

**FACULTY ELECTED.**

The trustees of the College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts were in executive session on the 12th and 13th insts. Friday night at 11:30 o'clock they announced the election of the following faculty:

Prof. of Agriculture, Live Stock and Dairying, Mr. Jos. R. Chamberlain, of Cornell University, now of the N. C. Agricultural Experiment Station.

Prof. of Horticulture, Arboriculture and Botany, Mr. W. F. Massey, of the Miller Manual School, of Virginia.

Prof. of Chemistry—pure and agricultural—Mr. W. A. Withers, of Cornell University, formerly of N. C. Experiment Station.

Prof. of English and Bookkeeping, Mr. D. H. Hill, Jr. (son of Gen'l D. H. Hill), now Prof. of English in the Military and Agricultural College of Central, Ga.

Prof. of Practical Mechanics and Mathematics—pure and applied—Mr. J. H. Kinelay, of Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College.

Foreman of Farms and Garden, Mr. B. S. Skinner, of Hertford county.

Steward, Mr. J. N. Hubbard, of Wake.

Matron, Mrs. Susan C. Carrell, of Harrell's Store, Sampson county, N. C. The trustees resumed their session Saturday morning, and after considerable deliberation, adopted a resolution requesting the executive committee to enquire into the capabilities of some of those who had been presented for the presidency of the college, and to have further correspondence with a view to finding a suitable man. The resolution also gave the executive committee authority to call a meeting of the trustees when ready to make a report.

**GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.**

Burmah has altogether a population of about five millions.

The Tarboro Knitting Mills have adopted the Saturday half-holiday.

Senator Cooper presided at the banquet of Pennsylvania editors at Cape May.

Small farmers in France make from \$1000 to \$2000 a year by fattening snails for market.

The Government conscience fund has just been increased by fourteen two-cent stamps.

The pinnacle of earthly wealth is said to be reached by John Rockefeller, the Standard Oil magnate.

The value of Meissonier's pictures, exhibited at the French exhibition, is estimated at \$2,000,000.

The effect of the electric light on the Eiffel tower is to illuminate all Paris in a manner unprecedented.

Mr. Taylor, of Massachusetts, has been awarded \$600 damages for being called "Muskrat Taylor."

There is a colored man in Hart county, Ga., whose foot is fourteen inches long, actual measurement.

Gov. Fowle has designated Saturday, July 19, as Veterans' Day at the State Guard Encampment at Wrightsville.

The North Carolina State Tobacco Association will hold its third annual meeting at Greensboro, August 27th.

Nashville brags because building contracts, amounting to over \$1,000,000, are now being carried out in that city.

A rattlesnake five feet long with fifteen rattles was killed at Smith's Creek yesterday afternoon.—Wilmington Star.

Mrs. Julia Tyler, widow of ex-President Tyler, died in Richmond on Wednesday night from a congestive chill.

There are 1,000 pensioners dependent upon the New York Police Pension Fund, to whom is disbursed \$150,000 a year.

About fifteen companies are reported to have been organized during the past few weeks to build cotton mills in the South.

It has been held in England that if two persons agree to kill themselves, and one survives, the survivor is guilty of murder.

Mr. J. P. Hunter thrashed for Dr. Erwin 117 1-2 bushels of wheat from four and three-quarter acres of land.—Charlotte Times.

One may stand on top of the Eiffel Tower in Paris, they say, and be entirely out of a heavy storm that rages at a lower level.

It is truly stated that the women of New York have very small feet, which shows that "all's well which ends well."—N. Y. Herald.

Race and religious prejudice are making political conditions in Canada that appear to threaten the disruption of the dominion.

The Asheville Journal says: Reports of the condition of the crops from all sections of Western North Carolina are very encouraging.

The New York Telegram estimates that there has been in three years a twenty-five per cent. decrease in prison inmates in prohibition Iowa.

A railroad accident in Vermont resulted in the ditching of an engine and five cars, and the injury of about a dozen passengers, but none seriously.

In one or two stone sarcophagi, found at Rome in the Prati del Castello, the skeleton of a girl was found along with a wooden doll with jointed arms and legs.

Our country is not altogether defenceless on land. The Centennial demonstrated that 70,000 militiamen can be assembled in New York within fifteen hours.

The farmers and shepherds of the English moors declare that more grouse are killed annually in England by the telegraph wires than by all the sportsmen.

Col. George T. Balch, who says he has made a careful study of the mixed population in New York, estimates that two-thirds of the people in that city in tenements.

A negro was lynched near Tunnel Hill, Georgia, Wednesday, for an attempted outrage on a young white girl; the crime and the lynching were close together.

Attention has been attracted to a spring on the land of Col. Julian Allen, near town, which is believed to contain mineral properties of great value. By accident, its efficacy in a case of kidney trouble was discovered, and it has since been used in another case of the same character with equal success.—Statesville Landmark.

Charlotte has contracted to double the present number of electric lights she now has; and to have trebled the number would not have been extravagant.—Chronicle.

A Mississippi sheriff went to New Orleans on the 10th for the purpose of arresting the prize fighters, while they were getting out of the way as fast as steam could carry them.

James S. Irwin, of Buffalo, N. Y., claims to be the oldest Odd Fellow in the world. He has been an active member of his lodge for forty-five years.

The Swiss Government has inaugurated a movement intended to bring about a universal reduction of hours of labor for workers in factories and on farms.

Miss Kate Fields' vigorous advocacy of matrimony as a social question is regarded by the Washington Star as "discounted just a trifle by the prefix to her name."

Mrs. Thayer created a sensational scene in a Chicago public school by kidnapping her own child, which had been in the custody of her divorced husband.

A Latisville (Ga.) man was trying to chase a black snake out of his chicken yard, when the reptile suddenly turned upon him and pursued him for over half a mile.

Mr. Geo. L. Merrill, of Fork Church, was on last Sunday ordained to the ministry of the Baptist church at the Union Meeting held in Salisbury.—Davie Times.

Thomas Ewing Sherman, a son of Gen. W. T. Sherman, was recently ordained to the Roman Catholic priesthood in Philadelphia. He belongs to the Society of Jesuits.

The latest imported novelty is an artificial sausage casing of paper which, when tailor-made and closely fitted to a plump "Frankfurter," is said to be very becoming.

About 30,000 people a day go up the Eiffel tower. Of these between 3,000 and 4,000 go to the top. On an average a person has to wait about an hour to go up in the lift.

An English firm have manufactured an enormous bottle, measuring ten feet high by four feet in diameter, which is to be filled with scent and exhibited at the Paris Exposition.

The Wilmington Star will have a full corps of special reporters at Wrightsville during the Encampment. They will wear red Star badges on the left lapel of the coat.

In the watchmaking districts in Clerkenwell, London, the dial painters earn \$20 a week. The work is so bad for the eyes that twenty per cent. of the dial painters become blind.

T. R. Kennedy, of Rochelle, Fla., has a gun of unique pattern that was made in 1896. Over one thousand turkeys have been killed by it, besides a vast amount of other game.

David Hannaburgh, a carpenter, of Rhinebeck, N. Y., who has been peeping into windows and frightening women, was shot while looking into the window of Philip Stall's residence.

A terrible tragedy is reported from Pelouse, W. T. A man killed his wife and children and then killed himself, for the reason that he did not wish them to live longer in this sinful world.

The size of the canvas on which Millet painted "L'Angelus," the famous \$110,600 picture, is 21 1-4 by 25 1-2 inches. The painting was paid for at the rate of \$204.05 per square inch.

Right or wrong, Senator Ingalls was very funny when he said, "everybody in Kansas is satisfied with prohibition; because the prohibitionists have their law and the boys have their whiskey."

Statisticians estimate that there are over 3,000,000 women in this country who are engaged in work which is not domestic. Of this number 275 are ministers and seventy-five are lawyers.

A bill recently introduced into the New York legislature offers a bounty of a half cent per pound for sirup from sorghum grown in that State. The sirup must weigh 11 pounds to the gallon.

A society has been organized to build cotton seed mills throughout the south in opposition to the Cotton Oil trust and with a view to assisting planters to get reasonable prices for their cotton seed.

A great railroad and wagon bridge, similar to the one at St. Louis, is now in process of construction across the Mississippi river at Memphis. Two hundred and fifty men are employed in the work.

The Utah wool output for 1889 will be nearly twelve million pounds, at prices ranging from fourteen to nineteen cents, with an average of seventeen and a half cents. The quality is excellent, owing to the fine feed secured by May rains. The exports of mutton have been very brisk, so that scarcity has been occasioned and prices will be stiff all summer.

In England and France many women dress in men's clothes all the time. They claim that when they pass themselves off for men they get better wages and suffer less annoyance.

The Boston Post wants Wanamaker, if he desires to change the style and color of the two-cent stamps to have it in the form and color of a miniature flag. This is certainly patriotic, if not practical.

There has been a falling off of nearly 37 per cent in the emigration to this country in the last six months. The decrease was not from any particular nation, but from the whole European continent.

Mr. W. H. Graham, who was in town last Saturday, says his crop is the best he has ever seen on the place. Unless crops were greatly injured by the recent rains they will be fine.—Lumberton Robesonian.

A typographical error in the last issue of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER made Mr. T. F. Eaton say a sulky plow was offered for sale near the town of Salisbury for \$40, when he wrote and intended to say *ten dollars*.

Gas has been struck at a depth of seventy feet in California. It has also been struck in Chicago. We always thought there must be a pretty large gas reservoir under Chicago.—Wilmington Star.

A bill has passed both houses of the Michigan legislature which provides that a wife may have separate maintenance when her husband has been guilty of an offense which would entitle the wife to a divorce.

In Arkansas assisting another to commit suicide is murder. In California aiding, advising or encouraging one to do so is a felony. In Kansas it is manslaughter in the first degree. In Massachusetts it is murder.

The directors of the Farmers' Oil Mills, Shiloh, met Friday in special meeting. They will negotiate for a steamer to ply on the upper Tar. They will either charter or build being governed by cheapness.

John W. Bardsley, the man who brought the English sparrow to this country, was buried in Philadelphia on Friday, the 28th ult. Upon which the Wilmington Star remarks that "the sparrow was not buried, but is very much alive."

A new cotton compress in Wilmington is of power sufficient to compress a bale of cotton to a thickness (or a thinness) of only five inches. The weight of the press is said to be 190 tons, or 320,000 pounds, and it took eight cars to get it there.

From Paris comes the report that Edison has invented a clock-phonograph which strikes 1 o'clock, and then calls out, "Dinner-time"—10 o'clock, "Bed-time," and so on. Fathers of marriageable families will do well to look into this.—Free Press.

The annual convention of the union potters, opening with an immense picnic, began at Steubenville, Ohio, yesterday, and will remain in session this week. Grand Master O'Neill will preside, and it is expected that Mr. Powderly will also attend.

Winston Republican, 27th ult.: In Davidson county, last week, Mr. Wm. Gallimore met with a fatal accident. He resides in Healing Springs township and is sixty years of age. He was riding in a wagon driven by Mr. Hedrick, and upon urgent request was permitted to drive. The wagon struck a stump in the road and the mules became frightened and ran away, throwing Mr. Hed-

rick from the wagon. Mr. Gallimore got entangled in the lines and was dragged some distance, receiving injuries from the effects of which he died a few days afterwards.

Edward Quinn, foreman of the dynamo room in the Brush Electric Light Company's plant, in Elizabeth street, New York city, last Thursday night accidentally touched his face against an imperfectly insulated wire and was killed almost instantly.

Parties wishing to employ, for the coming term, in a private family, a well-qualified teacher, with first-class recommendations, will do well to correspond with Miss Mattie R. Johnston, 6173, Leigh St., Richmond, Va. Respectfully yours, Mattie R. Johnston.

The village of Harper's Ferry, Va., according to a Pennsylvania dealer in nitroglycerine, is situated so nicely that five pounds of the stuff exploded in the centre of the place would shatter every house. The hills would catch and fling back the waves of concussion.

Miss Mary Wanamaker, the postmaster general's daughter, will make her debut in Washington society next fall. She is not yet out of her teens, but is an accomplished and beautiful girl. She has an excellent education, and is skilled in music and languages.

The catalogue of Oxford Female Seminary shows an attendance during the last session of one hundred and thirty-seven students, drawn from all sections of North Carolina, and some from Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee. Eleven teachers and officers are engaged.

**MEETING OF WAKE COUNTY ALLIANCE INSTITUTE.**

The Committee on Programme for the next meeting of the Alliance Institute have made the following report:

10 a. m.—Hon. Harry Tracy, of Texas, National Alliance Lecturer. Selects his own subject.

**DINNER.**

Afternoon session.—Short speeches by the following on subjects annexed to their names:

Bro. D. P. Meacham—"Bee Keeping, Its Management and Profits to the Farmer."

Rev. J. M. White—"The Educational Benefits of the Alliance."

Bro. A. C. Green—"Stock Raising as a Basis for Improving our Lands."

Bro. S. Otho Wilson—"Fruits for Farmers."

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. ROGERS, Chm'n, for Com.

The next session of the Wake County Alliance Institute will be held in the Auburn Alliance hall on Tuesday, 23d of July, beginning at 10 a. m. The public are cordially invited to attend. Alliance men and business men of all classes will find the address of Bro. Tracy exceedingly entertaining and instructive, as also the addresses of the other speakers. A large crowd is hoped for and expected, and visiting brethren are requested to take a luncheon with them to aid in feeding the audience. R. JAS. POWELL, Pres't Wake Co. Alliance Institute.

**THE CROPS AND THE ALLIANCE.**

AURELAIN SPRINGS, Halifax Co., N. C., July 3, 1889.

MR. EDITOR:—As it is raining so that I can't get to work, I will give you a few notes on the weather, the crops and from our Alliance. It has been raining here almost incessantly for the past nine or ten days; in fact we have had very little fair weather since the first of June. So you may know the grass is beautiful. Cotton in this section, where the land is gravelly or red, is looking well, though full of grass, and if we could only have some sunshine to kill the grass, would do very well now. Corn is very good, considering the work it has had, and if nothing happens further on, will make a good crop. The wheat crop is better than it has been for some years; none has been threshed in this section yet; some have lost a good deal, it being in hand shocks at the wet weather caused it to sprout. We heard a member of our Alliance say that he had enough to make 150 bushels in the sprout; oats in some places are good, others very sorry. Some say the tobacco is ruined by so much wet, others say not. We are not much of a judge, but know one thing: horn worms are in abundance.

At the last meeting of our Alliance, June 22d, we elected officers for the ensuing year. The present incumbents were re-elected, with the exception of the Secretary, of which you have been informed. All of our officers are very punctual in attendance and faithful in the discharge of their duties, and we feel proud of them. Our President, Dr. R. A. Patterson, can't be beat. He is an Alliance man from head to foot, and while he has a very large practice as a county physician, he has not, we think, missed but two or three meetings in twelve months. While our last meeting was the most important held during the year, there was not more than half the members present. We are not much surprised, as their quartermen was due.

We endorse the action of the Birmingham Conference and will stand by anything done by the State Alliance, except putting the admission fee at \$1.50. We think it best as it is.

We favor the consolidation of all the farmers' unions, if it will not cost us anything, and you say not. The more the merrier. It was so late, and so few members at our last meeting, I

could not put in a word for THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER, but hope to do better next time. Our meetings are held semi-monthly. I reckon I have said more now than you want to publish, so will stop by wishing you good luck. Fraternaly, W. M. MARTIN, Sec'y.

**WAKE COUNTY ALLIANCE.**

RALEIGH, July 5th, 1889.

MR. EDITOR:—The Wake County Alliance convened in regular session in this city to day, and was called to order at 10 o'clock a. m., by the President, A. C. Green. On roll call 32 Sub-Alliances were found to be represented.

After the transaction of the usual routine business, the Executive Committee made its semi-annual report, showing a balance in treasury, less some outstanding claims, of \$505.90.

The Alliance then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year with the following result: President, A. C. Green; Vice-President, S. Otho Wilson; Secretary, W. G. Crowder; Treasurer, C. H. Clarke, Lecturer, D. P. Meacham, Assistant Lecturer, E. C. Beddingfield; Chaplain, B. B. Buffalo; Doorkeeper, S. J. Bagwell, Assistant Doorkeeper, T. J. Woodall; Sergeant-at-Arms, F. P. Williams.

The following resolution was passed and ordered to be published in THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER:

"Resolved, That this Alliance will not patronize any ginmer who uses jute bagging, and that we respectfully ask the merchants of Wake county not to handle any bagging except that made of cotton, and we call upon all Alliances throughout the State to sustain this action."

Bro. R. James Powell was chosen delegate to the State Alliance.

The meeting was large and harmonious throughout its proceedings.

W. G. CROWDER, Sec'y.

**THE ALLIANCE IN UNION.**

WOLF POND, N. C., July 8, '89.

MR. EDITOR:—Your humble correspondent had the pleasure of being present and hearing our highly esteemed brother Hunter, of Charlotte, N. C., deliver an address on the 6th inst., to the people of Trinity and Liberty Alliance. Now if I were to attempt to give you a graphic description of the eloquence displayed and of the numerous anecdotes that were told by him, language would fail me, but suffice it to say he held the audience for three long hours as if spell-bound, except when aroused to cheers and peals of laughter by his humorous anecdotes. He claims himself to be like the negro's catfish—"all mouth." There is one thing I do know: he is the right man in the right place, and he possesses an abundant literary fund and power of calculation. He is a man after my own heart. To like Mr. Hunter would only be to hear him make a speech. I wish every farmer in the State of North Carolina could hear him for themselves.

He seems to be very enthusiastic in behalf of the interests of the agriculture of the State, and if we had plenty of such men in the Alliance, the organization would soon be put in an adolescent condition. Well might the citizens of Mecklenburg be proud of such a man, and, like the ancient philosopher, give us plenty of such men, and where to stand, and we will move the world. I was going to give you some of the points, but it would require too much of your valuable space, but the State Agency Fund was fully and satisfactorily explained; in fact, no stone was left unturned. He took up all the important points in their respective turns, and there was no deviation or departure until all was fully told.

Well, I will close by saying that he left us late in the evening followed by our best wishes and strong solicitations to give us another call as early as possible. I know that all the readers of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER would like to know what impression was made on the hearers—they all went home more determined to work for the building up of the organization than ever. P. R. BELK.

HEATHSVILLE, HALIFAX Co., N. C., June 20, 1889.

MR. EDITOR:—As I have never seen any communication from our Alliance, No. 900, published in the columns of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER, I thought I would send you a few dots for publication, if you will give them space.

Our Alliance is getting on finely, with a membership of 37 members, 33 males and four females, and occasionally an application for a new member. We re-organized on our last meeting, the 8th of June, and now have a good set of officers for the ensuing year. Our Alliance favors the adoption of the consolidation of the Wheel and Union, and we also endorse the using of cotton bagging to wrap up our cotton this fall, and will not use any jute bagging at any price. We have a good deal of rain and the farmers are somewhat backward; but with a little good weather we will catch up again. For fear I will take up too much space—and as it is my first letter for publication—I will close for this time. Fraternaly yours, J. L. ARRINGTON, Sec'y.

**HARRY TRACY IN GOLDSBORO.**

A Great Gathering of the Yeomanry of Wayne County, Friday, July the 5th.

[Condensed from the Goldsboro Daily Argus.]

Never before have witnessed such a gathering distinctively of farmers of Wayne county and their wives as was that which assembled in this city yesterday under the auspices of the County Farmers' Alliance to hear the address of Mr. Harry Tracy, of the Alliance of Texas, who is making a lecturing tour of the States for the advancement of the grand principles and the knitting together in closer harmony of feeling and union of action of the noblest organization of men on the face of the earth to-day or that ever has or ever will be.

The court house, where the speaking took place, was crowded to its fullest capacity by farmers and a large number of our townspeople. Many of the farmers' wives, sisters, cousins and aunts graced the occasion with their presence and occupied a section specially reserved for them, and throughout the entire meeting, packed as it was, and of long duration, to the credit of the farmers of Wayne county be it said, the best of refinement prevailed, and the ladies, who, by-the-way, are, many of them, members of the Alliance, were not neglected by Mr. Tracy in his admirable speech, but were given generous encouragement and wise admonition and instruction as to their work and duty in the proper advancement of the great order with which they have allied themselves.

Mr. Tracy was introduced to the assemblage exactly at 1 o'clock, in a brief but very graceful speech by the President of the County Alliance, Dr. J. E. Person, and for two hours and a half the speaker, we do not put it too strongly when we say, held that audience spell-bound by his calm, unprejudiced, statesmanlike portrayal of the abuses that have crept into our republican form of government by means of the crystallizing of wealth in the hands of the few and the growing greed for gain that causes all patriotism in this day and generation to revolve around the inside of a dollar. His elucidation of the principles of the Alliance and his presentation of the remedy they advance and the easement of the people and the prospering of the whole country at once place the Alliance in the very vanguard of the country's prosperity and the preservation of our free institutions. His acumen is unprecedented; his wit is spontaneous and unparalleled and his powers of oratory place him at once in the foremost rank of popular and logical speakers.

**LETTER FROM OREGON.**

MR. EDITOR:—I promised many of the readers of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER a short letter to their home paper, giving them some idea of the valley "where rolls the Oregon, and no sound is heard save its own dashingings." Yes, I'm located in this celebrated valley. I think one of the finest tracts of agricultural country anywhere, 50x150 miles in extent, both prairie and timber, rich in soil, grass, stock, fruit, timber, water, mineral and fisheries. No country I've seen seems to be so nearly adapted to the numerous and varied wants of man than here. Climate mild, mercury seldom getting down to zero in winter or up to ninety in summer. Summers are delightful, no scorching hot summer days or cold, blustery winter ones; no cyclones or blizzards at all have ever been known, nor even a thunder shower. Study carefully its climatic influences and you'll see why it is that our climate is so mild on this coast. After having traveled over Washington Territory and other States west of the Rocky Mountains, I am convinced that no place offers such inducements as this valley. Only one year ago it was opened up for settlement by railroad; now they are coming in by the hundred. There are some most desirable lands here yet to be homesteaded. Improved lands range from \$10 up to \$100; unimproved, low. Staple productions are wheat, oats, rye, barley, vegetables, fruits and all the grasses. I've seen whole fields of wheat average fifty bushels per acre and other grains a corresponding number of bushels per acre. The dairy interests are assuming large proportions here now, owing to the abundance of grasses. Always have plenty of rain here to insure good crops. Oregon has never had a failure. Salem, the capital, is a lively town of some 12,000 people, cosmopolitan in make-up. For fear I should make my letter too long, I'll stop. I will answer any letter addressed to me by any reader of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER, providing a return stamp be enclosed. Long live THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER and the good people of old North Carolina.

Fraternaly, G. W. WEEKS.

**NOTICE.**

The Stockholders of the Farmers' Alliance Warehouse are hereby requested to meet in the city of Durham on Thursday, September 5th, 1889, for the purpose of transacting important business. All Alliances in the tobacco belt are requested to send delegates.