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A SMALL FAVOR ASKED.

Will the judges, members of the State Senate and members of the Lower House who have refused to accept free passes from the different railroad corporations in the State be so kind as to drop us a postal card to that effect? We would appreciate this little act of kindness very much.

In response to the above the following members of the Legislature and Senate have gone on record as having refused railroad passes:

R. W. Scott, Alamance county; B. A. Wellons, Johnston county; J. D. Parker, Perquimans county; E. C. Beddingfield, Wake county; M. J. Ham, Wayne county; John Norwood, Orange county; N. Gibbon, Mecklenburg county; J. L. Anderson, Hertford county; D. Alexander, Tyrrell county; A. Robinson, Duplin county; Jno. S. Surratt, Davidson county; J. A. Williams, Davidson county.

A FEW FACTS.

THE party papers of the State all claim that they have enough of the members of the House pledged to elect Senator Vance. What right have the counties to instruct candidates? Instruction should come from the people in their primary capacity.

In a speech in Gaston county, just before the election, Senator Vance stated that all but three candidates were pledged to vote for him. What are the facts? We think that Cumberland county was the first to nominate and leave their candidates uninstructed. The following counties, also: Wayne, Granville, Wake, Gascon, Cleveland, Catawba, Forsyth and other counties that we cannot now recall. Wake and Catawba each passed a resolution agreeing to call another convention provided Senator Vance might have opposition. This is the only way to settle the matter.

This endorsement business was rushed through the county conventions before the people could have time to grasp the situation. Senator Vance wrote the letter to President Carr just before the conventions were held. The people having so much faith in his integrity, did not doubt but that he would make everything satisfactory. They hoped that he would.

In some county conventions—Mecklenburg, for instance—being a striking example—they failed to endorse, unanimously. Many Alliance men refused to vote either way. The Alliance Democrats were pledged, but in some instances against their wishes.

In many counties where representatives were instructed by the conventions, a large majority of the people were and are opposed to such instructions.

The first duty of a true Alliance man is to see that Alliance measures and principles are sustained.

We will take for example Iredell county. Bros. Holman and Williams are both true Alliance men. Before their nomination they were called on the stand and underwent a thorough examination. They promised to vote for Vance to be his own successor. They thought he would set himself right before the people, and that they, as true Alliance men, could agree to support him. But he has not done so. Have they not a right to ask the people of Iredell county for new instructions? Can they go ahead and vote against the wishes of so many of their constituents? Would they not be doing themselves a great injustice? A majority of the members of the Alliance in North Carolina have solemnly promised to do all in their power to get the State and National demands enacted into law. If they allow a United States Senator to be elected who, for several months, has

taken a position squarely against the demands, how do they ever expect to accomplish anything hereafter?

This pledging business was done under whip and spur. Every Democratic paper in the State loudly proclaimed that "no man should be elected who opposed Senator Vance."

The members of the legislature in North Carolina should remember how some of the members of the last legislature misrepresented the people on the railroad commission question. They should note the fact that not one of these misrepresentatives has been or ever will be returned again.

OUR PROOF. As proof of the fact that THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER is an Alliance paper, fighting for Alliance principles, and to show the only consistent position to be taken by true members of the Order, we append the following from the proceedings of the State Alliance at Asheville, last August: Resolut on No. 8 was adopted, as follows:

Resolved, That the plan known as the Sub-Treasury plan is now a matter of vital necessity to the agriculturists of this country, and that we hereby register this our special demand that some bill calculated to carry out this measure be once passed by Congress to the end that the discrimination against the farmer now caused by contraction in the fall, may be stopped, and that he may be placed on an equal footing with other occupations.

ALREADY THE CRY IS RAISED.

REFERRING to the position of this paper on the Sub-Treasury plan, the Asheville Citizen says we are "trying to breed trouble on an issue which does not exist." Exactly so. We are well aware that the friends of Senator Vance, if he were reelected without a protest from true Alliance men, would at once throw up their hats and shout that the Sub Treasury plan is dead; that the Alliance had abandoned it by electing a man who had told them time and again he was opposed to it. We know that this is the position which some Alliance men will find themselves occupying. Our enemies will say that hereafter we have no right to talk of this plan; that we surrendered and abandoned it when we elected the man who opposes it, but THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER will not be placed in this position. But we were not prepared for this claim to be pressed thus early in the game. For the information of our respected contemporary, we will say that the Sub Treasury is an issue and will continue to be so long as we have men who are true to Alliance principles—so long as our National Treasury is located on Wall street and the honest toilers of the land are its victims. "Does not exist!" What will true Alliance men think of this?

TO OUR VOLUNTEER AGENTS

NO class of workers in our noble cause are doing more practical, substantial good than those who have so unselfishly devoted time and labor to the dissemination of Alliance literature. We hear grateful testimony to the splendid service rendered in this direction by the agents of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER in the various localities and Alliances throughout the State. They have worked nobly and we most sincerely appreciate it. Let them not relax their effort on behalf of their organ, but continue to spread the Alliance influence by securing all the subscribers possible to THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER. Again, brethren, we heartily thank you, and hope you will continue to help us until we shall place a copy in every Alliance family in our State. Send in the subscriptions. We hope to give them a better paper for their money during the coming year than it has ever been.

GEN. GORDON ELECTED SENATOR.

GREATLY to the surprise of the public, the Legislature of Georgia elected Gov. Gordon to succeed Senator Brown in the U. S. Senate. It is the prevalent opinion, too, that the Alliance of Georgia is greatly misrepresented in this selection. It has been a foregone conclusion for some weeks that he would certainly be defeated, as the sentiment of the Alliance and of the Alliance members in the legislature was overwhelmingly against him, but the vote showed that there was no concert among the Alliance members, their votes going to five candidates. There is a cause for their strange course, and we greatly mistake the Alliance people of that State if they fail to investigate it.

REDUCED RATES TO THE SUPREME COUNCIL.

WE have not received, officially, the rates for delegates to the Supreme Council, at Ocala, Fla., on the 2d prox., but we are safe in saying they have been secured and the tickets will be ready and on sale for all who may want to go. We hope to see a large number of our brethren and sisters present. When you buy your ticket, state that you are going to attend the meeting and take a receipt from the agent of whom you purchase for the amount paid. This will enable you to get the reduction on your return ticket.

THE TWO SIDES.

ON the one side are seventy thousand Alliance Democrats, not two hundred of whom ever voted against Senator Vance. These men have been to him in all his political career what the old guard was to Napoleon. They have stood by him loyally and devotedly in all his trials, even when he was assailed by many of those who now claim to be his friends and who are now abusing our side.

Who is opposed to us? Who is on the other side? Whatever else may be said of them, one thing cannot be denied, every enemy of the Alliance in the State is on that side. And they have arranged themselves on that side because they hope through the influence and prestige of the Senator's name to divide and ruin the Alliance in this State. What arrogance! What assumption! What audacity! To stand up and denounce ninety thousand honest and true men because they will not bow their necks and surrender their principles and their manhood at the dictation of one man! Are we a race of slaves? "Is thy servant a dog, that he should do this thing?" Senator Vance says in his letters and speeches that our bill is unconstitutional and the devil will get him if he votes for it. He even went so far as to say in one of his letters that "it is a delusion and a snare," and yet it is expected that all the members of our order must support him without a word of dissent. The whole order endorsed it—nearly 1,600 Alliances in our State endorsed it—thousands and thousands of them petitioned Senator Vance and Congress to pass it. Yet there are men who have so little regard for consistency, for manhood and principle, that they demand that we should quietly submit and thus stultify ourselves before the world. This question will not down at the bidding of any man or party. It is here to stay and there are thousands and millions of good and true men who intend to stay with it.

THE ALLIANCE FAIR.

THE Alliance Fair at Salisbury last week was a success in every respect. The County Alliance owns the grounds, and has charge of everything. The citizens of Salisbury kindly presented the Fair Association with a purse of \$500 which the farmers duly appreciate. Owing to their being late in getting ready and having to enclose the grounds, put up buildings and gather one of the largest crops ever made in the county, they had a smaller exhibit than they might have had with more time before them. The blooded stock on exhibition was unusually good.

TGeo. F. Klutz, Esq., of Salisbury, delivered a fine address on Wednesday. On Thursday Mr. Geo. E. Bogue, of Haywood county; Col. F. B. Long, of Buncombe, State Alliance Lecturer, and Hon. J. S. Henderson, Congress man for the 7th District, each made good speeches to large crowds.

Rowan is one of the best agricultural counties in the State and by another year the Piedmont Alliance Fair will be one of the best fairs in the South.

THE NATIONAL MEETING.

OUR meeting at Ocala next week promises to be the largest gathering of representative farmers ever held in this country. Every true Alliance man who can ought to go, for great and vital issues will be discussed.

R. M. Humphrey, President of the National Colored Alliance, has notified President Polk of the fact that the colored Alliance will meet on the 3d. This is fortunate, for the two bodies can confer with each other every day.

Each day brings additional evidence of the great and important work which devolves upon this movement. May the God who rules all things guide and direct them.

INFORMATION WANTED.

MR. H. A. LITCHFIELD, of Creswell, Washington county, writes that he has 24 acres of land with a dark, deep soil that he wants to seed for a permanent pasture. He asks our views as to what kind of grass and clover to sow on the land. Capt. B. P. Williamson, of Raleigh, is one of the best authorities on this subject. Here is what he says: "Break with a two horse plow as soon as possible. As soon as plowed sow upon each acre 2,000 pounds agricultural lime. In March, say 10th, sow upon this land 300 pounds cotton seed meal or 400 pounds ammoniated guano; harrow it well in the land, then about the last of March to 10th of April harrow and cross harrow until the land is smooth and friable on top, then sow the following mixture to each acre: 8 pounds fall meadow oat grass seed, 5 " orchard grass " 5 " red top grass " 4 " white clover " 6 " red clover "

Mix the seed well, divide into two equal parts and sow and cross sow and then brush in lightly just before a rain or when there is a season in the land.

It will be seen by this that it is an expensive business. But the above is

the best plan now known and usually pays for the labor and money expended.

Mr. Litchfield asks for the address of a few good grass farmers. Messrs. W. G. & B. J. Upchurch, Maj Rufus Tucker, Raleigh, P. H. Mangum, Wake Forest, J. M. Harrison, Mill Bridge, Rowan county, and S. A. Lowrance, Mooresville, N. C., each and all are among the very best grass and clover farmers in the State. All of them have been successful.

THE END NOT IN SIGHT.

NORTH CAROLINA has one real independent daily paper. It is the Durham Globe. In the issue of the 17th we find the following:

The Globe had hoped that after the November elections politics would be allowed a rest for at least a year. We saw in this a hope to get the boys to booming the State; we thought there would be more of good cheer, more of concert of action, and we earnestly wanted to see politics decently let alone for a season.

But now comes a wild scream from the Vance organs; they have added new war paint to their October campaign, and with lusty and demoniacal yells insist that Mr. Vance shall be returned to the United States Senate.

And so this fight is on—on for days and weeks and months. Colonel Polk's paper, THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER, slyly intimates that it is camped on the trail of Mr. Vance with a desire for blood and a hanker for gore; and it gives all to understand that the Farmers' Alliance has still a finger in the pie, and that collectively it would like to tangle its hand in his hair, Jeanette.

Many of the State papers, those who wheeled the Alliance by making that body believe that the Democratic leaders were sincere, are now busily engaged in writing Colonel Polk down an ass, and they also swear by all the fabled gods of war that he, in the depths of his egotism, wants to inherit the brogans of the venerable Zeb.

Vance has evaded the Sub Treasury bill by declaring that it is unconstitutional. This is always a happy way over a political question. It was a distinguished feature of Buchanan's disgraceful administration to howl about the Constitution, and since that time the Constitution has been used by all its sincere politicians to dodge a question. Every one knows that Vance wants to go back, and unless something unheard of in politics transpires, he will go back, and he will do as he has always done, vote on measures to suit himself. Mr. Vance never did bend the knee to self imagined leaders, and the Globe has a theory of its own that at this late date he will not commence anything of that sort.

But the lesson of this last general election should not be misunderstood. The Democratic party has been successful because of the Farmers' Alliance. This all men must admit. Not in this State, perhaps, but in States which have always been Republican, the Farmers' Alliance this year turned the tide.

And so, if Mr. Vance is returned, his successor will have a hard time, and Mr. Ransom will go down as sure as fate.

Neither Democrats nor Republicans are going to give the Farmers' Alliance the laws it wants, because the leaders and professional politicians of these two great parties are not in the saddle for their health.

A new party, purged of all the blotches of corruption, is forming—and the Farmers' Alliance is the product of one stage of its evolution. The slow going caterpillar which creeps along at a snail's jog is finally a gaudy butterfly, and if the stars are not out of place, it is clearly evident that this Farmers' Alliance will eventually develop into something.

And if Mr. Vance does not see and read and heed the handwriting on the wall, he will always regret that he didn't. Colonel Polk may be a politician, but the army of men at his back is composed of sturdy sons of toil, and it is not for the partisan press to say that they are satisfied.

THE BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

THIS body, composed of about three hundred delegates, met in the progressive and hospitable town of Shelby, on the 12th inst. During the sixty years of its existence, no session has been more harmonious, more zealous and more determined in all good works. It was, indeed, good to be there. In all departments of its work the reports showed a gratifying advance during the past year; and the Convention, inspired by the results, inaugurated movements for more enlarged work during the present year. In every department the word is: "Go forward!" L. L. Polk was re-elected President; W. A. Graham, Dr. T. P. Prichard and Hon. G. W. Sanderlin, Vice-Presidents; N. B. Broughton and G. W. Green, Recording Secretaries.

The next annual session will be held with the Tabernacle Church, Raleigh, and right royally will our good people welcome it.

Business agents, be sure and notice changes in price list.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Business agents will please notice the changes in the price list of Bro. Worth's department in this issue. Some important changes have been made.

Pennsylvania State Alliance will be organized on the 26th inst., by Bro. Dunning, National Organizer for that State. Hurrah for the Keystone State!

Messrs. W. S. Primrose, W. G. Upchurch and A. D. Jones have been appointed as delegates to represent this section at the Southern Inter-State Immigration Convention, to be held at Asheville on Dec. 17th to 19th.

The Pennsylvania System and the Atlantic Coast Line have notified our National officers that they will sell round trip tickets to Ocala, Fla., good for 30 days, at one-half the usual rates. Tickets will be on sale after the 29th of November.

The Sanford Express says that "the issue has been drawn and met, and if that legislature does not elect Vance, it need not return home to its constituents." The "issue has been drawn and has been met," and if that legislature does elect Vance, unless he changes his position on the Sub-Treasury bill, that legislature need not return home to its constituents." Now what?

AN ATTACK ON POLK.

A Greensboro Editor Handles Him in a Very Rough Manner.

This week's issue of the Greensboro Democrat assails Col. L. L. Polk in a decidedly breezy way. This is the article, barring the first paragraph which contains a pretty loud adjective:

Polk has been made crazy by his elevation to the presidency of a large, respectable and influential order. How he ever got there has always been as much a matter of astonishment to himself as it is to those who know his unsavory record.

"Col." Polk and his radical and equally rascally associate, Macune, fearing exposure of their rotten records, some months ago issued a circular calling upon the Alliances throughout the country to boycott every paper that dared to say anything derogatory of the officers of that order. But they "reckoned without their hosts." The Alliance, composed as it is of sensible men and intelligent women, was not to be coerced into any such fool proceeding or led astray by such assinine advice.

Now comes the most infamous proceedings of any of the several that have blackened Polk's character. Notwithstanding the people of North Carolina have endorsed Senator Vance by electing the largest number of Democrats ever elected to the North Carolina Legislature and instructed ninety per cent. of them to vote for him; notwithstanding every county in the State, but four, instructed for Vance, this slimy serpent is doing his utmost to induce these honorable gentlemen to repudiate their pledges and defeat the greatest and best friend the State ever had.

But "Colonel" Polk will fail in this disreputable and dishonest proceeding as dismally and signally as he has in other equally dishonest attempts emanating from his rotten conscience.

"Colonel" Polk overestimates his strength. Of the one million seven hundred thousand people in North Carolina, only ninety-two thousand (men and women) belong to the order which he is apparently trying to wreck in order to thrive upon the wreckage. And not one half of that number would allow "Colonel" Polk to lead them into such a dishonest measure as this attempt to defeat Senator Vance, or to force their representatives in the legislature to disregard the instructions of the people and their own pledges.

We clip the above simply to show our readers something of the methods used by our enemies and the enemies of the Alliance in their efforts to gag and bulldoze and crush us. Is this the policy by which Senator Vance is to be re-elected? Is this the policy through which the voice of at least ninety per cent. of the Alliance of the State is to be stifled and silenced? Are honest, conscientious, true Alliance men, men who cherish principle and who dare to stand by it—are freemen of North Carolina to be thus whipped and scourged and slandered by foul-mouthed political poodles and driven from their honest conclusions? Does Senator Vance endorse such base and filthy methods? Do the gentlemen of the press in North Carolina endorse it? Not one disrespectful word against Senator Vance has appeared in the columns of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER. He is not our God. He is not infallible. He does not own the State. He does not own our conscience. He does not own the Alliance. He is against us, and if re-elected, occupying his present untenable position, it will be against our protest. Whenever the question is presented to us whether we will abandon our principles for any man, we will not hesitate to give our decision. Senator Vance makes this issue squarely. In effect he says to 90,000 Alliance men in the State:

"You are all wrong and I am right; you must give up your demands and support me." THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER has ninety per cent., at least, of the order to stand by it in its demand that the men who go to the legislature and to Congress shall be friends and not enemies of our measures. How can an Alliance man consistently and conscientiously vote for any man who opposes the measures and principles of the Alliance?

THE SUB-TREASURY PLAN.

By consulting the National Economist of September 27, you will see that the unconstitutionality of the Sub-Treasury idea is completely set at rest by reasonable men. Now what are our congressmen going to do with their record? Lending money to the Centennial of 1876 to the amount of \$1,500,000 and \$1,000,000 to the cotton exposition at New Orleans? Yes, they voted to loan this money, but as soon as the farmers wanted money loaned to them on their own products, the cry of unconstitutionality, and paternalism and flooding our lands with Federal officers, was raised in order to crush to the earth, but I am glad to note that they have not succeeded in doing what they thought they would do when they met in that secret caucus at Washington. The National Economist has knocked that constitutional drop down. Now what are the opponents of the Sub Treasury going to fall back on as a prop? Will it be paternalism? If so, the State and National Government has knocked that prop out by establishing the interstate law. Why should any Alliance man cry out paternalism against the Sub Treasury plan, and at the same time believe in and demand paternalism of the State government on the railroad question, on text books, bargaining questions, etc? Some men will follow partyism in preference to Alliance principles. I don't think anyone can gainsay the principles of the Sub-Treasury plan, for it seeks to help those who bear the burdens of the government, and to give us cheap money. Mr. Editor, I want to ask those of the Alliance who oppose the Sub Treasury, what would we do for money, or how would we get money if the banking system was abolished at once? We demand that they be abolished, and the Democrats of this State are opposed to them. Where would we get money? Who will answer the question? Where did congress get the constitutional authority to appropriate that \$250,000 to the Paris exposition? And where is the constitutional authority to build monuments to Grant and others? Where do they get the authority to pension women? Where does their authority come from to store silver bullion by the ton, and whiskly by the carload? Why did Col. Oats, Culberson, et al., vote to loan money to the cotton exposition, and refuse to loan money to the farmers? All can swallow the Democrat and Republican parties that want to, but as for me, I am going to stay with the Alliance and her demands. Some Alliance men praise Cleveland as a thorough bred Democrat, when he was opposed to the free coinage of silver, and favored the national banking system. Such Alliance men are to be pitied. Some say that it is class legislation of the worst kind. I have been taught that when you help the farmers you help all other legitimate trades. If this is the case, this is no class legislation, is it?

THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION.

Since the independence of the American Colonies was secured there has been no period of our history as a State in which Divine Providence has blessed us with more abundant returns for labor or indicated more clearly His purpose to preserve our civil and political liberties.

Now, therefore, that public acknowledgment of our gratitude to Almighty God, for His great goodness to us as a State and people, may be made.

I, Daniel G. Fowle, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby appoint Thursday, the 27th day of November, 1890, as a day of Public Thanksgiving and Praise, and I earnestly recommend that the people of the State assemble on that day, at their usual places of worship, and return thanks for the great prosperity which has been vouchsafed to us and for the innumerable blessings which we enjoy.

And that every heart may be gladdened, let us remember the widow and the orphan, the disabled soldier, the poor and the afflicted, whom He hath made dependent upon our care, and contribute liberally of our means to the institutions which have been organized in our midst for their maintenance.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the great seal of the State of North Carolina, at the city of Raleigh, this 11th day of November, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety, and in the one hundred and fiftieth year of our American Independence.

DANIEL G. FOWLE, By the Governor: S. F. TELFAIR, Private Secretary.