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### A THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK.

To live content with small means to seek elegance rather than luxury, and refinement rather than fashion to be worthy, not respectable, and wealthy, not rich; to listen to stars and birds, babes and sages with open hearts; to study hard; to think quietly, act frankly, talk gently, await occasions, hurry never; in a word, to let the spiritual, unbidden and unconscious, grow up through the common-this is my symphony -William Ellery Channing.

## EDITORIAL NOTES

A sentence well worth remembering and pondering over is this, found Dr. Lyman Abbott as given in the believes far more deeply in light than in heat as a means of influencing men, and it is as a light-bearer that he has served his generation.

# ERRATA.

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page 4 were transposed, and a numerror was discovered and corrected.

The Charlotte Observer has just completed its tenth year under the present editorial management. Its independent policy is "in harmony with the spirit of the times," its news-gathering facilities are of the best, and its Sunday editions surpass by far those of any other Southern daily with which we are acquainted. We wish it continued

# HOME-MIXED FERTILIZERS

BUCCESS

In his letter to the Charlotte Observer, re-published in THE PRO GRESSIVE FARMER last week, Mr. C. nite concession that public money L. Evans suggested that we could shall be handed over to a powerful serve our readers much better by group of capitalist, on the ground publishing information helpful to that their industry is of great value farmers in the home-making and to the general public-as indeed home-mixing of fertilizers than by every honorable industry is, if it is condemning the "secret process" self-supporting. The group favored scheme. If Mr. Evans were a reader | this year is not identical with that of the paper, he would know that we of last year. Last year's bill perhave given column after column of mitted Americans who have bought such information, and have earnestly | ships abroad to give them American urged our farmers to adopt all re- registry and receive one-half the liable methods of curtailing com subsidy granted to American ships. mercial fertilizer expenses - now This year's bill grants no such priviamounting to nearly \$6,000,000 a lege Senator Vest, of Missouri, the year in North Carolina alone. But leader of the Democratic opponents we do urgo our farmer readers not of the bill, announces that he will to waste money on "secret process" offer an amendment allowing Amerirecipes prepared by men of whose cans who own foreign built ships to ability and fitness they know noth- give them an American registry ing, since our government employs without becoming entitled to any chemists of the highest character subsidy and without becoming en-

letter of Dr. Kilgore on page 1, which | present bill is rather a measure to contains information of interest to increase the profits of present ownfertilizer buyers. Additional matter ers and builders of American ships upon the same subject is contained than to increase the size of the merin the Bulletins to which he refers; chant marine flying the American they are free and we advise inter- flag and carrying our foreign trade. ested readers to apply for them.

COME TO THE GOOD ROADS CONVENTION.

The Good Roads Convention to be held in Raleigh Wednesday and Thursday of this week will doubtless be very largely attended. A very attractive programme of addresses has been arranged, but the most instructive and impressive feature of the meeting will be the object lesson 25 in good road building. For "seeing is believing," and we expect more THE INDUSTRIAL AND EDUCATION- converts to the good roads cause as a result of the actual work done with the up-to-date machinery and Progressive Farmer, and upon this equipment that will be here than we latform it shall rise or fall. Serving expect from the speeches, however able they may be.

No one is more interested in the improvement of our roads than is the farmer, upon whom the mud tax rue to the instincts, traditions and falls most heavily, some times meaning the difference between profit and loss in the year's work. Come to the Good Roads Convention, see the vill fearlessly the right defend and best road-building machinery in operation, hear the authorities discuss ways and means of improving our roads, and join in the work of the State Good Roads Association that is to be organized.

Again let us say, we hope to see you in Raleigh at the State Good Roads Convention, Wednesday and Thursday, February 11th and 12th.

## DAILY VS. WEEKLY PAPERS.

The views of Mr. D. L. Gore as to daily and weekly papers, as given in A. Vanderlip, formerly Assistant library Secretary of the Treasury, says of great deal of time to the weekly reaffairs with dignity, keen judgment, to be found in the hurriedly prepared articles of the average daily. If such weeklies are supplemented by monthly magazines and publications which secure articles on subwritten by men well qualified to write them, and covering most of daily newspapers."

# THE SHIP SUBSIDY STEAL.

While some of the vicious features of the original ship subsidy bill are This issue is No. 1, Vol. 17, of THE | perhaps omitted, the one now pend-PROGRESSIVE FARMER, not No. 52 of | ing in Congress is no less pernicious Vol. 16, as the printer's figures on and un-American in principle than that which was so deservedly un-In making up, columns 3 and 4 of | popular last year. The article from the New York Outlook which folber of copies were printed before the lows gives a correct and conservative

view of the measure. We quote: "By a strict party vote, Senator Frye's new ship subsidy bill has been favorably reported to the Senate. The measure differs from the one defeated last spring in the amount it appropriates, but not in the prin ciple it involves Last year's measure granted certain shipping interests \$9,000,000 a year for a period of twenty years. This year's bill, according to the figures of its friends, grants these interests less than \$2,-000,000 a year, and does not fix the period during which the grant shall continue. In the present bill, however, as in the last, there is the defiand the finest training to give ad- titled to engage in our coasting trade. vice in such matters free of charge. But it is not thought that even this Just now we ask attention to the amendment will be accepted. The

the old that no ship shall receive a sub sidy unless it carries on its outward voyage a cargo of one-third its ton nage. It is therefore in no degree an exporters' bill. It is simply a measure to help the ship builders, who last year enjoyed the most profitable season they have ever known, and to help the ship owners, who at this very time are trying to effect a combination to prevent lower rates.

#### STATUS OF THE RURAL SCHOOL LIBRAR MOVEMENT.

THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER has been from the first, as our readers know an earnest advocate of the rural school library movement. It is not necessary for us to repeat here the arguments we have made in behalf of this plan for getting the best literature within the reach of our country children and so developing the reading habit in those who might otherwise grow up without it. These arguments we are sure our readers have not forgotten.

But it is worth repeating here that, until the appropriation is exhausted, six school libraries in each county are entitled to State aid under the plan which, you will remember, is this: The patrons or friends of a public school raise a sum of money, not less than \$10, for the purchase of a library to be established in connection with such school. Notifying State and county educational authorities, \$20 additional is THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER of last furnished, making at least \$30 at the week, remind us of what Hon. Frank beginning for each public school

This brings us to the point: Inthe matter in the current issue of | quiry at the office of the State Superthe Saturday Evening Post. We intendent of Public Instruction last quote: "I believe that one can keep | Monday revealed the fact that 289 abreast of current events much more school libraries, representing 68 accurately if he gives comparatively | counties, have already received the little time to the daily paper and a State aid provided for. In 32 counties the limit, six libraries, have review. Such journals handle current | ceived the State appropriation; in 36 counties one or more, but less and much greater accuracy than is than six, have been helped; in 29 counties no libraries have yet been

established. We believe it will interest every know to which of these three classes jects of the most living interest, his county belongs, and it may stir some of the slothful to more earnest action. So here follows a list of the phases of commercial, financial counties: those in which the State in Hamilton W. Mabie's estimate of and industrial development, a knowl- can aid no more libraries are printed what Mr. L. W. Chamers has to say edge of current affairs will be gained in italics; those in which no libraries World's Work for February: "He incomparably more accurate than have yet been established are dewould result from the reading of noted by a star. The other counties have from one to five libraries, but no county should be satisfied until it reaches the limit provided by law. The table follows:

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\*Alexander..... \*Jones.....

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	Bladen1	*Martin
	Brunswick1	Mecklenburg2
	*Buncombe	*Mitchell
	*Burke	*Montgomery
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	Caldwell3	Nash6
	*Camden	*N. Hanover
	*Carteret	Northampton 6
	Caswell	Onslow5
9	Catawba	Orange6
	Chatham6	Pamlico1
	Cherokee1	Pasquotank6
	Chowan4	
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	Durham6	*Sampson
	Edgecombe4	*Scotland
	Forsyth3	Stanly6
	Franklin 4	Stokes6
	Gaston2	*Surry
	Gates3	*Swain
	*Graham	Transylvania 3
	Granville4	Tyrrell3
	Greene 6	Union 6
	$Guilford \dots 6$	*Vance
	*Halifax	Wake6
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	Heriford1	Wayne 6
	Hyde4	Wilkes4
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The new bill omits the provision of crops, and is ready to do so again." ings in Sampson.

# LARGER SALARIES FOR CABINET MEM-

No one believes more strongly than we in economical government But we do not approve of a "penny wise, pound foolish" policy. The salaries of our public officials should be such as to command the best talent that the country affords.

Congress, we believe, acted wisely ast week in increasing the salaries of Federal judges, and unwisely in voting down the amendment for an increase in the salary of cabinet officers. These now receive only \$8,000 per year; men of no more ability and with similar duties in European governments receive on an caterpillars, grasshoppers, flies and verage probably \$25,000.

Only last week Lyman J. Gage, who served as Secretary of the Treasury at the \$8,000 salary from March, 1897, till the 1st inst, was called to a \$100,000 position. It is a wellknown fact that every Attorney-General who gives up his private practice and accepts the salary paid by the government, loses thousands annually.

We should like to see Congress reconsider its action refusing to make the salary of cabinet members \$12,500 per year.

A Sampson county correspondent asks: "Where can I secure rape seed for pasture and about what is the price?" If this friend will look over our advertising columns, he will find the names of a number of seedsmen who sell rape seed; some of them make a specialty of it. Prices can be learned from their catalogues

### THIS WEEK'S PAPER.

Mr. A. T. Olive gives sound and timely advice to tobacco growers Such letters are always welcome; we wish we could give every reader a personal invitation to speak through our columns on any matter affecting the welfare of the farmers.

Another good letter of county farm news is that from Mr. R. C. Whitener, of Burke. of course, the reader hasn't forgotten that we wish such reader of The Progressive Farmerto letters from every county in the State.

Our Horticultural Department is unusually interesting. Grafting ought to be much more generally practiced, and we commend to all on the subject. Prof. Irby talks of Irish potato growing, about which Harry Farmer will have more to say next week. You should read the suggestions regarding "Tree Planting" before setting out another

country roads is one of the most important that now enfront us, and we believe that many of our readers would be enabled to discuss it more intelligently by reading the new bulletin on "Earth Roads," to which reference is made on page 8. Send for a copy.

One of the best of our series of poems is Goldsmith's description of the preacher and the schoolmaster of his "Deserted Village." A faithful and impressive picture of each he draws.

Cardinal Gibbons speaks upon a great question, and with no uncertain voice, in the article from his pot hunter who goes out and takes a pen which we publish on page 4. The evil against which he warns his from a turkey to a hmming bird. readers is confined almost exclu- The central part of this State is a sively to our cities, but the tenor and spirit of his article make it well worth the attention of the women on the farm also.

Mrs. Stevens furnishes another answers to her tree connundrums will appear next week.

the Children's Column, but you as much in diminished crops on acwho should read it.

plea for the introduction of Nature Star. Study into our schools. His address should not be overlooked by any teacher, and contains much matter of inacrest to the general reader.

Mr. S. M. Rowland's defense of the rural free delivery system is so well done that we find it unnecessary to publish a reply to "Ruralist" that we had written. Mr. Rowland knows the merite of both the old and the new systems of handling mails in the country, and he speaks with authority.

\*Yancey ..... The Smithfield Herald reprints boom." So says a postscript to a ity or poverty by the county authorithree times in its current issue this letter just received from a farmer ties. The new election law authorbit of healthy optimism from Harry of that county, and we record his ized by the constitutional amend-Farmer's latest letter-and the statement with pleasure. But we ment, contemplates that each voter, thought is really worth repeating: should like to have such news a lit- liable to the poll tax, exhibit to the "Do not look at that old field with the more in detail. We hope for a election officers his poll tax receipt

# The Thinkers.

SPARE THE BIRDS

Mr. Kirk Munroe, of Florida, honorary vice-president of the Audubon Society of that State, makes the following strong plea for the the doubt as to the value of such birds, which we reproduce, because receipt to a voter when he goes to it applies with equal force to North Carolina and to every other Southern State:

"Florida is pre eminently an agricultural State, and fruit raising is its chief industry. The hardest fight of the fruit grower is the horde of insects, aphides, ants, bugs, beetles, grubs that devote their entire energies not only to the destruction of his crop, but of his trees, which they attack in leaf bark, and root. He fights them with sprays, washes and fumigations, and perhaps succeeds in destroying one beetle out of expressed would include the poll tax a thousand, one aphis in a million, and but one ant of each billion. His efforts are expensive, more or less injurious, or ridiculous in their inefficiency. In spite of them he would gap for contention if not fraud, and be quickly driven out of business were it not for an army of trained allies, alert, sharp-eyed, tireless and eager to devote their time to his service without pay.

"I mean, of course, the birds, without which our fair State would quickly become not only non-productive, but absolutely uninhabit-

"In our inconceivable folly, we of Florida never hesitate to kill a bird. if seized with an inclination to do so. A little gray-coated chap, flitting from tree to tree, in search of the insects that are sapping their life, offers a tempting mark, and we blaze away at him with a 22 rifle, just to see if we can hit him. To kill him is such an expensive form of amusement that it would be more economical to charge our rifle with a golden bullet and fire it into the sea. A fruit grower spies a redbellied woodpecker sampling his ripening peaches, and instantly declares a war of extermination against the whole family. He had better retire from business at once and save the further expense of caring for his orchard, for without the expert aid of the woodpeckers his efforts can only result in failure.

"A meadow lark, or each one of a covey of quail, in a ten acre tomato field earns ten dollars in a single season as an insect destroyer. Yet we not only shoot these birds ourselves, but we invite our friends The problem of improving our from far and wide to come and help us destroy them as though they were a pest we are desirous to abate.

> \* \* \* \* \* \* "We take every precaution to keep a thief from stealing even the most trifling of our possessions, and at the same time make no effort to dissuade the gunner from shooting the birds upon whose existence depends our very livelihood. Queer, isn't it?"

If there is any one who should appreciate the value of the birds as insect destroyers it is the farmer and fruit grower, and yet they do not seem to appreciate them any more than the boy with the sling or the pop at everything with teathers on grain-growing and fruit-growing section and yet there are thousands of acres the hunting privilege on which is leased to Northern sportsmen, the consideration being that Nature Study article. The correct the leasors pay the taxes on the leased land. Thus leasing farmers lieve that it would be a good it and fruit growers get their taxes "The Grumble Box" appears in paid, but they pay five times or more stitute a good live newspaper doubtless know some older people count of the ravages of insects, and they thus not only injure themselves Dr Stevens makes a very strong but their neighbors.—Wilmington

# THE POLL TAX RECEIPT.

As all citizens know, or ought to know, no person can vote in this the trend is towards greater enlight State after the first day of May next who has failed to pay his taxes, poll people should be "progress."-1 tax included, for the year preceding | Tar Heel. the first of May prior to the day of election. As to poll tax, of course the law only applies to those liable for such tax, and these are all male citizens between the ages of 21 and 50 years, save those exempted there-"The Alliance in Sampson is on a from on account of physical infirmdistrust; it has made you some good full report of the next county meet- for the tax for the year before, their say with as little interference. which receipt must also evidence as possible.—Presbyterian Stand

that the tax was paid on or before the first day of May preceding.

The Asheville Gazette makes a very important point in this connec. tion in calling attention to the gen. eral rather than specific character of tax receipts now used, and expresses vote next November. The form generally used, and until the present election law was sufficient, is as follows:

.... County, N. C. Received of ..... as follows for the year 1901: State tax.... It will be noted that nothing is said above as to poll tax, nor does it

show that the receipt is "in full of all taxes" due for 1901, which thus though whether it would comply with the law as pertaining to suf. frage qualifications may be doubted It would at least leave a good sized this the present election law is in tended to prevent.

The taxes for 1901 are being paid now, and, must certainly all be paid on or before the first day of May to entitle the citizen who may be a voter to vote next fall. As the law distinctly mentions the poll with other taxes, it is better if not act ually necessary to avoid trouble that the receipt shall show that a taxes-property AND poll, have been paid, and were paid on or before the first day of May. We are sure it is only necessary to call attention to this to have the proper officers of the counties to see that proper receipts are given. All voters who have paid their taxes for 1901, and all who pay hereafter, should a amine their receipts and see the they designate the payment of i poll tax, when such is paid, as wi as all other taxes. This is very inportant and should be looked after in every county, by voters and officers.—Raleigh Post.

# TEN YEARS AGO AND NOW

There is no better antidote for despondency than to take a measure of your own community as it was to years ago and as it is to-day-unlay you live in an unrepresentative and stagnant community. You will be likely to find the roads or the streets better than they were; the railroad service better, the postal service, possibly even the telegraph and the telephone service; you will observe better houses, more attractive grounds; the people are better clad or more are well-clad. Inside their houses you will find more books of better, more bath-rooms, better lights, and better furniture. larger proportion of children and youth are receiving good training better schools. All this means mon than prosperous years. It means higher level of life and a strong ambition. The well-being of people of the United States is rist higher and especially is it diffus! itself wider. Life is constantly coming more comfortable and mo cheerful as well as longer and saferleading to better conditions for " tellectual growth and social develop

It is a custom in our schools have readings weekly, or more of tell as the case may be, from standal literature. This is well, as the you mind cannot be too well acquain with the standard works, but we and one entirely appropriate to 8 sionally. This will get the Pull into the habit of reading the new paper and make them acquain with current events both local 63 foreign. No greater or more VB able educator exists than the new paper. The home without it is " in keeping with modern times, will enment and the watch word of

ment.-From the World's Work.

As we said before, so say we aga Trust the people. Let the people North Carolina have a chance to who they want for United Sta Senator. That will result, infallion in leaving at home some who ou not to go. It is much easier fo legislature or a convention of always disinterested members to get what the people will not for And if a man of clear record clean life is wanted to represent in Washington, the best chance getting him is to let the people b