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LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

WHEN the revenue bill was under consideration in the House, Mr. Holman offered an amendment to Section 37 by adding that a tax of 25 cents be placed upon each share of the capital stock of the R. & G. R. R. Co. from 1867 to 1889, inclusive, and also in the future.

Farmers and other classes of our citizens cannot (if they would) deprive the State of its just dues in the way of taxes. They must pay. They cannot dodge. But according to Mr. Leazer there is \$50,000,000 of railroad values, which should pay its just proportion of the taxes, but which is not reached.

A majority report of the Senate committee on the penitentiary recommended \$75,000 for the support of the convicts, and that the W. N. C. E. R. and the Broad Creek Canal have each 150 of the convicts.

The bill introduced by Mr. Anderson to abolish the Bureau of Labor Statistics was re-committed to the committee. The bill to consolidate the Board of Agriculture and the Board of Trustees of our Agricultural College passed the House but is still in the hands of the Agricultural Committee of the Senate.

Ayes—Messrs. Abbott, Aycock, Bailey, Bennett, Blair, Briggs, Brock, Campbell, Crawford, Emery, Farthing, Green, Hughes, Kerr, King, Leeper, LeGrand, Lineback, Little, Long, Means, Moore, Payne, Poin, Reid, Robinson, Sills, Smith, Toms, Turner, of Catawba, Turner, of Iredell, Twitty, Williams, of Cumberland, Williams, of Pitt.—Total 34.

A bill to change the number of directors of the penitentiary from nine to five, with an allowance of \$500 each, passed the House. Mr. Hood introduced a bill to elect these by the Legislature instead of giving their appointment to the Governor.

at Raleigh, \$85,000 for 1889 and \$90,000 for 1890 for the Western Insane Asylum; \$40,000 for 1889 and \$35,000 for 1890 for the Colored Asylum at Goldsboro.

Mr. Beddingfield's bill requiring the payment of a poll tax as a prerequisite to voting was tabled.

A vast number of bills of a local character were acted on and many of them passed during the week.

The Assembly has attended closely, as a rule, to its work. It has proven itself to be, in the main, a sensible, conservative body, and in no one thing, perhaps, more than refraining from attempting too much legislation.

STATE IT FAIRLY.

Prof. J. F. Crowell, President of Trinity College, wrote an article to the News and Observer on the question of a Railroad Commission before the Legislature, opposing establishing the Commission. The Progressive Farmer and State Chronicle, have since felt called upon to give him a lecture on good behavior rather, and have advised him to stick to his college work, holding that he has not been in North Carolina sufficiently long to express an opinion on matters of State policy.

We clip the above from the Statesville Christian Advocate of the 6th inst. We do not believe that the Advocate would do us an intentional injustice. We therefore cannot believe that its editor read our article in reply to President Crowell. For its remarks in the above clipping so far as they apply to THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER, are utterly unfounded.

A WORD FROM MISSISSIPPI.

An esteemed friend living in Mississippi and writing us a business letter concludes in the following language, for which he has our grateful thanks:

"I am a subscriber to THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER, and I feel that I would be derelict in duty, especially as the opportunity is so favorable, did I fail to add my testimony to the worth of your paper. I believe it is doing a commendable, a grand work, for a noble and deserving people. The ability displayed, the zeal exhibited, and the earnestness evinced in its columns can hardly fail to be productive of great good; nor can I, for a moment, doubt that it meets the appreciation of the noble people of the grand Old North State.

INTERESTING, IF NOT PLEASANT.

THE letters, communications, resolutions and editorial expressions in our exchanges, which are crowding our table, in reference to the defeat of the Railroad Commission bill, would, we imagine, be exceedingly interesting if not pleasant reading to those gentlemen who voted against that great and important measure. The Tarboro Southerner says: "It can safely be said that the bill was killed by the railroad lobby and attorneys who are members of the Senate."

SHALL WE STRIKE OUT ON NEW LINES?

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notes with supreme pleasure the evident advance in the industry of stock raising in our State. Gradually, but surely, the conviction is growing that with our climate, the adaptability of our soils to the successful cultivation of cereals and the grasses and our accessibility to the great markets of the world, North Carolina should become a great stock-growing State.

THE ADVANCE IN FERTILIZERS.

OUR readers know that we have sought earnestly to obtain the facts as to the advance in the prices of fertilizers. We have published all that we could procure. We had the pleasure of an interview with representatives of the manufacturers of some of the leading brands last week, from whom we got the following figures as to the cost of ingredients:

THIS LOOKS LIKE BUSINESS.

DUTCHMAN ALLIANCE, No. 18, Wake county, met recently, and after a free and full discussion of our situation as an order, adopted, unanimously, the following resolutions and requested their publication in THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER:

Resolved, That being impressed with the absolute necessity of raising our Business Agency Fund, and being inspired with the probability that it will be done at an early day, we do hereby agree to invest 50 per cent. of the net proceeds of our quarterly dues as an aid to said fund, to take effect March 31st, 1889.

Resolved, That we ask the co-operation of all the Sub-Alliances of Wake county, and that they communicate to our County Secretary before our next regular county meeting.

Resolved, That we request our County Alliance to ask the co-operation of all the Alliances of our State in this action.

AN ACT INCORPORATING THE NORTH CAROLINA FARMERS' ALLIANCE.

[PASSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 1889.]

An act to incorporate the Farmers' State Alliance of North Carolina and Sub-Alliances.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

SECTION 1. That S. B. Alexander, L. L. Polk, J. D. Allen, Elias Carr, T. Ivey, John S. Johnston, D. Reid Parker and such others as may be associated with them be and they are hereby incorporated under the name and style of the "Farmers' State Alliance of North Carolina," and by that name they and their successors shall and may have continual succession and a common seal which they may alter or change at will, and shall be capable of suing and being sued, pleading and being pleaded and contracting and being contracted with and of acquiring, holding and conveying real and personal property and shall also have power to elect such officers as may be necessary for the conduct of its business, and to adopt such rules and regulations and by-laws as may be proper for the government of the corporation; that the said corporation shall have and possess all corporate powers, rights and privileges conferred upon corporations by the general laws of this State as may be necessary, appropriate or convenient to the exercise of the powers and enjoyment of the rights and privileges given by this act, and to the conduct and management of its business affairs.

SECTION 2. That the said corporation is authorized and empowered to conduct

and carry on by itself or by and through its duly appointed agents, managers and servants a mercantile or manufacturing business in all branches, to erect, manage and operate warehouses, stockyards, grain elevators and packing establishments; to manufacture guano and other fertilizers and generally to conduct and carry on such enterprises and transact such business as may be necessary or advisable for its profit or advancement, or that may contribute to the accomplishment of the general design and purpose for which it is created and for which an association now existing in this State and known as "The Farmers' State Alliance of North Carolina" was organized.

SECTION 3. That the corporation hereby created may adopt the Constitution and by-laws, rules and regulations of the said association known as the "Farmers' State Alliance of North Carolina," and by consent of the said association may become its own successor, acquire its rights and privileges, assume its liabilities and continue to develop and execute its general plans and purposes, with the right to change, modify, enlarge and extend the same so as to promote the interest of the members of the corporation, and the welfare and prosperity of the farmers and laborers of the State and all persons engaged in agricultural or mechanical pursuits.

SECTION 4. That the said corporation may use and adopt such means and measures as may be necessary to raise funds for its purposes, and to conduct its financial operations, and especially may impose fines and penalties and dues and collect the same, levy assessments and provide for stock subscriptions if deemed advisable.

SECTION 5. That the said corporation shall, by its proper officers, agents, managers and servants, exercise general control and supervision over the Subordinate Alliances of the State hereinafter created and incorporated, and may prescribe how the said Subordinate Alliances shall be represented in the membership, conventions and meetings of the said corporation.

SECTION 6. That each County Alliance which has been or may hereafter be organized is declared to be a body politic and corporate under the name and style of the Farmers' Alliance of the particular county in which such Alliance is located, and under the said name and style it shall have and possess all the rights, powers and privileges herein granted to the Farmers' State Alliance of North Carolina, which may be necessary to develop and execute its plan and purposes and which shall not be inconsistent or in conflict with those granted to the Farmers' State Alliance of North Carolina, but shall in all respects be subordinate and subservient thereto.

SECTION 7. That each County Alliance may establish, conduct and prosecute such mercantile and manufacturing business and such other enterprises as will promote the interests and welfare of the said Alliance and its members in the county in which it is located, and it may adopt such a Constitution, by-laws, rules and regulations and provide for such a form of organization as may be suited to its wants and necessities; provided that the plans of organization in the several counties shall be as nearly uniform as possible, and for this purpose the Farmers' State Alliance, if it is deemed necessary, may prescribe a general and uniform plan for the organization of the County Alliances.

SECTION 8. That the Subordinate Alliances which are now or may hereafter be organized in the several counties of the State are hereby created bodies politic and corporate, under such name and style as is now or may hereafter be prescribed by the Farmers' State Alliance, and under such name and style they shall severally have and enjoy the powers, rights and privileges conferred by this act upon the Farmers' State Alliance and the County Alliances, and which may be necessary and appropriate to develop and execute the plan and purposes of their organization and they may conduct and carry on within their respective localities such business and enterprises as are of the same nature as those authorized by this act to be conducted and carried on by the other Alliances, and may adopt such plan of organization and such Constitution and by-laws as may be suited to said purpose; provided that the Farmers' State Alliance hereby incorporated may prescribe a uniform plan for the organization of said Alliances under and by which they may be formed and governed.

SECTION 9. That the County Alliances and Subordinate Alliances, the incorporation of which is provided for in this act, may succeed to the rights and privileges, adopt the present organization, assume the liabilities and continue to develop and execute the general plan and purposes of the associations respectively known as the County Alliances and Subordinate Alliances, and in such case the said County Alliances and Subordinate Alliances as now existing and organized under their Constitution, by-laws, rules and regulations shall be corporate bodies and invested with the corporate powers, rights and privileges herein granted to County and Subordinate Alliances, subject to the supervision and control of the Farmers' State Alliance.

SECTION 10. That any three or more members of any one of the Alliances hereby incorporated may unite and

associate with them any three or more persons for the purpose of establishing and conducting any mercantile or manufacturing business, or enterprise or for the purpose of establishing and conducting any business of the nature and character authorized to be established and conducted by the corporation created by this act and the persons so united and associated for the purpose aforesaid shall be a body politic and corporate, with such corporate powers, rights and privileges as are by this act granted to the corporations created thereby, and which may be necessary or adapted to the prosecution of such business or enterprise; provided that the said persons so united and associated shall first file in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the county in which the corporation is to have its principal place of business articles of agreement, as provided for in chapter 19 of the act of 1885; that upon the filing of such articles the same proceedings shall be had as are provided for in section 678, 679 and 680 of the Code.

SECTION 11. That the President, Secretary and Treasurer or other chief officer of the said several Alliances now existing in this State, with the executive committee of each, may immediately accept and adopt this act of incorporation and thereupon they shall severally be invested with the corporate powers, rights and privileges conferred by this act under their present plan and organization, provided that the failure or refusal of any one or more of the said Alliances to accept this charter or act shall not affect or prejudice those which do accept, nor prevent them from becoming incorporated under this act and enjoying the rights and privileges therein conferred.

SECTION 12. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

PINE FIBRE BAGGING.

The Acme Manufacturing Company have received all the machinery necessary for the manufacture of pine fibre bagging, and it is now being adjusted and placed in position at the factory. By the 15th inst., at the farthest, everything will be ready and the manufacture of the bagging will begin on an extensive scale. A number of capitalists from the North will then visit the factory to examine thoroughly into the process. They will remain a week or ten days and if convinced that it is a success, steps will be immediately taken to build and equip factories throughout the pine regions of the Southern States; and if this plan is carried out quite a number will be in operation in time for the next cotton season.

The Acme Company are so thoroughly satisfied of the success of their invention that they entertain no doubt of their ability to enlist the cordial co-operation of the capitalists. This will be very gratifying both to the members and the friends of that corporation.—Wilmington Star.

BUSINESS AGENCY FUND.

Roll of Honor No. 2. Oak Ridge, Wake county, No. 24, has contributed \$120, and should have been included in Roll No. 1.

Table with 2 columns: Roll No. 2, Name, Amount. Includes: No. 1, Roanoke Martin Co., No. 819, \$116.00; No. 2, Pleasant Grove Durm, 308, 115.00; No. 3, Maple Swamp Edge, 482, 115.00; No. 4, Denton Mecklenburg, 147, 112.50; No. 5, New Gravelly, 357, 110.50; No. 6, Jona Robeson, 4, 110.00; No. 7, Cocco Edgecombe, 553, 110.00; No. 8, Mt. Pisgah Chatham, 191, 109.50; No. 9, Hopewell Mecklenburg, 321, 100.50; No. 10, Whitaker Edge, 483, 106.50; No. 11, Brantville Halifax, 885, 103.50; No. 12, Ashpole Robeson, 1, 100.00; No. 13, Moulton, 271, 100.00.

All of these reports more to collect, and some of them will surpass No. 1 on Roll No. 1, when collections are completed. W. A. GRAHAM, Trustee. Machpelah, N. C., March 1, '89.

FROM PRESIDENT HARRISON'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS.

I have altogether rejected the suggestion of a special executive policy for any section of our country. \* \* \* If our great corporations would more scrupulously observe their legal limitations and duties they would have less cause to complain of unlawful limitations of their rights or of violent interference with their operations. \* \* \* Our naturalization laws should be so amended as to make the inquiry into the character and good disposition of persons applying for citizenship more careful and searching. \* \* \* Honorable party service will certainly not be esteemed by me a disqualification for public office, but it will in no case be allowed to serve as a shield of official negligence or delinquency. \* \* \* Let us exalt patriotism and moderate our party contentions. \* \* \* A party success that is achieved by unfair methods, by practices that partake of revolution, is hurtful and evanescent even from a party standpoint. \* \* \* The example of permitting individuals, corporations or communities to nullify laws because they cross some selfish or local interests or prejudices is full of danger, not only to the nation at large, but much more to those who use this pernicious expedient to escape their just obligations, or to obtain an unjust advantage over others. They will, presently, themselves be compelled to appeal to the law for protection, and those who would use the law as a defense must not deny that use of it to others.

1,644 Alliances to date.

ALLIANCE NOTES.

Members of the Alliance, when writing to us, will greatly favor us if they will always give the No. of their Alliance. We have given the sixth and seventh pages of our paper to the exclusive use of the Alliance. Use them, brethren. For all official orders, rulings, notices, &c., the brethren will examine these pages.

The Alabama State Alliance Exchange has been located at Birmingham and announces itself ready for business.

A correspondent writing from Haw River, says: "The Alliance is growing rapidly in Alamance county. I think the membership has more than doubled itself in the past two months."

Alliance brethren wishing to purchase corn are referred to Bro. Jno. Roderick, Business Agent of Mt. Pleasant Alliance, Morganton, N. C., who has about 1200 bushels to sell for his brethren.

The Secretaries of all the Sub-Alliances in Franklin county will greatly oblige the County Secretary by sending in their quarterly reports on or before April the first, and not wait until the county meeting.

P. M. Rhyme, Deputy Organizer, reports having organized Union Alliance in Gaston county, January 19th, 1888, with R. N. Wilson, President and Jas. T. Glenn, Secretary. Gaston county now has twenty-one Alliances all in fine working order.

Morning Sun Alliance, No. 451, has decided to hold a picnic, on Easter Monday, the 22d of April, 1889, at which all Alliance men are invited to be present. A number of excellent speakers have been invited to be present and a pleasant day is anticipated.

Secretary W. H. Worsely reports Rocky Mount Alliance, No. 1080, in a good condition. At the last meeting the lodge resolved not to pay more than ten per cent. difference between time and cash prices. Heretofore they have paid as high as 57 per cent.

Secretary Jones, of Blount's Creek lodge, No. 1,322, Beaufort county, says his Alliance was organized on the 14th day of last November and now numbers 46 members, and he believes, before another harvest has come it will number one hundred.

Our State Agent, Bro. W. A. Darden, wrote to the Acme Manufacturing Company of Wilmington, in regard to the manufacture of pine straw bagging the coming season, and in reply was informed that the company expected to put up enough factories to supply the whole demand.

President L. F. Livingston, of the Georgia State Alliance has issued a call to the officers of the State Alliance and delegates from County Alliances in the State to meet in Atlanta on April 4th next to form some co-operative plan for providing themselves with cotton bagging for the next season.

Corresponding Secretary Horton of Smith Creek Alliance, No. 351, gives us encouraging news. They have dispensed with the "middle men" and are buying direct from factories and are making large savings. This Alliance has recently purchased a hall as a permanent place in which to hold its meetings.

Le Conte Pear Alliance, in Ga., proposes to pay out sixty dollars in premiums on special crops to its members this year as follows: For the best acre of corn, \$10; best acre of cotton, \$10; best acre of hay, \$10; best half acre of cane, \$10; best half acre of potatoes, \$10; and for the most money made on an acre, \$10.

The Fort Valley, Ga., Alliance offers to members of said Alliance premiums on crops produced without commercial fertilizers as follows: For largest yield of corn on one acre, \$2; largest yield of seed cotton on one acre, \$2; largest yield of sweet potatoes on one acre, \$2; largest yield of hay on one acre, \$2; and for the largest yield of syrup, any variety, on one-quarter acre, \$2.

Hightower's Alliance, Caswell county, was organized last May and now has a membership of 47. All the best farmers in the immediate neighborhood are members. Have endorsed the State Alliance demands upon the Legislature, and declared against high-priced fertilizers. J. S. Warren, having withdrawn from the order, has been succeeded as Secretary by Bro. G. S. Walker.

Correspondent G. L. Aycock of Ferrell's Bridge, No. 1161, Franklin county, writes: "We are very poor people and can scarcely make buckle and tongue meet from the effects of the credit system and the extortionate prices charged for our supplies bought on time, but glory and honor be to the Alliance, which is causing a reaction in the mercantile circles, which have enabled us to get supplies on much more reasonable terms than heretofore."

Poplar Branch Alliance, No. 1,250, of Currituck county, which was organized Oct. 16th, 1888, with only five charter members, now numbers sixty-eight good and true men. Bro. D. W. Lindsay, who writes us, says the brotherhood has been greatly benefited by the efforts of the Sub and County Business Agents who have succeeded in getting reductions on almost all classes of goods. Outsiders