#### GIDEON'S BAND,

The Secret Political Order Inside the Farmers' Alliance.

Reference has been made in this paper to the discovery in Georgia of a secret political society inside the Farmers' Alliance. The expos ure is due to a Baptist minister who was inveigled into it under false representation The story is thus told in a Lavonia, Ga., dispatch to the Atlanta Constitution:

A speech delivered here by Rev. J. T. W. Vernon, president of the Hart county Assance, has created a

It exposed a secret political agency in the Farmers' Alliance,

It was at a joint debate between the Democrats and Third party people.

Mr. Vernon is a prominent Bapist minister of Hart county. There is no man more universally respects ed and beloved. As president of the Hart county Alliance he was a delegate to the State convention of the Alliance, which met in Atlanta last August.

Mr. Vernon opened his speech as

"Democrats and Fellow Citizens : I come tonight to tell you of the goose that laid the egg that batched the third party. Most eggs are batched in about four weeks, but it required six months to hatch the Third party egg."

Just here there was great restlessness. This anxiety was happily relieved by the sequel to Mr. Vernon's speech.

Mr. Vernon proceeded substan-

tially as follows: "I was a delegate

to the State convention of the Alliance which met in Atlanta last Aufrom each county in the State. The was a minister of the gospel to ini- he was a Third party man. trate me free. I inquired if it would interfere with my politics or religion, and was answered in a negative." Here the speaker pauss Com. ed a moment and looking straight didu't we, Brother McFarland Brother McEarland didn't reply; but hung his head in shame. "And, continued the speaker, "what did we find when we were sworn into "Gideon's Band "" That we were to bring into the band thirty men from our respective counties who were to manipulate the politics of the Alliance. These thirty men were to control the offices, and force the member of the Alliance to vote for the men named by them. Isn't this true, brother McFarland, and didn't you, when you visited my country last fall, inquire of me how I was getting along with the work of organizing 'Gideon's Band,' and didn't I tell you that I could have no bing to do with it, as it was inconsistent with the original principles of the Alliance, which promised equal justice to all and special Brother McFarland, and tell me it this is not true ?' But brother Mes Farland was dumb. The speaker continued: "You remember the sign of the brotherhood, Brother McFarland. If a member of 'Gideon's Band' desired to make himself known, he lolled his tongue, and if. his brother happened to be one of the elect, he recognized the sign and tolled his tongue also. Isn't this true, Brother McFarland ?"

Brother McFarland was dumb, Mr. McFarland may ery "falses hood" to the "Gideon's Band," but he did not dare to do it at Lavonia. He spoke after Mr. Vernon, but "Gideon's Band" was not mentioned If Mr. Vernon's account of "tildeon's Band" was not true, why and there and denounce it? It was true and Mr. McFarland did not dare to rise up in the presence of an honest man and deny it.

Mr. Vernon stated further that an Alliance leader from Atlanta was sent to his house last fall to observe "Gideon's band." Mr. Vernon informed him that he could have nothe ing to do with such dirty work and washed his hands of the whole bus. | county, and I knew he was a truthiness. The Allianceman from At. ful man and I could appeal to him lanta scoured around in Hart county and tound another man whom he initiated into the band, but he hap then and there. Brother McFarland

pened to be a man of no influence in Hart county, and as a consequence the Third party has no strength in that county. Vernon said, "Gideon's Band is the goose that laid the egg that batched the Third party."

Nearly two hundred of the best men in Franklin county heard Mr. Vernou's speech and are ready to give affidavits to the truthfulness of this report. The Gideouites may ery "campa gu story," but fair mind ed men will not heed them. They may say that Mr. Vernon has miss represented them, but they will not dare to say it anywhere on the soil of Hart county. Mr. Vernon is a man whose honesty is unquestioned and whose life has been blameless,

The above publication arrested the attention of Mr. W. B. Gaither, of Newton, and he wrote to the chairman of the Democratic executive committee of Hart county, Ga., regarding the matter, A copy of the reply has been kindly sent by Mr. Gaither to the Observer and is

HARTWELL, Ga., May 30, 1892. MR. W. B. GAITHER,

Newton, N. C.

DEAR SIR :- Your favor to hand. Regarding the article in the Constitution to which you refer, will say it was published in the county pas per before it was published in the Constitution, and has never been questioned that I have heard of. I know Rev. Vernon and what he says can be relied on. He is an ex-president of the county alliance and stands well in the order.

The reason he exposed it-he told me that he was told before taking the obligation that there was nothing in it that would conflict with his religious or civil interests, but after receiving the obligation gust. At that meeting a secret he found he had been deceived and body, within the Alliance, itself a for that reason did not consider secret body, was organized under that he was bound by it, and not the name of 'Gideon's Band.' Only only that, but that he felt it his thirty members are allowed in this duty to expose anything calculated to do so much mischief. When he initiation fee is \$2. I hesitated delivered his speech the president about joining that band, not known of the Franklin county Alliance was ing its purposes. But the leaders present and asked to deny it if not insisted and finally proposed as I true, which he did not do though

> Truly yours, D. C. ALFORD. Chairman Hart Co., Ga., Dem.

As further bearing upon the matat T. A. McFarland of this county, |er in question the following letter said: "You and I went together, |rom Mr. Vernon himself, appearng m the Atlanta Constitution of

June 1st, is of interest : At Lavonia, Ga., on the night of May 14, I was introduced by Dr. Bonner as an Alliance Democrat of Hart county, not as the president of Hart county Alliance, as I do not hold that office at this time. I was heir first president and served hem as such for two years, and for (hat reason, I suppose, the correscondent still thought I was president, I have held the office of county lecturer for the last two years and am still in that office. I did not say that the State Alliance had any thing to do with the 'Gideon Band.' But I do say that I was a delegate from Hart county to the State Allis ance and during that meeting Mr. DeJaruett, of Greene county, was the man that told me all I know about 'Gideon's Band,' and he said favors to none? Be fair, now, he was authorized to get up such a band in each county in the eighth congressional district and there was one appointed in each congressional district in the State. And that it was like 'Freemasonry,' one degree higher than the regular Atliance and would not conflict with my political and religious views. I being a Mason knew if it was like Masonry it was a good thing. Two dollars was the initiation fee. With this assurance from DeJaruett, Brother For a third time that evening McFarland and myself were initiated into one of the most corrupt machines of political corruption that was ever concocted on American soil. I was to pay him when I got the band made up, and I will do it when I make it up. I consider such an organization a clear case of conspiracy against the principles of the call Mr. Farland not rise up then Alliance and as such I would have nothing to do with it. Last fall when Dr. Robbins was going around ecturing the county Alliance in this listrict, DeJarnett was with him and they came to my house and DeJarnett wanted to know if I had the band ready for him to organize, the progress he was making with I told him that I had done nothing. I at once saw that he was crest-fallen for he had lost his fleece. Brothor McFarland is as high-toned a gentleman as there is in Franklin

while i was exposing Gideons's

Band, that if I made any false state

ment for him to correct me, right

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eons Band" at Ocala, Fla., which if so would be worse than dynamite in the Third party camp. I have endeavored to answer your quesfar as my personal knowledge goes. tice to myself and to good government and to the weltare of the glomy seventieth year, but I still love my God, my country, my wife and children and white supremacy Hoping and praying that the last mark or resemblance of the Third party may be wiped out at this fall's election never to be resurrected for the sake of greed and office,

J. T. W. VERNON. It is alleged that this order has been established in North Carolina. It is clearly in violation of the laws of the State, and the Observer does no more than discharge a plain duty when it warns those who may be solicited to join it to beware of it-

The undoubted existence of this people the question whether they are yet withing to have goverment given them by a dark-lantern scciety composed of thirty members in each county. What do they think of it anyway? What do they think, on principle of secret political societies ?- Chrrlotte Observer.

#### The Education of Girls.

"I have never been able to dis-

an, herself one of the graduates of an, nerself one of the graduates of ONE been able to understand why so much more should be said about he special education of girls than of boys. It is not, according to all popular argument, that the educain some special fashion. My own you may not be one of theseexperience leads me to the belief insist that they be treated exactly be misplaced, arse. The human mind is, in my opinion, a sort of net into which the great tide of knowledge flows. Certain minds will retain certain elements, others require different material. The mind instructively retains that which is either most agreeable or most necessary. Undisciplined minds catch the pleasant part of knowledge, oftentimes only the evil, but the trained intels ect grasps and assimilates the available portions and allows the foam and dross of life to pass through. I think that every child should be taught how to learn, and my idea of the pertection of education is to teach a child by conversation and illustration. The most perfectly stored mind I ever came in contact with was that of a young man whose education had been als most entirely conducted by a middle-aged gentleman of great atknowledge. A semi-invalid, be The regular topics of conversation M Lawing, Pyhsician and Pharmacist were the objects with which they COUNTY DIRECTORY. were surrounded; and at the age of twenty the young man's mind was Sheriff, A. Nixon. a cumpendum of valuable facts. He Reg, of Deeds, B. C. Wood, knew the uses of almost all current Treasurer, L. T. Willkie. article, and had practical ideas on Surveyor, C. C. Bess. Coroner, J. C. over most of the important subjects with Supt. Pub. Inst. A. C. Hottenstein. which the ordinary invidual comes
T. H. Hoke, Chm. n. Lincolnton. in contact. And they were so p'am A. L. Cherry to him, he understood them so thor. J. E. Reinhardt, oughly, that they were like second W. M. Hull, nature to him. The process of manufacture, the different stages of growth and development, the pres- S. V. Goodson, ent and prospective possibilities of practical articles of various sorts, were fully comprehended by him and best of all he knew how to make Mayor, S G. Finley. practical application of the knowls Secretary & Tressurer, W. R. Edwards

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"The young man seemed not to practical workings of life so thoroughly, and was therefore a most agreeable as well as a most instruct

ive companion. "There are thousands of mothers January, June, September and December

did not say a word in answer to my, in our land who are at a loss for statement, as everyone present some method by which they may that night well knows. I am sorry practically educate their sons and that Brother McFarland or any daughters. There are also very good man would suffer themselves many gentlewomen and well-bred, to be shorn of their grown looks by intelligent, accomplished and versa tile men who would gladly under-This is all I know personally about take the training of girls and boys. "Gideons Band." I have heard and fill their minds with sensible some things that gave rise to "Gid" ideas and thoughts, as well as the necessary common school branches of education. Such an arrangement would be an almost priceless advantions as asked in the Constitution so tage to both parties, in furnishing employment for a class of men and I request all Democratic papers in women who just at present have Georgia to copy the above in just but little field for the exercise of their abilities, and also in bringing out a class of girls and boys who rious old Commonwealth. I cannot will be practically as well as theobe heard much longer as I am in retically educated and accomplished. -New York Ledger.

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