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PROCEEDINGS OF FARMERS' MASS CONVENTION.

Convened at Raleigh, January 26, 1887.

This body assembled in Metropolitan Hall, and was called to order promptly at 12. M. by L. L. Polk, Winston N. C. editor of the PROGRESSIVE FARMER. On motion, H. C. McAllister, of Cabarrus, was made temporary Chairman and S. Otho Wilson, of Wake, temporary Secretary.

Upon invitation of the chair, Rev. Dr. W. A. Nelson of the Second Baptist church, Raleigh, opened the Convention with prayer.

The chair announced the Convention open for business, whereupon, on motion of W. H. S. Burgwyn, of Vance, a committee of five were appointed on credentials, namely, W. H. S. Burgwyn, of Vance, Alexander McIver, of Orange, T. B. Lindsay, of Rockingham, D. McN. McKay, of Harnett, and D. R. Parker, of Randolph.

J. T. LeGrand, of Richmond, moved that a committee consisting of five be appointed a committee on permanent organization, and the motion was adopted. The chair announced the following as the committee: J. T. LeGrand, of Richmond, J. R. Mercer, of Edgecombe, W. M. Pickett, of Anson, R. L. Cox, of Forsyth, T. B. Lindsay, of Rockingham.

Hon. John Nichols, of Wake, after a brief complimentary speech, moved that a committee of three be appointed to wait on Minister Thomas J. Jarvis, and invite him to address the Convention, and the motion was unanimously adopted. The Chair appointed Hon. John Nichols, of Wake, John Robinson, of Anson and C. McDonald, of Cabarrus.

The approach of Minister Jarvis was greeted with warmest applause by the large crowd which filled the Hall and galleries. He was gracefully received and introduced by the Chairman. For nearly an hour he entertained the Convention with a speech which was characterized by sound sense, conservative suggestions, and a loyal pride for his State and people.

C. McDonald, of Cabarrus, offered the following:

Resolved, That the representatives of the Press be cordially invited to attend the session of this Convention. Adopted.

By D. R. Parker, of Randolph: *Resolved*, That the members of the General Assembly, now in session, are hereby cordially invited to seats in this Convention. Adopted.

By D. McN. McKay, of Harnett: *Resolved*, By this mass meeting of the farmers of North Carolina, that no one shall be entitled to a vote in the proceedings of this convention unless his chief professional interest be that of farming.

After considerable discussion the resolution was adopted. The committee on credentials, through its Chairman, W. H. S. Burgwyn, reported two hundred and forty-three delegates present, as follows:

MEMBERS OF FARMERS' CONVENTION.

Anson County.—W. H. James, G. J. Robinson, S. Huntley, Thomas May, J. O. Avitt, T. L. Robinson, A. J. Brooks, J. J. Little, W. M. Pickett, W. T. Brown, W. Pinkston, C. M. Teal, G. R. Little, Henry Bagley, F. M. Lilly, John Bowman, J. H. Lockhart, W. R. Lockhart, T. C. Robinson, A. Baley, John D. Pemberton, W. E. Eddings, J. A. Atkinson, John Robinson, T. J. Watkins, C. W. Smith, H. M. Atkinson, O. Harris, J. T. Pinkston.

Alamance County.—C. J. Kerr, S. H. Webb, J. P. Kerr.

Bertie County.—F. D. Winston, A. W. Early.

Chatham County.—H. C. Fannel, J. A. Kelly, A. T. Lambreth, L. B. Spring, J. E. Bryan, Richard Moore, Alvis Moore, A. G. Marks, Calvin Watson.

Cabarrus County.—H. C. McAllister, C. McDonald, Geo. E. Ritchie, J.

S. Harris, J. H. Morrison, S. Harris. **Catawba County.**—J. W. Robinson, J. F. Moore.

Carteret County.—J. T. Eaton. **Davie County.**—W. J. Ellis, W. H. Hobson.

Durham County.—James Smith, B. Smith.

Edgecombe County.—Elias Carr, A. J. Cotton, H. L. Leggett, J. R. Mercer.

Forsyth County.—S. S. Flynt, Z. B. Bitting, R. L. Cox, A. E. Pfaff, Wm. H. Conley, A. B. Mock, R. B. Flynt, J. H. Shouse, E. C. Dull, B. L. Bitting, John H. Reich, W. F. Vogler, S. Alsbaugh, A. D. Hulin.

Franklin County.—Wm. F. Green, W. H. Nicholson, Dr. H. F. Freeman, Arthur Arrington, T. J. King, J. R. Mitchiner, A. D. Mitchiner.

Granville County.—B. F. Hester, J. R. Hunter.

Green County.—Y. T. Ormand, J. H. Coward, J. T. Frizzelle.

Guilford County.—W. E. Benbow, J. Van Lindley.

Halifax County.—H. S. Tilly, H. N. Clark, W. H. Kitchen, Thomas Harris, D. Lucas, Dr. M. T. Savage, J. R. Tillery.

Hertford County.—Solomon Parker, C. W. Mitchell, A. Saunders.

Harnett County.—D. McN. McKay. **Iredell County.**—Julian Allen.

Johnston County.—N. Y. Gulley, W. R. Poole, J. A. Wood, A. Hum, J. R. Brown, A. D. Taylor, N. R. Pool, J. C. Ellington, John M. Wilson.

Martin County.—J. E. Moore. **Mecklenburg County.**—J. O. Alexander, T. J. Renfrow, J. S. Reid, W. M. Abernethy, B. Shastion.

Macon County.—S. T. Kelsey. **Moore County.**—A. M. Clarke, Jno. W. Scott, L. A. Young, S. N. Rockwell, T. M. Temple, E. B. McIver, G. Willcox, J. D. Henley, Geo. Cole, W. C. Petty, A. Hall, W. J. Rogers, C. W. Shaw.

Nash County.—S. P. Gill, T. P. Braswell.

Orange County.—Alex. McIver. **Pitt County.**—Francis Joyner, W. M. King.

Pender County.—G. Z. French, J. D. McMillan.

Rockingham County.—T. B. Lindsay.

Richmond County.—J. A. Ingram, J. T. LeGrand, R. L. Steele, J. C. Ellerbe.

Robeson County.—O. S. Hayes. **Randolph County.**—Dr. D. Reid Parker, J. H. Robbins, W. P. Wood, G. S. Bradshaw, W. F. Crown, **Surry County.**—B. F. Graves.

Vance County.—J. W. Duke, E. Fuller, R. J. Gill, D. H. Gill, S. Powell, W. H. S. Burgwyn, R. Winston, J. F. Coghill, J. P. Satterwhite, J. L. Kelly, Isham C. Bobbitt, J. M. Green, J. O. Coghill.

Warren County.—J. P. Leach, Horace Palmer, B. M. Collins.

Wilson County.—G. W. Stanton, Wm. Woodard, Jr., T. M. Barnes.

Wake County.—B. W. Green, W. H. Utley, W. H. Knight, W. H. Bunch, George Shellem, G. N. Norwood, J. F. Taylor, W. T. Howle, O. R. Buffalo, J. Z. Burnet, R. N. Wynne, C. L. Harris, H. C. Olive, S. Faison, Henry J. Davis, P. Yates, B. H. Jones, W. H. Holleman, B. J. Perkinson, F. A. Whitaker, K. Jones, M. T. Leach, Alex. Snelling, J. W. Weathers, W. H. Richardson, H. W. Pace, John D. Allen, J. B. Strain, Joseph T. Broughton, J. D. Davis, Isham Adams, G. R. Bagwell, G. H. Mooneyham, A. G. Jones, E. T. Banks, G. J. Mitchiner, W. M. Tomlinson, Wm. E. Ashley, A. H. Green, S. Otho Wilson, B. N. Whitaker, A. Betts, Wm. H. Rogers, C. H. Clarke, A. F. Taylor, R. B. Seawell, A. B. Forrest, Ranson Hinton, J. R. Carter, D. I. Fort, S. L. Turner, T. B. Bridgers, J. P. Bryan, K. Stevenson, Ranson Perry, R. S. Tucker, J. R. Cooper, R. J. Buffalo, A. H. Adams, Wm. Bryant, Jos. Dupree, M. T. H. Peebles, J. B. Davis, H. N. Parker, Edwin Long, J. W. Thomas, P. A. Dunn, Jefferson Smith, Anderson Olive, Sol. J. Allen, J. W. F. Rogers, A. D. Jones, M. V. Norwood, F. J. Holloway, A. C. Green, B. B. Buffalo, J. S. Hunter, W. B. Smith, S.

C. Marcom, F. P. Williams, W. C. Buffalo, M. W. Buffalo, J. N. Hubbard, J. J. Dunn, C. L. Yearby, S. G. Jeffreys, Milton Whitney, N. B. Jones, J. H. Rogers, Sherwood White, V. C. Royster, C. G. Oneal, J. W. Smith, D. P. Meacham, L. Turner, A. D. Jones, Alfred Jones, H. W. Norris, W. P. Jones, F. L. Stephenson, J. R. Durham, A. R. Hodge, G. W. Davis, R. G. Dunn, G. E. Gill, D. W. Allen, T. J. Pate, J. W. Upchurch, W. C. Lankford, J. D. Smith.

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.

The committee on permanent organization, through its chairman, J. T. LeGrand, of Richmond, presented its report, recommending the following gentlemen as permanent officers of the Convention:

FOR PRESIDENT—Elias Carr, of Edgecombe.

VICE-PRESIDENTS—D. R. Parker, of Randolph; C. McDonald, of Cabarrus; W. F. Green, of Franklin; L. W. Anderson, of Stokes; A. T. Mial, of Wake.

FOR SECRETARY.—S. Otho Wilson, of Wake.

ASSISTANT SECRETARIES—W. E. Benbow, of Guilford and W. H. Nicholson, of Franklin.

On motion the report was unanimously adopted. The chair appointed G. Z. French, of Pender, and Alex. McIver, of Orange, to conduct the President to the chair. Mr. Carr spoke as follows:

Gentlemen of the Farmers' Convention:—I thank you sincerely for this distinguished honor. Unaccustomed to the duties which your kindness has imposed upon me, I beg your indulgence and your aid in performing them. Permit me to indulge the hope that our proceedings will be characterized by harmony and unity, and that in all that we may do our supreme purpose will be to advance the interests of our State, by the adoption of such measures as will promote her chief interest—Agriculture.

The President then declared the Convention ready for the transaction of business.

Alex. McIver, of Orange, offered the following:

Resolved, That standing committees, to consist of five each, be appointed on the following subjects, to whom shall be referred and without debate, all propositions, appertaining to these subjects respectively, viz:

Homestead, mortgage and lien laws. Commercial Fertilizers. Constitution and By Laws and Declaration of principles, Department of Agriculture. Industrial Education. Public roads. Immigration.

On motion the resolution was adopted.

By J. T. LeGrand.

Resolved, That all speeches be limited to five minutes unless by special consent of the Convention. Adopted.

On motion the Convention adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.—JAN'Y 26 1887.

The Convention was called to order by the President at 3 p. m.

By Mr. Hobson, of Davie:

Resolved, That to facilitate the business of the Convention, each delegate who rises to address the chair, shall announce his name and county. Adopted.

The President announced that he had received a telegram, with greeting and words of encouragement from the farmers of Buncombe county, assembled in county Convention in Asheville.

W. B. Barbee, of Wake, moved that a committee of five be appointed to whom shall be referred all matters pertaining to stock and stock farming, and it was adopted.

By Dr. Parker of Randolph:

Resolved, That such members of this Convention as may belong to any organization of farmers are requested to give their names and address, and the name of the organization, to the Secretary of this Convention during the session. Adopted.

By J. T. LeGrand, of Richmond:

Resolved, That the members of this

Convention hereby pledge for themselves and to recommend to their brother farmers to plant less cotton and tobacco and to raise more grass and grain. Referred to the committee on agriculture.

A memorial from citizens of Vance county was read and referred to the Committee on Immigration.

A resolution from Mr. Natt Atkinson, of Buncombe, relating to Immigration was presented by L. L. Polk of Forsyth, which was read and referred to the Committee on Immigration. The President announced the following committees:

COMMITTEES.

On Agricultural and Mechanical College.—Committee to confer with a similar committee appointed by the meeting on the 18th inst., to recommend these resolutions to the legislature and to formulate in detail a plan for an Agricultural and Mechanical College: P. A. Dunn, of Wake, Dr. D. Reid Parker, of Randolph, J. C. Ellington, of Johnston, G. Z. French of Pender, A. D. Jones, of Wake, L. L. Polk, of Forsyth, B. F. Hester, of Granville. G. Z. French moved that the President of the Convention be added to the committee and the motion was adopted.

On Homestead, Mortgage and Lien Laws.—Prof. Alex. Melver, of Orange, B. F. Graves, of Surry, M. W. Buffalo, of Wake, J. F. Moore, of Catawba, J. W. Robinson, of Cabarrus.

On Commercial Fertilizers.—N. G. Gully of Johnston, R. L. Cox, of Forsyth, H. C. Olive, of Wake, J. C. Ellington, of Johnston, J. R. Mercer, of Edgecombe.

On Constitution, By-Laws and Declaration of Principles.—Prof. Alex. Melver, of Orange, A. A. Arrington, of Franklin, Fran. Joyner, of Pitt, D. P. Meacham, of Wake, A. G. Marks, of Chatham.

On Department of Agriculture.—H. C. McAllister, of Cabarrus, A. M. Clark, of Moore, T. J. Watkins, of Anson, J. S. Reid, of Mecklenburg, D. McN. McKay, of Harnett.

On Industrial Education.—E. C. Dull, of Forsyth, T. J. King, of Franklin, J. S. Harris, of Cabarrus, W. M. Pickett, of Anson, Y. T. Ormand, of Greene.

On Public Roads.—E. P. Braswell, of Nash, J. O. Alexander, of Mecklenburg, W. H. Conly, of Forsyth, Geo. E. Richie, of Cabarrus, H. F. Freeman, of Franklin.

On Immigration.—Geo. Z. French, of Pender, C. W. Shaw, of Moore, Julian Allen, of Iredell, B. F. Hester, of Granville, J. H. Reich, of Forsyth.

On Propositions and Resolutions.—John H. Morrison, of Catawba, J. F. Taylor of Wake, A. Betts, of Wake, J. Mitchener, of Franklin, D. H. Gill, of Vance.

On Stock and Stock Farming.—C. J. Kerr, of Alamance, J. G. Little, of Anson, H. C. Ferrill, of Chatham, M. B. Barbee, of Wake, Geo. Shellum, of Wake.

On Agricultural Literature.—Col. W. H. S. Burgwyn, of Vance, Dr. D. Reid Parker, of Randolph, J. C. Ellington, of Johnston.

On Finance.—Julian Allen, of Iredell, W. H. S. Burgwyn, of Vance, S. Otho Wilson, of Wake.

Agricultural and Mechanical College.—James T. LeGrand, of Richmond, Julian Allen, of Iredell, Herbert A. Norris, of Wake, D. McN. McKay, of Harnett, Dr. D. Reid Parker, of Randolph, G. Z. French, of Pender.

On Industrial Education.—To confer with similar committee appointed by farmers' meeting held on 18th inst., to present resolutions to General Assembly &c. P. A. Dunn, of Wake, Dr. D. Reid Parker, of Randolph, J. C. Ellington, of Johnston, G. Z. French, of Pender, A. D. Jones, of Wake, L. L. Polk, of Forsyth, B. F. Hester, of Granville, Elias Carr, of Edgecombe.

By D. McN. McKay, of Harnett:

Resolved, That THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER, published by L. L. Polk, Winston, N. C., be declared the Official Organ of the North Carolina Farmers' Association and that its Editor, L. L. Polk, be admitted to the privileges of the floor as an honorary member of this Convention. On motion the resolution was adopted.

L. L. Polk introduced the following:

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to wait on His Excellency Governor A. M. Scales, and assure him of the pleasure it would afford this Convention to receive His Excellency at such hour as may best suit his pleasure.

Mr. E. W. Kerr, Senator from Sampson, arose and stated that he had been requested by Governor Scales to appear before the Convention and tender the assurance of the sincere regret of His Excellency that pressing engagements had called him from the city and that in consequence he would be deprived of the pleasure of meeting the Convention. The following was received from

the Knights of Labor, in session in the city of Raleigh:

"The North Carolina State Assembly sends fraternal greetings to the Farmers' Mass Convention, now in session in this city, and bids them God speed in their efforts to elevate and better the condition of that great band of earth's toilers, the farmers of our country."

On motion of G. Z. French, of Pender, the Secretary of the Convention was ordered to send an appropriate answer in response on behalf of the Convention.

Dr. C. W. Dabney, Director of the Experiment Station, being in the Hall, on motion of Mr. Burgwyn, he was invited to address the Convention on the work of the Station.

Dr. Dabney explained somewhat in detail the operations of his department and the multifarious duties imposed on him by the law. In answer to a direct question he stated that one-half to two-thirds of the time and work of the Station was devoted to work not in the line of agriculture. He believed that the Station, as well as the Department of Agriculture, should be relieved of this outside work.

At five o'clock the Convention adjourned to meet at eight o'clock P. M.

NIGHT SESSION.—JANUARY 26, 1887.

Promptly at eight o'clock President Carr called the Convention to order.

L. L. Polk introduced the following resolutions which were referred to the Committee on Agriculture:

Resolved, That the organization of the State Department of Agriculture should be placed under the control and management of the practical farmers of the State, and should consist of a board of nine only, one from each Congressional District, each of whom shall be practically identified with some one of the leading industries of his district, and two-thirds of whom shall be practical farmers. The Governor shall be ex-officio chairman of such board.

Resolved, The Commissioner of Agriculture should have a practical knowledge of farming, acquired by actual experience and training.

Resolved, That the Department should be divested of all work foreign to agriculture. Its board should constitute a board of management of an Agricultural and Mechanical College.

Resolved The Department should be relieved of the burdens of making coal explorations, immigration, analyses of stomachs, oyster surveys, fish propagation, etc., and all other matters not strictly agricultural.

Resolved, That for the benefit of the children of farmers, we should have an Agricultural College, which should receive \$20,000 annually of the fund of the Agricultural Department, \$25,000 annually from the State Treasury, and \$7,500 annually of the land script fund now applied to the State University, to maintain said Agricultural College.

Mr. E. C. Dull, of Forsyth, Chairman of the Committee on Industrial Education submitted their report.

Mr. S. O. Wilson stated that Mr. W. S. Primrose, of Raleigh, a public spirited gentleman who had taken a deep interest in investigating this subject, was present, and moved that he be invited to address the Convention. Mr. Primrose made a strong plea for industrial education and pledged a most generous aid from the city of Raleigh, should the college be established here.

The report elicited a most animated discussion, the pivotal point in which was the recommendation that the Land Scrip fund should be transferred from the State University to the support of an Agricultural and Mechanical College. Mr. Harry Skinner, of Pitt, Mr. Winston, Mr. J. E. Moore, Hon. W. H. Kitchen, L. L. Polk, S. O. Wilson, — Keith, J. C. Ellington, W. H. S. Burgwyn and H. A. Norris were prominent in the discussion.

The question was put on the motion to adopt the report and it was carried by a very large majority.

Mr. Hobson, of Davie, moved that a committee of seven be appointed by the chair to confer with committees appointed by this Convention and the Convention which assembled

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