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Mr. Cade's Letter.

The Rev. Bayliss Cade has a letter in the State Chronicle, in which he gives several reasons why a third party should not be formed in this State. As is known, Mr. Cade was at one time one of the editors of the Progressive Farmer, and he now says: "I am an Allianteman, and I am heartily in favor of any demand made by my brethren, excepting only two, viz: the sub-treasury bill and the election of Senators by popular vote. I am an Allianteman because I conceive the principles of the Alliance to Democratic in the fullest and best sense. I believe the Allianteman and the Democrat stand upon common ground, and that they are contending for a common good, and I want to see their united forces in this crisis, to conquer the victory for the people which I believe to be easily within their power."

Some of the reasons given against the formation of a third party are: "I am opposed to the formation of a third party at this time, because, as I look at the matter, it is not by any means certain that such a party could succeed, if it were formed. I entertain no doubt that all that such a party can be formed, I know of no political party that was ever formed in this country, elsewhere that was able to accomplish anything of enduring value without weary years of that peculiar cost of training which comes from defeat; and there appears to be no good reason to think that a third party, if formed at this time, would be an exception in history."

The danger of Republican rule is another reason given by Mr. Cade against forming a third party. On this subject he says: "Again, I am opposed to the formation of a third party now, because such action would, in my opinion, expose the country to the danger of a continuance of the Republican party in control of our National affairs. I cheerfully accord to the Republican party the eminent distinction amongst the parties of the world of having destroyed human slavery on this continent. But I cannot forget that it has also more than once attempted to destroy sovereign States that it created, and refused to soften and modify the unspicable wicked financial system under which our farmers now groan, that it has legislated our flag from the seas of the world by destroying our carrying trade, that it has fastened upon the producing classes of this country the deplorable tariff system in the interests of a few rich manufacturers, that it has begotten great monopolies and consecrated itself to their strengthening and enlargement, that it has never lost an opportunity to squander the people's money upon its pets and favorites, that only last winter it tried to send a Deputy Marshall into every voting place in the Southern States."

I believe the purposes and aims of the Republican party are wicked and I am afraid to take the risk of continuing it in power, which seems to me to be involved in the formation of a third party at this time. We have read Mr. Cade's letter with interest, and we specially commend the last reason he gives, and which covers the whole case. The Alliance can get all that is valuable in their demands through the Democratic party."

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National Alliance.

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 14.—Delegates to the meeting of the National Farmers' Alliance, which convenes here next week, are beginning to arrive.

Among the prominent members who got here last night were the President of the Alliance, L. L. Polk, J. H. McDowell, and Mrs. Wardall and Boise of California. The principal topic for discussion will be the financial condition of the country. It is said that a resolution will be introduced declaring against any third party scheme.

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 18.—The Supreme Council of the Farmers Alliance was called to order in Tomlinson Hall at 10:40 o'clock by President Force, of the Indiana Alliance with nearly all the 120 delegates and 500 spectators in attendance. Mayor T. L. Sullivan was introduced and welcomed the delegates. T. F. Tillman, Sec. Alliance Ex. Com. responding thanked the people of Indianapolis for their warm welcome and after paying tribute to President Harrison he continued: "It is farming and laboring people who feed the world, who fought the battle of this country and to whose energy and patriotism this great and glorious land of ours is indebted for its richest blessings of liberty and peace. Its not our mission to tear down or disintegrate our honestly conducted industries but to preserve them. Yet we do mean the death knell to all illegitimate combinations and monopolists that tend to destroy the very spirit and intent of the constitution. We are not here as politicians seeking to dispute parties or to promote the fortune of any political aspirant, nor are we here in the interest of any third party, for by very ardent teachings we have a right to vote with whichever political party we may think will best advance good government. I desire to call your attention to the last Billion Dollar Congress. Its expenditure reached a grand total of \$1,009,270,471 which is nearly two-thirds of an existing United States money. More money was spent by that Billion Dollar Congress than was spent by all the congresses during the past seventy-two years of the history of this government. Its more than \$2,177,000 for every day from the time the fifty-first congress met till it adjourned."

Nov. 18.—The longer the Alliance remained in session the farther apart grew various factions. The anti-sub-treasury men asked for a hearing before the convention but were refused. McCune was bitterly opposed to giving them a hearing. The McCune resolution to reduce representation one-half is likely to pass and give no end of uneasiness to delegates who have come here with a narrow allowance of funds. It has developed that the treasury is nearly empty and unless representation is reduced there will not be enough money to pay all delegates. The Alliance has been falling off in many States and State Alliances have been unable to furnish their quota of assessment to the national body.

The F. M. B. A. is having a hard time over the matter of funds. About half of the organizations are delinquent. There is no money for delegates. As a consequence the Ohio delegation left for home at 1 o'clock, and many more threatened to leave this afternoon, unless the matter is adjusted.

The Alliance Demands. President L. L. Polk made his annual address, at Indianapolis before the Farmers' Alliance. He thus set forth what the Alliance demanded in the way of legislation, etc.: "More currency, government control of the railroads, retention of the public domain for the people, prohibition of gambling in futures, free coinage of silver, election of United States Senators by popular vote, graduated income tax, and, greatest of all, the abolition of the National banking system."

Some of these are needed and praiseworthy reforms. They as a whole are sweeping and yet they are reforms that are needed. It is a mixture of good largely predominating. The Ocala platform did not stop at controlling the great railroad system of the United States owned by private individuals. It demanded ownership in case the control did not answer the purpose intended. Mr. Polk seems content with a revolutionary measure. The present banking system is good, but it needs to be supplemented by State banks and by changes making

them perfectly safe as the public debt diminishes.

It seems that Secretary Tillman had prepared and printed his speech. He afterwards backed down somewhat in which he had attacked the Third party. From some cause his heart failed him and he revised the printed copy. Why this we are not informed. The split in the Alliance is assured. It is said that the two factions are getting farther away from each other than ever before. There were two Alliance organizations that appeared. Those opposed to the Sub-Treasury scheme are strong enough it seems to separate and set up for themselves. The meeting stood up almost unanimously for what is called the Rockdale platform. In many States the Alliance is losing strength, and money is scarce in those States, as delegates are finding out.

It is noticeable that Third Lieutenant Polk did not name as one of the demands of the demands of the Alliance the Sub-Treasury scheme—turning the Federal Government into a huge pawnbroker's shop.—Wil. Messenger.

Some Sound Sense. In the next issue of the Bulletin the Commissioner of Agriculture will give this excellent advice: "For the protection and guidance of the farmers of North Carolina who purchase commercial fertilizers or fertilizing material, unless they are advised not to buy any fertilizer or fertilizing material, unless the same has the department's tag attached to each sack, and the manufacturer's guaranteed claim or analysis stamped upon the bag, and which claim to be without any variation of the several ingredients contained therein. All farmers are requested to inform the commissioner of any case where a fertilizer or fertilizing material is sold or offered for sale without the above legal requirements. The reason for this precaution is that the presence of the tags together with proper labeling of the sacks, is evidence that the manufacturers have complied with the requirements of the law, which prevents farmers from being imposed upon by fraudulent manufacturers, who not only evade the law, but sell worthless fertilizers to the unsuspecting farmer. All honest manufacturers will tag their goods and see to it that the brand they sell come up to the guaranteed claim or file in the commissioner's office."

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