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WILL IT GO UNDER?

The Farmers' Alliance is an organization of recent birth in North Carolina, yet in the twelve or fourteen months of its existence it has grown to a large membership throughout the State. There are now something over 1,700 Alliances, and we presume their combined membership will closely approximate 100,000, though we have no statistics as to the average membership of each Alliance. We heard a gentleman, who has traveled extensively all over the country, say recently that the organization would not hold together long; that it would inevitably fail for the want of wise business management and compact organization.

How prophetic his words we have no means of knowing, but we trust that the Alliance will live and wax strong. If properly conducted, it is the Moses which will eventually lead the farmers out of the bondage of debt, and will prove the most effective means of circumventing the operations of Trusts, which are the great enemies of the farmers. But for their organization and united opposition last year the bagging trust would have robbed the farmers of the country of hundreds of thousands of dollars, and the fact that they partially resisted the robbery demonstrates the fact that, with increased membership and better organization, they can successfully combat the operations of the monopolists and moneyed combinations.

THE NEGRO IN POLITICS.

"We have seen more colored Democratic Representatives in the South Carolina Legislature in a single session than have been elected by all parties in all the States of the North since the war."

This from the Philadelphia Times and is the testimony of Col. McClure. But in the face of such high testimony, the Northern howlers and Southern Radical demagogues denounce the Democratic party as the enemy and the oppressor of the negro, but all intelligent men understand the spirit which prompts and the ends aimed at by these fellows. It is only the ignorant negro who cannot see that the Democratic party is and has always been his friend, South and North. The Times says further:

"The colored voters of the South once tried Republican rule in their respective States for a decade and they want no more of it. They found theft, spoliation and starvation as the fruits of the only Republican reign the South has ever known, and as their corn and bacon came from the whites who own the land, they prefer corn and bacon to politics."

True in part. The era of Republicanism in the South was marked by fraud, corruption, vandalism, and the same state of affairs would follow should they again get into power. It is now more than a decade since the Republican party was dethroned, but through all these years the colored voters have been trying to resuscitate their enemy—for such the Republican party has ever been to them. No argument or persuasion will keep them from the polls, nor can they be induced to vote the Democratic ticket except in a few isolated cases. Republicanism has been installed into their natures and Republicans they will always be.

THE OFFICE-SEEKER'S SOLILOQUY.

Here I am still, waiting, waiting, while the grist in the mill is nearly run out; no reward yet, and barely hope of reward left. I am actually getting destitute as well as desperate, and needly, down-right needy, I may say, I begin to think I am from the wrong section of this American Union anyway, for the South, as represented by the Republicans, is evidently being snubbed, and that hard. The Consulates one, two, three, and into the dozens, and all gone—to the other fellows, not one of whom is cheeekier or hungrier than we are. Our own chance

is fast narrowing down to the local offices. What can be the matter with Harrison? Ah, yes, come to think of it, we Southern Republicans were for Blaine or Sherman before Harrison, and were too awfully slow in veering round to his support, through our own and the efforts of our spokesmen, at Chicago. And then, despite our hard labors for the party and the slinging of cargoes of mud in establishing our "principles," we failed to control one electoral vote from the South. She went solid for the Democratic ticket.—Come to think of it, at last the President is under no obligations to us "fire-tries" of the South. "Tis true 'tis pity, and pity 'tis 'tis true."

GEN. PRYOR DID NOT DESERT.

CHARLESTON, S. C., April 17th.—A few weeks ago there appeared in the Abbeville Medium an editorial purporting to be an account of the manner in which Gen. Roger A. Pryor "happened to relinquish his Southern citizenship," in which the statement was unqualifiedly made that Gen. Pryor had deserted to the Union army. In reply to this Gen. Pryor sends a letter to the Charleston World, in which he says:

"The story is a cruel and atrocious calumny. The custom of exchanging tobacco for Northern newspapers was common on the outposts of the two armies. Burnside's corps having disappeared from our front, it was important to ascertain whether it had gone, and to get the information I undertook to procure the Northern papers in the usual way. I was invited by a signal from a Federal soldier to an exchange of papers, and suspecting no bad faith I advanced to meet him. When I met the soldier he seized my right arm, and my pistol being buttoned under my overcoat I was incapable of resistance against the powerful man who gripped me with one hand, while he held a pistol in the other. Escape was simply impossible. I am not ashamed to confess that my capture wrung from me no tears of unutterable anguish.

The circumstances of the capture were well understood at the time and were published in the newspapers. I was carried a prisoner to Fort Lafayette, detained there a prisoner in close confinement and finally paroled for exchange. I immediately returned to Virginia, but an interruption in the exchange of prisoners prevented my entering again into active service. With the officers of the Confederate Army, from Lee down, I maintained after the close of the war relations of unbroken confidence and regard."

THE OKLAHOMA STAMPEDE.

Fifty-Thousand People Awaiting the Time to Move.

CHICAGO, April 22.—The scramble for land in Oklahoma begins at noon to-day, says the daily News. This morning, according to the latest dispatches, fully 50,000 people are waiting on the border of that small patch of ground. Fast horses, railroad trains, stages and all sorts of private vehicles will bear them into the coveted territory at the earliest possible moment.

Ten thousand or more will get possession of all the desirable land and then they, apparently, will have to hold it against five times as many disappointed men. Everybody is armed. No government exists. There is reason to fear, therefore, that much bloodshed will result from the general turmoil.

Many of the men who cross the border of Oklahoma to-day will be residents to-night of large towns which have no existence this morning. Towns and farming lands will furnish a large part of the people with local habitations. The rest will go to their old homes or will help to locate graveyards in the new country, or will become squatters in the Indian Territory, or settlers in Texas or Arkansas.

The scenes in Oklahoma to-day are without parallel. The sudden turning of an uninhabited country into a country teeming with people, is a unique incident in the country's history.

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PINE BURS

Gathered in the Tar-Hool State.

Two negroes were arrested in Charlotte last Saturday morning loaded with stolen booty. They had a lot of underclothes and a sack containing 17 chickens.

Charlotte is annoyed by a set of thieves who ply their nefarious vocation almost nightly. When the daily papers arrive from that city we scan their pages to see what new devilish atrocity they have committed.

Reidsville, N. C., was visited by the fire fiend Saturday 20th inst. The fire originated in a colored restaurant. Redd's Warehouse, Daggett's Hotel, and nine store rooms were consumed. The loss is estimated at \$25,000. Insurance \$17,000.

Near Rocky Mount last Friday night, Frank Burnes went to the residence of J. D. Armstrong and called him out, saying, "You must die, sir," and drawing a revolver commenced firing at him. The first shot did not take effect. He stepped off about 5 feet and fired again, this time striking Armstrong in one arm breaking it. He then ran and has not been heard from since.

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The Cattle Show.

The Wake County Cattle Club yesterday evening decided to have the cattle show this year, and selected May 15th as the date. Arrangements will probably be made to erect suitable buildings and have the show at Athletic Park. The managers have already tendered the park the club. The show will be made in every way a more complete success than last year's. President Stronach is already receiving many letters of inquiry from all parts of the State.—News and Observer.

A negro in Tennessee was hanged but his neck was not broken. The Nashville American says he was brought to life by the jolting wagon. The negroes in charge fled when they heard the noise inside the coffin. The American says:

"The incredible report was made and some braver person advanced to the spot, and on opening the coffin found a ghastly apparition half turned. It is supposed that the body was then placed in the hands of a physician, who charged it with electricity, thus effecting a complete reaction and restoring the negro to perfect activity. The matter has been kept secret, so far as possible, for fear he would be brought a second time into the custody of the law."

A TRUE TONIC.

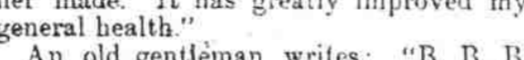
When you don't feel well and hardly know what ails you, give B. B. B. (Botanical Blood Balm) a trial. It is a fine tonic. T. O. Callahan, Charlotte, N. C., writes: "B. B. B. is a fine tonic, and has done me great good." L. W. Thompson, Damascus, Va., writes: "I believe B. B. B. is the best blood purifier made. It has greatly improved my general health." An old gentleman writes: "B. B. B. gives me new life and new strength. If there is anything that will make an old man young, it is B. B. B." P. A. Shepherd, Norfolk, Va., August 10th, 1888, writes: "I depend on B. B. B. for the preservation of my health. I have had it in my family now nearly two years, and in all that time have not had to have a doctor."

Thos. Paulk, Alapaha, Ga., writes: "I suffered terribly from dyspepsia. The use of B. B. B. has made me feel like a new man. I would not take a thousand dollars for the good it has done me."

W. M. Cheshire, Atlanta, Ga., writes: "I had a long spell of typhoid fever, which at last seemed to settle in my right leg which swelled up enormously. An ulcer also appeared which discharged a cup full of matter a day. I then gave B. B. B. a trial and it cured me."

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Operative and Mechanical Dentist,



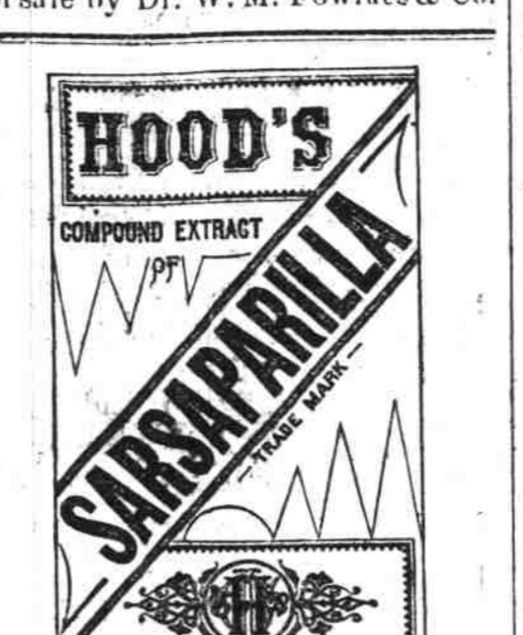
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E. J. Irving, superintendent of Oates's factory and also of the Victor Cotton Mills, has accepted the position of Boss Carder in a cotton factory in Shanghai, China. He will leave here about the middle of next week, and, in the course of a week after, he will sail for China.—Charlotte Chronicle.

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If we could not induce buyers with our values, we had better close our house. The law of mastery in merchandise is very the law of the best values for the least money, therefore to sell our goods we must make it pay buyers to come to us, we realize the force of this thoroughly and never mark an article 8 cents, if we can take 7 cents. Goods cheap enough to sell themselves, and as we apply the law to our business of the very best we can give, there is no question of COMPETITION about it.

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