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LETTER FROM HILLIARDSTON.

MR. EDITOR:—Though Gold Mine Alliance, No. 675, may be unknown to the readers of these columns, we will ever be found in the foremost ranks in this grand and glorious fight for liberty and justice to all.
Never before has there been so much activity and determination among the farmers to organize and co-operate for united benefit. The farmers are certainly thinking deeply, and thinking will lead to action. There seems to be a settled conviction among them, irrespective of party, that there is something wrong, and when they have decided what that wrong is and from what quarter it comes, they will end it.
But what a pity we should dabble in politics, and are concerned because we claim our political welfare an object. The work of the Alliance must be directed toward securing a just representation and treatment of agricultural interests in the legislature and Congress, and due recognition of farmers in all public affairs without conflicting with the best interests of the entire public.
Democrats and Republicans can unite with no other purpose in view but the welfare of the farmer and the whole people. It is distinctly non-partisan. All those interested in the welfare of the farmer are welcome accessions to its ranks. Recognizing the fact that they number nearly one-half of the population of this nation, the farmers simply ask that their rights shall be equally protected with all, and by organization and co-operation they intend, if possible, to secure this. For their condition no one is to blame but themselves. The remedy is simply organization and education, education that shall teach them to vote for their own interests—organization—so that untidely they may have power to compel organization for their interests. But to day we are blindly led by those who care nothing for our welfare if they can only receive our ballots to pave their paths to power and wealth. The very worst corruptionists are elevated to power by your votes, and you struggle and writhe for years under the blows he recently deals you.
Are your taxes high and your rich neighbor's light? Your ballots can force him to bring forth his hidden treasures and bear a just portion of the burden. Do you grumble and growl under the reign of monopoly and trusts? You gave them the power to rob you. Are the blows unjust? Your ballots elected the law-makers; you set up the altar; if you are immolated thereon, who is to blame but yourselves? Nine millions of voters have the power to break every unjust law and trust and political ring, and yet you toil and drudge and complain about the hard times and feel that your homes are slipping

slowly but surely from your grasp, and still you allow laws to be legislated in favor of the classes and against the masses. By your consent the price of your cotton is fixed by New York gamblers; by your consent the railroads bleed you with high rates; by your consent your property is all taxed and the rich man's hidden. Who is to blame, the law makers or you? Do we strike a blow at any party? Do we ask for anything but justice? We condemn no man or party. We simply say we, the farmers of this nation, that pay the greater portion of the taxes, will endeavor in the future, by thorough organization, to have something to say about the legislation of this nation.
M. E. FELT, Cor. Sec'y.

LETTER FROM PERSON COUNTY.

BETHEL HILL, N. C.
MR. EDITOR:—As nothing from our corner is published in your valuable paper, I will try to give you a few items.
Alliance No. 633 has never been a very large body, but we have a few true and tried members who have resolved to stand by the order to the last ditch.
We have seen good of the Alliance in other ways than financially, especially we have noticed this when there was so much sickness and so many deaths. The Alliance brethren have always been among the first to lend a hand of help and drop a tear of sympathy for the distressed.
We have paid \$30 to the business agency fund. We buy all our guano and most of our supplies through our sub agent at rock bottom prices.
Our pet object, if we have one, is to build up Bethel Hill Institute. This school is conducted by our worthy Chaplain, Rev. J. A. Beam, and his accomplished wife and their assistants. The school received a large patronage from the surrounding country as well as from a distance. Its favorable location adds materially to the convenience of all the Alliance brethren in both States. This school was incorporated by the Legislature for two miles, and no spirits is sold within six miles of the Institute. It is situated four miles from the junction of the A. & D. road and the L. & D. road, thus giving easy access from east, west, north and south. The principal and the brethren of the neighborhood have put board so low that the boys and girls of our Alliance brethren can get a good business education or be prepared to enter any of our colleges at a very low cost.
The Alliance and the school have had a very decided effect on the community for good, and we hope, under good management, for greater good in the future.
Fraternally,
S. C. HUMPHRIES.

A NEW DAIRY INDUSTRY.

Three years ago, recognizing the valuable properties in milk for children and invalids, Mr. Karl Kron, a former well-known journalist, decided on the inauguration of a new departure in dairying at Milwaukee, Wis., for the special benefit of that class of its population, and by repeated experiments has secured a product from his cows which, if properly prepared, he claims is equivalent to mother's milk. By a simple apparatus, the milk, diluted according to the age of the infant, is freed and is kept free of all disease germs, and keeps sweet for weeks. This apparatus consists of a boiler, bottle frame, stopples, manufactured from especially pure natural rubber, bottles and glass pistons.
In order to turn out an excellent article, he has erected commodious buildings, especially adapted for the purposes and keeps his cows—Jerseys and other noted breeds—in an airy, well lighted apartment always open to visitors. The cows are fed carefully compounded rations of cracked grain and hay, and are curried from day to day to keep them in a cleanly and healthy condition.
In speaking of his establishment, Mr. Korn says: "I suppose it is the only one of its kind in this country, although it would be a blessing to the multitude of infants and others to have one in every large city. The majority of our physicians take a lively interest in it. I am willing to give any information to responsible parties, who perhaps would like to establish similar institutions in other cities. My patrons, numbered by the hundreds, gladly pay ten cents for one bottle of milk containing one quart, while common dirty slop milk is sold at four to six cents a quart."
—Farm, Field and Stockman.

NUTS TO CRACK AT THE FARMER'S FIRESIDE.

Press Opinions from Many Sources.

One of the Farmers' Alliances out in Kansas has resolved to patronize only those papers that tell the truth. There ought now to be a big decline in the circulation of some of the Kansas papers.—*Mobile Register.*

The farmers and laboring men will probably learn after a few more years of toil and starvation, that one of the impossible things in this world is to obtain the repeal of bad laws through the parties that enacted them.—*Colorado Workman.*

Crops grow in fields suitable for their culture, in like manner trusts form in atmosphere inviting to their growth. Tell me not they are too young for destruction. It is easier to drown a gosling than it is to choke a gander to death.—*Eye Opener.*

Mr. Hayseed to Freedelivery—“Say, Pard, how long 'erefore you bring our letters out to our doors?” Freedelivery—“Free delivery is for cities—not for country people.” Mr. Hayseed—“Yes, but don't I help pay the taxes to pay your salary?”—*Advance Quarterly.*

If the g. o. p. can get the people to imagine they are happy, they will have made a fine point against the up heaval of the laboring class. But it will be rather hard to convince the “corn burners” of Kansas, and the poor miners of Pennsylvania that they are happy.—*Eye Opener.*

England loans Irish farmers \$50,000,000 at 3½ per cent. interest. The *New York Sun* must regard the English as very wicked Socialists. The funds should be loaned to English lords at 1 per cent.—that would be our plan, and would, of course, avoid all socialism.—*Iowa Tribune.*

It has long been rumored that President Harrison will veto a free coinage silver bill if he gets a chance. This is either an effort to bulldoze congress on the part of the gold worshiper, or it shows that the president is totally unworthy his office and ought to be impeached.—*Iowa Tribune.*

Some very scientific wirepulling was done at the court house on Saturday when the g. o. p. funeral was in progress. Have your fun, gentlemen, and make the moss fly—we have no objection; but will whisper to your palm leaf oracles that you are wasting valuable time—the persimmon patch is on the other road.—*The Weekly Union.*

The old money hen sets on monopoly eggs and is continually hatching out trusts, combines and corporations. The business of our so called statesmen seems to be to care for the old hen, and occasionally to appoint a committee of Senators and Representatives to chase one of the brood to where it roosts and robs, but they are very careful never to harm it.—*The Newspaper.*

Adolph Busch, the St. Louis beer king, is at the head of an establishment which employs 3,000 men, and he receives a salary of \$50,000 a year. How many poor laboring men who are complaining of hard times, and whose families are suffering for the necessities of life are contributing to pay that kingly salary.—*California Prohibitionist, July 3.*

The ass in lions skin—Senator Vest, announced on the floor of the Senate that Cleveland had changed fronts and now strongly favored free coinage of silver. Silver Democrats say that Cleveland will soon publish his reasons for this change of front. His continual hobnobbing with Wall street are the ears that stick out and betray the fraud.—*Ark. Dispatch.*

The reform press is ignored and sneered at by some of the partisan papers. They do not want their readers to know what a terrible power the reform press has become among the farmers and laborers of this country; but it is of no use, they may as well give up; the reform press is ahead, for truth and justice (their motto) will always come to the front.—*Ex.*

It may be worth something to certain gentlemen in this city and county to learn just at this time, that not one man will be nominated by the U. L. party in this county for office who is not a well known and well established Union Labor man. The U. L. party does not propose to take up any man for office who has not already been measured by the purest rules in our platform.—*Laborers Tribune.*

The following is the opinion of the Baltimore *Free Press* as to the condition of the farmers of this country: “Is it to be wondered at that he kicks? We trow not. The Farmers' Alliance

is but an echo of the sentiments of the American farmer. Every party has neglected, or worked against his interest in the past. To day he sees it. He notices that the laborer is getting the meed of his desires, and wishes to join with him in securing equal benefits for himself. In this he is emphatically right, and having grasped the outstretched hand of the workingman, he means to, and will be able, by that assistance, to grasp and control, as he should do, the destinies of the country.

Our national banks were instituted by the influence of men making the most plausible pretenses of benefit to the people. They urged a sound, safe and staple currency, but behind this ostentatious plea was a devilish scheme of servitude. This was only the siren song to lure people to destruction. Our railroad land grants were made through the loftiest pretensions of benefit to the people. It was a hellish scheme for personal aggrandizement; its fruits, land monopoly, landlordism, transportation monopoly, is a conspiracy against production and commerce, a severe blow at human liberty, a plot to make devils grin a ghastly grin and make angels weep.—*Indianapolis Leader.*

WORK FOR A RAILROAD COMMISSION.

FT. GAINES, GA., July 30, '90.
MR. EDITOR:—The railroad is a public necessity—an educator—a citizen, and in the main is built and equipped by private funds. But at the same time it is a franchised monopoly, and have the right of eminent domain over its right of way, consequently the right of the roads and of the public are hard to define, and that both should receive justice the decision should be by competent jurists on franchise. Hence the absolute necessity for a railroad commission. If your people will elect a General Assembly that can squeeze the water from railroad (and other) stocks, and elect a Governor that will appoint a competent commission, the roads will prosper, and railroad building receive an impetus now not thought of and the people will be benefited.
Try it and see.
GEORGIAN.

TO MAKE BREEDING PROFITABLE.

I believe the trotting strain comes closer to a general purpose horse than any other strain of blood in existence, and I advise you as farmers to breed in that line, and in so doing you breed for a purpose, and should you fail to get a trotter you are bound to get a general purpose horse, and he can be utilized better than any other class. If fortune should favor you and the trotter should come, he will pay for a good many general purpose horses.
Let the farmer who contemplates breeding select with the greatest of care his brood mare, as here lies the most vital point if he wants success. She should be standard and fashionably bred, good color, from 15½ to 16 hands high, sound, young, well made and of good disposition. If you are in possession of such an animal so much the better, but if not visit some breeder's sale where you have confidence that the horses sold are as represented and buy one. If you have to pay five times what she might be worth for farm service, don't consider it extravagant, as it will be the best investment you ever made, and it doesn't cost any more to raise a good horse than it does a poor one. By having her fashionably bred your colts will be more saleable.
Let this mare be your starting point and build up your stock farm in this way. Because you have a good family horse and she has proven kind, and the ladies are able to drive her about, and she is a good roadster, don't think you have the proper brood mare unless she has the breeding. I have never heard of a good family mare being a great producer. Go to the breeder who has been a success, and get some of his successful blood, and you have the embryo of future success. The mare should have your best box stall, and moderate use will be beneficial to her. Study her blood lines carefully so that you may be able to properly select the best cross, as there is a great deal in the nicking of the blood, as shown in the history of all our successful sires. Hambletonian with all his greatness would not have had the fame had he been deprived of the American Star cross. His son, George Wilkes, would not have been as phenomenal, had it not been for the matrons by Mambrino Patchen.—*C. S. Burr.*

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.]

Madison—The erection of a wood-working factory is projected.

Wilkesborough—Smock & Hackett have, it is reported, started a brick-yard.

South Washington—A. B. Croom is erecting a grist mill and cotton gin at Croom Bridge.

Long Creek—Winfield Larkins contemplates adding a light saw mill to his gin and grist mill.

Burgaw—E. M. Johnston is erecting a saw mill on Pezzis Island, and may add a planing mill and dry kiln.

Greensboro—Ross & Willis, lately mentioned, will, it is reported, add flour mill machinery to their grist mill.

Marion—M. H. Roberts, of Augusta, Ga., contemplates erecting a wood-working factory reported in last issue.

Washington—E. T. Stewart will rebuild his machine shop recently reported as burned, erecting a building 124x27 feet.

Tarboro—Reuben Foster, of 530 Light street, Baltimore, Md., has purchased the 200 acres of land mentioned in last issue.

Wilmington—The Wilmington Cotton Mills Co., recently mentioned, is reported as erecting an additional building 70x100 feet.

Weldon—The Roanoke Navigation & Water Power Co. is reported as erecting a grain elevator with a capacity of 12,500 bushels.

Raleigh—J. N. Wiggins, of New York, has, it is reported, purchased the Jones & Powell ice factory; will improve and operate same.

Durham—it is stated that the Durham Fertilizer Factory has commenced work on its fertilizer factory previously reported as to be rebuilt.

Charlotte—A. T. Schmidt, T. S. Biffy and D. A. Tomkins have incorporated the A. T. Schmidt Co. to construct oil mills, etc. The capital stock is \$12,000.

North Carolina—Contract for the construction of the lighthouse on Diamond Shoal, off Cape Hatteras, has been awarded to Anderson & Barr, of Jersey City, N. J., at \$485,000.

Weldon—The Weldon Brick & Land Improvement Co. has been organized with W. E. Daniel as president, and J. T. Gooch, secretary, to build brick works. The capital stock is \$10,000.

LETTER FROM ROCKINGHAM COUNTY.

DOUGLAS, N. C.
MR. EDITOR:—Brother W. R. Lindsay, writing in THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER of July 29th, 1890, entertains great fears for the success of the Alliance cause, especially in this State. I think Bro. Lindsay's apprehension will very likely never be realized.

There are but two parties in this country—Democrats and Republicans. Nearly all citizens belong to either one or the other. Who are the Alliance men? They are citizens belonging to one or the other of these great parties, and our Alliance battles must be fought through these parties. In referring to them I do not mean to exalt or crush either.

The Democrats of this, the Fifth Congressional district, have united in giving the Farmers' Alliance their choice as a candidate for Congress, and you will find that all Democrats and a great many Republicans, irrespective of avocation, lawyers, doctors, merchants and manufacturers will work as hard for the honorable election of “Uncle Baldy” as the Alliance can. What more can we ask? How is it about State affairs? All men, except, perhaps, those that are being directly benefited, Democrats and Republicans, lawyers, doctors, merchants, manufacturers, farmers unite in saying that our demands of the legislature are honorable, just and fair and should become laws, and are ready to support nominees in their respective parties who will work for their enactment into laws.

What more can we ask? Our relief must come partly through legislation; it can not come through an honest administration of the law.
How is it about county affairs? In this, Rockingham, county, I am informed that there are twenty seven democratic candidates for the nomination

tion of sheriff and twenty four are members of the Alliance and three are not. On the Republican side I presume there are equally as many and in the same ratio. The same is nearly the case with all the county offices, and right here is where the trouble comes. Less than half of either of the great political parties in the country belong to the Alliance and these majorities want recognition in the distribution of offices, and it is nothing but fair, honorable and just that they should have it. They do not want to see all the offices gobbled up by their party friends in the Alliance, and if the members of the Alliance will as cheerfully support honorable men of their parties who are not members of the Alliance for some of the county offices, I am sure they will find all their party friends ready and enthusiastic in their support for their nominees who will work for the relief the Alliance demands.

I have not written this to cast one obstacle in the way of any aspirant to any office.

I do not consider this an issue of “honest men versus rogues,” but a struggle of the people and labor against undesirable legislation and capital. Our cause is the cause of justice, equity and humanity which is the cause of us all. Every citizen endorses our cause and is in sympathy with our cause.
R. P. HENRY.

ORGANIZER'S REPORT.

BOOMER, N. C.
MR. EDITOR:—As organizer of Wilkes county, I will submit my report for the past month through our most excellent organ, THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER. In connection with Bro. Thos. B. Long, our able and efficient State Lecturer and Organizer, I have organized nine lodges in our county with about one hundred and twenty five members. The order is certainly much revived in our county. Bro. Long has done a grand and noble work in the Alliance cause in the “State of Wilkes.” He effected organizations at points where there was a great deal of opposition and where no other man but Tom. Long could. He made a most excellent speech at our county meeting which met at Moravian Falls Academy. All the Alliances in the county were represented and quite a number of people were there who did not belong to the order. All were exceedingly well pleased with his speech and went to their homes with renewed energy, determined to be more earnestly engaged in the work of emancipating the toiling masses of America from the clutches of proud monopoly.

We have some as true Alliance men in old Wilkes as in any county in North Carolina. A majority of our brethren are true, energetic men and are determined to stand by the cause to the last, notwithstanding some are weak kneed. Some connected themselves with the order expecting to get rich in a very short time without any effort whatever on their part. Such men are of but little benefit to any organization and should be expelled as soon as possible.

We would still earnestly urge the brethren to read our State and National organs, THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER and *National Economist*, as it is the only way to educate the masses in the science of economical government.

Long live the Alliance and its grand principles.
Fraternally,
V. McGHINNIS.

GRAND RALLY OF DAVID ON COUNTY ALLIANCE AND BASKET PICNIC.

To be Held at the Orphanage, Near Thomasville, N. C., on August 27th, 1890

PROGRAMME.

Procession of members of the Alliance from the railroad depot in Thomasville to the Alliance headquarters at the Orphanage at 10:30 o'clock a. m.

Addresses by Hon. Sid. B. Alexander, of Mecklenburg county, E. C. Beddingfield, State Secretary, Raleigh; D. Reid Parker, District Lecturer of Ralldolph county, Dr. John F. Crowell, Trinity College, and others. Music by Pilgrim Cornet Band and the Orphans.

Everybody invited to come. Members of the Alliance are requested to bring baskets well filled with provisions. Every one is earnestly requested to bring or send a contribution to the orphans.
H. C. THOMAS, Sec'y.
W. A. LINDSEY, Chm'n Com. on Arrangements.