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TEXAS COTTON CROP NEARLY 50 PER CENT SHORT OF USUAL YIELD.

Fort Worth, Texas, November 2, 1907.

Clarence H. Poe, Editor Progressive Farmer, Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Sir and Bro.: The cotton crop of Texas will be between 45 and 50 per cent of the usual yield. This estimate is based upon reports from 4,800 local Unions of the State, and is not a car-window guess. Farmers' Union members are holding at least 70 per cent of their cotton. We should be glad that you would favor us with a copy of your paper containing the estimate that you are seeking.

Yours fraternally,

D. J. NEILL,

State President Texas Farmers' Union.

(First-hand reports for Progressive Farmer readers from nearly every other cotton-growing State on page 2.)

YOUR PART OF THE \$50,000,000—WAS IT WISELY SPENT?

The fertilizer bill of our farmers in The Progressive Farmers' territory—North Carolina and the adjoining States—is more than \$50,000,000 a year.

The final instalments on this enormous bill—big enough for a king's ransom, and twenty-five times the size of the total collections of an average American State—are now due and as the hard-earned money is counted out from the pockets of the farmer, it's a mighty good time to pause a moment and see whether or not his part of this enormous bill has been wisely spent.

Understand we are not attacking the use of fertilizers. Our farmers can wisely spend \$50,000,000 a year in this way—possibly more.

The only question is, Are they spending it wisely? Or are they merely paying out the fifty millions a season somewhat as a matter of habit without serious regard to whether each individual farmer is getting just the ingredients needed for his peculiar crop and soil conditions?

Prof. Massey's letter on page 9 deserves the careful consideration of all our people who share our opinion that a \$50,000,000 disbursement is an item big enough to call for full investigation.

"WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER?"—WE WANT YOUR OPINION.

We hope every man into whose hands this copy of The Progressive Farmer falls, subscriber or not, will read the article on page 9, entitled, "What's the Matter With The Progressive Farmer?"

The Progressive Farmer is a good paper, we know, but unquestionably it could be better.

The question is, "How Can We Make It Better?" And we'll give you \$10 in cash if you send us the best suggestion in answer.

You may not think your opinion worth anything, and yet that opinion may be the very one worth most to us. And when you write you needn't waste any time in compliments. This time we should rather have brickbats. Tell us our faults. Let us hear from you.



Evening.

BY ARCHIBALD LAMPMAN.

*From upland slopes I see the cows file by,
Lowling, great-chested, down the homeward trail,
By dusking fields and meadows shining pale
With moon-tipped dandelions; flickering high,
A peevish nighthawk in the western sky
Beats up into the lucent solitudes,
Or drops with girding wing; the stilly woods
Grow dark and deep, and gloom mysteriously.
Cool night winds creep and whisper in mine ear;
The homely cricket gossips at my feet;
From far-off pools and wastes of reeds I hear
With ebb and change the chanting frogs break sweet
In Full Pandean chorus; one by one
Shine out the stars, and the great night comes on.*

COL. BENNEHAN CAMERON PRESIDENT.

At the recent meeting of the National Farmers' Congress held in Oklahoma City, Okla., Col. Bennehan Cameron, of North Carolina, was elected President for the ensuing year. Col. Cameron is one of the best known farmers in The Progressive Farmer's territory and will make an efficient and energetic President of the great organization of which he is now the head.

We congratulate Col. Cameron and also the National Farmers' Congress.

Tobacco Growers of Wake and Chatham Meet Nov. 15th.

The tobacco growers of Wake and Chatham Counties are called to meet at Apex on Friday, November 15th at 11 o'clock. Business of vital importance.

A. T. OLIVE,
President.

If The Progressive Farmer is not the best paper, it is certainly equal to the best, for I have never seen a better one.—W. H. Sutcliffe, Berkely Co., S. C.

Sending the Paper to Five Neighbors.

Messrs. Editors: Enclosed please find money order for \$1.75, which puts the field of my subscription in good tilth again for another year's seeding, and also gives five of my neighbors an opportunity to learn how much they are missing by not reaping the harvest of golden grain in the different fields of progressive agriculture, as is gathered by the already numerous readers of your excellent paper every week.

I feel that I am sowing good seed, that will spring up and bring forth an abundant harvest. The Good Book says, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," (and we believe this, even in our profession, for we take little physic), and in giving this mite to these friends, I am sure I will be blessed with the giving, and they, with receiving, making the blessing two-fold.

Wayne Co., N. C.

There is more than four times the amount of moisture and fertilizer retaining power in land plowed twelve inches deep than in land plowed only three inches deep.—J. C. Stribling.