## THE INDUSTRIAL AND EDUCATIONAL INTERESTS OF OUR PEOPLE PARAMOUNT TO ALL OTHER CONSIDERATIONS OF STATE POLICY.

RALEIGH, N. C., APRIL 1, 1890.

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|   | THE NATIONAL FARMERS' AL-<br>LIANCE AND INDUSTRIAL<br>UNION.<br>President-L. L. Polk, North Carolina.<br>Address, 916 E St., N. W., Washington,<br>D. C.<br>Vice-President-B. H. Clover, Cain-<br>bridge, Kansas.<br>Secretary-J. H. Turner, Georgia. Ad-<br>dress, 916 E. St., N. W., Washington,<br>D. C.<br>Treasurer-W. H. Hickman, Puxico,<br>Missouri<br>Lecturer-Ben Terrell, Texas.<br>EXECUTIVE BOARD.        | The total circulation as given in   | AND WHAT IT IS DOING.<br>Prospects of the Alliance.<br>MR. EDITOR:—I like the tone of THE<br>PROGRESSIVE FARMER—it has the right<br>r.ng about it. If the farmers would<br>heed its teachings they would soon be<br>independent and enrolled among the<br>influential law-makers of the land.<br>You are doing a great work, and<br>though your progress may appear<br>slow and unrewarded just now, the<br>fruit will appear in a few years, and | large profit thereby.<br>Our Alliance is progressing slowly,<br>but we hope to continue to climb step<br>by step until we can reach the top<br>round of the ladder; but we need not<br>expect to accomplish much in sometime<br>yet, for until the business agency fund | The effects of a high protective<br>tariff and of a high freight on railway<br>transportation are identical, yet farm-<br>ers favor the former and groan over<br>the iniquities of the latter. Kansas<br>Jeffersonian.<br>Ingalls talks about the "mutterings<br>of discontent heard in the South." If<br>he will lay his ear to the ground some<br>still day he will also be able to detect<br>a low rumbling in several localities in | been expelled fro<br>of Chicago on ac<br>clothes and dirty<br>the crumbs that<br>men's tables are<br>man and his chi<br>Don't pledge y<br>didate, but make<br>his vote for the<br>"Jimmy, stir<br>on some more of<br>the terms of this<br>ject lesson whi  |
|   | C. W. Macune, Washington, D. C.<br>Alonzo Wardell, Huron, South Dakota.<br>J. F. Tillman, Palmetto, Tennessee.<br>JUDICIARY.<br>R. C. Patty, Macon, Mississippi.<br>Isaac McCracken, Ozone, Arkansas.<br>Evan Jones, Dublin, Texas.<br>MOETH CAROLINA FARMERS' STATE ALLIANCE.<br>President—Elias Carr, Old Sparta, N.C.<br>Vice-President—A. H. Hayes, Bird-<br>town, N. C.<br>Secretary—E. C. Beddingfield, Raleigh, | precisely alike while the amounts said<br>to be in the Treasury in one table are<br>712 millions, and in the next 278 mil-<br>lions. The difference is slight, only<br>about 434 millions. In the first table<br>there is a total of gold and silver in<br>the Treasury of about 618 millions, in<br>the second table there is in the Treas-<br>ury only 244 millions. See pages 10<br>and 11 of the Treasury Report. | rights as freemen they have so long   | back. Very respectfully,<br>J. F. HARMON.<br>WHAT THEY SHOULD DO.<br>The farmers of Kansas, in common<br>with those of other Western States,<br>have a number of grievances which,<br>as a matter of simple justice, should<br>be redressed as promptly as possible.    | The word bond as applied to evi<br>dences of American indebtedness, is<br>a most appropriate one. Bonds are<br>the shackles which bind American<br>citizens in a system of slavery to the<br>money lords.—Southern Alliance, At-<br>lanta, Ga.<br>Sugar is worth three cents per<br>pound in England. But for our<br>"glorious system of protection" we<br>could get our sugar at about the same  | Farmer.<br>Farmers and<br>covered that the<br>products of their<br>not enough dolla<br>their labor, her<br>clear over the p<br>eventually kick<br>out of existence<br>Wheel (Ark)  |

with the articles on History of Money abject poverty, the dark cloud ever pression to which they are subjected figures -Signal. I will give our readers an insight into hanging in his sky, without friends by railways who insist upon taking the differences as shown by the differ-Lecturer-Thos. B. Long, Asheville, eut reports and the differences in the Assistant Lecturer-R. B. Hunter, Chartables compiled by the same officer.

or money, with money rings, combines about half the crop raised as pay for and trusts strongly arrayed against transporting the other half to market

him, and last but not least with a gov. Next, they have a grievance against ods practically destroy the live stock interests of the State, and thereby so much cripple and impoverish them. Next, they have a grievance against the binding twine trust, a monopoly which compels them to pay 30 per cent. more for that article than they should pay. Next they have a grievance against the general government, particularly the legislative branch of it, for not providing a sufficiency of money to ao the business of the country-free coinage of silver, for exampose of their crops at fair prices. Next they have a very large grievance against a gang of professional politicians in this State who are in the habit of using them as so much trading capital in the various schemes in which

"The best Alliance any man can join is an alliance with a hard day's work. -Strong City Rep.

The farmers are being constantly

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your vote to the cane the candidate pledge farmer and laborer.

up the fire and put orn, I want to read mortgage." An obich fow farmers will prehend. - Nebraska

laborers have disere is too much of the r labor in a dollar and ars in the products of nce they are kicking arty traces and will the old corrupt parties ce.-Faulkner County

When farmers work together to enforce their own rights, they will get them, but how in the name of common sense do they expect to achieve that end by electing to office millionaire bondholders is beyond our compretreated to such choice morsels as the hension .- Our Own Opinion. Cambridge, Neb.

lotte, N. C. Chaplain-J. J. Scott, Alfordsville,

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N. C. Door Keeper-W. H. Tomlinson, Fayetteville, N. C.

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S. B. Alexander, Charlotte, N. C. Chair nan; J. M. Mewborne, Kinston N. C.; J. S. Johnston, Ruffin, N. C.

## -----GOLD CERTIFICATES.

## BY OLD FOGY.

The issue of gold certificates and their use is not well understood.

Gold certificates are largely use by the importer, the broker and banker. They are calls, or demands on the U. S. Treasury for gold to balance gold accounts. Gold certificates are

entirely aristocratic and the farmer and laborer rarely if ever sees one.

Below you will find the size or denomination of the gold certificates and the amounts issued as well as the amounts outstanding since 1866:

21,040,000

17.800.000

40,214,800

56 844,000

167,881,000

530,540,000

470,450,000

30,000,589

| In                                    | 20     | dolla | г С | 5 |
|---------------------------------------|--------|-------|-----|---|
| In                                    |        | 6.5   | 6.  |   |
| In                                    | 100    | 4.6   | 6.6 |   |
| In                                    | 500    |       | 44  |   |
| In                                    | 1.000  | 84    | 41  |   |
| · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | 5,000  | 3.8   | 44  |   |
|                                       | 10,000 |       | 6.4 |   |
| To                                    | Gene   | va aw | ard |   |

Total,

\$1,337,789,889 There is now outstanding less than 20 millions of dollars of these certificates in denominations less than \$100 each.

year \$67,249,598.

and Germany.

government book-keeping grow- enlarge and expand at every turn.

LETTET FROM PASQUOTANK

OCISKO, N. C. MR. EDITOR:-It really seems to me that amid all the writing, speaking and arguing in and out of Congress with reference to the impending revolution now threatening our country, our present Congressmen ought to

know and see that the crisis is about to burst upon us, and unless relief is given, the so-called "best government the world ever saw" is doomed. What must be the worshippers when money is their God? And to this we might add, what must be the governed when a partisan demagogue Congress is the ruler? We say again unless somewrath and resentment will be poured thing is done, and that quickly, civil and religious liberty will be only a thing of the past. "The hand writing of their heartless oppressors. No is on the wall." If it be true that in 1850 the farmers owned 70 per cent. of all the wealth of the United States, and paid tax on 85 per cent., whereas at this time (1890) they own 24 per cent. instead of 70, and yet pay tax on 62 per cent. of all that is taxed in this country. I repeat it, sir, that it is high time that we bestir ourselves and rid the country of that vast flock observed their plighted vows to their of foul birds now about the "carcass" of religious freedom in Washington City who have bartered away the liberties of the people. Owing to the usurpating influences of demagogues, railroads, banks, trust companies, middlemen, &c., our once prosperous country is in its death agonies-the rattles will soon begin-then the aver

age politician will begin to tremble played in the "Farmers' Legislature" and shake. We are not Anarchists, neither are we Nihilists nor Commun-

one billion one hundred and eighty. equal rights and privileges to all and leadership of others, casting a reflecthree millions seven hundred and special favors to none; then if that is forty-one thousand three hundred and politics, we are fully in, and the par- greatly violating the rights and best twenty eight dollars since 1866. See tisan pop in-jay can have the pleasure Rep. Sec. of Treas p. 14, 1889. There of a long rest, so far as governing is was redeemed during the last fiscal concerned. We have heard it said rights and interest which appeal to us that railroads are citizens; so they from the standpoint of the first law of

Turn now to the report of the Di. may be to a certain extent, but like nature, we would be sinful indeed to rector of the Mint. The value of fine the banks, they are a selfish concern, expect the aid and friendly push of gold bars exported from May 1st, and are demoralizers. I live, and other callings in these days of zeal for 1888, to Sept 30, 1889, was \$61,435, have lived, right on a railroad, i. e. 989 dollars going to France, England within 50 yards of one for the past Once fully awake to our own interest, I want to say that the mysteries of in the first instance, where the people tion, ashamed of the past and humilicontiguous to it have been benefited ated over our subservient relation to I have said in THE PROGRESSIVE venience. I know whereof I speak FARMER that the gold in the U.S. when I say the railroad officials are Treasury and the gold certificates not in sympathy with the "hand" make up the amounts said to be in commission, I locate that man far circulation. This has been denied. away from railroads-he is ignorant S. Treasurer will confirm my state the next Legislature will pass a rail extent. I will now prove the other pleasure of doing so again. "Let tocratic rule, from "the Turk the SIVE FARMERS's figures, nor yet by Old devil and the convict," bankers, mid-Fogy's, but by authority of the great dlemen, trust companies, money lend-Mogul of figures, the Hon. Secretary ers at exorbitant rates, railroads, &c. Success to The Progressive FARMER "The following table shows the and long life to its editor, and "that peace which passeth understanding' rency in the Treasury and in circula. to the brethren everywhere. Rally, patriots, and drive your enemies out IN TREAS'RY IN CIRC'LAT'N. of the temple.

pecuniarily, only as a matter of con. other callings, the farmers and laborbased on the said gold are both that feeds them. And when I hear a disregard. With your motto labor counted when the modern Anniases man say he does not want a railroad omnia vincet, and buoyed by the con-The official figures and language of the many evils to which those who and more glorious because of its long quoted from the last report of the U. live near are subject. I feel confident night of gloom and darkness. Every ments that gold certificates are not in road bill; those who voted against it to his neighbor, his people and his circulation among the people to any at its last session will not have the country to aid you in your noble statement to be true. Not by the justice be done though the heavens tion for the producing classes by be-May the Lord deliver us from plu- scribers to THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER.

ernment whose every act adds insult the dressed beef combine whose meth to injury, we wonder why it is that they do not rise up as one man, unite in one strong brotherhood, shake off the shackles which bind them and with an undaunted zeal, labor untiringly for their universal betterment. When we consider their real condition and behold with what indifference the farmers all over the land are treating the question of a common brotherhood and co-operative union, it is very dis couraging, but you must not give up. Revolutions work slow. A day of relief will come. The gathering vol. ple, and thus to enable them to discano of public feeling among the farmers though slowly crystalizing, will become in the near future an omnipotent power, and its loud flood of

out in relentless fury upon the heads they are interested. doubt the lack of co-operation in covering our cotton crop of 1889 with something besides jute has given the jute trust, as well as others, considerable encouragement that the farmers of the country are incapable of united action, while on the other hand it has had a depressing and disheartening effect upon those who have sacredly several organizations, yet by working, laboring and teaching we shall at length secure that unity which will level party, obliterate sections and bring to our oppressed farmers and laborers the welcome boon of a better life and living. 1 am not discouraged though I remember with humil iation the want of self-interest disgress. which last sat in Raleigh, which, though numerically able to enact any There has been redeemed in gold ists, but friends to a government of law, yielded, as in the past, to the tion on ther own intelligence and

> interest of their constituents at home. Negligent and indifferent to our own

selfish ends and self-agrandizement. ten years, and I have failed to discover | fully realizing the power in united acers of the country will boom up as a power which the politicians of our land will not longer dare to ignore and scientiousness of a just cause, the day will soon dawn and will be the brighter farmer owes it to himself and family. efforts to bring about a better condicoming and remaining paid up sub-J. W. SANDERS. Sanders Store, N. C., March 30, '90.

These are a few of the grievances of the farmers of Kansas. That the time has come for redress will, The Champion thinks, be conceded

The means of redress are in the hands of the farmers themselves. They have the power to protect their interests and to inaugurate political and legislative policies which will inure to their direct benefit as a class. They have the votes, which is the power required in the emergency which confronts them. It is for them to say who shall represent them in the next Kansas Legislature and in the next National Legislature. If they are so disposed they can hold the balance of power in the State Legislature and can say who shall represent Kansas in the lower and upper House of Con-

The opportunity to help themselves, to take at least the initiative in wiping out the trusts so hostile to their interests, and to secure the proper regulation of the railroads of this State is in their hands. They can now cut lose from the whole brood of political cormorants who have so long preyed upon them, if they will.

What they should do as a means to this end is to elect men to the State Legislature who will not sell them out in the shambles; men who are in sympathy with them and their inter-

above by the old party press. No. thing disturbs their peace so much as the fact that the farmers are becoming educated and beginning to think for themselves, and struggling to throw off the chains with which monopoly and their pliant tools, the legislators, and a servile partisan press has shackled them. - Liberty (Ks.) Review.

Railroad officials, bankers, insurance companies, liquor dealers and other corporations go boldly into politics measures. They always mean busiwith politics. Oh, no. Hands off !-Kansas Farmer.

The government has taken the pre caution to issue \$8,000,000 to buy bonds at a premium of 27 per cent. in order to tide the bankers over a tight, and thus prevent another "Black Friday." How would it do for the can.

"Great Father at Washington" to for the purpose of tiding those West ern farmers over the "Black Fridays' citizens almost daily ? - - Climax Springs (Mo.) Advocate.

Hon. Lucian Baker, of Leavenworth, an old railroad attorney, presents figures to show that the railroads of Kansas cost to build them \$130, 000,000; that the people of Kansas have donated to them \$150,000,000, or twenty million more than they cost, and the roads earn interest on \$800, 000,000. At only five per cent. this shows that we pay each year thirty three and a half millions too much to the railroads. Divide this \$33,500, 000 by 300,000 the number of families in Kansas, and see how much it costs each one more than public ownership Ingalls is a past master in the art of would.

monkey work on getting appropria. turn their attention to some issue that Times. will benefit the farmers and laborers, when they get to Topeka; men who they will be "killing time" to a great cannot be bought and sold like sheep deal better advantage than he etofore. -Almena Advocate.

When another general election has

If all the reform factions in this country were to unite, they could revo. lutionize the whole world, but the fact is, the leaders of the two old parties manage to keep them from doing this, so that they, the masses, may the better be robbed .- Dayton (0.) Work.

If the government should take charge of the railroads of the country, freight rates would be at once estab. and labor and lobby for their men and lished which would not admit of trusts and combinations. One man could ness. But farmers should not meddle get a car of goods handled just as cheaply as another - it would be impossible to get a special rate. In other words, the railroads would be conducted on the same principle that postoffices are-without profit to the government and strictly in the interest of the people .- Anthony Republi-

There's going to be a great big exit order an extra issue of a few millions one of these days-a general exodus. Poverty must go, millionairism must go, boodleism must go, the national that are occurring among that class of banks must go, monopolies, trusts and combines must go-in fact the people are getting to go it on their own hook. -Ex.

The Farmers' Alliance, of Kansas, which, by the way, has become an organization of great strength, has, through its president, proposed a series of questions to Mr. Ingalls, stating at the same time that the support of the Alliance for him for United States Senator depends upon whether he answers these questions satisfactorily. Thus far Mr. Ingalls has not answered, but it is safe to assert that he will do so, and in such a manner, too, that the Alliance will be none the wiser. Mr. beating his satanic majesty around the If our Congressmen would do less stump, and he is now evidently doing a good deal of thinking before comtions made for public buildings and mitting himself to paper .-- Tuskaloosa

> The People's Signal) Marlin, Tex.) is not uncertain in its faith. It refers to the time between 1864 and 1868:

When we passed through a period ests, and who have brains enough not come and gone it will be found that of prosperity never before known in to be led by the nose by crafty asso- the consolidation of the Knights of this or any other country. Money ciates and oleaginous lobbyists; men Labor and Farmers' Alliance will was plenty, wages were high and

Economist Almanac, which is said to fall." be fixed up by men who know noth ing of finance; not by THE PROGRES. of the Treasury himself.

amounts of the several kinds of curtion June 30th, 1889:

\$ 376,675,785

105,613,777

\$303,387,719 Silver. 314,938,151 Old paper issue, tional bank notes, 4,150,537 . S. bank notes, 47,296,870 ertificates of deposit, 240,000 old certificates. 26,918,328 Silver certificates, 5,487,181

Total

M. G. GREGORY, Pres't.

7,421,912 207,228,495 299,384,140 16,955,000 to be severely shaken by winds. On 117,130,229257,142,565light, sandy soils, where the ground \$712,416,883 \$1,887,551,885 is soft and loose, it may be necessary coffee, soda, flour and other articles of profit to the government and strictly the 1st of July, when the law goes "The certificates of deposit are, to stake trees from 2 to 3 years old. use to the living man, ordered through in the interests of the people.

CROOKED CREEK ALLIANCE, No. 1,128, McDowell Co., N. C.,

March 14, 1890. MR. EDITOR:-As it has been a long time since anything has been written would at once be established which from our Alliance, I will write and let the brethren know that we are still nations. One man could get a car of alive and working. Our Alliance goods handled just as cheaply as an-

Stake young trees if they are liable hundred members and there are some special rate. In other words, the railworking members in our Alliance.

who are bribe proof, and who have have done more to dispel party preju- everybody was happy. As a very the nerve to legislate with special reference to the needs of the agricultural classes.

When it comes to members of the National Legislature, they should see to it that men are sent to Congressboth branches-who are not mort combines and trusts, and who have an adequate appreciation of the kind of legislation required to relieve the depressed condition of agriculture. If the farmers of Kansas will care-

fully consider this matter and wisely improve their present opportunity, they will not much longer suffer as they do at present from oppressive conditions .- Atchison Champion.

Anthony Republican: If the gov. ernment should take charge of the railroads of the country, freight rates would not admit of trusts and combinow numbers something over one other-it would be impossible to get a roads would be conducted on the same

war.-Colorado Workman.

recently, a coterie of statesmen were in the history of the world the poor discussing the resubmission question tasted the luxuries of wealth." Is as Ben Clover, our National Vice- there any laboring man who can congaged soul and body to corporations, President, was passing, when they demn us for desiring this prosperity called him up to express an opinion. again? The abolition of the national It was brief. Said he: "The ques- bank system, and the payment of the tion uppermost right now is not national debt will bring back to the whether a man shall have a right to people again the good times from '64 drink or not, but, whether he shall to 68. Do you want it? If so, vote have a home to go, drunk or sober." A nation which legalizes methods that compel the majority of its citizens to pay tribute to the few is hovering NOTE FROM CATAWBA COUNTY. dangetously near to despotism .---Craftsman.

are foreclosing .- Western Farmer.

Our members are having their sugar, principle that postoffices are-without State they must become citizens by gence, I am into effect, to retain possession of it.

dices and sectional animosity than forcible writer expresses it, "huts anything that has occurred since the became houses, houses became palaces, tatters became garments, garments It was over in Windsor township. became robes, and for the first time for no man for Congress or State legislature who will not advocate it.

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MR. EDITOR:-Since my last writing The Kansas City Times states that our Alliance, No. 1,876, has received E. N. Keep, of the Garden City Im- five members, three males and two feprint, says: "Mortgages are becoming males. We not only indorse the subscarcer in Western Kansas every treasury plan, but are "a unit in day." True! The loan companies everything that tends to benefit the farmer and laboring classes, believing There are in the State of Illinois that such in the end will benefit all, over 1,000,000 acres of land owned by and save this once "grand republic." aliens. Under a recent law of that Thanking you for your kind indul-

> Your sister in truth, MRS. B. A. MORGAN.