

COTTON CRAZE IN NORTH CAROLINA

President Graham's Address to State Alliance.

HOLDING FOR ADVANCE

Reforms Needed in Railroad Management—Revision of Tariff Boundaries—Immigration Problem—Our State Government.

(Special to News and Observer.) Hillsboro, Aug. 15.—The North Carolina State Farmers Alliance met here yesterday in annual session. In his address to the delegates, State President W. A. Graham remarked on the fact that the divided energies of the farmers during the year had hindered the growth of the Alliance. He expressed the view very emphatically that the various organizations could accomplish more in the Alliance than they can working independently. Following are some of the leading features of the address:

The Cotton Craze.

The cultivation of cotton in this State is still the "craze" of the North Carolina farmer in sections suitable, and will continue to be where large farms are conducted. The North Carolina farmer is well skilled in his profession as an agriculturist in any State, but increasing the amount of production almost solely by the increased amount of fertilizer used as in now so generally done—without regard to relation to the restoration of humus to the soil can but result as the cultivation of tobacco under like conditions did in ante bellum times, in making these farms and communities in a few years notable for poverty of land with the owners in large measure in like condition.

Holding Cotton for Better Price.

If the call to hold three million bales had been complied with, 15 cents would have been the price without doubt. The price each year could be fixed by the farmer, if they would cooperate, but they never have, nor do I believe a farmer ever will to seriously affect the price.

Too Many Rather Receive 9 Cents and Get it All, than 12 Cents, and Pay 1 Cent per Bale to the Cotton Buyer.

Too many rather receive 9 cents and get it all, than 12 cents, and pay 1 cent per bale to the cotton buyer. An organization to accomplish it. They do not mind any one else making something, but they are determined no farmer shall have the price without the consent of the farmer. To aid the sale of this class to thwart all plans attempted for their betterment. Cotton is a good thing to hold if you own it, and there will hardly be a series of three years that it will not reach 12 cents or higher, but holding other people's cotton has caused the loss of several million dollars to farmers.

Export Demand.

Comparison of export and price will prove this. The amount sold this year is two million bales less than the amount sold last year. Exports are about as much less than those of last year, and there is not the advantage in price that a diminution of one-fifth should make.

Relief Matters Affecting Farmers.

The effort of the railway companies to increase minimum carloads of fertilizers to twenty tons should not be permitted to be affected. It is against the interest of small communities, and tends to control the purchase of goods not preferred.

Passenger and Freight Charges.

Passenger and freight charges should be lessened. Decent cars should be provided for all passengers, with separate cars for each race, and there should be but one class of fares.

Unjust Advance in Charges for Freight by Classification of Goods.

Unjust advance in charges for freight by classification of goods, or stated charge, should not be allowed, and should be corrected when existing. The railroads are no longer new institutions with whose management the public are unacquainted. The time has passed when charges can be regulated upon the principle of want of principle. "What can they be made to pay?" The cost of construction, maintenance and all expenses, connected with operation, as well as receipts are easily attainable. There is no reason why these charges should not be arranged at figures just both to the people and the corporation.

The Tariff and the Farmer.

The changing condition of affairs with most of the manufacturers of the country must soon cause a revision

and reduction of the tariff tax. The manufacturer no longer asks protection in keeping the manufacture of similar goods out of the "home market," but earnestly appeals for tariff reduction (especially the means) to gain the desirable markets of the world. This can be done by opening our markets to those countries which are willing to sell the goods we desire to purchase, and whose people wish the productions of our citizens. There must be a "return cargo" for importing ships in order to have successful commerce.

The President did run well upon this track for awhile, but some one considered him and he jumped the rail and took to the bushes. We wait with interest to see where he will re-appear upon the course when Congress assembles in December.

The South and Immigration.

What kind of immigrants does the State desire? "Anybody, Lord, so he is a man," seems the answer many would make. The kind of immigrant needed is as varied as the pursuits of our citizens.

The State itself owns neither mills nor lands suitable for occupancy, consequently it can do nothing to attract the Northern States in many instances owned the lands. Their agents could go into a foreign country where there were desirable people, organize a colony of congenial folks, most of whom were acquainted, with the preacher and teacher made the settlement. When they come as some of them go to new lands, they induce others to come.

Our State Administration.

The Governor is awake to the interests of all the citizens of the State, and the administration presented his will be noted for a revival and great progress along lines for the education of the youth of the State. He desires that his shall produce an industrial revolution, the accumulation of our people and their advance along lines of improvement, not only the means of transportation, manufactures and the raising of the standard of living on the farm and the home. In his address he shows his ideal condition to be that of a large proportion of our population as owners of homes, free from debt, and interested in the cultivation of the soil.

Let Alliance men give him a hearty support in all measures tending to accomplish this desirable condition.

MAJOR GRAHAM FOR SENATOR.

Major Hamilton and Mr. Laws, Veteran Officials, Remain in Office.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Charlotte, N. C., August 15.—As a result of the Democratic primaries, the late Maj. John W. Graham will go to the State Senate. He served several terms in that body between 1870 and 1880 and is recognized as one of the ablest lawyers in the State. The other nominees are: Isaac W. Pritchard for clerk; Homer B. Parrish, for registrar; J. S. Brown; Browning, McAdams, and Pickens for county commissioners. The vote for clerk was close between Hamilton and Strayhorn.

Eugene Whisnant eDad.

(Special to News and Observer.) Charlotte, N. C., August 15.—Eugene Whisnant, eldest son of Captain and Mrs. W. Whisnant, of this city, died at St. Peter's Hospital Tuesday night, of typhoid fever, after an illness of more than seven weeks. He was just 24 years of age and much of his life was spent in Charlotte and here, as elsewhere, he was very popular. He was educated at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Blacksburg, graduating with honor three years ago, and received from his class a handsome sword as a token of his popularity.

Serious Illness of Mrs. J. H. Holt.

(Special to News and Observer.) Burlington, August 15.—Mrs. J. H. Holt, wife of Colonel J. H. Holt, was taken to Salisbury Monday for an operation for appendicitis. Mrs. Holt became suddenly ill Monday and Dr. Stokes diagnosed her illness as appendicitis. The friends of this popular young woman are earnestly hoping that the operation will be entirely successful.

Goes to Rockingham.

(Special to News and Observer.) Elizabeth City, Aug. 15.—Rev. Josiah Crump, pastor of Blackwell's Memorial Baptist church, has resigned and will go to Rockingham on the first of October. He is very popular here and all regret to see him leave.

Mr. Battle Bryan, for many years sheriff of Edgecombe county, is dead—aged 72. "He was always faithful as an official," says the Tarboro' Southwestern, "he had a genial soul and a kind heart."

STAND BY THE LAW

The Governor Issues Stirring Address to the People.

He Gives Instructions to Sheriffs and to Military Companies and Appeals to the People and the Press to Join Him in Preventing Lynching.

Governor Glenn yesterday issued the following address to the people of the State.

State of North Carolina, Executive Department, Raleigh, August 16th, 1906.

To the People of North Carolina—Greeting:

Up and until a few weeks ago, for four years, our State was blessed with law and order, and peace and plenty reigned. Now, a few lawless men in three instances have taken the law into their own hands, and by violence and with a strong hand have overthrown the law, and wilfully and deliberately committed murder by lynching persons confined in jail. In none of these cases was there the slightest excuse for these acts, for in all cases special terms had been ordered, and in one case the court was actually sitting and trying the prisoners.

It is my duty to protect the law, bring the courts into disrepute, and put a blot on the good name of the State. To stop these disgraceful occurrences and to protect all prisoners, no matter who they are, I have issued the following orders to all the sheriffs of the State, and to those in command of the State troops.

Executive Office, August 14th. To the Sheriffs of the County, North Carolina—Greeting:

In the future whenever any crime is committed in your county, use every means in your power to arrest the offenders and bring them to trial. After their arrest and confinement in your jail, if you hear of any threats or rumors of violence, you will at once notify me, giving all the facts, so that I may take such steps as to me seem expedient.

I also hereby direct you to notify the captain of the nearest military company of said county, and order him to be in readiness to add you in case of need. You also have the power to summon and arm all citizens as a posse comitatus. If after this, violence is attempted, I hereby command you to order out the military company of your county, and have them armed and equipped for duty. You will make proclamation and order all crowds around your jail or attempting to seize your prisoners, and at once disperse them if they refuse, you will use force and their injury will be upon their own heads. Use every peaceful means in your power to disperse crowds without using force, but if they still refuse to leave, and continue their threats and unlawful acts, use force sufficient to disperse them, even if killing is necessary.

You will likewise arrest and put in jail all such persons engaged in said mob, to the end that they may be prosecuted and punished according to law.

I have confidence in the integrity of the civil officers, and count on their co-operation with me in suppressing all crime.

Herein fail not, but obey this order. Respectfully,
R. B. GLENN, Governor.
Executive Office, August 14th.

To Captain Company N. C. State Guard:

Sir—Hereafter, in case at any time you hear of any attempt at violence by mob law, you are hereby commanded to report the facts to me, and also notify the sheriff of the county where the violence is threatened, of your readiness to render him your services. In the event you are ordered out by the sheriff, you are hereby commanded to obey his lawful orders. Attempt no violence as long as there is a chance to disperse the mob peacefully. If the sheriff, after ordering the crowd to disperse, and they refuse, orders you to fire, do so. Arrest all the mob you can, and deliver them to the sheriff, and continue to guard and protect the jail until you are relieved. Do nothing rash, but in every way possible aid the civil authorities in suppressing mob law.

I have confidence in your willingness and ability of the military to carry out this order. This is a general order in force now and hereafter, until countermanded, and of it you will take notice and act accordingly.

R. B. GLENN,
Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

The above orders show my desire to preserve the law and to protect the State, but even these efforts will be futile unless all good citizens will aid me. Law-abiding people should keep out of the mob, render no assistance or sympathy, directly or indirectly, use every effort in their power to get it to disperse, and should willingly help the officers in the discharge of their duty.

Remember every effort will always be made to arrest and try all persons who commit crime. There is therefore, no need of lynch law, and if the courts and juries fail to do their full duty, and this is made known through the proper channels, every resource will be adopted to punish the guilty parties, for thus degrading justice.

Our judges are honest and true, and speedy trials will be ordered, and therefore there can be no shadow of an excuse for men taking the law into their own hands, and when they do, they become themselves law-breakers, but themselves without the pale of legal protection, and must be dealt with as a mob, and suppressed by use of needed force, even though carried to the utmost extent.

overwhelming majority of our people do not deserve, and injuring our good State in every sense—materially, educationally and morally.

Living in Raleigh, often far from the scene of trouble, I can only act through agents, and in person when I can arrive on the scene, to again I call on all good citizens, civil and military, who love their State, who desire to protect its fair name, to give me both their physical and moral support, and if mortal man can accomplish such an end, I shall and will enforce the law, and protect all citizens.

Respectfully,
R. B. GLENN, Governor.
New York: Hears of It.
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The newspapers seem to be cheering in the good times the South is enjoying. As a visible expression of prosperity the News and Observer, of Raleigh, North Carolina, is going to treat itself to a new building, the contract for which has already been awarded. The new building will be constructed of granite and pressed brick and will be occupied entirely by The News and Observer.

Redwine Comes to Senate.

As a result of the primaries in Union county Mr. R. B. Redwine was unanimously nominated for the Senate. He was a member of the last House and one of the wisest and safest members of that body. A second primary is called for Saturday to name other candidates, no selection having been made for the other principal offices.

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