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THE MEETING of the National Alliance, which was held last week at Ocala, Florida, was of so much importance and so many of our readers are interested in its proceedings that we publish in this issue quite an extended synopsis thereof. We are pleased to note that the members of the Alliance from the Southern States did not favor the proposition to organize a new political party. We are pleased at this because we think that such a party would injure both the Alliance and the democratic party. Indeed we do not see the need of such a new party or what what good can be accomplished by it. Certainly no democratic member of the Alliance in North Carolina ought to wish for or be willing to join a new political party, because in this State the democratic party has adopted in its State platform every demand made by the Alliance. In this State the interests of the Alliance and of the democratic party are the same. The democratic convention of this Congressional district adopted as its platform, last June, every demand of the Alliance as presented by one of its most prominent members. The State democratic convention a month later did the very same thing. Why then should any democratic Alliance man in North Carolina wish to break up the democratic party—the party that is doing all it can to accomplish the demands of the Alliance?

It would seem to be a ridiculous proposition for Southern democratic members of the Alliance to think of organizing a new political party just at this time, when the democratic party is on the high tide of popular favor. The political campaign has made the issues and lines necessary. The overthrow that party has encountered in [illegible] —has given rise to them. When that party is about to regain supremacy and with it the control of the government in the hands of the democratic party—would be foolish and suicidal for the Alliance men to try to break up the democratic party.

Another objection to the proposed party is that a secret political party is dangerous in a Republic. History and the experience of the past bear out this statement. This feature of itself would destroy the proposed party's usefulness, the success and accomplishment of the purposes contemplated by the organization.

The adoption of resolutions condemning the Force bill now pending in the Senate, by the democratic party and the Alliance, is the right party, and that party only, that is trying to prevent the passage of that bill which the Republicans would force upon the people. The Alliance then ought not to try to break up the democratic party.

It will be observed in reading the proceedings of the National Alliance, that no action was taken on the so-called investigation of Dr. Macune. Indeed there was no time, in which an action could be had—even a motion being given for that purpose—while a majority of the investigating committee reported that he was not guilty as charged, the minority report has created such a doubt upon the matter that he is no longer to be the editor of the Alliance's national organ. If he is really a friend of the Alliance he will resign that honored position and not allow the enemies of the Alliance an opportunity of saying that a man of his doubtful character is the editor of their official organ. The fact of Mr. Pat Calhoun's [illegible] Dr. Macune [illegible] (Macune) then [illegible] get the Alliance members of the Georgia Legislature to [illegible] a loan for Senator. It is suspected that we do not blame Mr. Hall, the President of the Missouri Alliance, for "walking out in meeting" as he is reported having done. And yet Macune is the man who issued a circular, last summer, to all the Alliances for them to boycott any paper that might dare to criticise him.

It will be noticed that the National Alliance did not endorse the subtreasury bill in its [illegible] form. Many of the most influential and prominent [illegible] of the Alliance are not in favor of that measure, and they would have strenuously resisted any attempt to endorse it officially. The State Alliance of two or [illegible] States has adopted resolutions against it and in the interests of harmony therefore it was prudent and proper not to attempt to get the National Alliance to endorse so debatable a measure. Then why should such a war be waged on Vance because he thinks it unconstitutional?

The Situation at Washington.

THE ATTENTION of the conservative members of the Alliance is respectfully called to the address of a prominent member of the Caldwell County Alliance, which we publish in another column to-day, and we doubt not that it expresses the views and sentiments of many of our readers, who like him had not thought that the Alliance was ever to be made a political machine.

One Washington Letter.

[Regular Correspondence.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2d, 1890.

Senator Ingalls [illegible] to-day [illegible] said [illegible] and [illegible] during the last [illegible] was by [illegible] [illegible] as [illegible] became evident that Mr. Harrison and the party regarded as leaders [illegible] to weigh the words [illegible] Senate [illegible] Wednesday [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]