

**RATES TO THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE.**

We are just in receipt of a letter from Bro. E. B. Warren, Secretary of the National Alliance, stating that he has secured reduced rates for all delegates from States east of the Mississippi River. The meeting will be held in Meridian, Mississippi, on the second Wednesday in October. The rates will be one and one-third of regular fare on all railroads. Each State is entitled to one delegate or one vote for each four counties organized.

**GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.**

—Remember the State Fruit Fair at Raleigh, August, 15th and 16th—to-morrow and next day.

—Ed Noyes, of West Butte, has sold some wheat this season that yielded 65½ bushels to the acre.

—A Wilmington street wag says many "family skeletons" are now on exhibition at Morehead City.

—Messrs. Fowle and Dockery will meet for joint discussion, at Lenoir, Caldwell county, September 19th.

—Rev. R. G. Pearson, the Evangelist, will commence his meetings in Winston about the first of September.

—The Wake County Commissioners will borrow \$10,000 to complete building and repairing bridges of the county.

—London has eight homes for poor working girls, where they can get three tolerable meals a day for \$1 a week.

—We learn from our State exchanges that in the city of Raleigh, a colored infant at the age of six weeks has twenty teeth.

—Judge Davis, of the Supreme Court, went, as the escort of a number of charming young ladies, to Buffalo Springs last week.

—The "Hints to Housekeepers" in this issue of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER will be found unusually interesting and valuable.

—The Sanford Express provokes a smile by remarking: "Scott Partin has been released and Raleigh is as dull as Jerusalem."

—In the election for State officers in Alabama, held Monday, August 9th, the State went Democratic, as usual, by a large majority.

—Montgomery is getting to be famous for big snakes. Dick Hamilton, near Flagtown, killed an eleven-rattle rattlesnake last week.

—"Old John Robinson," as the famous circus man was familiarly called, died a few days ago in Cincinnati, a millionaire, at the age of 82 years.

—Rains, during the last ten days, have been more frequent, and now the remark is common, "There will be a great deal of corn and cotton made yet."

—Many sections of the State have been blessed with refreshing rains during the past ten or fifteen days, and the crop prospects have very much brightened.

—The Greensboro Workman notes the fact that attacks of typhoid fever, all through the country, have been attended with unusual fatality this spring and summer.

—The Pity says, very few people of the present day ever saw or can tell what a petard is; but a politician knows it is something a man can hoist himself with or by.

—Wilmington will have a fireman's tournament, commencing to-morrow and continuing through until the 17th of this month. The railroads give very low special rates.

—For the half year ending with June the net profits of the Canadian Pacific road were \$1,113,870, an increase of \$172,533 over the profits for the same period last year.

—The Kernersville News, brother J. H. Lindsay, has been consolidated with the Winston Advance, under the able management of Messrs. J. O. Foy and J. W. Duggins, editors.

—Tickets to the North Carolina Tobacco Association, at Morehead, will be on sale August 25th, at 1½ cents per mile each way and will be good to return as late as September 3d.

—The blackberry crop is very good this year generally, and with an unusually good drying season the crop will be much larger than any previous year. It is estimated that the crop will be worth \$20,000 to the county of Caldwell.

—The Boston Post has discovered that, in the Volapuk language, the word drunk is "dlinkadik." It may be used as a test word; if a man can pronounce it, he may be declared to be sober.

—The newspapers, in announcing the death of Gen. Phil. Sheridan, at Nonquitt, Mass., Monday, Aug. 6th, says he died of "heart failure." Isn't every death from disease the result of heart failure?

—Mr. J. M. Rex, of Montgomery county, Sunday, Aug. 5th, while walking along the road near Troy, killed a "Coach Whip" snake which was 9 feet in length and measured 12 inches in circumference.

—The Raleigh Prohibitionist, a new campaign venture, has made its appearance. It is published in the interest of the "third party" movement by S. M. Parish & Co., and is creditably gotten up.

—Before who was born?—Joe Triplett in Wilkes, has an old bottle with a good likeness of George Washington on it that was in the family before he was born.—Recorder. Before Triplett was born, of course.

—Gen. Phill H. Sheridan died at Nonquitt, Mass., at 10:30 o'clock, p. m., August 5th, 1888, of heart failure. Mrs. Sheridan and all the members of the General's family were at his bedside when he passed away.

—The funeral of Gen. Sheridan took place from St. Matthews Roman Catholic church, Washington City, on Saturday last, Cardinal Gibbons conducting the exercises. His remains were interred at Arlington.

—The Confederate re-union at Pittsboro, Chatham county, was a memorable event. Fully one thousand veterans were present and the crowd was estimated at 10,000. Senators Vance and Ransom were present.

—A conflagration in Suffolk, Va., on the 1st inst., destroyed between five and six acres of the business portion of the town. Loss, \$500,000—insurance, \$300,000. Re-building of burnt district already commenced.

—The remains of Miss S. C. Phillips, daughter of Hon. Samuel F. Phillips, of Washington City, were conveyed to Chapel Hill, N. C., on the first day of the present month for interment, accompanied by her parents.

—A baby born in Charlotte, a few days ago, received the name of Rose Cleveland Thurman Fowle Holt. It is supposed that her father, or some other near relative, who holds the naming power, is of the Democratic persuasion.

—Cotton is later than usual in every State. The State averages are Virginia 81; North Carolina 81; South Carolina 86; Georgia 90; Florida 90; Alabama 92; Mississippi 92; Louisiana 81; Texas 96; Arkansas 90; Tennessee 90.

—We regret to chronicle the death of that most estimable lady and accomplished musician, Mrs. A. H. Alderman, which occurred on Monday, August 6th inst., in the city of Greensboro. She was organist of the Baptist Church of that city.

—Strangers visiting the city will find everything neat and clean and the very best accommodation, at Mosely's Boarding House, at reasonable rates. 120 Fayetteville street. Convenient for everybody who wants a quiet place to rest.

—The Friends' (or Quakers) Yearly Meeting convened at High Point on the 8th inst. Sunday, as is usual, was the great day of the meeting, thousands of spectators flocking thither, on foot and in all manner of conveyances, from every direction.

—Claude Johnson, a promising young lawyer of Henderson, highly esteemed by the News of that town, has gone to Washington territory to make his future home. The next we hear of him, he will probably be a member of the U. S. Congress.

—A teachers' institute will be held in the Thompson Academy at Siler City, from the 20th to the 25th of this month, and will be conducted by Prof. E. P. Moses. All the white teachers in Chatham are invited to attend. No charges for instruction.

—The Lenoir Topic complains that many of the roads in Caldwell are without mile posts and sign boards, and calls the attention of supervisors to the fact and asks that they be supplied. This is a matter that should be looked after in every county, and where such conveniences to the traveling public are not now had, they should be furnished at once.

—Thos. M. Haines, the absconding cashier of the Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad, was arrested at Chicago on a telegram received from Washington Bryan, President of the company, on the 9th inst., just as he was in the act of leaving for Milwaukee.

—Rev. Geo. W. Sanderlin, candidate for State Auditor, who has been making so powerful a canvass of the State, we regret to learn, has, on account of ill health, been obliged to retire from the canvass and return to his home. We sincerely trust he may soon recover.

—Dr. Richard M. Gatling, known as the inventor of the "Gatling battery gun" was born in Hertford county, N. C., Sept. 12th, 1818. He has recently constructed another gun that will shoot a thousand times a minute. Dr. G. will have reached his seventieth year of age on the 12th day of next month.

—The most disgusting and yet the most preposterous joke we have ever encountered is the one now going the rounds of the press relative to the man who is so stingy that he has his bread made up with dish water in order to save the grease. The proposition is too utterly beastly to admit of a shadow of fun.

—A Primitive Baptist Association will convene at Philadelphia Church, six miles south of Lenoir, N. C., on Friday before the second Sunday in September next. Rev. P. D. Gold, of Wilson, editor of Zion's Landmark, and the leading minister of his denomination in the State, is expected to be present and preach.

—We are constantly receiving letters from persons making inquiry as to where they can purchase improved breeds of cattle, sheep and hogs. Let those who have these for sale advertise the fact through the columns of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER. Then we can answer such inquiries by sending a marked copy of the paper.

—The meteoric period, which generally comes from the first to the middle of August, is upon us now, and brilliant displays may be witnessed in the north-western heavens, hundreds of "shooting stars" being visible in one night. These showers are caused by the earth passing through what is known as the meteoric zone.

—The Charlotte Democrat says: "No 'Charlotte clique' can be accused of making nominations this year. Our farmer friends are satisfied, we hope, for one time, as the ticket is composed of farmers entirely, with one or two exceptions. Of course all the Legislative candidates will vote for Ransom for U. S. Senator."

—State Librarian Birdsong has just issued a catalogue of the miscellaneous books in the State's collection. There are in all over 50,000 books in the library. They are in better shape than ever before. We understand Secretary Saunders pronounces Mr. Birdsong the most energetic and efficient Librarian the State has had for a number of years.

—The North State says that this is the month for hay fever, which comes in various phases. Physicians say, that the pollen arising from orchard grass is a common irritant which produces violent sneezing and expectation. Even the dust from Jimson weeds, willow trees and sometimes palm trees are irritating to the nose, eyes and throat.

—A German professor has discovered a new opiate which he calls "sulfonal." It belongs to the group of the so-called disulphates. It has the property of inducing sleep in invalids, particularly in nervous people and those affected with heart disease, but not in healthy subjects. It is declared to be harmless and a certain means of causing slumber.

—The County Democratic Nominating Convention, in session in this city on Thursday last, placed the following ticket in the field: For the Senate, A. D. Jones; for the House, A. C. Green, L. D. Baucum, J. C. Judd and E. C. Beddingfield; for Sheriff, M. W. Page; for Register of Deeds, J. P. Goodwin; for Treasurer, Louis O. Lougee; for Coroner, Dr. J. B. Knight; and for Surveyor, J. Q. Shaw.

—Dr. Prithard's "Notes of Travel," as published in Charity and Children, are exceedingly interesting. His last, dated at Rome, begins, "The old Romans were a prodigious people—their ideas were of colossal vastness, and the evidence of their gigantic conceptions, meet the stranger on every hand as he examines the relics of their ancient greatness. The most wonderful of all Rome's mighty ruins is the Colosseum," &c.

—We learn with pleasure that Col. Paul C. Cameron has instructed Mr. Geo. B. Hiss, Manager for the firm of Messrs. Van Gunden & Young, of this city, to grade the sidewalk and erect a stone retaining-wall, with dressed stone coping, along the entire Hillsboro street front of the St. Mary's School property, a distance, probably, of four hundred yards. This is but another of the Colonel's many generous donations to this worthy institution of learning, and will be no less appreciated by the many citizens who use this thoroughfare than by the more immediate friends and patrons of the institution.

—The Scotland Neck Democrat finds this paragraph in an exchange in reference to its own town: "No town can thrive and prosper with its streets filled with loafers. Look at our streets almost any day in the week and you will find them filled with a noisy, half-clothed mob of loafers, whose only occupation appears to be to sit around bar-rooms and 'beat' the passers by out of 'set-ups.' Let the authorities drive them out of town or make them go to work, and we guarantee our citizens will not wake up so often of a morning and find their pantries so destitute of groceries that there isn't enough left for breakfast."

—Elsewhere we print a large, double-column advertisement of the live, energetic and popular dry goods firm of Messrs. Norris & Carter, and we advise our readers to examine it carefully before placing their orders. These gentlemen, who thoroughly understand the business in which they are engaged, knowing well how to buy and how to sell, handle immense quantities of goods. In fact, their sales are so immense and rapid that it is next to impossible to get an old or shop-worn article at their establishment. They will not carry over stock from one season to another, and you will see from their ad. that they avoid it by making what they call "Special Reduction Rates," and close out unseasonable goods "Regardless of price." And another thing which commends this excellent firm is that while they are extensive advertisers they use no "cant" or catch-penny phrases to deceive, but are ready at all times to verify every statement they make. It affords us real pleasure to recommend this firm to the six thousand readers of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER.

A GRAND BASKET PIC NIC.—Auburn Alliance, No. 41, cordially invites everybody, and especially all the members of the Farmers' Alliance in Wake and adjoining counties, to join them on the 29th inst., at Johnson & Barber's Grove, near Auburn, in a grand basket pic nic. They want the married men to bring their families and the unmarried men to bring their sweet little sweethearts and every one of them to bring a basket filled with good things to eat. Remember it is a basket pic nic and everybody is expected to help who can. They are big-hearted and hospitable, but a tremendous crowd is expected, and they are right in asking all to bring their baskets. Good speakers, a good dinner and a good time generally is in store for all who may attend. Let the Alliance men and women make the occasion worthy of their order.

**ORGANIZATION IN WARREN.**

OAKVILLE, N. C., Aug. 7, 1888. COL. L. L. POLK.—Dear Sir:—It is again my privilege and pleasure to inform you that the good work of organizing the farmers of Warren county into Alliances is still going on, and it now appears that within a short time there will be a sufficient number of sub-Alliances in the county to carry on the Alliance work to perfection, within her territorial limits. On last Wednesday, Aug. 1st, I had the pleasure of organizing an Alliance at Fork Institute, in Fork, with 24 members.

As regards intelligence, active industry and progressiveness, this Alliance is scarcely to be equalled by any other in the county. It is composed of men who act from principle, after deliberate thought and not from impulse. They have been a little slow to fall into ranks, but being now enrolled and equipped, they are ready for service, and will doubtless soon be heard from to the good and credit of the order, which they have espoused. Mr. John Graham, who was chosen President, though a professional teacher, and is now Principal of Fork Institute, one of the best academical schools in the State, well deserving extensive patronage, is also a farmer;

and one, in passing his premises, needs only to cast the eye over his well cultivated fields to observe the result of energy and scientific skill.—Mr. John A. Dameron, who was chosen Secretary, is an industrious, systematic and thrifty farmer, strictly a business man, than whom none will discharge the duties of the office, to which he is elected, better. Dr. S. A. Williams, who was chosen Lecturer, is one of the finest speakers in the county. In spirit and eloquence not surpassed by any; takes hold of nothing involving the interest of the farmer with a slack hand.

I would speak of other members of this Alliance, Mr. Editor, equally worthy, if I knew you would allow me space. You will allow me to say this much, however, in conclusion: You may expect, and look out for, a large list of subscribers from Fork Alliance, to your most excellent advocate of farmers' interests, THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER.

Yours fraternally,  
L. C. PERKINSON,  
County Organizer.

**WAKE COUNTY ALLIANCE.**

The Wake County Alliance at its regular quarterly meeting on the 6th of last month, adjourned to meet again in this city on Monday the 20th of August. The same delegates of course will represent their respective Sub-Alliances. The Alliance will be called to order promptly at 10 o'clock a. m. It is very important that every Sub-Alliance be represented.

W. G. CROWDER, Sec'y.

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