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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

WISCONSIN has elected ex-Secretary Vilas to succeed Mr. Spooner in the United States Senate.

JUDGE PEPPER, a prominent Allianceman of Kansas, has been elected to succeed John James Ingalls in the Senate of the United States. The decree has gone forth that the Alliancemen of Kansas are not wax in the hands of ring politicians to be shaped into any form to suit the views of the bosses. They are men, who know their rights and dare maintain them.

BROTHER GEORGE W. STRAUGHAN thinks "Our Zeb." is a fine "old horse," but he is afraid he will not pull in harness he is not used to. We think he is used to working in the harness he now wears; at any rate he has said he will work in his present harness, and we think he will do what he says. We assure Bro. Straughan that we think the teachers in North Carolina get too little pay now, and we certainly would not be in favor of making it less.

We hope our readers will bear with us. Our space is so largely taken up with the proceedings of the legislature that many things that would be interesting and helpful to our readers are crowded out. We have it in our purpose to make some changes in THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER, in the near future, that will delight all our friends, and be helpful to them besides. We only ask them to be patient with us until we can get the reins in our hands, and then they shall see.

The Force bill has been again laid aside in the Senate. It is to be hoped that it will never again be taken up. We want to express our grateful appreciation of the manly courage and patriotic single-mindedness of those Republican Senators who voted to lay this most dangerous measure aside. To us it is hopeful and encouraging beyond measure to see men in public life laying aside the passions and prejudices of partizan politics in order to vote against measures which threaten the peace and prosperity of their country. We are profoundly glad

that the National Alliance at Ocala voted unanimously to condemn the Force bill. That organization was not afraid to put itself upon record in opposition to this measure of usurpation; and it is not too much to say that the ringing resolution condemning the bill has had its effect in bringing about the result over which we rejoice to day.

WHETHER our friends can see it or not—whether there is any difference or not—it is certain that there is a pamphlet in existence, and a copy of it is in this office—before us in fact at this very moment—of thirty two pages, published and distributed to the people by authority of the convention at St. Louis; and this pamphlet is entitled THE SUB TREASURY PLAN. Upon page 5 of this pamphlet is the *Sub Treasury Bill*, which occupies about two thirds of one page of said pamphlet. Now certainly thirty two pages of plans and discussions of plans cannot easily be confounded with two thirds of a page of the same pamphlet. The *Sub Treasury Plan* is much larger than the *Sub Treasury Bill*; and any thing larger than another thing cannot be that other thing. THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER quoted an article from the *Intelligencer* of this city in which that paper drew the distinction between the *plan* and the *bill*; and, since we made that quotation, we have been told quite plainly that we were ignorant of Alliance matters, or we never would have admitted that there was, or could be, any difference between the *Sub Treasury Plan* and the *Sub Treasury Bill*. We know we are ignorant. But then there are two or three men in the United States that do not know any more than we do; and we are not trying to learn any more, because we do not want those two or three fellows to be left alone. We stick to it that there must be some difference between thirty two pages of a plan, and two thirds of a page of a bill—a part of the plan.

MT. VERNON ALLIANCE, No. 1,613, Lincoln county.

MR. EDITOR:—We are small in number, but we have large hearts for the Alliance and we do think that it will be a grand thing yet. But we are tired of seeing so much in favor of the old party—that is, one of the old parties trying to swallow up the other. Sir, you must change your types a little or we can't support your paper any more. I see a great picking at the old Republican party, and not a word at the Democrat party. Sir, I think it is high time for the Alliance to stick together; and it would do well for the Alliance of both of the old parties to make a third party. We like to read the *National Economist*, and some pieces in THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER; but we think it high time for THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER to publish Alliance news, and not politics. We are tired of the old song politics. We would take about ten copies of your paper in our Alliance if it was strictly an Alliance paper. We request this published in THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER.

Yours truly,  
F. J. LEATHERMAN, Sec'y.  
J. H. HULL, Pres't.

We publish the above letter with entire cheerfulness; and we assure our correspondent that he is mistaken when he says we are trying to further the interests of the Democratic party rather than those of the Alliance. We have not said one word, editorially that can be construed into subserviency to the Democratic party. If, as our correspondent intimates, the Democratic party is trying to swallow the Alliance, certainly we are not responsible for that. Does our correspondent blame a toad when a snake has tried to swallow him? We suppose not. We suppose he blames the snake. Does our correspondent expect us to hold our peace when the Republican party goes wrong? If so, he has mistaken his man. We should be sorry to lose the support of our correspondent. But we do not intend to let him, or his Alliance, or any one else dictate to us for one moment what we shall say, or not say. We mean to say what we think, and there's the end on 't.

## ALLIANCE CORRESPONDENCE.

ASBURY, N. C., Jan. 10, '91.

MR. EDITOR:—Our Alliance met in regular meeting to day. After discussing the public road system at some length, we passed a resolution authorizing the Secretary of our Alliance to suggest, through THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER, to the members of our present legislature that they formulate a plan by which to work our public roads by taxation.

CARSON JOHNSON, Sec'y.

AUBURN, N. C., Jan. 19, '91.

At a meeting of Auburn Alliance, on the 17th inst., of which I was President, *pro tem*, the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, We consider the office of State Statistician burdensome and worthless; therefore

Resolved, That we solicit the aid of our brotherhood in the abolishment of the same.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER and to Bro. R. J. Powell.

SELLIE M. SMITH.

—We, the members of Brown's Alliance, No. 13, being in regular session this, the 17th day of January, 1891, passed the following resolutions:

Resolved, That Brown's Alliance, in Bertie county, ask our Representative in the Legislature to use his earnest protest against passing the no fence law in White's township.

Resolved, That we ask the Legislature of North Carolina to repeal the homestead law.

Resolved, That these resolutions be sent to THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER and the *Windsor Ledger* for publication.

WM. WILLIAMS, Pres't.  
A. J. WARD, Sec'y.

Resolutions passed by Whaley's Chapel Sub Alliance, No. 335, Onslow county, N. C., January 17th, 1891:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Alliance that the stock or no fence law would be injurious to the farmers and stock raisers in this the upper part of Onslow county.

Resolved, That we ask our Representative in the Legislature not to allow such a law to come in effect without being ratified by the qualified voters of the county.

Resolved, That we send the above resolutions to THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER for publication and ask the co-operation of other Alliances who condemn the above law.

WILLIAM C. JARMAN, Sec'y.

FRANKLINSVILLE Randolph Co., N. C., Jan. 22, 1891.

MR. EDITOR:—As Fair Grove Alliance, No. 1,307, has appointed me to write you a few lines for publication, I will say that our membership enrolls 34 males and 30 females. Every one of our members is up with his dues and we are in good working order. We generally have a good turnout of members at each meeting. We meet twice a month and have made arrangements to get some good reading to distribute among our members to strengthen them in the Alliance faith.

I am also authorized by the above-named Alliance to say that we heartily endorse C. W. Britton's resolution in No. 45 of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER in regard to taxpayers showing their tax receipts that they paid their tax the year before, unless they cannot vote.

Fraternally,  
A. C. INGOLD, Sec'y.

WHEREAS, The *National Economist* and THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER, our National and State official organs, have so boldly and fearlessly advocated our cause and defended our principles; therefore

Resolved, By the Franklin County Alliance, that we heartily approve of the stand that they have taken, and recommend and urge that every mem-

ber of this Alliance subscribe to and read these papers as one of the very best means of education in the way of industrial freedom.

Resolved, That we denounce with indignation the unfair and perverse criticism now being made upon two of our noblest and most trusted leaders—the Hon. C. W. Macune and President L. L. Polk—by the partisan press of this country. We resolve further that we will stand by and defend with our moral, (physical, if needs be) support the great, good and noble leaders in our order, who are in the front ranks battling for our rights.

Resolved, That a copy of the above resolutions be sent to the *National Economist* and PROGRESSIVE FARMER with request to publish.

MM. J. HAYES,  
Sec'y Franklin Co. Alliance.

SASSAFRAS FORK ALLIANCE,  
Jan. 13, 1891.

Resolved, That the Secretary of our order be instructed to request our representatives from this county, in the present Legislature, now in session, to introduce a bill and urge its passage, of the following import, viz: That it be enacted by the General Assembly of North Carolina that all Justices of the Peace be hereafter paid a yearly salary of one hundred dollars for their official services and all Justice's fees be abolished; that one Justice be appointed for every one thousand inhabitants or fractional part thereof to a town or township; that all fines of every character imposed by Justices be paid into the county treasury; that the jurisdiction of Justices be extended; that county treasurers or Sheriffs in such counties as have no treasurer shall pay Justices from the county taxes monthly; that whenever a Justice shall fail to perform his official duty or refuse to give attention to any business presented to him, he shall, upon conviction in the State Superior Court, be fined not less than fifty dollars nor more than three hundred dollars and imprisoned thirty days.

MR. EDITOR:—We were very much pleased with your publication of Gov. Boies' speech at the Reform Club banquet. Some of the papers had published Cleveland's and Carlisle's speeches. Cleveland's speech was disappointing to many of us, as it evidently narrows down the campaign of education to tariff reform. Alliance men everywhere were educating the people in reform of the administration of the finances, land and transportation, and who will deny their great share in the results of the last election? We hope it is not the intention of Democratic leaders to ignore what was and is done by the Farmers' Alliance in the campaign of education. We claim that our principles as well as our demands are thoroughly democratic, whether the Democratic party accepts them or not.

COR. SEC'Y GROVER ALLIANCE,  
No. 1,912.

CROLIA ALLIANCE, Bladen Co., N. C.

MR. EDITOR:—I have been seeing a great many opinions of different parties proposed to make times better and money easier. I have given the matter some study. I see no reason why the United States can't put a banking house in every county and loan to every citizen at 1 or 2 per cent. by taking real estate or any other property that is safe as security and be sure not to advance more than 1-2 or 2-3 of the cash value of the property. The interest of the money would help to run the government and the speculators then would come to Uncle Sam or the banking system, for no combine would have banks. At 1 and 2 per cent. so everybody would borrow from Uncle Sam and he would have all his children upon an equal footing is our motto, and on-

ward and onward. I think this would be a better plan than the Sub Treasury bill. It would be less trouble and give to every farmer and business man a chance to develop his resources and put his sleeping property in active use, give new life to the whole country, while every town and surrounding country would bloom and flourish like the spring rose.

Yours respectfully,  
JAMES CASHWELL.

DURHAM, N. C., Jan. 12, '91.

WHEREAS, Sister A. S. Hill, a member of this Alliance, has sustained a great blow by the death of her husband (Bro. A. S. Hill) our Sub-Business Agent, leaving her with three children, the oldest only four years of age, and nothing for sustenance. The sister wants to farm another year, and every farmer knows that now is the time to start a crop and not wait till spring. You remember that the Bible says, those who give to the poor, lend to the Lord. So, kind brethren, let us help our sister all we can, and our reward will await us. All contributions and letters of inquiry should be addressed to Bro. A. L. Holloway, Secretary of Alliance No. 1,075, Durham, N. C.

Resolved, That this Alliance give sister Hill \$5 out of our treasury.

Resolved, That we ask each Sub-Alliance to act on this at its earliest convenience and send its contribution at once to Bro. Holloway, so the widow can start her crop in time. Please give some.

D. C. E., President.

MARSHALL, N. C., Jan. 11, '91.

MR. EDITOR:—At a regular meeting of the Madison County Farmers' Alliance, held January 9th, 1891, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted and ordered to be sent to THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER and *Country Homes* with request to publish:

Resolved, By the Madison County Alliance, in session January 9th, 1891, that we denounce the Republican party for its open opposition to the principles of our order, because we believe them to include much that pertains to our welfare as farmers, and that we denounce the Democratic party for its attempt to capture the Alliance, thereby allying it to a political organization, from which we seek to keep it free.

Resolved, That we urgently request our members in the Legislature of North Carolina to earnestly contend for the various demands formulated by the State Alliance prior to the late campaign.

By being thus true we shall greatly alleviate our financial condition and confirm our fidelity to the principles of our order.

W. P. JERVIS, Pres't.  
R. N. BRANSON, Sec'y.

NATHAN'S CREEK, N. C.

MR. EDITOR:—I thought it might not be amiss to write you a few lines from old Ashe. We of the Alliance are progressing finely. The election, instead of being detrimental to us, was a means of strengthening our order. Truly we lost some members; and, by the way, our losses were gains, but have gained more good, honest men than we lost. Our cause is on the boom now. We have a fine lodge now, numbering about 50 males and 20 females. We are all doing the best we can for the order.

Our county meeting was the second Friday in this month. We had a fine turnout, and the business was transacted in neat style. We elected a County Lecturer, to-wit, Bro. Ambers Weaver. We do not intend to rest contented until we have made all eligible persons in our reach members of our order. We hope to start an Alliance store at Jefferson soon. One of the obstacles with which we had to contend in the outstart was the

lack of confidence in the order. Great many prophesied, prior to the election, that there would be an Alliance funeral in our community after the election, but God grant we are more vigorous, I think, that the Alliance funeral will not take place until after the death of the devil, so when you hear of his death, some years afterwards you may perhaps hear of the death of the Alliance; the reason is that the Alliance will have a battle to fight as long as the devil lives. He with his cohorts being around seeking whom they may win over to the side of prejudice. Brethren, now let us all who are members, push the work of the order unceasingly for five years, then if we see no improvement I am willing to push five years longer.

If the Alliance fails, may God of Heaven tell us what will help us. With much success to THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER, I am yours as ever,  
JOHN D. McMILLAN.

MR. EDITOR:—Your permission given in the issue of the 6th inst. for the expression of opinions concerning Senator Stanford's Land Loan bill is the cause of this communication.

The scheme is in accord with the demands of the Alliance as expressed at Ocala, but the bill has objectionable features:

1. Engrafting centralization upon a measure for the relief of the people is a feature of questionable expediency, when appointments to the civil service are under the control of the party in power.

2. The minimum limit for loans ought to be lower than \$250 to benefit the small landholder.

3. The bill should also contain a maximum limit for loans.

The *National Economist* in its issue of December 27th, contains an article headed, "For an Enlarged Issue," by J. H. Greff, the reprint of which in your paper might be of interest to many of your readers. Said article proposes to utilize the State and county treasuries as the means of distribution for the Land Loan fund and use the interest for the maintenance of the common schools. The benefits of such a measure are obvious, if the plan is practicable. Linking a practicable land loan and educational bill together and enacting it as a law would be a boom to the people. Here is work for a Solon.

J. PAGENSTECHEK.

At a meeting of the Tyrrell County Farmers' Alliance, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The partisan papers and individual men of this State and others have unjustly assailed our esteemed National President, Col. L. L. Polk, both his public and private character, and continue to do the same.

Resolved, That the Sub Alliances fail to recognize said partisan papers, and show an indifference worthy of our noble order, and henceforth pledge ourselves to subscribe to our State organ and read it, well knowing that through Alliance literature the success of our order depends.

Resolved, We agree and commend the stand our State organ—THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER—took in regard to our Senator, Hon. Z. B. Vance, in regard to the Sub Treasury bill.

And we further request that our Representative vote for the Railroad Commission bill and restore the convicts back for labor on the Alligator and Broad Creek Canal in Hyde county.

That our Representative do all in his power to pass a law at this session of the General Assembly making six per cent. per annum lawful interest and that no greater amount shall be charged, either directly or indirectly, with sufficient forfeiture and penalties attached.

We ask, beg and implore all the Alliance brothers and sisters to take more interest in their respective Sub-Alliances, pay their dues promptly; let there be more unity and sincere brotherhood, educate ourselves better in the future, subscribe to good Alliance literature; the more a brother reads the more he knows and the better Allianceman he becomes.

That a copy of these resolutions be sent to THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER, the *Falcon*, of Elizabeth City, and a copy sent to each of our Senators and Representatives in the General Assembly of North Carolina.

Respectfully submitted,  
C. E. TATOM,  
ALLEN CARSON,  
J. W. SWAIN,