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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. Both these young gentlemen were reared on the farm and are both members of the Alliance. Their fitness for the responsible duties of their respective positions and their fidelity to the interests of the people, whom this paper represents, will be attested by their work.

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. He takes with him the very best wishes of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER and all its patrons for an abundant

GIVE US SOMETHING BETTER

matter more difficult, even with the be an improvement on the matter critiendured the jeers and criticisms of the wise men around him, but he finally succeeded and floated away trium phantly and left his critics to perish. Prof. Morse stood around our capital at Washington for years, begging Congress for a small appropriation to enable him to demonstrate that he could establish telegraphic communication between that city and Balti.

high and low degree," have been free. has never been suggested. need relief?

100 bushels of corn, to day it takes bushels in Kansas or Hlinois. Then we had plenty of money and prosper. ous times; to-day money is scarce and bankruptcy stares us in the face.

The corn crop of 1888 was less than that of 1889 by 125,192,000 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. The oat crop of sion. 1888 was less than that of 1889 by 49,780,000 bushels and yet it brought

\$23,643,232 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 offer a bill in Congress that is safe for the government, safe for the people and is just to all. The principle is not experimental. It will give us relief. It will restore activity and energy and prosperity to the country. It will be thoroughly and intelligently discussed. We believe it will commend itself to the good judgment and sanction of the people. At all events it was endorsed by the large body of representative men who met in St. Louis, and they offered it to the country as the best plan they could devise. They expect it to be opposed by some. They expect it to be critil to say about the Sub-Treasury plan. cized. They desire that it should be, to claim that it shall be done at least about the bill or plan except that it have given some thought to its provisand thorough investigation be hadthe more the better.

that the critics, when they reject this to an article in this issue plan shall give us a better one. Until by "Old Fogy" re-produced they are able to do this, they should from the Washington Post. That

refrain from criticism. poraries are basing their criticisms on some extent—as far as it goes—proves mere conjecture,—they have not even that it is practicable. At any rate read the bill. One of these days they nobody has proved anything to the guage. may feel ashamed of the position they | contrary. now take and in justice to themselves they should at least procure a copy date contained a long editorial and of the bill and read it. We know wies to messure "Miller United States are in a desperate of it. financial condition and they wantplan in perfect good faith and woe as follows: T is easy to criticize. Any one can be to those who would crush this offer objections. But it is often a measure without giving one that is better. They demand that Congress critics, to offer suggestions that would do something by which the country, and especially the wealth-producers, cized. Old father Noah for long years shall be unloaded of their now intol. erable burthens, and they must be

¥ GRAND ALLIANCE RALLY.

TATE feel safe in saying that since VV the introduction of the Alliance into our State, there have been more farmers' dinners, farmers' picnics and farmer gatherings than ever before in more. He was laughed at and ridi- the same period of time within our culed by so-called wise men. But history. And we feel equally safe in these wise men are gone and forgotten | saying that these social occasions have while the name of Morse is immortal, contributed greatly to the fraternizing We are led to these reflections by and unifying of our people. But present Congress not paying much atthe course of some of our latter day numerous, pleasant and profitable as tention to the "vagaries," but in the critics. Since the introduction of the have been these gatherings, we be sweet after while when the farmers sub-treasury plan by Senator Vance lieve a grand State occasion, where refuse to recognize the "vagaries" of in the U.S. Senate, quite a number the farmers and their families of dif. the present Congress provided they of papers throughout he country "of ferent sections o the State could meet refuse to afford the asked for relief is

ly exercising their gifts of criticism | We believe such an occasion could | ple will hear something drop. of the bill, but not one of them so far be made not only highly enjoyable as we have seen, from the New York but productive of great good. We years to build government buildings Herald down, has ever ventured a suggest, therefore, that the members for postal business and other things in single suggestion as to a better plan of the Alliance begin to consider the every city in the United States, at a for the relief of the people and matter, and as some one has to lead cost of from \$75,000 to \$500,000 informs us that he has about concountry. Do not the farmers and the off with a first suggestion, THE PRO- each and have not complained about cluded his work there and expected

make it.

Twenty-five years ago the farmers Let it be held at Greensboro, be in the world whose ox is gored. owned half the wealth of this country tween the 20th and 30th of July. -to-day they own only twenty-two Very cheap rates can be had on all "hay-seeders," as some of the enemy per cent. of it. Nearly two hundred the railroads and from all points in are pleased to call us, are going to thousand business failures have oc. the State. Excursion trains can be have some fun one of these days, and curred within that time involving run from Charlotte, Marion, Wilkes- some of those who are "taking their as I read it. It is aggressive and pronearly four billions of dollars. Dur. boro, Mt. Airy, Clarksville, Va., Ox- laugh before they proceed to rub the gressive." Bro. Rice is setting a good ing that time farms under twenty ford, Henderson, Goldsboro and Wil- bull's nose in the dirt" may conclude example. acres have decreased over twenty per mington. But should it be for one or that they did wisely. cent. while farms of one thousand two days? From twelve to twenty acres or more have i creased seven thousand people would attend. rations to the South, the Herald was the County Alliance, mailed the 5 hundred and seventy per cent. Dur. Greensboro, we believe, would do all calm and serene. But it is getting cents per capita tax for the National ing that time farm lands throughout in her power to accommodate the uncomfortably and "inconveniently" the whole country have decreased in crowd and to aid in making it, in near and so the Herald begins to kick. value over twenty per cent. Twenty- every, respect, a great success. We The fact that the States of New Jer- to the call. · five years ago our national debt was can have good speeches by men of our sey, New York and Michigan are \$2,783,000,000. We have paid since own and other States. We can organizing is probably the sole cause that time in principal, interest and have one of the finest bands in the of all the trouble. "Five hundred premiums on bonds, \$3,578,000,000, State, every man of which is a mem. organizers wanted to organize the and on the 1st of last November we ber of our order. If for more than State of Michigan!" That don't still owed on that debt \$1,693,000,000. one day, a most attractive programme sound very soothing to those pluto-At the price of cotton at that date we can be arranged and hundreds of crats. Really we "hay seeders" seem could have paid the debt with 14,185, families for twenty-five miles around too much in earnest in this thing. We 000. But now after having paid on would come in their own conveyances. ought to quarrel amongst ourselves it the value of 71,560,000 bales, it What says the brotherhood? What say and disorganize, if we wish such peowould still take 33,850,000 bales to you, Alliance men of Guilford, Rock- ple as the Herald to applaud.

pay it. Then if a farmer owed a debt | ingham, Stokes, Forsyth, Davidson, of \$90 he could pay it with one bale Randolph, Alamance and Caswell? of cotton weighing 500 pounds. To- What say the brethren all along the day if he owes \$90 it takes two bales lines of the railroads of the State? of 500 pounds each to pay it. Then Will the Guilford brethren appoint a he could have paid a debt of \$100 committee to make local arrange fore." We are sorry that it is true. with 80 bushels of wheat, to-day it ments? Will Capt. Alexander or takes 130 bushels to pay it. Then he some State officer look after the mat. could have paid a debt of \$100 with | ter of transportation? Will the good people of Greensboro join us and make creases. 200 bushels in North Carolina or 800 it a happy and grand occasion? Will the County Alliances of the twenty. seven counties through which the excursion trains would run, talk the and let THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER hear from them? Shall we have the Grand Alliance Rally? Let us hear from you, and if we decide to have it we shall insist that ninety-four county farmers must be in the grand proces-

ALLIANCE GUANO.

TE call the attention of our read VV ers to the circular letter from Bro. Worth on the -th page of this issue, giving analysis of the Alliance Guano. Please note the difference between Nos. 5 and 6. It will be seen that each test has a different result. But this is the same with all guanos. The ingredients are never thoroughly mixed. The result would not be the same even if the samples were taken from the same bag. It tested so severely, and it is with pleasit will prove beneficial to all crops.

----THE PRESS AND THE SUB-TREASURY BILL.

NOST of the papers throughout IVI the country have had something

We notice that the Statesville Landbut in all fairness they have the right | mark says that there is nothing wrong by those who have read the bill and | "is impracticable." Our friend evidently has not read THE PROGRESSIVE ions. They ask that the most candid | FARMER very closely or he would not have rendered this decision. We respectfully invite his attention and But we shall insist in this matter others, too, for that matter, does not cover all the ground, but it We note that some of our contem- contains food for thought, and to

The New York Herald of a recent

that the bill meets the approval of ance." The Herald pretend that it some of the ablest minds of this had hardly heard of the Allince becountry, and we believe when it is fore, and intimates that a good deal understood, that it will be overwhelm. of the avowed strength of the Alliance ingly endorsed by the American peo is mythical, and plainly says that the ple. Of one thing we may be as. bill introduced in the Senate by Sensured. The farmers throughout the ator Vance is absurd, to say the least

But the Herald gets down to busithey must have relief. They offer this ness in the closing paragraph which is

> "We do not suppose the present Con- tion. gress will pay much attention to these vagaries. But the American people turer, has withdrawn from the ediare 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. You cannot go on preaching and enacting of 24 pages. State socialism forever in any country, and least of all in the United States, without making an inconvenient multitude of converts, who will reduce the doctrine to practice in their own

The Herald may be right about the when the Herald and some other peo

The farmers have been taxed for it is plain that it makes all difference night.

But all this is fun for us. We

While the Alliance confined its ape-

THE PLUTOCRAT'S IDEAL DOL-

X/E are told "that a dollar will VV buy more now than ever be-We know that as the purchasing power of the dollar increases, the chances for getting the dollar de

This may sound like an Old Fogy idea, but to prove the proposition and show you how our Plutocrats want the purchasing power of the dollar, I matter over in their April meeting introduce the following from the N. Y. Tribune:

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. This sounds delightful until you learn that it is almost impossible to earn forty-five cents a week in

IOURNALISTIC.

What the Knights of the Quill are

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 will be seen that only one analysis of the paper, Mr. A. L. Ferrell, of falls below the guarantee and the total this city. The Visitor has been in average is 83 cents in value above the existence eleven years, which is much guarantee. No other brand has been longer than daily papers usually live the fray. The Alliance is not going efforts, and look forward with hope in this State. The paper is to be enure that we note that "our" brand larged and improved in every respect, has come through safely. We hope and as it now has no evening paper to contend with, it doubtless will be a success. The enterprise has our best

> wishes. Mr. W. E. Christian, the gifted editor of the Charlotte Democrat, has editor of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER accepted a position with a Philadelphia last week, from Bro. W. H. Ragsdale, paper. The Democrat will still be published by Mr. J. P. Strong.

Mr. Phil. A. Peatross, late of the Madison Leader, has withdrawn from that paper and has began the publication of a 28-column paper called the News. Bro. Peatross has also lately taken in a partner, Miss Mollie F. Heggie, of Madison. We wish him unbounded success, both in his matrimonial venture and newspaper enter-

in his perpetual flow of choice lan.

times. Col no. C. Tipton, of the good over it. reensboro Estriot, was married to Miss M. Josie Burke, one of Salis- AN OPEN LETTER FROM "OLD bury's young ladies, on the 17th inst. If he be as kind to this, his life partner, as he he has been to the reading public, she need never complain.

The Greensboro Patriot and Winston Sentinel contemplates issuing daily editions shortly.

The Toisnot Rural Home, Bethel Voice, Jonesboro Leader and Goldsboro Progress have suspended publica-

R. B. Hunter, State Alliance Lectorial 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

The Statesville Landmark announces "officially" that all hands may be on the lookout for a special trade edition

EDITORIAL NOTES.

- * Our thanks are due Bro. J. R. Smith, of Martin county, for a club you. 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 greater pleasure. 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. The reports from all sections are gratifying.
- ** A letter from Col. L. L. Polk, written at Atlanta on the 20th inst., the business interests of the country GRESSIVE FARMER will venture to the "vagaries" of each Congress, but to start to Arkansas and Missouri that
 - * Bro. Jno. W. Rice, a subscriber at Luraville, Fla., sent us a subscriber last week and closes his letter as fol lows: "I give away my paper as soon
 - ** Cabarrus county is hard to head off. Dr. J. S. Lafferty, Secretary of Alliance to our State Secretary on the 10th inst. This was the first response
 - * 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 a County Exchange and expects to be for the readers of THE PROGRESSIVE ready for business the first of April. FARMER every week.
 - passage of the "lard bill" in Con. Surely this ought to convince all doubt-

will make mistakes. We hope this noble objects. 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, but 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 possi-

** 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. If you need medicine send for his.

** 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 to surrender the great advantage gained in the desultory fight last year. Arrangements will be made with manufacturers soon and be sure and send in your orders early.

** From a private note to the 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. The paper is evidently the life of the order in our State." Bro. Ragsdale's letter will be published next week.

** "Fifty two dollars per year" is a pretty steep price for a weekly paper. But some of our too partial The Wilson Mirror has entered on friends rate The Progressive Farmer a new volume. It is one of the most at that price. Anyway they say that interesting papers that comes to this | "every issue is worth the cost for a office. Probably no newspaper man whole year." Well, we can't help didates who will pledge their support in the State will ever excel Bro. Blount | filling it up every week with valuable | to the above and other measures. But reading matter, and if our friends we have had enough of this "pledging persist in subscribing themselves and | business" already. The "standing Another editor has discarded single | getting their neighbors to do the same, blessedness notwithstanding hard they must not blame us for feeling shell in the spring preceding an elec-

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 PROGRES-SIVE FARMER as well.

I shall always try to merit your confidence, and if I can serve you in giv ing 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 was selected by our National President, Bro. Polk, to act as his private secretary, and the press of letters and other duties force both he and I to keep close to our desks for 16 to 18 hours daily.

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

The brotherhood will therefore understand that it is impossible for me to visit their meetings, although I N. C., had nothing whatever to do know of nothing that would give me

I am fraternally yours, D. H. RITTENHOUSE, Panacea Springs, N. C.

AMONG THE ALLIANCES.

What the Organization is Doing Throughout the Country. Tennessee has 92 counties organ ized with 2,588 subordinate lodges.

by the Alliance of Shelby county, has proved to be unprofitable for the

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 kin, Allen Long staple, and common

with a capital of \$250,000. The Minnesota Alliance have revised their constitution so as to ex-

clude all persons not farmers. An Alliance store is to be opened at Belle Plain. All goods will be

sold at a profit of $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. Woodson County (Kan.) Alliance has organized a Co-operative Association with a capital of \$50,000.

Graham county (Kan.) has organized

The Farmers' Alliance of Kansas, * Bro. Macune rather put his is thinking of turning Senator Ingalls foot in it when he recommended the out of the United States Senate.

gress. But he thought it was for the ing Thomases that the Alliance is a best at the time. The best of men great organization, and has grand and

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 Sentinal (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. But a few weeks ago the Sentinel accepted the Alliance truths and adopted its purposes as a platform to support, at the time there not being a member of the order residing in the State.

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. We wish them success in their to the coming of the time when the brotherhood of men shall be a con-

THE KIND OF CANDIDATES WE WANT.

trolling force in society.

"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 Alliiance. These demands should be made of the candidates in this State." -Alliance Tribune.

This applies to North Carolina, and other States, too. But how will it turn out? There are plenty of cancandidates" always come out of their tion and "pledge" anything you ask. Well, we send them to legislate for us and at the eleventh hour they discover that the aforesaid measures are unconstitutional or a majority were against them. Then they come home and "pledge" some more and shake your handuntil you are tired and agree to get there the next time-

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. These are the men we need, whether they be farmers or belong to some other occupations.

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, 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 okra leaf cotton is known in Texas and other A \$20,000 flour mill will be erected | States as the "hickory cotton," and reasons stated above. The leaves of the so-called okra cotton and the Bailey are similar; but the yield of the Bailey is larger and the staple much longer than that of the okra.

The leaves of the Sea Island, Petercotton are alike; and yet all admit that they are separate and distinct varieties, and that the lint of each commands a different price.

As 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, BAILEY COTTON CO., W. H. BRAGG, Prop'r.