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LAST WEEK, THIS WEEK, AND NEXT WEEK.

There were at least two articles in last week's paper which we hope you did not overlook. It is the fashion now to keep the back-numbers of *The Progressive Farmer*, and if the article in last week's paper on Farm Waterworks by Mr. French escaped your attention, turn back and read it now. The same applies to Dr. F. L. Stevens' article on Agriculture in the Public Schools. This is in line with the thoroughly practical idea of educating the farm children toward the farm instead of educating them away from the farm. There were other good articles last week—but we wished specially to remind you of these two.

It occurs to us that this week's *Progressive Farmer* is an unusually full number. Just run your eye over the headings for a moment: An Unfailing Soil-Builder, Best Feed for a Milch Cow, Sell Something Every Day, Market Your Poultry Soon, Spurs for Poultrymen, Alfalfa and the Milk Pail, How the South is Being Swept of Cash—all these and others deal with practical farming problems. Then there is the Tobacco Situation, by Mr. E. J. Ragsdale, and the official appeal to Peanut Growers which relate to prudent marketing policies. Our Virginia and South Carolina letters are full of interest, and a new department, Live Stock Troubles, begins what we expect to be a most helpful feature to all who take advantage of it. There are also illustrations and new announcements this week which carry their full share of interest to our readers, while the quiet good humor and the sound moral of Mr. Scherer's Parable of Lum Lazeyman add a not unwelcome breeziness to this week's contents.

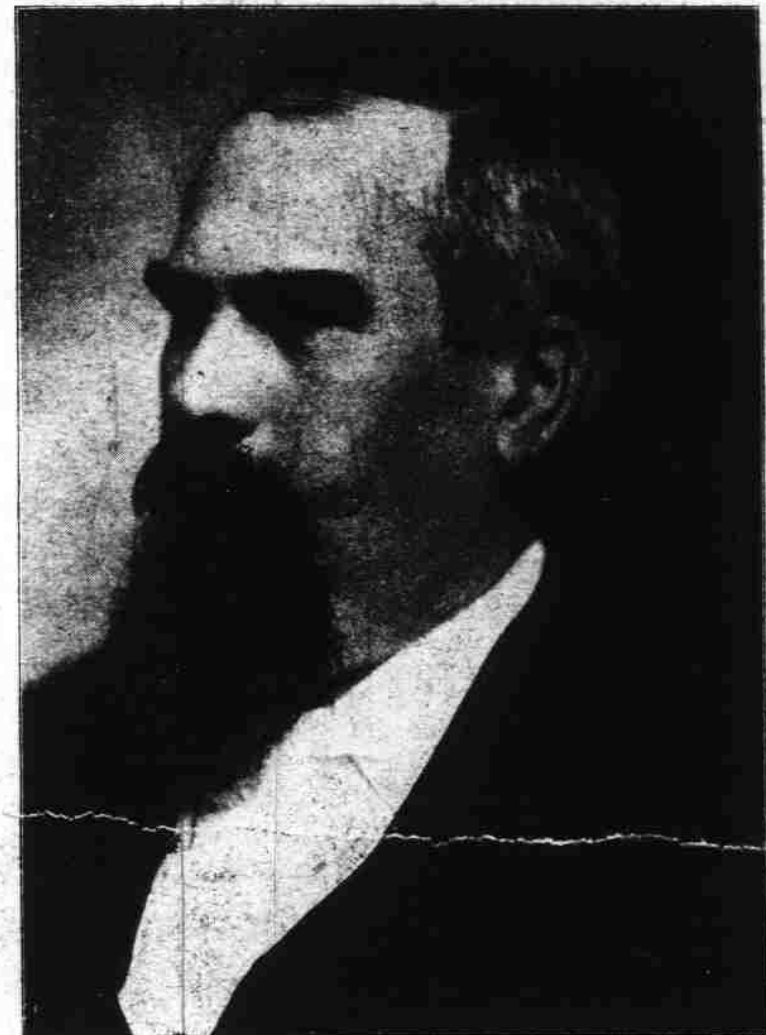
Next week's paper is even now in the making. It was intended to be a "Hog and Bacon" number, but this special has been postponed one week to Thanksgiving. That meaty article you are preparing—get it in to us by the 20th for our Hog and Bacon Special of the 28th. But next week's paper will be as fat as we can make it with good articles. How shall we Reduce the Cost of Making Cotton? The Cowpea as a Subsoiler for the Small Farmer, Late Planted Vetch, Strawberries for Home Use, Cattle, and Corn Silage (by Mr. French)—these are some of the articles we already have at hand to draw on for the making of a well-seasoned number next week.

Official Heads of Two North Carolina Farmers' Organizations.



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Of the various farmers' organizations in the State none are more alert and wide-awake to the farmers' abiding interests than the North Carolina Farmers' Alliance and the North Carolina Farmers' Convention. At the head of the Farmers' Alliance is Mr. J. E. Peterson, of Wayne County, who was chosen President at the annual meeting in Hillsboro last summer. He has seen forty years of farming experience. Not only is he in sympathy with his fellow-tillers of the soil, but he believes thoroughly in organization as a means of making the farmer a potential factor in the world's business. Linking works with his faith, busy man though he is, he does not fail to attend the meetings of interest to farmers, and is now also Presi-



MR. H. C. DOCKERY,
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dent of the Cotton Growers' Association of his county.

Mr. H. C. Dockery, of Richmond County, is President of the North Carolina Farmers' Convention, having been elected at the large annual meeting in Raleigh last August. He is one of the State's most useful and substantial men. A successful farmer, he has not been content with mere success himself, but has used his knowledge and influence to help others to success on the farm. Like Mr. Peterson, he has been repeatedly honored by his neighbors and fellow-farmers at home, and was chairman last year of the Executive Committee of the State Cotton Growers' Association.

COTTON CROP 738,795 BALES SHORT.

The Government's latest ginners' report was issued Friday and shows that up to November 1st the total number of bales ginned from this year's crop was 6,167,600 bales, as compared with 6,906,395 bales for last year to same date. This year's crop is thus shown to be 738,795 bales behind last year's.

During the two weeks ending November 1st ginning went steadily along throughout the South. A little more than a thousand gineries started up and 1,760,545 bales were ginned in the two weeks, which is 214,000 bales less than the record for same period last year.

But the significant part of the report is the showing which, instead of making gains as compared with last year, emphasizes a growing shortage. October 18th this year's crop was shown to be 524,566 bales short of last year; November 1st the shortage is 738,795 bales.

SUPPOSE.

Cotton is selling at ten cents.

And yet the crop is remarkably short, and the Texas yield, President Neill of the Farmers' Union tells us, is only one-half of usual.

Just suppose the Texas crop were up to the average.

Suppose that we had had a good favorable season this year on the entire acreage planted.

Cotton would not now command over seven or eight cents!

We have said this before, but it's worth saying twice.

And the moral is the old, old story: The one-crop system is never safe.

Next year the crash may come.

Get ready now for diversified farming. Sow some grain, clover, etc., and lay your plans for bigger corn and side-issue crops in 1908. For the land's sake—and your own—raise some stock.