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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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N. C. AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

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—It is said that Mrs. U. S. Grant is dying of diphtheria.

—The next Episcopal State Convention will be held at Salisbury on the fourth Wednesday in May, 1888.

—It is stated that the acreage planted in corn in the Southern States is 24 1/2 per cent greater than last year.

—We sympathise with our friend Wade H. Harris, of Charlotte, and his estimable wife in the death of their little son.

—The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of North Carolina holds its annual communication at Charlotte on the 24th inst.

—The celebration of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence on the 20th inst, in Charlotte, promises to be a grand affair.

—During the Baptist Convention in Louisville, a foreign mission mass meeting was held and \$20,000 were subscribed on the spot.

—The collector of the part of San Francisco seized \$60,000 worth of opium on the 14th inst, which had just arrived from Hong Kong.

—Mr. H. J. Dowell, on account of ill health, retires from the editorship of the *Windsor Ledger* and is succeeded by Benj. H. Swain.

—The *Gold Leaf* wants a Vance county cattle show to be held at Henderson, and says that Vance county can make a good exhibit of fine cattle.

—Keep your boys and girls at home after night, at least within sight. The devil is a night watchman. That is when he gets in his biggest work.

—The government is about to purchase a tract of 224 acres of land about two miles from Washington, to be used as an experimental farm for the Department of Agriculture.

—Messrs. F. & H. Fries, of Salem, have put a 200-horse-power Corliss engine

in the Arista cotton mills and it is said that it requires the hides of 80 cattle to make the driving belt.

—Five thousand emigrants arrived in New York one day last week, and it is said that 65,000 tickets have been sold in Ireland and Scotland for America—the emigrants to come in June.

—It is said that the Birmingham, Ala., boom has bursted and left lots of folks badly hurt. Booms are dangerous things to handle unless you know which end to take hold of and just when to let go.

—A dispatch from Columbia, S. C., says that myriads of cotton caterpillars in the Pee Dee swamp have stopped an engine and train of cars, by crawling on the rails and causing them to become slick.

—The Union Pacific Railroad Company received from the government an average of \$27,000 in cash, for every mile of road constructed—an aggregate of \$27,000,000, to say nothing of millions of acres of land.

—We note that some of the farmers' clubs will hold fairs the coming fall. One of the clubs in Forsyth county will hold a fair and offers about 40 premiums. That club is on the right track and will be sure to live and prosper.

—An exchange mentions a rare occurrence that a captain of a sloop lying at the wharf "sneezed his set of artificial teeth overboard." It would have been a much more rare occurrence if he had sneezed a set of material teeth overboard.

—While a large crowd of spectators were viewing a colored baptizing in the river at New Orleans last Sunday, a defective railing around the wharf gave way and a hundred or more were forced into the river and about fifteen drowned.

—Capt. B. P. Williamson has presented us with a small bundle of Italian rye grass 30 inches high, from a second cutting, the first cutting having been made thirty days ago when the grass was 32 inches high. This makes a growth of 62 inches.

—Some sharp wool dealers down in Texas have resorted to a cute trick to evade the duty on wool imported from Mexico. They drive flocks of sheep over the border and have duty assessed upon them as live stock, and then do the shearing.

—Albert Tabor, the colored villain who committed a rape in Granville county last March on a highly respectable lady, was tried last week at Oxford and condemned to be hung on the 18th of June. The jury was composed of two white men and ten negroes.

—The *Southern Cultivator*, at Atlanta, Ga., has been published continuously for forty-four years, and is, we are glad to learn, flourishing. Such journals are a credit to the section in which they are published, and to the people who show their appreciation of them by liberal support.

—A new device is being adopted on the Richmond & Danville Railroad trains to take the place of the old bell cord. It is a steam whistle placed in the cab of the locomotive, operated by steam from the boilers of the engine, carried through pipes attached to the cars similar to the pipes on the air-brakes.

—There is one advantage in being unknown to fame. There will be no necessity of having your grave guarded to prevent your bones from being stolen. It is said that a plot has been recently exposed to steal the bones of Henry Ward Beecher from their temporary sepulcher in Greenwood Cemetery, and policemen have been placed there to guard it.

—To remove the scales or loose bark on apple trees and to destroy the habitation of the codling moth, some persons resort to scraping or to whitewashing the bodies of the trees. We have always found that a liberal wash of lye soap will do the work effectually. This should be done in early spring, but it is not too late now to be of great benefit to the trees.

—Dr. Frank M. Deems, resident of New York, son of Rev. Dr. C. F. Deems, the well-known preacher, seems to have domestic trouble. His wife sues for divorce, alleging that he is a victim of the morphine habit, that he is very cruel and that she fears to live with him, while he replies that she is also a victim of morphine, unkind to him, &c. They are evidently unsuited.

—For twenty years past we have not seen the work of our farmers so well advanced. The weather has been alike favorable to the crops and to all kinds of farm work. The prospect for a fruit crop is good—the wheat is exceptionally fine

—oat crop good, and the grasses and clover were never better, while the splendid stand of cotton and corn has never been surpassed. Now let our farmers see to it that they husband from this abundant prospect a plentiful supply to live on at home, and stick to the policy of home supplies and in a few years, they will, indeed, be independent.

—Mr. C. T. Abernathy tells us what he knows of the Catawba farmers in the *Piedmont Press*: "I expected to find farmers discouraged, owing to the short crops last year, but they seem to have profited by the failure and have gone to work in earnest, planting large crops and making their own manure, and don't talk nor think of hard times, except a few grumblers, who buy guano and raise cotton and fight grass in summer and then buy grass, meat and bread all winter. At very near every school house in the county the farmers have organized and are doing some good farmers' club work."

—The rapid growth of The Farmers' Alliance in Texas is marvelous, and perhaps without a parallel in the history of farmers' organizations in this or any other country. They have a number of strong, able and zealous organs, and this is the secret of their growth and strength. We read with interest the *Alliance Standard*, *The South West*, *The Southern Mercury* and *The Longview Cycle*—all zealously devoted to the interests of the farmers and to their organization. The enterprising farmers of that great and enterprising State have struck the key-note to success—have papers of their own, devoted solely to their interests and give them a hearty support.

OUR THANKS—Are due and are hereby extended to the marshals of the two literary societies of Wake Forest College, who have sent us one of the handsomest commencement tickets we have ever seen. The exercises take place June 7th, 8th and 9th, and on the *bill of fare* we see the names of J. H. Mills, Hon. M. W. Ransom and Rev. Dr. Thomas Armitage. This is guarantee sufficient.

And now here comes another most elegant and tasty invitation to the Commencement Party at Trinity College, which occurs Thursday evening, June 9th. And this bears the names of J. J. Scarborough, Chief Marshal, and J. A. Ragan, Chief Marshal. Young gentlemen, we bow our acknowledgments and wish you a most delightful occasion, sorrowing most of all that we cannot be at both places at the same time.

CONSTITUTION OF THE NATIONAL FARMERS' ALLIANCE AND CO-OPERATIVE UNION OF AMERICA.

The committee on constitution and by-laws being ready, were allowed to report, after which the constitution was adopted *seriatim*. Then on motion of J. M. Perdue, it was adopted as a whole, and signed by each of the delegates, as follows:

WHEREAS, We, the undersigned, twenty-one delegates, representing over two hundred thousand members of the Farmers Alliance of Texas, and over ten thousand members of the Farmers Union of Louisiana, are in convention assembled for the purpose of organizing a National Labor Association of Farmers, and

WHEREAS, This convention has had full authority delegated to it by the Farmers State Union of Louisiana, therefore it is resolved,

1. That said association be a secret organization, and
2. That it is to be non-partisan in politics and non-sectarian in religion.
3. That it be composed exclusively of white persons who are citizens of the United States.
4. That the following constitution is hereby adopted and submitted to the Farmers Union of Louisiana for ratification.

CONSTITUTION.

DECLARATION OF PURPOSES

Profoundly impressed that we, the farmers of America, who are united by the strong and faithful ties of financial and home interests, should when organized into an association, set forth our declaration of intentions. We therefore resolve,

1. To labor for the education of the agricultural classes in the science of economic government in a strictly non-partisan spirit, and to bring about a more perfect union of said classes.
2. That we demand equal rights to all and special favors to none.
3. That we return to the old principle of letting the office seek the man, instead of the man seeking the office.
4. To endorse the motto, "In things

essential unity, and in all things charity."

5. To develop a better state mentally, morally, socially and financially.

6. To create a better understanding for sustaining our civil officers in maintaining law and order.

7. To constantly strive to secure entire harmony and good will to all mankind, and brotherly love among ourselves.

8. To suppress personal, local, sectional and national prejudices, all unhealthful rivalry and all selfish ambition.

9. The brightest jewels which it garners are the tears of widows and orphans, and its imperative commands are to visit the homes where lacerated hearts are bleeding; to assuage the sufferings of a brother or sister; bury the dead; care for the widows and educate the orphans; to exercise charity towards 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 National Farmers Alliance and Co-operative Union until death. Its laws are reason and equity, its cardinal doctrines inspire purity of thought and life, its intention is, "Peace on earth and good will to man."

ARTICLE I.

Section 1. This body shall be known as The National Farmers Alliance and Co-operative Union of America, with power to make its own constitution and by-laws.

Sec. 2. The National body shall be composed of delegates from the various State organizations holding characters from, accepting the secret work of, and conforming to the constitution and by-laws of this National organization.

Sec. 3. Each State organization that complies with the above requirements shall be entitled to one delegate for each four counties or fractions of four counties organized in that State.

Sec. 4. No person shall be eligible to membership in the National body until he shall have attained the age of 25 years.

ARTICLE II.

Section 1. The regular annual meeting of the National body shall be on the second Wednesday in October of each year, at 10 o'clock a. m., and at such place as may from time to time be decided by the body or such officer or committee as they may delegate that duty.

Sec. 2. The officers of the National Farmers Alliance and Co-operative Union shall be a President, Vice-President an additional Vice-President for each state organized, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Chaplain, a Lecturer and Assistant Doorkeeper and a Sergeant-at-arms.

Sec. 3. They shall be elected at each annual meeting from members of the body, and shall be entitled to hold office until their successors are elected and installed; at which time the retiring officers shall immediately become honorary members of the National body for that session only.

Sec. 4. The duties of the officers of the National Farmers Alliance and Co-operative Union shall be the duties usually incumbent upon and performed by officers of the same name in similar organizations.

Sec. 5. The President shall be the presiding officer.

Sec. 6. The Vice-Presidents of the body shall constitute the executive committee and board of trustees.

ARTICLE III.

Section 1. Dues.—Each State organization under the jurisdiction of this body shall pay at each annual session of the body five per cent. of the gross cash receipts of the State organization.

Sec. 2. The members of the National Order are expected to present at the regular annual meetings, reports of the numerical strength and condition of the order in the State they represent and of the success attending their efforts in co-operation; also mental and moral improvement.

ARTICLE IV.

Section 1. The President, Secretary and chairman of committee on secret work shall constitute a board for the examination of brothers who wish to become organizing officers.

Sec. 2. A brother wishing to become an organizing officer shall present to the above board of examination a recommendation from the President and Secretary of his state organization or some other credible authority as to his integrity and moral character, and that he is not addicted to the excessive use of intoxicants; upon receipt of which it shall be the duty of the examining board to examine

the applicant as to his qualification and adaptability to the work.

Sec. 3. If he shall pass a satisfactory examination, he shall be commissioned as organizing officer by the President, which commission shall be attested by the Secretary.

Sec. 4. There shall not be more than one organizing officer commissioned in each congressional district in States having no State organization.

Sec. 5. The organizers shall work under instructions from the above named examining board, and shall report to the National Secretary.

Sec. 6. It shall be the duty of the President to issue a charter, attested by the Secretary, to each Alliance organized according to law and instructions, by organizing officers.

Sec. 7. It shall be the duty of the President to issue a charter attested by the Secretary, to any State, organization, or farmers in any State, when they comply with the following requirements:

A. That they admit to membership no person unless eligible to membership under the constitution of the State Alliance of Texas, or the State Farmers' Union of Louisiana.

B. That they have organizations in as many as three counties in the State for which the charter is desired.

C. That they will adopt and use the secret work of this National association.

D. That they will not adopt laws or usages contrary to the constitution of this National order.

E. That they have adopted a constitution and by-laws, and present a copy of same to be filed with the National Secretary.

ARTICLE V.

Section 1. All rights and powers not herein expressly delegated, are reserved to the State organizations severally.

ARTICLE VI.

Section 1. This constitution cannot be altered or amended, except upon a written resolution, clearly setting forth the change or addition to be made, which shall be read in open session on at least two separate days, and adopted by a two-thirds majority, and not then unless it be ratified by three-fourths of the State organizations of the order within one year.

ADVICE FROM AN OLD SHEEP BREEDER.

In breeding sheep for wool, start with thoroughbred or even grade ewes as large in size as they can be had, of good length and thickness of wool, neither too coarse or gummy. Use for breeding none but those of strong constitutions that have not been pampered or overfed: Procure a good thoroughbred Merino ram as perfect as you can find, of large size, square build, long and as evenly woolled as possible. See that the fleece is not too gummy or wrinkly, and let the animal show for himself that he has a strong constitution. Get him from some well-known and reliable breeder; never mind how long or short his pedigree is or whether he has any, if you are satisfied he is a thoroughbred and will get good stock.

Never use a ram of your own raising that will be connected with your flock. This trying to get into a flock of thoroughbreds by using rams of one's own raising and breeding, has destroyed more good sheep than anything else that can be named. Where one man succeeds, 999 fail. As often as a ram is needed, buy one of the same breed, but not connected by blood relations. Have the ewes numbered from 1 upward as high as your flock goes; carry a small note book in your pocket, and if anything happens to one of the ewes that will injure her for breeding or for keeping, it should be noted down, as it will be of great assistance in culling your flock, which should be done at shearing time.—J. R. C., Alleghany county, N. Y., in *Farm and Home*.

Drilled at the rate of two bushels per acre on land in good cultivation as early as the condition of the soil will permit, the Canada field pea (white) can be harvested about the middle of August, when as a rule our corn cribs are empty and grain bins running low. This fact and the known economy of feeding during mild weather, the pea one of the most desirable crops we can raise for an early grain feed for fattening hogs. On account of the pea weevil the seed was long obtained from Canada, where the insect is less prevalent. But the last two years, owing to the strange fact of an almost entire absence of the weevil among us, many have sown home-grown seed.—J. D. Cook, Genesee county, N. Y., in *Farm and Home*.