

seeing the good work, are sending in their names and in a short time all the best men of the community will be enlisted under the Alliance banner.

Turkey Hill Alliance, No. 1,302, Gaston county, was organized Nov. 9th, last, and now numbers 43 members. Brother Jno. E. Jones writing, says: "Slowly, it may be, but surely we are climbing the hill, and will save big money this year through our little co-operative store, which heretofore has gone into the coffers of the men who have been bleeding the farmers. May the Alliance last always and may THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER have the largest circulation of any paper in the South."

Alliance No. 254, Chatham county, which has been organized about fourteen months, has 60 members on the roll and all seem well pleased with the results. The Secretary, Bro. Clegg, says: "The good of our Alliance is seen and felt more ways than one. Old difficulties between neighbors have been amicably settled and good feeling restored, and besides we have saved a great deal financially. Our crop being a failure, we sent to a distant State for a supply of corn and saved 18 per cent. on home prices."

The correspondent of Mt. Pisgah Alliance, No. 191, Chatham county, says: "Knowing that you are almost overrun daily with letters from the brethren all over the State, I have refrained from troubling you and the readers of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER with anything from Mt. Pisgah Alliance. While we have not published ourselves to the world, we have not been entirely asleep, and while we have not been wild or excited, yet we are as firm and determined as the eternal hills. Perhaps two-thirds of our members are readers of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER. We hold over twenty whole certificates in State Business Fund, and have taken \$1,200 worth of stock in the Durham Farmers' Alliance Warehouse for the sale of leaf tobacco, which has been a grand success. This house opened on the 5th day of February, and in the first fifteen days sold nearly 200,000 pounds of tobacco. The farmers are nourishing their house, and we find the buyers doing the same thing, for they know there is where to find the tobacco. Let us support our warehouse in Durham; it's on a solid basis, with competent managers."

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

The Legislature adjourned yesterday.
 The United States has 164,000 schools and 195,000 saloons.
 The present orange crop of Florida is estimated at 3,000,000 boxes.
 A man living near Boston clears \$15,000 yearly raising chickens and eggs.
 The Germantown Times which has been suspended for some time has been revived.
 A new gold field, exceedingly rich, has been discovered at Ensenada, Lower California.
 The direct tax bill which was vetoed by President Cleveland was passed by the Senate over his veto.
 Ex-Gov. Foster, of Ohio, estimates the cost of the liquor traffic in that State at \$70,000,000 per year.
 A convention opposed to secret societies has concluded its business in Washington and adjourned.
 The real and personal estate left by the late W. J. Yates, of the Charlotte Democrat, amounts to \$47,000.
 Rev. Jos. E. Carter, of Hendersonville, at one time editor of the Western North Carolina Baptist, is dead.
 Major Duncan G. McRae, a prominent citizen of Fayetteville, died on Saturday the 2d inst., aged 86 years.
 The output of gold in Colorado in 1888 was \$3,105,519. Silver \$17,025,628. Lead \$5,776,652. Copper \$163,847.
 It is estimated that thirteen tons of postage stamps were sold at the New York postoffice during the year 1888.
 Another car-load of colored "exodusters" left the Union depot, in this city, on Friday night last for the wild Southwest.
 The tobacco house at Hickory, where "Sweet Sixteen" smoking tobacco was manufactured, was burned last Sunday week.
 The total amount of money outstanding in circulation on February 1, according to Treasury computations, was \$1,408,519,692.
 Of the \$727,200,000 worth of goods imported into the United States last year, \$248,000,000 worth or more than one-third, came in free.
 One of the promised sensations of the Paris Exhibition will be given by a man who will make daily balloon ascensions mounted on a horse.
 Gen. Eaton, United States Commissioner of Education says 95 per cent. of the depraved youth of the land are children of drunken parents.
 It is said that an Onslow county husband has indicted his neighbor for kissing his wife. If she was willing, did the neighbor commit an assault?

The Governor of South Carolina and his staff and a number of other prominent citizens of the State attend the inauguration of President Harrison.
 The heirs Geo. of Beaty, Trenton, N. J., who died in 1779, have discovered a title to land in Trenton and on Schooley's Mountain worth \$50,000,000.
 An exchange says a woman of Richmond, Va., has invented and patented an oyster can which can be opened in two seconds without the aid of a knife.
 Balaam Stafford has a wagon that was built, out and out, wood, iron and all, by a woman. Isaac Richardson's daughter, who lives in the county of Chatham.
 New York State has \$60,000,000 invested in prisons, asylums, almshouse, and hospitals, and New York City alone has 10,000 dram shops to help supply the inmates.
 The Toiler says the only factory in the world for making corn-cob pipes is at Washington, Mo., and the five stockholders in it are drawing dividends of \$10,000 a year each.
 Rev. Hugh Montgomery asserts that in Edwards county, Ill., no liquor has been sold in twenty years, and that taxes are 33 per cent. less than in any other county of the State.
 The entire value of imports at the port of New York during the last fiscal year was \$510,268,432, and at all other ports in the country \$273,026,668. Total, \$783,295,100.
 We are deeply pained to learn that our friend, Mr. Dan Hugh McLean, of Ellington, was stricken with paralysis on the 1st inst., one whole side of the body being affected.
 London is likely to have an international exhibition in 1891 at the Crystal Palace, the very building which was originally set up in Hyde Park for the first exhibition in 1851.
 The Senate has by resolution declared Tuesday, April 30, 1889, a national holiday, celebrating the Centennial anniversary of the inauguration of the first president of the United States.
 Texas is crowing over a 12 1/2 pound turnip 34 inches in circumference and of a county in which there is not a delinquent tax-payer. She is also eating new crop potatoes and planting corn.
 A railroad bill with the commission features was killed last week in the House branch of the Arkansas Legislature. An exchange says it was done by railroad lobbyists and their friends.
 Receipts for the sale of Harrison inaugural ball tickets were \$58,220; for supper \$3,886. The total receipts amounted to \$125,046.50. There is a surplus of \$25,000 above the guarantee fund for expenses.
 Ex-President Cleveland is the head of his law firm. The New York Chamber of Commerce elected Mr. Cleveland an honorary member. Steady streams of callers visited Mrs. Cleveland at her hotel in New York.
 On Friday night last the House concurred in the Senate bill authorizing the Governor and council to expend the available assets allowed by law, as far as they will go, towards completing the Governor's mansion.
 Twelve acres of land at Fredericksburg, Va., on which is the tomb of Mary, mother of Washington, has been advertised for sale. In President Jackson's time a corner-stone was laid for a yet uncompleted monument.
 The Popular Science Monthly declares that the crab is a dancing insect, and that four-fifths of his movements are made to exercise himself. The Detroit Free Press quotes the above and says it wants the flea and bed-bug investigated.
 Capt. S. B. Alexander, of Mecklenburg, and David G. Wortz, of New Hanover, have been appointed by the Governor to represent North Carolina at the Washington Inaugural Centennial, in New York, in April next.
 An exchange says: "It is the privilege of every citizen to find fault with, or to praise, a public servant, but just as praise is sometimes fulsome and nauseous, so is censure sometimes so manifestly ill-tempered as to excite disgust."
 A new State Board of Agriculture was elected by the Senate on Friday last, as follows: Dr. W. R. Caphart, of Bertie; Dr. Mott Moore, of Duplin; Hon. J. F. Payne, of Robeson; Hon. A. Leazar, of Iredell; Hon. C. D. Smith, of Macon.
 The Elizabeth City Economist says the negro problem is not easily determined: "Perhaps it may be extinction, perhaps amalgamation, exodus, perhaps something else. In the mean time the negro cares less about it than anybody else."
 The Wetmore Shoe and Leather Company of Raleigh was incorporated a few days ago, with capital stock of \$25,000. The following gentlemen are stockholders in the said company: M. A. Angier, J. W. Wellons, Col. John W. Hindsdale, Julius Lewis, N. W. West, W. R. Tucker, R. S. Pullen, Jno. B. Munson, Dr. T. D. Martin, Chas. E. Johnson, J. J. Thomas, Maj. Jno. C. Winder, Mrs. E. E. Moffitt, Ellington, Royster & Co., C. M. Hawkins, W. H. Pace and W. H. Wetmore.

This "news" item is now making the rounds: "Thread from the fibre of the nettle is now spun so fine that sixty miles of it weighs only two and a half pounds. The same fibre has for some time been used in Europe in the manufacture of ropes."
 Judith Gordon, a colored woman who lived about five miles south of Monroe, was burned in her house on the night of February 28th. Judith was brought to this county from Africa, when a child, by slave traders, and lived to the good old age of 120 years.
 It is said that the wool product of Montana this year will be at least 10,000,000 pounds, which at 20 cents per pound, the present price, will yield \$2,000,000. The flocks are valued at \$2,000,000, making \$4,000,000 the value of the sheep industry in the Territory.
 Miss Mary Anderson, the beautiful Southern actress, paid a visit of several hours to the penitentiary at Joliet, Ill., the other day. She tasted the soup prepared for the convicts, bit into a big chunk of bread, and showed herself deeply interested in what she saw during her brief stay behind the bars.
 Gov. Beaver in his recent message to the Pennsylvania Legislature, said, under the head of agriculture: "Farmers are urged to investigate the culture of the sorghum plant, in order that it may be ascertained whether or not the three hundred million pounds of sugar used in the State each year may not be produced at home."
 The Goldsboro Headlight says the Wilson Advance is certainly in error when he says that "foot washing" is not practiced by the Primitive Baptists. "True, we were not present at the observance of this their annual custom, but received our information of a consistent member of that church who happened to attend services."
 Under a ruling of the Supreme Court of the United States no patent can be obtained in this country on an article which has been previously patented in another country by another person. The barbed wire fence, it is claimed, was patented in France by Louis Janin, in 1865. Hence the patents claimed in this country are not valid.
 Trotting horses. Boston Blue in 1818 was the first on record to trot a mile in 3 minutes, in 1840 a mile was made in 2:40, in 1844 in 2:26 1/2, in 1859 Flora Temple beat 2:20. Three trotting sires now stand at \$500. Nutwood, Dictator and Bell Boy. One at \$350. Eight at \$300, and their owners value them at from 40,000 to 100,000.
 In an article on Secretary Blaine, the Raleigh Signal says: "We look to see the policy of protection to the American citizen so well defined and understood by the administration of Mr. Blaine that the simple declaration, 'I am an American citizen,' will be as potent and powerful as when Paul stood up and said, 'I am a Roman citizen.'"
 How is this, farmers? The valuation of vegetables imported into this country last year was put down at \$6,400,000, nearly double the amount of the previous year. Is it because they are better? Because they are cheaper? Because they are fresher? Or is it because freight rates favor the foreign production that our own gardens do not supply this demand?
 The old soldiers of the State, we fondly hope, may yet have a home for their declining days. For this noble object we see that the following liberal donations have been made: Mr. J. S. Carr, \$500; Mr. Henry Waters, \$500; Col. W. F. Beasley, \$100; Mr. Elias Carr, \$100; ex-Gov. A. M. Scates, \$100; Gen. W. P. Roberts, \$50; Mr. W. H. Day, \$50.
 In the foot-ball game in this city on Friday last, between the University and Trinity College teams, Mr. Stephen Bragaw, of the University, in a severe "tussle" was thrown violently to the ground and had his ankle dislocated. The injury is very painful, though not serious. The Trinityites were victorious, in consequence, the Universities say, of Bragaw's absence from the field.
 We have received from Bro. J. J. Lee, of Catherine Lake, Onslow county, a most touching narrative of the sad death of the two little boys, Wesley and Charles Cottle, who were caught out in the snow storm on the 21st ult., and losing their way, perished together. We would gladly publish his letter, but the material facts have already been extensively published by the press of our State.
 The Yackin Valley News says "the anticipation of the completion of the Winston and Wilksboro Railroad to the latter point is causing Wilksboro to take on new life. She is beginning to boom, and like all booming towns she is beginning to make mistakes. She is shooting her real estate up to the skies. An acre of ground with an old shell of a house a half century old located on it, sold there a week ago for three thousand dollars."
 Col. Wm. L. Saunders, Secretary of State, has consented to address the State Teachers' Assembly, at Morehead City, on June 25th next, on the very interesting subject of "Colonial Times Times in North Carolina." Col. Saunders, in his capacity of editor and compiler of the

Colonial Records, which for some years, by direction of the General Assembly, he has been preparing for publication, is eminently fitted and furnished to do justice to this subject. A large edition of this address should be printed in pamphlet form, in order that all who wish to do so, may secure and preserve a copy.
 Belle Starr, the female desperado recently shot in Indian Territory, was forty-four years old. She was a picturesque figure, but she was by no means an attractive woman. She was below medium height, rather fleshy and dressed in a nondescript costume in which the masculine and feminine features of dress were strangely blended. She was a perfect horsewoman, and celebrated for her daring as a rider.
 Mr. James Derrin, one of our subscribers and a member of Maple Grove Alliance in Sampson county says that he has secured and stored away three one-dollar bills—but them where they cannot be spent, with which he intends to pay for THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER for the next three years—that he never expects to be without it. These are the kind of friends we are working for and their generous friendship makes our labors lighter.
 Mrs. Harrison's dress for the inauguration ball was purely American, the material being silk, woven at the Logan mills, Auburn, N. Y., and the pattern a leaf and burr of the Indiana burr oak. Mrs. McKee took the Indiana golden rod for her pattern. The designs were drawn by Miss Williamson, of LaFayette, Ind. Mrs. Morton chose the Scotch thistle, the goods being the work of the same mills. The dresses were made up in New York.
 The negro exodus from Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina is assuming huge proportions. A dispatch dated Birmingham, March 1st, says: "Within the past week fully 1,000 colored immigrants have passed through this city alone, en route West. Wednesday and Thursday two excursion trains of one hundred each passed here via the Kansas City road. Last night another special carrying over 150 went through. Their objective points are Kansas, Alabama and Texas."
 In answer to inquiries received at this office from persons outside the State, we will say that Messrs. J. T. Patrick and Peter M. Wilson are Immigration Commissioners for North Carolina, postoffice, Raleigh. Also Dr. H. B. Battle is the Chemist in charge of the North Carolina Experiment Station, Raleigh. The State of North Carolina has made an appropriation for the establishment of an Agricultural and Mechanical College, and the necessary buildings are now in course of erection, near the city of Raleigh.
 The following is the Cabinet nominated by President Harrison and confirmed by the Senate on Tuesday last: Secretary of State, James G. Blaine, of Maine; Secretary of the Treasury, William Windon, of Minnesota; Postmaster-General, John W. Wamaker, of Pennsylvania; Secretary of the Interior, J. W. Noble, of Missouri; Secretary of War, Redfield Proctor, of Vermont; Secretary of the Navy, B. F. Tracy, of New York; Attorney General, W. H. Miller, of Indiana; Secretary of Agriculture, Jeremiah Rusk, of Michigan.
 A deep shadow of sorrow will pass over the hearts of thousands of our people at the announcement of the death of Professor W. G. Simmons, of Wake Forest College, which occurred at his home on the 3d inst. His genial and amiable disposition, his profound learning, his indomitable industry and broad mind eminently fitted him for the many and responsible duties which devolved upon him in his long and honorable service, and his works will surely follow him. The College, the Church, the community, the State and his lovable and affectionate family, have each and all lost a true and noble friend.
 A splendid riddle: At an "eighteenth birthday" party by a New Hampshire lady every article of the elaborate supper, from bread and butter to cheese and cake, was made with her own hands. In answer to a question as to how she kept so vigorous and healthy, this reply was given, according to the report in the Christian Register: "By never allowing myself to fret over things I cannot help; by taking a nap and sometimes two, every day of my life; by never taking my washing, ironing and baking to bed with me; and by oiling all the various wheels of a busy life with an implicit faith that there is a brain and heart to this great universe, and that I could trust them both."
 The Cultivator and Country Gentleman, published at Albany, N. Y., by Messrs. Luther Tucker & Son, is upon our table. This is a weekly agricultural journal, devoted to farm crops and processes, horticulture and fruit growing, live stock and dairying, while it also includes all minor departments of rural interest such as the poultry yard, entomology, bee-keeping, green-house and graper, veterinary replies, farm questions and answers, fireside reading, domestic economy and a summary of the news of the week. Its market reports are unusually complete, and much attention is paid to the prospects of the crops, as throwing light upon one of the most important of all ques-

tions—When to Buy and When to Sell. The paper contains 24 pages, is liberally illustrated and very neatly printed, and for the past fifty years has stood in the front rank of American Agricultural Journalism. We commend it, most heartily, to the patronage of the Southern farmers. Subscription price, \$2.50 per annum.
 The Richmond & Danville Railroad will sell round-trip tickets to New York and return, for persons wishing to attend the Centennial Inauguration of Washington. Tickets will be put on sale at all coupon offices April 26th to 30th 1889, inclusive, good returning until and including May 3d, 1889. Tickets will be sold to individuals as follows: From Goldsboro, \$17; from Raleigh, \$17; from Durham, \$16.25; from Henderson, \$15.75; from Greensboro, \$16; Salisbury, \$17.50; from Charlotte, \$18.75. The rates for Military or parties of 50 or more in uniform, are as follows: Goldsboro, \$12; Raleigh, \$12; Durham, \$11.25; Henderson, \$11; Greensboro, \$11; Salisbury, \$12; Charlotte, \$12. These are said to be the lowest round-trip rates ever offered to New York City.
 The Forum, March number, 1889, contains some very interesting matter. The following are the contents: 1. The Manifest Destiny of Canada by Prof. J. G. Thurman. 2. How Society reforms itself, by E. Atkinson. 3. A Definition of the Fine Arts, by Prof. Chas. E. Norton. 4. Advanced Education for Women, by Kate Stephens. 5. The Bible in the Public Schools, by Cardinal Manning. 6. Dreams as Relates to Literature, by James Sully. 7. The Future of the Negro, by Prof. W. S. Scarborough. 8. Reviewers and their Ways, by Andrew Lang. 9. Darwin's Brilliant Fallacy, by Prof. St. George Mivart. 10. Bribery in Railway Elections, by Isaac L. Rice. 11. The next Postal Reform, by Rev. Dr. Leonard W. Bacon. Single copy 50 cents, \$5.00 per year. Forum Publishing Company, 253, Fifth Avenue, New York.
 NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.
 Read Mr. Alfred Jones' new advertisement, headed "Light for the Farmers," in this issue of our paper.
 Thomas B. Wilder, Esq., of Louisburg, N. C., offers for sale through THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER to-day a fine Holstein bull. Read what he says of the animal.
 The attention of tobacco planters is directed to the advertisement of G. Ober & Sons Company's Special Compound for Tobacco, published in this issue of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER.
 Read in to-day's issue of our paper the double-column advertisement of the celebrated Patapsco Flouring Mills of Baltimore, Md. Address C. A. Gambrell Mfg Co., 214 Commerce St.
 Farmers and Alliance men in need of young trees or nursery stock of any kind can have their wants supplied by communicating with the Greensboro Nurseries, Greensboro, N. C. See notice in another column.
 Messrs. Allison & Addison, the manufacturers of the celebrated "Star Brand" Special Tobacco Manure, for growing fine bright tobacco, present our readers to-day with a three-column advertisement setting forth the advantages to be derived from its use. Read the high testimonials from Virginia and North Carolina farmers who have used it on their crops.
 ALLIANCE RESOLUTIONS.
 Archer Lodge Alliance, No. 97, at a recent meeting, passed resolutions demanding the repeal of the homestead law, and also, the tax on fertilizers.
 Quankie Alliance, No. 875, Halifax county, at a meeting held Feb. 23d, resolved to use no more commercial fertilizers until the price is reduced.
 At a recent meeting of Mill Bridge Alliance, No. 424, Rowan county, it was decided to pay more attention to thoroughbred cattle and horses and the raising of mules, and to give less thought and labor to the raising of cotton. The Holstein is the breed of cattle most highly recommended, and they will be largely introduced in this community during the present year.
 At the last meeting of Ferrell's Bridge Alliance, No. 1,161, held March the 2d, 1889, we heartily endorsed and adopted the preamble and resolutions that were adopted by Forestville Alliance as published in THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER and Flat Rock Alliance, No. 145, as published in the Franklin Times, and declared that we ever stand in readiness to fight any trust, pool or combine at the bidding of our leaders and brethren.
 At a meeting held on March 2d, '89, of Maywood Alliance, No. 1,555, the following resolutions were adopted unanimously: Resolved, That we will not purchase guano or other fertilizer this year at an advance over last year's prices. 2d, That we will not patronize any company who refuses to sell through Alliance Agents, and 3d, we ask the co-operation of all Alliances, Granges, and other farmers' organizations throughout the South in resisting oppression.
 Oakville Alliance, 479, Warren Co., at a meeting held on Feb. 23d, 1889, adopted the following: "Whereas, It seems that a trust has been formed to extort exorbitant prices on guano and other fertilizers, therefore, we, the members of the above Alliance do hereby resolve, That we will use no more guano or other fertilizer until the present quoted prices be reduced to what they were in 1888. 2d, That we will not plant over six acres of cotton to the horse, and that we will plant as much corn and other grain as we can well cultivate."
 Harris Creek Alliance, No. 765, Onslow county, on Feb. 9th, adopted the following: "Whereas, we believe that the buying of county claims at reduced rates and collecting face value and interest on the same is unjust to the poor labor-

ing classes, therefore be it Resolved, That the General Assembly be requested to pass a law to prevent such unjust speculation. 2d, That Harris Creek Alliance does most heartily endorse the resolution of Grove Hill Alliance, No. 161, calling for the reduction of the number of penitentiary directors from nine to five.
 There was a called meeting of Moore county Alliance held at White Hill March 2d, and the following resolutions were passed: Resolved 1st, That it is the sense of this Alliance that it would be greatly to the interest of the farmers of Moore County to reduce the acreage in cotton to the plow and that we purchase not more than half of our former purchases of manipulated guanos, and use more home-made manures, composts, &c., and after '89 we will use no manipulated guanos. 2d, That we oppose any advance in the price of manipulated fertilizers and will not buy at prices over the prices of last year. 3d, That we will not purchase or use any fertilizers from any company who refuse to deal with Alliance Agents. 4th, That we deem it very important that all Alliance men co-operate and pull together in carrying out these resolutions.
 THE SISTERHOOD AT LARGE.
 The Vassar College girls have a Prohibition Club.
 Mrs. Harrison, wife of the President is said to be opposed to décollete dresses.
 There are 11,466 female commercial travelers or "drummers" in this country.
 Boston cooking schools have educated 1,800 girls in the art of cooking during the past year.
 Mrs. J. Lawrence Smith has given \$50,000 to the Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky.
 Mrs. Johnson, of Orange, N. J., has ridden over 1,000 miles on her tricycle during the past season.
 Miss Effie A. Southworth has been appointed to the high sounding post of assistant mycologist at Washington City.
 The sling sash which Mary Anderson wears with the pretty pink gown in which she plays Perdita is a study for young debutantes.
 Miss Varena Davis, the daughter of ex-President Jefferson Davis, has been in New York lately seeing about the publication of her new novel.
 Vice-President Levi P. Morton's eldest daughter, Edith, is a young lady of fifteen. She is described as a very nice girl, with an excellent education and many graces of manner.
 It is said side saddles are going out of fashion in England, and the manly way of riding is being adopted by many ladies. The style will hardly become fashionable in this country.
 Miss Ethel Ingalls, daughter of Senator Ingalls, is going to take charge of the Washington society column of a New York newspaper. She says she wants to make money in order to buy her father a new library in the place of the one that was burned.
 Chief Justice Fuller's third daughter, Mamie, has a great talent for music, which she intends to cultivate. She is a sprightly beauty of the blonde type, and her favorite indoor dress is a Gretchen costume of soft white material that is very becoming to her.
 THE BUSINESS AGENCY.
 WINDSOR, N. C., Feb. 26, 1889.
 Mr. EDITOR:—Our State Business Agent stands on rather too small a foundation to work as he ought, or likely wishes. He has doubtless been besieged by letters, asking if he has done anything for the Alliance in a business point of view. How can he do anything when he has nothing with which to work? He has not as much as a cross-roads merchant requires to run a business, and yet, he is looked to for aid all over North Carolina. Let us, as Alliance men, arise and go to work. I am aware that almost every farmer in the State needs every cent he can put his hand on to run himself and keep starvation from the door. I will give my plan to add \$8,000 to Brother Darden's foundation and not a man of us put our hands in our pockets for a cent. It is this: Let each Sub-Alliance in the State send up by its delegates to their respective County Alliance meeting in April \$5 for the Business Agency, and let each county meeting in April vote \$10 for the same end and the \$8,000 is raised; no one is hurt and the agency is helped. I do most sincerely hope this will be done, and I know it can be done, for all Alliances have funds in their treasurers' hands. You can spare from the same the pittance of \$5, which will be but another link in the great chain that binds us together. Do this, and the way will open up for a larger contribution from some unexpected source.
 One or two thoughts as to taxes: If the Legislature will discard these county boards of education and let the County Commissioners attend to the matter, as formerly, and say that no county shall have more than three commissioners and but two magistrates to a township, and dispense with all other superfluous officers, taxes would be greatly lessened and perhaps more efficient work would be done. I wonder if some of these tax grumblers did not vote for the amendment creating two more Supreme Court Judges? If you did, cease your whining, go to work to raise the tax to support your vote, and the next time think of what you are voting for. The Alliance is moving steadily onward.
 Fraternally,
 A. J. Cobb.
 A smile through tears is the soul's rainbow of peace.