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## ADDRESS BY BROTHER T. A. WILSON, BEFORE SUMMERFIELD ALLIANCE.

"In this enlightened age of steam and electricity, every class of people in the world are seeking some way by which they may receive protection. And there is no class that needs protection more than the farming class of people, hence the Farmers' Alliance.

"Combined monopolistic trusts have mounted into the saddle and are riding us farmers to death. Hence it is high time for us to awaken to a sense of our duty. There is but one way by which we can get clear of these evils, and that is by proper legislation, if properly entered upon and enforced. There is a world of meaning in these two words—proper legislation—for upon and through them rest and is involved life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness—all that makes life worth living.

"But there can be no pursuit of happiness where one class possesses the power to oppress all others. This state of things we have got to fight to the bitter end. In order to assert and maintain our inalienable rights as citizens we should keep up a never ceasing irrepresible conflict. Raise the black flag in such a cause, neither asking nor giving quarter, as we press to the front with anti monopoly as our war cry to re-echo in the ears of our Representatives as one triumphantly elected and seat them in State and National legislative halls. The most important matter is to fix upon the proper men to represent us, and as a preliminary to such a vital step, we should fix the standard for our candidates up to the highest notch on the scale of honesty, integrity, fearless discharge of duty and unflinching adherence to our interest—see that they adhere to this standard as representatives. And when they flinch, decapitate them without mercy. They should be men that money could not bribe, and as incorruptible as a flake of snow from its birthplace in the sky so the earth. It behooves us therefore to cast sentiments to the wind, come down to business and stand if we must, at a second mass of Thermopylae repelling every assault of an enemy under whatever party guise it may appear, and not stop the conflict until we secure a representation that, without fear or favor, will shield us by protective legislation in State and National halls. Our chief part in this movement is action and nothing but action; if we lay by the wayside in listless inaction, the fetters for our bondage will be forged with links of adamant steel.

"When our candidates come around on the campaign we holler ourselves hoarse for our party, and we are a set of the vilest fools that ever lived or died.  
"Surely justice must be blind or

she would die of grief from weeping over misery she would be compelled to witness from such a blessed state of things. If we go on in this way the darkness of despair itself will shed its funeral pall over our offending heads, blighting every anticipation of a future in which no glimpse of a sunrise of our final resurrection will emerge above the horizon of blasted hopes. We have sown to the wind and reaped the whirlwind long enough. We have been beasts of burden long enough, and it is time we were turning on our enemies by swooping down upon them with a cyclone that will sweep away the temples of monopolistic trusts from "turret to foundation stone." If we will only be true to ourselves it requires no prophet to foretell that five years hence the country will be historic as the grave of monopoly and trusts.

"Well might the cotton farmer of the South exclaim in impoetic rhyme:  
"Farewell, jute, farewell; for thou hast died of comb fever in 1889."  
"When our forefathers came across the big deep and planted colonies on this grand old American continent, there was burning within them a spirit of freedom. The air they breathed, the absolute freedom and song of the birds and the roving of the many beasts of the forest, were all calculated to draw their minds out toward the one great object, freedom, and they never rested until they became free and independent States. Oppressed as we are by an Egyptian bondage, we have lost all happiness. When we view the landscape over to the green fields there is no beauty to the song of birds, there is no sweetness to the flower of the garden, there is no fragrance. Hence if we seek happiness we must work, ever remembering that 'United we stand, divided we fall!'"

## LETTER FROM CATAWBA.

PENELOPE, N. C.  
MR. EDITOR:—I am so delighted with your paper, THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER, that you must allow me to express my feelings in this regard first. I would not be without it for four times what it costs me. If everybody would read it, it would not be long till a true remedy for the "hard times" would be rightly adjusted. For my life I can't see how so many call themselves "true Alliance men" and profess to understand our situation and the drift of the times, when they don't take and read THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER. They certainly don't get it out of the common local papers. The masses do not read enough, and what they do read is foreign to our needs. But I am glad some are being posted as to our true condition and are making themselves known and felt for good. Already the Alliance has planted in the minds, eyes and hearts of the people, principles which time itself will never erase. The Alliance in Catawba is a firm, fixed factor, and it's these three f's that scare some of our modern Solomons and Goliaths.

Our Alliance picnic here on the 24th inst. was a grand success. Between one and two thousand people were present. The dinner table was nearly 200 feet long and was heaped from end to end, and yet, many appetites were not satisfied. This gives some idea of the crowd. Maj. W. A. Graham, of Lincoln, and Hon. A. Leazar, of Iredell, gave us two fine, able, pointed and patriotic speeches, which made a fine impression on the minds of the people. If we had such men as Graham and Leazar at the helm of our government, it would not be long till the cause of our depression would be removed, and we, as a nation, enjoy prosperity again. Amen.

I am drumming for your paper and expect to send you a subscriber soon. Wishing the Alliance, THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER and the country at large, success, I am, your sister in the Alliance,  
B. A. MORGAN.

## POINTED ANSWERS.

A correspondent of the Agricultural Department to whom a circular was addressed asking about the condition of crops, etc., in his county, replied as follows:

"No rye raised, except liquid, rust has got the wheat, fruit and early vegetables killed by frost, bugs eat up Irish potatoes, crows pulled up the corn, labor indifferent, negroes won't work, white men drunk or fishing, women all having children, stock poor and mortgaged, huckleberries plentiful and children fat, no money, hard times. Send us a missionary."

Farmers in Denmark receive pupils who undergo a regular training.

## NUTS TO CRACK AT THE FARMER'S FIRESIDE.

### Press Opinions from Many Sources.

Takes ten million dollars off of tobacco and heaps it on to the garments which the poor wear. Every Congressman from Minnesota voted for that bill.—*The Great West.*

Farmers are too busy now to talk politics, but they are doing a deal of thinking. They will be well posted as to candidates who will represent their interest before November.—*Cleburne Tribune.*

Let no man let up on his Alliance work or enthusiasm on account of the warfare between the great Alliance and the politician. It had to come—and it has come. But brave men will not flinch.—*The Great West.*

The meanest and the foulest and the most dangerous qualification a Congressman or legislator can have is "experience." Down with every man who has "experience" and knows how to be snaked along by the caucus larriat!—*The Great West.*

Last fall, when the farmers were bringing in their wheat, there was an 8 and 10c. difference between No. 1 hard and No. 1 northern—at the country elevators. To day the difference is 1c. You see the wheat is all in the hands of the wheat sharks now!—*The Great West.*

The Kingman bank sold 60,000 bushels of corn at 23 cents a few days ago. How the farmers do get to the top! Lord! the farmers get 10 to 13 cents for the corn—the fellows who farm the farmers get 33 to 25 cents. Come to Kansas for cheap homes.—*Nonconformist.*

Iowa is booming along the whole line. There is a feeling throughout the State that might well be termed a peaceable rebellion. Never before has the feeling of independence been so strong and real—and the actual servitude to eastern politicians and aristocrats made so apparent.—*The Great West.*

A farmer whose property was swept by a recent tornado says that everything was blown off the farm except the mortgage. He was in hard luck indeed.—*Wichita Republic.* The farmers' organizations have, however, in course of preparation a new-fangled tornado, which will do that even.—*Home Rule.*

A Levanworth man proposes to wager any sum between \$10,000 and \$50,000 that within thirty days he can walk from Levanworth to Junction City, and never take his feet off mortgaged ground, except when crossing a public road or railway. Here is a text for some protectionist to preach a sermon from.—*Star.*

Antagonizing the Farmers' Alliance is a good deal like trying to buck a lightning express off the track—it displays more pluck than discretion. The Alliance is in motion with the chances greatly in favor of increased momentum. Those who are not anxious to be pulverized by it had better hasten to get out of the way.—*The Laborer.*

If the Kansas farmer wants to know what is hurting him let him haul one hundred bushels of protected corn to the nearest protected market and try to trade it for a Sunday suit of clothing. He might then, if he will, put his reasoning apparatus in working order, discover practically whose hands is under the biggest end of the protection cornucopia.—*Kansas City Times.*

A tariff booming organ thinks it is a pretty good joke on the English syndicates which have gobbled up the American breweries that about the time they get ready to run them Uncle Sam whacks 30 cents a bushel tax on barley. Considering that the beer buyers will pay this 30 cents tax it is not so apparent where the joke on the English syndicates comes in.—*Wilmington Star.*

The farmers around Warren, Ind., a place of 2,000 inhabitants, have compelled a newspaper twelve years old to suspend—formerly a prosperous journal. Gentlemen de Pitchfork, don't let the Indians get the start of you. You have friends among the country editors. Let them know that you know it—but manure the graveyards with those other political salesmen.—*The Great West.*

A large part of the corn crop has passed out of the hands of the farmer; and now that it is safely corralled the speculators allow the price to go up, to help work it off onto the consumers at good figures. Well think of it! But watch the congressional monkey pretend to be pulling the chestnuts

out of the rust fire. Great cry and little wool. Big noise but it don't hurt the trusts. And the poor class of farmers sold their corn below the actual cost of production, all the same; and the sharks double their money on it.—*Headlight.*

When the gang that calls itself the government of the United States, loans \$60,000,000 of money raked in from over-taxed farmers and business men to the National bankers without usury or interest, and the bankers loan it out to struggling farmers in the west at 2 per cent. a month, we don't see why the "government" does not more completely organize to enslave labor.—*Advance Thought.*

Uncle Jerry Rusk is not only introducing great reforms in the methods of farming in this country, from an epistolary stand point, but he is revolutionizing the seeds. Some "great pansy" seeds which he recently sent out produced beautiful turnips, and some "double pinks" nice long-necked squashes. There is no doubting the ability of the great farmer who can from "pansy" seed produce a crop of turnips, or from "double pinks" a crop of daisy squashes.—*Wilmington Star.*

## LINVILLE ALLIANCE, NO. 453.

### LINVILLE STORE, N. C.

MR. EDITOR:—As I haven't seen anything from our Alliance for some time, I thought I would try and give the brethren a few dots from this mountain region. We are still in a thriving condition. Our county lecturer spoke for us last Tuesday, and I am sure he done much good. He discussed the Sub-Treasury bill, National Banking system, and other matters of interest to the Alliance. We think the Sub-Treasury bill one of the grandest moves for the farmers and laboring class of people that has ever been introduced. But I fear the present Congress has not got backbone enough to pass such a bill. If they don't, surely they will not have the brass to ask the people for their suffrage in the coming election. It does seem to me that some of our representatives are unaware of what the people want, and it seems as if they don't care. We have got it into our heads by some supernatural power, or something of the kind, that there is a better time coming; and we know there is if we will all press shoulder to shoulder for the grand cause we have undertook to accomplish.

For fear that this will find its way to the waste basket, I will close by saying to all who are not subscribers to THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER, for your sake, and for the sake of the Alliance, do subscribe, for it is worth its weight in gold.

Fraternally,  
H. M. CONLEY.

## RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY THE SUTTON BRANCH ALLIANCE, NO. 398, MAY 10TH, 1890.

Resolved, That the qualifications for officers are: 1st, unimpeachable integrity. 2d, that their industry shall be the same as the interest of those represented. 3d, intellectual ability. 4th, that they shall not be office-seekers, and that these qualifications are in importance in the order named.

Resolved, That we, the members of this Alliance, will neither help to nominate nor elect any one whom we have good cause to believe is wanting in the above qualifications.

Resolved, That conventions, primaries, etc., as now conducted, are made to serve office seekers, demagogues and trading politicians, we ask that this be changed, and that when the primary conventions come on that all who are voters go and see to it that their delegates have the qualifications necessary for officers, for it is impossible to have good men nominated without sending good men to nominate them, men who don't sway, buy or drive, but men who stand for right and the interest of their constituents.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER for publication and a copy to the County Alliance of Duplin with request to be adopted.

Our Alliance has some true Alliance grit in it as there is in the State, but I am sorry to say that we have had some that were rather slack. We have lost several of our members by suspension, but are recruiting up some by receiving new members who, I hope, will be better grit.

We have been ordering goods through Bro. Worth, which we find tolerably satisfactory.

Fraternally,  
J. McR. GRADY, Sec'y.

## NEW INDUSTRIES.

Enterprises of Various Kinds to be Put in Operation and Things Likely to be Done at an Early Day—Rip Van Winkle Cannot Stay in the Old North State.

[Manufacturers' Record.]

Franklin—W. J. Jenkins is erecting a flour mill.

Dunn—J. A. Morgan has erected, it is reported, turpentine distillery. Salisbury—The Salisbury Gas Light Co. is adding several new resorts.

Southern Pine—A chewing gum factory, it is reported, will be established.

Greensboro—W. R. Burgess and others contemplate developing a soapstone quarry.

Salisbury—The Dunn's Mountain Granite Co. has been organized to develop granite quarries.

Morganton—J. H. Pearson, previously mentioned as opening a granite quarry, will develop same.

Greensboro—The Union Land Co., reported in last issue as incorporated, has a capital stock of \$250,000.

Rutherfordton—The Rutherfordton Canning Factory will probably increase the capacity of its factory.

Rutherfordton—A Northern company has, it is stated, purchased the Idler gold mines near Rutherfordton.

Granite Falls—The Russell manufacturing Co. erected a sash, door and blind factory, as reported in last issue.

Raleigh—The Farmers' Alliance and Knights of Labor will erect the tobacco factory referred to in last issue.

Milton—The lease of the Connaly gold mine has been secured, it is reported, by parties who will probably develop.

Oxford—Contract for building the prize tobacco factory for Adams Scott, mentioned in last issue, was awarded to Hundley Bros. & Co.

Oxford—The Oxford Land Improvement & Manufacturing Co. is endeavoring to secure the removal of a knitting mill to Oxford.

Siler City—A company has been organized to erect the cotton factory mentioned in last issue. J. A. Hadley, of Boston, is interested.

Monroe—P. B. Key has been elected president of the Long Island Cotton Mills, lately reported as incorporated and to put in new machinery.

Asheville—The Board of Magistrates has decided, it stated, to construct two bridges across the French Broad river, and one over Cane creek.

Moffitt's Mills—N. Cox, Son & Co. have added machinery to their sash and blind factory, as lately stated, and will put in a 24 inch resawing machine.

Raleigh—Brewer & Harding, referred to in last issue, have added a full set of wood pulp machinery and may start a spoke and handle factory at a later day.

Cherokee County—A. H. Isbell, of Asheville, has, it is reported, purchased the W. H. Hammond property containing 10,000 acres of timber land for \$20,000.

Durham—J. S. Carr, A. B. Andrews, R. D. Patterson and others are reported as to form a stock company to develop coal in Orange county, five miles from Durham.

Morganton—The contract for the electric light plant lately mentioned has been let to the Westinghouse Electric Light Co., of Pittsburgh, Pa. It is to have capacity for 25 arc and 750 incandescent lights.

Asheville—Local and Chicago (Ill.) capitalists have organized, it is reported, the North Carolina Fuel Co. to erect a plant for the manufacture of fuel gas. The capital stock is \$500,000.

Monroe—The company of which A. F. Stevens is president, lately mentioned as to build a cotton mill, is reported as awarding contract for the erection of a building 81x280 feet for same to J. E. McAllister, of Gastonia.

## LETTER FROM VANCE COUNTY.

MR. EDITOR:—Thinking a few lines from Flint Hill Alliance, No. 915, would not be out of order, I will let you know how we are getting on.

We have worked up about all the material in the vicinity and have a wide awake, progressive lodge, with some of the best men in the county, and men who can be depended upon when hard work is to be done. And

just now the crisis is upon us and we need men of zeal tempered with knowledge—men who have backbone and will dare to carry out their convictions—men who can be depended upon. We have such men among us.

The time for political candidates is drawing close to hand, and we may expect every conceivable artifice, tricks and chicanery to be practiced by politicians in the primary meetings as well as elsewhere, to try to carry the nominations and elections by demagoguing the people and to some extent they are going to be successful because some are going to join our order for political aggrandizement. We are going to have wolves in sheep's clothing; we may look out for them. Now what I wish to say is, do not trust any one who has been a politician, you have no evidence that he is a friend to you only he says so. We have been too often deceived to listen to such boasts.

We have plenty of men among us who are competent to fill any office from president to constable, and men who are tried and have the aims and purposes of our order at heart and would make sacrifices for the country and the laboring classes of people.

Now I wish it understood that I am not a candidate for any office; I have no political aspirations and want no office in the gift of the people; but I do want to see our legislative halls and law making assemblies composed of men who know how to knock clods and men who are interested in the welfare of the people and will secure just and equitable laws and right the wrongs of the past. Let us have a flexible currency and then you will see the country prosperous and her citizens quiet and peaceable. Keep the Sub Treasury plan before the people, educate them up to the real condition of the country and what we aim to do to relieve the people of the oppression of the moneyed kings.

Success to THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER; may it live long and wield a wide and irresistible influence for the right.  
M. L. TAYLOR, Pres't.

## THE WILLAMETTE VALLEY, OREGON.

### A Word About a Fine Agricultural Region.

MR. EDITOR:—Believing that your readers would be pleased to hear a few facts about the Willamette Valley Oregon, I take the liberty to give them. This is the finest valley on the Pacific coast by far and contains the largest area of rich agricultural and fruit lands. Fruits and vegetables of all varieties do well. A man after he gets an orchard of ten acres bearing he can make a very comfortable living off of that amount of ground. But the first few years of farming in Oregon it will require close management to make a good living above expenses.

Our climate is varied and healthful and people coming from the South are usually well pleased with Oregon.

The old Oregonian settlers were usually from the South, Tennessee contributing the larger share of the early settlers.

Farming is the principal occupation and mining and manufacturing is now being developed. The next few years will see Oregon more than double the present population, as the Willamette Valley alone is capable of supporting twice the number of people that the State now has.

Salem is the capital and is located on the east bank of the great Willamette river, which is navigable for steamboats the year round, fifty two miles south of Portland on the Oregon and Gulf railroad. We have street car lines, both the horse and electric.

Salem has increased in population about 2,000 the last year and now has a population of about 10,000. Farmers are in fair circumstances and the general financial pressure which is now felt throughout the country is less felt here than elsewhere. Good improved land can be had at from 25 to 40 dollars per acre.

E. C. MINTON.

Salem, Ore.

## A SCURRILOUS REMARK.

Brown was mentioning to his wife the old legend, based, no doubt, on St. Peter's exploit, that every time a cock crows some one tells a lie.

"But how is it, then," asked his doubting helmate, "that the roosters chiefly crow very early in the morning when almost everybody's asleep?"

"I don't know, my dear, unless it is that at that hour most of the big dailies go to press."—*Judge.*