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GOV. AYCUCK'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS.

On August 7, 1900, The Progressive Farmer said :

"Our next Governor, Hon. C. B. Avcock, is a high-toned Christian gentleman of courage and ability He is not a man of violent prejudices or of bitterness toward those that disagree with him, and as Governor he will doubtless pursue a dignified and conservative policy."

While this statement of ours was severely attacked by rabid partisans, we bided our time. And now as a vindication of our estimate of the present Governor of North Carolina, we publish in this issue his inaugural address. There is in it nothing narrow or small, not a sentence breathing the spirit of partisan hatred. It is the utterance of a statesman who scorns the arts of the scheming politician. There is nothing vague or uncertain about it; every sentence rings clear. His plea for public schools and the performance of all his party pledges is masterly and convincing. His argument for an election law "fair in every purpose, clear in every detail" will be read with gratification by all good citizens. No less commendable is

his plea for freedom of thought and the abatement of partisan prejudice.

We trust that the spirit of Gov. Aycock's inaugural address will actuate the Legislature of this year and the new administration as whole. If so our State will at once enter upon an era of educational progress, industrial development, and good feeling in politics, more exfathers.

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tures of the past four or five years could find no farmers here capable of looking after their own interests.

The Legislature might also risk a few more farmers upon the Board of Trustees of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, after ascertaining the number now serving upon the Board. We have heard these matters discussed by wide-awake thinking farmers from all parts of the State and we trust that the Legislature will give them some consideration.

The Raleigh Post fears very much | was the only journal represented in that the Grout bill would damage the interests of the cotton farmer. As a matter of fact it has been shown that it would not affect the price of cotton one cent per bale. But it would encourage the dairy business, for which our State is so admirably adapted. Again let us say: it reduces the tax on all oleo that does not play the impostor; it increases the tax on that oleo only which masquerades as pure dairy butter. What is this but fair play?

THE STATE POULURY ASSOCIATION AND THE CHARLOTTE FOULTRY SHOW.

The Charlotte Poultry Show held last week was a farly compact exhibit and filled Charlotte's city hall. The leading farmers of the State brought out a lot of good birds. In many specimens great excellence was seen. On the day of our visit the judges were hard at work scoring the birds and making the awards. It was rather an advantage to these gentlemen skilled in the fine points of our domestic fowls that the rainy day prevented crowding of the cor-

MEETING OF THE COTTON GROWERS' ASSC-CIATION.

A meeting of the North Carolina Cotton Planters' Association was held in this city last week. Strange to say, the two counties now so well organized, Edgecombe and Scotland, were not represented. And while little of importance was done at this meeting, some novel ideas were set forth; it cannot be said that the meeting was without plans. They have not been reported in any other paper, for The Progressive Farmer the meeting.

At 11 o'clock Wednesday, 16th, the convention assembled in the Agricultural Building and was called to order by President W. A. Graham. Secretary Jno. P. Allison read the minutes of previous meetings and also the minutes of the Inter-State Association at Macon, Ga., last No- ted. vember, as reported by him for The Progressive Farmer of Dec. 11th.

Mr. W. P. Batchelor wished to know if any feasible plan for reducing acreage was presented at the Macon meeting. "I attended a cotton growers' meeting in Atlanta four or five years ago," said Mr. Batchelor. cents. We unanimously resolved that it ought to bring ten, elected

our officers and adjourned. And no more attention was paid us. Elo-

quent addresses and resolutions amount to nothing without a welldefined business policy." Mr. Batchelor then outlined a plan for a cot-

Allison talked of the work of the Georgia association. "The people are in dead earnes tdown there," said he. "They are growing cotton in a business way. Diversified farming is becoming the rule, the grain acreage is being steadily increased, and the people are in a position to hold cotton. If the same spirit of determination and perseverance existed thoughout the South, great good would result.

Messrs. William R. Cox, Jno. P Allison and Beneham Cameron were then selected as the North Carolina members of the Inter-State Executive Committee, soon to meet in Atlanta.

No other business being presented, the convention adjourned to meet at call of President. It is probable that another meeting will be held in Raleigh early in June at which meeting we hope all the cottongrowing counties will be represen-

RURAL FREE DELIVERY.

A number of new rural free delivery routes may be established in North Carolina if the neighborhoods that desire them will ask the assistance of Congressmen. The people along the routes already established "Cotton was selling at five now regard free rural delivery as in dispensable. We shall say more of this matter next week.

LEARN BY EXAMPLE.

On a recent trip into Chatham county it was reported that a Virginian has recently visited that part of the county near and about Lockton growers' trust, which he thinks ville. The object of his visit was should be tested. We expect to pub- successful, as he purchased and took lish his proposal in next week's back with hith him about seventy

The Thinkers

That gravel makes the best roads is shown by the recommendation of the road superintendent of Wake. W. C. McMackin, to the county com. missioners at their January session. He will advocate the making of gravel instead of Macadam roads.

and that the county sell the rock crusher and purchase the rock necessary, already crushed, from Grev-

He says that gravel roads are bet. ter for travel, are cheaper and better in every respect, except that they will not last so long without repair. than the macadam roads. Macadam costs \$1,500 per mile, gravel costs \$500 per mile. For such places as absolutely require macadam, he recommends that the material be purchased from greystone. This material costs \$1.22 cents per cubic yard. and Mr. McMackin says it is cheaper and more durable than that crushed by the city.

In that county there is very much clay. Gravel mixed with it makes a splendid road.

In this county, where there is an excess of sand, clay should be put on the roads. The best roads are those made of clay and gravel.-Ex.

It is strange to see the unmanlike cruelty of mankind, who, not content with their tyrannous ambition to have brought the others' virtuous patience under them think their master hood nothing without doing injury to them -Sir Philip Sidney.

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GOOD ROADS.

We invite correspondence, ne gestions and criticisms on the subjects of a sulture, poultry raising, stock breeding, dairying, horticulture and garding; woman's work literature, or any subject of interest to our lady readers, young people, or the family generally; public matters, current events, political ques ions and principles, etc.,-in short, any subject discussed in an all-round farm and family newspaper. Communications should be free from personalities and party abuse.

Editorial.

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In this issue we begin the publication of the proceedings of the Legislature. This will be a very important session and you cannot afford not to keep posted regarding it. And no weekly paper will be better prepared for keeping you posted than The Progressive Farmer.

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ONE SCHOOL TERM PER YEAR

One of the wisest suggestions made "Resolved, by the Tobacco Grow-Public Instruction is this:

dren, in the winter. How can chil- action." dren ever make any progress, and A similar resolution was inment on the part of School Commit- unanimously adopted teemen?"

TOBACCO GROWERS' ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Executive and Legislative Committees of the North Carolina Tobacco Growers' Association was held in this city last week Col. J. Bryan Grimes, owing to press of business interests, tendered his resignation and Col. Jno. S. Cunningham was elected President Col. Cunningham is the State's largest tobacco grower and we congratulate the Association upon the selec tion of so capable a man. But Col. Grimes is no less deeply interested in the work of the Asseciation than before. He, with Col. Cunningham and Dr. R. H. Speight, will look after the interests of the tobacco growers during the session of the Legislature. For one thing, they will secure a charter for the Tobacco Association giving the farmers ample power to erect at any desired point tobacco, cotton and fertilizer factories. We are informed that several such enterprises will probably be started. The meeting was well attended, enthusiastic, and good results are hoped for.

TO REDUCE THE TUBACCO TAX.

At the Tobacco Growers' meeting held here last week, the following resolution, introduced by Col. J. Bryan Grimes was unanimously adopted :

by our retiring Superintendent of ers' Association of North Carolina, That we do earnestly ask our Sena-"The Committee should not be al- | tors and members of Congress to relowed to divide the school of any duce the tax on manufactured to one year into two terms, as is now bacco. The tobacco growers and the done in some places. We have heard | small manufacturers need this relief. of schools where the Committee em- "Resolved, That a copy of these employed one teacher two months in resolutions be sent to each of our the summer, and another teacher Senators and members of Congress, for two months, for the same chil- and that they urge an immediate

schools be of any value to a com- troduced in the Cotton Growers munity, when we have such manage- Convention by Jno. P. Allison and

We have had the opportunity of THE FARMERS AND THE BOARD OF

ridors and gave them a better chance to complete their work than if the attendance of Wednesday had been repeated.

Beside the fowls of economic value we saw canaries, parrots, an owl, an eagle. A young coon and a pair of both were good specimens of their respective breeds.

There was an interesting group of games at one corner of the hall. No Carolina show would be representa tive without a considerable number of the favorite games in evidence. There seemed to be more represen tatives of the American classes. And of these the favorite, if numbers on exhibition point a preference, were Barred Plymouth Rock. There were many fine specimens of this breed in the show.

Perhaps the finest exhibit present was the tastely arranged ribbons and cards won at leading poultry exhibits by the Biltmore Poultry Yards during the last two seasons. These were attached to a plush back ground or strung in line of cords and stretched over the small exhibit of birds shown by the Biltmore Poultry Yards. These were made up of fair specimens which had not previously been out to show and whatever ferrets were also attractive to the children who were out in the afternoon. The exhibit of turkeys and water fowl were hunted to two of the former and one of the latter but prizes are taken by them will be all the more creditable since Manager Kerr did not expect to enter the competition but to show some representative birds.

This meeting of the fanciers marks the beginning of greater things. A State Poultry Association has been organized. The officers and principal committees are: A. I. Tate, High Point, President; J. P. Kerr, Bitmore, First Vice-President; B. S. Davis, Charlotte, Second Vice-President; L. P. Dillon, Monroe, Third Vice-President; R. L. Simmons, Shelby, Secretary; W. M. Bar-

ringer, Charlotte, Treasurer; J. A

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ton growers very much like that embacco growers. Mr. Barnes will also other small breed was taken. explain his proposed arrangement in Farmer.

Maj. Graham said he didn't think farmers should term any organization formed merely for the purpose bred bulls in the country to mate up of self protection, etc., a trust. "The with. Then turn their attention to trouble with our people is that they want good prices for their products, never before. These Virginia drobut they do not want the trouble of vers and cattlemen are laying solid attending meetings and paying dues. But we can't start a State movement here; it must be started in the townships and worked up."

Pr f. Benj min Irby thought supply and demand influenced prices of cotton 75%, speculation, etc., 25% "Get a majority of the people pledged to curtail crop and the unpledged minority will double its acreage," he said. "The best way to increase the profits is to reduce the cost of production. Don't sell your products as raw material, thus get ting only one small profit. Let a hundred farmers of each county purchase a thousand acres of land. On this let them run a cotton farm, a cotton factory, a cotton oil mill, a fertilizer mixing establishment, also raise beef for market. With this arrangement they can put their products into manufactured form and save to themselves the bulk of the profits that now go to manufacturers. Take a bale of cotton. Your factory separates lint from seed, and you save a profit. Your oil mill gives you hulls, seed and meal-another big profit saved to you. Then you have many of the fertilizer ingredients made for you. I have always advised home-mixing, even as a merchant. For \$20 you can buy the ingredients and mix any ordinary \$25 fertilizer. Greater would be the saving with co-operative oil mills,

etc. If these manufacturing enter-

young heifers. These were selected

Mr. W. S. Barnes also presented a with some care as representing nascheme providing a system for cot- tive and grade Durham, Herford or other strains of cattle which make bodied in the Jordan plan for to- rather large growth. No Jersey or

Our comment on this is simply that an early issue of The Progressive North Carolina farmers are strangely

constituted that they do not keep such stock as that at home and purchase new infusions of the best the production of food stuffs as foundations for future profits.

> F. E. E. ----PUSH THE ALLIANCE.

From the New York Farmer editorial page we clip the following: "Now go right ahead and carry out your New Year resolutions.

"Join the Grange. range, join the Patrons of Industry. your county.

class of producers, need to co-oper ate in order to dispose of their prod- polls and vote overwhelmingly ucts profitably.

gram of discussions for 1901? It is and is going everywhere. Let the an interesting, a varied, an import- historic old county of Cumberland ant program The discussions will march abreast in the procession unbe of great value to all who share der the Christian banner .- Rev. P. in them, both as speakers and hear- R. Law, in Lumberton Robesonian. ers. Don't overlook it.

"The Grout bill should be forwarded in the Senate as rapidly as possible. Write to the two Senators from your State to aid in forwarding

In North Carolina all these notes should be heeded. Where any other organization is named for New York we have the Alliance and co-operation is even more needed among North Carolina farmers than in New York. But listen to this note in one of the strong farmers' organizations:

"Here and there may be heard, right in Five States Milk Producers Association circles utterances that are dead against the very principles of that Association. Is it possible that the middlemen are securing representation in the lnner circles of this distinctively producers' organ-

We have a right to be interested in the dispensary question in Cumberland. Our county is adjacent, and we are a part of the constituency of Fayetteville. We must, in very fact, exert what influence we can wield to retain the dispensary unless there is a chance to wipe out the drinking saloons and dispensary, and put an end to the traffic in whiskey altogether. We are sorry the question of "Dispensary" or "No Dispensary" is thrust upon the people at this time. The cry of liberty, giving the people a chance to settle the question, is an old one. The inference is that those who make the cry are against the dispensary and in favor of the saloon. We might content ourselves with allowing figures to show the advantage of the dispensary over the saloon. But we want at this distance to bear testimony to the great change in favor of "If there be no Grange within greater sobreity since the institution of the dispensary. Robeson would in case that order is established in appeal to the good and true men of Cumberland, at whose capital she "Farmers, more than any other markets much of her produce and buys many of her goods, to go to the against the saloon and in favor of "Have you read the Grange pro. the dispensary. The saloon must go,

Only a faith which is sufficient to believe beyond the seeing, and a love which is able to walk childlike and lowly with its God, are willing to acknowledge the stupendous mystery without losing their heart and trust. -Henry Wilder Foote.

MRS. SALLIE C. HUBSON, MOTHER OF A HERO.

Mrs. Sallie C. Hobson and her daughter, Miss Annie, occupied a box at the Metropolitan Opera House, New York, at the great patriotic meeting held some months ago, on which occasion Lieut. Hobson presided. In reply to a World reporter, who had asked about her plans for bringing up boys, Mrs. Hobson said : "Teach them to be upright, honest and to do their duty always and to be frank and amiable. Give them the best books to read-books that will give them high ideals, high purposes; books that will stimulate them an teach them never to fall short of the most lofty purposes." Mrs. Hobson said the lieutenant had inclined to sports as a boy. "He liked all outdoor sport-hunting, riding, fishing," she remarked. "As a boy he walked six or eight miles almost daily. Nobody could impose upon him. He could always take care of himself in a fight at school, and he did, too. It's no disgrace to a boy if he does have a little fight The Farmers' Alliance can and now and then at school, providing he doesn't get licked and he is in the right."

observing some of the evil effects of the system which Mr. Mebane so properly condemns. It is with a school just as it is with an engine : it Farmer office January 16th. All requires some time to get fired up, Subs were represented except two. the rust worn off, and the wheels to The following resolutions were turning properly. After the ma- adopted: chinery gets in good running condi- WHEREAS, The Fourth district was tion twice as much work can be done represented upon the Board of Agrias just after firing up. But under our culture during the past year by a present system, the machinery is city lawyer, a city editor and two often stopped just at the time when city business men, therefore be it all concerned are prepared to do Resolved, by Wake County Allimost effective service. Then there ance, That while we recognize these are a few months in which to rust as men of honesty and of ability in and get out of working order, after their respective lines, we respectfully which the whole performance of suggest that this year the farmers of firing up and getting the belts and the Fourth district should be allowed cogs in place must be repeated, tak- at least one representative upon the ing up most of the time of the sec- Board which is to look after the inond session.

should be abandoned.

AGRICULTURE.

A called meeting of Wake County Alliance was held in The Progressive

terests of the farmers.

It is a costly and foolish plan and The preamble gives all the argument needed in support of the resolution. The present arrangement is Bro. T. B. Parker has been sick for a standing reflection upon the farmsome days and his appointments for ers of the Fourth District. An out-Wayne county have been cancelled. | sider would suppose that the Legisla-

Harrill, Ellenboro, Superintendent; S. W. Porter, Griffith, Assistant Superintendent.

The Executive Committee consists of B. S. Davis, J. P. Kerr, W. B. Alexander, W. M. Barringer, R. L. Summons, W. D. Harrill, J. T. Winslow, C. C. Randleman, T. P. Dillon, J. W. Kestler and J. W. Gibbs. The Committee on constitution and by laws consists of J. P. Kerr, B. S. Davis, R. L. Simmons, W. M. Barringer, and Dr. S. B. Lea of South Carolina. This committee were to report to an adjourned meeting and Chairman Kerr was preparing the articles at every opportunity.

Dr. Lea and R. L. Simmons were the expert judges for the show. The latter, as many of our readers know, is the paolisher of the Tar Heel Poutryman.

We took down a list of about thirty exhibitors and think this is not a Col. Cameron, "that at Macon it complete one. In their good work the newly organized Poultry Association and the Charlotte Poultry Show have our pest wisnes. F. E. E.

prises can buy our products and manipulate them and make a profit, we should certainly be able to make a profit, with our own products."

Col. Cameron thought these plans somewhat out of order. "This association as organized in Georgia is merely a combination of famers, merchants and bankers for the purpose of ascertaining size of crop and distributing sales throughout twelve months instead of two."

Mr. Batchelor thought that the association should work for greater things; that this in itself would do little good. "The speculators know that there is so much cotton in the country that they are bound to get sooner or later and it makes little difference as to manner of marketing."

"The truth of the matter is," said was admitted that without Texas and Louisana not much could be effected."

Before adjournment, Secretary

ization?" Brother reader, weigh this last item in connection with your Alliance history; can you see anything like a hint of history repeating itself? Is it possible for farmers to unite in upholding their common interests? We still live in hope that it is possible and that we shall find men among our farmers and enough of them with intelligence and courage to act on their own convictions and stand by their organizations and support the principles until the organization is popularized and may help all morally, mentally, educa-

tionally and financially.

will do this if earnestly invoked. Renew your interest, brothers. Bring out the sisters and have them rejoin and revive the Alliance to rival the Grange in the North.

F. E. E.

Humility is the true cure for many a needless heartache.-Montague.