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Editorial.

There was never a better time to subscribe for The Progressive Farmer than now. During the next few months the paper will contain, in addition to the regular agricultural, news, and literary features, a full and unbiased report of the work of Congress and the Legislature, especially the latter. We make no special offer. We believe The Progressive Farmer is worth \$1 per year. Subscribe now and if you don't agree with us after you have read it a year, you may have your money back.

There was never a better time to renew your subscription. Every delinquent is expected to pay up before January 1, 1901. Regarding each subscriber as a friend, we shall be as lenient and obliging as possible, but we shall be compelled to change our tactics in regard to those who neither make a payment nor do us the common courtesy of reporting an excase before that time.

BUYING COMMERCIAL FERTILIZERS

Did you know that North Carolina farmers pay out \$5,000,000 each year for fertilizers, \$2,000,000 of which represent cost of manufacture and sale, and that \$1,000,000 of the last named sum might be saved to them by intelligent home mixing and co-operation in buying? Better talk with your neighbors now and lay plans for home mixing next spring. It is not too early to do so.

A POPULAR REFORM.

The movement for the establishment of a reformatory for youthful criminals is gaining strength every day. The reformatory is one of the things bound to come; as the politicians would say, it is now only a is a strong probability that the question of majority. Early in Au. Farmers' Alliance will be re-organgust, the State Alliance unanimously ized in Brunswick county." We do endorsed the movement; later in the not know that the State Alliance same month, the State Press Asso. officials have given Brunswick any ciation gave the idea its hearty ap. special attention as yet; there seems proval; last month the State Re. to have been no Alliance work by formatory Association was organized persons outside the county. But the by representatives of practically all intelligent farmers in that county, the religious denominations and fra- as elsewhere, are awaking to the ternal orders in the State, and last need of organization and realize that week the North Carolina Presbyte- of all farmers' associations the rian Synod cordially endorsed the Alliance has by all odds the finest reformatory. With things moving plan of organization, the noblest purin this way, it is believed that the poses, and can be made of most benelegislature will also have to join the fit to the individual member. procession and endorse the movement-a consumation devoutly to be wished.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Scotland County Farmers Protective Association seems to be progressing nicely. A meeting will be held at Hasty today. The officers dent, D. Stuart; Vice-President, D. Z. Harden; Secretary-Treasurer, E. F. Murray.

The great advantages of Western North Carolina as an apple-growing region are rapidly securing recognition. The last exhibit of apples sent by Mr. Bruner to Paris has taken two silver medals. Thus our North MOUNT TO ALL OTHER CONSIDERATIONS Carolina apple exhibit has taken fourteen prizes.

With the jute bagging trust pre paring to levy additional tribute and the cotton seed oil men entering into a combine to lower prices of cotton seed, what does that ex-Allianceman true to the instincts, traditions and in your neighborhood think of tryhistory of the Anglo-Saxon race. On ing again the club with which we knocked out jute bagging a decade

> It is impossible to get copies of The Progressive Farmer to persons whose nar as have been sent us for sample copies as soon as to those whos enames are on our regular subscription lise. We must attend to our paying subscribers first. Let the sample copy man send us his subscription, however, and he will always get his paper promptly.

The Charlotte Observer says: The South will not command that measure of public respect which it is due until it ceases to accept unquestioningly whatever may be offered it in the way of platform and can-We invite correspondence, news items, sug didates." We hope the Observer will not cease preaching such sound doctrine when its party again gets around to its way of thinking.

> to have a spiritual side for those who know it in its fullest, the story of the Poet Browning and his wife, and of their perfect union and communion, will be of interest. Clara has during the past few months written so cleverly regarding the loves of various authors, gives a sector. Mrs. Browning's father never forgave her marriage, never saw her ters to him; but neither severed family ties nor frail health were able to mar the bliss of her perfect union with Robert Browning.

READ THE ADS.

Never neglect the advertisements in The Progressive Farmer. If you wish to buy improved live stock or poultry, you will find reliable firstclass dealers soliciting your patronage through our columns. Manufac- in the number and destructiveness turers of the best, most up-to-date of insect pests is noticeable. If farm implements and machinery ad- some means are not soon taken to vertise with us. If you wish to buy, prevent the wholesale slaughter of and the Constitution were one and sell, rent, or lease a North Carolina farm, it is likely that our advertis- Carolina will be destroyed." ing columns will help you. There are many other ads. that you will find it profitable to read. Now, for instance, one of the State's leading apple growers is advertising for a young man to assist him in his work. Some bright young man who regularly examines our advertising columns doubtless saw the ad. last week Rev. Dr. W. D. Morton was chosen and has forwarded his application, Moderator and Messrs. J. M. McIver while the fellow who never reads advertisements has missed an opportunity of securing a desirable position. It pays to read the ads.

ALLIANCE NOTES.

We hope that our Mecklenburg readers will work earnestly to make Bro. Parker's visit to their county a cent. In the same period their, gifts is not a local matter or a matter ensplendid success. Mecklenburg is one of the most prosperous counties | cent. In this connection it is note. | of Congress, whatever the politician in the State, and with its good farmers, good schools, and good roads, ought to be thickly dotted with live foreign missions the past year is an Sub- Alliances. And the indications are that this will soon be the case.

In the last issue of the Southport Standard, the editor says: "There

Glass, china and reputation are distribution. easily cracked and never well mended.—Benjamin Franklin.

THIS WEEK'S PAPER.

Our farmer readers will find on articles of special interest to them. Mr. Merriam's article urging a closer of the new Association are: Presi- study of the commercial fertilizer problem ought to be thoughtfully considered. The purchase of com- of us use it intelligently? As a rule, mercial fertilizers without reference we line up with our party regardless to their ingredients or the needs of of its platform, and after a while the soil to which they are applied is come to think that we believe what perhaps the greatest drain upon the it promulgates. No mortal man wealth of the Southern farmer. Mr. knows on what issues the campaign Merriam makes a profit of several four years hence will be fought, yet thousand dollars each year by his the men who are Democrats now trucking operations, and one of the will be Democrats then, with very things that enable him to do this is few exceptions. Of course the same his close attention to the needs of can be said of the Republicans. The the soil and his study of the fertilizer wonder to us has always been that question. Harry Farmer contributes there were not more independent a "talk" even better than his last. Two other papers of unusual value ing for yourself when you can have are "Better Farm Implements Needed" and Commissioner Patterson's letter to stock raisers in Westera counties. We expect to publish soon two or three valuable articles dealing with the tick and quarantine question.

Our quotations from Henry Wallace's "Letters to the Farm Boy" on page 4 ought to be carefully read by the farmer boy's father and mother as well. It is worthy of a place in any farmer's scrap-book.

A TIMELY WARNING.

The Progressive Farmer has published a number of articles warning our farmers against the evils sure to come as a result of a wholesale slaughter of the birds. Insect pests on fruit trees and truck crops are increasing just in proportion as the number of birds decrease. A note of alarm that is by no means unfounded is contained in the follow-So long as human love is believed ing letter written by Mr. E. E. Reynolds, of Catawba county, to a Northern farm paper. Read it and think about it:

"The woods and fields are overrun with Northern bird hunters and B. Laughlin, of The Interior, who dogs. Many farmers sell to city sportsmen the exclusive privilege of roaming over their lands with dog and gun, shooting and killing every ond installment of the Browning bird they can find on the premises Love Story in the December Delinea- for the pitiful sum of five cents per acre. Other farmers sell the right to hunt birds on their farms for their again, never opened any of her let- land tax receipt. In this way hundreds of thousands of acres of farming lands are secured by Northern sportsmen for bird hunting purposes. The robin, every farmer's best friend, appears to be the special victim of these hunters. At the present rate of destruction I believe this valuable bird will become practically extinct ciples" in our colonial policy, yet the in the South within a very few years. With the rapid extermination of insect-eating birds, a steady increase idea of wearing a crown or arraying birds the fruit industry in North inseparable and would together sink

PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD

The North Carolina Presbyterian Synod held its annual meeting in the beautiful new Presbyterian Church building in this city last week. The the McKinley column to the Bryan meeting was well attended and thoroughly business from first to last.

and F. H. Johnston, reading clerks. Church is making steady, even re- generally, and who believe that he markable, growth. During the dec- can single handed, or by the aid of ade 1890-1900 the population of North | Congress, maintain the present prices Carolina increased only: 17 per cent., or force prosperity to remain with but the increase in membership of us for four years longer, may prethe Presbyterian Church was 32 per pare to be disappointed. Prosperity to foreign missions increased 52 per tirely in control of the President or worthy that the amount contributed may say about it. Several weeks by the whole Southern Church for ago while the Republican papers and increase of \$11,000 over the previous publican party all the credit for the year; \$5,000 of this increase is from better times in this country, we the Synod of North Carolina. Ten of the 50 churches giving more than

\$500 are in North Carolina. of the Synod was that in regard to course, our financial and tariff legisthe twentieth century educational lation affects prices to a considerable fund. The North Carolina church degree, but the party in power is not will undertake to raise for this cause, in addition to the amounts already subscribed, three hundred thousand tion, or "hard times" in spite of dollars, to be distributed among wise and beneficent laws. This is a their educational institutions as fol matter that calls for an unbiased lows: \$125,000 for Davidson College, study of great issues and principles: ginia, \$100,000 to the Presbyterian party in power is responsible for schools and colleges of the Synod, prosperity or its absence. \$25,000 to the Assembly's Treasurer

The Synod adjourned Saturday, to meet next year in Charlotte.

FOR INDEPENDENCE IN POLITICS.

Here's some sound Progressive pages 1 and 8 the usual number of Farmer doctrine, with a bit of irony in conclusion, from a recent issue of the Durham Herald:

We hear much of the intelligent use of the franchise, but how many voters. But what is the use of thinksomebody to think for you?

ELECTION RESULTS.

We gave last week a very full sum mary of election results. This year our North Carolina people seem to have regarded the National issues more sensibly and philosophically than our Yankee brethren. Of the Tar Heel voters, only a small proportion decided that with their candidate defeated, the country would go straight to destruction. In the North, however, a different state of affairs existed. Nearly half the Republicans seem to have decided that Mr. McKinley's defeat would close all the factories and blight all the crops, while a large proportion of the Democrats were cocksure that Mr. McKinley's re-election would destroy liberty and wipe out the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence. As everybody knows, the battle of ballots resulted in a Republican landslide. But by one of those fantastic tricks of the Electoral College, Mr. Bryan's defeat is made to appear much more overwhelming than it really was. While Mr. McKinley's electoral vote is practically twice that Mr. Bryan, his plurality of 700,000 represents less than five per cent. of the popular vote of 15,-000,000. This fact may have a sobering effect upon the now exultant Republicans, somewhat as the slave's reminder, "Thou art but mortal. affected the victories Scipio in his celebrated triumph.

At any rate, the people must not take literally the Democratic campaign talk of "imperialism" and "the republic vs. the empire." While we believe with President Harrison that in some points, we have made a "grave departure from right prinrepublic still lives and the people still rule. Mr. McKinley has no himself in imperial purple, and the fanatical editors and spell binders who told you that Bryan, liberty. or swim, live or die, survive or perish, have crawled into their holes and pulled their scare crows in after them. Not only does the Republic live, but, as we have said, a change of five per cent. of the voters from column, would put a Bryanite into the White House.

On the other hand, those gullible mortals who gave Mr. McKinley all the credit for the increased prices of The North Carolina Presbyterian farm products and the good times orators were claiming for the Revisited a Canadian city and found the Liberal papers asserting that their party alone was responsible for Perhaps the most important work | the present prosperity in Canada. Of always responsible for the state of trade. We may have "good times" in spite of unjust and unwise legisla-So there was a good deal of hum-

of the million dollar fund for the buggery on both sides and those is not raised, then the ratio as indi- who thought the defeat of any one cated above will be observed in the man would ruin the country, may retire into their shells until the party bosses call them forth to do service in another campaign.

ABOUT SOME OTHER PAPERS.

An all-round farm and family newspaper is what we try to make The Progressive Farmer, so that he who reads it may, without seeing any other paper, keep well posted upon agricultural progress, the news of the State, Nation, and the world, and upon all public questions, at the same time sesring each week some of the choicest bits of general litera-

But here in the dawn of the twen- without the great thoughts of Ameri. tieth century few up-to-date people ca's best writers and deepest think. are satisfied with one paper only. ers. Having secured such remark. Therefore a few words to The Pro- ably large subscription lists and gressive Farmer reader who wishes heavy advertising patronage, some to take two or more papers may not of the dollar montlies are now able be out of place.

Every man who can do so should take his county paper to keep in touch with home folks and local interests, and we ask for each clean, enterprising local paper the support of the people in the territory it

Of papers outside North Carolina thousands and thousands solicit your support. Among these are a large number of trashy Yankee story papers that are a disgrace to the country. Teeming with humbug advertisements, silly sentimental fiction, and blood curdling stories of crime or vice, they are very effective ladies. It is richly worth the \$1 per agents of the devil. A home is a year it costs. No other American thousand times better off with no magazine has ever been so widely paper at all than with one of this type. In another way such papers do much harm. If some innocent citizen subscribes for one of them, reads a few of its impossible yarns, per year.) Its title indicates its char. and gets bitten by some of the hum- acter-a magazine treating of suc. bugs and quacks advertising in it, cessful careers and success-making he soon becomes distrustful of all qualities. newspapers and all advertisers Don't subscribe for such papers, and if they come to you free, it is not a bad idea to destroy them to keep do not value very highly the weekly their stories, silly if not vicious, out of the hands of children.

One other class of papers you will stories of vice and crime, nor the find it well to shun. We refer to clean and enterprising but gaudy those papers that quite plainly acknowledge their worthlessness by lie's and Collier's weeklies. trying to catch you with some free prize offered to subscribers. The paper worth the money is willing to stand on its merits, and it is a safe plan to steer clear of those that fairest and ablest of the great Northcatch suckers with chances in puzzle ern weeklies and its monthly magaor guessing contests. It's merely a | zine number included in a year's subconfession in advance that the paper scription is in itself the equal of alone is not worth the money.

But there are thousands of clean papers that run on business principles and are worthy of support. From the multitude of such let us select a few of special merit.

For convenience' sake, we shall commence with the high priced the country's leading men and news-

of the best known of these. We regard it as much superior to Harper's. Both are handsomely illustrated and employ the best writeas of the day. The Century's articles on historical subjects are famous.

The Atlantic Monthly (\$1 per year) is more distinctly a literary magazine. For many decades it has published much of the best work of weekly to compare with The Youth's American statesmen, novelists, and bookmen. Some of the most success- once entertaining, instructive, and ful of recent works of fiction first elevating. For seventy years it has appeared in the Atlantic-"To Have been making young people happier and To Hold," "Caleb West," "The Battle of The Strong," etc.

Among \$3 magazines, Scribner's is perhaps entitled to first rank in quality, as it is perhaps in circulation. Fiction, biography, history, etc., by the best writers of the time, and its beautiful illustrations make it a desirable addition to any reading

remarkable improvements recently. Instead of serial stories it gives a complete long story in each issue.

ture, of New York, (\$3 per year.) It can Sheep Breeder, (\$1 per year); to contains little original matter but apiarists, Gleanings in Bee Culture collects the best poems, anecdotes. and sketches found in other leading periodicals and in the newest books.

ments are by no means fully treated cheaper magazines of the kind we in the magazines to which we have know of none to excel the American just referred. Two magazines that Queen (75 cents per year) or the do cover this field fully are the Re- Gentlewoman, the regular price of view of Reviews (\$2.50 per year) and which is \$1 but which can be obthe World's Works (\$3 per year.) The first named has been established for \$1.40. for a number of years and is ably edited by Dr. Albert Shaw. From \$50,000 for Union Seminary, Vir- not a reckless assumption that the cover to cover it is packed with timely articles upon the news, the men, and the issues of the day.

general cause. If the entire \$300,000 narrow-minded and excitable beings Work appeared less than a month in good. We will receive and for the ratio as indiago, but it starts out well, has an ward subscriptions for any paper we able man at the helm, and bids fair to live long and prosper. Editor price, as will be seen from our club-Page, a native of North Carolina, is bing list on page 6.

a man of experience as well as of ability, having edited the Forum and the Atlantic Monthly.

Cram's Magazine (\$3 per year) is devoted almost exclusively to thoughtful articles from different points of view on matters of national or world wide interest. To the man who wishes to "keep up with the times" it is almost indispensable.

But even if you do not wish to pay \$3 or \$4 per year for a magazine there is still no reason for doing to lay before you the choicest of lit. erary productions at a price but lit. tle in excess of the bare cost of paper and printing.

McClure's and the Cosmopolitan are leaders among these \$1 per year magazines. Both are ably edited employ the best writers, and are handsomely illustrated. Until a few years ago no magazine to compare with them was sold for less than \$3. The same is true of Frank Leslie's

The monthly visits of the Ladies' Home Journal are now a source of pleasure to hundreds of thousands of men as well to two or three million circulated.

For the ambitious young man or woman we know of no magazine so helpful and inspiring as Success (\$1

The high class literary weeklies that deserve special mention are not so numerous as the monthlies. We or semi weekly editions of the big Northern dailies, often teeming with and overly-illustrated Harper's, Les-

To keep posted upon national and inter-national affairs the weekly New York Outlook (\$3 per year) is worth many times its cost. It is one of the many \$3 monthlies.

The Literary Digest and Public Opinion (each \$3 per year) are the weeklies best suited to those who wish to get "both sides" of every question. Each gives a full and impartial summary of the opinions of papers upon all disputed questions The Century (\$4 per year) is one of news, politics, iterature, science,

and art. Of Northern dailies, The Washington Post, in our opinion, heads the list. In politics, it is independent; its news columns are clean and free from vicious or sensational features, and its editors are men of courage and ability.

For young people, there is no Companion (\$1.75 per year.) It is at

Among monthlies for children, St. Nicholas (\$3 per year) is entitled to first place. It is published by the Century Co.

The American Boy (monthly, 50 cents per year) will delight any boy. Among agricultural papers, we especially recommend todairymen the weekly Hoard's Dairymen (\$1 per Lippincott's (\$3 per year) has made year); to stock raisers, the weekly Breeder's Gazette (\$2 per year); to poultrymen, the monthly American Poultry Advocate, (25 cents per We value highly Current Litera- year); to sheep breeders, the Ameri-(\$1 per year.)

Among magazines devoted to woman's work, the Delineator (\$1 per But the world's news and move- year) leads all others. Among tained with The Progressive Farmer

What has been said in this article, we have said freely, without solkitation and without reward or hope of reward. More first-class papers and fewer trashy ones should go into North Carolina homes and we hope The first issue of The World's that what we have said may result have named—on many we can give a slight discount from publisher's