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FORM MOVEMENT.

WORTH OF ALLIANCES AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

that Show the Wind—Items of Interest to Citizens Interested in the Welfare of the People and of the Nation.

Raleigh correspondent of the *Wilson Messenger* says:

There are 2,063 sub-Alliances in North Carolina, and 95 counties have Alliances besides. That is all counties save one, and that one is Haver. There are some sub-alliances in that county, but as yet no county Alliance has not been formed. The State Alliance office has enlarged its offices, and now occupies the entire building, which it occupies jointly with the *Call*.

Two more licenses for the sale of commercial fertilizers were issued to the Commissioner of Agriculture. It appears to enjoy very much the confidence of the fertilizer pool, which has gone all to pieces. He is today as he spoke of that matter. Thus far this year fifty-four licenses has been issued.

ROME, N. Y., March 8.—A meeting of the central New York farmers held yesterday, and an interesting question was discussed. They held a strong protest against unjust taxation, and said that the tariff system, in their opinion, does not afford much benefit. Secretary Bateh called the meeting to order, and Marvin presented resolutions against unjust taxation of farm property which were adopted. Solomon Hoxie said: "Countries protected have the world, while those that try to get a home market get nothing more. We produce wool growers, for instance, the wool of South America cannot be made here. It goes to England, is manufactured and sent back to America. The farmers are helped. The manufacturers are the only ones benefited. The tariff should be done away with, not at once, but gradually. It is wrong to favor one industry more than another. Think the people are coming to realize that protection carried to such extremes as in this country works no benefit. We are trying to get the wool of South America, but we cannot do it when we prevent them from marketing their products here and exchanging them for ours."

POLITICS AND THE FARMERS.

Statement in South Carolina Over Shell's Call for a Convention.

Last week county conventions were held all over South Carolina by the Farmers' Association to elect delegates to the State convention called by President Shell to meet March 27th to nominate a State ticket. The movement has caused wide-spread excitement in political circles. The out-lookers unanimously condemn the movement as fanatical, while about half of the members of the organization are opposed to such a scheme.

The organ of the State Alliance has taken a firm stand against the Association convention.

So far as heard from the delegates the convention will stand about as follows:

Pro nomination..... 34
Against..... 64
Uninstructed..... 82

The Sumter convention adopted the following resolutions as follows:

Resolved. That in the great agitation and organized movement of the agricultural classes in this county we recognize with cheering hope for the future a natural and just resistance of the people to adverse class legislation, and that we shall do all in our power to stimulate and encourage, rather than allay, the indignant protest and earnest uprising against wrong and oppression among the farmers of South Carolina.

Resolved. That we regard the farmers as possessed of thoroughly efficient agencies to discover and correct all abuses of their class in the Alliance and the Democratic party—the one applying whatever is lacking in the other—and we shall not countenance or approve any action that shall divert from or impair the strength of either of these agencies.

Resolved. That class legislation, class antagonism, class privileges and

inequalities are glaring evils. That they are unwise in policy, undemocratic and unjust in principle, un-American and unchristian, and in seeking relief from such things against ourselves as farmers we know that we must come with clean hands and do equally, if we expect equity.

Resolved. That we see no good, but apprehend much harm, to come from the proposed nomination of State officers by the farmers under the "Shell call." We, therefore, request such delegates as may be sent from this county to oppose all the time the proposition to nominate, and, failing to defeat such purpose in others, that they quietly and respectfully withdraw from the body, that Sumter county may not appear to countenance or be in anywise bound by such ill-advised action.

Chaff for Farmers.

From the *New York World*.

The majority of the Ways and Means Committee are evidently intending to do their utmost to palliate the farmers by deceiving them. The Protectionists are increasing the duty on everything consumed by the farmer, and they hope that their victims will pay the piper gracefully if they can be made to believe that agricultural products are also to be protected.

Under the present tariff the following taxes and bounties were paid last year on articles which the farmer actually bought: Sugar 70 per cent.; tin plate for roofing, dinner and milk pails, kitchen, utensils, etc., about 40 per cent.; knit-cotton goods, 39 per cent.; cotton clothing, 35 per cent.; earthen and stoneware, 58 per cent.; bagging for cotton, 44 per cent.; window glass, 73 per cent.; chains, 44 per cent.; cotton ties, 35 per cent.; wollen goods, 70 per cent.

The "pauper hen" of Canada was the invention of a joker, but the greedy mind is without a sense of humor, and the Protectionists now insist that there shall be a duty on eggs. They represent the number of eggs that are imported into this country at about ten million dozen more than actually come to us, and they know that none would come from abroad if our own hens would lay enough. The industry of hens is about the last thing that requires a protective tariff.

In addition, the farmers are promised an increase of the duty on hay from \$2 to \$4 a ton, although only from one hundred thousand to two hundred thousand tons come to this country under the existing duty.

There is to be an increase of duty on peas from 10 to 20 per cent., although a comparatively small quantity is imported, and there are other agreeable surprises promised by the junior organ of Protection, all of which are absurd attempts at deception, while some of them are impossible, because the rates of duty which it is proposed to change do not exist.

The precise truth about all this is that the Protectionists are making their reckoning on the basis that the farmers are fools, as they would be if they were willing to pay not only 70 but 80 per cent. tax on woollen clothes in return for a bounty on hen's eggs, hay, barley and other products the prices of which are not affected by the inconsiderable quantities brought into the country along the border. The last election in Ohio and Iowa indicated that the farmer is getting weary of being fed on chaff.

RAILROAD DISASTER.

Six People Killed and Fifteen Injured Cars Piled on Top of One Another.

At Bay View Station, about nine miles from Buffalo, N. Y., Friday night, the rear section of a passenger train on the Lake Shore road, which had become uncoupled, ran into the front section. The sections came together with such force that the forward sleeper, the Salina, telescoped the rear coach of the standing section, killing six people and injuring fifteen others. Cars were piled in all shapes on top of one another, while the Salina was almost completely buried from sight.

Those who escaped injury bravely set to about helping those who were less fortunate. The screams and shrieks of many of those in the wreck were enough to make one's blood run cold.

As soon as the conductor discovered that the train had parted he pulled the bell cord, stopping the front section. A moment later the rear section crashed into the front.

I. N. Biggerstaff, of Forrest city, made an assignment last Friday.

51ST CONGRESS.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE.

Miscellaneous Items of Interest at the Capital—Political and Personal Gossip, Etc., Etc.

Ed. C. Duncan, of North Carolina, has been appointed Collector of Customs for the district of Beaufort, N. C.

A successful test of smokeless powder was given at the navy yard at Washington City Saturday. A number of distinguished men were present, including Secretary Tracy, Commodore Felger, Chief of Ordnance, Assistant Naval Constructor Heckham, and other naval officers. The powder seemed to be all claimed for it, and was stronger than the ordinary powder.

The Postmaster-General and Mrs. Wanamaker, accompanied by Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Russell Harrison, and Mr. McKee will go to Florida on a pleasure trip this week.

Among the bills introduced in the House last week was one by Mr. Rowland, appropriating \$100,000 to continue the improvement of Town Creek river, in Brunswick county, N. C.

The House Committee on Territories has completed its report on the bill to admit Idaho into the Union, and it will soon be presented to the House. The only opposition to the admission of Idaho under the Constitution, which the legal voters of the Territory adopted unanimously, came from the Mormons. They protested, says the report, because of a section in the Constitution which disfranchised persons practicing or preying bigamy or polygamy. During the discussion before the committee in regard to the legality of this clause, Justice Field of the United States Supreme Court delivered the opinion of the Court, affirming the constitutionality of this clause.

Mr. Daniel introduced in the Senate Wednesday a bill to provide a basis for the circulation of national banks.

The bill provides that national banks may secure their circulation by the deposit with the Treasurer of the United States, or any assistant treasurer, of silver bullion, in sums not less than \$10,000, at its value when coined in dollars, less the estimated cost of coinage. A bank may make these deposits to the amount of the par value of its stock paid up, and its surplus, undivided earnings of one year's standing, provided they do not exceed 25 per cent. of the the capital stock, on the deposit of the same amount of gold coin or United States notes. It shall be relieved from liability for its circulating notes, and it may withdraw from the Treasury a corresponding pro rata amount of the silver bullion deposited. If a bank goes into the hands of a receiver, his first duty shall be deposited gold or notes in sums not less than \$10,000, and the treasurer shall then cause the silver bullion deposited by that bank, to be coined into dollars, which shall be held, subject to the order of the receiver, to the extent of the silver bullion deposited with him. The Secretary of the Treasury shall be relieved of the necessity of purchasing silver bullion for coinage.

Wm. P. Taulbee, ex-Representative from Kentucky in the 49th 50th Congresses who was shot by C. E. Kincaid, the Washington correspondent of the *Louisville Times*, on the afternoon of February 28th, died at the Providence Hospital, Washington City, Tuesday.

The People's Message to the President.

From the *New York World*.
The town and municipal elections throughout a State have always been held up by the Republicans as a certain test of the real political sentiment of the people. Yesterday's returns

from this State embraced some results clearly indicating that President Harrison's administration has failed to win approval from the party despite the ecstatic eans of the organs touching the first year's experiment.

Rochester elected a Democratic mayor for the first time in fourteen years. In 1888 the city gave Harrison a plurality of 2,627.

In Newburg the Democrats made a clean sweep. Harrison's majority over Cleveland was 612, and for three years the mayor has been a Republican.

Elmira, Gov. Hill's home, elected the entire Democratic ticket by about 800 majority.

Ulster county went Democratic. Harrison's majority there was 338.

The Democrats carried Dutchess county, which gave Harrison 1,016 over Cleveland.

In Oneida county the Democrats made large gains. Harrison carried the county by 1,958 over Cleveland.

Utica, the home of one of the muzzled Republican editors, now sub-treasurer in New York, selected a Democratic mayor by 900 plurality, although the city went for Harrison in 1888.

At Oswego, Port Jervis, Kingston, Amsterdam, Whitehall, Hornellsville, Buffalo, Batavia and Dunkirk, all carried by Harrison, the Democrats were victorious.

The most significant results, however, are the Democratic victories in the once Republican stronghold, Iowa. The Democrats achieved success at Burlington, Cedar rapids, Clinton, Creston and Fort Dodge. At Conesville the Republicans elected their mayor, but the Democrats carried the remainder of the ticket. The mayorality is in doubt at Des Moines and Sioux City.

And this is the practical verdict of Republican voters in two States on the first year of President Harrison's administration.

NAVAL CADET DISMISSED.

Penalty for Pommeling a Cadet Who had Reported Him for Bad Conduct.

ANNAPOLIS, March 4.—Naval Cadet Thos. L. Jenkins, of North Carolina, has been dismissed from the Naval Academy for conduct unbecoming a naval cadet in having engaged in a fight about a month ago with a fellow cadet who had reported him for leaving the ranks. Cadet Jenkins entered the Academy in 1887, but was turned back, and is at present a member of the lower class. About a month ago, while on his way to recitation, he left his squad to examine the marks he had made at the semi-annual examination, which had been posted in the recitation hall, and for this breach of discipline he was reported by a classmate, Naval Cadet Parker, who had charge of the squad.

Angry words ensued, and a fight between the two was arranged, but Jenkins being the heavier, and having had nearly three years of gymnastic training at the Academy, was too much for his opponent and soon defeated him. Several cadets witnessed the fight, and admired the pluck of young Parker, who entered the academy last October.

A court of inquiry, presided over by Commander Henry Glass, commandant of cadets at the Naval Academy, recommended the dismissal of Jenkins, and this sentence was approved by the Secretary of the Navy. It is said a colored boy will probably receive the appointment to take Jenkins's place. Three colored boys have been admitted to the Naval Academy since its organization. They were Conyeas of South Carolina, Baker of Mississippi, and McClelland of Alabama, all of which failed in their studies and were dropped.

Durant's Island Sold.

From the *Raleigh News and Observer*.
Durant's Island, in Dare county, belonging to the State Public School Fund, has just been sold by the State Board of Education to Hon. John E. Reyburn, Congressman from the fourth district of Pennsylvania, who is the successor of Congressman Kelley, and one of the wealthiest men in Pennsylvania. The island was purchased at the rate of \$1.00 per acre, as was proposed by the board of education.

Congressman Reyburn's object in purchasing the island is to establish there handsome winter quarters for himself and friends, which they will occupy while on hunting expeditions on the island.

GENERAL NEWS.

NEWSY ITEMS OF INTEREST TO OUR READERS.

The Work of Pencil, Shears and Paste-Pot Through Our Mail and Exchanges for the Past Week—News In and Out of the State.

Eighty-eight perished in the Morsam mine disaster.

Cross and White are now working the public roads of Wake county.

The Catawba Lumber Company has been incorporated at Hickory, with a capital of \$500,000.

A two story brick store occupied by John O'Connor, of Greensboro, was destroyed by fire on last Sunday morning.

The grand jury of Davidson county failed to find any bills against the men charged with the lynching of Robert Berrier.

A robber broke the glass window of Domna & Samuels, of Dallas, Tex., Tuesday night and stole a case of diamonds that was in the window.

A large warehouse containing \$75,000 worth of cotton at Greenville, S. C., was destroyed by fire Wednesday morning. About 1,500 bales were burned.

The *New York Sun* says the wholesale grocers of the country have entered into a co-operation to advance the price of sugar one-fourth of a cent per pound.

The *Wilmington Messenger* says: Blackwell's Durham tobacco factory is to be sold to an English syndicate for \$3,000,000 to \$3,500,000. It is said to be probable that the trade will be consummated in a few days. The British could not conquer; it now really looks like they intend to buy the country.

A Raleigh correspondent of the *Durham Globe* says: There was a small sized sensation here yesterday afternoon. Dr. Grissom went into the Racket store, and of a clerk, Geo. Williams, employed there, made inquiry whether Williams had made any remarks regarding him and a woman employed at the insane asylum. Dr. Grissom had a revolver. Williams said that he had said nothing of the sort, because he did not know nothing and thereupon Dr. Grissom departed. He was arrested and taken before the mayor, who bound him over to appear at Wake Superior court. He gave bail at once.

NORTH CAROLINA COAL.

Something About the Coal Fields of the Old North State.

From the *Wilmington Messenger*.
We were pleased yesterday to meet in our city Mr. H. B. Peters, general sales agent for the Egypt Coal Company. He is here to establish a trade in our city for the coal from this company's mines in Chatham county, on the line of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railway.

A car load of more of coal from the Egypt mines has been sent down here over the C. P. & Y. V. Railroad, and the steam tugs Marie and Lawrence, and the railroad's ferry boat Compton have been making a test of it for steam purposes.

We learn from Mr. Peters that the prospects are quite encouraging for these mines. From sixty to seventy hands are now employed in operating them, and they are hoisting from sixty to seventy tons of coal per day of twenty-four hours. New levels are, however, being opened, and it is contemplated that the output will shortly reach, if not exceed, two hundred tons per day.

The operations so far consist of a shaft which has been sunk to a perpendicular depth of 463 feet, and from which two levels have been run out on the coal vein, one a distance of 460 feet and the other 1,280 feet.

In the levels now being driven there is a vast improvement in the quality of the coal, which is harder and more flint-like. It also contains less sulphur and is easier to mine. The coal vein extends from Northeast to Southwest at a pitch of about 40 degrees, and the seam of coal is from four to four and a half feet thick.

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Working Public Roads in Mecklenburg County.

A citizen of the county hands us the following interesting article:

On the 18th of last November the convicts, under the efficient management of Superintendent Hilton, and operated by Manager Sossamon, aided by his corps of watchful, polite guard, with a working force of about sixty hands, came to the Lawyer's road, locating their quarters at a quarry near C. H. Wolfe's residence. It was thought a very unfortunate time of year to undertake work on this road, as it is generally more than a foot deep in mud during the winter; but the elements favored the work, and today, February 22d, we bid the convict forces good-bye, standing beside the best macadamized road this side of the Mason and Dixon line. During all these four months of midwinter the hands only lost two days on account of bad weather. For the satisfaction of tax payers, I will say that under the present improved method of management—that is of keeping the convicts in tents beside their work—that fully as much, if not more, work is accomplished to the hand than could be done by free labor in the same length of time. And other things come in to add to the success of the work—the experiences of the managers, use of improved machinery, together with the hearty co-operation of the citizens in the neighborhood where the work was done, in furnishing rock, giving right of way to straighten all crooks out of the road before the rock was put on it. The good wishes of the people who travel this road to Charlotte follow the county's forces with the hope that they may succeed as well on the next road they work on, thereby making glad other sections of our county. The grades of this road are so gradual that I verily believe that with a good supple horse you could pass over the first four or five miles next to Charlotte without the use of holding-back straps. I am often asked, "Are you glad they are gone?" Now, for the information of those to whose premises they may locate near, I will say that during all their stay here I never missed a thing, or was disturbed in any way by their presence; but on the contrary our neighborhood has been helped considerably by several hundred dollars of the county's money being divided among us."

Our Insane Asylums.

RALEIGH ASYLUM.

Raleigh Correspondent *Wilmington Messenger*.

The meeting of the directors of the insane asylum yesterday and today was full of good results. As you were advised, Mr. Crawford, who was temporarily appointed steward by the former board, was reelected. He has proved to be a very useful man, and by his good management the per capita expenses per day have been reduced from 12c. to a fraction over 7c. That is a fine showing. It applies to both patients and employes.

The board adopted some very important regulations. One of these requires the superintendent to state in his annual report the number of times in which mechanical restraint upon prisoners has been used, and also the cause therefor, and the duration of such restraint. Another is that all purchases of supplies shall be subject to the approval of the executive committee. This is in the interest of economy, and will prevent any possible charge of favoritism to any particular merchant or dealer.

MORGANTON ASYLUM.

From the *Statesville Landmark*.

The board of directors of the W. N. C. Insane Asylum met yesterday. Maj. J. W. Wilson was reelected chairman of the board. The present executive committee, viz.: Maj. Wilson, I. I. Davis, and J. G. Hall, was reelected. There were further re-elections as follows: Dr. W. P. Ivey, ass't physician; F. M. Scroggs, steward; Mrs. C. A. Marsh, matron; Jno. A. Dickson, clerk of the board. There are 484 patients in the institution.

These are being supported at a per capita expense of \$178.50 per year, and a macadamized road is being built from the Morganton depot to the asylum, other improvements are being made and all necessary repairs kept up without exceeding the appropriation. This great charity is being conducted economically and with the utmost efficiency, and in all respects in a manner worthy of the people whose benevolence supports it.

Neuralgic pain is usually of an intensely sharp, cutting or burning character. To effect a speedy and permanent cure rub thoroughly with Salvation Oil, the greatest pain-cure on earth. 25 cents.