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thus choose to argue this question Trinity College. Does the President negatively ? Why did he not come of Trinity College know that twenty- ner, Bass, Beaman, Bell, Bennett, nearer home and take a State and six States in this Union have been Blevins, Blue, Bridgers, Carver, Carey, people where they do control freights guilty of this "moral perfidy ?" Does Crowder, Dills, Doughton, Dunlap, and tariffs and tell us how it operates ? he know that the people of California, Franks, Grant, Green, Hargrove, Hen-Why does he not tell the Legislature Georgia, Illinois, Kansas, Maine, Mis- dricks, Hoke, Holman, Huitt, Hussey, that Georgia has just such a Commis- sissippi, Missouri, New Hampshire Jacobs, Jones, Justice, Lawson, Leak, sion as is proposed here? Why does and South Carolina have been guilty Littleton, Mastin, Matheson, Millikin, he not tell us that since she adopted of this same "moral perfidy ?" Does Pugh, Rawls, Scott. Snell, Starbuck, this law, Georgia has built more miles he know that in these same nine States Temple, Tilley, Vestal, Wall, Ward, of railway than ever before within the where this "terrible" law exists that Watson of Vance, White, Wilson, same period, in all her history? Why the net earnings of the railroads in Woods-Total 48. does he not tell us how many applica- the year 1887 was \$84,421,952 ? Is Senator White, of Randolph, chair tions were made to the recent Legisla- it "moral perfidy" for a struggling man of the Senate branch of the ture of that State for charters for new people to make an honest effort in an Committee on Govornor's Mansion, railways? Why does he not tell us honest way to free themselves from the made a report, in which it is estimated that never in the history of that State grinding oppressions under which that it will cost \$58,843.01 to finish has capital been so eager for invest- they are staggering? Is it "moral the mansion, but the committee says ment in railroad enterprise as it is to perfidy " for the farmers and laboring that this does not include the third day? Why did he not quote these and business classes of our State to floor nor the fence. "The committee facts to our Legislature and why does try to throw off some of the load, so unanimously recommends that, in adhe not tell our people that the net they may be able to send their boys dition to the money to the credit of earnings of the roads in Georgia in to Trinity and other schools to be said mansion, now on hand, and the 1887, in a State where this horrible educated ? Is it "moral perfidy" to proceeds of town lots that may be law exists, was \$2,729,952, or \$1,043 resist unjust, discriminating and ex- sold, that the State appropriate the for every mile of railway in her bor- cessive charges on our railroads? If sum of \$3,933.04 to complete said ders? No wonder the people of so, then we can inform President mansion." Georgia and the railroads are con- Crowell that nine-tenths of the good tented, prosperous and happy. No people of North Carolina have delib. the building be completed only to wonder these facts are overlooked by erately made up their minds to commit the third floor, and it is estimated that those who would deprive North Caro- the act. And we desire to say further it will have cost \$58,843.01 to do this. lina of the benefits of a Railroad Com- that there are a number of patriotic, We hope the committee has not undermission. If our Legislature would intelligent Christian gentlemen in our estimated the cost. But we do know subserve the best interests of our whole Legislature, whose character and bear- that the clear headed and cautious people, it will heed their great and ing as citizens does honor to them and Gov. Jarvis, aided by his architects, strong demand and give them the their Alma Mater, Trinity College, studied and estimated closely before bill that is now pending. If they and who received lessons in morals at he undertook the job and they fell far would serve the people, they must the hands of the grand old Dr. Craven, short of the mark. We say, we hope turn a deaf ear to the lobby and to and who will support this bill from the the committee has done better, but we employed agents of railroads. The high moral stand point of patriotic duty have our doubts on this point. Suppeople are looking on and are expect- to their State. They desire to see the pose they are correct, and it will cost ing the farmers and business men noble boys of the State educated. no more than they estimate. Then to especially, in this Legislature to do They want to see the halls of Trinity this must be added that "unknown their full duty in this important mat- College crowded with them and they quantity," which will be required to step in that direction. DEALING IN FUTURES.

speed in the noble work of building up placing of the fence around it, and Two Measures to Prevent it Reported his college, and we will most gladly the furnishing of the building. And give him any aid in our power, but in to all this must be added the expenall kindness we suggest to him that he sive cost of keeping up the grounds, take time to investigate the conditions | the building, the repairing, &c. THE which environ and deaden the energies | PROGRESSIVE FARMER has believed all of our people, before he charges them with "moral perfidy" in an honest effort at self-protection. This is noth- that a committee of the Legislature bling transactions on the price of ing more nor less than a clear-cut, has investigated it and made its estiwell-defined "dead, square fight" between monopoly and the people, and he that is not for us is against us. The people, the railroads and the Legislature, we believe so understand it.

· Noes-Messrs. Amis, Arledge, Ban-

The committee recommends that know that the passage of this bill is a finish the third story (for it will have to be finished), the laying off and We bid President Crowell God- decoration of the four-acre park, the

# [Cor. THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER. WELL TIMED.

THE article on free wool in last week's paper is "well imed." It is high time that the farmers were

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Massachusetts farmer that everything mark." around him was protected except farm products, and although he had a good farm, it was hard to make both ends meet. Every farmer knows how hard Cooke made a capital speech for it in it is to make both ends meet here. Cotton raisers are interested in free wool as well as sheep-raisers; free wool would reduce the price of cotton. Millions of pounds of cotton are now used in making mixed goods; at 6 or 7 cents a pound would be used instead of cotton and millions of yards of woolen goods would be used where cotton goods are now used, thus re- it " ducing the consumption of cotton;

and with the present consumption of cotton, cotton hardly pays a laborer's wages to raise it. Are the cotton farmers willing to aid in reducing the talking about when he so delicately price of cotton ? If farmers prosper hints at those members who for the they must stand together and aid one first three weeks of the session are for another. It is being governed by theorists that has reduced farming to unexplained cause, about that time, the grovelly edge of bankruptcy. We must look in detail into practical facts, attend to our own business and protect our own business. There are it. When the legislature assembles many things that "figger well," and many men that "spout" well but when from the people, they are ready to they are tried they "don't pan worth a cent." Give us practical men, and by the people, but after having we can expect our interest to be pro- breathed the Raleigh atmosphere for tected. Discuss more how we can get better prices for what we have to sell, and examine well the questionwhat laws discriminate against the farmers and who are responsible for them and who failed to do their duty in trying to have them repealed. Gen. S. D. Lee said in his article in last week's paper, that from 1850 to 1860 the farmers had increased the produc tive wealth 101 per cent., and from 1870 to 1880 only 9 per cent., and remarks "it is even much worse than this," and shows that by reason of farm mortgages the farmers in the ten great corn States are virtually bankrupt, their mortgage debt being greater than that of the United States government at the close of the war. Taffy for the farmers and protection for everybody else has done the work. If we don't attend to our own business nobody will do it for us. Trust our legislation into the hands of the theorist, and we might as well make an assignment. The lobbys of corporate greed, monopolies and combines have gotten in their work, and before onr homestead goes it is time

Will they tell us ?. Are the farmers. the tax-payers of these two counties, opposed to a Railroad Commission ? Will they tell us?

Meeting a distinguished gentle seeing that their products were pro- man on the street, we asked: "What tected; that they got value received do you think of the chances for pass. for what they have to sell and that ing the Railroad Commission bill?" their labor is not brought in competi- He replied, with a significant nod tion with the lowest pauper labor of "Hannibal lingered at Capua." Yes. the world. Alliance men seem to be that great General with his splendid thinking only of buying cheap, and and hitherto invincible army went not how to get the money to buy into winter quarters at Capua and the with. It is getting value received for enervating and emoralizing effects on what a farmer sells that makes him his troops of luxurious living came prosper. Senator Plumb, of Kansas, near ruining his army, and we could said in a speech that he was told by a see the point in the gentleman's re-

> When the Railroad Commission bill was under consideration .on its third reading in the House, Mr. C. M. which he said : "We want men who have as big backbone as this marble column-men who will treat the rail. roads fairly and who will say: 'Thus far you shall go and no further.' We don't want on the Commission the sort of man who would come here and be for a Commission the first three weeks of the session and afterwards against

Capt. Cooke is one of the "old" members. He has served here several sessions and has done so with ability and fidelity. He knows what he is a Railroad Commission, but for some turn against it. He has seen that same thing time and again, in former sessions. Voters, tax-payers, think of fresh from their promises and fresh vote for a Commission and to stand a few weeks, their backbone gives way, they desert the people and go over to the railroads. Something peculiar in this Raleigh atmosphere.

FAVORITE argument with the A opponents of a Railroad Commission in our State is that the charters of the older roads prohibit any interference with the rates of freights and fariffs, and that the Commission could only control those of the new roads in the State. The friends and representatives of these old roads assert this with such a triumphant air of confidence, that one might be led to believe that they were perfectly indifferent as to the action of the Legislature on the pending bill.

We were much interested in read -County Business Agent, W. R. came up in the House on last ing a carefully prepared argument this palace, if this one is made. no jurisdiction over the subject matter Wednesday, and on motion of Mr. from the pen of Mr. J. W. Hinsdale, Mr. Hood introduced in the House of these measures, as they pertain to the Sub-Business Agents of said county Alexander, of Tyrrell, the salary of one of the ablest and most thoroughly bill for the reorganization of the the State exclusively.-Exchange. to meet him in the town of Smithfield, equipped lawyers in our State, and the Commissioners was fixed at \$2,000 Department of Agriculture. It pro-Now let the Legislature do someeach and that of the clerk at \$1,000. whom we presume is an attorney for vides for the consolidation of the thing to stop this national disgrace and full meeting is earnestly desired. Several other amendments were one or more of these roads, and which Board of Agriculture and the Board this wicked robbery of the people. offered but were voted down. The according to his argument, cannot be -Reddick Alliance, No. 1,120, of of Trustees of the A. & M. College Will it do it? effected by the proposed Commission. question was put on the passage and to place the Department and the of the bill on its third reading and But the activity, vigilance and zeal ----College under the control of one WIDENING OUT. with which the representatives of X passed by the following vote: Board. It restricts the expenditure Ayes-Messrs. Alexander, Ander. these roads resist the passage of the of the Department funds-strikes out Will , to say the least of it, is very sig- A College President Takes a Hand in son, Anthony, Bass, Bascom, Bedding. "more blessed to give than to receive." the appropriation to the Labor Bureau nificant and suggestive. If by the the Fight. field, Bell, Bond, Carter, Chadwick -and the appropriation for toxologi-In sending the resolutions, in which R. JOHN CROWELL, Presiterms of their charters they are so Cheek, Cherry, Clifton, Coffield, Cooke, FARMER. to call a halt. Winslow Alliance declares to keep its cal work by the State Chemist, consecurely shielded against interference ..... dent of Trinity College, assails DeFord, Doughton, Dunlap, Edwards, own councils, Bro. Campbell enforces fining his work strictly to the Station by a Commission, as they claim, why in the News and Observer, most vigor-Galloway, Gibbon, Ham, Hampton, IS THERE NO NEED FOR A RAILthe good determination by this Scripand stops the expenditure of the fund is it that they are ever present before ously the Railroad Commission bill Hamrick, Hargrove, Hoffman, Hoke, **ROAD COMMISSION ?** tural quotation: "He that keepeth his for coal surveys, oyster surveys, &c., Holman, Hood, Hopkins, Huitt, Johnthe Committee on the Commission, to now pending before the Legislature. mouth and his tongue, keepeth his and confines it to the promotion of the son of Pender, Jones, Kellogg, King, resist it? Why are they so faithful, According to his view of the matter, agricultural interests of the State. It THE Newbern Journal enters a soul from trouble." Littleton, Long of Columbus, Lyon so constant and so untiring in the it would be a fool-hardy proceeding directs that the Board shall elect a I modest but most powerful plea for -D. L. Beach, of Cross Roads lobby? Why are they crowding the to pass the bill, "for the plain reason," Makely, Marsh of Beaufort, Marsh of a Railroad Commission in the follow-Secretary of Agriculture, Immigra-Alliance, No. 1,058, Martin county, columns of newspapers with arguments he says, "that this Commission with Union, McCotter, McDonald, McGill, tion and Statistics at a salary of \$1,500 | ing: says his Alliance is prospering and has to prove that their roads cannot be such powers as it is granted cannot Miller, Newland, Nichols, Outlaw, "Merchants in New Bern want to and a clerk at a salary of \$1,000, and eighty members in good standing. affected by the Commission? Why exercise them without bringing rail. Overman, Parker, Pearson, Phillips, that \$8,000 may be expended through handle the goods of factories in Char-The Business Agent has made arrangeshould they be the least concerned, if road building to a sudden and violent Regan, Scott, Stevens, Sutton, Taylor, this Department. The College and lotte and other towns in North Carothis be true? According to their check, driving away capital that is Walker, Watson of Robeson, Welments for trade which are very satis-Farmers Institutes shall be fostered lina, but the freights are prohibitory. argument they are safe, then why be coming into our State," &c. White, Wilkins, Wilson, factory to the brethren. lons, by the Board. Only those who are Freight on the same goods from disturbed at all? We say that the Mr. Crowell is doubtless a good Wooten of Richmond, Yancey-Total -J.T. Webb, of Alliance No. 1,149, practical agriculturalists and identi- Canada or West Tennessee is much attitude of these roads towards this College President-"is not a legisla. 65. Chowan county, in the absence of a fied with the industrial interests of less. People between Goldsboro and bill is very suggestive. It may be tor," as he says, "but is a student of Noes-Messrs. Amis, Arledge, Baird correspondent, writes to say that the of the State shall be on the Board. Greensboro want to come to the Newthat a faithful and energetic Commis- politics-of political science, methods, Banner, Bennett, Blanton, Blevins, brethren of that lodge are in most This bill, it is claimed, will save \$10,- bern Fair; they can only buy a ticket sion might, after all, find some way to practices and results," &c. We are Blue, Carver, Carey, Cooper, Crisp, hearty sympathy with every move-000 to \$12,000 which has hitherto to Goldsboro; then buy again to Newforce these roads to act fairly by the happy in the belief that he knows Crowder, Dills, Franks, Grant, Green, ment that is being made to elevate the been expended in other interests than bern. Newbern has corn to sell; people. It may be that in the inves more or these things than he does of Hendricks, Holloway, Howe, Hussey agriculture, and will greatly improve Richmond has corn to sell brought farmer and to promote his financial tigations of charters and their require- the condition of the people of this Jacobs, Justice, Lawson, Long of the efficiency of the Department. We from Chicago; Raleigh wants to buy; interest. ments, some important omissions might State, and the relations, existing be- Mecklenburg, Mastin, Matheson, Mcshall rejoice to see this accomplished, Newbern, as every man endowed with -Bro. J. H. Dark, of Rock Rest be developed on the part of the roads. | tween them and the railroads. Cubbins, Millikan, Pugh, Rawls, Rev. and we sincerely hope the bill will common sense will admit, ought to Alliance, Chatham county, writes that It may be that the "vested rights" of "Bringing railroad building to a nolds, Rolinson, Snell, Starbuck, Tem they were organized February, 1888, pass. It is one of very great impor- have the Raleigh market, but the R. which we hear so much, might not sudden and violent check !!" "Driv- ple, Tilley, Wall, Walser, Ward tance to the agricultural interests of & D. forces it Richmond. with five members, and that they now Watson of Vance, Waugh, Woodsexist in all cases. It may be that a ing away capital from our State," inour State and this farmers legislature, number thirty-seven. The brethren Commission might take it into its deed !! If bold and reckless asser-Total 43. we trust, will give it due consideration. are a unit and the outlook is good. At EDITORIAL NOTES. head to look into the values which are tion were argument, then, indeed, Mr. Wooten, of Lenoir, paired with last meeting they "sat down" on taxable under our laws and find that would the article of President Mr. Baucom, of Green. Mr. Wooten HOW TO PLANT AND CULTI-A Railroad Commission is needed. high-priced guano. heavily "watered stocks." had submerged Crowell be a ponderous document. would have voted aye, Mr. Baucom not so much to correct abuses of VATE CHUFAS. helpless tax collectors. Or, after all, it He admits that he does not know no. Mr. Trull was paired with Mr. -Bro. G. T. Boyette, of Alliance power by the roads, but to prevent may be that these old and strong "what the results have been of the Gilman. Mr. Trull would have voted No. 621, Johnston county, informs us TN response to our request, Bro. R. abuses of power by them. that at their last meeting a resolution roads, conscious of their security, and operation of the law in Georgia." no, and Mr. Gilman aye." moved by sympathy for the new roads | Well, he should have known before D. Carr, of Magnolia, N. C., kindly was adopted calling upon the Legisla-The bill to establish a Central Train-Ex-Gov Vance, Ex-Gov. Jarvis, have magnanimously espoused their he assumes to put himself up to teach ing School for teachers passed the sends the following for publication: ture to so frame the law as to require Ex-Gov. Scales and Gov. Fowle-all In reply to your request for cause and are simply interested on the people. For his information, we Senate after considerable discussion. favor a Railroad Commission. Who citizens whose property consists of their behalf. But it is wonderful to would tell him that during the nine A bill for securing a more efficient best plan for planting chufas, I give see how hard and how earnestly and years in which the law has been op. system for working the public roads our plan, which I think is very good are enemies of the roads, or would to pay the same tax as is required of Plant chufas any time from the mid how anxiously man work against a erated in Georgia, the value of the of the State was introduced by Mr. Mcsanction any policy that would imland holders. dle of May until the middle of June law which they say cannot possibly railroads in that State has increased Lonald in the House and excited lively -Miranda Alliance, No. 381, of pede the development of our State? Run off rows about two and a half touch their interests! Do they see "a \$19,437,998-an increase of over 200 discussion and passed its second read-Rowan county, was organized one It is the merest twaddle. per cent.; that during that time more ing. We will publish the bill in full feet apart. Put two seed in a hill, nigger in the wood-pile?" We are greatly indebted to Serg't year ago and now has only thirty-five But Mr. Hinsdale goes further in miles have been built and more money if it shall become a law. from twelve to fifteen inches apart in A. A. White, of Co. D, 43d North members. For a long time the lodge his labored argument. He not only invested in that State than ever before The bill to appropriate \$5,000 to the drill-cover tolerably deep. Maproves to his entire satisfaction that in its history for the some period of the establishment of an annual en nure the same as for cotton, plow and N. C., and who was wounded at Get- new life and spirit seems to have posour Legislature cannot give the power time; that within the last two years campment for the State Guard passed hoe over whenever they become grassy. tysburg, for a copy of the Fayette- sessed the brethren, and they are ento a Commission to control freights 730 miles were built. Do these facts its third reading in the House by the Some very fine late watermelons can ville Observer of August 3d, 1863. couraged and believe that at no disbe made by planting seed among the and tariffs on our roads, but he points sustain the wild assertion that this following vote: as to the admirable systems "which bill will kill the railroads of North Ayes-Messrs. Alexander, Anderchufas. Plant watermelons after first tion of our young readers, and by their sacrifices and labors. plowing so the vines will not be in the are adopted in Mass., and all the New Carolina? Really and seriously, did son, Anthony, Baird, Baucom, Bedway of refreshing the memory of England and several of the Western President Crowell know anything of dingfield, Blanton, Bond, Carter, Chadway. glad to say that Mt. Carmel Sub-Alli-States, and which have proved so the great interests of which he writes wick, Cherry, Clifton, Coffield, Cooke, some of our older readers, for next Success to The Progressive FARMER. heneficial and which owe their success so vigorously ? Or has he simply fal- DeFord, Edwards, Galloway, Gibbon, week's issue. Fraternally Yours, to the fact that they do not grant such | len into the procession with his mighty | Gilman, Ham, Holloway, Hood, Hop-R. D. CARR. power ?" Such is the soothing lan- gong to aid in frightening and bull- kins, Howe, Johnson of Johnston, N. B.-I like "The Buried River" Johnson of Pender, Kellogg, King, guage of Mr. Hinsdale. But why dozing the Legislature? splendidly. But he mounts to a higher plane. Long of Columbus, Long of Meckdoes he go so far away from home and to a people whose industrial, The passage of the bill would not only lenburg, Lyon, Makely, Marsh of social and commercial conditions and bring financial ruin to the railroads of Beaufort, McDonald, McGill, Miller, necessities are so widely different from the State, but it would be "an act of Newland, Outlaw, Overman, Pearson, ours? Why does he choose to select moral perfidy" to induce capital to Phillips, Regan, Stevens, Sutton, Taysuch States and such conditions and | come here "and subject it to such un- | lor, Walker, Walser, Watson of Robenot control freights and tariffs? Why agitated and excited President of Yancey-Total 51. the railroads?

THE House Committee on Agri-L culture to-day decided to report adversely a bill to punish dealing in futures in agricultural products; also a bill to prohibit fictitious and gamarticles produced by American farm industry.

on Adversely.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20. '89.

The objects of these bills are to stop grain gambling in the public exchanges and boards of trade. The committee has had these bills under consideration for some time, and considerable testimony has been taken on the subject. The committee arrived at the conclusion that Congress has

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the while that the State should sell this building and not finish it. Now mates and has reported in favor of finishing it, we still believe that it will be bad policy, and we see no reason to change our opinion. It will be a dea structure to North Carolina in more ways than one, and we hope the Legislature will consider it maturely before it takes the step. Mark the prediction: Future Legislatures will have to continue appropriations for

# ALLIANCE NOTES.

[Members of the Alliance, when writing to us, will greatly favor us if they will always give the No. of their Alliance. We have given the sixth and seventh pages of our paper to the exclusive use of the Alliance. Use them, brethren. For all official orders, rulings, notices, &c., the brethren will ex amine these pages.]

-One thousand five hundred and ninety-two Alliances to-day.

Creech, of Johnston county, requests March 1st, at 11 o'clock a m. A

Sampson county, sends 50 cents to the William Andrews relief fund and urges other lodges to do likewise, reminding the brotherhood that it is

believes for a moment that these men stocks, bonds and money on deposit Carolina Regiment, Scotland Neck, stood at a standstill, but recently a We will cull from it for the informa tant day they will be rewarded for -A correspondent writes: "I am ance, Orange county, No. 469, started It is asserted here in Raleigh that out along a new line at our last meetthe people of Randolph and Moore ing. One brother was appointed to counties are opposed to a Railroad read an essay or to deliver an address Commission. We do not believe it. We at our next meeting, on the best We apprehend that the day is not received and placed before the Legis- method of preparation and cultivation distant when such questions as State lature memorials from eighteen Alli- of a corn crop. Another on the best Railroad Commissions will be sup- ances in Randolph and seventeen in preparation and cultivation of a cotton planted by the overshadowing ques- Moore, unanimously demanding a Rail- crop. Other crops, such as Irish and tion: Shall the railroads run the gov- road Commission. Did these farmers sweet potatoes, &c., will engage our to point us to the systems which do called for restrictions;" so says the son, Wellons, Wooten of Richmond, ernment or shall the government run mean nothing by these demands? attention in the near future. Our activities and tariffs? Why agitated and excited President of Vancor. Total 51 Have they changed their views? esteemed President, who was reared

