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ANNOUNCEMENT.

It is my pleasure to announce to the readers of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER that I have associated with me in the editorial conduct of the paper, Mr. J. L. Ramsey, of Iredell county. Also that Mr. W. F. Daly, of Lenoir county, who has been in the office for more than a year, now assumes the business management of the paper.

L. L. POLK.

Mr. D. H. Browder, who for more than two years has been associated with THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER as business manager, and whose excellent business ability has piloted the paper through safely, has become associated with Mr. Josephus Daniels in their new enterprise, the Daily State Chronicle.

GIVE US SOMETHING BETTER.

IT is easy to criticize. Any one can offer objections. But it is often a matter more difficult, even with the critics, to offer suggestions that would be an improvement on the matter criticized.

We are led to these reflections by the course of some of our latter day critics. Since the introduction of the sub-treasury plan by Senator Vance in the U. S. Senate, quite a number of papers throughout the country "of high and low degree," have been freely exercising their gifts of criticism of the bill, but not one of them so far as we have seen, from the New York Herald down, has ever ventured a single suggestion as to a better plan for the relief of the people and country.

Twenty-five years ago the farmers owned half the wealth of this country—to-day they own only twenty-two per cent. of it. Nearly two hundred thousand business failures have occurred within that time involving nearly four billions of dollars.

pay it. Then if a farmer owed a debt of \$90 he could pay it with one bale of cotton weighing 500 pounds. To-day if he owes \$90 it takes two bales of 500 pounds each to pay it.

The corn crop of 1888 was less than that of 1889 by 125,922,000 bushels, and yet it brought \$79,542,760 more money. The wheat crop of 1888 was less than that of 1889 by 74,693,000 bushels, and yet it brought \$42,756,223 more money.

That is to say, the farmers raised of three crops 249,664,000 bushels more in 1889 than in 1888 and the entire crop of 1889 sold for \$145,949,215 less than the entire crop of 1888.

From official statistics we learn that Illinois lost on her corn crop of 1889 over eighteen millions of dollars. Should we not seek to remedy this condition of affairs? The farmers think so.

We note that some of our contemporaries are basing their criticisms on mere conjecture,—they have not even read the bill. One of these days they may feel ashamed of the position they now take and in justice to themselves they should at least procure a copy of the bill and read it.

GRAND ALLIANCE RALLY.

WE feel safe in saying that since the introduction of the Alliance into our State, there have been more farmers' dinners, farmers' picnics and farmer gatherings than ever before in the same period of time within our history.

Let it be held at Greensboro, between the 20th and 30th of July. Very cheap rates can be had on all the railroads and from all points in the State.

What says the brotherhood? What say you, Alliance men of Guilford, Rock-

ingham, Stokes, Forsyth, Davidson, Randolph, Alamance and Caswell? Will the Guilford brethren appoint a committee to make local arrangements? Will Capt. Alexander or some State officer look after the matter of transportation?

ALLIANCE GUANO.

WE call the attention of our readers to the circular letter from Bro. Worth on the 4th page of this issue, giving analysis of the Alliance Guano.

THE PRESS AND THE SUB-TREASURY BILL.

MOST of the papers throughout the country have had something to say about the Sub-Treasury plan. We notice that the Statesville Landmark says that there is nothing wrong about the bill or plan except that it "is impracticable."

The New York Herald of a recent date contained a long editorial and says the measure "Millions of acres." The Herald pretends that it had hardly heard of the Alliance before, and intimates that a good deal of the avowed strength of the Alliance is mythical, and plainly says that the bill introduced in the Senate by Senator Vance is absurd, to say the least of it.

"We do not suppose the present Congress will pay much attention to these vagaries. But the American people are sufficiently intelligent to draw logical conclusions, and with corn at ten cents a bushel and wheat below seventy cents the increasing numbers of the debtor class will not long be content to stop short in the career on which Congress and the Supreme Court have launched the country.

The Herald may be right about the present Congress not paying much attention to the "vagaries," but in the sweet after while when the farmers refuse to recognize the "vagaries" of the present Congress provided they refuse to afford the asked for relief when the Herald and some other people will hear something drop.

While the Alliance confined its operations to the South, the Herald was calm and serene. But it is getting uncomfortably and "inconveniently" near and so the Herald begins to kick. The fact that the States of New Jersey, New York and Michigan are organizing is probably the sole cause of all the trouble.

What says the brotherhood? What say you, Alliance men of Guilford, Rock-

THE PLUTOCRAT'S IDEAL DOLLAR.

WE are told "that a dollar will buy more now than ever before." We are sorry that it is true. We know that as the purchasing power of the dollar increases, the chances for getting the dollar decrease.

In Siam you can get good board for forty-six cents a week, and this includes washing, the use of two servants to run errands, tickets to shows, three shaves and all the cigars you can smoke.

JOURNALISTIC.

What the Knights of the Quill are Doing.

The Newton Enterprise is just recovering from the grippe. Mr. Wm. M. Brown, of the Raleigh Evening Visitor, in the issue of the 18th inst., announces that he has associated with him in the management of the paper, Mr. A. L. Ferrall, of this city.

Mr. W. E. Christian, the gifted editor of the Charlotte Democrat, has accepted a position with a Philadelphia paper. The Democrat will still be published by Mr. J. P. Strong.

Another editor has discarded single blessedness notwithstanding hard times. Col. Geo. C. Tipton, of the Greensboro Patriot, was married to Miss M. Josie Burke, one of Salisbury's young ladies, on the 17th inst.

The Greensboro Patriot and Winston Sentinel contemplates issuing daily editions shortly. The Toisnot Rural Home, Bethel Voice, Jonesboro Leader and Goldsboro Progress have suspended publication.

R. B. Hunter, State Alliance Lecturer, has withdrawn from the editorial staff of the Mecklenburg Times. The Wilmington Messenger is getting out a 26 page edition which will be sent out soon. No doubt it will be a good one.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

* Our thanks are due Bro. J. R. Smith, of Martin county, for a club of 5 subscribers.

* Among those who have favored us with clubs of subscribers since last issue, we are indebted to Bro. J. W. Birkhead, of Rileys Store, N. C., for a club of 15 subscribers.

* Onward march! is the word now. Michigan farmers are calling for 500 organizers to spread the Alliance gospel in that State.

* A letter from Col. L. L. Polk, written at Atlanta on the 20th inst., informs us that he has about concluded his work there and expected to start to Arkansas and Missouri that night.

* Bro. Jno. W. Rice, a subscriber at Luraville, Fla., sent us a subscriber last week and closes his letter as follows: "I give away my paper as soon as I read it. It is aggressive and progressive." Bro. Rice is setting a good example.

* Cabarrus county is hard to head off. Dr. J. S. Lafferty, Secretary of the County Alliance, mailed the 5 cents per capita tax for the National Alliance to our State Secretary on the 10th inst. This was the first response to the call.

* Don't fail to read the column under the head of "Nuts for Farmers to Crack." These short, sharp, spicy sparks are the cream of the reform press, and will be prepared especially for the readers of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER every week.

* Bro. Macune rather put his foot in it when he recommended the passage of the "lard bill" in Con-

gress. But he thought it was for the best at the time. The best of men will make mistakes. We hope this matter will be adjusted in a manner satisfactory to all.

* Bro. Beddingfield, State Secretary, asks us to say that he has about 150 orders on file for new Constitutions and Rituals, and owing to press of work at headquarters in Washington they have not been able to furnish them as fast as needed, but they will be sent at the earliest moment possible.

* Bro. A. H. Hayes, of Birdtown, Swain county, Vice-President of the State Alliance, sent us a club of six subscribers last week for which we return thanks. He says that the order is getting along finely in his county, and they "are asking nobody's pardon for going ahead with a work that they know to be right."

* We invite attention to the advertisement of Mr. Edward Fasnach, manufacturer of all kinds of seals. Also to the advertisement of Dr. Jno. F. Foard, of Olin, N. C. We have never tried Dr. Foard's medicine, but we know him personally and feel sure that he would not offer an inferior article of any kind for sale.

* We hope our brethren will read the report of the proceedings of the meeting at Atlanta last week on the bagging question. We are in for a fight and should prepare at once for the fray. The Alliance is not going to surrender the great advantage gained in the desultory fight last year.

* From a private note to the editor of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER last week, from Bro. W. H. Ragsdale, Secretary of Lone Star Alliance, No. 589, Granville county, we extract the following: "Three articles in THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER were read at our last meeting and they thoroughly aroused the members."

* "Fifty-two dollars per year" is a pretty steep price for a weekly paper. But some of our too partial friends rate THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER at that price. Anyway they say that "every issue is worth the cost for a whole year."

AN OPEN LETTER FROM "OLD FOGY."

I desire to extend to the brotherhood my thanks for the very many kind expressions of confidence and esteem, not only in personal letters, but those addressed to THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER as well.

I shall always try to merit your confidence, and if I can serve you in giving you facts or information, I will gladly do so. I assure you that it gives me greater pleasure to write for your good, than it can possibly give you to read my hastily-written articles.

I have instructed Bro. Ramsey, our very efficient junior editor, to have my nom de plume to only one article each week, though I may frequently impose more than one on you.

The brotherhood will therefore understand that it is impossible for me to visit their meetings, although I know of nothing that would give me greater pleasure.

AMONG THE ALLIANCES.

What the Organization is Doing Throughout the Country.

Tennessee has 92 counties organized with 2,588 subordinate lodges. A \$20,000 flour mill will be erected by the Alliance of Shelby county, Missouri.

The Knights of Labor of New York want the legal rate of interest fixed at five per cent.

The State Business Agency of Indiana is organized and incorporated with a capital of \$250,000.

The Minnesota Alliance have revised their constitution so as to exclude all persons not farmers.

An Alliance store is to be opened at Belle Plain. All goods will be sold at a profit of 7 1/2 per cent.

Woodson County (Kan.) Alliance has organized a Co-operative Association with a capital of \$50,000.

ing Thomas that the Alliance is a great organization, and has grand and noble objects.

The Newton Enterprise says: "The Sub-Alliances report that outsiders are tumbling over each other in their rush to get into the order."

A Farmers' Alliance was organized at Pilgrims last week with 21 members on the roll. This makes 31 Alliances in Davidson county.—Lexington Dispatch.

The Farmers' and Laborers' Union have organized a stock company for the purpose of conducting a mill and grain elevator near Olmstead, Logan county, Ky. The capital stock is \$20,000.

The Alliance Sentinel (Lansing, Mich.) notes that five hundred good men are wanted to organize the Alliance in Michigan. It notes the formation of Alliances and their increase of membership.

The Wichita Association of Congregational churches, at their meeting in Wichita last week, adopted the following resolutions: Resolved, That we notice with interest and sympathy the movement on the part of farmers and other manual laborers to secure equitable division of the fruits of their toil.

THE KIND OF CANDIDATES WE WANT.

"President Livingston, of the Georgia State Farmers' Alliance, is a candidate for Governor of that State. He says that all candidates for Congress will be required to pledge themselves to putting crops in bond, the government advancing 80 per cent. of their value; the government to control railroads, telegraph lines, and to advocate the other demands of the Alliance.

This applies to North Carolina, and other States, too. But how will it turn out? There are plenty of candidates who will pledge their support to the above and other measures. But we have had enough of this "pledging business" already. The "standing candidates" always come out of their shell in the spring preceding an election and "pledge" anything you ask.

Now this has gone on long enough. We don't need men to represent us who are so well up in the pledging business. We want men who have not made so many promises; men who will not promise to do so much and do nothing; men whose records show that all they have done has been done well.

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE BAILY COTTON SEED QUESTION.

RALEIGH, N. C., May 20, 1890. MR. EDITOR:—Our attention has just been called to an article signed "Justice" in your issue of February 25th, 1890, and we ask you to insert the following reply:

The Baily Cotton Co., of Raleigh, N. C., had nothing whatever to do with the "Zephyr" cotton seed business. They have never owned or sold a single seed of the "Zephyr" or "Peterkin" cotton.

We have never sold the Bailey seed at \$200 per bushel. The okra leaf cotton has been known in Georgia for a number of years, and its cultivation discontinued because it did not yield as much, and the staple was no better than that of the common cotton.

The leaves of the Sea Island, Peterkin, Allen Long staple, and common cotton are alike, and yet all admit that they are separate and distinct varieties, and that the lint of each commands a different price.

We have had advertisements in the News and Observer and State Chronicle, of Raleigh, and in the Atlanta Constitution and very many of the prominent papers of the south, we are surprised that you should not have seen any of them.

We have sworn statements from the best men in Harnett county proving the origin and good qualities of the Bailey cotton, and will be pleased to show them to any one interested. Respectfully, BAILY COTTON CO. W. H. BRAGG, Prop'r.