.

Mr. Leak, bill relating to public highways.

Mr. Jones, bill relating to constructing public roads.

Mr. Galloway, bill authorizing Commissioners of Brunswick county to levy special tax, passed.

Mr. Coffield, bill to abolish December term of Martin county Superior Court.

Mr. Hood, bill for better protection of tenants and servants.

Bill relating to weighing and ginning cotton in Harnett county, passed its final reading.

Bill prohibiting making fertilizers out of live shell, passed final reading.

Mr. Lyon, a bill to repeal all laws imposing a license tax on fertilizers.

Of course we do not present a tithe of the work done in the Legislature, but when it shall have assumed shape and is brought up for final action, we shall present all measures of general interest and the action thereon. We learn that it is generally believed that any measure looking to the enlarged jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace, will be vigorously opposed by certain members. Doubtless this and the matter of establishing a Railroad Commission, will be strongly contested.

COE, THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER, RIDICULING THE FARMERS' LEGISLATURE.

Articles in newspapers and rumors afloat are numerous, ridiculing "The Farmers' Legislature." This is intended not only as a stab at the Alliance and Grange, but intended to prevent farmers from supporting farmers for any office hereafter. If farmers in this Legislature betray the trust imposed in them, our farmers should not be discouraged but should be more careful hereafter in selecting men of nerve, honor and honesty—men who cannot be hood-winked and "canoodled" by sharpers—men who have the courage to withstand and the sense to know when a job is being put up on them; "clever fellows" that talk of farmers' rights and interests at home,

and are used by others to defeat the purposes for which they were elected, must be left severely alone. Watch the record of each member; sift the taffy from the substance and judge each one by the results he accomplished or tried to accomplish. The farmers have been fed on taffy until it is necessarily monopolistic. Trusts and combines all love the farmers, like the lion loves the lamb; and it is our duty to protect our interest by our votes, if not, it is wrong to make any demands on the Legislature. Mr. Editor, we look to you as our sentinel to tell us of the danger, and he who betrays us hold him up to the public gaze. Give the whole truth, and spare not. HARVESTER.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

—The Goldsboro pottery is said to be doing a thriving business.

—Lent begins March 6th, Easter Sunday will fall on April 21st.

—Electricity is the successful motive power of the new Asheville street car line.

—The Burlington Free Press "pitties the Waterbury Watch Company if it ever has to wind up its movements."

—It is said the Legislature will be asked to form a new county out of Randolph, Guilford, Forsyth and Davidson.

—There was not a death recorded during the month of December in the city of Salisbury, among either the white or colored population.

—Dr. B. F. Dixon, in his report as Superintendent of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, gives the number of orphans in the institution at 251.

—Mr. R. J. Sledge, of Kyle, Texas, offers for sale a lot of fine horses and mules. See advertisement in to-day's paper and note low prices.

"In the soup" is a new phrase which is having a big run in the Northern and Eastern cities. Everything which is unsuccessful is "in the soup."

—The Southern Mercury says Hungarian capitalists attempted to corner maize and lost 3,000,000 florins, and piously ejaculates, "The Lord be praised."

—Col. Jas. D. Glenn, of Greensboro, has been appointed Adjutant General of the State, vice Gen. Johnston Jones whose term of office had expired by limitation.

—The Rev. Henry White, of the Savoy Chapel, London, states that out of 1,000 couples which he assisted to join together only one pair had found marriage a failure.

—The Charlotte Chronicle has this item: "How to be happy though married—let your wife do all the talking." Perhaps this is the key to why "marriage is a failure."

—The North Carolina Plow Company, at Cary, N. C., a co-operative Alliance enterprise is booming. On Monday last it shipped eleven wagons—five of them going to Cheraw, S. C.

—See the advertisement in this issue of our paper headed, "The Farmer, the Backbone of the Country." Mr. Bagwell is an experienced undertaker, and thoroughly reliable. Read the notice.

—Who is it that does not admire fine, blooded stock? See Mr. W. H. Rogers' advertisement in to-day's paper offering for sale fine Jersey Cows and Heifers. This opportunity is not offered every day.

—The Legislature of North Carolina, on Tuesday last elected Hon. M. W. Ransom to succeed himself in the United States Senate. The vote stood, Ransom 113; Dockery 24. Ransom's majority, seventy-six.

—At Yanceyville on the 25th inst., in a drizzling rain, John Yancey, colored, was hanged for the murder of another negro. On the gallows he confessed his guilt and expressed the hope that his soul would be saved.

—A La Grange item in the Kinston Free Press says, "Thus far, the merchants have failed to sell as many goods to mortgaged customers as on previous years. This is a fair indication of a prosperous year."

—We are very much gratified with the prompt responses to our appeal for renewals, published on our first page; but there are several yet on our list whose subscriptions have expired. Are you one? If so, send us a dollar and go with us another year. Remember the proposed improvement of the paper. The serial stories alone will be worth more than a dollar.

—Gen. Johnston Jones is to be editor-in-chief of the Asheville Citizen. The General has had much editorial experience, both in this city and in Charlotte, and we are glad to welcome him back to the tripod.

—Snow fell throughout the Northwest on the 16th inst., light in places and accompanied with rain. In northern Minnesota the snow fall was from six to twelve inches, accompanied by a very light wind.

—A telegram to the News-Observer, dated Fayetteville, Jan. 25th, says: Senator W. L. Williams' corn mill and cotton gin were burned last night. Six bales of cotton were lost. It is supposed to be a case of robbery.

—It is said that the present mild winter, which is knocking the spots out of the mine-owners and coal barons of the country, is proving a great blessing to the poor of the land. It is indeed a foul wind that blows no one good.

—Judge David Schenck, by invitation, will address the Legislature in the Hall of the House of Representatives on Tuesday evening next, with a view of obtaining a small appropriation to aid the Guilford Battle Ground Company.

—Senator Brown, of Georgia, on Tuesday last deserted the South and voted with the Republicans on the wool tariff issue. He is now the only Southern Democratic Senator who gives "protection" votes in the Senate.

—Among the first official acts of Gov. Fowle was the granting of a reprieve to Bud Anderson, the condemned murderer, who was to have been hanged in Goldsboro last Friday. He was respited until Wednesday, February 27th.

—The contract to do the Public Printing for the next two years will be awarded to Josephus Daniels, of the State Chronicle, the Democratic caucus having decided in his favor. And it could not have been bestowed on a truer and worthier man.

—The electric lights of the United States consume 150,000 "carbons" daily. Of these 100,000 are made in Cleveland, Ohio. They are made of oil residuum, ground fine and compressed with an addition of a little pitch, then baked in a very hot furnace.

—The Piedmont Bank, of Greensboro, was organized on Tuesday the 22d inst. Ex-Gov. A. M. Scales was elected President and Col. J. M. Winstead, Cashier. For the present the bank will do business in the same building with the People's Five Cents Saving Bank.

—We are glad to notice the success which is attending Holly Springs Academy under the splendid management of Prof. C. S. Siler. There are over sixty students already in attendance, and the probability is that a number of others will be added within the next thirty days.

—Attention is directed to the new advertisement of the Racket Store, corner Martin and Wilmington street, this city. Read the low prices at which they offer boys' suits, overcoats, men's and women's shoes, &c. Those who have been there describe the bargains as "marvelous."

—Hon. Rufus Y. McAden, of Charlotte, originally of Caswell county, one of the most prominent business men of the State, died at his residence in that city on the night of the 24th inst., in the 56th, year of his age. He had been suffering for a long time with some kidney trouble.

—A Winter Fair is a novelty and it was such a success at New Berne last year that the citizens of that place have organized an annual exposition known as the "East Carolina Fish, Oyster, Game and Industrial Association." Grand preparations are being made for it this season—February 10, 20, 21 and 22.

—The weights of the silver coins of the United States according to the latest report of the director of the United States mint are as follows: The dollar, 412½ grains, fineness, 900; trade dollar, 420 grains, fineness, 900; the half dollar, 192.9 grains, fineness, 900; the quarter dollar, 96.45 grains, fineness, 900. So it will be observed that one-tenth of all the coins is alloy.

—The experiments made in 1888 in the treatment of vine diseases fully demonstrated that the copper compounds, especially the Bordeaux mixture, would prevent Black Rot. A circular indicating a definite line of treatment for the malady has been prepared by B. T. Galloway chief of the section of vegetable pathology in the U. S. Department of Agriculture at Washington, D. C. It will be sent on application to all grape-growers and others interested in fruit culture.

—The celebration of the fifty-fourth Anniversary of the two Literary Societies of Wake Forest College will take place on the 15th of February. The programme is attractive and the occasion will be interesting and enjoyable. Public debate at 2 p. m. Query: Are the merits of the present system of free schools in North Carolina sufficient to justify the State in supporting it? Orations at night and a social gathering in the Halls. THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER thanks the courteous Marshalls for their kind invitation to be present.

—A farmer friend writing from Panther Creek, N. C., says: "We must put our brains to work. Let every farmer provide himself and family with an abundance of good reading matter in order that they may always keep posted and abreast of the times. I would suggest that after your church paper, THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER is the paper to subscribe for; it is doing more to educate the farmers than any other paper I know of. We have no more right to neglect the cultivation of our minds than have the lawyer, editor or preacher. The more general knowledge we acquire, the more successful we may expect to be in our business."

—Lippincott's Magazine for the month of February is upon our table, and, as usual, is filled with choice reading matter. The following is the table of contents: A Transaction in Hearts, by Edgar Saltus; Mezpah, a poem, by Horner Green; The Days when I Went Journaling, by editor; With Gauge and Swallow, by Albion W. Tourgee; To Sleep, (a sonnet) by Helen Gray Cone; Nathaniel Hawthorne, by R. H. Stoddard; At Last, Six Days in the Life of an ex-Teacher, by John Haberton; My Experience as a Government Clerk, by Frances E. Wadleigh; the Key-note, by Mary Bradley; Our one Hundred Questions; After Five Years, by M. P.; Monthly Gossip; Table Talk; and Every Day's Record.

—THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER will begin, on the 5th of February, the publication of Joaquin Miller's new serial story entitled "The Buried River." It is a bold venture beyond the improbable into the impossible, for it deals to some extent with that river which some Californians have conceived as flowing under the ground below their mines, and bedded in solid gold that has during the ages washed into its waters. In that respect it suggests a Rider Haggard phantasy. But Joaquin Miller is ever a poet, and he has placed an absorbing romance of quite reasonable if unusual love into that environment of strange adventure. It is a work that introduces him powerfully and remarkably into prose fiction, according to a publisher who has read the manuscript. This is the beginning of the series of stories which we referred to in our last issue, and will be followed by "The Colonel's Cards," by Franklin File, "The Lily of Rochon," by Maurice Thompson, and a story of St. Clair's defeat in Ohio, by Rev. Dr. Edward Everett Hale. Do not miss these by neglecting to renew your subscription to THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER.

ALLIANCE RESOLUTIONS.

Since it is impossible for us to print in full, in our limited space, any considerable portion of the correspondence which is now flowing in upon us from every point of the compass, and, being desirous that every section of the State may have a hearing through our columns, we have decided that hereafter, we will give, in brief form, only the pith and point of the brethren's favors. Correspondents will therefore understand that our only object in re-writing and condensing their contributions is simply to save space and to give a greater number an opportunity to be heard. There are now in North Carolina 1,506 Alliances, and no one outside of this office can form the slightest idea of the quantity of matter sent us for publication. We have reached the point where we must condense.

—Catawba Creek Alliance, No. 636, have resolved that they will buy no guano this year unless it can be procured through Alliance Agents.

—Plain View Alliance, Franklin county, at last meeting, resolved that they will use no commercial fertilizer on corn or cotton if the price is higher than it was in 1888.

—At a regular meeting of Ormandville Alliance, Green county, held on the 5th inst., it was resolved to use no fertilizer unless it could be obtained through Alliance Agents.

—Spring Hill Alliance, of Sampson county, by a unanimous vote, decided to buy no guano except through Alliance Agents. If they cannot get it that way they will do without it.

—Woodall's Alliance, Davie county, has endorsed the demands of the State Alliance in regard to increased jurisdiction of justices of the peace, convict labor, and free passes on railroads.

—Davie County Alliance, in session Jan 5th inst., endorsed unanimously the demands of the State Alliance upon the Legislature, in regard to giving away convict labor, public officials accepting free passes over railroads, &c.

—At a meeting of Buffalo Ford Alliance, Randolph county, on the 19th inst., after endorsing the demands of the State Alliance, a resolution was adopted asking the Legislature to so amend the school law as to require the teaching of the elementary principles of the science of agriculture in our common schools.

—Morgan Hill Alliance, of Buncombe county, at its last regular meeting, by resolution, instructed their members of the Legislature to use their influence to procure the construction of a line of railroad from Asheville to Cranberry; also, to use their best endeavors to have the public highways worked by taxation.

—At the last meeting of Chalk Level Alliance, of Durham county, a resolution was adopted protesting against the repeal of the Mecklenburg road law, as asked for by the Durham County Alliance. Such repeal would be highly detrimental to the interests of Durham township, and, to a considerable extent, to other townships.

—At a regular meeting of Moore Hill Alliance, Moore county, January 19th inst., the demands of the State Alliance were unanimously endorsed. A resolution was also adopted asking the Legislature to enact such a law as will compel railroads running through Moore county to pay full value for all damage done to live stock.

—The Jones County Alliance, considering the homestead law the parent of the present burdensome mortgage system, and that it has a tendency to drive capital and manufacturing enterprises from the State, resolved to ask its repeal at the hands of the present Legislature, and requests the co-operation of all Alliances in the State.

—State Line Alliance, Richmond county, by resolution passed a few days ago, enters its earnest protest against the custom of the Legislature of paying per diem and mileage to defeated contestants for seats in the Legislature, and prays the present body, in the name of the overburdened tax-payers of the State to enact a law to prevent it in the future.

—Dry Creek Alliance, of Chatham county, memorialized the General Assembly of North Carolina to amend the present school law so that each county shall appropriate not less than one dollar per scholar, and that the money be paid direct from the Sheriff to the school committee of each district, the committee to give a sufficient bond for the security of said money.

—Stanly county Alliance, at a meeting held on the 4th instant, petitions the present General Assembly to enact some law for the better protection of farmers from loss in weighing bale cotton. They protest against long-beam scales and ask that only platform scales be used in weighing cotton. They ask that all public ginnery be made sworn weighers, required to mark and brand the dry weight on every bale ginned, and that the same shall be sold by said weight.

—Rockfish Alliance, of Duplin county, at a recent meeting, protested against the coaxing of able-bodied laborers of this State to other States to work, leaving their children behind to be schooled, and the old and infirm to be taken care of, and requested the Legislature to enact a law to remedy the evil; they further ask that persons convicted of crime who are unable to pay costs and fine be required to work out the same on the roads, instead of being confined in jail at the expense of the tax-payers; further ask, that all able-bodied insolvent tax-payers be required to work out the amount of their taxes on the public roads.

—At a meeting of Brassfields Alliance, Granville county a series of resolutions were adopted declaring it to be their purpose to purchase no fertilizer from any individual or company who refuse to sell their goods through Alliance Agents; that they will not buy from any fertilizer company that is or has been in any manner connected with a trust, which has for its object the advancing of the price of guano; that they will hereafter bestow their patronage upon honest North Carolina companies, and other Southern manufacturers, so long as they steer clear of trusts, and deal fairly with Alliance Agents; and endorse the bold and patriotic stand taken by Gov. Scales in regard to a railroad commission, &c., in his recent message.

TRADE CARDS.

I am now prepared to furnish blank "Trade Cards" to all Farmers Alliances in North Carolina at twenty-five cents per hundred. Send in your orders.

W. A. DARDEN, State Business Agent.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE.

The correspondence of my office is very heavy and it takes all the time I can possibly spare to attend to the matters belonging legitimately to my office. Hence, I must insist that the brethren who wish to know anything relating to the Business Agency, will write to Bro. W. A. Darden, Business Agent, Raleigh, N. C.

S. B. ALEXANDER, President State Alliance.