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4+4+ UNCONSTITUTIONALITY.

OLD FOGY.

Of late, selfish partisans have used the word chosen for a caption with great flippancy. These are constitutional cranks. Some there are who talk about the unconstitutionality of questions for the purpose of making the people believe that they are very wise. Others use it with a view of drawing the party lines around members who have no opinions of their

The Constitution of the United States is an American's political creed. Just as good men have differed in relation to the teachings of our Saviour, resulting in the organization of hundreds of denominations, so good men have differed and will ever differ about the meaning of the

State and Federal courts have reversed their own decisions. The Supreme Court has reversed itself. In nearly every case there are dissenting opinions in the Supreme Court.

Congress, or Congressmen, have no power to act on constitutional questions. Members of Congress are sworn to support the Constitution, and in it it is provided that the Supreme Court is a co ordinate department of our government. The Supreme Court settles the constitution. ality of laws, Congress does not. Each member swears to support the Constitution, not as he understands it, but as it is, and the Supreme Court decides this is. A member of Congress has no more right to act as a judge of constitutional questions than has a jury in a petty case the right to decide the constitutionality of a State

Constitutional questions arose immediately after the adoption of our Constitution. Some of these questions were so important that the people were led to amend it. Prior to 1800 the constitutionality of appropriations for light-houses were questioned.

Jefferson doubted, but finally wrote: "The utility of things has sactioned the infraction." Jefferson held the building of piers in the Delaware unconstitutional. Since then we have built piers, breakwaters, cleared streams of obstructions, dredged creeks, built machinery, erected levees, aided railroads and built warehouses. We are now, at this writing, allowing speculators to store goods in these warehouses to avoid the payment of the tariff tax until they want to use loss by evaporation.

How many members of Congress Farmers' Friend.

that talk about "unconstitutionality have endeavored to place the poor and the rich on the same plane? Only a few days ago a bonded warehouse was burned and the government lost thou sands of dollars in taxes. Indeed, the government had paid its officers for guaging paid its storekeepers for watching the distiller and the ware house, yet this is all right as Mr. Car lisle's friends are interested in this scheme. Our mountain distillers must pay the last cent of taxes within 30 days or their little stills are seized. Great is the mystery of Congress as manifested towards corporations.

We havseeders have charged that laws that relate to business interests in which the wealthy engage are modified to be to their advantage and discriminations made against the poor. How many letters on the constitutionality of these laws have our members in Congress written?

Prior to 1860 both the Democratic and Republican parties clamored for a Pacific railroad and finally inserted these demands in a platform. Congress gave away millions of acres of land that the people had bought to railroads. To these corporations we advanced money and credit, and yet these constitutional tattlers talk as if the G. O. P. alone was guilty. A Republican (ongress did pass the laws but both parties had demanded it. The Congress was made Republican

So far as the constitutional question of advancing credit and lands are concerned, both parties stand on an equal footing. The Democratic party of Virginia took the people's money to build turnpikes, canals, etc. In North Carolina we aided and built railroads from our Treasury. We took from all the people their hard earned money and purchased French, Spanish and Russian possessions. We compel the same people to pay for the same lands they bought.

In all good faith we ask where in the Constitution, if a strict construc tion is desired, is the warrant for buying other nation's territory?

We have built great levees for the benefit of private land owners. We have laws for the cleaning of creeks that are not navigable and on whose banks there does not grow enough produce to warrant the running of a line of flat boats, and yet the people's money is used for private gain, and the Record shows that some of our constitutional objectors voted for these appropriations. Congress has voted money for shows, loaned money to fairs. We have stamped out the cattle plague by national appropriations, we have appropriated money for agricultural colleges, and all these acts were said to be unconstitutional.

It would take up all the space in THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER if I were to give the titles to the bills that are now laws that were said to be unconstitutional. Our constitutional letterwriter is in favor of national banks, but they were said to be unconstitu-

We are led up to the following: For what are constitutions made To benefit the people. Who makes or unmakes constitutions? The peo-

If, then, the people adopt constitutions for their own benefit, the peo ple's will, alone, is higher than the constitution that expresses their will. The people's good should guide all

interpretations. If our government was instituted by the people and for the people, if the greatest good to the greatest number is Democracy then the people's expressed will is the proper construction of the highest law.

The people's will is expressed through the ballot box. If they express it as their will that they shall have money at as low rate of interest as banks, if they say they want the same aid extended to them that has been extended to corporations and so express their will, the constitution will then be interpreted by those for whom it was made, by those who have the power to unmake or amend and it will be accepted as good constitutional law.

Men of eminence are exposed to censure on one hand and liable to flattery on the other. If they receive reproaches which are not due to them vanced on them, and all for the benefit | they do not deserve. In a word, the of the speculator. We allow, because man in a high position is never viewed whiskey for three years, and in the considered as a friend or an enemy. desire to aid the rich, we rebate to For this reason men in great stations him all losses by evaporation, and yet are seldom seen in their true charac the poor man that distills whiskey or | ters until after their eyes are closed in brandy must pay the tax within 30 death. Then personal enmities and days and the poor man bears his own friendship cease and their virtues and their faults have justice done them .-

NUTS TO CRACK AT THE FARM-ER'S FIRESIDE.

Press Opinions from Many Sources.

Robbery is robbery, whether it is done by law or by a common foot-pad. _Industrial Review.

Free trade is simply natural trade. All laws for restrictive or preventive of trade are in contravention of natural laws .- Industrial Review.

Learn the record of your Congress with it when he comes home to shake hands with you .- - Iowa Tribune.

The farmers of the country make all wealth, but by a system of class legislation they are enabled to retain scarcely enough to keep body and soul together .- Home Rule.

Candidates for Congress this fall in the West who oppose free coinage will get left "and don't you forget it.' The tariff question will cut no figure. It will be free coinage in a free fight. -News Reporter, Three Rivers, Mich.

We recently discovered why a certain proportion of the people of the country can be idle and yet accumulate all the wealth of the country in their hands. It is simply because a fool class allows them to do it. - Home

The farmers of the West are very apt to act upon their own impressions and to run things pretty much as they please so far as their votes and influence go. They are free men yet, subject to the bid and nod of nobody.-Colman's Rural World.

The vote on the free coinage bill in the House shows what a happy faculty the Democrats and Republicans misrepresentatives in Congress have of breaking ranks and helping each other out when the Wall street bosses crack the whip. - Chicago Sentinel.

The volume of business depends as much upon prices as upon the quan tity of commodities produced. As prices go down the volume of business | burst his sides laughing. in a country diminishes. Wages go down, labor is thrown out of employ. ment and consumption of products restricted. — Workman, Dayton, O.

There is just this much of the mule about farmers. When once they have set their heads that a certain way is right, they can't be driven from it, they can't be scoffed out of it; they can't be bull-dozed or ridiculed out of it. It is strange how slow some papers and politicians are to realize this .-Cotton Plant.

be from 35 to 40 Alliance members elected to the next Congress, and this prospect is confounding the calculations of the machine politicians already. And the election returns next fall may show more Alliance members elected than political prophets will now concede.—Peninsula Farmer.

The farmers want to know why they have been discriminated against, and while they create seven eights of the wealth and pay directly and indirectly seven eights of taxes, that they can't borrow \$1 from the government while the national bankers can borrow \$350,000,0000 to loan to the people at 8 to 20 per cent. - Vindicator, Bloom field, Mo.

and laboring men permit them to keep their paid attorneys in the legislative halls. You may talk about your decount, and it is healthy for the government that you don't forget it .-Union Banner.

Farmers are putting in a much larger acreage of politics this season than usual. The Farmers' Alliance in Kansas are paying great attention to studying up the best mode of cultivation and are very careful in the selection of seed. As a general thing they refuse to use any seed of the crops formerly raised by the old parties because they have universally found it mixed with noxious weeds which make the crop unprofitable. - World, Ottumwa, Iowa.

Puck: "Yep," said the openfaced curse you as an idiot. old Kansan, wishing to impress his them, they in turn getting money ad- they likewise receive praise which Eastern host, "some mighty queer things happen out thar whar I live. Got up one mornin' an' found the it is the law, the distiller to store with an indifferent eye, but is always blamdest goin' on ever you seed. It was rainin' blood an' flesh an' dust an' stones an' ashes, an' halin' an' thun derin' an' lightnin' all at once. Felt cold an' hot both at the same time. The frogs was just more'n hollerin' an' the punkins peered to be sweatin' of the dear old party that made life on blue swet. Wife, she was flustrated. But I told her to just rest easy, as I and yours. Iowa Tribune.

reconed by the signs that Senator In. galls must 'a got home in the night, an' learned the opinion the Farmers' Alliance had about him.

The only way to accomplish any thing is to determine to do it. Have a plan and stick to it. The determin ation to succeed is the first element of success. Look in the right direction and you will go in the right direction. You may be driven from your course now and then, but keep the bow of your ship pointing toward the port for man on the silver bill and face him which you have started. Determine its factory. in your soul that the ocean of oppo sition must be crossed, and trim your sails so that the winds which try to drive you back will have to help you on your way .- Furmers' Friend.

AN ALLIANCE PICNIC IN VIR-GINIA.

Mr. Editor:—By special invita tion, I had the pleasure of attending an Alliance picnic at Holy Neck, Nansemond county, Va., on the 27th ult. There was at least three thousand people in attendance, gathered under the green foliage of a picturesque beach grove. On the stand I found Col. Marm. Page, State President, R. Snavely State Lecturer, and John R. Gafland, Assistant State Lecturer. In the rear of the speakers was the Suffolk Cornet Band, who, after each speech, entertained us with artistic and melodious music.

The exercises of the day were com menced by prayer, after which that wholesouled and patriotic Alliance man, Col Bruce Smith, of Somerton, Va., introduced Assistant Lecturer, John R. Garland. Mr. Garland's speech was brief but pointed and replete in argument and facts.

When Mr. Garland took his seat Col. Smith in a neat and well directed little speech, introduced State Lec turer R. Snavely, of Wytheville, Va. Mr. Snavely is a good speaker, deals in facts and figures, interspersed with anecdotes that will almost make one

At the close of Mr. Snavely's speech Col. Bruce Smith, who never does things by halves, announced that there was dinner for all, and all were cordially invited to dinner. I had viewed the immense crowd, and I thought to myself the Colonel was mistaken, but when I saw the table, several hundred yards long, loaded to its utmost capacity, not with good things but of the very best, say what you may about good things, Holy Neck cannot be surpassed. Of the crowd there were at least a thousand It is now conceded that there will of the prettiest and best-dressed ladies I ever beheld. When we have the true and noble women with us we need have no fears.

It was a wise provision in our Constitution admitting women into the well. order. Woman's influence exercises a moral influence in all gatherings, which makes itself felt in the attaintrue intelligence is a blessing at home | tion. in her circle of friends, and in society; wherever she goes she carries with her a health giving influence.

The Alliance in Virginia is going on a boom. They made no mistake when they elected Col. Page. R. Snavely and John R. Garland. They are the right men for the work.

The speakers said we had demands The monopolists and money chang- which we think are right and just, ers will keep their hands in the farm. | which they urged the Alliance to ers' pocket just as long as the farmers | stand firmly by until we get them or something better.

May the good work go on in Virginia and everywhere until we all can mands and pledges, but it is votes that exclaim, "the victory is won and the JOHN BRADY. people are free."

STICK TO YOUR PARTY.

"Stick to your party!" "Don't go into politics!"

Yes, stick till the last cow is mort gaged and the sheriff gets the harness onto you, and shows you over the hills to the poor house.

Yes, stick until wheat is 25 cents a bushel and corn a nickle, and you are not worth a penny.

Yes, stick until your children grow old enough to discover that their father voted slavery upon them, and

Oh, yes, stick until Pinkerton's army comes to discipline you and make you take your medicine in silence, while in answer to your prayers for relief silver is demonetized, the gold standard established and the gold shipped to Europe.

Stick, boys, until your teeth and hair drop out of their places, and still rumble out between your gums praises earth one long punishment for you

NEW INDUSTRIES.

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

[Manufatcurers' Record.] Greensboro-J J. Phoenix will. is reported, sink an oil well.

Charlotte-The Elliott Furniture e.c. The capital stock is \$500,000. Co. expects to increase the capacity of

Pennsylvania, are reported as to erect | corporated the Martin County Luma stone mil.

ported as having established a wash. stock is \$100,000 board factory.

to last week (under Mt. Olive) bave added new machinery.

Henderson-A Richmond (Va) party will erect, it is reported, two

factories in Henderson. Greensboro-W. H. Cobb has purchased site and will erect a plug to-

Bath-Burgess & Bro. have secured the contract, it is reported, for the erection of the Bath mills.

bacco factory 50x140 feet.

New Berne-The Trent Lumber Mills is reported as having put new machinery in its lumber mill.

erecting a wood-finishing mill.

putting in a new boiler and engine, increasing capacity from 20 to 30 RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY MA-Durham-The Pepper Mining Co.

has, it is reported, sold to Northern parties their iron properties for \$50,000. Raleigh—A stock company may be

organized to operate the clothing fac-

tory of the Oak City Manufacturing Wadesboro cotton mills, recently re-

ton factory. wells lately mentioned. John

Phoenix can give particulars. East Durham—The Durham Cote ton Manufacturing Co. is putting in three spinning frames, 656 spindles,

which gives it 9,448 spindles. Elizabeth City—The Albemarle Lumber Co. put in additional machin ery, as lately reported, and contem-

plates adding an electric light plant. Charlotte-W. E. Worth & Co., of Wilmington, N C., have selected a site for their ice factory, mentioned in last issue, and will sink an artesian

Raleigh—It is stated that a stock company will be organized to erect another cotton mill. The secretary of ments of its objects. A woman of the Board of Trade can give informa-

> Durham -It is stated that another cotton mill and a knitting mill are projected. The Durham Consolidated Land Improvement Co. can give information.

New Berne - E. H., S. L. J. A. and J. K Meadows have incorporated the E H. & J. A. Meadows Co. to manufacture fertilizers, etc. The capital stock is \$36,000.

New Berne-It is stated that the Northern syndicate lately reported as negotiating for the Duniel Stimson saw and planing mill has purchased liance, and may they continue to supsame for \$50,000.

Canning Factory is reported as erecting a boiler house, a shucking house 16x160 feet, a warehouse 30x60 feet, and an office 16x32 feet.

Oxford, and C. M. Hawkins, of Raleigh, are reported as having purchased the Panacea Springs, including 100 acres of land, for \$50,000.

Trinity College-The machine shop lately reported (under Durham) to be to rub it off," is the advice a wise erected at Trinity College, will be mother gave to her boy who had soiled 50x70 feet. John F. Crowell, presi- his coat, and the more we revolve the dent, can give information.

Daniels, J. J. Wolfenden and others off the mud before it dries, we simply have incorporated the Watson Daniels rub it deeper into the fibres of the Land Co. to deal in timber lands, etc. | cloth and cause it to spread over a The capital stock is \$10,000.

Winston-P. M. Wilson, B. J. Reynolds, J. L. Patterson and others have organized the North Winston Land & Improvement Co. with a capital

ital stock of \$1,000,000, has been or- easy enough to brush it a way, without ganized with J. S. Carr, president; A. leaving mark or stain .- Farmers Friend.

B Andrews, vice president, and R. H. Wright, secretary, and purchased 815 acres of land in and near Durham. It is stated that the company will improve its lands at once and construct waterworks.

Marion-The Western North Caro. lina Iron & Stone Mining Co. has been incorporated with B. C. Gaden, president, and J. H. Butler, secretary, to deal in real estate, open a stone quarry,

Everetts - J. C. and George Mc. Naughton, L. A. Conwell and L. C. Charlotte-The Messrs. Gee, of Mans, of Philadelphia, Pa., have inber Co. to deal in timber lands, manu Greensborc -- A. L. Kirkman is re. facture lumber, &c. The chapital

Fayetteville-The Carolina Machin-Clinton-Stewart & Hines, referred ery Co. has been organized with A. B. Williams, president; M. H. Russell, general manager, and W. S. Cook, secretary, to establish the machine shops mentioned in last issue. The capital stock is \$20,000.

Charlotte-A. T. Schmid is president, T. S. Diffey, superintendent, and R. M. Miller, Jr., secretary, of the A. T. Schmid Co, lately reported as organized to build cotton seed oil mills. The company will have offices at Charlotte and Cuero, Texas.

Winston-The North End Land Co, with a capital stock of \$75,000, has been incorporated with R J. Tryon City-H. R. Goodell, of An. Reynolds as president, and J. L. Patniston, Ala., and others, contemplate terson, secretary. The company has, it is stated, purchased the Zevely lands Tarboro-The Tarboro oil mills is of 113 acres and will improve same.

PLE SWANP ALLIANCE NO. 482.

WHEREAS, For twenty-five years we have submitted and without dissention, followed the guidance and dictum of our political servants and partisan press, and without questioning or enquir og into the motives that governed and led them, believing Wadesboro -It is stated that the them to be friends, tried and true, and that they would work out our re ported, has purchased site for its cot | demption without fear or favor, and that under their benign administration Greensboro-A stock company will of law, our own onerous but honest probably be organized to sink the oil | labors would be amply rewarded with prosperity and plenty, but year after year disappointment has taken the place of hope, until poverty has proved no longer a myth nor as a g lost, poised in hidden places, but a reality, and has defiantly become an unwelcome guest and our constant companion. Therefore be it

> Resolved, That the unfair and perverse criticisms upon the Farmers' Alliance and its organ, THE PROGRES. SIVE FARMER, shall not divert or estrange us from our organ or the men who have the moral courage to learn the right and pursue it.

> Resolved, Having set our faces upon reform, as true Alliance men, we do not now propose to turn backward or be driven from the ennobling principles and elevating purposes of the order, nor to destroy our first works by giving recognition and influence those who refuse to consider our necessities, with efforts of relief, but would rather cripple and defeat our own efforts of self preservation and emancipation from partisan and mo nopolistic slavery and oppression.

Resolved, That Maple Swamp Alli ance, No. 482, does hereby approve and endorse the chief and associate editors of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER and hereby thank them for the bold and successful defence made in the cause and for the principles of the Al port the right and oppose the wrong New Berne-The New Berne Oyster | and justly criticize both men and measures until the last enemy shall be put down; and "equal rights, equal privileges and equal distributions of the products of industry before the Scotland Neck-N. A. Gregory, of law" shall be enthroned upon the altar of righteousness.

W. F. DRAUGHAN, Pres't. Belle Johnson, Sec'y.

"Let the mud dry before you try remark in our mind the more philoso-New Berne-C. T. Watson, Thomas | phic it appears. In attempting to rub greater surface. But if we let it dry it comes off quite easily, leaving no stain behind. When men throw mud at us, say ugly things about us, and scandalize us, we should not be in too much hurry to rub it off. Wait till stock of \$75,000 to improve land, etc. it has time to dry; till the passion Durham-The Durham Consolidated | cools, and judgment holds her throne Land Improvement Co., with a cap and wields her sceptre, and it will be