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FEATURES OF THIS WEEK'S PAPER.

Fodder Pulling Foolish Waste of Labor.—Although stalks and blades represent half the value of the corn plant, it would be better, says Dr. Butler, to let all this rot than pull fodder at the time it is usually done. Read his reasons. Page 8.

South Carolina Farming Progress.—The Editor reports what he saw and heard at the State Farmer's Institute at Clemson College. Page 9.

The Open Furrow Method of Sowing Oats.—The advantages of the system outlined and some objections answered by a Mecklenburg correspondent. Page 2.

Success in Cotton Farming.—Mr. S. H. Hobbs makes many helpful suggestions—especially about seed selection. Page 3.

Independent Tobacco Factories.—The Farmers' Protective Association is endeavoring to raise \$100,000 for this purpose, and to this end an address to the North Carolina growers has been issued. Page 10.

THE FARMERS' STATE ALLIANCE.

The North Carolina Farmers' State Alliance is holding its annual session this week at Headquarters near Hillsboro. We regret that owing to our absence last week an earlier notice of the meeting was not made. The Order has had a good year—as it could hardly have had otherwise with such officers as President Graham, Lecturer Cates, Secretary Parker, and the efficient Executive Committee. A full report of its proceedings will appear in next week's Progressive Farmer.

NOW IS YOUR TIME TO KICK.

In the rush of adding several thousand names to our subscription list last winter, and in the double-trouble which came to us through the miscarriage of our type by the railroads, a considerable number of mistakes were natural and unavoidable. So far as our records show, all these have been corrected, but we fear that some of our friends may be bearing ill-will against us and not doing us the justice to tell us about it and so giving us a chance to set things right.

Let us say then once for all, that we are not only willing to correct mistakes, but we are more anxious to correct them than you are to have them corrected; and if you have any fault to find with our business department, for Heaven's sake sit down and write us about it right away.

Don't wait. This is the dull season now, and we have plenty of time to set our house in order, and we want to do it.

If you failed to get credit, if your name isn't right, if your address is wrong, or if you know anybody who has subscribed and failed to get his paper, or if there is any other reason under the sun why you wish to kick and kick hard, don't, please don't, wait until you get a dun, and then get mad and shock the Recording Angel and all his stenographers, but sit down at once and tell us just exactly what you have against us, and we'll do the square thing.

We don't want a single dissatisfied subscriber—

and we shall not have, if any reasonable effort can remove the dissatisfaction.

Sit down, we say, and write us all about it, and be sure to write your name plainly and give your full address. If you have written before and failed to get attention, the fault may have been here.

The Year Book for 1905—Get a Copy.

The Year-book of the Department of Agriculture for the year 1905 has recently been issued, and contains a great deal of matter of very great interest and importance to every one of our readers. It is a volume of eight hundred pages, comprising articles written by experts on a great variety of subjects, and in addition the statistics of farm production, whether of grains, grasses, or live stock.

Inasmuch as any of our readers can obtain this volume by application to their member of Congress, until the supply is exhausted, we need not enter into a discussion of the subjects in detail. Every farmer should as the years go by, procure the Year-book as a permanent addition to his working library. Don't write to the Department of Agriculture, as the number of copies at the disposal of Secretary Wilson is limited. Write to your Congressman, either Senator or Representative, and he will no doubt procure it for you without cost.—Wallace's Farmer.

[We earnestly endorse this advice. Every Progressive Farmer reader who has not already done so, should at once apply for a copy.]

With One Eye Open.

Grease is cheaper than axles or horse-power. A little lime scattered around will help some. Those second-crop potatoes will be among the best things on the table next winter.

Entomology makes great divisions in the family of mosquitoes; but they all seem to have about the same manners.

Right along now is a good time to make out the program for next year.

The ancients consisted of two classes: 1st, Those who were willing to learn. 2nd, The others.

A good sort of education is that which enables one to do the right thing, at the right place, at the right time.

If the mosquito bills are too sharp, pour a few drops of kerosene on any surface water about the premises.

Plowing wet land is working for nothing and taking money out of the crop with which to pay for the privilege.

We are all failures; now, aren't we? The difference is that some give up while the others keep going.

Pitt Co., N. C.

August in the Stock Yard.

It is during August that the need of succulent forage crops is most often severely felt. The provident dairyman who sowed a patch of corn or other forage in June for this special purpose will be able to keep up the milk flow of his herd. It is usually figured that 100 pounds of butter fat will make from 110 to 115 pounds of butter. This is explained by the fact that in butter there is in addition to the butter fat a varying percentage of water and some casein. The amount of water should not exceed fifteen per cent.

The separator should be thoroughly cleaned or the undesirable bacteria from the dirty machine will spoil all the milk that passes through it.

It is a difficult task to make uniform high-class butter week after week during the summer if a



HON. EUGENE C. MASSIE.

Conspicuous in Virginia as the champion of the Torrens System of Registering Land Titles, Mr. Massie's articles in The Progressive Farmer are quickening the popular demand for this reform in all parts of The Progressive Farmer's territory.

supply of ice is not available. The cream is likely to develop too much acid for the production of first-class butter. Much of this difficulty can be overcome by frequent churnings. Ice and a good spring house is half in the making of butter.

The cow that can eat and assimilate the most food is, as a rule, the one that will return the most profit on the food consumed.

Have blankets made of old bran sacks to throw over the cows at milking time when flies are bad. Milk is best preserved by preventing germs from entering it, rather than killing the germs afterwards.

An open shed or wood lot is often preferred by cows during the heat of the day. Some dairymen stable their cows at this time, allowing them to graze at night and during the cooler portions of the day.

There is no better way of marketing the corn crop than through thrifty hogs. A good price can thus be secured for the corn and fertility will be added to the farm.

Early pigs should be heavily fed this month in order to finish them off in good shape for the September market. Pigs that can be sold in September weighing 150 to 200 pounds will pay a better profit than those of the same weight sold later. September prices are usually higher than those of any other month. Some care is necessary to fatten hogs in hot weather, as over-feeding may cause indigestion. Then, too, hog cholera is more prevalent in hot weather, so strict cleanliness should be observed.—Farmers' Voice.

"Made By Our Own Folks for Our Own Folks."

Maxwelton, Va., August 6, 1906.

Clarence H. Poe, Esq., Editor, Raleigh, N. C.

My Dear Sir: The best evidence of my appreciation of The Progressive Farmer is the renewal I enclose (U. S. Money Order for \$1). At the same time I want to tell you how much I enjoy reading it and the value I put upon it. It is clear, wholesome, readable, reliable, up-to-date and made by our own folks for our own folks, and far ahead of anything I can get North or West.

W. B. SIMS.