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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

E. T. Brumback, Jas. E. Compton and Geo. H. Chrisman.

RANDOLPH COUNTY ALLIANCE.

ASHEBORO, N. C., April 5, '89.
The County Alliance met at 10:30, President E. B. Kearns in the chair. Prayer by Rev. Z. Rush.
The Secretary being absent, N. C. English was appointed *pro tem*.
On account of the absence of some of the officials, the regular order of business was temporarily postponed and the President proceeded to address the Alliance in a very practical manner, in which he suggested some methods by which the Alliance might improve on some of its former schemes and methods. He regards the outlook encouraging, and believes that fidelity to our cause will result in still greater benefit to the order.

The following constituted the Executive Committee: J. T. Redding, J. T. Lowe and F. C. Frazier. Joseph Redding, Z. A. Lewallen and H. L. Kearns appointed as Committee on Credentials.

Ninety-five delegates reported present and twenty-nine Alliances represented.

The Secretary then presented himself and read the minutes, which were adopted.

The Executive Committee reported through F. C. Frazier that business was bright and moving on smoothly.

The Committee on the Good of the Order, reported through J. C. Fuller that they were conscious of good and important duties, yet by virtue of the magnitude of these obligations, perhaps they had not done their whole duty. The motto of the Alliance should be quality and not quantity—a lack of interest sometimes because men in the order without a knowledge and an intelligence of the great truths and principles of the organization. We must guard well these relations if we expect to keep in tact the order. Members are indiscreet and imprudent in talking too much. More precaution must be exercised if the spirit and purposes of the Alliance be preserved.

The County Business Agent, D. R. Parker, made his report; said that matters of business were progressing tolerably well; that satisfactory arrangements had been made with dealers in agricultural implements, and with proper care still better terms may be gotten through concert action of State, County and Sub-Agents. Cheap rates have been obtained for books and periodicals; No excuse now for the farmer and his family to do without good reading matter. We must improve intellectually or our condition will always be that of underlings.

The State Agency was ventilated and discussed with a lively interest and there was manifested a determina-

tion to raise the required amount called for by the State Agent. It is deemed the most judicious movement made by the farmers.

The following resolution was introduced by T. L. Winslow:

Resolved That it is the opinion of the Alliance that county co-operative stores are unwise and ineffectual in accomplishing the work of the Farmers' Alliance.

The resolution was discussed by several gentlemen for and against and was finally tabled almost unanimously.

The following resolution was offered and accepted:

Resolved, That this Alliance invest \$25 of the County Alliance funds in the State Agency Fund. The Secretary was directed to forward the amount to the State Agent and procure certificates for the same.

Brief reports were called for, and representatives of different Sub-Alliances, most of whom gave encouraging and hopeful statements of the conditions and status of their respective Alliances.

The County Organizer, Z. H. Cox, made his report. Stated that the county was about organized, and especially his portion of the county, and the time has now come for evangelistic work.

The people must now be instructed and directed in the great principles and truths of this great co-operative brotherhood, and if true and faithful to our trusts, will result in still greater benefits.

Moved and seconded, that there be nominated by this Alliance six members of the Farmers' Alliance to go to the call of Sub-Alliances and address them upon subjects pertaining to the work and scope of the principles and purposes of the order. The motion carried.

The Secretary then made his report, which was accepted.

The Secretary then stated by reason of his change of business, he was barred by the terms of qualification for membership in the Farmers' Alliance, he would tender his resignation, which being done was accepted. J. W. Birkhead was elected to fill the vacancy.

J. J. White, the Lecturer, then presented a very timely and suggestive address.

On motion that the proceedings of the Alliance be sent to THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER. The Alliance adjourned to meet at Trinity College the first Friday in July, 1889.

E. B. KEARNS, Pres't.
J. M. CAVINESS, Sec'y.

THE CONFEDERATE HOME.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., May 3, '89.

MR. EDITOR:—There should be a home for disabled Confederate soldiers in North Carolina. Now that the movement has been set on foot, let it be pressed to a speedy and successful termination.

Other Southern States have made provision for their disabled Confederate soldiers, and still others are moving in that direction. Allow me to suggest a plan which may or may not accomplish the desired end, but is worth the trial. Let the public-spirited ex-Confederates in every county in the State organize Confederate veteran associations with as many members as may be possible to obtain, with a membership fee of fifty cents or a dollar, and monthly or quarterly dues of such amounts as may be most available according to the circumstances and surroundings of each association. Let the membership fees, as well as the dues, be set apart as a "Fund for the Confederate Home" and to these amounts may be added such contributions and voluntary donations as may be made by the generous minded public, who may be disposed to aid so worthy a cause. The ladies of North Carolina may also, and doubtless will, if appealed to, in the various counties, aid the associations by giving entertainments for the stated purpose of raising money for the Confederate Soldiers' Home.

This ever has met, and always ought to, as I believe it will, meet with a generous response from the people of our Southern land.

Lastly, let the Home be located in the town of Fayetteville, where we have health, pure water, as fine a climate and as much natural beauty as can be found anywhere in the South. To which may be added this town contains a people whose every heart-throb beats in sympathy with the indigent and disabled ex-Confederate soldier.

Respectfully,
THOMAS H. SUTTON.

Knock the bombast and corruption out of politics, and what is there left? —Galveston News.

THE NORTH CAROLINA BUSINESS AGENCY FUND.

The Act establishing our Business Agency adopted by the State Alliance at its last annual session, was published in pamphlet form and distributed to all the Sub-Alliances then organized in the State and was also published in THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER. Several hundred Alliances have been organized since that time and Bro. Graham, our State Trustee, requests us to publish it again, as many of our Alliances have never seen it. We do so with pleasure and send a copy of this paper to the Secretaries of those Alliances and trust they will preserve it for the use of their respective Alliances.

NORTH CAROLINA ALLIANCE BUSINESS AGENCY FUND.

SECTION 1. The President of the State Alliance shall procure a Charter of incorporation under the laws of this State for the North Carolina Farmers' State Alliance.

SEC. 2. In order to conduct the commercial business of the North Carolina Farmers' State Alliance and to protect from loss those who may deal with the Business Agent of the same, the North Carolina Farmers' State Alliance Agency Fund is hereby inaugurated.

SEC. 3. The Business Fund shall consist of not less than fifty thousand nor more than two hundred thousand dollars, divided into shares of five dollars each, and half shares of two and a half dollars each, and one fifth shares of one dollar each.

SEC. 4. Each contributor shall receive from the Secretary of the State Alliance a receipt, as follows:

NORTH CAROLINA BUSINESS AGENCY FUND, RALEIGH, N. C., 1889.

Received of _____ of Alliance No. _____ \$_____ dollars, for the North Carolina Farmers' State Alliance Business Agency Fund, and he is hereby entitled to all rights and interests to be derived from such contribution.

This certificate shall be transferable, provided such transfer be made only to a member of the Alliance in good standing.

This _____ day, _____ 1889.

No. _____

Secretary N. C. S. F. A.

SEC. 5. The Secretary shall keep in a book provided for the purpose, a list of the names of those contributing to the fund, the number of the Alliance to which they belong, and the amount contributed.

SEC. 6. The Business Fund shall be managed by the Executive Committee of the State Alliance. No portion of it shall be used in the business of the Business Agency unless required to settle the contracts of the Agent made in conformity to regulations of the Executive Committee, and when any portion is so used all money received from the cause of such use shall be returned to the Fund.

SEC. 7. The Fund shall be in the keeping of a Trustee, to be elected by the State Alliance at this session (August 1888), who shall hold office for five years. He shall invest not less than twenty-five thousand dollars of said fund in the bonds of the State of North Carolina or the United States, and the remainder as he may deem best. The profits arising from said fund shall first be used to pay the salary of the Trustee and all other expenses connected with said fund, and any remainder shall be used by the Executive Committee in defraying the expenses of the Business Agencies.

SEC. 8. Said Trustee shall give a justified bond in double the amount of money supposed to pass through his hands, for the faithful accounting for all moneys for which he may be responsible or any expense incurred in collecting the same on his bond. The Executive Committee shall cause his bond to be increased from time to time, so as to cover the amounts placed in his hands, and shall require him to strengthen his bond at any time they deem it necessary, to such an amount as they deem sufficient, provided, that no member of the Executive Committee shall be accepted as bondsman.

SEC. 9. Said Trustee may be removed for cause, by a vote of the State Alliance, and he may be suspended until the meeting of the State Alliance by the Executive Committee, approved by the President. In case of vacancy from suspension, removal, death or any other cause, the Executive Committee, with approval of President, shall fill such vacancy until the next regular meeting of the State Alliance.

SEC. 10. The Secretary of each Sub-Alliance shall collect all subscriptions made by members of their Alliance and forward to the Trustee, giving name of contributor and amount contributed by each. The Trustee shall notify the Secretary of the names and amounts who shall forward certificates to the Secretary of the Sub Alliance as provided in Section 4. The Secretary and Treasurer shall turn over to

the Trustee all funds, belonging to the Fund upon his appointment. The Secretary shall notify through the Organ of the Alliance when the Trustee's bond is accepted.

SEC. 11. The Trustee shall receive an annual salary, to be fixed by the Executive Committee, not to exceed \$1,000, to be paid quarterly out of the profits received from said Fund, and shall be paid on approved warrant of the President.

SEC. 12. In case it shall become necessary to use any of said Fund in the Business Agency, the Executive Committee shall certify to the President the amount necessary and the cause of the indebtedness, and the Executive Committee, with approval of the President, shall direct the Trustee to collect sufficient amount and settle the indebtedness.

SEC. 13. The Trustee shall collect all interest or other profits on said Fund as it becomes due, and pay the same into the treasury of the State Alliance.

SEC. 14. The Treasurer shall keep a separate account of it, and shall pay it out only to the salary of the Trustee, and to the Executive Committee, to be used in conducting the Business Agency of the Alliance, on the warrant approved by the President.

SEC. 15. The Trustee shall report to each session of the Alliance how the Fund is invested and the vouchers for the disposition made of profits received on the Fund.

SEC. 16. In case the North Carolina Farmers' Alliance should for any cause cease to exist, the money composing this Fund shall revert to those contributing it.

BUSINESS AGENCY.

The Business Agent shall conduct the business of his office under the supervision and direction of the Executive Committee, as provided in Article 8, Section 3, of the Constitution.

He shall keep a record of each transaction in a book furnished for the purpose, showing articles sold or bought and paid or received for them individually and in gross amount.

He shall sell only to the Business Agents of County and Sub-Alliances, except on written directions from the Executive Committee stating quantity to be sold and price.

A WORD OF ADMONITION.

LAUREL, N. C., April 18, '89.

MR. EDITOR:—Please give me space in your paper to say a word to the brethren. I cannot know them all but it matters not whether they are young or near the middle of life. With a fair degree of health and wise care you may have 20 or 30 years of usefulness before you, and what can you not accomplish in those years? You have entered upon a life of infinite possibilities and of grand opportunities. God has endowed you with faculties capable of development, and you are in an age when true manhood and efficiency are in great demand, and the young men of to-day must in a few years stand in all the responsible places in life. They will be the governors of families, and they must control all our institutions. They must make and execute the laws for the protection and advancement of society.

No thoughtful man can stand at the threshold of life and see the future generation rising before him endowed with immortality, and know that destiny will depend in a great measure upon the character of the young men of the present without realizing the necessity of a discipline that shall create well regulated homes and Christian manhood, and your opportunities bring great responsibilities. You are not only responsible for what you are, but responsible for what you ought to be, and you are not only under obligations to do all that for which you have ability to do, but all for which you can acquire ability to perform. The man who had one talent was not condemned because he had no talent, but because he did not acquire another. Of course we can do more than we are able to do at any given time, but if endowed with one talent we must gain another, for we shall be responsible for two in time, and also for the work of two. As great men became great because of acquired ability, there must be the natural ability as a capital with which to start; but men have only enough natural ability to make a beginning and along the lines of well-directed efforts do they day by day acquire ability for their life work and the promise is that we shall have grace according to the day.

You must have a purpose in life, and the higher you set your mark the greater will be your achievements.

You must understand that there can be no successful life that has reference to self-alm. No man can live to himself; he is to live for others or for the good of others. If you would make your mark, start at once; aim high but aim true; press forward and success shall be yours. I am,

Yours fraternally,
E. M. GARPTON,
Sec'y Sandy Creek Alliance.

"DON'T GIVE UP THE SHIP."

LITTLE ROCK ALLIANCE, No. 177, Purnell, Wake Co., N. C., April 3.

MR. EDITOR:—"Don't give up the ship." What ship? The Chesapeake? No. The great Alliance ship—the ship that has more Shannons to fight than the Chesapeake had. But though the agencies brought to bear upon our great ship are as the sands of the sea, should we, like dogs, lick the dust? I answer no. I believe that we have a Gideon for a leader, and that if we only humble ourselves so much as to get down and lap water that our legions will be flushed with victory, and that trusts and combinations will soon have their Waterloo.

In the great fight, let us love our enemies. Let's use no abusive words against them. If we cannot speak well of them, let us remember that "God knows of all their acts, and that 'Whoever a man soweth that shall he also reap.'" Let's prove to them that we desire them to live, but at the same time let's remind them of the fact, that "self-preservation is the first law of nature;" that while they eat cake and ice-cream, we wish to take a bite of cracking bread.

Let us make our farms self-sustaining. This will be the breastwork behind which we shall be safe. No shot from the line of the enemy will penetrate it. Instead of whispering in the ear of the merchant that may "run" us, the merchant may be glad to whisper in our ears. Just here, I will state, that I am acquainted with a man who has traded for a number of years on time. He owns an ox, which he drove so often to the place at which he traded, that the ox soon learned the way, and all that was necessary to get him there was to start him on the road, six miles away. If this man was an hour late in getting to the store, he would find his ox standing at an accustomed place, enjoying the chewing of his cud. No matter how many trains passed by nor how much noise they made, old N— would stand with a twinkle of contentment in his eye. He did not seemingly grow weary going to the store during the spring and summer and bringing back light loads. But in the fall, when the roads were muddy and the tugging up hill and the holding back down hill with a heavy load behind him, the old fellow would become thin and his master dejected. When the season for hauling cotton to market was over, the old ox was still thinner and his master's face still longer. Not till the wintry winds had ceased to blow and the balmy spring had come, would the old ox regain much of the vigor of youth. On the first of January last, this old ox's master turned over a new leaf. He borrowed money at 8 per cent. with which to buy supplies this year. A few days ago he paid a visit to the merchant of whom he bought supplies on time last year. Instead of his whispering in the merchant's ears, the merchant whispered in his. He says he is buying flour \$2.00 cheaper per barrel. If he buys six barrels during the year he saves \$12.00, enough to pay the interest on \$150.00 for a year at 8 per cent. He has taken a step in making his farm self-sustaining. He says he has told his old ox to rest from his labors, whether his works do follow him or not.

There are ways by which our farms may be made self-sustaining. Economy and diversity of crops and intensive rather than extensive farming will bring new life into our homes. What is the use of throwing a piece of meat away that was boiled yesterday for dinner? What is the use of hiring done that which we can do ourselves? What is the use of buying that we can do without? Why plant all cotton and no corn? Why save fodder and harvest no oats? Why pay attention to a melon patch and neglect a garden? Why put ten acres in cotton when if the same manure used on the ten acres were used on five the yield of cotton would be greater and the cultivation easier? But I must stop. You all know Col. Polk.

W. J. SIMPSON.

Opportunities are very sensitive things. If you slight them on their first visit, they seldom come again.

ESTABLISH THE BUSINESS AGENCY.

FREMONT ALLIANCE, No. 714, April 25, 1889.

MR. EDITOR:—Please allow space for a few dots from this Alliance. We do not intend to make war on any man or set of men, but it seems that the whole mercantile world is terribly upset about a few movements the Alliance has been making of late. It is evident that they intend to make open war upon our order, which they term "that thing." No doubt there are many firms not many miles distant from here who would give many thousand dollars "to burst the thing," as they say. But we must expect this. The farmers have so long been slaves to the merchants that it greatly exasperates them for the farmers to have a voice in their business affairs, or the laws which so much affect the agricultural interests of this country. But let us stand firm to our colors; let us never falter nor look back; let every man stick together to the principles of the Alliance and work together as a solid unit and we will be sure to come out triumphant. We need not expect to gain the shining laurels of success and victory without much opposition. The merchants of this section are very restless now that it is plain to them that the Alliance is determined to do something. They are cutting under prices and doing everything in their power to break down the good movements of the Alliance. And right here we see the great necessity of the Agency Fund being established. This every Alliance man should consider as the very backbone of our work. We have a good and competent agent employed to conduct our business, and it is our duty to back him up at once and not pay him to do nothing, as is the case at present.

We are afraid Alliance co-operative stores will not stand. There are many Alliance men who are not satisfied about the arrangements that have been made for the purchasing of guano on account of the fund not being established. Let us establish it and quit being laughed at by our adversaries for our great weakness.

This Alliance has shown to the merchants of this place that they have a little grit left in their craws. We are proud that we purchased our guano direct from the factory, and proud that there is a little business capacity in the ranks of the Alliance, as well as elsewhere.

I will close by wishing THE FARMER great success and a long life to its noble editor. T. F. SMITH, Sec'y.

NORTH CAROLINA TEACHERS' ASSEMBLY.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, Raleigh, N. C., May 6, '89.

MR. EDITOR:—The sixth annual session of the Teachers' Assembly will convene at Morehead City, N. C., on June 18th and this meeting promises to be of unusual interest and importance to the schools of our State. It is specially desired that the teachers and patrons of the schools shall meet in consultation upon matters looking to the school system, and to that end the Assembly extends a cordial invitation to the farmers of the State to visit the coming session of the Assembly at Morehead City. Every privilege of the meeting and all special rates of board and travel will be extended to the farmers who may attend the session on same terms as the teachers have been able to secure for themselves.

We feel that this interchange of views between the teachers and their best friends, the farmers, will be exceedingly pleasant and in every way beneficial to the general cause of education in North Carolina. Thanking you for the privilege of extending this invitation through your most readable and valuable journal, and trusting that a large number of our farmer friends may accept the invitation, and promising gladly any service I may be able to render towards making their visit to the Teachers' Assembly enjoyable, I remain,

Truly yours,
EUGENE G. HARRELL,
Sec'y N. C. T. Assembly.

The Knights of Labor Co-operative Tailoring Company of Chicago has paid a dividend of twelve per cent. during the past year. It started in March, 1887, on a capital of about \$300, and has since then manufactured goods to the amount of about \$57,000, out of which about \$22,000 was paid in wages.

It is stated that the Mississippi river has shortened its course 400 miles in twenty years.