

[COR. THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER.]
THE THREE FARMER RAIL-ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

I speak now, (for I want to say, "I told you so,") that this Legislature will elect three Farmer Railroad Commissioners. My reasons for believing it is, that every politician that has been put up by the Democratic party is a "good farmer"—they don't have any other kind. We know it because the politicians tell us they are "good farmers"; the newspapers tell us they are "good farmers;" and from their sun-burnt faces, brawny hands and uncommon modesty, they recognize them as "good farmers." We listen with delight at the tales they tell of oppressed farmers and how they are going to doctor them—the prescription is all the farmers get. Some how or other monopolies, trusts and combines fatten and when another election comes, comes the "good farmer." Again with worse tales than before spouts like a taffy mill to the ears of children—gets elected, and trusts combines and monopolies prosper more than before. So we will see three "good farmers" elected Railroad Commissioners and the railroad boss will smile and again say, "d—n the farmers, they pay no freights, what the d—l have they to do with a Railroad Commission?"

PROPHET.

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FREE PASSES.

The free pass is a railroad invention for corrupting State officers. A free pass is worth the amount of money that will buy the amount of travel that the owner will ride out during the time he holds it; so that there is no difference between accepting a free pass and accepting an amount of money that will buy the same amount of travel. One is as much of a bribe as the other. If a member of the Legislature says that a free pass does not influence his vote, he has a much higher opinion of himself than any one else has. If he cannot be influenced by a free pass, a Judge cannot be influenced by it. Yet there is no citizen of this State, having a suit against a railroad corporation who would feel that he could get justice if the Judge had a "full deck" of railroad passes in his pocket. As many jurors are commanded to "stand aside" on frivolous excuses, why cannot this Legislature pass an act giving every suitor the right to "stand the Judge aside" if he has a free pass? But before the Legislature passes the act, it should sweep clean before its own door.

SENEK.

DAY-LIGHT DAWNING.

We have received the following very encouraging note from Bro. G. T. Barbee, President of the Virginia State Farmers' Alliance:

"The hand of a friendly resurrection has reached us at last. Our fight has been hard and sanguinary, and some times the clouds have been dark and threatening around us, but a brighter sun begins to dawn upon us and the future is full of hope. I am not insensible to the fact, and recur to it with much satisfaction, that we have been and are still favored with the kindly and effective labors of some of your best men. Verily, may they have their reward.

Fraternally,
 G. T. BARBEE,
 President V. S. F. A.

A WISE SUGGESTION.

The following, received from W. A. Humphrey, Secretary of Saddle Tree Alliance, by Robeson county, is opportune, and we thank the brethren for coming to our help in this important matter:

WHEREAS, We know that there are those who would rejoice to see the efforts of the members of the Farmers' Alliance to better themselves financially, thwarted, and knowing that to a very great extent they are keeping better informed on the workings of the Alliance than the members, that the Alliance papers are furnishing them such information, and whereas,

it is not the policy of business men to inform others of their plans, &c., and as we believe that more discretion should be exercised in regard to this matter, therefore

Resolved, That we, the members of Saddle Tree Alliance, do respectfully request the editor of our valuable State organ, THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER, to be more reserved and not to publish any of the business schemes of the Farmers' Alliance only when it is absolutely necessary, or when so ordered by the Alliance.

HOLD YOUR BREATH.

Senator Ransom on Soaring Wing.

His great popularity, his great personal magnetism, and that delightful suavity of manner which makes him so irresistible and seductive, give him an influence not wielded by any other man in the South, and as such he is the man that can do us the greatest good at this particular time, and for that reason the exigencies of the political situation demanded the return of this incorruptible patriot and broad-minded statesman to the arena in which his regal powers shine forth with all the undimmed splendor and matchless brilliancy of the knightliest grace and dignity, and which emits at all times those rare waves of richest lustre that lend and impart additional glory to the rich and glittering tiara of American manhood and American statesmanship.—*Wilson Mirror.*

Adzactly so! And the altitudinous altitudinosity of his towering and toploftical genius, emitted myriads of dazzling beams whose iridescent hues attracted to this city even the mighty host that hankereth after the "flesh-pots" and melted into balmy calmness the fears of even "the horny-handed sons of toil" in our Legislature.

PETITION TO THE LEGISLATURE.

Whereas, we the members of Osgood Alliance, Chatham county, do know that from the date of our government's existence, and long prior thereto, the people have ever been opposed to all taxation without representation; and have never submitted to any such laws, and believing we have grievances that are as unjust, and not to be any more tolerated than those that claimed the attention of our fore fathers. Therefore we, the members of said Alliance, and citizens of Osgood vicinity, do offer the following petition to the Legislature now in session at Raleigh, and respectfully ask the Brotherhood to join us in said petition, to pass some law to relieve us of said unjust and partial law.

We know there can be no law that discriminates between the races; yet we do believe there can be some law enacted that will make the burden of taxation rest more equally upon the shoulders of both races, in regard to the law that requires us to keep up a system of public schools in the State. Believing, as we do, that all of the colored race will spare no effort to secure the right to vote, and will spare no effort to meet every requirement that may be made of them to qualify themselves for casting their vote. Therefore we, the said citizens, do respectfully ask the Legislature to pass a law requiring every voter, who may be asked to do so, by any citizen at the polls, to produce a receipt for his poll tax for each year intervening between said election and election next preceding the one at which he offers to vote.

We offer this and ask its favorable consideration by the Legislature, in the interest of those who have ever and at all times paid their taxes believing it to be just and right and proper, and we will not see each year so much representation without taxation, which is as objectionable and unjust as "taxation and no representation." And the sheriff will not return so many able-bodied men on the insolvent list.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Dr. J. R.—Can a visiting brother to a neighboring Alliance (where the officers are all present, though inexperienced in conducting the meeting) act for the President in initiating members into the Alliance by giving signs, pass-words, &c.

Answer—An officer of a neighboring Alliance can instruct an Alliance in the unwritten work, but has no right to give the pass-words.

A. L. S.—Can a County Alliance elect two or more Business Agents?

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