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THE INDUSTRIAL AND EDUCATIONAL INTERESTS OF OUR PEOPLE. PARAMOUNT TO ALL OTHER CONSIDERATIONS OF STATE POLICY, is the motto of The Progressive Farmer, and upon this platform it shall rise or fall.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

A good maxim to keep in mind during this year's campaign is this: It is better for you to vote for what you want, even if you do not get it, than to vote for what you do not want and get it.

The Progressive Farmer has no truer friends than its lady readers. A Virginia lady has our thanks for four new yearly subscribers sent last week.

Durham county tobacco growers met recently but no one reported the meeting for The Progressive Farmer. We learn that an organization was effected by electing the following officers: T. J. Holloway, President; W. T. Mangum, Vice-President; Robert Hinks, Secretary and Treasurer.

A Franklin county brother, behind with his subscription, sends us \$1 and says: "I am well pleased with your paper and will pay on the installment plan."

Exports of agricultural products (for 1899) were \$784,776,143. Of manufactured products we exported in value \$339,592,146, being larger than any previous year.

The postal savings bank bill seems to have had little attention from Congress thus far. Such a bill was introduced very early in the session. A bill for this purpose before the last session of Congress grew so popular as to seriously alarm the opponents of this reform.

After this week an advertisement of so-called cream separator that has been running in our columns will appear no longer. Not that we think it exactly a humbug, but we consider others of its class infinitely superior and it is our purpose to protect our readers by advertising only the best and most reliable of everything.

During a campaign year it requires some courage for a party newspaper to criticize any act of its party, or intimate that its party ever did anything it should have left undone or left un-done anything it should have done.

THE WARS.

At this writing we see no prospects of early peace in the Philippines, in the Transvaal, or in Kentucky.

As will be seen from our General News columns, the Boers as yet show no signs of yielding. The defeat of Cronje diminished their numbers, but not their courage, determination, or patriotism.

D speeches from the Philippines indicate that the rebellion against American authority has taken a new lease of life. Already our leaders in the islands are calling for reinforcements.

The Kentucky situation is unusually threatening as we write this. We had hoped for a peaceful settlement of the trouble over there, but the outlook is not at all bright.

The above was written Saturday. Later news from Kentucky strengthens our belief that serious trouble is impending. As we go to press Taylor holds the Executive Building surrounded by troops.

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The above paragraph we clip from the Biblical Recorder. The figures, undoubtedly, are accurate, and the editor's comments as well.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

The State Board of Agriculture did some good work at its meeting in this city last week, the best, perhaps, being the appointment of a committee to investigate the cause of the rise in price of fertilizers.

He stated that almost all large dealers and manufacturers contracted for their goods in advance, especially for raw material, which he said he was reliably informed was almost always bought, probably a year in advance.

PARTISAN MATTER.

The Progressive Farmer being a non-partisan paper, we refer persons with partisan communications, party notices, etc., to party organs.

PROGRESS OF EDUCATION.

The meeting of the National Educational Association held in Chicago last week was well attended and the indications are that it did much good.

"During the century education has definitely become a State function, not as a duty, but as an act. Consequently, the public expenditure for education has become enormous."

MONEY VS. MANHOOD.

Hon. Chas. H. Mebane, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, a few days ago received the following letter: HUNTINGTON, Tenn., Feb. 28, 1900.

MR. MEBANE'S REPLY. To this letter Mr. Mebane made the following reply: RALEIGH, N. C., March 2, 1900.

DUST BLANKETS IN MINNESOTA.

The New York Farmer commenting on a 'new idea in agriculture' seems to have let out an indication that its usually alert editor has been wool-gathering on one point in practical agriculture which has received considerable attention in the East.

A. B. C. OF BUTTER MAKING.

Under this head J. H. Monrad has given considerable information for the beginner in dairying. He discloses the so-called 'general purpose' cow.

Under the heading "Beware of Frauds," Mr. Monrad says: "I have referred to the tin can separator (the dilution of milk. I have warned my readers against all the patent lightning churns, in which it is said more butter may be obtained.

RALEIGH MARKET.

Table listing market prices for various goods: New cotton, Receipts, 27 bales; Chickens, 20; Eggs, 10; Butter, 20; Pork, 6; Lard, country, 8; Ghee, 35; Ducks, 20; Turkeys, lb. gross, 8; Hides, dry, 12; Tallow, 4; Corn, 55; Oats, 40; Peas, 85; Sweet Potatoes, 60; Irish Potatoes, 35.

POLITICAL CONVENTIONS.

State Democratic, Raleigh, April 11. State Republican, Raleigh, May 2. State Populist, Raleigh, April 18. National Democratic, Kansas City, July 4. National Republican, Philadelphia, June 19. Regular Populist National Convention, Sioux Falls, S. D., May 9. Middle-of-the-Road Populist National Convention, Cincinnati, O., May 9.