

Correspondence.

FROM OUR NEW YORK CORRESPONDENT.

The First of a Series of Letters From The Progressive Farmer's Special Representative in New York City.

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 of general interest to the farmers of the country.

A most interesting development is that of THE EXTENSION OF THE TROLLEY SYSTEM 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.

There is one person who may not at all times rejoice over the success of the trolley extension, and this is the country store keeper.

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.

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.

STOP THE SALE OF HUMBUG FOOD products which are labeled as pure and unadulterated.

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to compel manufacturers to tell what is in the bottle that is so beautifully 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.

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.

SHIP SUBSIDIES AND PUBLIC ROADS.

We greatly enjoyed the enthusiasm and the good argument of Senator Simmons' address to the Good Roads Convention on the importance of good roads, and agree with him fully as to their absolute necessity.

There is not a man, woman or child, nor any enterprise that is not retarded, hampered, by bad roads and helped by good roads.

THE FARMERS especially should be interested and enthusiastically active in this movement, since their products 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.

WILL SOME READER ANSWER?

Will some reader of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER tell me through the paper how to make a one-horse side harrow?

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MR. JOHN P. ALLISON ON FARMERS' ORGANIZATIONS.

An Interesting Paper by the Secretary of the Cotton Growers' Protective Association.

The enclosed is a communication from Mr. Jno. P. Allison, which he wanted me to read before the N. C. Farmers' Association at its meeting in Raleigh, January 14th, but I did not get it in time for that meeting.

Aside from this, I consider the paper of value to our farmers at this time. Mr. Allison is a successful merchant of Concord, as well as a successful farmer, and has watched closely the trend of the times.

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.

We are sitting idly by and letting time pass that would be golden opportunities if taken advantage of.

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

MR. ALLISON'S LETTER.

I fear my action in the meeting of October 23d, 1901, was misunderstood, 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 do not wish to oppose this organization, 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.

It is very common to hear it said that "anybody can farm," and when a man can do nothing else he can raise cotton.

I am afraid the greatest sticklers for the sectional name have a political bee 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.

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.

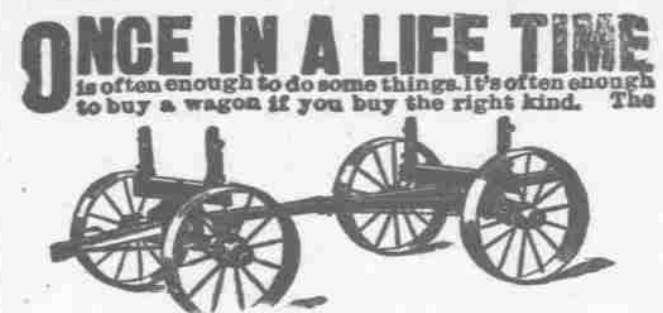
Did any of you ever think that the only uncertain quantity in the cost of cloth or yarn is the price of cotton? Why should manufacturers submit to the prices being made for machinery, fuel, labor, etc., and object to a stable price on cotton?

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 out of some irresponsible 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.

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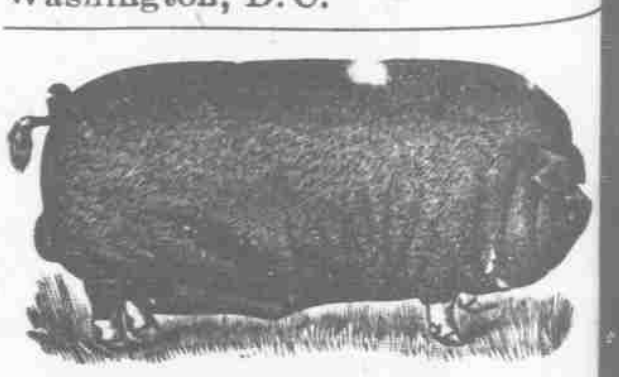
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