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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Again we want to say to our correspondents that they must give us their real names if they expect us to publish their articles. We must have their names as a guarantee of good faith. And again, we must ask our friends-all-to condense what they have to say-boil it down. We are anxious to give as great variety as possible to our readers, and to do this the articles should be short and to

SOME OF THE WORK ACCOM-PLISHED BY THE FARM-ERS' ALLIANCE.

The order originated among the farmers of Texas only a few years ago; and has grown and spread with astonishing rapidity until now it is an established institution in nearly all of the Southern States. It promises to supercede all other farmers' organizations in the South. Its great strength lies in its straightforward, practical policy in dealing with all questions, and in its admirable adaptability to developing individuality in its membership. It cultivates and fosters individual responsibility and manhood. It proposes to recognize and act upon the great and deplorable truth that Southern agriculture is not prospering, and it proposes to work with might and main to lift from it the intolerable and unjust burthens under which it is staggering and languishing. That it can and will do this, we have only to for example, where its membership farmers, it has over 200 cotton yards under its control and belonging to it, nearly 50 patent roller flouring mills, with a capacity of from 50 to 500 barrels of flour per day, the largest woolen mill in all the South or Southwest, a number of cotton factories in process of construction, implement factories, and a property on which factories, an Alliance Female University and a great city is soon to be built, a State Business Exchange for selling the produce of the farmers and for buying their supplies, machinery, &c., in bulk and at wholesale prices.

hundred thousand dollars in cash as a guarantee fund. It has besides all this the largest implement, machinery and hardware house in the South or Southwest, and which did a business of over two hundred thousand dollars during last month. These are the more prominent features of the business system of the order in the State of Texas, to say nothing of the hundreds of smaller enterprises now being prosecuted.

In the other States the order is catching the spirit of their brethren in the "Lone Star" State and are preparing to move along the same line as fast as they become able to do so. In our own State the growth of the order has been almost marvelous. At the organization of the State Alliance on the 4th of October last, there was scarcely a thousand members in the State; to-day we feel safe in saying that we number over thirty thousand members, and "still they come."

Already the brethren are becoming restive and want to move. We are daily receiving letters enquiring as to when we can start our Business System, and offering to advance money to give our State Agency commercial rating and standing in the world of trade. Some of the brethren have taken the initiative in establishing manufacturing enterprises. Mecklenburg is moving for a roller flouring mill and a cotton yard. Auburn Alliance, in Wake, has raised a considerable sum towards establishing a cotton seed oil mill and other enterprises templated.

We are glad to announce to the brethren throughout the State that at a very early day an address on the important subject of the State Business Agency will be issued to them by our State Executive Committee. outlook for the order is as encouraging and hopeful in our State as its most ardent friends could desire.

ALEXANDER, THE COMING MAN

As the time for the nomination of a candidate for Governor approaches, the interest among the respective friends of the different aspirants, increases. The other positions to be filled at the election seem to be forgotten. In this section there has never been such deep and active interest manifested by the farmers in the matter of a choice for Governor. Never were they so nearly a unit.

They put forth the very reasonable claim that they should be represented in the Gubernatorial chair. They bring forward a man upon whose record and character there is no blur or blemish-a high-toned, educated gentleman, a practical and successful farmer, a man of splendid ability and whose whole life has endeared him to the noble people among whom he was raised and among whom he has lived, and who will testify their esteem for him by their undivided and enthusiastic support. Such a man is Capt. Alexander, the farmers' favorite.

He has not sought this prominence. He says in the Charlotte Demograt of look at some of the work it has already last week that he has not sought it; will come up on the 30th inst., he will accomplished in those communities that he has not written a line to any where it is well organized. In Texas, one in regard to it, except in reply to letters on the subject, but if the nomiapproximates three hundred thousand nation were tendered him it would be fessions. But our genial friend will an honor he would appreciate and would not feel at liberty to decline. jokes. Such is the man whom the farmers and industrial and business people of the State ask to be made Governor.

and his position on the homestead law

the interest of certain other candidates. found very easily in his record, and in 5th inst., such a gathering was had on the action of the townships of Wake the bank of the Neuse at the Harper county, on last Wednesday. That place in Lenoir county. The young record has been published and shows This Exchange is on a perfectly solid that the fence-law had been in operation financial basis, having as its support six years before he came to Raleigh as a

in the commercial world about five representative, and the people of Wake on last Wednesday (outside of Raleigh) answered the charge overwhelmingly, by declaring almost unanimously that he is their first choice for Governor. He is a man of the people, with the people, and for the people, and the people know it.

Never have we seen such an enthusiastic interest—such a spontaneous uprising among the people for any man, and as we predicted, that interest is spreading and growing and strengthening every day. We confidently predict his nomination, and we confidently predict that such real, zealous pervading enthusiasm as will characterize the great mass of our people, has never been surpassed, if equalled, in our State.

Astute, observant and wise politicians are astonished at the strength he is developing, and everything indicates his nomination.

"A VERY DECIDED PROSPECT."

Our esteemed contemporary, the Fayetteville Observer, of the 10th inst., begins its leading and well-written editorial with this remark:

"There are now before the people only two candidates-Steadman and Fowle—with a very decided prospect for another, Mr. S. B. Alexander, as a candidate of the Farmers' Alliance."

It is rather early to begin "campaign jokes," but our genial and pleasant friend of the Observer is so full of good humor, that "it just bubbles over." "Stedman and Fowle the only candidates!" But there is "a very decided prospect of another!" "Very decided prospect" is good! We presume our good friend was aided in his discovery of this third and probable candidate, or rather that there "is a very decided prospect of another" by some reports he has heard from the counties of Lenoir, Richmond, Franklin, Robeson, Columbus, Moore, Edgecombe, Wake, Warren, Granville, Rockingham, Chatham and Vance. And it may be that he has talked to men nearer home ..

The people of these counties seem to have learned some time ago that there were more than "two can didates," but in some of them they act as though they want but one. Dear, good brother, if you will communicate with the people of these counties, or is you will come to Raleigh about the 30th of this month, you will enjoy the satisfaction of knowing that you are perfectly correct, when you say that "there is a very decided prospect of another." The fact is, that there can be found a few men in each of these counties and there are several even in the city of Raleigh, who believe even now that Capt. Alexander is already a full-fledged and a very lively candidate. "A very decided prospect!" Well, that's encouraging, at

But the very core and marrow of the joke lies in that part of this very funny discovery, wherein the Observer says, Capt. Alexander is to be the "candidate of the Farmer's Alliance!" Members of that order will not be able to suppress a smile when they see this, but if our good and clever neighbor conclude that the Farmers' Alliance is record as one of our most active, usemade up of a wonderful number of men representing all classes and prohave his fun and will perpetrate his

A MOST ENJOYABLE OCCASION

As a rule, our farmers and their We regret to learn that in certain families have less of social intercourse sections his record on the fence law, and pleasure than any other class of our people. Hence when they arrange is being persistently misrepresented in for a social gathering and commingling, they enjoy it with a zest that is The best answer to all this can be really refreshing. On Saturday, the and the old came trooping in from all quarters until a large crowd of as cheerful and happy people, had assembled as could be found in a month's travel. A splendid dinner was served and everything passed off as pleasantly as possible. Col. G. B. Pickett, of Texas, and the writer made speeches, and we imagine if a certain lady had been there and seen the gallant and chivalrous Colonel, almost overwhelmed with compliments, smiles and magnificent bouquets, some one would have taken the "arm-clutch" on the gentleman and marched him off for Texas. But he bore his honors meekly and bravely.

Everybody was in the very best of good humor and we were made to feel that truly our "lines had fallen in pleasant place," and while we most warmly appreciate the uniform kindness of that warm-hearted people, we must tender special thanks and acknowledgments to our good friends and their families-Messrs. C. P. Davis, B. C. Scarboro, W. I. Herring, W. H. Worth, - Sutton and Col. N. B. Whitfield, for special favors and courtesies. We will not soon forget them.

IMPORTANT MEETING.

The State Business Agents of the Farmers' National Alliance and Co-Operative Union of America held a very important meeting in the city of New Orleans on the 1st inst.

The following gentlemen were present: Dr. C. W. Macune, President N. F. A. and C. U. of A. and Business Agent of the State of Texas; R. B. Carl Lee, of Arkansas; Oswald Wilson, of Florida; W. D. Clarke, of Tennessee; H. P. Bone, of Alabama; S. B. Erwin, of Kentucky; R. H. Jackson, of Georgia; A. T. Hatcher, of Louisiana; R. T. Love and C. T. Smithson, of Mississippi.

Plans were adopted for the establishment of a National Exchange, which are to be submitted to the various State Alliances for approval, and by which it is expected to secure thorough co-operation and uniformity in all of the States. This meeting represented one of the greatest and most powerful industrial movements that ever agitated any country and will give it a new impetus. The farmers of the South think there is a way by which they can have more control over the products of their labor and they propose to find that way. At an early day the Business System will be adopted by the Alliance of North Carolina.

An Eastern correspondent of the News-Observer in its issue of May 9th, declares that Capt. S. B. Alexander, of Mecklenburg, is the people's choice for Governor, and adds:

"In all North Carolina there is not a more available man than S. B. Alexander, of Mecklenburg. While he is by no means a demagogue, nor a political wire-puller, he is a man of acute perception, shrewd judgment and bright intellect, a man of energy of wide information, fluent in speech level-headed, big-brained, progressive and aggressive, a man who has many elements of strength that no other man in the State possesses. * * * When comparatively a young man, the people of Mecklenburg sent him from his farm to represent them in the State Senate, and they still continue to send him. There he has made a ful and honorable Senators. In noth. ing has Capt. Alexander achieved greater success and done more good for county and State than in his noble calling of farmer. As a practical and successful farmer he stands to-day a benefactor and a friend to the farming and industrial classess of North Carolina. We don't believe there is a man in this grand old commonwealth who would make a better, a wiser or more useful Governor. His highest aim would be to promote the best interests of North Carolina and all her people.

A nephew of one of the best and greatest Governors North Carolina ever had, S. B. Alexander is much like him in head and heart. A pure man, a brave soldier, a patriotic citizen, a profound thinker, a wise legislator, a practical farmer, an honored statesman, let us have S. B. Alexander for our next Governor.

"THE GOVERNOR."

Under the above caption, the Hick. ory Clipper, having under discussion the names of the three leading gentle. men who are now mentioned in connection with the Democratic nomination for Governor-Fowle, Steadman and Alexander-closes its article in these words:

We are very much mistaken, in summing up the signs of the times if Alexander don't count as many friends, in the nominating convention as either one of the others.

The farmers of the country are presenting the name of Alexander as their choice and they compose the great bulk of the party. They have stood by the party through thick and thin, and have been modest in their demands in the past, but they will now feel greatly disappointed if they fail to be heard in this instance.

We are in favor of the nomination of Mr. Alexander, however, not because he is a farmer, but because we believe that he will prove the strong. est man with the masses of any man yet mentioned. He has no record to defend and is fully able to cope with any candidate that may be put up against him, and the masses will rally to his standard, if nominated and give to Democracy a rousing victory. We believe that the nomination of Alexander would insure the success of the Democratic party in North Carolina.

Money is scarce and hard to get. We want at all times to adapt THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER to its surroundings, so if you can't spare a dollar for our paper, make up a club at 50 cents for 6 months. This will reach the next cotton crop.

WAKE COUNTY PRIMARIES.

Alexander Far Ahead!

At the earnest request of a large number of our readers in Wake, we give the names of delegates to the County Convention from the various townships and wards, so far as we have them. Judge Fowle leads in Raleigh township, but it is but just to Alexander to state that he had a very strong following in some of the wards. Indeed in the second largest he was beaten by only about three votes. It is conceded on all hands that Alexander is far ahead of all others in Wake:

WARD DELEGATES IN RALEIGH. First Ward-A. A. Thompson, C. C. Crow, Samuel Wilder, W. H. Pace, Thomas Harris, S. G. Ryan, G. Haywood C. W. Lambeth, Spier Whitaker, F. Stronach, T. B. Crowder, V. Royster, W.

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Fifth Ward-Henry Horton, Robert Dobbin, B. F. Park, N. G. Whitfield, J. A. Briggs, G. E. Leach, Chas. E. Johnson, C. A. Separk, G. M. Allen, A. Jones, J R. Ferrall, Octavius Coke, Dr. D. E. Outside East-R. G. Dunn, W. C.

Outside West-C. N. Dixon, W. C. Betts, W. E. Ashley, J. M Peatross, T. A. Partin, W. A. Turk, Chas. Root.

Barton's Creek-J. D. Allen, E. G. Penny, G. C. Bledsoe, G. H. Mooneyham, R. D. Honeycutt and A. Carter. Cary-Dr. S. P. Waldo, C. H. Clarke,

G. W. Coover, R. A. Young, J. H. Stone, and J. W. Young. St. Matthews—Dr. J. B. H. Knight, A. P. Upchurch, J. L. Watson, A. C. Green, B. B. Buffaloe, M. W. Buffaloe.

Neuse-J. J. Dunn, L. M. Green and Eugene Beddingfield. Panther Branch—C. E. McCullers, J. W. Jones, J. J. Penny, W. S. Turner, G. P. Partin, L. J. Gulley, J. M. Turner, R. N. Wynne, C. F. Doub, T. H. Turner. T. H. Turner.

New Light—L. Wodlief, Dr. S. W. Thompson, R.
P. Jones, P. M. Mangum, W. B. Ray, H. B. Emory,
Willis Smith, G. W. Smith, M. L. Edwards.

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White Oak—S. C. Seagraves, H. C. Olive, J. J. Rogers, A. T. Olive, W. H. Holleman, L. L. Edwards, H. E. Norris, J. C. Burnes, A. C. Council, Rufus Barbee, Augustus Herndon, L. D. Baucom, Buckhorn—J. Walter Collins, N. G. Burns, Dr. B. W. Burt, W. B. Wheeler, Fred Avent, T. B. Holt, J. M. Dennis, A. C. Burt, G. B. Alford, Barney Johnson, J. D. Marcom, J. T. Judd, Dr. B. S. Utley, J. M. Dennis. J. M. Dennis.

Cedar Fork—M. W. Page, W. H. Edwards, I. S. Barbee, W. M. Arnold, J. W. Parker.

Middle Creek—J. M. Griffis, L. H. Smith, R. A. Blalock, Jeff Stephens, Alfred Powell, W. H. Burt, R. H. Utley, W. H. Holland.

St. Mary's—D. B. Buffaloe, D. P. Meacham, B. F. Walton, F. A. Whitaker, Gaston Jones, Thos. Johns, Bryant Todd, P. W. Dowd, A. D. Honeycutt, Jesse Langston, N. B. Bagwell. Sion Pool.

Houses Creek—W. G. Allen, W. T. Smith, W. R. McDade, W. H. Whitaker, A. M. Thompson, A. M. Sorrell, R. H. Sanders, C. H. Jackson, Marcellus Smith, J. H. Ray, H. W. King, Fred Goodwin, Jr., J. D. Hayes, Jno. W. Wiggins. J. D. Hayes, Jno. W. Wiggins.

Wake Forest—H. V. Pace, J. C. Harris, S. M. Dunn, J. C. Caddell, J. W. Jones, J. A. Stell, Wm. Watkins, J. T. Pearce, Osca Pace, W. B. Smith. Swift Creek—Ed. Rea, W. H. J. Goodwin, Ed. King, B. J. Upchurch, L. D. Stephenson, J. B. Strain, J. G. Langston. For Alexander.