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MAKING WAR ON THE FARM-ERS.

T seems that the Charlotte Chronicle and the farmers of Mecklenburg county are not getting along well. I says they accuse it of " making war on them." We have great confidence in the farmers of that county and while we have nothing to do with any local differences that may arise between the Chronicle and anybody, yet we do propose to make a few remarks about the following extravagant paragraph found in an editorial in the Chronicle of the 10th inst.:

"The Chronicle does not believe that one-third, nay, one-twentieth, of the farmers of Mecklenburg county, or of the State of North Carolina, endorse that National Alliance declaration. It they do not, there should be no objec tion to this paper's opposing it, but if any do endorse it, then, in all frank ness, The Chronicle says to such: "Go your way, you are not of the Demccrat party, and The Chronicle opposes your taking any part in the councils of the party;" and in that, this paper will have the hearty support of the Democratic members of the Mecklen bury County Alliance.'

Here is the National declaration referred to:

"And it is further agreed, in order to carry out these objects, that we will support for office only such men as can be depended upon to enact fluenced by party caucus."

ganization" as it terms it, had been for the North Carolina Alliance! guilty of perjury. If they did not endorse it they would not have been

willing to work in the interest of laboring people.

we have a few members who so far forget their duty to themselves and give reason for papers to slander their neighbors and who give their aid and influence to the enemy's forces by the State and National demands. The | been about \$38,000 annually. Chronicle says "all Alliance men who endorse these demands, or rather that one section of the demands, are not of No doubt the farmers really pay this the Democratic party, go your way.

followers is the Democratic party. reads 75,000 voters out of the party. If heed the Chronicle the vacant spot in that party would look as barren as an iceburg. But the Chronicle is not running this country by a jugful.

-X A WORD ABOUT SHOES.

EEK before last the Winston V V Sentinel started a very damaging report about the associate editor of this paper. We did not wish to explain the matter and thought it best not to say anything. But the Statesville Landmark of last week calls upon our advertisers, will favor us by mentionus to deny the truth of the publication. ing the fact that they saw the advertise-It says: "No red-headed Iredell man who is in the peace of God and the State can afford to wear "yaller dude shoes." He further says that it is a reflection upon Iredell county. The Sentinel perhaps had an idea that the "socialistic hayseeders" of the State Will the judges, members of the | would "sit down" upon The Progres-State Senate and members of the SIVE FARMER when it was made known Lower House who have refused to ac. | that it was wearing "yaller dude cept free passes from the different shoes." The truth must be told railroad corporations in the State be so | We have been wearing "yaller shoes." kind as to drop us a postal card to Numerous charges have been prefered that effect? We would appreciate against members of the Allianca, but none of them would hold water. But at last the Winston Sentinel has struck In response to the above the follow- a clue, and strange to say it has told ing members of the Legislature and the truth. We will wager a dozen Senate have gone on record as having potato slips (to be delivered next spring) that the Sentinel is the first R. W. Scott, Alamance county; B. political paper in the State that has succeeded in telling the truth about Parker, Perquimans county; E. C. the Alliance since it was introduced into this State. And in order that the editor of that paper may have proper credit for this act, we are going to give him a title which we hope wil never fade away. Yes, Sir George county; A. Robinson, Duplin county. | Washington Mt. Vernon W. Long has covered himself all over with glory. He has told the truth. 'oldest inhabitants" can't remember when this has occurred before among political editors. But we will not try Bro. Blount, of the Wilson Mirror, may be induced to turn loose a flood of choice English adjectives suitable

> As an excuse we will say that dudes have quit wearing "yaller shoes." Consequently they are very cheap. Now they do not cost more than onethird as much as a good leather shoe. We Alliance people are too poor to pay a nickle for a "shine." The tan shoe needs no blacking. Alliance people have worked so hard to build towns, cities and railroads—enrich the few-that none of us feel like stooping down to "black" our own shoes. Two or three weeks ago it was reported here in Raleigh that Senator Vance was wearing one of these double-barrelled, black "dude bellybands." If the writer had not been guilty of this 'yaller shoe" charge he would have told on Senator Vance sooner. If this had been known before the conventions met, no doubt it would have caused his defeat. But bad as we political editor has made a true charge against the Alliance. It may not occur again in a thousand years.

for the occasion.

MEETING OF THE STATE ALLI-ANCE.

these principles into statute law, unin HE State Alliance has again I met and the delegates have re-Now let us see what authority the turned to their homes. The meeting Chonicle has for the above statement; at Asheville was by far the largest see if the above might not be termed meeting yet held in the State. Haran attack on the farmers, not only of mony prevailed throughout. In an Mecklenburg county, but upon the other place will be found an outline farmers of the entire State. Farmers of such of the proceedings as will be selected to represent the farmers of made public. It will be seen that all twenty-three States met in St. Louis | the old officers have been re-elected last December. They formulated the except that of Chaplain. Bro. Veach. above declaration. The farmers of of Warsaw, will fill that position unthe twenty-three States have rati- til the next election of officers. We you? fied the declaration and the have many good men in our order, Alliance is going ahead rapidly. More but it would be hard to get a better than 1,500 Sub Alliances in this State set of officers than we now have in the not in politics, the Chronicle sustains have endorsed the declaration, and yet | State Alliance. Some of them have its efforts in behalf of the farmer; but the Chronicle would have it thought filled the same place ever since the when it enters politics this paper opthat not "one twentieth of the farmers | first State meeting, and their private | poses the movement, because it is un of Mecklenburg county or of the State and official bearing has been such as of North Carolina endorse the declara. to win not only the full confidence of through secret organization, the party's tion." It would have us believe that our members, but the respect and conthe members of this "oath-bound or | fidence of everybody. Three cheers

Bro. H. L. McKeithan, President manfully to nominate men who are halls filled with farmers and other rush to the polls and vote.

these demands. But strange to say THE FERTILIZER TAX UNCON-STITUTIONAL.

their own wives and children as to Judge Bond and Judge Seymour Say

T AST Friday Judge Seymour sent in his decision in the case of the following after strange Gods and State vs. The American Fertilizer allowing themselves to be led away by Company, and his decision in concurpartizanism by voting for and endors | red in by Judge Bond. The American ing men that they know will not aid Fertilizer Company, of Norfolk, reus in our reforms. However the peo- fused to pay the \$5,000 tax last spring ple are learning fast. The number of and entered suit in order to test the that class of individuals is getting constitutionality of the fertilizer law. less and less. It may be proper to The State may or may not appeal to say right here that the State Alliance, the Supreme Court. The revenue to at Asheville unanimously endorsed the State Treasury from this tax has We cannot, at this time, foresee the

result of this decision, if sustained.

tax indirectly, and would not be hurt The Chronicle and little coterie of any more by a direct tax to that amount. But the buyers of the fertilizer have been footing the bill. we Alliance men of that faith should If it must be raised by a direct tax, it will come out of the pockets of every person in the State. But there is noth. ing unfair in that. This tax has driven a number of worthless brands of fertil izers from the State, but a good sys tem of inspection will do the same. It anyhow, and perhaps but few com

THE CHRONICLE AND THE ALLI-ANCE.

THE Charlotte Chronicle is serious ly disturbed by the workings of the Alliance in Mecklenburg county, and sectional prejudice to govern and, in fact, in the entire State. their actions? Is it not plain that Nearly every day it has more or less the U.S. Senate and Congress, seeing to say about the Alliance being that this organization is becoming so dragged into politics. Last Sunday powerful, and knowing that if it con-

'Ever since the last legislature when evidence was not wanting of Al liance officers using their position to affect State politics, the Chronicle-has sincerely opposed the Alliance's being dragged into politics; opposed it for the sake of the Alliance and its conto do the subject justice. Perhaps | stitutional purpose, opposed it because it is undemocratic for any secret society to take part, as such, in politics."

Now the members of the Alliance have for more than three years been openly saying that they were begin ning to see the absolute necessity of their taking a more active part in the politics of this country. Every Alli ance paper, every speaker and every writer has said this time and again. None of this has been secret. It has been proclaimed to the entire world. Who has any more right to go into politics than the farmers? For years the political papers of this State have urge1 the farmers to come out to the primaries and the county conventions; they have done everything possible to get them out and now when they are out and talking and working manfully to save the country, these same papers cry "get back, you will ruin yourselves and the party, too." If the farmers are in a majority and run the convention, that is all right. You political brethren have howled until feel, it is gratifying to know that one we actually can't stay at home any longer. You are the cause of all the trouble. You say the majority should tion in regard to the organization, esto rule and you won't let us. If we ginia. name every candidate in the State, you are the cause of it. We can't help being in a majority. Perhaps Mr. Chronicle, why don't you get the first class college in every respect. majority together and run the machine? What do you mean by all this racket about the Alliance controlling things? Why let a few farm ers with hayseed in their hair trouble

Again the Chronicle says: "Now, then, when the Alliance is Democratic for any class to control, action, and because it sees in such acthe foil of the worthy and noble purposes of the Alliance.'

The Chronicle is greatly disturbed interest of the order.

because some of the farmers met in the Alliance store at Charlotte and refused to tell what they did. More than 110 years ago the farmers and other citizens of Mecklenburg county declared their independence. They still think they have a right to meet together and discuss anything they wish. No doubt it was Alliance men who met in that store, but they met as free citizens. It was not an Alliance meeting proper, however. It was simply a private consultation The farmers of Mecklenburg county had, to a large extent, stood aloof, and the | in organizing. politicians had been holding these private consultations and had run the at the hall and was met by the machine. This is the solution. If the Alliance had not been in existence, and matters going on the old way, the air would have been full of appeals to the "farmers to turn out to the conventions;" for them to take a hand. It would have been "help us or we

THE SUB TREASURY BILL.

THE Sub Treasury bill may be L crude, it may be impracticable, it may be unconstitutional. But the made within our borders hereafter nearly like it-something that is constitutional. We doubt if any bill has panies will want to do business in the ever passed either branch of our Na-State—we mean outside companies. | tional Congress in its original shape. There has been but little complaint on Indeed the authors of the bill would have come to regard it as one of our | Sub-Treasury bill to be made entirely institutions, so to speak. If the law constitutional, practicable and reasonis abolished it will leave the A. and able. Has this been done? Senator M. College in a bad shape. Anything Vance says he only made slight that will hurt that institution must be changes. We think he could have avoided if possible. But where there made an entirely new bill. He had is a will there is a way. We can and permission to do so. It is said that membered by the members of this next legislature a railroad commission will devise some plan to save the A. the committees in each house ridiculed State Alliance, and one that would be law with full power to the commis and M. College, if the worst comes. the bill. We have been told by Sena-The Alliance farmers, farmers outside | tor Vance and other authorities that of the organization and all true friends | we ought to organize, and as a body of education will rally around one flag demand legislation. We have done if the A. and M. College gets in so. Has the American Senate and House done anything for us? Have not nearly all of our representatives

stood in the way of everything we have asked for out of the usual order? Is it not plain that the surroundings of most of these representatives has Col. L. L. Polk, National President, tinues it will completely revolutionize this country, politically and otherwise, seeing this and knowing their danger that this combination of plutocrats and millionaires have set themselves up to butt the Alliance bull off the tween the two sections.

bridge. This stuff about every county not getting a warehouse is all bosh. Every man cannot live near a church, every man cannot have a railroad to pass through his farm. If the warehouses do what is intended-keep up prices according to supply and demand, thus taking us out of the hands of specula tors; by enabling us to get good prices, plenty of cheap money and other ad vantages, then we need not care any thing about the number of warehouses nor the distance from us. We hope no Alliance man will listen to such

EDITORIAL NOTES.

** A subscriber and most excellent citizen at Fayetteville writes as fol. lows: "You are on the right road for the emancipation of the white slaves. Faulter not, God will be with us."

*. We made a mistake about locating the colored Farmers' Alliance last week. Rev. R. M. Humphrey is National Superintendent, Houston, Texas. Mr. J. J. Rogers, box 364, Norfolk, Va., will cheerfully give any informaalways rule. We are trying our best pecially in North Carolina and Vir-

** Trinity College is the only institution in this State that has a regu you would have us kill a few thousand larly organized school of political and "hayseeders" so we would be in a Social Science with courses extending minority. Less than two months ago through two years. For the next Col. Jones, of Charlotte, said that the session it offers 36 courses in political Alliance represented a minority of science and twenty five in history, inthe voters in the Sixth district. Now, cluding industrial history. It is a

> ** A prominent and highly es teemed minister in the western part of the State writes as follows: "I regard THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER as the best journal published in North Caro lina. It is ably and fearlessly edited, and its general appearance, together with its promptness in coming to its readers, prove that its management is admirable." The above are fair specimens of letters received every day from some of the best men in the

tion the wrecking of the Alliance, and county have decided to have a grand The Chronicle would have us believe ber. They want to get some good ance and Industrial Union. trying so hard to rally their forces to of White Lake Alliance, No. 983, that the members of the Alliance speakers. The associate editor is nominate men who will try to carry out Bladen county, writes that they are should be isolated; that they must grateful for an invitation to go and the demands of the St. Louis Conventrying to keep up with every move of not take any part in the political fight make a speech. But must answer this the Alliance; that he hopes that every except vote. They must do that. But and other requests in the same way. It is encouraging to know that we Alliance in the State will stand to they must wait until the nominations We can't make a speech, either good have so many men and women, too, gether in the fight for right and jus. are cut and dried and then break or bad, and will not undertake to dewho have been and are still striving tice. He wants to see our legislative loose like a drove of wild horses and ceive the brethren. But we are always ready to do anything else in the

MEETING OF STATE ALLIANCE. A Large Delegation and Harmonious to the End-A Part of the Work Done.

[Reported for THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER.] ASHEVILLE, N. C., Aug. 12. This body assembled at the opera house in this city to day at 11 o'clock. Delegates from 93 counties were

members are estimated at over 500.

Knights of Labor of this place, and forming a procession by fours, liance will be held at Morehead City. marched to the Alliance warehouse in the following order: The Asheville Cornet Band, the Alliance, and the Knights of Labor.

Arriving at the warehouse, the citizens' committee welcomed the convention in grand style.

Hon. Thos. D. Johnston delivered a most excellent address of welcome in behalf of Asheville. He said that we adopted: have the youngest and yet the richest country on the Globe. The farmer liberal education alike for males and advocates of the bill are not wedded has somehow gotten behind in the females is a matter of paramount imis quite likely that most of the fertil- to it. With one voice they say give division of the wealth, and that, he portance to the material and institut izers consumed in the State will be us the Sub-Treasury or something supposed, they were here to investional life of a State, and one that tigate and try to find out the best especially claims the immediate at. method of removing these causes. Gen. R. B. Vance delivered an address of welcome in behalf of the Alliance of western North Carolina. the part of the people of the State on often fail to recognize the language There were responses in very account of the fertilizer tax. They of some bills. We are willing for the appropriate language by Hon. G. W. Sanderlin and E. A. Moye, Esq. in behalf of the State Alliance. Maj. W. A. Graham and Col. L. L. Polk and provisions be made by the State also made a few remarks. The recep

> The occasion was one long to be recreditable to any city honoring the as | sioners to regulate passenger and sembling of any delegation.

tion was interspersed with music.

At 4:15 carriages were placed at the disposal of the Alliance by the citizens, and the delegation was shown the beauty of this truly most beautiful combe County Alliance for the use

most useful and harmonious ever held our warm hearted brethren of Bun. by the State Alliance.

been such that they allow partizan spoke to the Alliance with open doors D. Reid Parker.

After the speech, the following reso-

lutions were adopted. Resolved, That the North Carolina State Alliance has listened with profound interest and pleasure to the as surances of our Bro. L. L. Polk, President of our National order, that our in that event, we can only conclude | brethren of the great Northwest are ready and anxious to join us in restoring peace and unity and fraternity be-

Resolved, That we heartily express our warm appreciation of the noble and patriotic efforts of our beloved President on behalf of a re-united country and thank him for his manly espousal of so great and important | been claiming that the farmers were

protherhood of the Northern and Western States the right hand of fellowship and pledge them our earnest and honest purpose to do all in our power to allay and suppress sectionalism and give to our posterity the blessings of free government, founded on the basis of unity and fraternity.

Resolve 1, That the Secretary of this State Alliance is hereby instructed to forward an official copy of these resolutions to Bro. B. H. Clover, President of the Kansas State Alliance, with the request that they be published in all the Reform papers of the Northwest, and also a copy to Bro. Polk for publication in THE PROGRESSIVE FAR-L. A. DURHAM.

SECOND DAY.

AUGUST 313. The State Alliance assembled at 9 clock this morning.

State Alliance.

Missouri, Tennessee and West Virthe Alliances of Texas, Arkansas, was: "North Carolina State Alliance sends greetings, standing by the na tional and her State demands."

The following resolution was adopted unanimously:

* The Alliance men in Vance Farmers' State Alliance, that we earnestly urge all members of our order the very start by a measure so unconpicnic and rally at Union Chapel, near to stand by the national demands Kittrell, about the middle of Septem. | made by the National Farmers' Alli-

THIRD DAY.

AUGUST 14. The Alliance met promptly at the isual hour.

Resolutions from the various comand discussed at length.

The committee on Constitution and By Laws reported, and recommended a considerable change in the Sate Constitution.

At 2:30 p. m. the special order the election of officers, was taken up when the old officers were reelected except that Bro. S. J. Veach, of Duplin county, was made Chaplain.

The following brethren were selected as delegates to represent this Alliance Officers, delegates and visiting at the meeting of the National Alli ance, which will be held at Ocala The morning session was taken up Fla., on the 6th of December next Elias Carr, S. B. Alexander, E. A At 2:30 p. m. the order assembled Moye, Geo. Williamson, R. B. Vance and M. L. Wood.

The next annual meeting of the Al

FOURTH DAY.

AUGUST 15. The house was called to order by President Carr.

It was decided to exhaust the cal. endar and adjourn at 1 o'clock, p. m. The following resolutions were

WHEREAS, The subject of free and

tention of the industrial classes, the Farmers' Alliance of North Carolina in session assembled therefore Resolve 1. That we favor and recom. mend the increase of our present pub.

lic school tax by at least 25 per cent. Resolve, 2. That we favor and recommend that ample appropriation for the training and higher education

Resolved, That we demand of the freight rates on a fair just, and reason.

Resolved, That the heartfelt thanks of this body be tendered to the Bun. of the beautiful new opera house. The meeting promises to be the Thanks, thanks and again thanks to

> combe and adjoining counties. The officers were installed by Dr. The State Alliance of North Carolina then adjourned to meet at More-

head City, next August. WHO BOLTED?

IN the South Carolina convention. last week, they had 320 delegates. Two hundred and sixty one delegates were for Tilman and fifty nine against him. The 59 anti-Tilman delegates left the hall and proceeded to form a party of their own, so to speak. These delegates were from Charleston and other towns. Now who has left the Democratic party? The papers of this State and South Carolina have leaving the party. A majority—such Resolved, That we extend to the a large one-must be the party. Now who bolted? Was it the farmers?

SENATOR VANCE.

He Writes Another Letter to a Citizen of Goldsboro.

UNITED STATES SENATE. WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 7. Mr. — Esq., Goldsboro, N. C. MY DEAR SIR:-Your favor of 2d

inst. has been received. I take pleas-

ure in answering it, but am compelled

for want of time to be very brief. The bill as Polk and Macune det handed it to me contained a provision that the supervisors of warehouses, who were to be agents of the Treasury Department, should be elected by the qualified voters of each county wherein the warehouse was to be situated. I did change that and provide that they should be appointed by the Sea retary of the Treasury. Please get a copy of the constitution and look at The regular order of business was the second clause of section 2, article 2, and you will see why there is no The President delivered his annual greater danger to the good cause of address, and the other officers sub- the farmers than that it should be enmitted their several reports, except the | trusted to the management of leaders Lecturer, who, by a special order, de- who could not frame a bill without he livered his to-night at 8:30. Numer- directly violating in this way the ous resolutions were introduced and plain language of the constitution-so referred to proper committees. A plain, in fact, that a school boy cannot resolution was passed unanimously, misunderstand it. I made no other this afternoon, endorsing Twe Pro- changes in the bill except to change GRESSIVE FARMER, the organ of the the word Sub-Treasury and substitute "bonded agricultural warehouses," Fraternal greetings were sent the for the reason that there is an old pofollowing State Alliances, by wire to litical prejudice against that name Sub-Treasury. Those who charge me ginia, now in session, and by mail to with thus changing the provision of the bill in order to make it unpopular Virginia and Georgia, which bodies are guilty of falsehood and absurdity. convene next week. The message I was and am friendly to the purpose of the bill, and to everything that the farmers wish that can be granted them within the fundamental law of my country. If their cause is wisely directed it will triumph as sure as Resolved, by the North Carolina there is justice upon earth. It is a pity that it should be handicapped at

> and succeed. I thank you for your kind expressions for me personally. Very truly yours,

stitutional and impracticable. May

God give them wisdom to do right

Z. B. VANCE.

Concentrate your labor, concentrate your manure, and you may concenmittees were placed on the calendar, trate your crops without lessening the quantity.