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FARMERS'

ORGANIZATIONS AND THEIR LEGITI-MATE LINE OF ACTION.

singleness of purpose, the advancement lines. of the craft in a practical way by practi- After educational work, the most imfully deserved. cal means. The strength and success of portant field is the unification of farming the Printers' Union is the result of strict interests. The strength of united effort, attention to matters which touch only of co-operation can be realized by its Nominated at the recent Democratic conprinters and the printing trade. Where practical demonstration. An instance vention as the candidate for the office of outside matters engross the attention of of what might be done in this direction superintendent of public instruction, was trade organizations, and especially where is afforded in the present condition of born in Wake county. September 22. politics and unsettled economic questions one branch of our agriculture. The 1841, and is therefore in his fifty first are injected, failure results. Practical cotton acreage for several years has been year. He entered in his twentieth year, matters are neglected for impractical, larger than the demands for consumption when he had just finished his prepara and unnecessary outside opposition is warranted, the industry is depressed, and tions to enter college, the company so aroused, which in the end fritters away farmers of the South are, as a conse- honorably known as the Raleigh Riffes, the strength of the organization to no quence, in financial straits. The appassigned to the Fourth-afterwards the purpose. The recent history of the proach of this condition has been recog | Fourteenth regiment of North Carolina Knights of Labor illustrates this tendency nized by those familiar with the facts of troops-acting as sergeant of his compaand also another cause of failure—the at- production, and warning was given in a ny. Afterwards, at his own request, he tempt to unite too many elements, with fittill way that 8,000,000 bale crops were was transferred to Co. I. 1st regiment, N. conflicting interests, in one body.

All matters which concern the farmer as tion would have been avoided. a farmer, individually, socially, financially Farming, perhaps above any other oc- in the battles and movements around Pecovered. It places such associations up- farmers' organization. on exactly the same footing as similar as The greatest need of American agri- position he still holds. Mr. Scarborough sociations of other guilds. The carpen- culture to-day is organization upon the is a ready and strong speaker, and a ters' contents itself with acting upon plan of mutual co-operation in all lines of most affective campaigner, and already sa matters which directly affect its members interest, backed by brains and directed as carpenters, but it would be a failure with energy; such an organization as will and a laughing stock if it devoted its unite farmers' interests without segrega sociated. energies to a discussion of astronomy, ting farmers as a class from other citizens. or a consideration of the problems of Co-operation in every direction; not Ishfree trade and protection. In the latter maelitism. capacity it might be useful as a social debating club or a training school for economic students, but it would be of no practical value to carpenters in the exer SKETCHES OF THE DEMOCRATIC STATE cise of their trade.

The point to be remembered is that a farmers' organization should be just what its name implies-an organization intended to act for the benefit of individuals because they are farmers. With this definition in view, it is easy to point out last but not least. many things which improperly engross the attention of such organizations to the generally quite as easy to show that these organizers who are shrowd enough to di-

THE ROANOKE NEWS, a general way what it may do. In broad he holds in public regard. He is also may improve the condition of the tiller of cils of his church, the Methodist Episcothe soil, by placing either knowledge or pal. Since 1883 he has been secretary material resources at his disposal. The of the North Carolina annual conference. learning" but that broadeducation which one of its representatives at the great takes in all the various phases of our no meetings of the general conference. He tive business life, an education which is is also a member of that powerful benevthe result of experience of others. An olent order, the Odd Fellows. In the The great fault of farmers' organiza- illustration of work in this line is afforded various intricate duties connected with tion lies in their failure to deal with the by farmers' institutes, typified by the ex- the office of State treasurer Mr. Bain's practical facts of farm life, and in their ceptionally good organization of the New long and thorough knowledge of public tendency to undertake action in matters | York institutes, which have perhaps done | affairs has proved of special value, enawhich they are without power to settle. more to advance the material interests of bling him to do many things which have Organizations made up of the workers in farmers brought within reach of their inured to the State's advantage. The other crafts seldom fail in their general influence than has been accomplished by high compliment which the late convenaims on this account, because there is a any organization or effort upon similar tion paid him, of a nomination by accla-

dangerous to all engaged in cotton grow- C. State troops, Col. Montford Stokes, The history of farm organizations ing. The only remedy was a smaller commanding, and remained in that comshows that they have had a permanent acreage, with more attention to the pro- mand until the close of the war. He success just in proprotion as they have duction of other crops, but such a reduct had his full share of all the varieties of given their attention to the solving of tion could be brought about by united service, of danger, of glory, of privation, the practical problems of rural life, and effort in all sections where cotton is grown of imprisonme t and the number of bafailure has inevitably awaited them when and there was no means at hand to so the in which he was engaged, some of they have neglected these matters of ev- cure an effort. If the labor and organi- them the heaviest during the war, proves eryday concern to dabble in questions zation which associations of farmers in both his fidelity to his cause and his de which they have no power to solve. It the cotton States have given to political votion and courage as a soldier. Towards should not be understood that all ques contests during three years past had been the close of the war he was badly woundtions not immediately connected with the directed toward properly governing cotton ed at Cedar Fork and sent home on furcultivation of the soil should be passed by. production, the present crisis in that see- lough. Recovering, he returned to his

or politically, may properly be considered cupation, is subject to immutable laws of tersburg and at Danville and in the closand made the subject of united action, nature, and bad seasons and years of dis- ing tragedy at Appointment. When the but such questions will be found in accordance aster are inevitable, but there can be such war closed be returned home and aided tual experience to be comparatively few. organization and mutual co-operation as his father in making a crop for the sup-The line of distinction should be this: will secure an intelligent and equitable port of his family. But his determina-Matters affecting the farmer because he diversitieation of production which will tion to obtain a collegiate education was is a farmer may be legitimately and safe- reduce to a minimum the natural risks. fixed, and in January he entered Wake ly considered by farmers' organizations The principle can be carried beyond pre- Forest College, where he graduated in but matters which affect the farmer sim- duction into the field of distribution of June, 1869. In the following fall he was ply because he is a citizen may be left to farm surplus with still greater advantage, made a tutor in the same college, holding his consideration in other place in his There are leaks between the product his position for two years. In August capacity as a citizen. Any action upon and consumer which the material inter- 1871, he established an academy at a particular subject which segregates him ests of noth demand should be stopped. Selma, Johnston county, and conducted as a citizen from other bodies of citizens. The army of middlemen who stand be, it so successfully as to draw marked attenas a citizen from other bodies of citizens. The army of middlemen who stand be-similarly affected, will in the end be found tween the field and the table and take to fill the superintendency of public a source of weakness. This line of de- toll for unnecessary and wasteful hand- instruction, and in 1876, he was elected marcation leaves a field for organizations ling, may be avoided by bringing produ- to that office, filling it so ably and so which is wide enough, and which, in this cer and consumer nearer together, and successfully as to lead to his renominaountry at least, has never been properly this is another line of work for the ideal tion and re election in 1880.

THE NOMINEES.

TICKET.

With this issue we complete the sketches of the nominees on the State Demoeratic ticket, with those of Donald W. Bain and John C. Scarborough, who are

DONALD W. BAIN.

Donald W. Bain, the nominee for exclusion of legitimate business, and it is State treasurer, is a native of Raleigh where he has always resided. He was very points are the rocks upon which born April 2, 1841, and entered the sershipwreck is made. Farmers may not vice of the State just before the late war, Highest of all in leavening strength .only properly but should belong to politi- as clerk in the office of the comptroller, cal organizations, but such an organiza- and in 1865 became chief clerk of the tion, whatever it is in its inception, must treasury department, by appointment of be a failure as a farm organization. As the Hon. Jonathan Worth, then provisa political movement it may be an un- ional treasurer. He received the nomibounded success, at least for a few of its nation for State treasurer at the democratic conventions of 1884 and 1888, the ract its efforts and their ambition in the latter time by acclamation and without same channel, but though it may run opposition. He is now closing his second conventions, and dictate to parties, it is term. Mr. Bain has perhaps as large a doubtful if it will ever confer any material benefit upon the agriculture of the State any other man in it and he ought country. Its energies will be wasted in to be proud of such a record as he has discussing political or economic schemes always had for integrity and faithfulness claimed as a panacea for all ills suffered to his State and its people. His successby citizens, while little attention will be ful administration of the affairs of the paid to matters immediately affecting the treasury has been that of the thorough farm. There can be but one result. Dis and thoughtful business man. Besides sensions follow discord, and disintegra- his position as State treasurer he has tion treads close upon the inevitable clash | been since February, 1867, the grand secretary of the grand lodge of Masons With this brief discussion of the line of North Carolina. The great length of of action which the successful organiza- his stay in that position of honor and tion must avoid, it is easy to point out in trust is another proof of the high place E. C. Allier, Nov. 200, Au

terms its field covers everything which prominent in the State and general coungreatest work is educational-not "book and has twice in 1886 and 1890, been mation and that for his third term, was

command at Petersburg and was engaged he was appointed by Gov. Fowle chief of the bureau of labor statistics, which wide and favorably known, his nomination adds another string element to the strong ticket with which his name is as-

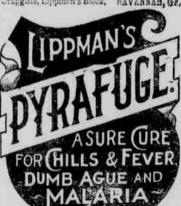
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