

Messrs. W. L. Klutz and V. Wallace are marketing goods for their respective stores.

Mrs. W. R. Barker went North on Tuesday to purchase her spring and summer wardrobe.

The democratic executive committee of Rowan county will meet in Salisbury on Saturday.

Dr. J. F. Griffith returned from Raleigh Tuesday where he was attending the State Dental Convention.

Mrs. Lily May Bytton has been appointed collector for the World's Fair at Salisbury. A good appointment.

Mrs. Charles Price, of this place, will talk to the ladies of Concord about the World's Fair on next Tuesday, March 29.

There is much misunderstanding as to what birds the law forbids being shot. An exchange says it includes quail, robins, mocking birds, doves, turkeys and game birds.

Mr. S. C. Miller is building a neat cottage on a lot on Sluiter street between Lewis and Fisher. Mr. N. B. McCasless is also erecting a house at the west end of Main street.

Rev. A. L. Coburn closed a successful revival meeting at his church on Chestnut Hill last night. Much interest was manifested by the residents of the hill and at the factory near by.

Richard Razon writes us that it will not be necessary for him to look after Hill's free coinage sentiments. He says Hill will have no recollection of being president until free coinage is an old dream.

Messrs. Chad. M. & Henderson M. Branch have opened up their shoe stock in the store formerly occupied by W. H. Branch. Their place will be known as the "Family Shoe Store." Encourage the young men.

The young man's prayer meeting was held at the Baptist church last Tuesday night. The attendance was small. It was again next Tuesday night. The subject for the occasion will be found in the paper of 4, 10-17. All men are invited.

Deputy Sheriff Roseman returned from Salisbury, Ga., Monday, having in charge John Stowe, who is charged with a capital murder near Gold Hill about two years ago. Stowe will be tried on the 23rd of May.

Mr. D. R. J. J. returned yesterday from the northern markets where he had been purchasing goods. New goods have been pulling in for several days past. He will probably tell our readers some of the bargains he is offering.

Sheriff Gardner, of McDowell county, passed through Salisbury Tuesday morning on his way with two negroes to the penitentiary at Raleigh. The negroes are both young and bevyish looking. They were on guard months for stealing a cow.

We learn on good authority that the only single member of our police force, who, by the way, stands high among his fellow men (being about six feet), will soon take into him a fair one who will soon take into him a true wife ought.

A subscriber at the Vance Cotton Mills called in Monday to renew his subscription and tells us the news at the factory. He says five new tenement houses will be built. They now have thirteen. He also says that preparations are being made to work day and night. The remainder of the machinery will not be put in before fall.

Papers in this and other States last week published a story of Mrs. Boyd, of Stanly county, being instrumental in having her husband sent to the penitentiary for stealing. We copied the item as a matter of news, it being so near home. Since then her brother has written a letter denying the charge. If she is not guilty we would not for the world see her name injured.

Mr. I. Littmann, the senior member of the popular Hebrew firm of Littmann & Lichtenstein, of Salisbury, left last night for New York to order new goods for the store. From there he will sail for Europe to visit his home at Schwetzer, West Prussia. It is a town on Weichsel river near the Baltic sea. Mr. Littmann tells us that it has been ten years since he was at home, and will prolong his visit until fall.

Last Thursday and Friday was considered by many as the coldest weather of the winter. The rain froze so fast it fell Thursday and on Friday morning limbs of trees in various parts of the city were broken down. Great apprehensions were felt for the peach crop, but many have since expressed the opinion that little damage was done, although the mercury one morning went as low as 20 degrees.

The new pipe organ for the Lutheran church is at the depot. The agent for the music house where it was purchased will arrive Monday and the work of erection will begin once. The organ contains 700 pipes and weighs two tons. One day week after next Rev. Mr. King proposes to have a big "opening" to be participated in by the choirs of the various churches of Salisbury. The concert, for such it will, is expected, will be open to the public and no door fee will be charged. In most such instances large sums are given to the churches, but Mr. King proposes to have it free.

Senator, an d would-be president, David B. Hill, passed through Salisbury Saturday night on the northbound train. He was returning to Washington on an extensive tour. It was not generally known here that he was on board, and no crowd gathered to meet him. He took supper in Charlotte and made a short speech afterwards. He will return on May 20th to participate in the celebration of the Mecklenburg declaration of independence.

Mrs. J. P. Caldwell, of Statesville, has been appointed as lady manager for this district to receive collections for the Soldier's Home, at Raleigh, which is greatly in need of assistance at this time. In return Mrs. Caldwell has appointed Mrs. John Beard, of Salisbury, as agent for Rowan county. She is anxious to receive subscriptions for the indigent veterans in the Home, and calls on the people of Salisbury and Rowan to send her any aid possible. If you cannot send money, send clothing or anything that would be of assistance. The railroad kindly transfer contributions for the Soldier's Home free of charge. If inconvenient to call at the house anything left with Capt. Beard, at the Planter's Warehouse, will be thankfully received.

The securities on a certain note made by the WATCHMAN to the Bruner estate are requested to meet at Salisbury on Monday, March 28th, for consultation on matters relating to the paper.

Death of an Aged Citizen.

Mr. John L. Wright died at his home in "Brooklyn" Sunday morning at two o'clock, at the advanced age of 75 years. He had been sick for several months, with a complicated disease, and his death was not altogether unexpected. The immediate cause of death is said to be pneumonia. The funeral services were conducted from the Baptist church Monday evening by Rev. Mr. Jones, the pastor, and Dr. Rumble, of the Presbyterian church. The remains were laid to rest in the Lutheran cemetery.

Mr. Wright had been a merchant in Salisbury for a number of years. He was successful in business and did not die leaving his children unprepared for the battle of life. He leaves a wife and six children, all grown, to whom we extend sympathy.

B. & L. Association.

All the stock in the first series of the Building & Loan Association matured last Saturday evening. At that time thirty-five made their last payments. Twelve or fifteen of these had built houses with loans secured. On Monday Dr. Muncho, the secretary and treasurer, began canceling the mortgages.

The stockholders held their annual meeting a short time ago. The old officers were re-elected. The law debaring negroes from holding stock was removed. If necessary a separate office will be secured for the two races.

This association has attained a great success in Salisbury. It has built up the town as much as anything else could. It has caused young men to save part of their weekly or monthly earnings, where they would not have done it otherwise. In its workings it is better than a savings bank. Everybody could carefully investigate our home association before joining a concern in other places.

A Secretary Secured.

The greatest revival of interest in Y. M. C. A. work ever experienced here is now felt by the members of the Salisbury association. It was brought about by the fact that we are soon to have a general secretary who will devote his whole time to the upbuilding of the organization.

State Secretary Coulter gave notice that he would meet the members and citizens generally at the Y. M. C. A. hall Sunday evening last. A large crowd congregated, and listened to a practical talk on the need of better organization. At the close of his address Mr. Coulter called for subscriptions for employing a general secretary and furthering the work. The subscriptions raised there amounted to \$125.

A mass meeting was held at the Methodist church Sunday night. Services were generally suspended at the other churches in order to let all attend. The entire church, gallery and all, was filled to overflowing. Mr. Coulter made another convincing talk, and at the close called for subscriptions. Mr. S. H. Wiley led off with \$100; Mr. D. L. Gaskill followed with \$50; Messrs. J. S. McCubbin, Jr., I. H. Foust, and S. H. Wiley, Jr., each gave \$25. Many others made smaller contributions. More than \$600 were raised.

Mr. Coulter next began canvassing the city for subscriptions. He finished his work yesterday evening and left for Greensboro to be present at the opening of the State convention which meets there to-day, to-morrow and Saturday. Subscriptions amounting to \$930 were secured and the president of the association thinks that the balance of the \$1,000 is forthcoming.

Mr. Robert V. Miller, of Asheville, whom Mr. Coulter had in view for the position, was telegraphed for. He came down last night and met the committee in the association rooms. The position was tendered him and he accepted.

We are personally acquainted with Mr. Miller, and can recommend him to the people of Salisbury as a young man of exemplary character, and an earnest Christian worker. He will take up his work here on or about the first of next month; and will remove his family, consisting of self, wife and child, from Asheville to Salisbury.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

MECKLENBURG NEWS.

What is Going on Among the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence.

The State board of public charities is receiving satisfactory reports from all counties.

Cotton receipts last week in Charlotte were 238 against 227 corresponding week last year.

Dr. Still, son of Capt. Ed. Still, has been assigned to the naval hospital at Philadelphia.

Mr. Newell, the *Observer* reporter, who has had a terrible tussle with the grip, is once again on the street.

Editor Daniels, of the *Raleigh Chronicle*, will leave on May 1st for California, where he will spend the summer.

Evangelist Orr and Mr. R. B. Hunter, his singer, left on the 17th for York county, S. C., to hold a meeting.

Mr. Millard Trotter, who had his leg broken in a railroad wreck, is still confined to his house a great sufferer.

Mrs. M. C. Kirkpatrick died in Sharon on last Sunday night. Mrs. Kirkpatrick was a niece of Mr. S. P. Alexander, of Charlotte.

Mr. E. C. Skinner, of South Mint street, while working about his wood pile picked up a nugget of gold weighing 113 grains.

The infant child of Mr. J. D. Ross, of Charlotte, died on the night of the 21st. Mr. Ross lost his only little girl during the winter.

While Messrs. Johnson Bros. were selling goods in the front part of the store, a sneak thief got at the safe in the office and relieved them of \$40.

Our Crab Orchard neighbors have applied for a postoffice at Taylor's store. They should have it as eight miles is a long distance to go for the family paper or a letter.

A Raleigh correspondent of the *Observer* tells us that Brother Barnes will start a paper this week to be known as "The Special Informer." Each sub-Alliance should take one copy as its utterance will be official.

Mr. Hill said at Birmingham: "I do not disguise that this is a political party, not in the interest of any man or set of men, but the democratic party." We labored under the false impression that it was in the interest of David B. Hill.

The motion to move the Roessler mandamus case to Gaston for trial during the present riding of the circuit has been abandoned, and it is decided by Roessler's counsel to appeal direct to the Supreme Court pending a hearing next month.

A novel marriage occurred last Monday in Charlotte. J. K. Thompson, of Atlanta, advertised for a wife. Miss Lydia Henry, of Iredell, answered the r.d. Photographs were exchanged and two souls were made happy. Ages 64 and 22.

Mr. Will Bryan, of New Bern, and Miss Mary Satchwell, of Washington, N. C., were married last week at the home of the bride, in the presence of a number of friends. Mr. Bryan and bride are now visiting his brother, Mr. E. K. Bryan, on Tenth street.

A large anti-Brady meeting was held at the court house on Saturday night. Gordon was chairman and speeches by Andrew Stewart, J. N. Smith and others, were made denouncing postmaster Brady. The meeting was orderly and resolutions endorsing Harrison were passed.

A correspondence between the United States and Italy is progressing, looking to a renewal of diplomatic relations. Our government should do of its own volition that which Italy is not able to compel her to do, viz: Make reparation for the murder of the Italians in New Orleans.

The railway commission has received a petition from the eastern part of the State asking an order for increased rates on a railroad. The reason given is that the low rates have driven steamers off the river. If the carrying business can be done cheaper by rail why put back the steamers.

St. Patrick's day was observed in Charlotte by wearing the green and by suitable services in the Catholic church. Rev. Father Francis preached a sermon from the text: "Well done, good and faithful servant." He enjoined the people to honor the patron Saint of Ireland by imitating his virtues of piety and charity.

The merchants' purchase tax has been computed, and is in the hands of tax collector, Captain Torrence, for collection. This tax is returnable every six months. Before June, '90, the law required merchants to pay both State and county tax, but only payment of the State tax is now required, which lessens the amount about one half.

A distinguished Baptist divine, of Baltimore, Dr. H. M. Wharton, has indicated his willingness to assist Dr. McManaway in a protracted meeting to commence in Charlotte on May 30th. Dr. Wharton is a noted temperance lecturer and his coming at this particular juncture in our county fight over the liquor problem will be of interest.

The republican population of Charlotte is much wrought up by the factional fight between the Brady and Gordon elements. A mass meeting is called to reorganize the party in resistance to the Brady influence, which is regarded as the "machine." We suspect it is the "color line" being drawn. The darkey does the voting in the party. Looks like he ought to have the "spoils."

There was no joint discussion between Maj. Robbins and Col. Skinner. Skinner, Butler and Polk arrived so late that a speaking did not begin until after twelve o'clock, hence time would not permit a division. President Butler offered to meet Mr. Butler on the 9th of April, and a joint discussion will occur on that date at Statesville. "When Greek meets Greek then comes the tug of war."

At a regular meeting of two of the large and influential sub-Alliances of the upper end of the county last Saturday (to wit: Benchcliff and McDowell Creek), they unanimously agreed that Cleveland and Hill could stay at home. Not a dissenting voice on that. All the Alliances of the upper end of the county will take the same course at their first meetings. Calamity howlers and bosses take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

An unhappy incident occurred in Pineville last week. A young man of Prof. Scott's school received a letter with his father's signature, telling him he had disgraced his family and forbidding him to return to his home. The young man—Brown Rogers—immediately wrote his father, saying the family would never see him again, and left. His father, upon the receipt of the letter, came at once to Pineville to find his son gone. It seemed to have been a very unfortunate practical joke as the father knew nothing of the letter written in his name.

Secretary Foster returned from abroad on the 17th. He says the English people are greatly interested in the silver question. The manufacturing cities favor bimetalism, but Lombard street strongly opposes it. A member of Congress received a letter from a Kansas man asking his advice on the liquor question. He replied, "Just find out what the saloon men want and do the reverse and you will be right." The rule applies with force to Wall and Lombard streets. The fact that they oppose a silver standard is sufficient reason for all honest men endorsing it.

The county commissioners met in a call session on Wednesday, 16th. The day was spent in auditing accounts. At 5 p. m. Wilson filed an application for license to sell liquor. The next day at 10 o'clock was appointed to consider it. After two hours discussion by counsel, the case was continued until regular meeting in April. The board appointed Mr. W. D. Deaty as supervisor of convicts to succeed Mr. F. M. Sossamon. No reason was given for the change and as Mr. Sossamon claims to have been employed for the year he may contest the appointment of Mr. Deaty.

Mr. George Graham informs us that he has just received a letter from Captain Alexander authorizing him to state positively that he would not accept the nomination for governor. Captain Alexander's declaration will meet the approval of all good alliance men. We put him where we need him, in Congress, for a specific purpose, viz: labor for the reforms demanded by the Alliance in national council assembled at Ocala, and later at Indianapolis. We believe he will be true to the trust and will not abandon the post of duty, or shirk the responsibility implied in his position as the representative of a great order and of an agricultural district.

A gentleman over the name of Plain Talk indulges the readers of the *Observer* to a lengthy tirade against the Alliance. We have not the space to bestow in answering all he says, but will call attention to some little inaccuracies: He says the Ocala platform was made a "badge of loyalty and test of membership." That is not true. He says there was no politics in the Alliance at first. Our constitution requires us to labor for the education of the members in the science of economical government. From the tenor of Plain Talk's article the public might suppose that Col. L. L. Polk constituted the Ocala council and dictated our political theories. He should remember that our "distinctive political platform" was drafted by the representatives of three million people, elected by democratic methods. The onerous "double tax" to which he alludes is one dollar per year.

Mr. Peffer, by request, introduced a bill "creating a fund for the payment of pensions, setting our army of idle men at work on extensive public improvements; for removing the strongest incentive to crime among the poor and vice among the rich, and for the protection of Americans from the undue influx of alien labor," all of which objects it was proposed to accomplish by a graduated scale of taxation on incomes and real estate. The Alliance is getting in its work. A tax on incomes is one of the demands, and if our men are too weak to get that and other measures this Congress, they will put the country to thinking, and fair minded men of all classes will come to the aid of the farmer in demanding a just distribution of the burdens of the government. The poor farmer whose only income is the pig or calf he raises to feed his family, is taxed on his all. Why should not the man with a hundred thousand income pay some tax on it.

The Raleigh *News and Observer* endorses the proscriptive policy of the Charlotte *Observer*. It says: "The *Observer* is right. The line is to be drawn between democrats and those who are not democrats at some stage." Those who are not democrats we presume are the Alliance and stripe of extreme partisan papers can read us out of the party, if left rather lonesome for those who are left. It further says, "the fact is potent that an indefinite number of the democratic people are preparing to leave the party. The men who propose to leave should not be allowed to enter our primaries or our conventions." If disintegration is so imminent in the democratic party, we think it would appear more loyal, in a partisan paper, to combat, rather than encourage desertion from party ranks. We are sorry to have to concur in the belief that many are ready to leave the party, but unlike the *Observer* or *News and Observer* we would not give them a shove, but would suggest to the party to remove the causes of discontent. The *News and Observer* acknowledges the existence of causes for discontent, and says: "The taxing power has been turned over to a few who have used it for their own enrichment and the impoverishment of the many." It is well said. The government has delegated the right of taxing the people to corporations, and they have taxed away over 50 per cent. of the agricultural wealth of the people to fill the plethora coffers of Wall street gamblers and usurers. If our democratic statesmen would exert themselves from corporations this iniquitous power of oppressing the people instead of fetter away their time on an endless dispute over the tariff, instead of leaving the party, we would see men crowding its conventions.

Attention, Alliance men.

Mecklenburg Farmers' Alliance meets at Huntersville on April 14th at 10 o'clock. There is something good in store for all who come. Prof. W. D. Vinson, of Davidson College, will address the public on the reform movement, on the 14th at 10:30 o'clock. Any one from a distance expecting to be present and want any information, can get it by addressing J. P. Sossamon, chairman of committee on arrangements, Huntersville, N. C.

Davidson Items.

On last Saturday the police captured an illicit vender of "the ardent," named McComb. Davidson is the richer to the amount of one horse, one wagon and thirty-five gallons of liquor.

Farmers are busy preparing corn land. Not much done for a cotton crop.

Will Gibson, son of Mr. Tom Gibson, was driving his father's wagon on last Monday, when the wagon became uncontrolled and threw him forward under the heels of the horses. The horses took fright, and young Gibson was killed. His neck was broken and he died in fifteen minutes.

Criminal Court Jurors.

The following named were drawn yesterday as jurors for the April term of the criminal court, commencing the second Monday in the month:

- W. S. P. Henderson, N. P. Tradnick, J. C. Brown, J. A. Newell, Paul McKane, T. W. Neely, P. P. Piron, L. M. McAllister, R. P. Harry, R. M. Ross, J. M. Sloan, J. L. Caldwell, J. M. Grier, C. B. Cross, J. A. Houston, W. H. Wearn, V. Stirewalt, W. M. Houston, S. N. Rankin, J. A. McLure, J. C. Piron, J. J. Adams.

"Hec Fabula Doct," &c.

In Webster's blue-back spelling book, which, barring the Bible, is the greatest book in the language and has done more to civilize the race, is to be found the following story, which the *Observer* desires to bring to the serious and prayerful consideration of Col. Harry Skinner, the spell-binder from Pitt:

THE TWO DOGS.

Hasty and inconsiderate connections are generally attended with great disadvantages, and much of every man's good or ill fortune, depends upon the choice he makes of his friends.

A good-natured spaniel overtook a surly mastiff, as he was traveling upon the high-road. Tray, although an entire stranger to tiger, very civilly accosted him; if it would be no interruption, he said, he should be glad to hear him company on his way. Tiger, who happened not to be altogether in so goodly a mood as usual, accepted the proposal; and they very amicably pursued their journey together. In the midst of their conversation they arrived at the next village, where tiger began to display his malignant disposition, by an unprovoked attack upon every dog he met. The villagers immediately sallied forth with great indignation to rescue their respective favorites; and falling upon our two friends, without distinction or mercy, poor tray was most cruelly treated, for no other reason than his being found in bad company.

The villagers' excellent and complete little story we have only to add that men, like dogs, are judged by the company they keep.—*Daily Charlotte Observer*.

Free American citizens, inside and outside of the Alliance, remember if you go to hear Harry Skinner tell the truth without asking the bosses, you are classed with dogs. The above will be fine music to all the honest old farmers that heard Colonel Skinner here.

We thank God that such bossism will be buried so deep in '92 that it will never hear Gabriel's trumpet.

Our Speakers.

It was a cold reception our speakers received in Charlotte on the 18th. The morning found the city and country clad in a garment of ice and about noon a driving snow storm added beauty to the scene and discomfort of the occasion. 10 o'clock found a convolve of Alliance malcontents enjoying a chat with Harry Skinner and Marion Butler, when the door of No. 85 of the Central opened and Col. L. L. Polk stood like an apparition in the midst. At 11 o'clock the party repaired to the courthouse where Col. Skinner, being introduced, said: "I was in your city with Mr. Bayard to celebrate your declaration of independence. I am here to help perpetuate it. You freed yourself from British tyranny. You must now free yourselves from British gold. The farmer has for twenty-five years been walking the road of contraction; result, they who once owned 85 per cent. of the wealth now own about 200 per cent. Whilst iron values have contracted cotton goods are about as high as when cotton was 12 cents. All is dark but I am an optimist. "The darkest hour is just before the dawn." Let us trust this is that hour. Look up. God will aid those who look above. He delivered Israel. He guided Columbus. He inspired our fathers to resist political proscription. In his own good time he struck the shackles from the slave and he will strike them from your hands. Your slavery to the dollar is more galling than that of the Southern slave. The lawyers' is a noble craft. They penned our declaration and wrote our laws. They should be shoulder to shoulder with the farmer for reform. No man is so blind as not to see the need of financial reform. How shall it be accomplished? By farm collateral. 'Tis better than the banks-give. You can't look for relief from the republican party. It is the ally of monopoly. We have looked for help from the democratic party. The sub-treasury grows stronger by opposition. 'Tis no Trojan horse to carry an enemy into the camp. No Pandora's box filled with evils. To you it is as fiery cross to Constantine. By it you conquer.

Sub-treasuries were used in Norway, Sweden, Germany, Russia and England, and always brought relief. North Carolina had them in colonial days, upon the coast. The coast people were the factors in those days and opposed them. Your debt was made from '65 to '67. Has been over half paid and it will take more farm products to pay it now than then.

Relief must come from the government. Repeat of tax on State banks won't give relief. State sovereignty was lost by the war, and the idea of State banks is obnoxious to the North. A coin basis is too small. Government credit must be invoked. If it must lend its credit, should it be to corporation or to the people? The constitution delegates the right to Congress. Shall it use it to crush the people? We farmers can't raise gold or silver, but raise the means of living. Lend the credit to us to clothe and educate our children.

The democratic party is divided on the tariff. The fight is, that money be not based on intrinsic value, but the credit of the people. Can see why the money man and the factor should oppose it, why Europe should oppose it, but can't see why newspaper men or merchants should. Ninety-five per cent. of merchants fail because the farmer can't pay. Investments were increased from forty to one hundred and twenty-five per cent. by contraction. It is natural the investor should oppose us.

It might be said the sub-treasury is not suited to the West, but can't be said of the South—a thrice cursed people. We have been robbed by the tariff, but robbed worse by other causes. You are worse off than when Leo surrendered. British gold has hurt us more than war. We raise eight-tenths per cent. of the cotton of the world. We can dictate prices. No danger of foreign competition. It did not count during the war when cotton was \$1.50 per pound. But our government, that gives forty-five per cent. protection to the manufacturer and to aid corporations and make railroad kings, will not help the farmer. Cotton crop of the world has decreased. Ought we not to dictate the price if we can? Cotton is the great purchaser of foreign gold. We should make it buy as much as possible. Don't bow to Lombard street. Quit raising cotton. The peanut crop and the tobacco crop are both controlled by trusts.

Break the power of money before you talk of diversity of crops. Mr. Randall typed in Congress twenty-five years to protect manufacture; Mr. Carlisle twenty-five to protect whiskey. Make your representatives protect southern interests. The present financial system fosters trusts. Say year, an elevator man, says they can keep grain fifty years. Why can't it be kept in sub-treasuries? No danger of a surplus. Starvation is never more than six months ahead. A surplus would have saved Russia from starvation. A surplus would build our coast defenses, educate our children and give work to our idle. It is the interest of the government to make home owners. The man without a home is for anarchy.

A currency based on land is beyond the control of the manipulator. It will increase the taxable capacity of property, increase price of products, and of labor. The convention of '76 tied us to Wall street. Kick the money changers out of the temple and break the chain. A majority of lawyers think the sub-treasury constitutional. The government lends money to corporations that are made of individuals. I can't draw distinction between lending to banks, railroad, distilleries and farmers. Silver, a product of labor, is accepted for deposit; why no cotton? Paternalism: Your city is paternal. Pensions are paternal, Postoffice and protection are paternal. Sub-treasury is democratic protection. Impractical to raise cotton at 5 cents or pay off a mortgage with it. Washington, Jefferson, Clay and Calhoun taught protection of the people's interests. The man is a fool who can't see the signs of unrest. The Alliance men are not anarchists, but descendants of those who fought for freedom; who followed Lee and Jackson. The power they are now fighting is the dollar.

Colonel Skinner's speech of two and a half hours was logical and eloquent. Colonel Polk was called on, and spoke briefly, saying that he had been so much talked about that the people might suppose him transformed. He stood where

he had always, and would always stand upon the immutable principle of truth and justice. He had been raised a democrat; was a democrat, but principle was more than party and he would see every party wrecked before he would abandon what conscience told him was right.

Mr. Butler spoke for an hour upon the principles of the Alliance. He said that our platform contained three planks: Land, transportation and money. The lying newspaper correspondents made it contain seventeen, and the people read it and know no better. We are at the mercy of the pack who control the press dispatches. Why do they control the dispatches? Because they desire to control the votes of those who read.

The railroad would, under government control, pay for themselves in seven years. The sub-treasury means simply money direct to the people at a low rate of interest. Why should the government help the money lender to make more than other industries? Paper legal tender never did depreciate in value. We don't want inflation, but simply to meet requirements of "supply and demand."

I am not going to talk politics. Our order stands on a plane above party politics. The Alliance is not weakening. The period of enthusiasm has passed. We have gotten down to the hard part and will grow in strength and influence.

Notwithstanding the cold the audience gave our speakers undivided attention.

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must now free yourselves from British gold. The farmer has for twenty-five years been walking the road of contraction; result, they who once owned 85 per cent. of the wealth now own about 200 per cent. Whilst iron values have contracted cotton goods are about as high as when cotton was 12 cents. All is dark but I am an optimist. "The darkest hour is just before the dawn." Let us trust this is that hour. Look up. God will aid those who look above. He delivered Israel. He guided Columbus. He inspired our fathers to resist political proscription. In his own good time he struck the shackles from the slave and he will strike them from your hands. Your slavery to the dollar is more galling than that of the Southern slave. The lawyers' is a noble craft. They penned our declaration and wrote our laws. They should be shoulder to shoulder with the farmer for reform. No man is so blind as not to see the need of financial reform. How shall it be accomplished? By farm collateral. 'Tis better than the banks-give. You can't look for relief from the republican party. It is the ally of monopoly. We have looked for help from the democratic party. The sub-treasury grows stronger by opposition. 'Tis no Trojan horse to carry an enemy into the camp. No Pandora's box filled with evils. To you it is as fiery cross to Constantine. By it you conquer.

Sub-treasuries were used in Norway, Sweden, Germany, Russia and England, and always brought relief. North Carolina had them in colonial days, upon the coast. The coast people were the factors in those days and opposed them. Your debt was made from '65 to '67. Has been over half paid and it will take more farm products to pay it now than then.

Relief must come from the government. Repeat of tax on State banks won't give relief. State sovereignty was lost by the war, and the idea of State banks is obnoxious to the North. A coin basis is too small. Government credit must be invoked. If it must