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### BE TRUE TO YOUR COUNTRY.

BINGHAM SCHOOL, N. C.

MR. EDITOR:—As I do not trouble you often, I hope you will find space for a word or two from 849. I think we are up with the times, and see a great need of a reform in our government affairs. We need laws to lessen the taxes and give us a better circulating medium. Give us the Sub-Treasury bill or something better. Let any kind of currency be good in payment of any debt or interest. Pay off the national debt as soon as possible, and stop the moneyed kings from reaping such a fortune off the people. Bring the salaries down on all the officers and if that won't do give some one else the places.

Politicians are watching to see what course the Alliance is going to pursue. Let them watch and everybody else, for it is high time that we do more than watch, but if we ever expect to get the needed relief we must be up and doing. We stand in great need of a great reform in our government affairs. How are we to bring it about is the question to solve which should be a very easy one if looked at from a proper standpoint. Is not the government run at the expense of the people and the laboring more especially? Who knows more the needs of the agricultural classes than those who pursue it? Who will work more for their interest than those upon whom this burden lies? There are plenty of good men who will not accept free passes from the railroads and who can not be bought at any price. When the legislature and Congress is filled by such men then we may expect some relief, but as long as money kings and tyrants rule the people will mourn. Let agriculture prosper and everything else will be properly attended to, but not so on the other hand. Bankers and money kings make it going and coming. Short crops make no difference with them.

Why should the people labor so hard with all the advantages that has been attained by science and economy in the past 25 years, and still be no better off than they were then? We pay more taxes than we did then and what does it amount to towards benefiting the laboring classes? There is the internal revenue system of which I shall say but little. Some brother has been speaking about the intemperance of our land. I believe in free whiskey or no whiskey at all. Let every man make and sell that wants to and give it in as he does other property, and let the law handle any one who would not give in the full amount. Back in days of old when taxes were less than they are now, and most everything free, we had fewer paupers, fewer tramps and fewer millionaires. As moneyed kings and tyrants reign and rule, poverty, crime, and everything that is a burden upon the people increase.

Wee unto them that decree un-

righteous decrees and that grievousness which they have prescribed. To turn aside the needy from judgment and to take away the rights from the poor of my people, that widows may be their prey, and that they may rob the fatherless, what will they do in the day of visitation and in desolation which shall come afar? To whom will they flee for help, and where will they leave their glory and riches. Be true to your country and honest with your God and fellowmen, and one day we shall reap if we faint not. Yours fraternally, J. A. S.

### STAND TO YOUR COLORS.

MR. EDITOR:—It is time for the Alliance to speak out and let the world know that it is a compact, harmonious body of working people, bound together as one man to stand by and fight for their interests. Now this work is being done by a regular business plan, and through this plan, known to all Alliance men, we come our demands, and among these demands is the Sub-Treasury plan. Now it matters not what Mr. Carlisle, Mr. Mills or the Congressional Committee, to whom this bill was referred, or anybody else may say, the Alliance is going to stand by the Sub-Treasury bill at every primary election and at every ballot box throughout this country. There is nothing under the sun that can check these men in this fight for their salvation except the business plan under which they are fighting—as long as their banner stands unfurled to the breeze they will stand by her. I call upon the laboring people everywhere to stand by your flag at each primary election and at every ballot box, and not let it trail in the dust at the close of this fight. Our Council at Washington City will direct our efforts, and let every man march promptly to orders. We must fight this fight under the very best of guards and we believe we have got them, so we will stand by them.

Let every man work to the principles of our order, and we are bound to success. If our public servants in Congress and everywhere else do not take up our cause and help us, let it be known on the house tops that they can never be elected as our servants again. There is but one excuse which you can take for their neglect to help fight for our demands, and that is, that our national committee at Washington withdrew the demand. Every public servant at Washington and elsewhere who does not help us in this fight to rescue ourselves from the money power to oppress us, and shortly take from us our homes, must be worked against and voted against, and in their places put servants who will do our service gladly and willingly, men of patriotism who can grasp the needs of the whole people and cannot be bought by the money class, to pass laws especially for their interests, to the destruction of the working class.

Let it be by our Congressmen in regard to our national demands as it was in regard to our State demands in our last legislature. Some of our legislative servants came home with nicely gotten up excuses for not working for a railroad commission, but their excuses availed nothing. The people knew what they needed. They had been educated to know what the needs were that would relieve them of some of their burdens, and those men who voted against this commission and the people's needs will stay at home this winter. The Congressmen who are in Congress now need never come before the people with nicely gotten up excuses for voting against our national demands, to be elected again. The working people know what they are doing. They have been educated on both sides of the question—about what is done and what is not done and by the cause of this education these demands have come. These demands are backed by the balance of power in this country and no man can go to Congress who oppose them. Let every laboring man in this country stand together. Will you do it?

H. F. FREEMAN.

North Carolina has a splendid climate and the fact should be widely known. It is interesting to note that the mean temperature of the State, 59.5 degrees, is exactly the average temperature of the whole Northern hemisphere, showing that we occupy climatically an intermediate position between North and South.—C. F. von Hermann, Meteorologist, Experiment Station.

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

### Press Opinions from Many Sources.

Congress will play out in time to ask us to help play the fool in the fall by returning the members.—*Indianapolis Globe*.

The man who works for the adoption of the commission amendment regarding railroads is engaged in no political scramble but one of business.—*Southern Mercury*.

The Sub-Treasury plan proposes to raise the farmers and laboring men to as high a plain in favor of the government as the bankers and whiskey distillers are.—*Industrial Union*.

All the powers of the mind, the pen, and the printing press must be used by the toiling masses to protect them from the money sharks of this country.—*Luray, Va., Union*.

Every Sub-Alliance in the country should take stock in the "State Exchange." It will be the only true fountain from which the Alliance order can be fed.—*Industrial Union*.

The emancipation of 5,000,000 of niggers, by the enslavement of 40,000,000 of farmers and laborers, reflects little credit on the Republican party. They should be ashamed to boast of it, and use the name of Lincoln in the same breath.

The rumor is afloat that some one has swindled the Texas Alliance out of over a million dollars. The little puny lies that have been told on the Alliance are real sickening. It is real refreshing to have a fat, healthy lie now and then.—*Winona Farmer*.

A farmer can make better laws for chronic politicians than they can or do make for farmers. The preservation of farms and farmers' homes, and the courage and prosperity of farmers is a sure way to make a country great and all her industries prosperous.—*Union Bee*.

An exchange remarks that Senator Ingalls is interested in the financial question. Certainly he is. As president of a bank at Atchison, director of a bank at Hayes City and director of the Southern Kansas Mortgage Company, he couldn't well be otherwise.—*Empire Republican*.

If the farmers of Miami county will exert themselves a little between now and the end of the fall campaign they may make amends for some of their inexcusable inactivity in the past. There are some things to be discussed in county and State affairs, as well as national, which are important.—*Paola, Kan., Times*.

The Fifty-first Congress has now been in session for nearly six months, and yet no relief has come for a debt ridden and poverty cursed people. How these recreant public servants can have the temerity to show their faces among their constituents the coming fall is more than we can comprehend.—*Iowa Tribune*.

What claim has any politician upon the farmers? None, none whatever. What has any politician ever done to benefit the farmer? Nothing, nothing whatever. What has the politician done to injure the farmer? He has made all laws to benefit the rich few at the expense of the poor toiling many.—*Alliance Farmer*.

The farmers are studying and talking political reform to such an extent they have come to the conclusion that a farmer is capable of making laws for farmers, and under the present order of things, farmers may occupy the majority of the seats of the new legislature to be elected next fall.—*Dexter Kansas, Free Press*.

If the farmers of Texas permit the enemy to defeat the railway commission amendment and the candidate for governor advocating that measure, they should never again complain of extortionate freight rates, but bear the heavy burden that will keep them serfs the balance of their lives with out murmuring. Will they do it?—*South rn Mercury*.

Farmers, you should not complain too much about the unwholesome laws now enforced upon you. Remember you have been instrumental in the election of all your lawmakers. It lies in your power to have such laws enacted as will please you. Will you exercise that power? Or will you continue to allow a moneyed aristocracy to press you to the wall?—*Southern Mercury*.

The farmer's lot is hard indeed to bear. The politicians have saddled the farmer with trusts, national banks and mortgages, and now the republican bosses in Polk county tell him, his misfortunes are caused by his idleness and failure to keep abreast with the times. If the farmers should go to

the State legislature, or to Congress, and then sell out to the cattle combine, or to some railroad corporation, then, the presumption is that the farmers would be considered abreast of the times.—*Union Bee*.

The farmer does not want the earth, but he does want a living show upon it. In order to have it, the boards of trade must go down, railroad monopolists be taught that there are other people in this country as powerful as they are, the government so adjust the tariff that all are equally protected and also pass the loan bill. With such help as this the farmer would get on his feet once more and hard times be a thing of the past.

A great many of the farmers about here have been "settling up" with the holders of their mortgages. They died their property for the face of their debt, and receive a contract from the mortgage holder to redeem to them within a given time on payment of the original debt, with cost and interest added—provided the property has not been sold before the expiration of the time named in the contract. We know of eleven farmers in one township which have been deeded in this way.—*Ottawa Journal*.

### LETTER FROM SURRY.

MR. EDITOR:—Our people here have just organized an Alliance with a good working membership. There are six others near by. This section of North Carolina has never been popularly known throughout our State and its possibilities are not appreciated by our citizens here.

We are situated amid the finest tobacco belt in the country, many of our farmers raising tobacco that will net them \$500 on one acre of ground. The farmers here as elsewhere are not wealthy or becoming richer and one of the great reasons is because some one else feeds, clothes, and thinks for our farmers who are not their friends.

We were much instructed and united into a band of brotherhood by S. A. Houser last week, and a star of hope now looms up in the distance for our emancipation and guidance. We have great hope in the Farmers' Alliance, and the devotion and wisdom of its membership is the financial salvation of our great people of North Carolina. We need instruction, we need education, and from you, sir, much good has been done and much is yet to be done on this line. The Alliance men, especially in our immediate section, need to educate our boys and girls to make farmers and farmers' wives, and to do this requires more than simply compelling a boy to stay in the corn field or a girl in the kitchen. It is necessary for them to know more science, more arithmetic, more grammar, more geography, more language and literature than we have learned, or else they must do as we do, depend on other brains to formulate their plans for them and be not much better than a day laborer. Brethren, sacrifice a few hills of corn or tobacco, but for heaven's sake give your boys and girls an equal chance in life with other educated men and women when they are grown.

I feel the new inspiration and see large and grand fields for our financial, mental, moral and social improvement as farmers. Brethren, work for all these and humanity will bless you.

### A NEW BROTHER.

### RESOLUTIONS BY LOVE'S CREEK.

At a meeting of Love's Creek Alliance, No. 504, Chatham county, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to Senator Z. B. Vance and Representative Pickler for their introduction of bills to establish sub-treasury warehouses for the deposit of farm products, and that we earnestly request our Representatives from North Carolina to vote for the same or some other scheme by which the burdens under which the farming and laboring classes groan may be removed.

Resolved, That we favor an increased issue of silver coin and that the same currency that is paid the laborer shall also be received by the bondholder and United States government in payment of all dues.

Resolved, That we will not support any man for Congress, in this district, who is not in sympathy with the above resolutions.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Senator Vance and to Representatives Pickler and B. H. Bunn, and to THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER with a request to publish the same.

O. A. HANMER, Act'g Sec'y.

J. L. HACKNEY, Pres't.

### 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.]

Rockingham—J. A. Wright & Bro. may establish a machine shop.

King's Mountain—The erection of another cotton mill is talked of.

Henderson—J. B. Owen is erecting, it is stated, a tobacco prize factory.

Cary—The North Carolina Plow Co. is reported as enlarging its plant.

Lincolnton—A land and improvement company will probably be organized.

Asheville—The P. A. Demens Wood Work Co. has increased capital stock to \$75,000.

Wilmington—A stock company has been organized, it is reported, to erect a shirt factory in Wilmington.

Oxford—It is probable that a whetstone quarry will be developed. J. A. Williams can give information.

Matthews—It is stated that work will shortly be resumed at the Ray gold mine under the superintendency of W. Lewis.

Durham—A company will probably be organized to manufacture a patent maling press. W. A. Guthrie can give information.

Southern Pines—J. M. Jewell & S. M. Scrofford, of Chicago, Ill., will erect the chewing gum factory mentioned in last issue.

Wilson—The Wilson Cotton Mills will put in an incandescent electric light plant and equip its building with automatic sprinklers.

Monroe—Hart, Green & Co., recently mentioned as putting new machinery in their saw mill, intend adding more at an early day.

Kinston—The necessary stock has been subscribed for the erection of the knitting factory lately alluded to. J. F. Taylor can give particulars.

Weldon—L. B. Gilbert, A. S. McCreath, T. L. Emry and others will it is stated, organize a stock company to construct a second canal near Weldon.

Salem—A. G. Hugh & Co., proprietors of the Salem Hosiery Mill, lately referred to, are endeavoring to organize a stock company to enlarge same.

Asheville—Richmond Pearson contemplates building an iron bridge across the French Broad river. J. A. Williams, Jr., has the matter in charge.

Winston—H. C. Linthicum, of Henderson, has prepared plans, it is stated, for the erection of a tobacco factory for Edmunds & Gilmer to be six stories, 404x150 feet.

Durham—B. L. Duke, S. F. Tomlinson, J. S. Carr and others are organizing a \$100,000 stock company to erect the cotton factory, previously mentioned, on the co-operative plan.

Flat Rock—The Mount Airy Granite Co., of Mt. Airy, has, it is stated, purchased 256 acres of granite lands at Flat Rock, will increase capital stock \$16,000 and develop the property.

Monroe—The city lately mentioned as contemplating the issuance of bonds for improvements, is considering a proposition to issue same to the extent of \$20,000. The mayor can give information.

Charlotte—The Richmond & Danville Railroad Co. (office, Richmond, Va.) will, it is stated, move its West Point cotton compress to Charlotte, and probably lease same to McFadden & Co., of Philadelphia, Pa.

Asheville—C. E. Graham, C. D. Blanton, T. C. Starnes and others have, it is reported, purchased the Alexander Garrett farm of 83 acres in Victoria for \$100,000, and will organize the Oakland Land Co. to develop same.

Durham—The Durham Farmers' Alliance Tobacco Manufacturing Co., recently mentioned as organized to establish a tobacco factory, has been organized by P. H. Massey, J. W. Pope, W. T. Meadows and others. The capital stock is \$10,000.

Weldon—The Great Falls Water Power Co. has been organized with W. B. Hadlison, of Petersburg, Va., president, and T. L. Emry, vice president, to secure the establishment of manufactories, etc., at Great Falls, a new town recently laid off near Weldon.

Asheville—A. H. Fuller, of Brockton, Mass., is president; S. B. Eator, of New York city, vice president, and

W. J. Jenks, of New York city, secretary, of the Western North Carolina Mining Co., recently reported as incorporated to deal in and develop mineral lands.

Asheville—The Asheville Loan, Construction & Improvement Co. has been organized with G. S. Powell, president, and W. W. Barnard, secretary. It has purchased, it is stated, 1,000 acres of land, will make extensive improvements, constructing two lakes, building an iron bridge and lay off the property in lots. The capital stock is \$300,000.

### RAILROAD TAXATION.

MR. EDITOR:—Believing that your correspondent, Chas. M. Sanderwood, would not do the Legislative Investigating Committee any injustice, in his recent communication, we take it that he was not informed as to what the facts were at the time he penned the article in your last issue.

The lawyers to whom he refers had been previously retained in a suit pending in the Supreme Court of Wake county before the tax committee ever met, and before it was raised. The work of that committee resulted in the payment of the full amount claimed by the State as tax on the shares of stock in the R. & G. Railroad. And this amount was paid into the State Treasury "clear of stamps and runners," and the attorneys were paid by the R. & G. Railroad the amount they were to receive according to the contract made with them before the committee came into existence, and as we understood the contract as to fees made by the State authorities was contingent upon success, so that while the interest of the state was fully protected, not one dollar of lawyer fees was the State called upon to pay.

The tax committee at its April meeting found that it was impossible for the Attorney General to give the time necessary to a full investigation of the important questions arising and attend to the other duties of his office, the Supreme Court being in session at that time, before which his duties constantly called him, it became imperatively necessary that the committee call in legal assistance, to begin at the adjourned session, June 17th, and the compensation such assistance was to receive, according to the terms of the agreement made with him, was to be referred to, and fixed by the incoming General Assembly of 1891, to whom the investigating committee will make its report.

When the work of the committee is finally concluded it will be seen that this step was a good investment by the State, and the latter will be no loser by the movement; we shd use. That committee only ask a patient hearing before the results of their work shall be prepared, in order that it may be seen whether it has accomplished any good purpose or not, or been extravagant in their expenditures. "Only this and nothing more." X.

### RESOLUTIONS BY CASWELL COUNTY.

WHEREAS, This Alliance knowing that the cigarette trust is detrimental to the interests of the farmers of the yellow tobacco belt; therefore be it

Resolved, That this County Alliance extends to Webster's Weekly its warmest thanks for the bold and determined stand that it has taken for justice and for the farmers' rights as against that "giant octopus" known as the "cigarette trust" of which the firm of W. Duke & Co. is a prominent member.

Resolved, That we earnestly request that if the other papers of the yellow tobacco belt and State cannot see their way to helping us, that they at least reproduce Mr. Webster's bold attack, so that as many people as possible can see and admire it and aid so far as they can to save the farmers from that ruin which is so imminent.

Resolved, That we again heartily thank J. R. Webster, of Webster's Weekly, hoping that he will keep up the good fight till the battle, under God we trust, shall be won.

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to send a copy of these resolutions with a request to publish to Webster's Weekly PROGRESSIVE FARMER and Caswell News.

F. A. PIERSON, Sec'y.

Bulletin 70 of the Agricultural Experiment Station contains description of the weeds on the farm and how to get rid of them, with eleven full page illustrations. Japan clover and its value for worn out soils is also fully described. Apply at the Station at Raleigh for it. Sent free.