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U. S. SUPREME COURT.

At the last meeting of the American Bar Association held in Chicago, August 28th, Judge Thomas Wilson, of Minnesota, said "That the jurisdiction of the U. S. Supreme Court should be confined to cases properly belonging to it."

That there was a large number of cases now before the Supreme Court than was for the purpose of recovering money for personal injuries and that the suits had been carried there by corporations for the purpose of wearing out poor plaintiffs who could not stand the expense.

Ex-Senator Trumbull said: "We must limit the extended jurisdiction of the Supreme Court, given it during the war. The Supreme Court should have the same jurisdiction it had in the days of Chief Justice Marshall and no more."

STUDENTS FOR THE A. & M. COLLEGE.

THAT persons desiring to know something of the requirements or conditions upon which students may be admitted to the school, we quote from an announcement just made by the Trustees as follows:

AGE AND QUALIFICATIONS OF APPLICANTS. Applicants must be at least 14 years of age; must furnish evidence of good moral character and physical development; must be able to read and write ordinary English intelligently, and must be familiar with simple arithmetic, including the practical rules of the same, through fractions and have a fair knowledge of geography and State history.

MODE OF ADMISSION.

On the first Saturday in August, or such other day as may be decided on by the County Boards of Education, applicants (said applicants to be restricted to the provisions of section 8, chapter 410, Laws of 1887) for admission to the College will present themselves before the County Superintendent of Education, in connection with not less than two members of the County Board of Education, and submit to an examination by written questions, which will be prepared and furnished the said examiners by the President of the College; and the said examiners are requested to issue a certificate of qualification to the most meritorious, in number equal to the representation of their respective counties in the House of Representatives of the General Assembly, and said applicants shall present themselves at the College at such time as may be directed by the officers of the College from year to year.

ates from the county authorities will be required to pass an approved examination at the College.

ADMISSION OF OTHER STUDENTS.

As to other students, the same qualifications shall apply; examinations to be conducted by the faculty.

RATE OF TUITION.

The rate of tuition shall be at the rate of \$20 per scholastic year.

RATE OF BOARD.

Board shall be furnished at \$8 per month.

ESTIMATED COST TO STUDENTS.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Cost. Includes Tuition free, Board at \$8 per month, Tuition per session, Board at \$2 per month, Washing at 75 cents, Books, stationery, fuel, lights and medical attendance for entire term.

"THE FARMERS MUST KEEP OUT OF POLITICS."

SO we are told by the would-be bosses. But there are some questions the hard-handed sons of toil would like to have answered.

Through what influence has it been made possible under our form of government for trusts, combines, pools, syndicates and monopolistic conspiracies to be formed? Upon what influence do they depend for perpetuating their power?

There is one answer to all. It has been done through the influence of designing, corrupt political manipulators.

THE ONLY WAY TO REACH IT.

TRUSTS, pools, combines and syndicates, the legitimate offspring of monopoly, are ruling this country with an iron hand. We may organize Alliances, Granges and clubs and have a Secretary of Agriculture in the Cabinet and spend our days in passing strong resolutions and demands, but the conspirators will go on laughing at our helplessness so long as the people are so stupid as to continue to elect men to our State legislatures and to our National Congress who are the weak and pliant instruments of monopoly.

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION.

THE Newberne Journal, in a well conceived and admirably well written article on our A. & M. College, says: "The age we live in is intensely practical, and that science is of little value which cannot be applied to the successful prosecution of the everyday affairs of life."

"MARKING" THE EDITORS.

ARALEIGH correspondent of the Wilmington Messenger, speaking of railroads, remarks: "The railway people are reticent to the last degree, and hate to see any mention of their affairs in the papers."

Not so "new in North Carolina" as this correspondent seems to think. Over two years ago THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER incurred the dire displeasure of one of our lines by admitting to its columns a humorous article from an anonymous correspondent, and we were placed on the "black list" and mysterious as it may appear to the management of that line, THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER still lives!

No newspaper should impair its freedom, or independence, or manliness, by placing itself under pecuniary obligation to railroads or any one else.

MOORE COUNTY COURT HOUSE BURNED.

CARTHAGE, N. C., Sept. 5, 1889. Mr. Editor:—The county court house was discovered on fire at 4 o'clock this morning. The fire broke out in the Registrar's office where all records and books and papers were destroyed.

There was considerable difficulty in saving the stores of Messrs. Tyson & Son, and G. C. Graves.

The fire was without doubt of incendiary origin as it was discovered as soon as the fire was noticed that the ropes on the only public well, were cut, ostensibly to prevent water from being drawn with which to quench the fire.

The court house was valued at \$15,000, with \$6,000 of the amount to be paid. Tax books for 1889 were also burned. A new levy will have to be made if the tax is collected.

COUNTY SECRETARIES PLEASE REPORT AT ONCE.

The State Secretary, was ordered by the State Alliance, to publish a directory of the County Secretaries, County Presidents and County Business Agents and State officers, with their postoffices, for the use of the order.

If either of these offices be vacant ask the County Alliance to fill it at its first meeting and report. Report all changes promptly to this office.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

** In the New England States, three per cent. of the population owns more property than the other 97 per cent.

** Maryland is rapidly organizing and will soon take her position in the great sisterhood of States that are rallying to the relief of the people.

** The Northeastern and the North Central States, containing about one-half the population of the United States, own 78 per cent. of the wealth of the country.

** We acknowledge our indebtedness to our good brother, "Old Foggy" for a complete set of agricultural reports of the State of Connecticut. It is a most valuable addition to our Agricultural Library and we prize it most highly.

** The Hickory, Catawba, Industrial Association will hold its fifth annual Fair at Hickory on the 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th of this month. Extra efforts are being put forth by that live, energetic people to make it the most attractive and interesting fair ever held by them.

** The annual Fair of the Cabarrus County Agricultural and Mechanical Association will be held on its grounds in Concord on Oct. 1st, 2d, 3d and 4th, '89. Extensive preparations are being made for it and it is thought that it will excel any fair hitherto held in that section.

** The New York Sun of the 28th had the brazen effrontery to complain that the farmers are organizing a trust on cotton bagging and that they are thus doing the very thing they condemn. Can the editor tell us how we are to fight combination except by combination, especially when the American Congress, the only legal tribunal to which we can appeal, is made up, for the most part, of men who are mere tools of these

combinations? Little Johnnie was a badly petted boy. He was screaming at the top of his voice when his mother ran to the door and inquired the trouble. Johnnie said: "Big Bud won't let me hit him on the head with my stick." This editor raises a howl because the farmers of this country refuse to be robbed.

We specially direct attention to the resolutions of the National Cotton Committee printed on our seventh page. Also to an article "Valuable suggestions to our cotton farmers." This correspondent is one of the best informed men in our State on the operations of our cotton markets, American and foreign, and his suggestions are timely and valuable. Read these articles.

** The Manufacturers' Record says that a summing up of the cotton factories of the South for the nine years shows as follows: On May 31st, 1880, there were in all the Southern States 161 mills, 687,854 spindles and 14,323 looms. On July 31st, 1889, there were 355 mills, 2,035,268 spindles and 45,100 looms, a gain in nine years of 194 mills, 1,367,414 spindles and 30,777 looms.

** Any farmer in the State who wishes to cultivate one acre or more in clover or grass, and who will write to Capt. B. P. Williamson, Raleigh, N. C., inclosing stamp and describing land, will receive a reply to his enquiries. We thank Capt. Williamson, on behalf of our farmers, for his generous consent to give them the benefit of his large and successful experience in raising grass and clover, for no man in the State is better qualified by observation and experience or by his splendid success to aid those who wish to engage in it. It will pay you to write him.

BUSINESS AGENCY FUND.

To Secretaries of Sub-Alliances.

In making out your lists of contributions put the like amounts together, beginning with the highest; this will expedite the work of the Secretary in issuing certificates, as he will not have to change "stubb" books so often. Don't you see it? If you put down \$5 and immediately below \$1 or \$2, etc., the secretary when he fills out certificates has to lay aside the \$5 stub book and take up the \$1, etc., and do so as often as the amount changes. If you put the amounts together he finishes each kind of certificate on your voucher as he reaches them and the time lost in changing is saved.

After you have received an acknowledgement from me for money sent, if there is any delay in receiving certificates do not write to me but to the Secretary of the State Alliance at Raleigh. The delay is in his office and I have no knowledge of its cause. In writing to either the Trustee or Secretary always mention the number of the voucher concerning which you write (which the Trustee gives you in acknowledging the receipt of the money) and the name and number of your Alliance.

Keep in your minute book a list of the names of the contributors and be certain that it corresponds in names and amount with the voucher you forward to me, then there can be no trouble in correcting any mistakes that may occur.

Reserve my receipts until you receive your certificates. After you have the certificates it is of no more value. If contributions are from individual members you must send names with the money so that certificates can be made to each one contributing. When this is not done certificates will be made to the Alliance as a body.

If you send a registered letter direct to W. A. Graham, Trustee, care First National Bank, Charlotte, N. C. I am two miles from the postoffice, consequently have a trip of four miles to receipt for and get a registered letter at Machpelah; besides it is safer to have the money in bank than in a country home. An officer of the Bank signs the return "registry card" and there is no delay in your getting a receipt. If you send a check or postoffice money order payable at the postoffice in Charlotte, direct to W. A. Graham, Machpelah, N. C., and it is delivered at my house by which the mail route passes.

Machpelah is not a money order office. Now, brethren, you can all understand this, so hurry up the contributions.

Fraternally, W. A. GRAHAM, Trustee. Machpelah, N. C., Aug. 28, '89.

The State Secretary mailed last week to the Secretaries of the subordinate and County Alliances, blanks for quarterly reports. Also a circular from the National Cotton Committee which should be presented to the Alliances as soon as possible. He will mail three copies of the proceedings of the State Alliance to each Secretary this week—one for the Secretary—one for the President and one for the Secretary. Secretaries will bear in mind that all circulars, reports or other official matter sent to them belong to the Alliance and should be preserved as Alliance property. L. L. Polk, State Sec'y.

ALLIANCE NOTES.

[Always give the name and number of your Alliance, your postoffice and your county, plainly, when you write to the President, Secretary, Trustee, Business Agent or Chairman of Executive Committee of the State Alliance.]

—Suggsville Farmers' Alliance, of Greene county, meets every 2d and 4th Saturday at 2 o'clock.

—The editor of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER will speak at Rock Bridge, Wilso county, on next Thursday, the 12th, and at Fremont on Friday, the 13th, at 11 o'clock a. m.

—B. F. McGregor, Secretary of Alliance No. 36, informs us of the death of Bro. Geo. Hall Graham, which occurred suddenly on August 30th, of heart disease, in the fifty-fifth year of his age. His postoffice was Laurinburg, Richmond county.

—The County Secretaries will please furnish me with the name of the County Business Agents and their postoffice address. Please give this your immediate attention, as it is very important that I have a correct list of them at once. W. H. Worth, State Business Agent.

—In accordance with Art. 12, Sec. 5, of the Constitution, Bro. J. M. Dennis, Secretary of Enno Alliance, No. 175, reports the death of Bro. William H. Overby, who died of consumption, July 17th, 1889, in the sixty-sixth year of his age. His postoffice address was Holly Springs, N. C.

—The Alliance of Rowan county will hold a Fair at Millbridge on the 26th and 27th insts.; the first Alliance Fair ever held in our State. The editor of this paper will deliver an address on the grounds on the 26th. Hon. A. Leazer, Hon. G. W. Sanderlin, R. B. Hunter and others will also be present and speak. We wish the brethren all manner of success.

—To Business Agents and Secretaries: I want to call your attention to the importance of using your official seal on all your communications with this office. That is the only way I have to know that orders are genuine, and to those who have no seals, I insist on your getting them at once. Let the above receive your prompt attention. W. H. Worth, S. B. A.

—We are informed that Bro. Jas. S. Cook succeeds Bro. S. H. Goolsby as Secretary of Taff's Creek Alliance, No. 1,670, Richmond county, Stokes'dale, postoffice. This Alliance was organized the 20th of April, with nine members and now numbers twenty-six, with additions at every meeting. We are raising a fund for the business agency which will send forward by the first of October.

—Bro. W. J. Rogers, under the direction of representatives men of the Alliance of the northeastern section, has issued a call for the Alliance in those counties tributary to Norfolk, to send delegates to Norfolk on the 17th inst. to consider plans for handling the cotton and other crops of those counties. It is a very important step and it is to be hoped that the counties will be well and strongly represented.

—Dutchman Alliance, Wake county, had a most enjoyable time on last Thursday. Plenty of good things to eat, plenty of people, plenty of pretty girls and gallant beaux, plenty of speeches and a plentiful supply of everything to make up a good, social, enjoyable occasion. We are gratified to see the Alliance encouraging these occasions all over the State. No people are more clearly entitled to social enjoyment and none can better appreciate it than the farmers and their families.

—G. W. Leonard, Corresponding Secretary of Pisgah Alliance, Brunswick county, says we are getting along tolerably well considering all things. We have passed but few resolutions, but at our last meeting the following were passed: "Resolved, That we, the Farmers' Alliance of Pisgah, No. 409, do agree not to sell any more beef hides to speculators, but will keep them for home purposes. Resolved, That the Secretary be required to send the books of this Alliance to the meetings when he cannot come himself."

—At the last meeting of Johnston County Alliance it was ordered that the President of each Sub-Alliance in the county be requested to appoint one suitable member whose duty it shall be to solicit exhibits to the next State Fair. In response to this action of the County Alliance the following appointments have been made: Pine Level, Gibson Fitzgerald; Princeton, J. J. Stafford; Selma, D. A. Graves; Wilson's Mills, C. R. Tomlinson; Clayton, N. G. Gully. It is earnestly desired that each and every member of the Alliance will make an effort to send some article for exhibition at the approaching State Fair. [Let every Alliance in the State follow Johnston's example, and compete for the splendid prizes offered for the best Alliance exhibit.]

—Bro. T. C. Patrick, of Gum Neck Alliance, No. 1,834, Tyrrell county, writes cheerily as follows: "Our little lodge was organized about four weeks ago with sixteen charter members and now we number thirty-two and

have several to initiate at our next meeting." Our little band of farmers are in good earnest and we expect good results from our organization. We have five ledges in the county and more will soon organize. The farmers intend to shake off this lethargy which has had hold on them for so many years, and stand up for their rights; and the only way to accomplish anything is to be a unit and fight with might and main all these scoundrel combinations, trusts, &c. The crops in our county are badly cut off. We have had nothing but rain all the year, and our lands are low and very poorly drained, hence the cut off. Hoping that all good men of the farming class may ere long fall in line with us and wishing your valuable paper much success, I send herewith ten dollars to help swell your fast-increasing subscription list, and promise to stand by the guns until the last trust shall cave in or burst.

—Miss Leta T., a member of Jericho Alliance, No. 1,162, Davie county, writes that, like most of the other Alliances, they are moving forward slowly but surely. "The profits, as yet, seem to be very small, but as great bodies move slowly, we must not expect great results too early. The organization has done a great deal towards harmonizing and bringing about a community of feeling. It causes the people to realize, as never before, that they "be brethren," and that they are, in some sense, interdependent upon each other; and instead of such a feeling being burdensome, it is rather one of comfort. We are persuaded that the Alliance will prove a blessing to the land in more ways than one. We can already see its good effects on society, to say nothing of its economic features. Our Alliance will not use the obnoxious jute bagging to wrap their cotton this year; but we won't need much of any kind, as the crop is very short. Other crops are very good, however, considering the very wet weather. Quite a number of our Alliance takes THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER and none should be without it.

—The Mississippi State Alliance met at Jackson on the 28th ult. and was a splendid representative body. The reports show 1,346 Alliances, with an aggregate membership of 50,000, and that the order, financially and otherwise is in admirable condition. Bro. Love's term as President having expired by limitation, Bro. Robt. C. Patti, one of the truest and best men in all the South, was chosen as his successor. We heartily congratulate the order in Mississippi on placing this able and elegant gentleman in a position where the force of his intellectual gifts, his sterling loyalty and high character may be felt. Among other things, the Alliance adopted the following recommendations to the Legislature: "That money be appropriated by the State to encourage foreign immigration; that so much of the convict labor as is necessary be employed in running a bagging factory as a State enterprise; that railroads, banks, etc., be required to pay *ad valorem* instead of a privilege tax; urging a law establishing a State agricultural bureau, and providing for the teaching of agriculture in the public schools; that the next Legislature call a constitutional convention; that a law be adopted requiring an inspection on hoof of all beef cattle." Verily, the farmers are moving and are waking up the South.

RAILROADS AND THEIR CHARTERED RIGHTS.

BY OLD FOGY.

It is agreed that railroads have rights; so have the people. The railroads demand their pound of flesh, and want it nearest the heart. It is theirs. The law gives it. The court awards it; but the courts have been slow to say that they shall not have blood with their flesh.

The railroad question is the supreme issue in North Carolina. Briefly stated, it is, shall the people control the railroads, or will we allow them to control us?

To aid you, brethren, in making up your minds as to the right, I submit the following facts:

I will take up the railroad charter in the order they were granted. The Petersburg Railroad Company was chartered by the Legislature of North Carolina, A. D., 1830.

Before being submitted to our Legislature, it had been chartered by the Legislature of Virginia.

Section 5 of the charter (N. C. additions) reads as follows: "That the railroad contemplated within the State of North Carolina shall terminate on the north side of the Roanoke river, nor shall the said company under any pretense whatever extend the line of their road beyond said point."

Section 10 says: "That the corporation shall exercise the corporate powers herein granted for sixty years and no longer, without a renewal of their charter."

Section 18 (Va.) of their charter requires the railroad company "to transport produce or commodities that be deposited"—in their depots? no; there is not a word about depots in their charter; but they are required to transport produce or commodities