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NOTES ON CURRENT EVENTS.

The excursion—What shall be said of it. 'Twould take a book to tell the glorious story. Will not some one of our readers who were among the fortunate and happy number, tell some thing about it through our columns?

The fight of factions in Ireland waxed hotter and hotter. Parnell has taken forcible possession of the office of *United Ireland* and has been in turn ejected by force. The fight he is making to hold his place and influence is most desperate. But he seems to be losing friends every hour.

The New York Times thinks it possible that the free coinage of silver may come to the country through the frantic efforts the Republicans are making to secure their position in the present crisis. We most earnestly wish to see the coinage of silver put upon the same footing with that of gold. It seems to us that the dishonoring of silver has brought many evils upon the country, and we can see no good reason why the restoration of that metal to its ancient place of honor and usefulness would not work financial good to every interest.

The late meeting of the National Alliance was a most enthusiastic affair. We gather this from parties who were at Ocala. The meeting was held and a great amount of very important business was transacted, and a third party was not formed. The fact that a third party was not formed is one that bears very heavily upon the prophetic pretensions of some of our esteemed contemporaries. Well, there have been prophets and prophets ever since the time when records of human doings and aspirations began to be kept; and we commend to our friends of the prophetic press the advice of the old marksman, "pick your flint and try it again."

The medical faculty, both of this country and Europe, seems to be much divided over the question as to whether the discovery of Dr. Koch has any actual value or not. It seems to a layman that the lymph has not been tested to an extent that would make controversy about it to be either valuable or appropriate. The medical

faculty is under the necessity of ascertaining the value of remedies by actual trial; and a sufficient trial of the new discovery has not been had, as yet, to enable the learned practitioners who are discussing it pro and con, to come to any definite conclusion. In the meantime, every lover of mankind must wish most devoutly that the lymph may be found to possess all the virtues its discoverer claims for it.

"PLEASE send me the amount due you and stop my paper. When I want a Democratic paper, I will subscribe. You can't make a Democrat out of me by reading your pretended Alliance paper. I am a Republican Alliance."

WHOW!—There it goes! It has been heralded all over the country in flaming headlines and scorching rhetoric, that THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER is trying to destroy the Democratic party, root and branch. And now comes one of our subscribers and accuses us of trying to make a Democrat of him. We shouldn't wonder if some one accuses us next of being a candidate for the vacant leadership of the Irish party in the English parliament. *Jeemes' Rivers!* Will marvels never cease!

The papers are indulging just now in some most unnecessary speculations and conjectures about the financial standing of the parties to a late society wedding in this State. There are some things that are, or ought to be too sacred to be dragged before the gaze of the public in sensational newspaper articles, and it seems to us that marriage is one of those sacred things. We call attention to this matter solely for the purpose of protesting against these methods of journalism. Let it be understood that when a woman confides her person and her happiness to the man of her choice it is the duty of the newspapers to turn away and leave her in the enjoyment of all the happiness she can get out of the arrangement. If she makes a mistake in her selection of a husband a manly and chivalrous sympathy should shut the mouth of the gossips and still the hand that holds the pen of an editor.

The United States Senate is still hammering away at the Force bill. There seems however to be little prospect of its ever getting upon the statute books of the Republic. It seems to us that the measure is dangerous to liberty. It is not safe and cannot be safe to put it within the power of any party to dominate the elections of the country. It looks like the sheerest folly imaginable, to but it mildly, to create machinery that may be easily used to destroy the freedom of elections in a measure that is avowedly intended to secure the freedom of elections. To make the slavery of the people possible in an attempt to conserve and perpetuate their freedom is a very dangerous, if not a very blind and fatuous sort of statesmanship. We think the dangerous character of the Lodge bill is coming to be more distinctly seen by the best men of all parties, and if we are right in this, it will not, we suppose, pass the Senate.

THE COLORED ALLIANCE.

This body met in Ocala on the 3th inst. Its President, Mr. Humphrey, of Texas, in reply to a question as to its membership said:

"We have now 1,200,000, of whom 100,000 are adult males. Our statistics show that seven-eighths of the negroes of the South are engaged in agriculture. We are organized in thirty States. The bulk of our membership is in the South Atlantic and Gulf States, distributed as follows: 100,000 in Alabama, 84,000 in Georgia, 90,000 in South Carolina, 90,000 in Mississippi, 90,000 in Texas, 20,000 in Arkansas, 50,000 in Louisiana, 50,000 in Virginia, 25,000 in Kentucky, 60,000 in Tennessee, 55,000 in North Carolina and the rest scattered."

The contract for water works at Tarboro has been closed, and Mr. Cox says a plant is on the way there.

ALLIANCE CORRESPONDENCE.

OAK GROVE ALLIANCE, No. 112.

MR. EDITOR:—At our last meeting I was appointed to ask, through THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER, our members of the Legislature not to support any man for United States Senator who will not pledge himself to support the Alliance demands, the Sub Treasury bill, without addition or subtraction.

Yours fraternally,

B. F. GORDON, Sec'y.

DECEMBER 6th 1890.

MR. EDITOR:—At a regular meeting of Ten Mile Alliance held the 6th of December we passed a resolution which I was ordered to send to THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER for publication.

Resolved, That we the members of Ten Mile Alliance are opposed to the no fence or stock law, and we protest against the extension of said law in Robeson county, without first submitting to the voters of each town ship at a general election.

T. N. LEWIS, Sec'y.

HOPE MILLS, N. C., Dec. 6, 1890.

Cumberland Alliance, No. 2,130 met at their usual time and place, and among other business resolutions were passed, First, approving the course of President Polk. Second, That we work for and defend the principles of the Farmers' Alliance. Third, To support no man that is not favorable to the principles of our Order. Fourth, That our representatives be instructed to support good men who are known to be favorable to the principles of the Farmers' Alliance.

DANIEL JOHNSON, Sec'y.

CEDAR GROVE ALLIANCE, No. 685.

WHEREAS, As we think that the tax payers should do their voting, therefore be it

Resolved, That we recommend and ask the legislature of North Carolina to amend the law so that no man shall be allowed to vote unless he can show his tax receipt that he paid his tax the year before, or has become of age between tax listing and the registration or those exempt from poll tax and no property taxes, further, we ask each Sub and county Alliance to bring this before their Alliances and to instruct their Representatives to have the same put into law.

L. J. CONRAD, Sec'y.

ALBION, N. C., Dec. 13, 1890.

MR. EDITOR:—Sassafras Fork Alliance, No. 591, desires to cast her mite in support of the fundamental principles of the National Farmers Alliance. To that end, be it

Resolved by its members, that we demand of our legislators to cast their votes for a United States Senator, who favors the abolition of national banks, the free coinage of silver and the "Constitutional" Sub-Treasury bill.

Resolved further, that, if our present Senator, to whom we have been heretofore betrothed for so many years, will not endorse our platform, then we ask for a bill of Constitutional divorcement and let us tie to another who will.

ROBT. J. COEN, Pres't.

C. C. HEGGIS, Sec'y.

WHEREAS, The Legislature of North Carolina will assemble at an early day, and a United States Senator be elected by the said Legislature; and whereas, our national demands have been ignored by our United States Senator, and that he claims that all the Representatives of North Carolina are pledged to support him, we would say to our Representatives who instructed you to pledge yourselves to support Mr. Vance at the next General Assembly of North Carolina, was it ninety thousand laborers of North Carolina, or was it a few uninstructed delegates to the Democratic County Convention, led by a few politicians? A word to the wise is sufficient. Be it

Resolved, By Prosperity Alliance,

No. 533, that our Secretary is hereby directed to request, through THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER, all Sub-Alliances throughout the State of North Carolina, at their next meeting, to pass resolutions requesting their Representatives to the General Assembly not to support any man for United States Senator who will not pledge himself to support our national demands.

S. C. FISHER, Sec'y.

GODWIN, N. C., Nov. 22, 1890.

WHEREAS, Bro. C. F. Cope, a member of this Alliance has sustained a very heavy damage in the loss of his barn by fire, losing everything necessary on a farm, including five bags of seed cotton and two buggies and other valuable property to the amount of from \$600 to \$1000. Therefore, be it

Resolved That this Alliance pay to the brother ten dollars out of the Treasury.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER with the request to publish, and also to the Sub-Alliances of this State, each to contribute the small sum of fifty cents or whatever amount they in their charity may feel willing to contribute. All contributions to be sent to C. Hawley, Sec'y, Godwin Alliance No. 131, Godwin, N. C.

Resolved, That we the members of Godwin Farmers' Alliance tender to Bro. Cape our heartfelt sympathies in this his very heavy blow.

C. HAWLEY, Sec'y.

WARREN COUNTY, N. C.

At a meeting of Smith Creek Alliance, No. 351, held on Saturday, the 13th of December, 1890, we were appointed a committee to express, by resolution, the views of said Alliance in regard to the reelection of Z. B. Vance to the U. S. Senate.

Resolved, That we desire the election of a Senator who is in strict accord with the Alliance demands.

Resolved, That all Sub Alliances in the State be requested to express themselves on this subject by or before the 1st day of January next through THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER.

J. H. WHITE,

W. L. BAXTER,

JNO. L. ROBINSON,

J. W. PATILLIS,

Committee.

Unanimously adopted.

JNO. ROBINSON, Sec'y.

EDWARDS' MILLS, N. C.

The Commissioners of the town recently met and designated by name, the streets for legal conveyance purposes. One of the prettiest has been called Warren, in compliment of Hon. C. F. Warren, who is doing so much for the laboring classes of this surrounding community, and who is one of the largest planters on the South Side.

Another street has been called Alexander, I think complimentary to another prominent Attorney, who has the confidence of the good people of this section.

This name seems to be popular with us as over two years ago, Dr. Stilley dubbed our academy "Alexander" in honor of S. B. Alexander, Esq., Congressman elect of the 6th district of North Carolina, and who will probably be invited to deliver the literary address at the next Commencement. You see we are not opposed to men because they are lawyers, we simply expect from them honor and justice.

We cordially endorse Tom Sutton, of Cumberland for Speaker of the next North Carolina House. Some of our best men know him and say he is superb. Let the Alliance cling together and support no man not in sympathy with them.

Everything is progress in Edwards Mills. The fine academy just erected is quite an accession and a Disciples Church is sure to be built. In addition to all this, rumor says that a

newspaper will be issued from this little burg at an early day, edited by Dr. Stilley, assisted by a corps of able Alliancemen. We cannot vouch for the certainty of this enterprise, but can say safely that if such an institution springs into life those little sheets antagonistic to the farmers and their cause may prepare for a re-furnishing of fur for their present crop will fly.

The outlook is that whoever calls Colonel Polk our National President a demagogue is subject to a large reduction of subscription names. "A word to the wise is sufficient."

MISS B. L. E.,

Sec'y of Alliance No. 1596.

MARBLE ALLIANCE, No. 1,613,

Dec 6, 1890.

WHEREAS, Many of the political papers of the day have of late assailed our much-esteemed and worthy National President, Col. L. L. Polk, both his public and private character; and whereas, many individual men have falsely attacked (and tried to) slander him for selfish motives. Therefore

Resolved, That we take pleasure in denouncing all such papers, and claim they are no greater nor less than the working tools of Wall street, whose corruption is as black as our dark ness.

Resolved, That we will not support nor allow to be read in our families any of the papers of such a character.

Resolved, That we believe that Col. Polk has done more to harmonize the war prejudice than any man or set of men, and should be waived while living for his noble acts.

Resolved, That the salvation of the Farmers' Alliance depends upon the passage of the Sub Treasury or some better bill, and that we demand of our Senator and Representative in the next legislature not to vote for any Senator for Congress who opposes said bill, that their record will be watched by us and we be unto him who thus deceives us.

Resolved, That we heartily indorse the course of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER in regard to our Senator in Congress and urge that every Allianceman stand by our organ, as it is the exponent of right and the herald of truth.

Resolved, That these resolutions be sent to THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER for publication and that the Murphy Bulletin and Cherokee Scout copy.

J. W. KINSAY, Pres't.

W. B. PARKER, Sec'y.

PANTHER CREEK, N. C., Dec. 8, 1890.

MR. EDITOR:—Please allow me space in your valuable paper for a few lines, to let the brethren know what we are doing up here in the Bend of the big Yadkin. About two years ago we organized an Alliance on the county line between Forsythe and Yadkin with eight charter members, and was called Lewisville Alliance, No. 943. Our number increased rapidly, and in twelve months we received over one hundred members, male and female along the line of the two counties. And for convenience sake and also for the good of the order we thought it best to divide and form a new lodge which was effected recently, and on the 6th inst. we organized West Bend Alliance in Yadkin county, with twenty male and six female members, a majority of whom read THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER, and are educated on the great principles of the Order. We don't want to abandon the Sub Treasury bill nor any of the Alliance demands for the sake of one man or set of men, because if they are not for us they are against us and should be cast overboard. In view of this fact our Alliance adopted the following resolutions.

Resolved That we endorse the criticism of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER on the action of Hon. Z. B. Vance in regard to the Sub-Treasury bill and recognize in it a bold and fearless

champion for the principles advocated by the Alliance.

Resolved, That we request the Alliance members of the legislature to consider well this matter and vote for no man unless he is sound on the Alliance demands.

Resolved, That we request every Sub Alliance in the State to pass similar resolutions.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER for publication and request all other State papers friendly to the cause to please copy.

L. J. STRUPE, Sec'y.

HALIFAX, N. C.

Much has been said and written on the subject of who should be our Senator, and I do not hope to produce anything new; but only to review, hurriedly, what has been said. First as to the position of the present incumbent as regards the demands of the Farmers' Alliance. He has declared the Sub Treasury bill unconstitutional with a fiat that precludes the idea of argument, for he advanced none, but demands that the promoters thereof demonstrate its constitutionality, thus throwing or attempting to throw the burden of proof on the defendants, which is unfair, unreasonable and wanting in generosity. He expresses a willingness to support the measures if by a decision of the Supreme Court it is proved to conform to the Constitution.

The absurdity of this proposition has been pointed out by others, for of course the court cannot decide to be a law a bill that is asleep in the committee room.

Much more might be said, but your readers are already familiar with the subject and your space is valuable.

One more quotation. Did not the Senator say if the people would risk its practicability, he would risk its constitutionality? Is not this a positive pledge of his support? Or does he decide for them that they deem it impracticable?

It would seem the latter, for in answer to the question of how about the Sub-Treasury bill, he said the majority of the farmers in North Carolina are opposed to the bill.

Where did he get his information? It must have been from the professional politicians or partisan press, for almost if not quite a larger majority of the farmers of this State belong to the Alliance and the Alliance demands its passage.

Many voted thinking the Senator pledged to the bill and no doubt candidates were pledged under this impression, and are they to be held to the pledge if this be so? Assuredly no.

Does not the breaking of a compact by one of the parties annul it as to the other?

But what are we to do? Are we not bound to "Our Zeb." by every tie that binds a people to a public man? Has he not been the "bravest of the brave" in defense of his people and their rights?

All this and more must be acknowledged, but shall we love Caesar more than Rome and exalt a man above a principle?

In a word, do we want a servant who will attempt to do what his people demand and who regards public office as a public trust, or one who considers it "largely a private affair?"

North Carolina and Democracy can better do without Senator Vance than he can without them.

C. H. WHITAKER.

The fishermen are having big luck at Morehead. Last Saturday they caught about 20,000 trout with hook and line, averaging about 700 to each boat, with three or four men in each. One boat at the Cape with five men caught 1,600 trout.—Kinston Free Press.