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Mr. TERRELL won all hearts here by his fairness and consideration for the opinions of others. He is eminently an apostle of liberty and embraces every opportunity to impress upon the Alliance the absolute necessity for not falling out because of differences of opinion.

The doctrine of ostracism finds no place in his code, and he fully demonstrated that within the Alliance all men are entitled to enjoy their honest convictions and to express them. This is as it should be and places the Alliance in a much more favorable light before many of our people than it stood in before.

A great many of our Caldwell Alliance men do not subscribe to all of Mr. Terrell's opinions and take the liberty of differing with him with out falling out with him, knowing that on all essential principles they are in touch with him as are all lovers of their country.

Al though Mr. Terrell is a Democrat and naturally hopes that the Democratic party will reap the benefit of the Alliance movement, his general tone indicates that he anticipates a third party movement rather more favorably than the most of our Caldwell Alliance men do.

Coming from Texas and the West, he perhaps does not understand the conditions in North Carolina in their full significance. The Democratic Alliance men of North Carolina and especially of Caldwell county see no necessity for a third party in this section.

They say this and while they acknowledge that the conditions prevailing in many of the Western and Northwestern States may necessitate a third party they do not believe that such a contingency can possibly arise here.

No doubt Mr. Terrell fully appreciates and endorses this idea. He does not voice the Caldwell sentiment about Mr. Cleveland. While our people are not wedded to any particular candidate for the Democrats to run for the Presidency upon a platform of reform all around, their affection for Mr. Cleveland is so sincere and disinterested that they are not prepared yet to say that his claims shall not be considered at all before it is positively ascertained that his opinions on the currency question and those of the great Democratic Reform party may not possibly very nearly coincide by the time the nomination is made.

Our people are not prepared to throw Cleveland overboard as a political Jonah. They are in favor of letting him sail to port in the same boat with them even if they do not nominate him. And on this head, while all that Mr. Terrell said on the currency question up to the sub-Treasury Bill was good Democracy and endorsed by all who heard him, we are sorry that he did not elucidate the silver question. And the sub-Treasury bill is another question upon which many of our good Caldwell Alliance brethren divide.

In a recent interview Governor Tillman, of South Carolina, one of the foremost Alliance leaders in the South, said: "I do not believe if the Farmers' Alliance in this State were polled one-half would support the sub-treasury scheme. My guide to making up my opinion is to observe the results in the Congressional districts where by vote this has been tested, and I believe that the Alliance of the entire South would repudiate it. Some ladies may favor it, but the rank and file of the thinking, reading members, utterly refuse the absurd provisions of the scheme."

The Fayetteville Observer advocates the necessity for a speedy calling together of the Senate to elect a Lieutenant-Governor. We can get along just now very well without a Lieutenant-Governor and we are in favor of saving the expense that an extra session of the Senate would involve.

STATE TOPICS.

Mrs. W. C. Fields, of Sparta, is dead.

W. T. Kornegay, of Goldsboro, has been elected President of the North Carolina Railroad in place of Gen. R. F. Hoke, declined.

The negro, Henry Brabham, who murdered the Italian, John B. Mocco, was convicted and sentenced to be hung on the 21st of May. An appeal was taken.

The passenger rates have heretofore been 3 1/2, 4 and 5 cents per mile in this State. The Railroad Commission has established 3 1/2 cents as a fixed first-class rate and 2 1/2 cents as a fixed second class rate on all railroads in the State.

TIMELY TOPICS.

Gen. Von Moltke is dead

Major Peyton Randolph, 3rd Vice President R & D. R. R. Co., died in Washington on the 23rd.

Henry Watterson says that the country would play into the hands of the Republicans and commit a blunder that 10 years will not serve to efface if the tariff is not kept to the front as the issue in 1892.

On the 23rd 250 tons of powder exploded in a magazine near Rome and caused an earthquake severe enough to do considerable damage to windows, stained glass and monuments in the eternal city. Five persons were killed and 120 wounded.

The Richmond Times sent inquiries to leading Alliance men in all the counties of Virginia asking if they favored the nomination of Cleveland and fighting it out on the paramount issue of the tariff, or the exclusion of Cleveland and the adoption of free silver as the issue. Out of 172 replies 123 were for Cleveland and the tariff. Of the remainder some were in doubt, while others favored a silver issue.

HOW THE ALLIANCE GROWS.

And the North Carolina Brethren Take No Third Party in Theirs.

RALEIGH, N. C., April, 24.

To the Editor of The Lenoir Topic:

THE ALLIANCE GROWS.

How the Alliance grows! No less than 2201 sub-Alliances are in the State and the membership has rolled up to the great figure of 100,000! The 20th instant was the fourth anniversary of the Alliance, which made its humble start April 20, 1887 with Ashpole, No. 1, of Anson county. The growth of this strength surprises even the Alliance men themselves, great as their expectations might have been. The average is about 23 Alliances to a county. Wake has more than 60. Besides the sub-Alliances there are 96 county Alliances. It is figured that the negro Alliance, which is separate and distinct, has 15,000 members. The other labor organization, the Knights of Labor, claims 10,000, but it is much to be doubted. The Knights have lost all power or influence in North Carolina. Five years ago they had much strength in this district and demoralized the democratic party.

TO REFORM BOTH PARTIES.

Secretary Barnes of the State Alliance was asked as to the third party prospect. He said the Alliance was not fighting the Democratic party, but was seeking to reform both parties. Some newspapers have made the Alliance extremists very angry, the latter being men who want every thing to go their way or not at all.

NO THIRD PARTY IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Editor Cade of the Progressive Farmer (which by the way now rejoices in over 20,000 circulation), said in reply to the same inquiry that he did not think there would be any third party in North Carolina, as he could see no necessity for it. The Alliance, he declared, could not form a party, though it might at some time unite with one. President Polk and Editor Cade declare they do not favor the Cincinnati Convention, as they consider it premature.

FINE CROP PROSPECTS.

The returns of the crops for the current month, which will be published May 1, will make a better showing than the most sanguine hoped for in March. After all the delays, a pretty full corn crop is planted. There is a reduction in the cotton acreage. Natural causes produced the latter effect, for there is not time to prepare the ground and plant the cotton. There was a request for a reduction, as the last crop was too large. It is down in price now to an unprecedented figure. There are no complaints about scarcity of labor, from which it would appear that the negro exodus did not damage the farming interests.

A LARGE FRUIT CROP.

The fruit crop, the reports from all over the State show, and there are over 900 of them, will be large. This applies to all kinds of fruit.

COAL IN THIS DISTRICT.

The Geological Survey party will particularly apply itself to a search for coal. That is when indications of coal are discovered, thorough

tests will be made. The last find is in Surry county, and it is claimed that the deposits are valuable.

RESPECTFULLY DECLINED.

Gen. R. F. Hoke declined the position of president of the North Carolina railway. He devotes himself to his duties as president of the Georgia, Carolina and Northern road, which is to be completed to Atlanta, by Dec. 15, next.

A QUESTION ON THE PENALTY SUITS.

The penalty suits against 40 of the railways for failure to report are now things of the past. The supreme court put a quietus on one, the test case, and the Superior court of this county finished the others. It is ascertained that in 1889 the State did not furnish the railways with the report blanks.

60 RAILROADS IN THE STATE.

Speaking of railways brings up the fact that there are over 60 in operation in the State, including branches. That shows a wonderful growth. The increase here is over 200 miles annually, or more than twice the increase in all New England.

The Danville and Western railway will not be operated by the Richmond and Danville, but Col. A. B. Andrews will be its operating president.

THROUGH FROM PAINT ROCK TO GOLDSBORO.

The railway commission has transacted its first public business this week after adopting rules of practice nearly like those of the United States commission. It notifies the R. & D. railway to run cars through from Paint Rock to Goldsboro with out changes. It will also look into the matter of depot accommodations. The law requires that there shall be proper accommodations of this character. The commission is also taking in hand the matter of telegraph charges, by requiring the Western Union to equalize these.

NORTH CAROLINA STILL SOLID ON CLEVELAND.

Mr. Cleveland has received a very warm invitation to visit the State in June and attend the Teachers' Assembly at Morehead City. He is getting back into favor. An Alliance man said to day that his recent disclaimer of an alleged interview was good as far as it went, but that it did not go far enough. They think he ought to declare for free coinage, pure and simple.

A VICIOUS TRUSTY.

The State has 300 convicts now in Cumberland county engaged on the extension of the short-cut of the Atlantic coast line. One of the convicts on Wednesday committed a terrible crime, outraging a venerable white woman. It appears that he was a trusted convict and was sent on an errand.

THE INTER-STATE EXPOSITION.

The States are falling in line as regards participation in the Interstate exposition here. West Virginia, Georgia, and Arkansas will have large exhibits in which some of the leading railways will participate.

STATE IMMIGRATION CONVENTION.

Gov. Holt's call for a State Immigration and development convention, to be held here May 13, meets with a general response. Many counties will regularly appoint delegates. In no way can unity of action in the development of the State be better or more quickly secured.

DESTITUTE OF BIBLES.

In all parts of the State there are houses in which there is no Bible, as is shown by the monthly reports of the 104 Baptist Missionaries at work here and also by those of the 17 colporters. It is remarkable to observe how many people are thus unprovided with the Word. Thousands of Bibles are given away annually.

A STRONG TEAM.

The News and Observer and the Intelligencer are to unite their strength; in all probability next month. The paper thus formed will be a strong one. It will have ample capital, this having already been subscribed.

GRASSES AND GRAPES.

The State experiment farm, which is maintained not by the State but by the United States, is just now an interesting place to visit. Eighty kinds of grasses are growing there, the most exact tests being made by order of the Government, this being one of the points specially designated for this work. There are also in progress tests of foreign grape vines, of which scores of kinds are in the large new graperies, the first in the South. All sorts of crosses of foreign grapes on the native vines are being made. Special experiments are also in progress to secure a good variety of early garden corn.

NEW DORMITORIES.

Plans are in hand for the new dormitories of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, these having been prepared by Prof. Kitchely.

TO MOVE IN JUNE.

Gov. Holt will not occupy the executive mansion until June.

SUPREME COURT WORK.

The Supreme court is now engaged on the appeals at the end of the docket. Most of these are from the 5th district, which was the only one having a full docket. Mr. Justice Davis, who has been so feeble, has

arrived here and taken his place on the bench.

BREXER RABBIT'S TACTICS—LAYING LOW AND SAYING NOTHING.

There is less heard about prohibition in this State this year than at any time in five years past, but the advocates of the movement claim that it is all the while growing.

300 CONVERSIONS.

Evangelist Fife's meeting here ended last night. The result was 300 conversions. Mr. Fife left for Fayetteville and next appears at Charlotte, which place he is to make his home.

AN EXCELLENT SELECTION.

The selection of Mr. McK. Goodwin as advisory principal of the deaf-mute institution at Morganton will be found to be an excellent one. He has by a long stay at the institution here mastered all the details.

Mr. Terrell's Speech.

Mr. Benjamin Terrell, the National Alliance Lecturer, made a public address in the Lenoir Court House, on Thursday at 11 a. m. to a moderate audience. The season is a busy one and many farmers, who otherwise would have come to hear him, were prevented from sheer inability to leave their work.

Mr. Terrell is a pleasant speaker and entertained his audience for an hour and a half. He declared that the Alliance is not and does not claim to be above fair criticism but that it invites it as one of the most helpful things in an educational campaign. He then enumerated the demands of the Farmers' Alliance and made a most excellent Democratic speech in favor of them all, for with only one or two minor exceptions the demands consisted of cardinal Democratic principles. He enumerated the alien ownership of land (which President Cleveland did so much to check), the financial system with nothing but gold as a legal tender for all debts, the accumulation of the wealth of the country in the hands of a few monopolists, the necessity for the Government control of railroads, as among the wrongs against the people that merit righting at the hands of the people's representatives. He said that men should vote their principles and that they should vote as their consciences dictate regardless of what party it might throw them into, which is the true doctrine to track. A man who votes against his conscience ought not to be allowed to vote in our opinion. He touched on the third party idea and said that the Alliance will never organize into a third party but that, under certain contingencies, a third party would spring up and that it would be the duty of Alliance men to select from among the three parties the one that would come nearest to carrying out its policy and support it. He said that the Alliance would not support Mr. Cleveland for President but that if the Democracy would pass all the Alliance demands and nominate a Western man in sympathy with the Alliance it would carry the Alliance vote solidly. He said he had heard that the silver policy of the Alliance had some critics in Lenoir and that in what he said on that score there would be nothing personal or ill-natured against them. We thought he intended to give an exposition of the free-coinage theory but were disappointed. He said that gold, silver and paper money should all be legal tender for all debts but that gold is a hard was. He then explained how defective our financial system is and declared that it lacked flexibility and elasticity and capacity to meet the needs of the people. From that he drifted into a discussion of the sub-Treasury plan, but gave nothing new on that. He reiterated that the Alliance demands and their discussion form part of an educational campaign and that they are liable to change whenever they can be bettered. He closed by advising the Alliance men to observe the virtues of charity and forbearance and to seek to win the friendship and esteem of all classes of the community. He said that there are differences of opinion among Alliance men but advised tolerance among the brethren as well as between Alliance men and outsiders.

BOOKS MISSING.

The following law books belonging to me are missing, viz: Sharwood's Blackstone, 2 vols., Adams Equity, Greenleaf's Cruise on real property, 1 vol., Ireland's Digest, 4 vols., Code of N. C., 2 vols., Fern on Remainders, 1 vol., Barrill's Law Dictionary, 2 vols., and Chitty on Contracts. Any one having any of these books, or any other books belonging to me are requested to return them to my office at Lenoir, N. C. EDMUND JONES

NOTICE.

On June the 1st day, 1891, at the court house in Lenoir I will offer for sale for cash J. S. Justice's interest in a house and lot in the town of Lenoir on College Avenue to satisfy a mortgage and his dues, dues and owing the Citizens' Building and Loan Association. This April 26, 1891.

J. L. NELSON, President.

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Lenoir N. C. Jan. 1, 1891.

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