

News from all parts of the country indicate a desperate effort by Simpson and others to form a third party. The Alliance people are very much divided on the movement and it will be a bitter fight between the Alliance-men. There will be a third party in N. C., unless the political chessboard is judiciously managed by conservative Alliance-men.

If Polk and Simpson have the influence over the State Alliance and the people follow them blindly, there cannot be any stop to the movement. It is hoped that such conservative leaders as Leazer, Alexander, Scarborough and many others will be able to stay the tide and thereby save the Alliance from destruction, and the State from republican rule again.

We have faith in Alliance members and Democrats, and hope that they will be able to control all the disturbing elements and that the good old State of North Carolina will in the future, as has been in the past, be controlled by true and honest men, who are capable, and wise enough to know our needs. This is our hope for the political future for North Carolina, and the South.

There is but a slight difference in the Democratic platform and the Alliance demands. The leaders of the Alliance have injured their cause by introducing the sub-treasury scheme, and the ownership of railroads by the government. The Democrats will be asked to endorse these measures, or at least the sub-treasury demands. On this issue Polk, Simpson and others aim to split up the Democratic party in the South, but this will split the Alliance and no good can be accomplished, but great harm will follow. The republican party are enjoying the outlook, looking on with great complacency, and their mouths are watering to see this split. They are keeping very quiet and are afraid to speak out just now, but secret work is going on and everything now seems to work, as they would have it. Just wait until this third party is materialized, and then see the result. Where will the great Alliance organization that has upheaved this country land? It will be swallowed up by the republican party which will control this country during the present generation, in all probability. Third party men are aiding in this, and they will find it out when too late. Stop and think. No third party man, with intelligence, believes that there are any chances of success in North Carolina. Then why press this measure?

On the 29th ult. at Buck's Port, Ark., the alliance held a mass meeting. After State Lecturer, Bryan had concluded his speech, a general fight ensued. Shot-guns and rifles were used with deadly effect, five persons being killed and others wounded. Red-hot politics was the cause.

Senator Vance and wife are now in Rome, both enjoying good health. They will soon start on their return trip.

FROM WAKE FOREST.

The Elisha Mitchell Scientific Society, of the State University, met with the Scientific Society at this place last Friday evening. Prof. Cain, of the University, acted as president. There were six papers read dealing with different phases of Scientific investigation. The first paper was by Prof. Harris, of the University. His subject was The Cataline furnace. Before he began reading his very interesting paper he unrolled a large drawing which represented the furnace that he wanted to describe. 'I am sorry,' said he, 'that I have nothing new for you to night. My paper is only a description of what I think to be the last Cataline furnace in America. Last summer while in Ashe county I had the pleasure of visiting the Hilton Iron works, situated 15 miles from Jefferson.' The old furnace was minutely described. The water wheel which turns the shaft to raise the hammer; the wheel which raised the stamper to crush ore, etc. The wind works however, of that ancient furnace puzzled these gray bearded men of science, and I don't think they were very well satisfied with the explanation given by the Professor. Mr. Harris had a bar of iron, which was made by that old furnace, along with him, and declared it was an excellent article.

Prof. Lannan, of Wake Forest College, next entertained the audience with an exhaustive treatise on the duration of twilight. 'While I was in the Rocky Mountains last July, at 9 o'clock at night I could tell the time by my watch due to the twilight. Hence my subject.' He defined twilight as the time after the sun set until dark, or the time from daylight until sunrise.

The duration depends on the latitude and the season. On the equator on the 22nd of September, it lasts only one hour and 12 minutes. While at the pole it, lasts 2 months.

I am not far enough advanced in the mysteries of the starry heavens to tell what this learned Professor did say about twilight, and I don't think it would show any disrespect to my readers to say they perhaps would not understand it were I to write it.

Prof. Wilson, of the University, next told about the development of sponges. It seems to me he said he studied this subject on some island in the Pacific. It will, no doubt, astonish some school boy or girl to tell them that Dr. Wilson said that sponges were animals, and grew just like other animals, and they washed their slates with the skeletons of these animals. Dr. Wilson has been growing some in his laboratory at Chapel Hill, but says the climate does not suit them and they live only two or three days, and get to the enormous size of one fiftieth of an inch. There are different kinds of sponges, which have different kinds of skeletons, some of which would not do to wash slates with.

There is no man in North Carolina who is ahead of Professor Mills on the weather, and how could a scientific meeting be complete at this day of meteorological study, without something being said

about the weather. I have recited all kinds of mathematics to Professor Mills since I have been here, and during that time have had occasion to note his fondness for noticing the phenomena of the weather. 'Some recent experiment for making rain,' I knew it would be that. You are doubtless familiar with the experiments that have been made during the summer in the West by the government. It was to these that the Professor alluded in his short, but interesting paper. He did not express his opinion about the feasibility of making it rain, but the manner in which he left the platform was enough for me to see he didn't think so. (I learned his manner standing before him at the black-board.) When Professor Potent, our Potent, was announced, I knew that we would hear about bugs or spiders or some of the numerous inhabitants of this earth of the lower order. It is so strange how we associate things. When the subject of 'snails' was announced, the gas chanting that doggerel 'Snail, snail poke out your horns,' and brought up my boyhood days when I was kneeling over a snail shell chanting this ditty to its inhabitant. It may be that this brought on a reverie and I failed to catch all that was said about snail. All that I remember, however, was the closing sentence which sounded something like this: 'A pair of snails and their offspring will in two years increase to two million, four hundred.' It took my breath and before I could think again Professor Venerable was reading a very fine essay on The Drudgery of Science. This essay gave a very interesting account of the labors of scientific men hunting for truth. I can only give one of the many incidents quoted that of Darwin who watched for two hours to see which foot a spider put forward first, and then had to acknowledge he couldn't tell.

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On the 11th inst. the Odd Fellows are to have a day at the Exposition in Raleigh. The largest gathering of Odd Fellows that have ever assembled in any Southern city will be in Raleigh on that day. Ex-Governor Jarvis has consented to deliver an address on the occasion.

The Manufacturers Record of Oct. the 24th speaks encouragingly of the financial affairs of the South and says here is a general improvement in business, a stronger feeling and liberal sales both of char coal and coke iron.

The Record also mentions a great many new investments in all parts of the South by capitalists.

Prominent women, of Danville, Va., have visited the schools in that city and requested the keepers to close during religious services, which are being conducted at that city by Evangelist Eile.

Great indignation is felt at Bryan, the Alliance Lecturer at Bucks Port, Ark. He is charged with having caused the trouble there by which several lives were lost.

The long continued dry weather in Montgomery county Ala., is causing the streams to dry up.

Ex-President Cleveland will be invited to visit the Exposition at Raleigh, by a special committee who will go from Raleigh to see him.

In an address delivered by President Polk at Elizabeth City recently, he declared that the Alliance was in politics and there to stay.

Winston Sentinel.—The ultimate results that must inevitably follow the adoption of the wild and erratic methods of L. L. Polk have not been considered by him or any of his satellites. The immediate benefits accruing to the managers of the alliance and the gratification of their personal ends is all they want or hope to obtain. To do this they are sowing seeds of discord all over the State, embittering class against class. Never reconing one moment about the results. Let come what may, they will have no compunction of conscience.

A Good Move for Southern Newspapers.

New York, Oct. 30.—A number of the leading newspaper men in business in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Tennessee met today in this city at the Astor house, and organized a Southern enterprise. A large amount of capital was subscribed. The association is to commence at once the gathering of news throughout the country and to supply their report to newspapers and news organizations. It will be a strong association. Another meeting will be held at the Astor house tomorrow to arrange some of the details.

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