

FARMERS ALLIANCE.

Meeting of the Supreme Council of the National Union.

The Supreme Council of the National Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union began its annual session at 10 o'clock this morning in room 19 of the National Hotel. The last meeting of the council was held at Raleigh, N. C. At that time the president of the Alliance was the present Senator from North Carolina, Marion Butler. He rose to political power as a leading light of the order, and is still of the opinion that all the great reforms sought for by the dissatisfied must be accomplished through the Alliance. The council was called to order by President J. F. Willets of Kansas, for many years a national lecturer of the order.

The morning session was spent in effecting an organization and in the appointment of committees for the transaction of business. A press committee, with Secretary D. P. Duncan as chairman, was appointed, and all information for newspapers was given out through him.

Among the delegates is one female, Mrs. Helen S. Johnson of Pennsylvania. She is one of the national lecturers.

The council adjourned, after a short session, until 2 o'clock this afternoon, when the reports of officers and committees and the consideration of resolutions will be in order.

The only interesting bit of business this morning was the appointment of a committee to go before the House committee on banking and currency tomorrow to talk over the financial situation. It is said that Chairman Walker of that committee invited the Alliance to send a committee before his committee. The delegates appointed to go before the House committee today are J. F. Willets, Kansas; H. L. Loucks, South Dakota; Mann Page, Virginia; C. R. White, New York; A. M. Wardall, California.

Tonight an open session will be held to hear an address from Delegate Wise of Arizona, and to receive a delegation from the Knights of Labor, who will make some proposition.

The council will be in session until tomorrow night or possibly until Thursday morning.

The press committee declined to give a list of delegates in attendance, but stated that about thirty States are represented.

The only thing of a political nature discussed before the council will be in the shape of resolutions. These resolutions, it is said, will be sensational. They will outline the political policy of the Alliance, and will be an appeal to the members of the order for independent political action in this year's struggle. The Alliance in the past has put forth many platforms and suggested many issues, but its leaders are now joining to the movement to make the financial issue practically the only one this year. It will be a hard thing to denounce the Ocala platform and the sub-treasury vagary even for a year, but it is felt that this must be done if anything is to be accomplished. The Alliance men will be besought to leave party affiliations behind and to vote for silver men. Independent political action by the order was advocated at the last meeting of the council by Senator Butler, who said: "The partisan—the political tool—serves his party right or wrong. The highest type of a patriot is a non-partisan; he supports any party that furthers the principles of honest government; he fights any party that serves monopoly and class interest to the detriment of the people; he cares nothing for the name of the label of the party, but whatever party his conscience, enlightened by a correct knowledge of facts, shows him he should support for that one election, he supports with all the zeal and ability that his Maker has blessed him with. This I conceive to be the duty of all true Alliance men with reference to politics."

"When the political evils from which we are suffering are corrected, and, mark my words, no party will ever do it if this organization goes down, then let the Alliance give its chief attention to its original purpose. But also remember that it will be even necessary for us to keep well informed on political questions and take an active interest in the actions of all political parties, lest the enemy of the people should then corrupt our government again."

Those sentiments were in advance of other leaders at that time, but are now looked upon as proper and timely.

Other resolutions to be introduced will discuss the currency question and take the position that all money should be issued by the government itself.

"I do not think we will consider any resolutions on the financial question," said Secretary Duncan to a Star reporter, "until the committee has met this morning has reported on its visit to the House

committee on banking and currency. The House committee asked us to send a delegation before it and we will do so. After we have heard from the committee we will probably formulate some demands to Congress.—Washington Star, 4th.

The Racket in North Carolina.
The political situation in North Carolina is just now very much mixed, but it is likely that an agreement will be reached, if it has not already been, to continue the combination of Republican and Populists, as suggested by Senator Pritchard in The Post yesterday, in respect of the election of the Presidential electors. The trouble is, however, that there are eleven of these electors, and it has not been decided whether the Republicans shall take six and the Populists five, or vice versa. It is expected that an amicable understanding will eventually be reached.

In the mean time, Representative Pearson, of North Carolina, has taken occasion to announce publicly on the floor of the house that he and 150,000 Republicans of North Carolina will not agree to leave their party and join the new silver party now forming in his State. In a speech which he delivered in the House on Wednesday night he called the movement a second secession, and predicted its failure. "We tried it at the instance of South Carolina thirty six years ago," he said. "She invited my State to join in the secession movement and we declined, and continued to decline until we were driven, or rather dragged into that horrible conflict, and South Carolina got thoroughly whipped."

"I deny it," exclaimed Mr. Talbert, an unreconstructed South Carolinian. "She is not ashamed of that act, and she would do it again under like circumstances."

"I am ashamed of the fact and ashamed of any man who would indorse secession or the motives which led to it," retorted Mr. Pearson, amid applause.

"I indorse every word of it," replied Mr. Talbert, hotly. "Well," said Mr. Pearson, "I have heard it said that if hell ever breaks loose in this country again it will be in South Carolina, and I believe that is true from the exhibition made here tonight."

The colloquy was quite exciting for a few moments, but Mr. Pearson closed it with an eloquent declaration, thanking God that the Mason and Dixon line had been obliterated from the map, an assertion which elicited another round of applause.—Washington Post.

Gentry Shipped to New York

The Alamance Gleaner of this week says: "Messrs. Holt and Scott expect to ship the trotting stock at Alamance farm Saturday for New York, where they will be sold next week. There are sixty head and all are in prime condition. It is expected that some of them will bring fancy prices. Though the establishment is young in years the proprietors had gathered together and bred some of the very best that ever took the road, and it had become a matter of pride to the people of the county and State at large which every one regrets to see broken up so soon."

"Tuesday morning a car load of Shetland ponies arrived at Alamance farm. Though Mr. L. Banks Holt is going out of the trotting bred horse business, his innate love for stock will not permit him to go out of the stock business altogether. Two more shipments of ponies are expected, we learn. We hope the venture will prove profitable."

Surprised all Around.

We have just heard of a farmer who came to town and purchased a new suit of clothes, placed the bundle on the seat beside him and started home. When nearing home the idea struck him that it would be a surprise to discard his old patched clothes and go home in a new suit. He pulled off his studs and fired them in the Kanawha river at three mile bridge, a piece at a time. When he had nothing on but a shirt he reached for the bundle, but it was not in the wagon. The night was chilly and he went home at a two-forty gait. He surprised his family completely, and the next morning when he went out and found the parcel hanging on the brake of his wagon he was somewhat surprised himself.—Ex.

Suits Against the Company.

The Record says that at Chatham court next week there are fourteen cases against the Langdon-Henszey Coal Company. These suits are brought by the families of the miners, who were killed in the recent explosion in the coal mine at Cummock. The plaintiffs allege that the owners of the mine did not use due care and that their negligence caused the explosion, and therefore these suits are brought to recover damages.

The Erastus Wyman Indictment.

New York, Feb. 10.—District Attorney Fellows today recommends the dismissal of the indictments against Erastus Wyman.

MANN PAGE ELECTED PRESIDENT.

A Virginian Now at the Head of the Farmers' National Alliance.
After two protracted sessions yesterday, the Supreme Council of the National Farmers' Alliance managed to dispose of several routine business matters and elect officers for the ensuing year. A report was also received from the finance committee, which had a hearing yesterday before the House Committee on Banking and Currency. It was expected that the council would finish its work last night, but it was found impossible to get the free silver resolutions through, and another session will be held today, beginning at 9 a. m.

So far it has been a busy session, no end of time, labor, and forethought being expended in maintaining a mystifying secrecy. A small portion of the time has been spent in transacting business, while the rest of the time was occupied in trying to prevent any one from knowing it. There was a press committee, charged with the express duty of dispensing news, and to this committee every one seeking information was referred. If anything really has been done besides electing officers and framing a resolution, with which it is intended to enlighten an anxious public today as to the opinion of the Supreme Council on the financial question, this committee has been most successful in concealing the fact.

It was noised around that there was opposition to the re-election of E. F. Willets, as President and when the election took place, an entire new ticket was elected, as follows: Mann Page, Virginia, President; H. C. Snavely, Pennsylvania, Vice-President; R. A. Southworth, Colorado, Secretary and Treasurer; H. L. Louck, South Dakota; W. P. Bricker, Pennsylvania; J. F. Willets, Kansas, and W. L. Peake, Georgia, Executive Committee.

These officers were all installed yesterday afternoon and President Page presided at the night session. Mr. Page is a strong free silver advocate. Mr. Willets, the former President, stated that there had been no contest over the election, and that Mr. Page was the only candidate for President. It was customary for the alliance to change its officers yearly, choosing men from a different section of the country.

The finance committee submitted its report at last night's session, and it was stated afterward that a resolution on the subject was in course of preparation, but that it was not in proper shape to be given the public.—Washington Post.

All Heads of Southern Cotton Mills Invited to Chicago.

AUGUSTA, Feb. 10.—By special resolution of the Augusta provisional committee of the Chicago and Southern States exposition, the presidents of all Southern cotton mills are invited to attend the Chicago convention February 19 as delegates. All Southern railroads are also requested to send representatives as delegates. The matter of transportation of delegates is now receiving the attention of the committee. Nearly all of the leading roads and connections have agreed to furnish transportation for authorized delegates to Chicago and return, and Secretary H. H. Stafford, of Augusta, requests that all delegates wire him immediately upon their appointment.

Insurrection in Formosa.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 10.—A dispatch from Vladivostok says the insurrection against Japanese rule on the Island of Formosa is spreading. Ten thousand rebels are reported to be operating against Tamsui, Suncho and Kosuki. The railroads and telegraph lines have been torn up and destroyed. The rebels fight with great courage. The situation is looked upon as being serious. Governor general Cajama is ill and will be replaced by Saigo, Minister of Marine.

Importing Egyptian Sugar.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 10.—Twelve thousand and three hundred tons of sugar are now afloat on the way to this port from Alexandria, Egypt. These cargoes are on board the British tramp steamships, due March 1st. The importation of Egyptian sugar is a new thing made necessary through apprehension of a short Cuban crop.

Sudden Death of Congressman Crane.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Representative William H. Crane, of Texas, died suddenly this morning, at the residence of a friend. He was serving his fifth term, and was one of the best known members of the House.

Fatal Boiler Explosion.

PROVIDENCE, Feb. 10.—The boiler of the Ann & Hop mills, Lonsdale, owned by the Goddards, exploded this morning, Patrick McCohen was killed, and Hugh McClaren will probably die. Three or four others are badly injured. The cause is unknown.

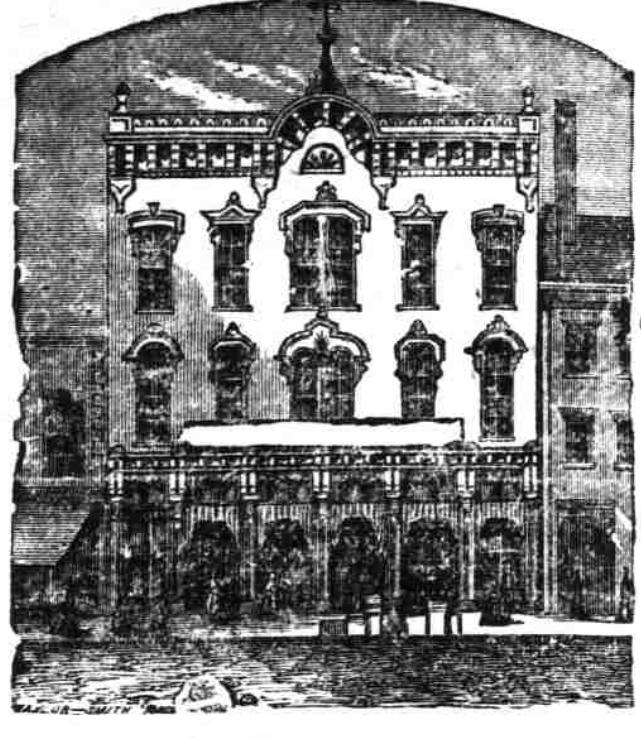


If a man knew he was going to be hanged, he would certainly make every effort to prevent it. He would do everything he could and strain every nerve to the last minute to get himself out of his predicament. Men have been saved from hanging after the rope was around their necks. There are ways of dying that are not so quick that are even more certain. The man who neglects his health, and who in sickness refuses to take medicine, really has the rope of disease around his neck. He will die if he doesn't throw it off. A man who would struggle against hanging may yet be careless about his health. He may be traveling straight toward consumption and pay no attention to it, and yet death by consumption is much more terrible than death by hanging.

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