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MAXTON LODGE, KNIGHTS OF PYTHIANS, meets every Friday night, except first in each month, at 8 o'clock.

ROBESON COUNTY BIBLE SOCIETY, Rev. J. A. Smith, President; **E. K. Proctor**, Jr., 1st Vice Pres.; **Dr. J. D. Crook**, 2nd Vice Pres.; **A. D. Brown**, Secy.; **Wm. Black**, Treas. and Depository; **Ex. Com.**, **Rev. H. G. Hill**, **D. L. S. Townsend**, **D. F. McEwen**, **J. J. Gough**, **H. M. Eichen**, Auditing Com.; **E. F. McKee**, **O. H. Blocker** and **B. D. Caldwell**.

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ADULTING COMMITTEE.
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Place of next meeting—Lumberton, N. C.,
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30th, 1890, at 11:30 o'clock a. m.
Bibles and Testaments can be purchased
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All churches and Bible Societies in the
county invited to send delegates.
Forward all collections to **Wm. Black**,
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CHURCHES.
PRESBYTERIAN, **REV. DR. H. G. HILL**, Pastor. Services each Sabbath at 4 P. M. Sunday School at 10 A. M. Prayer meeting every Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

METHODIST, **REV. J. W. JONES**, Pastor. Services each Sunday at 11 A. M. Sun-day School at 9:30 A. M.

MASONIC.
MAXTON LODGE A. F. & A. M., meets 1st Friday night in each month at 8 P. M.

GENERAL DIRECTORY OF ROBESON COUNTY.

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There are 5000 insane people in the city of New York, the New Orleans Times-Democrat asserts, and experts on insanity say that the ratio of lunatics is increasing much faster than that of the population.

Again has a young woman carried off the honors in an intellectual competition. The Boston Herald recently offered two scholarships of \$300 and \$400 to be paid in four annual installments to the graduates of 1890 who should write the best composition on one of a number of subjects. The winners are as follows: First prize to Miss Silvia Clark, of Pinkerton Academy, Derry, N. H., for her composition on Hawthorne's "House of Seven Gables"; second prize to Albert E. Thomas, of Brockton, Mass., who took for his topic Coleridge's poem, "The Ancient Mariner."

The law in Minnesota which requires that the execution of a murderer shall take place between midnight and dawn was enforced for the first time in the case of William Brodker, who was hanged shortly after midnight recently at Pine City. The Minnesota law-givers seem to have desired, remarks the Chicago Post, to add gloom and solemnity to a ceremony most gruesome at best, but the hour must be very inconvenient and untimely one for the murderer himself. Every attentive reader of the accounts of executions knows that a baby never enjoys balmy and sweeter slumber than a condemned murderer the night before he is to be hanged. He also knows that he takes a very excellent and hearty breakfast in the morning. The refreshing sleep and the hearty breakfast are always the features of the few hours that precede an execution. But under the new law there is no such enjoyment for the murderer in Minnesota. He will go to bed after supper, be called up in the middle of his sleep and be hanged on an empty stomach.

NEWS SUMMARY.

FROM ALL OVER THE SOUTHLAND.

Accidents, Calamities, Pleasant News and Notes of Industry.

VIRGINIA.

It is proposed to hold a national convention of business men in Richmond.

The annual temperance bush meetings in Loudoun are now in session, and several extra coaches are attached to the trains to accommodate the crowds going there.

The Odd Fellows' Association, of Petersburg, held a meeting and decided to build a hall to cost \$23,000. It is to be three stories high. There is to be five stores on the first floor running back one hundred feet. The two outside stores, north and south, will have a second-story fifty six feet long. On the second floor there will be ten offices handsomely furnished; on the third floor there are to be two lodge rooms. Work on the building will be commenced about the first of September next.

A gentleman from Southampton county, says that the crops there are the finest that have been made in twenty years, and will be very abundant.

The school census of Chesterfield county aggregates slightly over six thousand. There is an increase of forty over the last census. In the Powhite district the school population has increased over two hundred.

A dispatch from Richmond, Va., says that a deed has been filed in the chancery court by the Richmond & Petersburg Railroad Co. mortgaging to the Central Trust Co. of New York the road, rolling stock and depots, to secure payment of bonds to the amount of \$1,000,000 and interest. These bonds were issued by the company for double-tracking the road from Richmond to Petersburg.

The State of Virginia to-day presents half a dozen illustrations of conditions which that many years ago would have been considered impossible. It is true there were a few who believed that development of Virginia's resources and the construction of new railroads would eventuate in the creation of new industrial centers; but the man who might then have been so bold as to prophesy that half a dozen towns, which had practically been at a standstill for a generation, would before the close of the century spring into new life and grow like certain Western municipal prodigies were then growing, his prophecy would have been branded as chimerical and visionary.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The much talked of encampment of Confederate Veterans at Blowing Rock, Watauga county, took place on Thursday, Friday and Saturday and attracted an immense crowd of old soldiers and visitors.

The following postmasters have been appointed in the state: **Benj. F. Doyall**, Powell's Point; **H. B. Willis**, Edgewood, Robeson county.

A little ripple was created in Morgan commercial circles last Monday morning by the announcement that **Mr. J. L. Anderson**, dealer in boots and shoes, had made assignment. **Mr. D. J. Hicks** is made assignee.

The Confederate Veterans of Mecklenburg Camp held their annual picnic in Charlotte Thursday and it was largely attended.

In a drunken row near Morganton, Dave Brittain was fatally stabbed, it is charged, by his cousin John.

The preliminary examination into the homicide Saturday, wherein Officer William Hogue shot and killed a colored man named Jones at Raleigh closed and Hogue was held without bail to answer a charge of murder at the September term of the superior court.

Rev. Sam Jones has written a letter announcing that he will commence a series of meetings in Wilmington on September 25th, and will continue ten days or longer. Many doubted whether or not Mr. Jones would accept the invitation to go to Wilmington, as violent opposition to his coming has been expressed by some of the local ministers there.

At Morehead City, on Wednesday, the North Carolina Tobacco Association closed its fourth annual session by the election of **Capt. J. S. Lockhart**, of Durham, president; **W. C. Reid**, of Oxford, first vice-president; and **Garland E. Webb**, of Winston, secretary.

George Law, mate of the schooner James Ponder fell overboard and was drowned Friday night at Wilmington while climbing over the ship's to go ashore.

Investigation of the recent murder of Sam Potter, in Greene county, has brought light the existence of White Caps in that neighborhood. One man testified to having received a letter on the day Potter was killed signed, "Captain of White Caps." Potter was an immoral and odious character, and had received two or three notices to leave.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

A charter has been granted to the Anderson Ginning and Manufacturing Company. Capital stock \$25,000.

J. B. Lisle attorney, of Columbia, has bought a hill at Landrum, whereon he proposes to erect a hotel.

Two bales of the new crop of cotton were received at Hawkinsville. The first, grown by John D. Dupree, weighing 448 pounds, was classed strict low middling, and sold for 15 cents. The second bale was raised by Godfrey Love, colored, and brought 11 cents.

LeConte pear shipments from the southern part of the state are now nearing a close. The receipts show a handsome increase. The growers have received good and uniform prices the season through.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Atlanta & West Point Railroad Company was held at their office in Atlanta. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: **C. H. Phinizy**, president; **H. M. Abnett**, secretary and treasurer. The following directors were chosen: **D. N. Speer**, **Pat Calhoun**, **J. W. Green**, **W. B. Berry**, **A. E. Thornton**, **Jacob Phinizy**. **Mr. A. E. Thornton** succeeded **General E. P. Alexander** as a director of the company.

FLORIDA.

Unknown parties broke open the jail at Quincy on Tuesday night and released two murderers—**Ollie Rice** and **Sam Edwards**.

The town of Madison will sink an artesian well, **J. A. Durst**, of Crescent City, having the contract.

The Citrus County Hard Rock Phosphate Co. has been formed and incorporated with a capital of \$100,000.

The Jacksonville, St. Augustine and Halifax railroad company will build their machine shops at St. Augustine Ground will be broken in a few weeks.

L. J. Haisdell, of Ocala, sold 934 acres of phosphate land in Marion, Citra and Hernando counties to **J. A. Harris**, of Citra, for \$40,000. Summerfield parties purchased 1,000 acres of the rich "dirt" near that place.

The St. John's & Santa Fe Railway is projected to Jacksonville, a distance of 75 miles.

The new county court house at Meyers will have iron fronts. **Green & Thompson** are the contractors.

OTHER STATES.

Reports say that the rice crop in Louisiana is magnificent. At Point-a-la-Hache rice is heading and being cut.

The first Texas cotton bale sent north was sold at auction in Baltimore, and realized \$220, for the benefit of the Texas Orphan asylum at Houston.

The Louisiana State Alliance is sitting at Baton Rouge with closed doors.

When Montgomery, Alabama, granted the franchise to the Capital City Water Company it reserved the right to purchase the system at the expiration of any term of five years from that date. The first term will expire next October, and the city council is now considering the question of buying. The city council has authorized a committee to ask for bids to pave Commerce street with Belgian blocks. The franchise has been granted to **P. B. Bibb** and associates to construct and operate an electric lighting plant.

Encampment N O State Guard.

In the encampment of the Second and Fourth Regiments, North Carolina State Guard, at Wrightsville last week, there were six hundred men in camp. The companies represented are:

Second Regiment—**Co. B**, Lumber Bridge Light Infantry, **Capt. J. D. Malloy**; **Co. E**, Maxton Guards, **Capt. William Black**; **Co. A**, Sampson Light Infantry, **Capt. W. A. Johnson**; **Scotland Neck Rifles**, no letter; **Capt. G. S. White**, temporarily attached to the Second Regiment.

Fourth Regiment—**Co. A**, Statesville, **Capt. J. F. F. Armfield**; **Co. B**, Lincolnton, **Capt. W. W. Motz**; **Co. C**, Waynesville, **Capt. R. A. L. Hyatt**; **Co. D**, Monroeville, **Capt. W. C. Heath**; **Co. E**, Asheville, **Capt. Duin Merrick**; **Co. G**, Concord, **Capt. J. F. Reid**; **Co. K**, Dallas, **Capt. W. F. Holland**.

The Atlantic and Danville.

Immediately upon the heels of the news from England that Commodore Bateman has secured sufficient funds for the completion of the Atlantic & Danville to some point West, presumably Bristol, comes another rumor that the East Tennessee Virginia & Georgia has acquired the road. If true, this is a very important deal as it will give the East Tennessee its own line to the Atlantic coast. The statement is now advanced that Bristol will not be the western terminus, but that Johnson City, Tenn., is the favored place. The *Comet*, of Johnson City, says that the road will be constructed from Wilkesboro, N. C., following the Yadkin river to the top of the Blue Ridge and crossing through Cook's Gap, strike the headwaters of the Watauga, to Johnson City.

Nature's Hotel.

The most remarkable hotel in the world is in California, on the road between Santa Cruz and San Jose. It is a well-known fact that California possesses the largest trees in the world, and a shrewd hotel builder has conceived the idea of using a group of these mammoths, thus saving himself the cost of building or rent. The hollow trunk of one tree, whose circumference is about twenty-two yards, is arranged as a reception room, and the surrounding garden, sheltered by a thick roof of spreading branches, serves as dining-room and smoking-room. A number of other smaller hollow trunks make comfortable bed-rooms, furnished in the most approved style, and some trees at a little distance are occupied by the hotel staff. —*New York Dispatch*.

THE ALLIANCE.

ABOUT FOUR MILLION MEN GO INTO POLITICS.

Origin, Organization and Growth of the Order.—The Grange and Other Farmer Organizations and What They Are Doing.

In all the sudden seeking after the power of organization, which within a few years has marked a new industrial and commercial era, the farmer has been the last to adopt the idea of union with his near and distant colleagues. In business and in politics it has been persistently said that no combination of farmers could be effective because the great army of yeomanry is so scattered that it would scarce have more than the strength of individuals, no matter how united in sentiment and purpose its members might be. All manner of combinations of skilled and unskilled laborers, tradesmen and manufacturers have with ease accomplished purposes quite beyond their reach but for well organized co-operation, while the farmers looked on for years immovable. There has come to the farmers of the land within a few months a sudden conception that they might possess a power greater than that of any existing organization in trade or industry. They are trying the experiment of organization on a large scale, and the movement is fast attaining the dimensions of a political revolution.

It will be in the nature of a revelation to most people, even to the farmers themselves, that almost since yesterday about four millions of the yeomanry of America have banded themselves together with a determination to become a united and potent factor in the politics and commercial affairs of the country. To-day their influence is just beginning to be felt in Washington and in the State capitals of the North and South, East and West. It is an open secret that these organizations, which are gaining in membership thousands daily, propose to dominate, if they can, the next national conventions of both parties, and to take an active part in national and State politics from now on.

The farmers' organizations which are now of national proportions are these: The National Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union, formed at St. Louis last year by the Union of the National Farmers' Alliance and Co-operative Union of America and the National Agricultural Wheel. Other Farmers' organizations have also been absorbed by the Alliance, and its growth within a year has been marvelous. Its officers at Washington say it has a membership of more than 2,000,000.

The National Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry, the oldest and best organized of farmers' associations has more than 26,000 subordinate organizations distributed through all the States and territories.

The National Farmers' League, a new and rapidly growing organization, is entirely political in its objects. It proposes to act in harmony with the Alliance and the Grange, and to enter actively into every department of politics. Its membership in New York State is 40,000, and all have joined within six months.

The National Colored Farmers' Alliance and Co-operative Union is a Southern organization, with headquarters at Houston, Texas, and a membership, its officers say, of fully a million.

The Farmers' Mutual Benefit Association has about 500,000 members, with Mount Vernon, Illinois, as headquarters.

The Northwestern Alliance, with headquarters in South Dakota, is strong in Kansas and neighboring States, and is a similar organization to the National Farmers' Alliance first mentioned, with which it may consolidate.

The Patrons of Industry, with headquarters at Huron, Michigan has 90,000 members in that State and as many more in Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, Ohio and New York.

Only one of these organizations is avowedly political in its purposes, yet almost all propose to take an active part in politics henceforth. Most of them confine their political influence strictly to the protection of the farmers' interests in legislation, and all aim to be strictly non-partisan in their efforts. But it is clear that what is really a new factor in politics and in trade is being created, and that already it has developed gigantic proportions.

THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE.

Before the next Convention of the National Farmers' Alliance meets at Ocala, Fla., in December next, it is expected that fully 3,000,000 farmers will be enrolled in its membership, all pledged to support the industrial, commercial and political aims of the Order. It is only a few months since the name of the organization became known, but already it has become active at Washington and in half the States of the Union. The Alliance is really a combination of older organizations. A Farmers' Alliance was started in Texas in 1873, and also in New York about the same year. The Alliance started in New York spread westward as a non secret organization, and became a strong organization north of the Ohio river and west of Pennsylvania. The Alliance started in Texas was chartered as a benevolent association by the State in 1880, and as a secret organization it took on its period of rapid growth and development about the year 1888. In 1887 it had a membership in that State numbering over 100,000, and united with the Farmers' Union, at that time organized in Louisiana, 10,000 strong. These two organizations associated themselves together under the general laws of Congress regulating the incorporation in the District of Columbia as a national trade union under the

name of "The National Farmers' Alliance and Co-operative Union," and this Order completed its consolidation with the National Agricultural Wheel on the first day of October, 1889.

The Alliance is a secret organization, having its secret work in the manner of other semi-secret orders. Its membership is not strictly confined to farmers, but it takes in the rural population. Both sexes are admitted to membership, with 16 as the minimum age. Only white persons are admitted in most States, and colored delegates are barred from the national council. The rules permit the admission of country doctors, preachers, mechanics and school teachers. Persons engaged in any of the following occupations are excluded: Merchants, bankers, brokers, commission merchants, cotton, grain or produce buyers, lawyers, city doctors, preachers and school teachers, land agents, book agents, peddlers, canvassers, livery stable keepers and saw mill men; all dealers, speculators and gamblers, and any others whose greater interests do not harmonize with farming. When a person is engaged in farming and in addition thereto follows one of the occupations that are not admitted the rule is that he cannot be admitted, but the association is allowed to make some exceptions under conditions prescribed in the laws of the Order.

The purposes of the Alliance as officially declared are these: "To labor for the education of the agricultural classes in the science of economic government in a strictly non-partisan spirit. To endorse the motto: 'In things essential, unity; and in all things, charity.' To develop a better state mentally, morally, socially and financially. To create a better understanding for sustaining civil officers in maintaining law and order. To constantly strive to secure entire harmony and good will among all mankind and brotherly love among ourselves. To suppress personal, local, sectional and national prejudices, all unhealthy rivalry, and selfish ambition. To assuage the sufferings of a brother or sister, bury the dead, care for the widows and educate the orphans; to exercise charity toward offenders; to construe words and deeds in their most favorable light granting honesty of purpose and good intentions to others, and to protect the principles of the Alliance unto death."

The governing body is the Supreme Council, which is composed of delegates from the State organizations. The executive officers are a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. The subordinate Alliances seek to provide the members with such social, educational, and commercial advantages as can be gained by co-operation. They endeavor to secure the highest price for the produce raised for sale, and the lowest price on the commodities that must be purchased. One of the political methods of the Alliance one of its official declarations is:

"Our political methods are strictly non-partisan and must ever remain so, because every candidate, before taking the pledge, is assured that it will in no way conflict with his political or religious views. All political parties are represented in our ranks and all are expected to work in their respective parties to secure a just recognition of the rights of the farmer. All questions in political economy will be thoroughly discussed, and when the Order can agree on a reform as necessary they will demand it of the Government and of every political party, and if the demand goes unheeded they will devise some way to enforce it. The most essential reforms must come from legislation, but that does not necessarily compel the responsibility of choosing candidates and filling the offices. Such a course may become necessary, but will not be resorted to under any other circumstances."

PRESENT GROWTH OF THE ALLIANCE.

The headquarters of the Alliance are on 9th street, Washington, where are the offices of the president, secretary and executive committee. The officers are: **L. L. Polk**, of North Carolina, president; **B. H. Clover**, of Kansas, vice president; **J. H. Turner**, of Georgia, secretary; **H. W. Hickman**, of Missouri, treasurer; **Ben Terrell**, of Texas, lecturer; **C. W. Macune**, chairman of executive committee.

Following the examples of the Republican and Democratic Congressional committees the Farmers' Alliance has established a literary bureau in Washington, which will have a tendency to increase the usefulness and discomfiture already felt by the Congressmen who are inimical to the theories advanced by this young but powerful organization. The bureau is located in an old and dismantled church on 9th street, and, although it is large and roomy, it has been found necessary to secure additional quarters in an adjoining building. In the old church the official organ of the Alliance is printed.

In the building adjoining the church are the headquarters of the Alliance, and it is said that from this building is mapped out the line of action, the results of which are designed to alleviate the condition of the suffering farmers all over this broad land. It is a busy place, although there is an air of mystery that pervades the sanctum of the high priest of this secret order. While the doors are open to every caller, and all visitors are treated with uniform courtesy, yet there is a feeling that there is a concealed goat or a butting ram, which tempers the action of the uninitiated. All of the important work is sent out from Washington. Lecturers and agents of the Order are constantly coming and going. They come in from a long tour, remain cloistered with the secretary for a few moments, and then start out on another missionary trip.