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A BIG TIME IN GATES COUNTY.

THE FARMERS' ALLIANCES OF THE SURROUNDING COUNTIES HAVE A GOOD TIME.

MR. EDITOR:—It was our pleasure to attend the great Farmers Alliance Picnic held at Kittrells, Gates Co., on the 2nd inst. It was indeed a gala-day for the sons of toil. Very early in the morning the people began to assemble on the grounds, they might be seen coming from all quarters; by 10 o'clock an immense throng had gathered numbering up in the thousands; prominent among them was the Chowan Co. Farmers Alliance Band, attired in their beautiful new uniform which commanded the admiration of the spectators. At 11 a. m. the band marched to the grand stand under strains of sweet music, followed by an immense crowd. Upon the stand were seated Hon. Marion Butler, State President of the Farmers Alliance, Col. Harry Skinner, Hon. W. A. B. Branch, Congressman elect, Gen. W. P. Roberts, Mr. Mills Eure and Mr. W. T. Cross with other prominent gentlemen.

The services were opened with prayer by Rev. J. C. Woodson, Chaplain. Mr. W. T. Cross very handsomely introduced Pres. Marion Butler as the first speaker. Though a young man, we soon discovered that we had made no mistake in selecting Mr. Butler as our standard bearer. He is thoroughly in sympathy with the great Alliance movement that is now agitating this country. He spoke for nearly two hours concerning the depression that is now overhanging the agricultural interest, its causes and its remedies. He is a gentleman of broad information and made a fine impression upon his hearers, as evidenced by the marked attention they gave him. Col. Harry Skinner was next introduced who held us spell-bound for nearly 2 1/2 hours discussing in a very able and eloquent manner, the Subtreasury plan. He must have gained many converts to the Alliance principles by his masterly presentation of the objects of one of the strongest planks in the Alliance platform, and the complete refutation of the objects of the subtreasury plan. Col. Skinner is one of the few lawyers who has espoused the cause of the agriculturists; may he live long and be handsomely rewarded for his magnanimous spirit. After the conclusion of his address, we were cordially invited by Gen. Roberts to partake of the bountiful repast which had been so abundantly

provided for the wants of the inner man. Being quite late in the day, not a few of us were in a proper condition to enjoy a good dinner, you may be well assured that we made for it in double quick time. After dinner we were addressed by Hon. W. A. B. Branch. In the beginning of his discourse he stated that it would be impossible for him to make a speech, as the gentleman who had preceded him had covered ALL the ground. Well, if they had, he had the happy faculty of clothing some of the thoughts in a new dress, ere he had finished, he had sustained his reputation as a good and forcible speaker. Wednesday was a fat day for the Alliance in more respects than one, food for thought as well as for the body was abundant. Verily the Alliance is not dead nor dying; it is growing stronger and stronger every day, notwithstanding our leaders are being constantly attacked and maligned by some of the partisan press. Do they hope to create a breach in the Alliance and thereby cause us to lose confidence in our leaders? Our affections grow stronger and stronger every day for our friends, but our detestation for those who would hinder our cause by wilful misrepresentation is constantly on the increase. The picnic was largely attended and greatly enjoyed. The Marshals did their part well in preserving order. Ice-cream, lemonade and confectionaries were abundant. The Chowan Co. Alliance Band acquitted themselves handsomely. The day will be long remembered by the thousands who participated in its enjoyments.

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AN ESSAY.

BY MRS. JNO. A. BYRUM, READ BEFORE THE ROCK HOOK ALLIANCE.

To the ladies of this assembly greeting: You know it is said in the divine word that "the victory is not always to the strong". Hence my appeal to the weaker side. In the first place I wish to ask a plain matter of fact question—and as it is asked in the right spirit I trust it may be received in the same. What are we doing to toward cultivating the minds of our young people? Perhaps some mother is thinking, I make my girls cook, wash, iron, clean house, work garden, sew, spin, knit, weave and any other work that comes to hand. Bravado mother! I glory in your spunk, work truly is honorable and it is a great salvation of morals no doubt, but there is always mischief still for the hands to do. But in all this daily routine of duty have you done any thing to elevate the intellect of your child? that it can better understand and appreciate the wonder all kindness of God, who made this beautiful world and clothed it with verdure, with mountains, with hill, with rock, with valley and rill, Does the singing of the birds, awake a like melody in her heart? and as she casts her eye upward at the twinkling stars, I wonder if her little narrow mind grasps the idea that the stars (whose sole duty it seems is only to pin the sable curtain of night is a world larger than the planet on which she lives? Some wise man has said, (and I love him for it, because he appreciates woman's worth) that to educate the mothers and the nation would be educated. Well! well! says some sturdy old farmer who may be listening to this bit of fol de rol, I teach my boys to plow, hoe, mend rails and such work as will make a man of him. He'll make a good living, and that's sufficient education for him. Oh! father, is that all you intend doing for your boy? you have only taught him the way to gain the almighty dollar, but the mind, the never dying part of your boy, is left entirely neglected. But say's this mother or father, what can I do? I am not able to educate my children. Did not your quarter help to boom the ministers salary as much so as your rich neighbors dollar? I feel that mine did. Unlock the door of your hearts and let generous impulses flow which will be recognized by your Heavenly Father, who generally

gives his children what they ask for in faith. Your humble servant often finds herself too poor to provide comfortable clothing for herself and children, but nevertheless she expects to help boom this enterprise with a five dollar bill and dont expect to pray for the turkey and not go for it either. This said that Rocky Hook takes the premium in liberal contributions and pleasant faces. Why not let her take a premium in education also? Where can we find better material to work upon than the young people of Rocky Hook? Why not our boys be congressmen, lawyers and doctors as well as city boys? Sisters let us unite and turn our shoulders quietly to the wheel and never rest until our Academy is built and furnished with every needful apparatus to fit our young people, for useful lives, that will only perfect the will of the Master who endowed them with minds that never lie. Remember that Abigail by her matchless beauty gained or saved a city—we have no Abigail here but plenty of true hearts which is better, which I hope will see the day when their children and grandchildren will reap the benefit of their parents efforts. This education forms the common mind. Just as the twig is bent the tree's inclined.

Recipes of Longevity.

Freedom from care is about the only incidental advantage that has been universally recognized as a factor of longevity. About hereditary predispositions there is no doubt, but the comparative benefits of cold and warm climates are still controverted, and the possibility of averting a premature death by abstemiousness has been altogether denied by some physicians who claim that a tendency to consumption and kindred disorders can be counteracted only by a generous diet. Teachers, parsons, pensioned officers, and well to do farmers have attained longevity in all parts of the civilized world, but their health theories differ amazingly. Baron de Waldeck ascribes his century of physical vigor to the love for fresh air; a Roman pedagogue to the "respiratory atmosphere of young females;" a guant Patch sailor to using tobacco in the form of juids rather than of cigars; the historian Fontenelle to his dread of late hours. Having worked himself into a fever in his 18th year by midnight studies, he ever afterward retired to a solitary but comfortable couch at 9 p. m., and divided his journeys into small trips rather than deviate from that rule. "To what do you chiefly attribute your continued health?" the Emperor Augustus asked a centenarian whom he found romping and joking with a party of young athletes. "Intus mideo, foris-oloo," said the old fellow—"Oil outside, must outside," i. e., ointment of olive oil and unfermented wine for the inner man. Marshal Soult lived 88 years and died under the impression that he could have held the fort 10 years longer if he had not given up horseback riding at the advice of his physicians.—[Philadelphia Times.

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