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SMYRNA ALLIANCE.
 HASTY, N. C., June 20, 1888.
 EDITOR FARMER:—Judging from the tone of a recent communication from this and other Alliances throughout the State, there seems to be a general disposition to heap anathemas on the country merchant, a course extremely unwise, and one calculated to injure the cause and retard the progress of the organization. The existence of the country merchant is a prime necessity. Very many indispensable household articles cannot be bought by an Alliance Club by wholesale, simply because they would not need so many, and to send their order to the retail city dealer would be a simple waste of time, as he would invariably require the *spot cash*, for which goods can be bought right at home 20 per cent. cheaper than from any retail house in a city, a fact to which every one who has tried it will willingly testify. The wholesale city dealers and the country merchants believe in the protection afforded by the organization of brains and capital. They control the almighty dollar, and the poor, weak and selfish farmer is foolish indeed to think that such a course will ever serve to crush into annihilation such an array of perseverance. A much better and wiser course would be to unite thoroughly; meet

and discuss the different methods of agriculture and begin at once to raise what they consume on their own farms, and not depend on the Western States for their bacon and flour, and Louisiana, Cuba and the Bahama islands for their molasses and sugar, Tennessee, Kentucky and Illinois for their stock, when all this can be raised right here in our own State, and that as cheap, too, as anywhere else. Let them send representatives to the legislative halls—representatives in the fullest sense of the word—men who will work fearlessly and perseveringly for the interest of their constituents, have a law enacted making it punishable by heavy fine to plant more than ten acres of cotton to the horse. This would necessitate the planting of more corn and small grain; consequently our cotton would command a better price.

We should endeavor to encourage manufacturers to come among us. The natural facilities for manufactories in North Carolina are unsurpassed by any State in the Union. Establish a line of steamers as Georgia has to Great Britain and ship our cotton direct to the leading cotton market of the world. This is the only way the farmers of the State and Southland can ever hope to extricate themselves from the overwhelming troubles they now suffer and find themselves again as in *ante bellum* days a smiling, happy, independent class.

J. B. McC.

THE NO FENCE LAW.

BROADWAY, July 4, '88.
 MR. EDITOR:—Please allow me space in your columns to say a few words in regard to the no fence law. The man I wish to speak to signs his name "Brother Farmer." He seems to think that it takes more corn to feed hogs to hunt acorns than it takes to fatten them, but it is not so in this county. We can raise hogs here that will weigh from two to five hundred pounds, in the woods. At that, I am opposed to the no fence law, and I simply write this to let Moss Neck know that there is more than one farmer on his side of the fence, and to let brother farmer know that it will take something more than a spoon to put dirt in my eyes to make me see that the no fence is the best. I think that we have some good farmers in Moore county as there is in the State, and yet I don't believe they want to change their way of farming while they can make bread and meat and money to spend. I live close to where they have the no fence law, and they are getting enough of it. The cows perish to death, tied to a steak in sight of grass.

Fraternally,
 A. T. Cox.

CABARRUS CROPS.

CLEAR CREEK, N. C., July 3, '88.
 COL. L. L. POLK.—Dear Sir:—Had I written you a week ago the report had been rather gloomy, but a very fine rain has changed the whole face of things. The season is a little late but now the prospect for both corn and cotton is better than usual at this season, because the very favorable season for work has favored the farmers so that when rain came the ground was in fine condition for receiving it and it seems that every drop has been appropriated. Oats are good; wheat has been much injured by rust and in some instances by the chinch bug; corn, too, is being attacked in some fields. Farmers, generally, are of good courage. Our people are hopeful in regard to the Charlotte and Albemarle Railroad which is to pass near us. Our Alliance is growing in numbers and interest. Have many things to write you but they may wait till I get my hand in.

Yours fraternally,
 SECRETARY.

Anarchist Sunday-schools are said to be in full blast in Chicago. It is estimated that about 25,000 persons are now being instructed in the doctrines of the Socialists.

MECKLENBURG COUNTY ALLIANCE.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., July 10, '88.
 EDITOR FARMER:—The Mecklenburg County Alliance, on the 6th and 7th insts. held its regular quarterly meeting with Long Branch Sub-Alliance. Well, these brethren of Long Branch are a clever and noble-hearted people. No stone was left unturned by them to make this meeting a success and to make the delegates in attendance feel comfortable and at home. I might say much right here in regard to this matter, that would meet with the approval of every one who was there, but space will not allow.

After opening ceremonies and report of committee on credentials, reporting list of delegates to be correct, the Alliance went into regular business.

Report of committee on cotton platform: Committee report that in their opinion it is best to defer this matter till our State Alliance meets, and recommends to said State Alliance to take such steps as may secure such an arrangement at the earliest date. Report adopted and committee discharged.

Committee on Flouring Mill reported that in view of the cost of a first class mill, this not being a wheat-raising country, farmers being engaged largely in other farm productions, do not recommend the building of a mill at present. The report tabled for the present.

On motion, the election of officers was made the special order of the day at 4 p. m. this afternoon.

Capt. S. B. Alexander being present, was called upon to explain the State Agency fund. This he did to the entire satisfaction of every one present. He took in the ground-work of the matter, stating the necessity and efficiency of the whole plan.

On motion, recess for one hour was taken.

AFTERNOON SESSION.
 The Executive Committee reported books of Secretary and Treasurer to be correct.

Resolution by F. S. Neal:
 WHEREAS, The Mecklenburg County Alliance, now in session, realizes the importance and necessity of raising a fund for our State Business Agent, as set forth in a circular issued by Capt. S. B. Alexander, President of our State Alliance, and by the Executive Committee of the same; and

WHEREAS, We believe this to be the only true and efficient mode of conducting our business, the right thing in the right place, the laying, as it were, the very cornerstone of our future prospects, the very foundation on which to build our structure, the very thing that will make our Alliance a success, therefore,

Resolved, That we commend to our Sub-Alliance this circular from our State President and Executive Committee, and do ask for their hearty cooperation in this work. Adopted.

Resolution by Alexandria Alliance:
 Resolved, That we, the members of Alexandria Alliance recommend to the County Alliance, as soon as possible, to establish one or more trade houses in the city of Charlotte, and we further recommend that a committee be appointed to wait on the merchants of Charlotte and receive bids for the establishing of said trade houses. Adopted.

Committee appointed on the above, J. S. Ried, of Matthews; F. J. Rebm, of Pine Grove, and A. J. Hunter, of McDowell's Creek.

W. E. Ardrey was elected a delegate to our State Alliance.

A resolution, which was adopted, was opposed by J. A. DeArmond, instructing the Secretary to prepare and have at county meeting suitable badges to be worn by delegates in attendance, expenses to be defrayed by county.

The following resolution was adopted:
 Resolved, That the Presidents of Sub-Alliances of the county be, and are hereby instructed to lay before their Alliances the importance of farm-

ers sending their sons to that great and grand institution, the N. C. Agricultural College, to be opened at Raleigh in the near future, and that promises so much benefit to farmers and the most important results to North Carolina. Also cause to be delivered a lecture on the same at an early date by their lecturer.

Resolved, That this County Alliance return its heartfelt thanks to the members of Long Branch Alliance for their unbounded hospitality and untiring efforts to make this meeting a success and its members feel at home. Adopted unanimously by rising vote.

Resolution by J. A. Wilson:
 Resolved, That the County Alliance of Mecklenburg recommend that the State Alliance order that the Secretaries of Sub-Alliances make monthly reports to the Secretary of County Alliance, and County Secretary make monthly reports to Secretary of State Alliance on the condition of our crops, especially cotton, and State Secretaries report back to Sub-Secretaries in same way. Adopted.

Resolved, That delegates to County Alliance be required to ask for leave of absence if wishing to leave before meeting closes. Adopted.

The newly elected officers were installed and the Alliance closed to meet with Matthews Alliance on the first Friday in October next, and to have two days' session.

F. S. NEAL,
 Sec'y Mecklenburg Co. Alliance.

APEX ON THE FOURTH.

EDITOR FARMER:—Our quiet little town had one of the most pleasant 4th of July celebrations ever held in any small town. Among the four or five hundred present, we never heard of a contention; everybody was peaceable and seemed to spend the day, filled with bliss. We were honored with an able address by our much beloved friend, N. B. Broughton, which was a most excellent discourse on our independence, progress of the age, needs of education and some of the future interests of our people to which it would be well to look.

We were next honored by a short and very pointed address by our old friend and townsman and much beloved brother, A. C. Green, of St. Matthews township, which was full of good sound sense, setting forth that we were not as we are often accused, a political organization, but an organization of white men, the intention of which is to better our financial condition and do it with the white men of this country, and to do it without taking the political rings of to-day to do it with. A. C. Green is a very worthy brother, and one which we would heartily endorse and ask old St. Matthews township for as one of our next representatives to the Legislature. He is an honest, straightforward old farmer, will work for the laboring class of people to the utmost end, has the best of tact for detecting rings, &c., the very person we need.

We next had a most thrilling address by Hon. B. H. Bunn, which needs not our comment, as all will see when he addresses them. We would say this: he leaves a good impression on the minds of his fellow-citizens at this place.

Our speaking was concluded by a very able address from R. H. Battle, Esq., of Raleigh, N. C., which was very instructive.

All of the proceedings did honor to the Farmers' Alliance, which bids fair to be the grandest move the farmers of this country have ever made, and which ere long will show to the people of this country to be the strongest and most independent and powerful body of our country, which they always have been, but never united heretofore.

Old Apex Alliance was one among the first in the State to organize, and for a long time had to drag along on account of antagonizers, but she pushed shoulder to shoulder and reached the level deep water, and now she floats with the rise of 60 members at her helm, among which are some of the

very best of our people in this community.

The speculating class of people may call us a political organization, or anything else they wish, but that is not where the shoe pinches, it is in the pocket. It is the kicked dog that always howls, and we expect him to whine when he gets hurt, but we can't afford to let him eat our bread always, it is getting scarce now and times are getting hard.

We expect this class to shell us with all manner of false shells, filled with air, &c., but they can't damage us; not even with their hired shells, if they should have such, for we are iron-clad and bomb-proof against all such false shooting. They may be buying some other kind of powder; we know not, but if so that is just as worthless as theirs. Sail on, old ship, over the mighty deep, surrounded by sharks, and we shall land and anchor in the harbor of success.

Fraternally,
 B. G.

RED HILL ALLIANCE AT WORK.

July 6, 1888.
 COL. L. L. POLK.—Dear Sir:—At your request I drop you a few lines to inform you of our progress. At our last meeting the executive committee's circular letter, and also yours, was read, and the subject very freely discussed, and immediately 16 of the 16 members present subscribed \$5 each to the Business Agent's fund, and some said they were willing to double the amount if necessary. I am certain that every member of our Lodge will subscribe, and I do trust that every one in North Carolina may do likewise, so that the Business Agency can be established at once. I will urgently and respectfully ask the brethren all over the State to manfully lay hold of the work with that vim which is certain to carry us to success with the worthy leaders that we have. Then we can begin to come out from under the oppression that is being heaped upon us.

Fraternally,
 A. S. CAMPBELL, Sec'y.

VIRGINIA.

LURAY, VA., July 14, 1888.
 COL. L. L. POLK.—Dear Sir:—At a convention held at this place on Thursday last, (the 12th) a State Farmers' Alliance was fully organized. A large number of delegates, composed of some of our very best citizens, were present, and we had a most delightful, harmonious and brotherly meeting.

I am glad to say that your valuable paper, THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER, was adopted by the convention as the organ of our State Alliance.

Col. G. T. Barbee, of Bridgewater, Rockingham county, was chosen by acclamation as permanent President, Capt. T. B. Massey, of Rappahannock, Vice-President; J. J. Silvey, Esq., of Rappahannock, Secretary, and Isaiah Printz, Esq., of Page, was elected Treasurer. No time to write more at present, only to say that our grand old State is looking up, so far as the prosperity of the Alliance and the future of our agricultural interests are concerned.

Fraternally,
 A. B. C.

OFFICIAL ORGANS OF FARMERS ALLIANCE.

National Alliance—*Southern Mercury*, Dallas, Texas.
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 Arkansas—*State Wheel Enterprise*, Little Rock.
 Mississippi—*The Farmer*, Winona.
 North Carolina—*THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER*, Raleigh.
 Louisiana—*The Union*, Choudrant.
 Tennessee and Kentucky—*The Toler*, Nashville, Tenn.
 Free Speech, Beaumont, Texas, of the counties of Jefferson, Orange, Tyler, Hardin, Chambers, Liberty.
 Florida—*Farmers' Florida Alliance*, Marianna, Fla.