Miscellaneous.

tate Lecturer Bain Reports Progress in Martin and Beaufort Counties.

orrespondence of The Progressive Farmer, I reached Robersonville, in Martin nounty, January 16th, and spent a week in lecture work among the farmers and brethren of the county. I found them (as most all North Carolinians are) a very kind and generous people. Certainly the brethren did more than we could really expect of them, to make our visit pleasant to us. I will ever pleasantly remember the kindness and hospitality of brethren W. S. Vick, Smith, Keel, Marion Green, Roebuck and other brethren too numerous to mention. We should have been pleased to have visited a few other places in the county, but our time was too short. We left the work there in good and safe hands. Bro. W. S. Vick will organize or reorganize Sub-Alliances at any place desired. We may expect, and I am assured, that Martin will be represented at our State meeting this

On Friday, the 24th ult., I entered and began work in this, Beaufort county. Have since met twelve appointments that the brethren had made for me. Have organized one new Sub-Alliance, Swain's Land, with a goodly number of the best farmers of that section The attendance was good at most all the appointments, even in the rainy days of last week. At the close of my lecture last Wednesday at Aurora the request was made that we hold a session at new members, which we did. The result was the receiving of 11 mem bers, three of them by initiation. found the brotherhood in this county in better condition than I expected, and it is expected that the organization will take on renewed growth. I have certainly been kindly enter tained and cared for in this county, and wish to hereby express my hankfulness for the same.

I will go from here to Currituck county to engage in lecture work

"Some Things All of us Should Think About," written by Mr. D. L. Gore, in last week's PROGRESSIVE FARMER, is timely, interesting and instructive. We hope he will write often; and, by the way, if we have been correctly informed, Mr. Gore is originally from "our Harry Farmer's" county, Columbus

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WEY GOOD ROADS BENEFIT THE FAR.

Financially speaking, good roads would be of no inconsiderable ad vantage to the farmer: 1st, the cost of road transportation will decrease at certain times of the year. 2d, There will be a wider choice of time to market the produce and a wider choice of market places. 3d, Perishable crops can be more extensively raised. 4th, Prices will be more nearly uniform over the county. oth, There will be no great rush of railroad work, at different seasons of the year.

But in the eyes of the agricultural people the arguments as to the great financial gains from stone roads are not founded on fact; the major arguments with the farmer to day are social questions. 1. Good roads will make possible the centralization of the rural school system which is now receiving attention with the farmer. 2. They will facilitate rural mail delivery, and to my personai knowledge I know that at the present time this is, with the farmer of Illinois, one of the strongest arguments in favor of better roads. 3. Highways will change in appearance; the sanitary conditions of the farm will improve, and it will bring to us a higher degree of civilization.—Fred R. Crane.

A SUBSTITUTE FOR MACADAM ON COUN TRY ROADS.

While for macadamizing purposes purposes on country roads burnt gumbo is not quite so durable as some of the best grades of rock, it has many advantages to offset this Pate, Scotland Co, N. C. one shortcoming, slight as it is. The process of producing burnt gumbo requires practically no capital or great skill to carry on. The most ordinary labor and a little common sense on the part of one person, as DEAR SUBSCRIBER: Overseer, can produce the best of rebe properly graded and crowned before putting on the gumbo roadmetal. A surface of burnt clay, six to eight inches in thickness, is com-

monly sufficient for good results; or ten inches in particularly places, where unusual conditions exist or traffic is especially heavy.

By selecting for improvement the heaviest parts of the road first, since the worst stretches are often caused by the very heavy material that makes the best grade of roadmetal, and systematically working Tyrrell has none as yet. Five more under intelligent guidance, five years would find every principal highway in a county as passable the year around as a paved city street, and at very little more cost than is now usually squandered on "working the roads." The county surveyor could easily superintend the whole work for his district; and, with local over seers as head burners, he could soo produce as good a system of high ways as any one could wish for Once properly prepared, two me could easily keep the roads of whole county always in good repair

With no more expenditure money and effort than is now put of the country roads, ballasting wit burnt clay would produce in a doze years a system of highways equal t any of those for which France ha so long been famous.

A burnt gumbo road is neve muddy, for that property is lost i the burning. The surface of th road is hard and smooth. As speedway for bicycles and automo biles it is ideal. For carriages an heavy wagons it has no superior Ne vegetation can grow on it. It practically free from dust, after th highway system has been well deve oped, so that mud is not brought i from the tributary roads. More night for the reception of old and over, the warm red highways cor trast pleasingly against the gree landscape at those seasons of the yea when country drives are most enjoy able .- From "Burnt Clay for Road in the West," by Charles Rolli Keyes, in the American Monthly Re view of Reviews for January.

THE TARIFF CRISIS IN CONGRESS.

The event of the week in Congres was the vote in the Ways and Mean Committee of the House of Repre sentatives upon the Babcock amend ment to the tax reduction bill. The amendment put upon the free lis the important iron and steel product which this country is now sellin abroad in large quantities. The list includes all structural steel and iron hoiler plates, steel rails, and nearly every steel product in the form used as raw material by our manufacturers of machinery and implements. The fact that our manufacturers can sell these goods abroad, after paying for transportation, at as low a price as foreigners can make in their own markets, is assumed to indicate that our manufacturers can sell to our countrymen as cheaply as foreigners could sell them if our tariff were removed. The bill would not guarantee that our manufacturers should sell as cheaply at home as abroad, but merely that they should not charge at home more than their price abroad plus the cost of shipping the goods back to this country. This amendment came within one vote of being adopted by the Committee, as the other Republican member from the Northwest, Mr. Tawney, of Minnesota, supported Mr Babcock, and they had of course the united support of the Democrats. Mr. Babcock says that the fight is not over yet, and that he will bring his amendment before the House, where it is more popular than in the Ways and Means Committee. This claim we may well believe, as most of the members of the Ways and Means Committee are noted for their strong protectionist leanings. It is certain that the amendment would have the support of the country at large-for in America's "committee of the whole" there are not nine Republicans to six Democrats, as on the have done so if there had not been Ways and a Means Committee, but only nine Republicans to eight Democrats, and measure supported by all Democrats and even one fourth their extensive steel mill, at Monesof the Republicans has an overwhelming majority. - New York fences Outlook, 15th.

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The writer had to leave the office before reading the proof of the article on rural school libraries published last week, and we notice that there were a few errors in it. Caswell with one library, Cata wha with five. libraries were established last week -two in Moore, three in Forsyth. The following carefully corrected table, therefore, shows the exact number of libraries in each county that have to date received the State aid provided by law:

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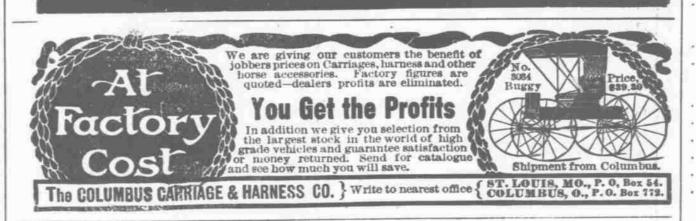
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