Correspondence.

FROM OUR NEW YORK CORRESPOND-

The First of a Series of Tetters From The Progressive Farm-r's Special Representative in New York City.

Correspondence of the Progressive Farmer. While New York cannot be said to be an agricultural region in the strict sense of the word, the fact remains that there are always to be gathered here a good many items that are o general interest to the farmers of the country. No farm is so remote but that-indirectly it may be -its owner is not interested at some time in New York City, for it is here that in a sense is the heart of the nation. True we have no such sights as the Chicago stock yards, or the Minneapolis flouring mills; but the money that makes the "whistle of the Chicago pig's tail" and that "makes the wheels go round in Minneapolis, is frequently found here; and when at last the packers and millers accumulate enough to retire and want to pass their remaining days where some thing is going on they come here, build a palace on Fifth Avenue and live happily ever after, as the stories say. Not that New York is an especially good place to die in; but it only takes two hours to get to Philadelphia, where one can close his eyes in perfect quiet and not even a buzzing fly will disturb his last mo-

A most interesting development is hat of THE EXTENSION OF THE TROLLEY SYS-

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in this part of the country, thus developing remote agricultural sections and at the same time relieving the congestion of the city to some extent. The farmer living in the mud-bound regions of New Jersey or New York can now hale a car at his gate, put ahoard a crock of butter or basket of eggs, and is whizzed off to market while on each side of the track the mud is hub-deep and form erly acting as an effectual preventive to his getting to town at all He sells his produce, buys a washtub, fills it with groceries and is home in time to do a half day's work. Thanks to the trolley.

There is one person who may no at all times rejoice over the success of the trolley extension, and this is the country store keeper. Mrs. Jacquith has for years sold him her "butter'n'eggs;" but now she has a picnic "going to town" and the trolley whirls her past the store while the merchant ruefully regards her as one more lost oustomer

Bus on the other hand, the trolley is TAKING THE CITY DWELLER TO THE COUNTRY

He buys his goods largely from the country store keeper, and his city life has gotten him into the habit of paying cash, and so our merchant is perhaps even better off than before, even from a narrow standpoint. The trolley is doing the greatest good to the greatest num ber. We have only a few more links before New York will be connected on one side with Philadelphia, and on the other with Boston, and perhaps within five years one can reach Cleveland at the rate of 40 miles an hour "up hill and down dale "

IT IS COSTING MORE TO LIVE here this winter than for some time. Food products have advanced, in some cases 50 per cent, or even more The farmer, of course, has been benefited more or less by the advance, but the rate of wages has not kept pace with food. The man who got \$15 a week a year ago could get along after a fashion easier than he can now with \$16.50 or 10 per cent more. Pork, beef, potatoes and canned goods are much higher Speaking of canned goods, a year ago tomatoes in three pound cans were quoted at wholesale at 75 cents per dozen. To-day they are selling at \$1.35. Eggs have been retailing at 40 to 45 cents; apples sell from 10 to 15 cents a quart; butter is 32 to 35 cents, and so it goes. Florida orangeare about the only fruit that one in moderate circumstances can have Or we can use North Carolina sliced dried apples at about 10 cents a pound; and really one can do worse than to use this fruit, for it is as

a rule of very good quality. A determined effort is being made

STOP THE SALE OF HUMBUG FOOD products which are labeled as pure and unadulterated. Quantities of iams and jellies are sold that haven't a single speck of real fruit in the make up. This has been shown many that redoubled efforts will be made you'd better stop."

to compel manufacturers to tell what is in the bottle that is so beau tifully colored. Old Virginia turns out a big lot of stuff that is guiltless of fruit, but the evil is not confined to any one State. Nor are fraudulent jams the only stuff sold. A big from Mr. Jno. P. Allison, which he department store here has been sell ing baking powder at 4 cents a pound Farmers' Association at its meeting until the authorities swooped down upon them and seized the whole lot. Analysis showed it to be largely made up of powdered rock. Think in October, Mr. Allison is afraid that of it! Luckily the general run of department stores would not handle such stuff and the store in question no wannounces that they are going to discontinue their grocery department-a wise move on their part. And by the way, the department misunderstood him. s ore contains, in the story of its ievelopment, a good deal of interest, that might be told in some future time. Mr. Allision is a successful

THE COTTON MARKET contains very little of interest. There is a big difference of opinion as to whether or not a large quantity is being held back in the South by bad weather. The outlook is not at all discouraging and, in fact, is rather the other way, a slight gain having been made within a few days There are so many "ifs and ands," however, that it would seem as though the whole market were simply a puzzle for the curious. New York, N Y.

SHIP SUBSIDIES AND PUBLIC ROADS

Correspondence of The Progressive Farmer. We greatly enjoyed the enthusi asm and the good argument of Senafor Simmons' address to the Good Roads Convention on the importance of good roads, and agree with him fully as to their absolute necessity. But we fail to understand why the tarmers alone should be expected to build them-in other words, why good public roads should be made ane burden alone of those who live in the rural districts. We think the city merchant, the mechani, the doctor, the preacher and even the railroads and every citizen in the towns and cities, are interested in and should contribute to the up building of a pertect system of good roads. There is not a man, woman r child, nor any enterprise that is not retarded, hampered, by bad roads and helped by good roads. S then every enterprise and every individual should unite in one solid determined effort with all the ability as command and push and pull to gether till the desired end be reached.

We should ask the National Government to come to our assistance in this. All these interests have contributed to the large surp us in the treasury, and a special class, the large ship owners, are now, with eyes and aims fixed upon it, plying every argument and influence at their command in efforts to direct it o a ship subsidy appropriation Would it not be better for all other interests to combine and ask Congrees to go slow in the ship subsidy business until we put our public roads in such condition that the products of the rural districts can be easily, economically and speedily removed to the seasonts before we spend the money on subsidies to help remove these products from the seaports?

The farmers especially should be interested and enthusiastically active in this movement, since their prodnots and by-products not only feed our whole population, but furnish at least 60 per cent. of the exports which add to the material wealth of our nation. There is no reason why the government should be impover ished by a liberal appropriation to the good work Not one cent of it inspiration to the farmers of our will go out of the country. All the machinery and the materials are here, and while the appropriation would put that amount in circula tion, it would add many fold to the and soon go back into the treasury vaults.

Wake Co., N. C.

WILL SOME READER ANSWER?

forrespondence of The Progressive Farmer. Will some reader of THE PRO GRESSIVE FARMER tell me through the paper how to make a one-horse side harrow? Please tell me by let ter if not through paper, and I will return stamp, paper and envelope: L C HORTON.

Elkville, Wilkes Co., N. C.

Dickie, six years old, had a pair of boots He cut one of them with his that "anybody can farm," and when hatchet. The father became very angry and scolded incessantly. The little fellow looked his father in the face and said: "If you don't stop

MR. JOHN P. ALLISON ON FARMERS' OR-GAN ZATIONS.

An Interesting Paper by the Secretary of the Cotto Grewers' Protective Association. Correspondence of The Progressive Farmer.

I'ne enclosed is a communication wanted me to read before the N. C. in Raleigh, January 14th, but I did not get it in time for that meeting. From some remarks at the meeting his position in regard to insisting that the new organization be merged into the Cotton Growers' Protective Association was misunderstood, and he wrote this paper setting himself right with any who may have

Aside from this, I consider the paper of value to our farmers at this merchant of Concord, as well as a successful farmer, and has watched closely the trend of the times. He realizes that this is an age of organization and is not afraid to insist that the farmers shall organize for their mutual benefit and protection. While this writer may disagree with Mr. Allison in some of the details necessary to complete organization, yet in the main, and in the essentials I might say, we are not very far apart.

Mr. Allison sees the necessity of organization, as hundreds of our best farmers all over the State do If the bitter experiences that we are now passing through will not serve to unite us then indeed there is but little hope for co operation among us

The Alliance has fought a good fight, and it is now doing valiant work, but to be most effective it needs the assistance of a few good and influential men in every county submit to the prices being made for in the State. It is impossible for the State officers of the Alliance to do the work effectively without the cooperation of the farmers of the State for whose benefit they are laboring. Brethren, (for all are brethren,) arouse yourselves, shake off your lethargy and do something for the betterment of yourself and your fellow farmer. Read Mr Allisin's letter and catch the spirit of organization.

We are sitting idly by and letting time pass that would be golden opportunities if taken advantage of. am in a position to see and feel these things, and beg you to bestir your selves. May the time som come when we will be delivered from our own indifference.

T. B. PARKER, Sec'y. Orange Co., N. C.

MR. ALLISON & LETTER.

I fear my action in the meeting of October 23d, 1901, was misunder stood, and I wish to set myself right before you and ask you to consider my proposition.

From the remarks made by some present the impression seemed to be that I was opposed to the name of our honored State heading the style of our organization, and that I was trying to give other States prestige over it. I will say here that I yield the palm to no one for loyal devotion to old North Carolina, or to the claims of citizenship and the right to defend her whenever assailed.

I do not wish to oppose this organ ization, only wish to place it where it will accomplish the greatest good Most of the ground covered by your constitution is already covered by the Alliance, and it is not necessary to have two organizations for the same purpose. Then our noble Department of Agriculture looks after the making of crops; it does its part nobly and it is a great blessing and State. Its present management will make its record one of the bright pages of its history.

The Association of which I have the honor of being Secretary, has for permanent wealth of the country its object somewhat different duties from those of yours. Its prime object is to ascertain the value of our great staple and maintain the price. Some of you think that is confining to too small a scope; that we should look after every branch of the products of the soil. I say any one of them developed to its possibilities will require the talent of the best men of this country. If the oil industry can offer \$1,000,000 for a man to manage it, why should this greatest of all exporting commodities take less talent?

It is very common to hear it said a man can do nothing else he can rai e cotton. The greatest magnates of the world, are the oil men; the times; now the nuisance is so great talking you'll get me mad, too, so poorest are the cotton producers. Why not profit by this object lesson?

I am afraid the greatest sticklers for the sectional name have a political hee instead of a busy bee in their bonnets. I mean by this that there is more politics than business in the man who is afraid of the name of the Association. I do not wish to catch any man with sentiment, and will confine myself to the business side of the question.

Every industry has its organ for recording its affairs, and promoting its progress. The farmers have theirs also, but agricultural papers usually confine themselves to how to live economically, and how to grow the different products of the soil. From the amount of the cereals and cotton that come to market, it looks like they had succeeded in showing them how to farm; and from the way most farmers live, it looks as if they had also impressed them with the idea of economy. But I tell you they have never taught them to like it, and never will.

You may talk about the independent life of the farmer, and that the country is a bigger place than any city in the world, but you cannot make him contented when he has to deny himself of the things of life that are worth living for. I say this is so, because the price of his products are too low for the necessary expenses to produce them. No one will seny the right to set down all necessary expenses for producing a commodity, whether it be from the soil or work shop, with a reasonable profit to the producers, and make that the basis of value. That is all our Association asks.

Did any of you ever think that the only uncertain quantity in the cost of cloth or yarn is the price of cotton? Why should manufacturers machinery, fuel, labor, etc., and object to a stable price on cotton?

I have no doubt many of the manufacturers will say they cannot control the prices of their products and must have somewhere to save themselves. So they demand it of the farmers, because they are the only ones not strong enough, or united enough to resist their demands They say the farmers can stand it any way, as they can stay at home, wear their old clothes and sit by log fires that don't cost anything.

It seems to me that if the only uncertain quantity in manufacturing, (that is, the price of cotton) were made stable, the fluctuations of their goods of which they complain, would be reduced to a minimum, and only the occasional cut of some irre sponsible dealer, or poor manager, who is forced to place his goods on the market regardless of cost, would be to contend with.

I appeal to you to help on our Association which is struggling for the welfare of the whole South, and not do the suicidal thing of thinking the farmers of this State can act as they please, without the assistance of any other State. When I see a man so impressed with the magnitude of our State, lalways think of a citizen or our county, just 21 years of age, who had never been to a larger place than our town. He concluded to see something of the world, so took a trip to the beautiful city of Raleigh. When he return d, he told his friends that if the world is as big in every direction as it is the way he went, it certainly is a big world! (He must have fallen into the hands of some of the Raleigh politicians)

We do not wish to antagonizother industries; this is not neces sary. Each has its duties to per form, and is as necessary to the success of this country as we are. But we do need organization within our selves for the promotion of our "special industry," We must gather information for our own benefit, and not depend upon the statistics as they are now gathered for the pub lie. While you are waiting for the reporta the dealer has gotten it, and used it to change the market as best suits his interests.

The fee is very small, and should be gladly paid, when you think or the great benefits involved. There are many dealers who spend thou sands of dollars every year to gather information about the crop. Surely if they can spend these large sums out of their profits, there must be a great advantage to have it.

Now I ask, if you think it best to continue your organization on the plans adopted in October, that you will co operate with our Association \$175 Farmer's Saw Mill and set apart a certain portion of your fees for our special work.

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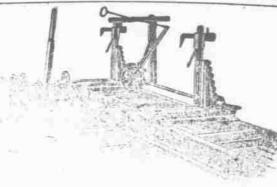
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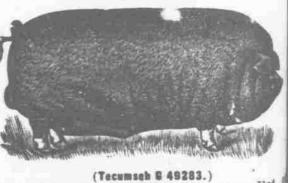
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