

PRESIDENT NEWBORNE.

ADDRESS BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE ALLIANCE.

IT IS THE BUSINESS AGENCY OF THE STATE THAT THE RIGHT AID OF THE ALLIANCE.

GREENSBORO, Aug. 14, 1894.

The address delivered by President J. M. Newborne to the State Alliance is as follows:

The eighth annual session of the State Alliance is here. And while delegates and officers bring with them peace and congratulations, on the other hand, anticipated harmony and a thank-offering to the Almighty for the preservation of life, and the promising outlook of a beneficent harvest, yet we as landholders find ourselves under a financial burden almost too grievous to be borne. After having co-operated so hopefully with the Lord of Heaven, He graciously giving sunshine and showers and we through Him the labor, it is indeed sad to know that by a ruthless robber monetary system the greater part of this vast wealth must pass into the hands of corporate greed, without sufficient remuneration to insure to us—only in name—the precious boon of the American Constitution—“Liberty and the pursuit of happiness.”

“Man's inhumanity to man  
Makes countless thousands mourn.”

And surely if during the administration of our past Presidents, notably those of Presidents Alexander and Carr, it was ascertained that we were “beaten with rods,” it is but a galling truth to-day that we are “whipped with scorpions.” If by diligent inquiry in sundry supreme councils it was found that certain and divers oppressors for a quarter of a century had gradually and clandestinely, through legislation, obtained the power of oppression, and the “Alliance demands” the remedy, how much more do we now see and feel the iron heel of these same men who are emboldened by a long lease of power to set at open defiance and flagrantly ignore the disorganized people.

In full view of the march of this downward procession to inevitable ruin, many of the members of the Farmer's Alliance, which was instituted for resistance to this downward course, have grown faint-hearted, “chung their harps on the willow,” and will no more sing of their beloved Jerusalem because of the fact that to-day they are in a strange land. But, my brethren, I am glad to say to you that there are yet twenty thousand of us good, true, noble and patriotic sons of North Carolina ever had who like Daniel, the grand hero of the Bible, have set their face toward the temple and, in spite of the threats of their adversaries, are praying and battling for the de-

liverance of the people. They yet believe that their “demands” enacted into laws are the only salvation and that the perpetuity of their government is dependent upon that freedom and happiness which only can give while there is nothing in our law that dictates to any member how he shall vote or with what party to affiliate. Yet they believe that it is their prerogative and their duty to vote for those who hold to their “demands” and will enact them into law.

Let us ever strive to wrest our government from the hands of the oppressors and give it back to the people to whom it belongs. History remote and near has proven that the ills which befall a nation fall heavier on the laboring and producing classes than upon any others and it matters not how glorious may have been the equality in the start, by cruel and unequal laws the tendency all along is towards vassalage and in many instances an ultimate sad reality. Men in this condition either in tendency or reality have not power, on account of poverty, or influence on account of the subtraction that the circumstances require for the vessel to his lords. These things having weakened the man, have made strong the few, and when a beneficent government gives them the privilege, and the Farmer's Alliance the education to vote, yet they are slow to exercise their franchise to the extent of driving the “money-changers from the temple” who are the sole cause, one way or another, of all their ills.

If these things are so, then reformation on this line must be slow. While I would not ask you to change your position or relax your hold from the obtaining of your rights, due you from your government, I do

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AN ADDRESS.

To the Voters of North Carolina.

The Executive Committee of the People's Party of North Carolina, in the crisis of this the most important political campaign for many years past, if not in fact the most momentous campaign in the history of the State, are persuaded that some words of advice as well as warning to the voters of North Carolina may in this crisis of public affairs serve a good purpose, and aid in arousing popular sentiment to the patriotic duty of having free and fair elections.

It is a truth which no man disputes that a frequent recurrence to the fundamental principles of government is essential to the preservation of liberty. All political economy, as well as human experience teaches that political power is continually passing from the many to the few. In our own, as well as in every other republican system of government, the ballot is the only instrument through which the will of the people—the source of all sovereignty—can be expressed, and the man or set of men who would destroy or impair the free and untrammelled use of the ballot in elections must be regarded, to say the least of it, as unfriendly towards republican institutions. Will a man of States of the Union are over-run with voters imported from foreign countries by the ship load during the quarter of a century last past, and who are unaccustomed to the system of government which obtains in a republic, we of North Carolina can happily boast of the smallest foreign population of all the States and have, according to the last census report, less than five thousand foreigners in a total population of more than one million and a half. For many years past we all know that Federal interference and supervision in our State elections while accomplishing little or no good in a practical way towards securing fair elections, has been a constant source of irritation, and excused in some measure a resort to methods of contrivance, trickery and fraud as a counter-irritant, which upon occasion and in some localities has most effectually suppressed a free ballot and a fair count. Two wrongs, however, never make a right. This Federal interference in elections by common consent of all parties and the crystallized popular sentiment of our State is now a thing of the past and, it is to be hoped, is behind us for all time to come. Now let us as good citizens of the State rise to the full measure of our patriotic duty, and on our part discard forever and root out of our political system all fraudulent methods and practices which tend to impair the ballot and suppress the voice of the people fairly expressed at the ballot box.

While men may honestly differ as to parties and political principles let us by earnest endeavor in this campaign be more vigilant and watchful than ever before to the end that whatever the result of the pending election may be, we may all have the satisfaction of feeling and knowing that henceforth in North Carolina “elections shall elect.” No intelligent man this day pretends to deny that the poisonous seeds of dishonesty at elections have been sown broadcast over this Republic, and are maturing now a bountiful crop of untold evils which follow as a natural harvest. To the credit of the great State of New York it is recorded in her criminal courts that men once potent there in election frauds are now doing service for that State in penitentiary garb, while to the credit of our own State they are equally guilty of unwhipped justice and even have the brazen audacity to aspire to positions of honor and trust among the very people whose rights they have trampled upon, and being thus emboldened, stand ready to repeat past iniquities of equal if not greater atrocities.

And when and where shall it end? Cheating at elections, like frauds in business, will and does, lead from one infamy to another. It saps and undermines the very foundations of the stability of our institutions, makes capital timid of investment, destroys confidence among neighbors, fosters and encourages a spirit of lawlessness, breeds anarchists and mobs, strikes down the principles of morality and turns backward the progress of our revered christian civilization, brings reproach upon our people and our State, teaches men to violate law, and if persisted in, must inevitably as its logical result, destroy the very last vestige of liberty which is as dear to our own hearts as it was to our patriotic ancestors who fought the battles of the Revolution.

We therefore most earnestly appeal to all good citizens irrespective of party affiliations to awake to their duties of the hour, and to unite with us in actively condemning the unjust perversion of our election laws, and to firmly resolve that in this election the laws shall not be used, as they have been, and can be again, to cheat and defraud citizens of their rights. We appeal to every fair minded man, and especially to all honest men of the Democratic party, to use their influence that the Boards of County Commissioners shall respect the wishes of the people and in appointing election officers shall heed the recommendations of the different political parties in good faith and appoint good, honest, intelligent and competent representative men; that the exercise of the pretended power to force “bull-pens” for voters, and to force citizens to cast their ballots in dark rooms in the day time by candle-light, judg-

ing of ballot boxes and the exclusion of the voters from the places where ballots are counted, and the hars made, and like practices which have been used in well known localities in North Carolina should be condemned by the people as such outrages will not be countenanced or tolerated at the approaching election.

We make this appeal now at the beginning of the campaign in the interest of peace and order and for the good of the State, to the end that strife and violence to avenge wrongs may not be resorted to, that peace and harmony may be promoted, and the law justly and honestly administered, and the result of the election, whatever it may be, shall meet the approbation and cheerful submission of all law abiding citizens.

By order of the People's Party State Executive Committee.

MARION BUTLER,  
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CORRESPONDENCE WITH JUDGE CONNOR.

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After the adoption of the above resolutions as a part of the law of the People's party for guidance in the future, the convention proceeded to name you as one of the men in the Democratic party who would be a fit and proper man to sit on such a high and non-partisan court. Your name was presented to the voters of the State in the following language:

In conformity with the above resolution we declare our intention to cast our votes for Hon. W. T. Farroth for Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Hon. Walter Clark for Associate Justice to succeed himself, Hon. D. M. Purches for Associate Justice to succeed Justice McKee, and Hon. H. G. Connor for Associate Justice to succeed Justice Burwell.

Having full confidence in the above named gentlemen and believing that if they are elevated to the Supreme Court bench they will interpret the law fairly and impartially between all persons, interests, and political parties, we ask all good citizens, irrespective of party, to cast their votes for them, whether they are in favor of them or not. We believe that it is due ourselves and the gentleman named to say that this action is taken without their knowledge or consent, with no desire or further purpose on our part than to secure the highest judicial tribunal of our State.

I was satisfied, and know beyond question, that the convention felt sure that every man in the State would understand beyond a shadow of a doubt that you were named as a Democrat in good standing in your party. We are contending for the establishment of the principle in this State that the highest Judicial Tribunal should be non-partisan. Of course, if any party in the State is opposed to a non-partisan Judiciary, then, of course, to a certain extent the object aimed at will be defeated. Your record on the bench and as a citizen had been such as to convince the convention that if there was a man in the Democratic party who would favor a non-partisan Judiciary more than another that man was yourself, hence the action of the convention in emphasizing the principle by naming you as one of the men to represent it. I can't believe that you are opposed to a non-partisan Judiciary, yet how can there be such a Judiciary if there is no man in the Democratic party who, while a member of the party, will permit the use of his name to represent this principle, however, should not meet your approval, of course that would end the matter; but otherwise I think that every one who is in favor of lifting the Judiciary out of party politics, should and will, cast his vote for you in November, unless you should state that there are business and personal reasons which would prevent your being elected.

Your answer to this letter of course I will be glad to publish if it meets your approval, but I trust that it is not necessary to assure you that your answer will be strictly confidential if you so desire it.

With great respect, I am,  
Yours very truly,  
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Judge Connor's Reply,  
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DEAR SIR:—Your letter of the 10th inst. was duly to hand. I construe your letter as requesting me to answer two queries.

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THE CAUCASIAN'S WIDE-AWAKE CORRESPONDENT KIDNAPPED THEM

While They Were Holding a Close Confab Just Before The Vote On The Gambling Bill.

Why Did Ransom Vote Against the Bill? And Why Did Capt. Maddux go to Him? A Picture that tells a Story—Huntington's Right Answer to Ransom.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 13, '94.

To THE EDITOR THE CAUCASIAN:

I enclose as per your request the Gambling Bill which Senators Ransom and Butler voted against its passage in the U. S. Senate.

Very truly yours,  
H. G. CONNOR.

THEY ARE AGAINST EAVES AND NOT IN FAVOR OF CO-OPERATING WITH THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

Hertford County.

The Republican party of Hertford county, N. C., assembled in convention in Winton on August 4th, 1894, with full attendance of delegates from all the townships.

The convention was called to order by Mr. Geo. H. Mitchell, chairman of the county executive committee, who explained the object of the meeting.

On motion Mr. Geo. H. Mitchell was made permanent chairman and A. T. Beverly was elected secretary. A motion was made to elect two delegates to the State convention on August 30th. The following gentlemen were elected: Rev. G. S. Brown, A. T. Beverly. On motion the following names were elected delegates to represent Hertford county in the other different conventions, to-wit: Congressional—E. R. Jones, E. L. Jones, Senatorial—L. S. Boon, Geo. H. Mitchell, Judicial—C. E. Asken, M. G. Gatling.

The attendance was large and much enthusiasm and interest prevailed.

On motion a conference committee was appointed, to consist of five, to interview with the leading Populists of this county in order to cooperate with them in element into one solid opposition to the democracy the opposing elements against both parties as exists in the members of the Republican party and People's party.

The following gentlemen were elected as a committee: J. R. Weaver, W. D. Earley, Joseph Watson, Lewis Robson, A. G. Gatling.

The secretary was ordered to send a copy of these proceedings to THE CAUCASIAN and the North Carolina. No other business the convention adjourned.

Geo. H. Mitchell, Chrm.  
A. T. Beverly, secretary.

AS OPEN LETTER TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BERKE COUNTY.

GENTLEMEN:—The time for you to select and appoint election officers to conduct the election in this county next November is close at hand. I take the privilege to call your attention to the undeniable truth made by me in a letter to THE CAUCASIAN written last February, to-wit:

“The main license for fraud is with the Boards of County Commissioners whose duty it is to appoint election officers. \* \* \* Give us correct men to perform this duty, no matter from what political party; selected as the law directs, and we can have a fair election—but these fellows who have heretofore handled the ballots better be left out. ‘It is hard to learn an old dog new tricks’—referring only to the immediate three or four years past, previous to this on this line in our county.”

This letter is not intended to arouse the ire of your Honorable Chairman, nor cause him to deny any act or course of conduct with which he is not charged, and if correctly construed he will not need the maudlin congratulations of D. E. Madlin, Esq. of Rural Home, wherever that is, to bolster him up. No it is intended to call forth the dread indignation of Revenue officer, Capt. W. R. Johnson, and demand that he avow such christian innocence in a matter which has not been imputed to him.

STATE ALLIANCE.

THE 8TH ANNUAL MEETING A VERY GRATIFYING SUCCESS.

The Business Transacted With Great Care and Dispatch.

Editorial Correspondence.

GREENSBORO, N. C., Aug. 16, '94.

The 8th annual meeting of the State Alliance which has been in session here this week adjourned last night. The personnel of the delegation was very high in every respect. Besides it was a business body. Never has any session of the State Alliance transacted more business with greater care and deliberation in the same length of time.

The excellent address of President Newborne was well received. In another column of this issue of THE CAUCASIAN appears the address in full and a picture of our worthy and esteemed State President.

In view of the scarcity of money and the increasing purchasing power of the dollar, the already low salaries of all officers were further reduced.

The State Alliance did a very wise thing in giving the female members an opportunity to help push the work of the organization. The churches rely chiefly upon the ladies to raise funds for various purposes and we all know what a power they are along this line in advocating the cause of the christian religion.

How many ladies will raise several dollars every three months for church work. The Alliance calls upon them to raise only 5 cents, and THE CAUCASIAN is sure that the call will not be in vain.

Maj. Wm. A. Graham, Prof. N. C., English and Mrs. J. M. Newborne were elected delegates to the next Supreme Council of the National and Industrial Union.

A collection was taken up for the Polk Monument.

The following resolutions was unanimously adopted by the State Alliance.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Alliance be tendered Bro. S. B. Alexander for his services in Congress against the issue of bonds, and in behalf of the free coinage of silver, the passage of an anti-currency law, and the reduction of taxation.

The following resolutions were offered by Dr. J. E. Person of Wayne and adopted:

Resolved, That we consider as enemies to the industrial classes in our State all men or parties who encourage unnecessary appropriations of the public funds, such as in-charge of the State of an anti-currency law, and the reduction of taxation.

The State Business Agent was instructed to send out a corrected price list for each member of the Alliance in good standing.

Different fertilizer arrangements will also be made.

The report of the Trustees of the Business Agency Fund showed that a much smaller amount had been withdrawn than was expected and that on the other hand many new contributions had been made.

Nearly every one of the old officers were re-elected by acclamation. The meeting was in every way a success, and the results very gratifying.

M. B.

OHIO POPULISTS

And Labor Organizations Hold a Large and Enthusiastic Convention and Name a Ticket.

The convention of the People's party in connection with the labor organizations of Ohio held at Columbus last Friday, nominated the following ticket:

For Secretary of State—Charles R. Martin, of Seneca county, (Labor party).

For Supreme Judge—E. D. Stark, of Cuyahoga, (Populist).

For School Commissioner—M. D. Flannery, of Greene, (Populist).

For Member of State Board of Public Works—Joel S. Steward, of Preble, (Populist).

NOTICE.

The People's party of the 2nd Senatorial District of the counties of Martin, Beaufort, Tyrell, Hyde, Dare, Pamlico and Washington are hereby called to meet in the town of Plymouth Sept. 13th 1894, for the purpose of naming two candidates to represent said counties in the next State Senate of North Carolina. It is also suggested that the Chairman of the Executive Committee of each of said counties be present for the purpose of thorough organization.

J. C. Smith,  
Chairman.

W. T. Griffin,  
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On Sept. 1st People's party primaries will be held in this county to elect delegates to a county convention which will meet on Sept. 8th for the purpose of nominating a county ticket.

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