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##### HARRY TRACY'S APPOINTMENTS.

###### ATTENTION, ALLIANCES!

Bro. Harry Tracy, of Texas, will address the brethren of the order at the times and places named below. His stay in our State is limited. The time in which to advertise his first appointments, is so short, that the brethren who receive this, are urged to use every means to let it be known to the brotherhood throughout their respective counties.

It is important that every officer of the subordinate and county Alliance, especially, should meet him, and that every member who can possibly do so, should be present. Bro. Tracy is thoroughly informed as to the business system of our order and all its principles and purposes. He was among those who organized the order and his active and zealous service in its ranks, has given him peculiar advantages as a lecturer. Be sure to meet him and hear him; you will not regret it. Get every member to go to the appointments.

##### HE WILL SPEAK,

At Concord, - Friday, June 7.  
" Salisbury, - Saturday, " 8.  
" Lexington - Monday, " 10.  
" Greensboro - Tuesday, " 11.  
" Winston, - Wednesday " 12.  
" Reidsville, - Thursday " 13.  
" Liberty, - Friday, " 14.  
" Graham, - Saturday, " 15.

Other appointments will be announced next week through the Progressive Farmer, and the brethren will be notified also by circular from this office. Bro. Tracy is a genuine Alliance man, and is one of the best informed members of the order in the South, is a pleasant talker and a tireless worker, and no Alliance man should fail to hear him. It will pay you to take a day from your farm work to go to hear him.

By order of the Ex. Committee,  
L. L. Polk,  
Sec'y State Alliance,  
Raleigh, N. C., May 31, 1889.

##### An Old Farmer's Advice.

This is advice of an old man who tilled the soil for forty years:  
I am an old man upwards of three score years, during two score of which I have been a tiller of the soil. I cannot say that I am now, but I have been rich and have all that I need.

## A TERRIBLE FLOOD.

### TWO HUNDRED PEOPLE DROWNED AT JOHNSTOWN PENNSYLVANIA.

#### Great Loss of Life and Property in Maryland Virginia and West Virginia.

PITTSBURG, Pa., May 31.—A telegraph operator in the Pennsylvania Railroad signal tower at Sang Hollow, 12 miles below Johnstown, says that about 75 dead bodies have floated past him down the river from Johnstown. It is stated that the reservoir above Johnstown broke about 5 p. m., and the water deluged the town, sweeping away houses by scores and drowning probably two hundred people. Wires are down and no communication can be had with Johnstown to-night. No trains are running east of Blansville, 25 miles west of Johnstown, and there will be no trains to east before tomorrow.

#### MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED.

Pennsylvania railroad officials in Pittsburgh state that they have advised that over two hundred dead bodies have been counted floating down stream at Johnstown alone, while all along the line many additional lives have been lost. Johnstown is described as wholly submerged, only two houses being entirely above the water.

#### OTHER POINTS.

A fierce gale raged over the lakes Erie and Ontario driving vessels ashore and doing much damage.

Snow fell to the depth of six inches in Michigan.

In Indiana the rainfall is reported as the heaviest in many years in some places snow fell to the depth of 4 inches.

A tornado struck a point of West Virginia and after demolishing a vast amount of property, it passed down the Potomac river, uprooting trees, overturning small vessels, and playing havoc generally with small buildings near the banks of the stream. The storm travelled over an area of ten miles, and then passed out to sea.

Very few trees were left standing along the water front. Those that escaped were twisted out of shape.

#### IN MARYLAND.

A terrific storm passed over the Potomac river district of Washington county yesterday afternoon. It seemed to follow the course of the river, leaving destruction in its tracks, blowing down buildings, trees, and fences, and ruining growing crops.

In Virginia the James river is reported as being higher than it has been since 1871. Many of the factories and machine shops on the river are flooded.

Great damage to growing crops is the result of the storm through its path.

Later despatches estimate the loss of life at 6000 in Pennsylvania.

A despatch from New Florence Pa., says:  
Seven bodies have been found on the shore near this town, two a man and woman, being in a tree, where the tide had carried them. The country people are coming into the news centers in large numbers, telling stories of disaster along the river banks in secluded places.

John McCartney, a carpenter who lives in Johnstown, reached here about 4 o'clock. He left Johnstown at half-past four yesterday, and says it was the scene when he left was indescribable.

THE PEOPLE HAD BEEN WARNED, early in the morning to move to the highlands, but they did not heed the warning, although it was repeated a number of times up to 1 o'clock, when the water poured into Cinder street several feet deep. Then the houses began rocking to and fro. Finally, the force of the current carried buildings across streets and vacant lots, and dashed them against each other, breaking them into fragments. These buildings were

FREIGHTED WITH THE POOR WRETCHES, who so shortly before laughed at the cry of danger.

McCartney says that in some cases he counted as high as 15 people clinging to buildings. McCartney's wife was with him. She had three sisters who lived near her. They saw the house in which the girls lived carried away, and they hurried away. The husband feared his wife would go crazy before he could drag her away, and they left the doomed district and went inland along the country until they reached here.

It is said to be next to impossible to get to Johnstown proper to-day in any manner, except by row boats. The roads are cut up, so that even the countrymen refuse to travel over them in their roughest vehicles. The only hope is to get within about three miles of Johnstown by special train, or by hand car. This will be done by the Assistant Press Agent within the next hours.

The waters are now receding here as rapidly as they rose last night, and as the banks uncover the

DEAD BODIES HAVE BEEN SHOWING UP. Already 9 dead bodies have been picked up within the limits of this borough since daylight. None of them have as yet been recognized. Five of those found are women. One lady probably 35 years old and rather handsome, had clasped in her arms a babe about 6 months old. The dead body of a young woman was discovered in the branches of a huge tree which had been carried down the stream.

All the orchard grass and shrubbery along the banks of the river have been destroyed.

The body of another woman has just been discovered in the river here. Her foot was discovered above the

## surface of the water. A rope was fastened about it and it is now tied to a tree waiting assistance to land it.

John L. Webber and his wife, an old couple, Mike Metzler and John Forney were rescued near here early this morning. They had been carried on the roof of the house, and there were seven others on the roof of the house when it was carried off by the angry waters. They were all drowned. They are unknown to Webber, they having drifted on the roof from floating debris. Webber and wife were thoroughly drenched, and were almost helpless from exposure. They were unable to walk when taken from the roof at this place.

Such are the accounts that come in from every direction in which the storm prevailed.

What Will You do About It?  
We are happy to know that there is the most promising prospect for an abundant fruit crop all over our State. If properly raised and cared for what would it be worth to our people in money? Millions of dollars.

In winter and early spring, when vegetables are scarce, no more healthful, palatable, or economical food can be had. And yet how few of our farmers appreciate its importance and value. Jars and other appliances for preserving it may be had so cheaply and the process is so simple that there is no longer any valid excuse for being without a plentiful supply of fruit throughout the year. As a rule, the farmers of the South live on a less variety and the most expensive food of any people on the earth. Butter, eggs, chicken, milk, fruits, vegetables, with proper management may be had the year round, but a large majority of them cling to corn bread. Dry your peaches, pears, apples and berries, or put them in jars and preserve them and thus save money, promote health and add to the comforts of life. Buy your good wife one or two dozen jars and thus encourage her in the development of a healthful economy in your home. Let the Alliance men club together and buy the jars by the case and give them out to their wives and then take time to aid her in gathering the fruit. Many men lose money by failing to look after such matters. The present glorious fruit crop should not be allowed to go to waste. You need it and it is the very cheapest food on your farm.—Prof. Farmer.

Ford Knox Hanged.  
Henry A. Coleman alias Ford Knox was executed at Portsmouth, Va., last Friday for the murder of Jas. Grant. A telegram to the Charlotte Chronicle says:

Several days ago, a colored woman named Frances Barnard, from Charlotte, N. C., saw Coleman, a notorious murderer and a villain of North Carolina, and that he had killed a man by the name William Durant, and outraged a lady near Charlotte. Coleman denied that he was Knox. Though the woman said she had known him for years, he denied ever having seen her.

Another witness, Thos. Dwyer, of Portsmouth, but formerly of Randleburg, N. C., saw Coleman on the scaffold, and positively identified him as Ford Knox, the murderer of William Durant, near Pineville, N. C., several years ago. Mr. Dwyer said he was with a party who were out hunting Knox for another crime, and that it was then that Mr. Durant was killed.

Coleman told Father Brady that his name was Matthew Bernery, from Avera, Ga., and denied being Ford Knox.

How to Measure Socks.  
A young man stepped up to the counter of one of our furnishing stores the other evening, says a daily contemporary, and called for a pair of socks. "Be sure that you get them large enough," said he, "for when they are too small they always wear through at the toes." "Yes, sir," replied the polite clerk, "I'll get them right; will you please hold out your hand?" "I said socks, no gloves," answered the young man, somewhat surprised. "I know what you said," continued the clerk, "but I want to see your hand." The customer held out his hand and doubled up his fist as directed. The clerk took one of the socks from the box, wrapped the foot around the fist and guaranteed a perfect fit. "I am just as sure it will fit you as though I measured your foot," said the clerk, "as the distance around the fist is always the length of the foot. A salesman who knows his business always looks at a man's hand and in that way knows the size of the sock he wants."

Don't Scold.  
For the sake of your children, don't scold. It is a great misfortune to have children reared in the presence and under the influence of scold. The effect of the everlasting complaining and fault finding of such persons is to make the young who hear it unamiable, malicious and callous hearted, and they often learn to take pleasure in doing the very thing for which they receive tongue lashings. As they are always getting the blame of wrong doing, whether they do it or not, they think they might as well do wrong as right. They lose all ambition to strive for the favorite opinion of a fault finder, since they see they always strive in vain. Thus a scold is not only a nuisance, but a destroyer of the morals of children.

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## STATE PRIDE.

### What the Editor of the Statesville Landmark Thinks About the Absence of N. C. Troops at the N. Y. Centennial.

Referring to the sorry showing made by North Carolina at the recent centennial celebration in New York, the MECKLENBURG TIMES says:

"Well, why did not our State have a better representation? Every one of the old thirteen States had troops in the procession save North Carolina. Even Florida, twice the distance away and ever so many times poorer, had 200 men in line.

The fault lies at the door of our Legislature. It is an open secret that Gov. Fowle requested the Legislature to appropriate the very moderate sum of \$1,000 for this purpose. The bill was drawn and introduced, and some opposition being developed in the discussion, the sum asked was reduced to \$500, and when the time to vote arrived the bill was tabled.

South Carolina has a standing appropriation of \$10,000 for such purposes.

The TIMES is not wholly correct in its statement that North Carolina had no troops in the procession for it had one or two companies, but its position upon the general question is sound. Gov. Fowle paid his own way at the centennial celebration; the members of his personal staff paid theirs; the few gentlemen who went as commissioners representing the State paid their own expenses and the handful of military from the State paid its way. It is stated that the Governor's Guards, of Raleigh at one time about despaired of raising the money necessary to carry them to New York, kept their while there and bring them home, and that officers of the company laid the case before Gov. Fowle who told them to raise all they could and that he would make up the balance, which he did out of his own pocket.

It would have been a very humiliating thing to every North Carolinian in whose breast is found any sentiment of State pride, if North Carolina, one of the original thirteen States, had gone wholly unrepresented at New York, while the Governor and chief officers of every other State were there with hundreds and some of them thousands of military. Yet by what right could the State call on its Governor, its military companies and its private citizens to abandon their business and go to New York and represent her and themselves pay for the privilege of doing so? Had they all remained at home no one could have complained against them, for no provision had been made for their going; yet had no one gone and the space assigned to North Carolina been vacant while that of every other State was filled, the blush of shame would have mantled the cheek of every North Carolinian who is worthy of the name.

"The fault lies at the door of our Legislature," says the TIMES. It is to be looked for deeper than that. It is found in our politics, which has reached a condition for which narrow-gauging is not adequate description. Had the Legislature appropriated \$1,000 or \$500 to help defray the expenses of the State's representation at New York, every cross-roads would have heard in the next campaign the charge of extravagance, "wasting the people's money," appropriating money wrong from the toiling tax-payers to spend in show," and all such balderdash as that. It would have begun before the campaign and would not have been confined to either party, but the vote of any member in favor of it would have been used by some aspiring party associate to defeat the re-nomination of the "extravagant" legislator. Republicans Judge Russell, Logan Harris, Thos. B. Keogh, Dr. J. J. Mott, Judge Furches and R. Z. Linney despise such narrowness in their hearts, yet it has come to be regarded by both parties in North Carolina as legitimate to pander to the narrow-minded element among the people. An appropriation for the purposes indicated, one which would not have amounted to a quarter of a cent per capita, would have helped to seal the doom of some good and useful men, and would have called for apology, defence and explanation on every stump. To such a pass have we come. It is a system of politics which debases the people. Its tendency is to make them mean and sordid. It stifles State pride and causes them to regard the government which protects them in their lives and property not as a benefice but as a yoke. Year by year this spirit is growing until by and by it will come to this that the politician who can prove himself the most niggardly among his associates will be the popular favorite.

The cure for this increasing evil? That is not so easy to suggest. It is easier and alas! more profitable to pander to a groveling spirit than to elevate it. And yet it is not certain that there is not breadth enough in North Carolinians to justify the courageous spirit which is yet to come upon the stage and point out to the people that that is not the highest statesmanship which asks concerning everything proposed, Does it come cheap? of every public servant. Will not somebody else take the job for less money? or if every dollar spent for other than strictly utilitarian purposes, Do you reckon we will ever get it back?

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