

For Farm-Life Schools.

Dr. Alexander, President of the North Carolina Farmers' Union, is a strong advocate of the farm life school, and is doing good work in favor of the establishment of such schools in every county of the State. We are glad to know that the great organization which he represents is behind him in this effort, and as a result we may expect to see ten of these schools established in North Carolina, where the legislature has provided for them. President Alexander declares that ignorance of the farming classes is one of the greatest curses of the commonwealth. Ignorance of the farming classes brings economic loss to all classes. Anything that raises the intelligence of the agricultural classes benefits all classes. Speaking of this, President Alexander says:

"Every man who has a clear and correct conception of economic conditions as they are today, must know that continued and increased prosperity in all lines of industry dependent on a more intelligent and efficient agricultural and laboring classes. Ignorance is the greatest tax on our commonwealth. It is an incubus that is clogging the wheels of progress in all lines. And unfortunately we find the largest percentage of ignorance in the classes that produce, primarily, 85 per cent of the wealth of our country and on which the prosperity of all other classes must ultimately depend. Ignorance is a very unstable foundation on which to attempt to erect a great superstructure; and yet that is just what the whole business world is doing. Therefore, it is not surprising that the wise business men are beginning to realize that ignorance and inefficiency of the producing classes the prosperity of their business.—Concord Times.

Mr. Plyler Resigns.

At a meeting of the State Executive Committee, which was held at Greensboro last week, Mr. P. P. W. Plyler, tendered his resignation as a member of the committee, and Mr. C. C. Wright, of Wilkes county, was elected in his stead. Mr. Plyler has served on this committee since the State Union was organized and has been a very valuable man to the organization and his resignation was accepted with reluctance by the committee. The new Executive Committee is as follows: I. P. Coggins, Chairman; Dr. J. T. Smith, Secretary; W. H. Moore, T. D. Brown, C. C. Wright. Mr. Plyler tendered his resignation in order to accept the cashiership of the new bank at Marshville.

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The Carolina Union Farmer:

As I have seen nothing in our valuable paper from our local I will say just a few words. We have at this time only 22 members, several having united with other locals nearer to them. We are trying to do business through our County and State Agents, but we find there are no favors in store for the farmers only as they compel recognition by organization. The members of our local all favor the suggestion made by someone in the Carolina Union Farmer that we should establish a fertilizer factory for the manufacture of our own goods. If the several factories for the manufacture of fertilizer in North Carolina are realizing fair profits then it is evident that we would save much by establishing a factory for making our own fertilizer. A contribution of two or three dollars each, from every member of our organization might make us more independent of the fertilizer trust. Success to the Carolina Union Farmer and the organization it represents.

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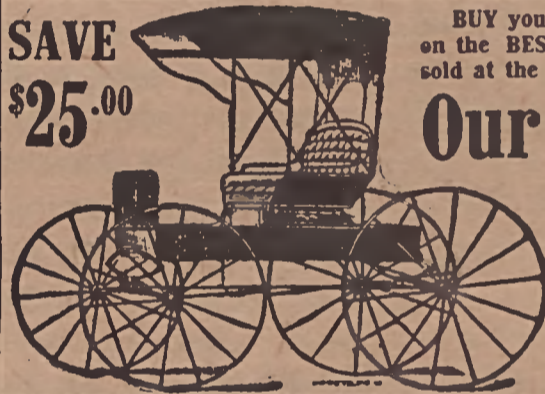
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