

# PROGRESSIVE FARMER

THE INDUSTRIAL AND EDUCATIONAL INTERESTS OF OUR PEOPLE PARAMOUNT TO ALL OTHER CONSIDERATIONS OF STATE POLICY.

Vol. 5

RALEIGH, N. C., SEPTEMBER 23, 1890.

No. 33

## THE NATIONAL FARMERS' ALLIANCE AND INDUSTRIAL UNION.

President—L. L. Polk, North Carolina. Address, 511 9th St., N. W., Washington, D. C.  
Vice-President—B. H. Clover, Cambridge, Kansas.  
Secretary—J. H. Turner, Georgia. Address, 511 9th St., N. W., Washington, D. C.  
Treasurer—W. H. Hickman, Puxico, Missouri.  
Lecturer—Ben Terrell, Texas.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD.**  
C. W. Macune, Washington, D. C.  
Alonso Wardall, Huron, South Dakota.  
J. F. Tillman, Palmetto, Tennessee.

**JUDICIARY.**  
R. C. Patty, Macon, Mississippi.  
Isaac McCracken, Ozona, Arkansas.  
Evan Jones, Dublin, Texas.

**NORTH CAROLINA FARMERS' STATE ALLIANCE.**  
President—Elias Carr, Old Sparta, N. C.  
Vice-President—A. H. Hayes, Birdtown, N. C.  
Secretary—E. C. Beddingfield, Raleigh, N. C.

Treasurer—J. D. Allen, Falls, N. C.  
Lecturer—Thos. B. Long, Asheville, N. C.  
Assistant Lecturer—R. B. Hunter, Huntersville, N. C.  
Chaplain—S. J. Veach, Warsaw, N. C.  
Door Keeper—W. H. Tomlinson, Fayetteville, N. C.  
Assistant Door Keeper—H. E. King, Peanut, N. C.  
Sergeant-at-Arms—J. S. Holt, Chalk Level, N. C.  
State Business Agent—W. H. Worth, Raleigh, N. C.  
Trustee Business Agency Fund—W. A. Graham, Macphelah, N. C.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NORTH CAROLINA FARMERS' STATE ALLIANCE.**  
S. B. Alexander, Charlotte, N. C., Chairman; J. M. Mewborne, Kinston, N. C.; J. S. Johnston, Ruffin, N. C.

## LETTER FROM SAMPSON.

How the Politicians Treat Us When We go into Politics.

MR. EDITOR:—Why it is that no Alliance man will write from Sampson I am unable to determine. We have members who are strong in the faith, there are many whom the writer knows who seem fully converted, enrolled and "baptized" in Allianceism. And there are so many good farmers here who might write articles interesting to the brotherhood.

All seem to be interested in the political outlook. We have been fooled, cheated and deceived by scheming politicians till we are determined that they shall not longer pull the "wool" over our eyes. Very many are educating themselves in the great, grand and elevating principles of the best order under the sun, except the Christian religion, and a good and true Alliance man is a Christian.

Outsiders say we take an active part in politics, and if all will be true to the order, we aim to elect men who will legislate to the farmers' interests. We are tired of the class legislation we are now compelled to submit to at the nation's capitol. We are entitled to more than 13 members because statistics show that we outnumber any other profession. We are not mere "hewers of wood and drawers of water," and while we labor in our profession like honorable men and women, and think ourselves as good as Queen Victoria, the Czar of Russia, Ben. Harrison or any other gentleman, we intend to elect men allied with us to do our bidding. We have trusted too long to political charlatans, neglecting to keep ourselves posted in the current doings of traitors to our interests. If we can't get the Sub-Treasury bill or a substitute, we aim to have its equivalent; our opponents had as well accord it to us. We are daily increasing in members in 28 States, and the time cannot be far distant when we can elect men who will boldly assert and maintain our rights. We were born free men, and God willing, we aim to die emancipated from the clutches of the money autocrats. England tried to enslave us, and in an eight years' war we manifested to the world that we would call no man master or be subjects of any nationality but our own.

There are 8,000,000 farmers in the United States and about one half of them are Alliance members, and only 13 members in Congress to represent us, only "one, solitary" member to 615,151 honest yeomanry. When an Alliance man "talks politics" the cry is heard, "the Alliance is going into politics." We are only trying to secure our rights inside the old parties but it seems that the old monopoly "ringed, streaked and striped" bosses are not going to let us if they can help it. The Alliance has nothing in the world to do with politics; every

man can vote as he wills it whether he is a Democrat or a Republican, and it behooves the farmer everywhere to vote for one of his professions or one of his allies, having been so continually duped by professed friends, it is high time to make a change. Every other profession goes into politics *ad libitum*, but the poor clodhopper must not because the rank old surfeited "devil bent" bosses say no. The millionaire Congressmen are already shaking in their jackets because the hayseed gentry are enlisting against them and they have been weighed in the balances and have been found wanting. Cast off the shackles, Alliance men, be ye no longer slaves and call no man master. You may as well try to dam up the waters of the Mississippi with pine straws as to try to fetter our steps to freedom and independence. For God's sake and your own, educate in the workings of the Alliance. THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER is the best educator and organizer in the order for this State. Put on the beautiful garments of peace and good will to all, but with a determination to maintain your rights on all occasions and under all existing circumstances, and let your motto be, God and our rights, and let's do our whole duty though the heavens fall.

W. J. CRADDOCK,  
Hobton, N. C.

## LET US CONQUER OUR PREJUDICES.

MACON, N. C.  
MR. EDITOR:—Daniel Webster said: "We could conquer seas, nations, the ferocious beasts of the South, *et cetera*, but we could not conquer our prejudices." But too true. Local prejudices rule everywhere—in politics, society, business and religion. Now the Farmers' Alliance, proving as a reformation party, should try to conquer that truisim.

Already we notice a disposition on the part of our opponents to create a prejudice to certain men, perhaps because they voted, in time past, for a party or a man they conceived to be inimical to their interests. Be this so. Are we not to allow men who have, perhaps, committed a mistake, to reform? Are we to refuse to listen to Sam. Jones because he once frequented the gambler's saloon and the devil's gas house? I thought we were to lay political affiliations down at the lodge door and become a kind of check-valve to both the now reigning parties.

My friends, if we allow such spurious emanations to distort our brain, our cause is lost. It is just this that keeps back issues—eighteenth century men (this is one hundred years advanced) in power, makes the trity saying that North Carolina is a good State to immigrate from. Too true. Why? Because we have been educated in the schoolhouse of provincialism, which teaches from the four text-books—Envy, Prejudice, Jealousy and Hatred.

As I have written as a member of the Alliance, I will state that I am not, because in its clause of qualification for membership I am forbidden. I recognize its utility, however, and bid it God speed.

Respectfully,  
B. I. EGERTON, JR.

## ALLIANCE SPIRIT AT WAKE FOREST COLLEGE.

MR. EDITOR:—The hearts of the young men at Wake Forest College seem to be imbued with a sense of patriotism and a spirit of the Alliance. When, a short time ago, it was learned that a combination had been formed by the merchants of the place, to raise the price of kerosene, oil and certain other articles, necessary to the students, a meeting was promptly called for and took place this evening. A large number were in attendance, and ringing resolutions were adopted condemning the local trust. Many young men made speeches against the unjust combination showing a spirit of patriotism not always exhibited by an assembly of light hearted college boys. A committee was appointed who conferred with the merchants and succeeded in securing a great reduction upon the abnormal price, and indeed below the regular price of oil. Other committees were appointed upon other matters, and the boys feel confident of success on these lines. Long may the students continue to upset the plans of those who wish to obtain, by unfair and unjust means, the hard earnings of poor boys who are struggling for education.

A SPECTATOR

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

Press Opinions from Many Sources.  
Put none on guard except plowholders.—*Selman, Fla., Alliance.*

No, it is not Sherman who is "marching through Georgia" this time; it is the Farmers' Alliance.—*Chicago Sentinel.*

"See that my grave's kept green," is going to be a popular song among politicians after next week.—*Arkansas Economist.*

Tramp! Tramp!! Tramp!!! The earth is fairly shaking with the mighty revolt in politics that is taking place.—*Lurray Union.*

As defined by Webster, "Politics is the science of government—the preservation of a nation's safety, peace and prosperity, and the protection of its citizens in their rights."

Is it any wonder that sugar is dear when three of the officers of the sugar trust draw salaries of \$100,000 each, six others \$50,000 each and seven \$25,000 each?—*Farm and Ranch.*

A Georgia editor says that a man who would cheat a country editor out of a year's subscription would give a nickle with a hole in it to the foreign missionary fund, and sigh because the hole was not bigger than the nickle.

In 1859 there were but two millionaires in the United States, now there are thousands of them. How did they get so wealthy and who did the wealth come from? Ask any honest farmer and he will soon tell you.

The extract from Mr. Newland's address shows that the silver men will continue the agitation until the next step, free coinage is taken. The present law will bring the price of bullion to par. When this is accomplished, the gold bugs will be entirely without argument.—*In. inapo's Leader.*

Farmers' Alliance papers are starting up in nearly every county in the State. Patronage has been withdrawn from nearly all the old ring organs, and papers that are not favorable to the People's movement are feeling its effects. The farmers say they do not know why they should feed their enemies.—*Spirit of Kansas.*

The National Congress of farmers in session at Council Bluffs passed a series of resolutions enunciating what they want. None of their requests are very exacting and certainly all seem just. Still it is likely that as in the past the monopolists' further east will continue to give them the earth, provided the monopolists hold the mortgage on it.—*Phil. Times, Ind.*

The Sublimity of impudence is reached when lawyers denounce the Alliance movement as being in the interests of class legislation. Lawyers constitute one-tenth of one per cent. of our population, and yet they fill nine tenths of the legislative, three fourths of the executive, and all the judicial offices of the country. Class legislation indeed!—*Mead County Times, Tiford, S. Dakota.*

The "non partisan" Farmers' Alliance is busily engaged in shuffling the political cards in half a dozen or more States at present and confidently asserts that it will have two score representatives in the next congress. It even threatens to get together and put a presidential candidate in the field in 1892. This is to be a government of, by and for the farmers. Let them sail in; they pay for the right.—*Houston Post.*

Under the warehouse system proposed by the Farmers' Alliance the farmers would now have their corn and realize good prices for it, but under the mortgage system they were compelled to part with it for 12 to 16 cents a bushel. It was taken in by speculators, one of whom in this city has realized a profit of \$60,000. This is really the farmers' money, and the fact that a man got it who does not raise an ear of corn, is a burning shame to our system.—*Iowa Tribune.*

The Chicago *Express* says it has it on good authority that the "spontaneous uprising of the laboring men is the chief topic of conversation" in Washington. That paper, if it had been thoroughly posted, might have added that: it is all the talk wherever you go, whether in town or country. Sooner or later this same Alliance movement will swallow up all other movements, political or what not, and their ears will not have to be pinned back nor their heads greased to enable it to do it.—*Labor Journal.*

More than 370,000 applications for pensions under the Disability Pension bill enacted by the present Congress have already been received at the pension office. These figures show the extent to which Congress has

voted away the hard earned money of the people by the hundreds of millions and how it has saddled the country with a debt that half a century will not wipe out. Look at it, ye impoverished farmers, and realize how you and your children after you are to be made the hewers of wood and the drawers of water for more than half a century to come to pay for a war which has already cost thousands of millions of dollars within the past less than thirty years, and now to cost thousands of millions more. Will the clamors of the pretorians never cease until you relegate them to their homes and keep them there?—*Colman's Rural World.*

Farmers are shaking up the politics of the country amazingly. Farmer Tillman's campaign in South Carolina is creating a tremendous sensation, while the Minnesota Farmers' Alliance has nominated an entire State ticket. Under the new system adopted in Minnesota, Massachusetts and other States, whereby the State furnishes the official ballot, it is possible for such independent movements to stand an excellent chance to succeed. The fact is, party lines are hanging very loosely throughout the country, and the people seem to be waking up to look after their own interests rather than to sacrifice everything for the welfare of any political party pure and simple. The Minnesota movement is the first in which the farmers have nominated a complete State ticket, but Kansas farmers and working men propose to do the same. All this indicates a growing political activity among farmers which can but result in better government.—*Farm and Home.*

## "OLD FOGY'S" TARIFF, PROTECTION, AND RECIPROCIITY PLAN.

A tariff that would protect the laborer, the farmer, the manufacturer and our country, would be eminently just. A tariff that benefits either at the expense of the other, is pre-eminently unjust. The manufacturer has already secured a tariff on everything he can manufacture profitably. The farmer has a tariff on a few articles, mainly on rice, peanuts and oranges, articles that are raised profitably only in limited areas, or for which the demand is very small. The laborer has no tariff for his benefit. Labor statistics show that wages are as high in the unprotected as in the protected industries.

Protection for the farmer is our rallying cry. How? By increasing the volume of our currency, until the per capita of circulating medium shall equal the average rate of the tariff rate. If 47 per cent. is the proper rate of tariff, then let the people have 47 dollars of currency per capita.

Protection for the laborer. How? By prohibiting any corporation from employing any person not a citizen of the United States; allow no person to become a citizen who has not resided continuously in the United States for five years.

We would thus protect our laborers from the pauper labor of Europe.

Protection for posterity by not allowing any one, not a citizen, from acquiring public lands, and allow no one to own more than 160 acres of the public domain.

Reciprocity for all by compelling the importer of goods or products, not given in exchange for our goods or products, without tax, to pay into the Treasury of the United States in the current gold coin of the country where the goods are manufactured or produced the amount of the tariff tax on the goods imported. The gold coin or bullion equal in value, received as tariff tax, to be deposited in the United States Treasury and certificates issued to the value of the deposit. In a single decade we could draw all the coin of Europe into our coffers, or our laborers would be given employment in manufacturing goods, now imported, to supply our own demand.

President Polk is the great leader in the move to kill sectionalism, and leave in the place of that glittering monster that has been the potent means of keeping the honest producers of the North and South so equally divided that professional politicians could wield the balance of power, and thereby run the Government in the interest of the exploiting class, a fraternal feeling between all honest producers of every section, race or color in this great country that will heartily cooperate to maintain "equal rights and chances for all, and special privileges to none." My God bless him in his noble work.—*National Economist.*

## 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.]

New Berne—C. J. Screeley is reported as erecting a planing mill.

Marion—The city will probably issue \$10,000 of bonds for street improvements.

New Berne—Moore & Brady's oyster canning factory is reported as being enlarged.

East Durham—W. J. Wyatt is reported as having established a sorghum mill.

Winston—H. L. Riggins and Frank Gorrell will, it is stated, erect a tobacco factory.

Scotland Neck—The Farmers' Alliance contemplates the erection of a canning factory.

Durham—R. T. Howser & Bro. will, it is stated, erect the carriage factory lately mentioned.

Durham—B. L. Duke has, it is stated, purchased a tract of land near Durham for \$22,000.

New Berne—A. Greenbaum, of Seaford, Del., will, it is stated, establish an oyster canning factory.

Asheville—The Carolina Wood working Co. has been organized with a capital stock of \$12,000.

Durham—The American Tobacco Co. is erecting and addition to its tobacco factory 123x157 feet.

Henderson—Louis Ginter, of Richmond, Va., has awarded contract for the erection of a five story factory 50x125 feet.

Raleigh—A manufacturing town will, it is stated, be built near Raleigh. The Secretary Board of Trade can give information.

Raleigh—E. L. Harris, of Wilton, has, it is stated, made a proposition to organize a stock company to establish a smoking tobacco factory.

Greensboro—The Greensboro Furniture Co., recently mentioned, has been organized by S. S. Brown, C. W. Carr, W. I. Ridge and others with a capital stock of \$10,000.

Scotland Neck—The Panacea Springs Co., of Oxford, N. C., has purchased the Panacea springs, mentioned in last issue, and will start bottling works to place the water on the market.

Winston—The North Winston Land & Improvement Co., reported in last issue as organized, has been incorporated with R. J. Reynolds president, and J. L. Patterson, secretary.

Oxford—A Richmond (Va.) syndicate is reported as negotiating for the erection of a \$200,000 tobacco factory in Oxford. The Oxford Land, improvement & Manufacturing Co. can give information.

Asheville—The Asheville Natural Gas & Mining Co. has been organized with W. O. Wolfe, president; H. C. Hunt, vice president, and J. B. Bostix, secretary, to sink gas wells. The capital stock is \$25,000.

Asheville—The People's Light, Heat & Power Co. lately reported, has, it is stated, let contract to G. B. Shaw, Eau Claire, Wis., and L. N. Cox, of Washington, D. C., for the erection of a \$40,000 electric light plant.

Gibsonville—The Eureka Mill Co., lately mentioned as organized, has been incorporated by J. A. Davidson, J. L. Whitsett, M. L. Fogleman and others for the purpose of erecting a flour and corn mill, lumber mill, etc.

## AN ALLIANCE GIRL AT THE BAT.

MR. EDITOR:—So many are writing, and of course you are overrun with resolutions and assurances of good will and appreciation of your zealous efforts in behalf of the farmers, still I feel like I must intrude again, and as I am quite independent of all disfavor, I do not care whether you like the intrusion or not.

I have been reading THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER with increased interest of late, and admired the last two month's editorials very much. We see and have been convinced that brother Ramsey only requires an occasion to display his gift as a very brilliant writer. Truly we have an editor. Wonder where he came from, any way. I am beginning to believe, from the *gentle, coaxing way*, some of the newspaper men are trying to lead the Alliance by the nose, that they are regarding the "associate's" pen with something like awe.

We farmers are considering whether to put on "airs" or not. Really we feel good. We have good crops—

better outlooks than ever before, and hopes of prosperity in the future.

With our noble leader, Col. Polk, who has been ever and always our most valiant friend and thereby proving himself one of the grandest of men, we feel that we can trust him to guide our ship aright, for she is slowly but surely coming. Yes, our ship is coming in, though many fearful breakers and craggy reefs await her coming along the shore to wreck her ere she lands, yet we have a captain and a pilot and we are patient; we can trust them.

Some person sent me their compliment, not long ago, saying they were just as strong an Alliance boy as I was an Alliance girl. Brother, that is very encouraging. I only hope you are, for I am one that believes in working and not in talking. It is that brother of the banner Alliance who sometimes greets these columns with a gem from his facile pen.

I am not sure, but I think our farmers in this section will have some money left to rattle in their pockets on Sundays when the harvest is ended. There are indications in that direction, any way.

And in conclusion permit me to add: Don't forget to renew your subscriptions to THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER when you get some cotton off. Editors can make the sparks fly from their pen when the dollars walk in. You know how it is. It makes us all feel good when a solid silver dollar shows its appreciation of our labor.

Yours in good faith,  
EVANGELINE USHER,  
Cor. No. 242.

## A LONG AND BITTER FIGHT.

A writer in the *Farmers' Home Journal*, over the initials "C. M. W.," makes the following suggestion about the campaign in this State. Says he: "We are in the midst of one of the hottest campaigns ever seen in Texas. The issue is a railroad commission, and the interest extends to New York. It is simply this: Shall the railroads rule Texas, or Texas control the railroads? So far thirteen fifteenths of the delegates to the State convention are for the commission candidate for Governor, and it is thought he will get nearly all the rest of the delegates. The railroad companies and their attorneys, and most of the capitalists, are on one side and the great mass of the people on the other. Every inch of the ground is being fought for. It is evident the people will elect the governor and the lower branch of the legislature, but a desperate fight will be made for the Senate. Money don't cut much figure in elections here. But as half of the Senate was elected two years ago, the people may not get exactly what they want; but the fight will go on until they do get it. The Republicans are in such a hopeless minority they are taking no active interest in the fight. The primaries will all be held in July, and then the contest, so far as candidates are concerned, will be over. But the commission amendment to the State Constitution will not be voted on till November. So we will have a long fight and an intensely bitter one."

## THE ALLIANCE AND RUTHERFORD COLLEGE.

MR. EDITOR:—I see an article in your valuable paper from Connelly's Springs suggesting that each Sub-Alliance in the State appropriate a small amount to aid in the rebuilding of Rutherford College. I heartily endorse the suggestion and hope it will be carried out. We think it safe to say that there is an average of fifteen Sub-Alliances in each county in the State, and fifteen times ninety six equals fourteen hundred and forty, and the small amount of two dollars from each Sub-Alliance would give the handsome sum of twenty eight hundred and eighty dollars, which would enable Dr. Abernathy to erect a very comfortable building for the use of his school. Morganton Sub-Alliance will lead the way (in addition to individual subscription) and we hope every Sub-Alliance in the county will follow the example, and then let every Sub-Alliance in the State do likewise, and with this small contribution from each Sub-Alliance, the aggregate would gladden the heart of this Christian philanthropist, and also be performing an act that will immortalize our grand order and hand its record down to posterity pregnant with deeds of kindness for the alleviation of the unfortunate.

A READER.

Remember what you said about the Constitution and laws of the Order.