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Editorial.

TO SUBSCRIBERS AND NON-SUBSCRIBER

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.

There was never a better time to renew your subscription. Every delinquent is expected to pay up before January 1, 1901.

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.

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 question of majority.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Scotland County Farmers' Protective Association seems to be progressing nicely. A meeting will be held at Hasty today.

The great advantages of Western North Carolina as an apple-growing region are rapidly securing recognition.

With the jute bagging trust preparing to levy additional tribute and the cotton seed oil men entering into a combine to lower prices of cotton seed, what does that ex-Alliance man in your neighborhood think of trying again the club with which we knocked out jute bagging a decade ago?

It is impossible to get copies of The Progressive Farmer to persons whose names have been sent us for sample copies as soon as to those whose names are on our regular subscription list.

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 candidates."

So long as human love is believed 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.

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 first-class dealers soliciting your patronage through our columns.

ALLIANCE NOTES.

We hope that our Mecklenburg readers will work earnestly to make Bro. Parker's visit to their county a splendid success.

In the last issue of the Southport Standard, the editor says: "There is a strong probability that the Farmers' Alliance will be re-organized in Brunswick county."

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

THIS WEEK'S PAPER.

Our farmer readers will find on pages 1 and 8 the usual number of articles of special interest to them. Mr. Merriam's article urging a closer study of the commercial fertilizer problem ought to be thoughtfully considered.

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.

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.

The woods and fields are overrun with Northern bird hunters and dogs. Many farmers sell to city sportsmen the exclusive privilege of roaming over their lands with dog and gun, shooting and killing every bird they can find on the premises.

PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD.

The North Carolina Presbyterian Synod held its annual meeting in the beautiful new Presbyterian Church building in this city last week.

The North Carolina Presbyterian Church is making steady, even remarkable, growth. During the decade 1890-1900 the population of North Carolina increased only 17 per cent., but the increase in membership of the Presbyterian Church was 32 per cent.

Perhaps the most important work of the Synod was that in regard to the twentieth century educational fund. The North Carolina church will undertake to raise for this cause, in addition to the amounts already subscribed, three hundred thousand dollars.

FOR INDEPENDENCE IN POLITICS.

Here's some sound Progressive 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 of us use it intelligently? As a rule, we line up with our party regardless of its platform, and after a while come to think that we believe what it promulgates.

ELECTION RESULTS.

We gave last week a very full summary of election results. This year our North Carolina people seem to have regarded the National issues more sensibly and philosophically than our Yankee brethren.

At any rate, the people must not take literally the Democratic campaign talk of "imperialism" and "the republic vs. the empire."

ABOUT SOME OTHER PAPERS.

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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.

One other class of papers you will find it well to shun. We refer to those papers that quite plainly acknowledge their worthlessness by trying to catch you with some free prize offered to subscribers.

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.

The Century (\$4 per year) is one of the best known of these. We regard it as much superior to Harper's. Both are handsomely illustrated and employ the best writers of the day.

The Atlantic Monthly (\$4 per year) is more distinctly a literary magazine. For many decades it has published much of the best work of American statesmen, novelists, and bookmen.

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 table.

Lippincott's (\$3 per year) has made remarkable improvements recently. Instead of serial stories it gives a complete long story in each issue.

We value highly Current Literature, of New York, (\$3 per year.) It contains little original matter but collects the best poems, anecdotes, and sketches found in other leading periodicals and in the newest books.

But the world's news and movements are by no means fully treated in the magazines to which we have just referred. Two magazines that do cover this field fully are the Review of Reviews (\$2.50 per year) and the World's Works (\$3 per year.)

The first issue of The World's Work appeared less than a month ago, but it starts out well, has an able man at the helm, and bids fair to live long and prosper.

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.

But even if you do not wish to pay \$3 or \$4 per year for a magazine there is still no reason for doing without the great thoughts of America's best writers and deepest thinkers.

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.

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

For the ambitious young man or woman we know of no magazine so helpful and inspiring as Success (\$1 per year.) Its title indicates its character—a magazine treating of successful careers and success-making qualities.

The high class literary weeklies that deserve special mention are not so numerous as the monthlies. We do not value very highly the weekly or semi weekly editions of the big Northern dailies, often teeming with stories of vice and crime, nor the clean and enterprising but gaudy and overly-illustrated Harper's, Leslie's and Collier's weeklies.

To keep posted upon national and international affairs the weekly New York Outlook (\$3 per year) is worth many times its cost. It is one of the fairest and ablest of the great Northern weeklies and its monthly magazine number included in a year's subscription is in itself the equal of 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 the country's leading men and newspapers upon all disputed questions of news, politics, literature, 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 weekly to compare with The Youth's Companion (\$1.75 per year.) It is at once entertaining, instructive, and elevating. For seventy years it has been making young people happier and nobler.

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 todayrmen the weekly Hoard's Dairymen (\$1 per year); to stock raisers, the weekly Breeder's Gazette (\$2 per year); to poultrymen, the monthly American Poultry Advocate, (25 cents per year); to sheep breeders, the American Sheep Breeder, (\$1 per year); to apiarists, Gleanings in Bee Culture (\$1 per year.)

Among magazines devoted to woman's work, the Delineator (\$1 per year) leads all others. Among cheaper magazines of the kind we know of none to excel the American Queen (75 cents per year) or the Gentlewoman, the regular price of which is \$1 but which can be obtained with The Progressive Farmer for \$1.40.

What has been said in this article, we have said freely, without solicitation and without reward or hope of reward. More first-class papers and fewer trashy ones should go into North Carolina homes and we hope that what we have said will result in good. We will receive and forward subscriptions for any paper we have named—on many we can give a slight discount from publisher's price, as will be seen from our clubbing list on page 6.