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ENDORSED BY THE CONVENTION.

The following resolution was passed by the Farmers' Mass Convention in Raleigh, January 26th, 1887:

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.

We ask every Grange and Farmers' Club in the State to send us at once, the number of members in the organization, together with the name and post-office address of each officer.

PLEASE NOTICE.

In writing to this office to change the address of a paper, our subscribers will do us a favor by stating the office at which the paper is received, as well as the one to which it is desired to be sent. Failure to do this puts us to a great deal of trouble and the necessity of going through a long list of names, involving not only much work, but much loss of time, when time is valuable.

SUBSCRIBERS, READ THIS.

Is there a Cross Mark on the margin of your paper? We adopt this as the simplest and easiest method of informing our patrons that their terms of subscription have expired, and that the paper will be stopped if we do not hear from you. We know "times are hard" on everybody, and especially is this true of newspapers, and particularly agricultural papers. But we must help each other as best we can. If, therefore, you are not prepared to renew for the whole year, renew for a part of the time, and this will enable you to have time to make us up a club, for which you will get the paper one year free of charge. So if you see the Cross Mark, let us hear from you.

THE INTER-STATES CONVENTION.

It is gratifying to note the deep interest with which prominent farmers all over our State are looking to the Inter-States Convention at Atlanta in August. And it is equally gratifying to note the interest they manifest in the important matter of representation. We published a strong and able letter from a Forsyth correspondent last week, giving very clear reasons why our State should send representative farmers to that Convention, apart from the design of its projectors, that only such men should be appointed. And this week we give another strong letter on the subject, from Orange. We state again for the information of all concerned that the appointing power, under the plan of organization is vested in the Governor and Commissioner of Agriculture. We speak advisedly when we say that it is the anxious desire of the committee that each State should send its best and strongest men, and that such questions only will be considered as relate directly to the interests of the farmers of the ten cotton States. These questions have already been formulated and will be given to the public as soon as our delegates and those from our other States are appointed. The management is exceedingly anxious to complete the list, so that the delegates may be furnished with the information necessary to the understanding of the proposed action of the body. Eight of the States have

made the appointments, and we hope our list will soon be completed, as we do not wish to see our State enter this great convention at a disadvantage, especially, (as one of our correspondents remarks,) as it was the first to take action looking to a convention.

Each county in the State is entitled to one delegate, but we hope to see many more of our people there. We hope the Governor and Commissioner will soon complete the appointments, and that all will go who are appointed.

AGRICULTURE AND POLITICS.

The policy of the legislative departments of government, State and National, is shaped and controlled by politicians and party manipulators, and often in utter disregard of the rights of the farmers, if not in direct antagonism to their interests. To correct this great wrong, the farmers themselves must put their own hands to it, and to do this effectually they must organize. Now don't throw up your hands in holy horror and ask if we advise bringing politics into our farmers' organizations? No; we answer no, and most emphatically, but we do advise taking your agricultural doctrines and such questions as are of vital concern to your interests as farmers into politics. Take these questions into your nominating conventions, have them put into your political platforms and see to it that your candidates shall stand strictly and squarely upon them. In this way, and only in this way, will the farmers of this country ever secure such legislative protection and just recognition as they deserve. Let those who assume to lead public thought and to shape public sentiment, understand that the great industry of agriculture must have a fair showing in all those departments of government which in any manner affect its interests.

Unjust and oppressive discriminations against their interests are arousing the farmers all over the land to a correct appreciation of the situation. Even that cautious conservatism on matters political, which has ever distinguished the grange, is forced to show a rebellious spirit, under the pressure. And it is a most hopeful augury for the prosperity of the future. No, let us not bring politics into agriculture, but let us take agriculture into politics.

WAKE FOREST COLLEGE.

This institution has just closed the most prosperous year in all its history. The commencement exercises were gratifying to the Faculty, the Board of Trustees, the students, and patrons, and entirely satisfactory to the friends of the College everywhere. The graduating class numbered eighteen: J. B. Carlyle, Roberson county; E. J. Justice, Rutherford county; J. M. Brinson, Craven county; E. F. Tatum, Davie county; H. E. Copple, Davidson county; Walter P. Stradley, Granville county; B. R. Browning, Halifax county; T. E. Cheek, Durham county; J. J. Lane, Marlboro county, S. C.; F. H. Manning, Gates county; W. J. Mathews, Gates county; W. S. Olive, Wake county; H. S. Pickett, Durham county; D. A. Pittard, Granville county; L. R. Pruett, Cleveland county; L. L. Vann, Wake county; W. F. Watson, Moore county. Mr. Carlyle delivered the salutatory, and Mr. Stradley the valedictory address. The address before the Alumni Association was delivered by Mr. J. H. Mills, of Thomasville, N. C. The literary address by Hon. M. W. Ransom, of N. C., and the Baccalaureate sermon by Rev. Thos. Armitage, D. D. of New York.
The interest in education throughout the State is running under high pressure, for while in all our history we have never felt more heavily the iron hand of "hard times," yet our high schools, academies and colleges, male and female, have never been more prosperous.

THE INCREASING DEMANDS OF A GROWING INTELLIGENCE.

Intellectual Elevation on Stilts.

"First-class tickets for three!" rang out above the din of the crowd, in hyperbolic modulation and struck the ear of the agent, as the dignified colored gentleman planked down the cash with an air of "plenty more behind." Followed by two "young lady friends" who were fresh from the confines of college life, they proceeded to appropriate three seats in the car—the only first-class car in the train. Passengers crowded into the car; quite a number of white ladies, whose great difficulty to procure seats evoked the remark from one of the colored damsels: "How very fortunate we were to procure such comfortable seats!" And then began a clatter of tongue, and flow of "hifalutin" language that defied the roar of the train and every conception of propriety and decency, to the inexpressible disgust of all the passengers—and it rolled on in one unbroken strain for one hundred miles. Altitudinous intellectuality on a periodical swell, must needs have a clear track and full elbow room—hence the ordinary seat in first-class cars is entirely too small to accommodate more than one "first-class" colored graduate.

THE LEISURE SEASON TO BE THE BUSIEST OF ALL.

Farmers never worked harder. Never were they so intent on relieving themselves of the burdens which have well nigh exhausted them. They are with their plows in the field. They are not to be seen in the towns or at public gatherings. But they are plowing and thinking and devising plans for a good time and for an onward movement. Almost every mail brings a kind invitation to attend a "Farmers Dinner and Pic-nic" when the crops "are laid by." And now comes Cabarrus with a call for a Farmers' Institute on the 11th of August; Davidson for one on the 18th of August; Orange for one on the 29th of July; and Durham the time not yet fixed. We beg to remind our good friends that the Inter-States Convention begins in Atlanta on the 16th of August and just such as are foremost in supporting these Institutes are the men who are expected and who are needed in that Convention. We suggest that a change of only a few days will make little difference in holding our Institute, and that the time may be so arranged as not to conflict with that convention. Think of it.

THE WAY TENNESSEE SPENDS THE MONEY.

Hon. B. M. Hord, Commissioner of Agriculture for Tennessee, seems to be working to make the department pay the farmers of that State. He has issued a circular in which he calls on the farmers of the State to organize by counties and to hold local fairs annually. He proposes as an inducement, to pay premiums to the exhibitors out of the funds of the department.

SOME SOUTH CAROLINA TALK.

We make the following extract from the Annual Address of Hon. J. N. Lipscomb, Master of the State Grange of S. C., at its regular session in Oolumbia on the 2nd of February last:
Up and to your work! What is it, and how is it to be done? I answer, first organize. What should, what must be done to meet the requirements of the situation now existing and afford the needed relief? I answer there must be organization that can, and will, in the shortest time, enlist on their rolls the great bulk, or at least a heavy majority of the agricultural and industrial classes of the entire county. I do not say "an organization," but the plural "organizations." Why? Because reading and study have conclusively convinced me that no man, or set of men, with but hu-

man finite attributes and knowledge, ever did, or ever can, devise and frame "an organization" for any specific class which a majority of that class will join and remain in. Therefore, while straining every nerve to revive and rebuild your Grange—encourage and aid your State and County Agricultural Societies and Clubs, Farmers' Clubs, County and State Conventions, Trades Unions, Knights of Labor; yea! all respectable, orderly and law-abiding organizations that have with you unity of interest, honesty of purpose, and are in religion non-sectarian, and in politics non-partizan. Then let all these organize into County, State and National alliances, and through these consider and determine what is right and just; what is truth and best; what is for the greatest good for the greatest number.

On these foundations frame and build your platform. Announce this platform to all legislative bodies, political parties, and the country, with the assurance it is what you need, must have, and that you will never stop work till it is incorporated into the platform of every political party and recognized by every legislative body. Convince them that you are in earnest, that you mean just what you say, and say just what you mean, and your work is done. See the Chinese question in California; the Oleomargarine bill; the Railroad bill, (just passed), and many others, where the people speak with the strength of numbers. This convincing work is not to be done by adopting preambles and resolutions on paper, but by each of you, individually, starting from his home and fire-side to every primary, county, State, and National political meeting of his respective party with this platform in his hand, in his head, and in his heart, and see that no man gets a nomination in his party from Coroner to President without being first pledged to his platform. No need to quit your political party. You democrats control the Democratic party; Republicans the Republican party; Greebackers the Greenback party, &c., and see that you do it. Then every man nominated by every party will be, if elected, pledged to your platform. Don't try to turn your agricultural organization into a political party, but simply make your political party an agricultural organization. To inject partisan politics into an agricultural organization destroys it sooner or later, but to inject agricultural doctrines into a political party would strengthen it. But you can do nothing without strong organizations, and you can't get all in any one more than you could into one church, school, college or profession. So build up your own order and appeal to each and every man of the agricultural and industrial classes to join, at once, some organization, and through it, in good faith, harmony and fraternity, aid to relieve the people and save the country.

Let some should suspect a political Trojan horse, let me say this: My personal platform is very short but very plain, viz: The church has charge of my religion; the Grange and Agricultural Society my agriculture, and the Democratic party of my politics. To each of these I am loyal, and in them I place implicit faith. I will vote for the Democrat nominated, but I will prevent, if I can, any one being nominated who refuses to endorse our platform.

To hope for success in any of these undertakings a different spirit and feeling must rule the future from such as ruled and ruined the efforts of the past. That past, that enmity, hatred, malice, division, antagonism, jealousy, suspicion and abuse drove asunder, in countless fragments to the four winds of heaven such organizations as you and others had, and left you all the helpless prey of those very classes and organizations which were running you. At once these laughed and chuckled with glee to see you wrangle and divide; saving them from any effort to conquer and capture you.

Instead of this, there must be mutual concussion, harmony, accord, faith, confidence, truth, honesty, justice, charity and fraternity. Encourage all your members to strive to advance themselves and you. Even cultivate an honest ambition to fill the offices in your order and those of the country. The honorable ambition of her sons is the salvation of the republic. 'Tis the dishonest intrigues of bad men to secure office that can alone endanger it. So, when your rising members seek and obtain honorable positions, do not taunt them with it as a reproach, or impute it to them as a crime. Any people or class, to succeed, must have their friends to represent them, and so must you.

THE WHEAT OF THE WORLD.

The Department of Agriculture, in its March report, contains some valuable tables. Among these are the products of the wheat-producing countries of the world, reduced to bushels. The countries not included in the table are for the most part those in which wheat holds a very subordinate position among the staple feed products and which have no appreciable influence upon the general wheat trade of the world. The fact that the wheat product of the world varies comparatively little, one year with another, will render the table given below valuable for reference. It is as follows:

Table with columns: Countries, Bushels. Lists wheat production for various countries including America, Canada, Argentina, Europe, etc.

TO THE FARMERS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Without co-operation we can have no organization, without organization we can have no system, without system we can do nothing. This is the bed-rock idea upon which rests our farmers' clubs and other organizations. It was this that brought into being our splendid convention on the 26th of January last, where was organized our North Carolina Farmers' Association. It was the design and purpose of that convention to make this Association a permanent institution. Not permanent, but that it should grow and strengthen and develop until it should embrace in its membership all the farmers of our State. Never before in all the history of this country, have the farmers felt so strongly the imperative necessity for organization. In the Northern and Northwestern States their organization is moving steadily onward; throughout the South the movement is not only hopeful and significant, but wonderful, and promises at no distant day to enlist the sympathy and active co-operation and support of all the intelligent and progressive farmers of the South.

Recently a convention of representative farmers of Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas was held at Waco, Texas, to institute and prosecute such measures as would aid and advance the movement.

On the 16th of August a convention of the farmers of the ten cotton States is called to meet in Atlanta, Ga., to consider the causes of the depression existing in the great industry of agriculture in the South, and if possible to find and apply the remedy. At this convention, steps will be taken, most probably, for the call and organization of a National Farmers' Association. On the second Wednesday in January next, our State Association will meet in the city of Greensboro, N. C.

The gratifying and rapid progress made in our State, in organizing farmers' clubs and the organization of granges, inspires the belief that the farmers of the Old North State are being aroused as never before, and that they will be fully prepared to fall into line with their brother farmers and with their best endeavor and truest loyalty, strive to advance this the greatest of all our great industries.

We, the Executive Committee of the North Carolina Farmers' Association, appeal to the farmers of our State to organize. Establish neighborhood or township clubs; from these, organize county clubs, and thus be in a position to be properly represented in our State Association, and other representative bodies of our farmers. We respectfully but earnestly suggest that meetings of farmers be called and held in every neighborhood as soon as the busy season in our crops shall have passed. Prepare for it now. Begin to agitate it. Write to the PROGRESSIVE FARMER, Raleigh, N. C., the official organ of our State Association, for the form of Constitution and By-Laws, which will be mailed to applicants free of charge.

It is necessary that the Secretary of our State Association should have and keep a complete directory of the farmers' clubs throughout the State.

We therefore ask that every club in the State (whether it be county or township club) send at once to our Secretary, Mr. E. F. HESTER, OXFORD, N. C., the name and postoffice address of each, the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer together with the number of members in the club, and the date of its organization.

We trust that each member of a club receiving this address will be sure to call the attention of his club to this very important matter.

On behalf of the Farmers' State Association, we respectfully ask the various papers of the State to give this address a place in their columns.

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