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### A Useless Undertaking.

This writer has been a resident of Salisbury for two months. We find that this town contains intelligence, refinement, honesty and all that commendable virtues. Many of the people are reasonable, public spirited and charitable. But some are not reasonable. A few have undertaken to extract this paper because it proposes to champion the cause of the farmers and other laboring people.

In the first place the farmers have a right to organize to work together to touch elbows. It is admitted by all that every class is organized, though of course, some individuals are all the time breaking ranks just as the farmers do. Affairs have gotten in such shape that it is a constant struggle for nine-tenths of our people to get along at all. Thousands of merchants, professional men and others as well as farmers are in this condition to-day.

Then it is not the farmers alone that are interested in bringing about the change. What is the remedy? This is what we are trying to find out. At any rate the farmers have a right to have papers as well as other people.

We understand that some parties have reported that the editor of the WATCHMAN is a Republican simply because he sailed into Senator Vance because Vance opposed some of the Alliance measures. There are only fourteen Republican members in both branches of our State Legislature. Yet this Democratic Legislature sustained the writer and Senator Vance submitted to the will of a majority of the people. So these reports will not have the desired effect. Those who attempt to break down the WATCHMAN will lose more than it will. The writer expects to attend to his own business, and instead of unmasking the interests of the people of the town, it is willing to help build them up. But if anybody will persist in trying to break the paper down there will be fun ahead.

### The Cause of It.

At the recent session of the Omaha State Alliance, Hon. Jay Burrows, editor of the Farmers' Alliance, said that the whole country is now in a ferment, growing out of the general organization of a class heretofore unorganized.

It is a universal protest against organized wealth. In the era preceding the French revolution, the conditions were similar to those in the United States to-day. The leading evils grew out of the vast machinery established to wring taxes and revenues out of the industrial classes, for the benefit of a privileged aristocracy, but we deceive ourselves by calling them other names. The lines of demarcation are clearly drawn between the pampered few, and the many who had but a step between themselves and starvation, as in any ages or countries of the world. We, however, enjoy one of marked distinction over the periods of English and French history. With them, education and genius belonged almost wholly with the few; with us we have intelligence diffused among the masses, and in this lies our hope.

The agricultural classes are no longer the "mud-sills" of society; they are the very oaks of our future prosperity. The all-absorbing greed for gold is absolutely uniting the privileged classes for statesmanship. Take a list of names of men here today worth \$1,000,000 or upwards and how few are intellectually and morally men can you find? Yet this class of men are organized and are organizing, and it is the mission of the Farmers' Alliance to convert those organized men.

The expressions of so many State legislatures, to have Senators elected by the people, instead of by the Legislature will only make its adoption a question of time. The Western Legislatures have had plenies enough in electing so many millionaires. The people want a division, even if it is a division. They haven't started their organization. This is the key to

the fortress for which we are fighting. Whatever men may entertain us to the educational features of the Alliance, ultimately all this work means political action.

### A Plan for Relief.

A letter from Raleigh this week contains the following about a plan to relieve the present financial stringency: Desiring of any relief from Congress in the shape of the Sub-Treasury bill, the Alliance people of the State are turning their attention to the Legislature. Memorials from various counties giving expressions of the people in public meetings have been laid before the Legislature. These memorials assert that there is great stringency in the money market in North Carolina, rendering it impossible to borrow money on the very best real estate security, which results in retarding the development of the agricultural and industrial interests, and petitioning the legislature to pass some measures of relief along the line suggested by Col. W. H. Burgwin, of Vance, and Mr. E. P. Loftin, of Lenoir.

This plan is for the State to issue \$10,000,000 of 4 per cent. bonds and sell them at par and loan the proceeds to the people who own real estate at 9 per cent. the other 2 per cent. going to the bond holders to be made up by the taxation, which would add only \$200,000 to the taxes raised at present, the bonds to run thirty years and then to continue at the option of the borrower as long as the interest is paid and the land pledged as security maintains for twelve one-half the value of the money loaned thereto. This would give each of the ninety-seven counties an average of \$100,000 in money, the preference to be given in loans to those whose real estate is under mortgage at the time this plan of relief goes into effect.

The legislature is dominated by a very large majority of Alliance members, who are all in favor of this plan of financial relief. There is no opposition to the suggestion, and it will take shape during the present session. Death of Dr. Bonitz.

Mr. J. A. Bonitz, editor of the Wilmington *Messenger*, died at his home in that city suddenly last Saturday morning of heart failure. His death is a loss to Wilmington and to the State. He was a man of great energy and pluck in business. He started a paper at Goldboro without capital or goods. It was burned. He gathered enough of material to publish a small paper and gave the particulars of the fire. His enterprise won publication and though his first paper was published under a tree after the fire, he soon was enabled to start again in better quarters. He moved his paper to Wilmington three years ago and has built up the daily and weekly *Messenger* to a paying basis. Peace to his ashes.

The railroad extension bill has passed the Senate. In the House Mr. Seddon moved to amend section 30 of the bill to guarantee the rights of appeal, which was not provided for in the bill. The amendment was adopted by a vote of 84 to 4 so it will go before the Senate again.

We appreciate the kindness of the Cabarrus county Alliance in adopting the WATCHMAN as organ of the President section. We hope to be able to serve them and also all other counties in this section.

Press Opinions.

With the completion of the Roanoke & Southern railroad to Roanoke, our portion of the State will be in direct and short line railway communication with Baltimore.—*Winston Sentinel*.

When the trust was formed among the gigantic mafiks, the *Chronicle* said that it would result in a reduction of the price paid to the farmers for their tobacco. The Dukes at Durham again denied that this would be the effect. Representative Hall, of Orange, in a speech in the House yesterday, said that since the formation of the trust, the prices paid farmers for their tobacco was twenty-five percent less than when the trust was formed.—*Raleigh Chronicle*.

The great need of our people in this State is associations collecting money to be lent on land. If the cities those associations are called Building and Loan associations, but we notice in Massachusetts they are called co-operative banks. Year before last fifty of them were started in Massachusetts and now there are 103 of them. They have \$9,264,833 of assets, nearly every cent of which is lent on lands.—*Baltimore News and Observer*.

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### OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

Free Coinage—The Alliance Council—The Western Union Telegraph Company—Our Foreign Affairs.

Correspondence of the Watchman.

### Our Progress.

#### ENTERPRISES UNDER WAY.

From the Manufacturers' Record.

Asheborough—R. J. Fisher is erecting a tobacco prizery.

Asheville—J. E. Ray has purchased 20 acres of the Wilbur Burnett land for \$8,000, and will improve the same.

Bryson City—Coffin & Macdonald will it is stated erect a dry-kiln in connection with their lumber mill.

Bryson City—Efforts are being made to organize a \$20,000 stock company for the purpose of erecting a wood-working factory. The Bryson City Land & Improvement Company can give information.

Caledonia—A bill has been introduced in the legislature to incorporate the Caldonia Pottery Company.

Castle Hayne—The North Carolina Phosphate Company will rebuild its recently burned phosphate works.

Charlotte—T. S. Cooper, L. L. Fuller and others are reported as organizing a \$25,000 stock company to erect a saw-mill and blind factory.

Cherryville—A bill has been introduced in the legislature to incorporate the Cherryville Manufacturing Company to erect the cotton and household in our

last issue.

Durham—A stock company will, it is stated, be organized to make pottery.

Durham—The Durham Alliance Tobacco Manufacturing Company has increased its capital stock to \$100,000.

Elizabeth City—The Tidewater Lumber Company will, it is stated, enlarge its lumber mill.

Fayetteville—A bill will be introduced in the legislature to incorporate the Fayetteville Compression & Storage Company to erect the compression tanks mentioned in our

last issue.

Graham—The Graham shoe factory is reported as to be enlarged.

Greensboro—J. P. Redding is reported as having purchased the saw and blind factory of Barker & sons, and is operating same.

Henderson—Messrs. Moore & Gandy are reported as erecting a tanning factory in Henderson.

Hillsborough—S. C. Conley is reported as establishing a furniture factory.

Italy Springs—Dr. B. C. Allard, Dr. Price, A. S. Peag, and others are reported to be in the future to propagate Italy Springs Land & Improvement Company.

Lexington—The establishment of a furniture factory is reported as to be enlarged.

Minden—A \$10,000 stock will be created in it.

Montgomery County—C. M. Ward is reported as developing slate quarries in Montgomery county.

Mr. A. J. Smith is reported as introducing in the legislature to incorporate the Mt. Airy Light & Power Company to erect the electric light plant previously mentioned.

New Bern—T. V. Head is reported as constructing new marble and slate quarries in New Bern.

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