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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.

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 the point.*

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE ALLIANCE.

The organization of this body was effected on the 11th inst. at Florence, S. C. Twelve counties were represented and one hundred and sixty-four Subordinate Alliances by one hundred and nineteen delegates. It was a splendid body of live, earnest, intelligent, representative farmers. The finest spirit prevailed. The delegates were vigilant, earnest and aggressive. They went about their work with confidence, enthusiasm and determination. They indulged in no spread-eagleism, and wanted none. Their bearing was such as would characterize men who had assembled to address themselves to important matters. The body was in session two days, and during the time much work, good work, was accomplished. The counties represented were Chester, Chesterfield, Darlington, Fairfield, Horry, Lancaster, Marion, Marlborough, Spartanburg, Union, York and Williamsburg. Over one hundred visiting brethren were in attendance.

The meeting was permanently organized by electing Col. E. T. Stackhouse, President; F. P. Taylor, Vice-President; J. W. Reid, Secretary; J. F. Breeden, Treasurer; J. E. Pettigrew, Door Keeper; H. McRae, Asst. Door Keeper, Rev. J. H. Turner, Chaplain; J. E. Jernigan, Serg't-at-Arms.

The officers of the State Alliance were elected and are as follows: President, E. T. Stackhouse; Vice-President, J. F. Breeden; Secretary, J. W. Reid, Reidville, S. C.; F. P. Taylor, Treasurer; Rev. Jas. Douglass, Chaplain; S. E. Pettigrew, Lecturer, H. McRae, Asst. Lecturer; E. L. Brown. Door Keeper; A. R. Waller, Asst. Door Keeper; J. Eugene Jernigan, Serg't-at-Arms.

The State Executive Committee consists of T. P. Mitchell, S. T. D. Lancaster and Lucas McIntosh.

Committee on Demands and Resolutions—D. T. Redfearn, Geo. T. Scarborough, J. P. Durham, H. McRae, S. J. McInnis.

Committee on the Good of the Order—J. M. Connelly, E C. Edwards, Jesse Morris.

Committee on Paper, Printing, &c.—D. M. Barrentine, A. R. Waller, H. C. Burn.

State Judiciary Committee—Dr. S. J. Hester, J. A. Calhoun, L. D. Graham.

Committee on Macune Business System—Dr. S. T. D. Lancaster, F. P. Mitchell, C. L. Evans, E. M. Williamson.

Committee on Constitution and By-Laws—J. C. Coit, E. R. McIver, R. G. Howard, Chas. Crosland, F. G. Schell.

Delegates to the National Alliance—J. W. Reid, J. B. Crosby, H. McRae. State Organizer and Lecturer, Dr. S. T. D. Lancaster.

The Alliance adjourned to meet in the city of Columbia on the first Monday in December next, when the matter of a Business Exchange, we presume, will be considered and determined.

The State Alliance of South Carolina is well officered, and is made up of splendid material. It can and must and will succeed, if the order will keep clear of partisan politics and adheres faithfully to the great principles of the order. It starts out under the most promising auspices, and THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER wishes it a great and glorious future.

Col. D. K. Norris, President of the Farmers' State Association, was present, and by special invitation of the Alliance and citizens, he and the writer delivered addresses at night at the public square, where the citizens had erected a stand for the occasion. The people listened most attentively. Col. Norris made a neat, forcible, practical speech, in which he presented the great need of industrial training for the boys and girls of the country.

We met friends of the long ago, and were delighted to see them. We made new friends whom we hope to meet again.

THE ALLIANCE NAME POPULAR

A brother writes that parties in the State are manufacturing and selling tobacco, branded "Farmers' Alliance" and does not think it right unless the manufacturers belong to the order and the business is operated by Alliance men. Of course, this is being done and we may look for "Alliance plows" "Alliance cigars," "Alliance wagons," "Alliance" everything, to get the farmers' trade. But the Alliance is arranging to get its members to open their eyes and not be satisfied with simply a *name.* As soon as we can get our Business System perfected and have it and all its branches covered and protected by a charter, then when the brethren see the word "Alliance" on any article they will know its meaning.

A GALA WEEK.

The Inter-State Farmers' Summer Encampment will be held at the city of Spartanburg, S. C., beginning August 6th, and continuing through August 11th, 1888. There will be reduced railroad fares from all parts of the country and an immense crowd is confidently expected to be present. Trains will run every half hour from Spartanburg to the encampment grounds, where there will be telegraph, telephone, express and railroad offices for the convenience of visitors. Able addresses will be delivered by distinguished agricultural men from all parts of the country. The Secretary informs us that letters daily received indicate that the crowd will be much larger than last year, which numbered 15,000 per day of the encampment week. Those wishing to make exhibits, rent stalls or space, should communicate at once with President S. T. McCravy, or Warren DuPre, Secretary, Spartanburg, S. C.

The Tarborough *Southerner* has "got a itty-bitty pain in its itty-bitty tummick; so it has."

"THE ALLIANCE CONCERN."

We think the Raleigh PROGRESSIVE FARMER treats us unfairly by copying isolated paragraphs from the Charlotte *Democrat,* and then commenting on them in a manner calculated to produce the impression that we are making war on what is called the "Farmers' Alliance." We do not now say that that is the editor's motive, but, if it is, we say it is wrong and unjustifiable. We copy news items about all matters of public importance in the State, and the items about the Alliance upon which THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER comments were published in several other papers and were copied by the *Democrat* from an exchange. We don't understand why the editor of the FARMER did not comment on them when they first appeared in the Warrenton *Gazette* and Sanford *Express,* and we don't see why he should lay so much *peculiar* stress on the word "concern" which we happened to use in alluding to the Alliance. The word "concern" is a proper one, and and why the FARMER should seem to consider it offensive is very strange. Why should it be offensive? As to *true* friendship for the farming interests of the State, we are ready now or at any other time to compare records with any one, though we do not profess to be a *better* friend to agriculture than all the rest of sensible mankind. As brother Polk, the editor of the FARMER, has often honored us by copying some of our short articles, will he please copy the above?

The above appeared in the Charlotte *Democrat* of the 13th inst., and would have appeared in this paper last week, but for the absence of the editor, which was explained to Bro. Yeates by letter early last week, but which it seems had not been received by him at the time of his issue of the 20th inst., as he calls attention to the fact that it did not appear in our paper, and again asks us to publish it. We do so with great pleasure and give him the full benefit of his explanation.

The above article is the reply of the *Democrat* to our article: "A Nigger in the Wood-pile," in which we simply answered a question of the *Democrat.*

We know that our good friend, the able and genial editor of the *Democrat,* would not, intentionally, misrepresent us, but we must respectfully demur to the statement that we quoted "isolated paragraphs" from his paper and then "commented on them in a manner calculated to produce the impression "that the *Democrat* is making war on the Alliance." We quoted every syllable of his article, and confined ourself strictly to answering his question, in regard to negroes joining our "Alliance concern." Our clever neighbor complains that we put "peculiar stress" on his word "concern," and says "the word is a proper one." Well, we grant that it is a proper word in its proper place, but never having seen it applied to large and respectable organizations, we may have been led by the novelty of the connection to have given it undue prominence. "The Alliance concern." Somehow it doesn't have the right jingle, as applied to a body of over one million of as clever people as our Creator ever made. But the members of the Alliance may become educated up to the point when they will recognize its fitness and appreciate its appropriateness, as applied to their order.

THE NEXT STATE FAIR.

Three things make a good State Fair: a good exhibit, cheap means of going to see it and the people to see it. It is written down that all these conditions will be filled at the next State Fair. Not only individual farmers, but organizations of farmers, are enlisted, making competitive exhibits. Preparation for them has begun, and they will be larger and more complete than ever before. The buildings will be touched up and the surroundings of the exhibition spaces improved. So that what is exhibited will be shown to the best advantage. The rate of practically one cent a mile has been agreed upon by all the lines of railway. This is very cheap riding. To come to Raleigh and return, say from a hundred miles, and a couple of dollars, is a new means of familiarizing our people with the State's Capitol and with each other.

There will be the largest crowd ever seen at a State Fair. With some spare money and cribs and smoke houses with plenty at home, nothing should prevent our hard-working, self-denying people from taking a little holdiday, seeing what their neighbors are doing and showing their neighbors what they are doing. Let the crowd only be limited by the measure of the large accommodation to be had.

THE OLD NORTH STATE TO THE FRONT.

Our State stretches from our sea coast westward 505 miles, and beyond the Apalachian Range. Its area covers 52,250 square miles. It is as large as the States of Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Jersey and Maryland combined. It has ninety-six counties, in either of which some of our most desirable fruits can be grown, and in a large number of which all of them may be grown successfully. We want to see some specimens of the fruits of every county in the State on exhibition at our State Fruit Fair, which is opened in Metropolitan Hall, in this city, on the 15th of next month. The express company will bring them free of charge. There will be five hundred dollars in cash awarded as premiums. Let each county be represented in the exhibit. The Society is now receiving 25,000 fruit baskets, in which will be displayed 250,000 pounds of fruits; a sight that it were worth a trip across the continent to see. Let those attending the State Alliance bring something from their respective counties. Let us show to the world that for grapes, especially, our good old State will in the near future be recognized as the Burgundy of America. This is an enterprise that appeals to the patriotism and State pride of all our citizens, and we have every reason to believe that the exhibit will be the most superb display of fruits ever seen on the Atlantic Seaboard, and one which will give every visitor a higher conception of the grand capabilities of our native State.

THE INTER-STATE ASSOCIATION.

Everything points to a large gathering of representative farmers of the South in this city on the 21st prox. Gov. Lee, of Virginia, promptly appointed fifty delegates from that State. Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Texas and North Carolina have reported full delegations through their respective Vice-Presidents, and the remaining States will be reported as soon as possible. Private letters from each of these States say that they will each be well represented. We expect Senator J. H. Reagan, and our own great Vance to be present, and a large number of distinguished citizens from our own and the other States. We hope to perfect the arrangement with the proper authorities for the laying of the corner-stone of our State Agricultural and Mechanical College during the session. We have a local committee of fifty of our leading and public-spirited citizens to look after the comfort and pleasure of our distinguished visitors, and an advisory committee, consisting of the following gentlemen: His Excellency Gov. A. M. Scales, Dr. H. B. Battle, Commissioner Jno. Robinson, Col. W. H. S. Burgwyn, Arthur Arrington, Geo. Wilcox, B. Cameron and Gen. W. R. Cox.

Every farmer and every friend of industrial progress and development in the State should attend this meeting. Delegates' certificates, together with information as to rates, will be mailed to each delegate as fast as their names are received.

OUR STATE ALLIANCE.

Rates on Railroads.

The meeting of the State Alliance in this city on the 14th of next month promises to be largely attended. The delegates chosen to represent the various County Alliances are men of high character and fine judgment. It will be a splendid body of representative North Carolina gentlemen. It will consider questions of supreme importance to the great interests of the farmers of the State, and in which every good citizen will have an interest.

In response to our application to the railroads for reduced rates for persons attending the Alliance, we have received the following official communication from Col. Turk, Division Passenger Agent:

COL. L. L. POLK, RALEIGH, N. C.:

Dear Sir:—I am in receipt of the following telegram from Mr. Sol Haas, Traffic Manager:

"RICHMOND, Va., July 11.

W. A. TURK, RALEIGH, N. C.:

Rates have been agreed upon to North Carolina State Farmers' Alliance based on tariff 2, circular 1,775. Tickets on sale August 13th and 14th, good to return until 19th, inclusive.

SOL HAAS."

W. A. TURK, D. P. A.

The circular referred to gives the rates for distances of ten to four hundred miles, and are the same as are published by the Fruit Fair, and which all agents are instructed to observe in selling tickets. These rates are very low and will be given to all parties at all points within the State by the railroad agents. We will secure the best rates possible at our hotels and boarding houses for those attending the Alliance, and will have a local committee to look after the comfort and pleasure of visitors and delegates.

THE BUSINESS AGENCY—TO SUB-ALLIANCES.

The blank notes sent out to each of the Sub-Alliances of the State, from this office, may be retained by the Alliances, but we want the Secretaries to report to this office on the 1st of August the *amount* that has been subscribed to the fund by their respective Alliances. This is for the information of the State Alliance, where this important matter is to be considered. If sufficiently encouraged, the Alliance will doubtless adopt a system and establish the Agency at once. But the Alliance must know whether or not the Agency is going to be sustained, before it can be established. We doubt not that the Alliance, in its wisdom, will digest such a system for guarding and taking care of the fund, and for the successful operation of the Exchange, as will commend it to the earnest and hearty support of every true member and as will insure success. The plan or system adopted will be fully and thoroughly explained to the brotherhood at the earliest possible time.

We have never known an enterprise to enlist such spontaneous, earnest and enthusiastic endorsement among our people, and its success is already assured. The brethren all over the State feel that the permanent establishment of this Agency is an absolute, imperative and indispensable necessity and they are supporting it most heartily.

WE BESPEAK PATIENCE.

The correspondence of this office runs from fifty to one hundred letters per day. The labor required to meet the demands on the office keeps four of us on full time and as busy as men well can be. And as our Order grows and expands, a corresponding increase of demands on the columns of our organ come with it. We assure our brethren and friends that we will do all in our power to give each a due share of attention, and as promptly as possible. But should we appear tardy, we beg that they will remember that for down-right, close, steady, active work, there is no office in the State that will compare with ours. We bespeak your patient forbearance.