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LET every Allianceman read the insolent and haughty talk of Congressman Oates in another column and reflect. Are the people dogs and slaves that they should thus be threatened? We will see.

COL. POLK returned to this city Friday morning from Mississippi and went down to Goldsboro on the same day to attend the Alliance mass meeting on Saturday. We will give an account of his campaign in our next issue.

It gives us pleasure to call attention to an advertisement of such a school as Littleton High School. When under the management of such a thorough educator and Christian gentleman as Prof. L. W. Bagly. We know him well. You can trust your boy in no better hands. See ad. in another column.

From the Clarion-Ledger and other papers published in Mississippi, as well as from letters from that State, it is evident that the campaign of Polk, Livingston, McDonald and Willets, in the interest of our cause in that State, has been a grand and glorious success. They were received everywhere with the liveliest enthusiasm and their solid, logical reasoning has greatly inspired the good brethren of that State. Let our people hold local mass-meetings all over the State and get together and talk together and learn the truth.

THE DURHAM FERTILIZER CO.

As much has been said recently, both by the press of the State and others, touching and damaging to the good name and reputation of the Durham Fertilizer Company, about some seizures of untaged Alliance Fertilizers at Mebane, and as Alliancemen are, or ought to be, of all men most deeply interested in this, because the charges are that the Alliance is being defrauded, we have yielded space this week to the Company to make their own statement, which will be found in full on the 6th page.

With regard to a statement which appeared in the State Chronicle of 23th inst., charging that another seizure had been made at Oxford, Mr. Morgan, President of the Durham Fertilizer Company, explains to us as follows: "About May 25th was loading car for Oxford, found we hadn't taged enough for the carload, so we finished out the load with untaged bags, keeping account of the same, and mailed tags to consignee who was the Alliance agent at Oxford, who stored the guano on its arrival to await tags. We have done this thing before, and other companies have also; companies outside the State have shipped guano and notified the Agricultural Department and the Department has mailed tags to point of destination to depot agents to attach. This is no new departure. When we received tags we mailed to Mebane and to Oxford, as both shipments were made about the same time. The tags mailed to Oxford did not reach the party to whom addressed and as soon as we learned this we mailed another lot. He did not get this second lot, and notified us. We then sent a man to Oxford with tags and with instructions to put these tags on the goods. The goods being stored and in the possession of the Alliance agent who proposed to take the

tags and see that the guano was properly taged before he delivered it or allowed it to go out, the tags were left with him, and at the time of this reported seizure in Oxford there was a tag, or had been, in the hands of the Alliance agent in Oxford for every bag which had been shipped to that point; and if a single sack of Alliance Fertilizer manufactured by the Durham Fertilizer Co., or any other brand, as to that, has gone into the hands of a consumer without a tag, since the tag law went into operation, it has been without the knowledge, consent or connivance of the Company, or any of its officers or managers." And Mr. Morgan further states: "We have hid nothing nor have we tried to hide or conceal anything from the Agricultural Department. We have shown the Commissioner all the invoices of ingredients, giving actual cost to us, and each invoice was accompanied by the analysis of the material. We have shown him the formula by which the goods were manufactured, and the sworn statement of the foreman who superintended the mixing, and we have cheerfully afforded him every opportunity for a full and thorough investigation of the whole matter."

We think this proposition is fair, and since the damaging rumors have gone forth, that they should be substantiated or proved false by a fair and impartial investigation into the whole matter. We say to Mr. Morgan and to his Company that we will not set idly by and submit to imposition upon our farmers when we know it. We will not sustain them or any other man or corporation in any fraudulent transaction. As they claim, and we, with the lights before us, think, that they are being adversely criticized and condemned and injured in their business. It is due them, and it is due to the thousands of farmers of this State that a fair and impartial investigation be made and that at once, the people should be given the truth, let it hurt whom it may. We will not, we cannot sustain fraud, and we shall, until we have more evidence to the contrary, believe the Durham Fertilizer Company not guilty of any wilful fraud or deception in this whole matter. We believe also that they have not gone out of a line which others have followed, and that too, with the knowledge of the Agricultural Department.

HERE'S OUR RIGHT HAND.

Bro. J. F. Willits, of Kansas, was elected our National Lecturer at Ocala last December. In pursuance of his duties in this capacity, he has gone through the State of Mississippi on a lecturing tour. How well he has performed his duty and how warmly he was appreciated, the following resolutions will tell:

Resolved, That we, the members of the F. A. and I. U. of Holmes county, assembled at Durant, Miss., on June 19th, 1891, congratulate the N. C. A. and I. U. upon the selection of Bro. J. F. Willits, of Kansas, as the National Lecturer of our order. We sympathize with our brothers of Kansas in their effort to relieve themselves from the oppression of the money power, and we extend to them the right hand of fellowship and bid them God speed in the noble work they are doing. We extend to Bro. Willits our heartfelt thanks for visiting and addressing us; and we welcome him to our hearts, our homes and our freeways. Unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Such expressions of sympathy and fraternity, and coming, as they do, in large measure, from brave men who once engaged in deadly sectional strife, do more to restore unity and confidence and contribute more to the real well-being of the people and country than all the political platforms adopted by all the so-called national parties for the past half century. When President Polk, at the invitation of our Kansas brethren, visited that State last year, he was most violently and unjustly assailed and abused by the partisan Republican press of that State. Likewise Bro. Willits was assailed by the partisan Democratic papers, but the people—the honest, patriotic, broad-minded people of Mississippi and Kansas—gave no heed to these fanatical and narrow minded partisans and manfully extended the right hand of welcome and love to these representatives of a restored Union. The Memphis papers heralded the coming of this good brother as an emissary from the Republican camp—an old abolitionist—and endeavored to inflame the dying embers of sectional hate, but we tell them and all of like ilk, that the masses are going to put their seal of utter condemnation on such wicked folly, North and South.

FIRST COTTON BLOOM.

THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER received on the 23d inst. from Mr. Geo. L. Smith, of Lilesville, Anson county, a cotton bloom which he says was taken from the field of Charlie McBride, one mile from Lilesville.

Those who have seen the Groupe Picture of our Leaders are enthusiastic over it. Subscribe now and get one by return mail, free.

ROLL OF HONOR.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of clubs of subscribers during the past week from the following brethren: W. F. Marshall, Jonas Passover, J. E. Lyon, J. C. C. Humphries, W. L. Marshall, T. J. Adkins, Bullock's Alliance No. 1,648, H. A. Livingston, Thos. J. Jarman, J. M. Querry, W. L. Milliken, E. F. Wakefield, A. M. Veasey, C. F. Crews, A. P. Whitaker, J. H. Lawrence, J. B. McCallum and J. L. Beddingfield.

We most heartily thank you, brethren; do so again soon and often. Our special thanks, however, are due for the largest list of the week to Bro. W. P. DuBard, of Sallis, Miss., who sent in a club of twenty-two. He is doing right; he desires that his friends shall see what is going on outside of his own State, and we commend him for that spirit. Let us hear from you again, brother.

TOBACCO CUTTERS.

MR. EDITOR:—See the rapid work of trusts. The following is a statement made by Mr. H. D. Egerton, a prominent farmer of Franklin county. He says two years ago he placed a lot of cutters on the Oxford market that sold for 45 cents. In about two weeks thereafter he had to take 35 cents for the same cutters in the same market. He complained to Messrs. Davis & Gregory, warehousemen with whom he sold. They explained to him that there had been a trust formed on cutters since he sold the 45-cent lot, and that they were helpless to remedy the decline; that when he sold the 45-cent lot there were five cutter buyers on the market, and now only one, and he buying for the trust and had a monopoly of the cutter trade, and if anyone else were to buy cutters at an advance over this buyer's price, they would be forced to lose the difference. Mr. Egerton says this is coming home to Katie and the baby.

I see in the clipping below from the State Chronicle of June 2d that the American Tobacco Company bought May 30th 300,000 pounds of cutters at less than 20 cents. Now who will bet that in less than two years bright cutters will be less in price than yellow cotton is now.

Just note the tumble from 45 cents to less than 20 cents in less than two years! Has labor advanced? Has cigarettes advanced? Does it cost more to manufacture the tobacco now? If not, where does the tremendous profit go? P. M.

DANVILLE, Va., May 30.—The American Tobacco Company has gotten in its work here and bought about 300,000 pounds of cutters. The company's representatives were B. N. Duke, of Durham; John E. Pope, of Allen & Ginter, of Richmond; William A. Marburg, of Baltimore; F. G. Schaum, buyer for Marburg at Winston, and The Walker, buyer for Duke at Durham.

It is said that Messrs. N. T. Robinson, P. C. Venable & Co., George S. Hughes & Co., P. W. Ferrell & Co., Willard Holland and D. A. Overby "unloaded."

The price paid being within a fraction of twenty dollars per hundred, the same reaching between fifty and sixty thousand dollars. The sellers may have sustained some loss, but they believe themselves fortunate to get from under the load as well as they did.

The American company is now negotiating with Craddock and Paxton, but at last accounts no deal had been made. Dibrell Brothers would not sell at the price offered.

We want 50,000 subscribers. Help us to get them, brother. We are going to stand by and fight for you until the last organized foe retires.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT.

The Milwaukee Sentinel reports Col. Polk as saying in his speech at La Crosse, "That every step gained by the Alliance in the South was in the face of shotguns in the hands of Democratic leaders."

We do not know why Col. Polk should talk in that way. It is so far untrue that we do not recall any hostile language, much less actions, on the part of the Democratic leaders at the South towards the Alliance. Col. Polk was apparently pandering to the prejudices of the bitter and sectional men at the Northwest against the Southern Democrats, and he chimed in with the base slander that the Democrats at the South were in the habit of using shotguns upon their political opponents.

By such utterances he bore his testimony to the effect that the Southern Democrats were in the habit of assassinating their Republican neighbors, and thus repressing the Republican vote. We submit to the people of North Carolina whether they propose to have this slander supported by such testimony.

Are the Democrats of North Carolina a race of murderers for political purposes? Are we the counterpart of the Italian Mafia? Do we go into political campaigns with shotguns ready to murder our opponents? Has there ever been anything in North Carolina but the utmost cordiality and good will between the Democrats and the Alliance? Save only this—that many Democrats in and outside of the Alliance do not agree to all that the Alliance leaders teach.

The above unjust and unwarranted attack we clip from the editorial col-

umns of the News and Observer of a recent date, for the purpose of saying a few things.

The readers of the News and Observer have become accustomed to that method of attack on President Polk. Time and again that paper has published slanderous and untruthful charges against President Polk, made by those who are the bitter enemies of the Alliance, and assuming that they were true (as in this case), has proceeded to hold President Polk up to the scorn and execration of our people. So common had become this ugly conduct of that paper, that THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER had resolved not to notice them hereafter. But when the change in the editorial management of that paper was about to be effected, President Polk was voluntarily assured that he should "be treated fairly hereafter in its columns."

Is this a specimen of the "fairness" which he is to receive? President Polk was surprised at this unfair, unjust and unmanly attack upon him, in view of the voluntary assurance above mentioned, and he authorizes us to say that the quotation from the Milwaukee Sentinel is absolutely false. It has been clearly and repeatedly demonstrated that the partisan press will not deal fairly, honestly or truthfully with the Alliance or its officers. And no one paper in our State has demonstrated this fact more clearly or oftener than this same News and Observer. That paper says: "We submit to the people of North Carolina whether they propose to have this slander supported by such testimony?" And THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER submits to the people of North Carolina whether they propose to have this slander against one of their most esteemed and honored citizens supported by such testimony as is furnished by these two rampant partisan papers—the News and Observer and Milwaukee Sentinel?

Readers of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER, friends of fair and honest dealing, Alliancemen of North Carolina, read the above extract carefully. Remember that it is from the columns of a paper that professes to be a friend of the State—yes, a friend of the Alliance, and that it is based on a deliberate falsehood, published in a strong partisan paper, and blush for modern partisan journalism.

FREE to every one-year subscriber sent us after to-day, the Groupe Picture of our Leaders. Subscribe at once and get it.

COL. POLK AT HOME.

Col. Polk came up Saturday night from the Goldsboro Grand Rally, and is spending this week in Raleigh with his family. Though the Colonel is the busiest man you ever saw, and can't shake it off when he comes home even, he is going to give an account of his recent rounds in next week's PROGRESSIVE FARMER. We hope every reader of this issue will be certain to read what the Colonel says in the next week's paper. If you are not a subscriber, be sure to send in your dollar right now, in order to be in time, and get your neighbor to do likewise. It will do you good, "as it doth the upright in heart."

COMING OVER.

Senator George, of Mississippi, has been engaged in a most vigorous warfare on the Alliance. He employed the whole force of the enemy in his State against it. But he was unable to stand against the tide and has just published a long letter, endorsing the Alliance platform except the Sub-Treasury bill and the land loan plan. He sees that his people are in earnest and has backed down from his high position. "While the lamp holds out to burn," etc.

The Durham Fertilizer Company has lately been brought unpleasantly before the public, and has been placed in a very unenviable attitude. For ourselves, while printing the news, we have not thrown any stones at this Company, not because it was a home concern, but because, from the high standing of the gentlemen connected with it, we have not deemed it at all likely that any improper conduct was intended. The business men interested in that company would not tolerate on the part of any of its agents any improper conduct. Mistakes, however, are made by all men, and allowing any bags to leave their possession without the necessary tax-paid tag was a mistake which we do not doubt the officers of the company most sincerely regret. We will venture to say that whoever was responsible for such an error in judgment will not commit the same fault hereafter.

With regard to the analysis, we think the intelligent farmers of the State will agree that while bone dust may not show so much soluble phosphoric acid, it is a most valuable ingredient, because its effects do not pass away in one season. And while we are not very familiar with these things, we believe the stuff this company sells, no matter how it may analyze, is a solid, pure, unadulterated manufacture, and worth the money.—News and Observer.

IN AND AROUND RALEIGH.

Grand Sire C. M. Busbee's condition is very little, if any, improved.

Ex-Mayor Alf. A. Thompson is off on a trip to Liverpool. We wish him bon voyage.

The Trustees of the A. & M. College have called for bids on the erection of new dormitories at the College.

The work on the Yarborough House extension, likewise that on the street car line is being pushed forward.

The Albemarle Presbytery met in this city last week to take steps looking to the re-organization of the Blount Street church.

Mr. Peter M. Wilson has been elected by the Board of Agriculture, Executive Commissioner of the World's Fair for North Carolina.

Chief Justice Reed, of the Court of Private Law Claims, notifies Judge T. C. Fuller that the court will be organized July 1st at Denon.

Mr. William Simpson has been appointed to succeed the late Mr. D. S. Wait as Grand Treasurer of the State Grand Lodge of Masons.

The Evening Visitor thinks there ought to be a statue of Sir Walter Raleigh placed in Nash square, and says its proposition meets with much approval.

Books containing the names of the direct tax payers are being sent out. Payments will soon commence. Each claimant must prove his identity. If you can, you had better find your receipt.

Died suddenly, of heart failure, on Monday morning, 22d, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Heck, Mrs. Anna Callendine, wife of the late Martin B. Callendine, in the 79th year of her age.

Mrs. Bettie Huddleson, wife of Mr. Lewis Huddleson, died on the afternoon of Saturday the 20th, age 39. Her remains were taken to the old family burying ground the next day, for burial.

Hon. T. W. Mason, member of the Railroad Commission, is to deliver the Fourth of July oration, and Capt. C. B. Denison to read the Declaration of Independence. Grand fireworks display at night.

Yes, we are going to have street cars in Raleigh, and they will be run by electricity. The contract was awarded to Messrs. Hunnicutt & Hamlin for the erection of the power house, which is to cost \$10,000, and contain two 250 horse power engines.

Senator Williams, the champion of low interest, while in attendance upon the meeting of the Board of Agriculture, paid this office a pleasant visit. He reports the outlook for cotton in Pitt, unfavorable, corn is backward but tobacco fine.

Posters have been sent everywhere announcing as one of Raleigh's Fourth of July attractions the "great horse show," open to the whole State. This is intended as a trial of speed of North Carolina horses. Each entry pays 10 per cent of the total amount of premiums, which total is \$500, and entries must be made before 5 o'clock July 3d. Excursion rates on all the railroads, a large crowd and exciting races are looked for by the managers.

The first meeting of the Trustees of the A. & M. College for the colored people met in this city on the 23d and organized by electing W. H. Pace, President, and J. S. Lane, Secretary. Members present, J. M. Early, J. W. A. Payne, S. McD. Tate, W. H. Pace, Chas. H. Moore, col., and J. S. Leary, col. They appointed an executive committee of five—Pace, Moore, Tate, McKoy and Leary—to receive bids and proposals from towns for the permanent location of the school. Next meeting will be held August 26th, at which bids will be opened and considered.

OATES RAISES THE BLACK FLAG AGAINST THE ALLIANCE.

WASHINGTON, June 23.—Representative Oates, of Alabama, who is an old-fashioned Democrat of the most uncompromising sort, takes a very serious view of the Alliance movement in the South. Speaking to-day, he said that he thought that the Southern Democrats were too timid and trustful in dealing with the Alliance and that they did not fully appreciate the seriousness of the situation. "Too many of our folks," he said, "are trying to make friends with the Alliance, in hopes of holding their own hereafter. They but deceive themselves. The Alliance folks are not fooled, but our people are compromised. The fact is just this: We have got to fight the Alliance right out with all our might or it will get the best of us in the South."

"No man can believe in the Sub-Treasury and land loan schemes and claim to be a Democrat. The lines must be drawn sharply and at once. The Alliance is now in the minority, but it is organized well and our people are weakening themselves by cutting shy of the fight. What we must do is to organize against the Alliance and beat it out of existence. If we do not it will beat us, though we are in the majority. "In every Democratic convention—for it is in these conventions that the

Alliance seeks to get control—a resolution should be offered condemning the Sub-Treasury scheme as unconstitutional and undemocratic. If this resolution is voted down the convention is an Alliance and not a Democratic convention and the Democrats should retire and hold a convention elsewhere. This plan of separating the Democrats from the Farmers' Alliance should be followed in every State in the South."

We publish the above for the information of those of our membership who have been so often told that the "leaders" of the democracy are our friends. We publish it that they may see the tendency. The programme of this great (?) leader is "to fight the Alliance right out with all our might." He is advocating the "Third party" by flying out of a convention where they are out-voted by the Alliance and organize independent action. Well we have become accustomed to that sort of thing. We remember the third party movement by these disgruntled politicians, in some of the States, last year. In Georgia and South Carolina, where the Alliance outnumbered the politicians, the latter (after a solemn agreement to abide by the rule of the majority) bolted the conventions and the nominations and put out candidates against those who had been regularly nominated. And all the while these same men and their papers were claiming to be opposed to a third party. The only third party that has thus far been brought forward in the South has come from such men as Mr. Oates. He wants the Democrats to take immediate steps to separate themselves from the Alliance. Better be a little slow, Mr. Oates. That separation, if brought about by your plan, might leave what you call the Democratic party in a bad plight.

The Alliance will note the spirit and temper of the arrogant and domineering and intolerant politician. If the Alliance is to be driven and bulldozed in the manner indicated, or if it be attempted, somebody will learn something. "Whom the gods would destroy, they first made mad."

So Mr. Oates favors the establishment of a third party and wants to start it right away. Although he "is an old-fashioned Democrat of the most uncompromising sort," we make some allowance for his tantrums. We remember his ugly record on the Sub-Treasury plan.

We send out this week

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copies of this paper. We send a package to each Sub-Secretary for distribution. We ask the brethren to please place these papers in the hands of good men who do not get it regularly. Why can not every man who receives this paper send in his dollar for a year's subscription. Hot times ahead, brethren, and we are going to stand square on the Alliance platform, and we earnestly ask every one who sees this to become a subscriber himself and then get at least one other to do the same. Encourage us, brethren, by swelling our regular list to 50,000 at once.

HOW OUR BROTHERN FEEL ABOUT IT.

From a business letter received by our Business Manager from a hitherto died-in-the-wool Democrat who has for years toiled in the ranks to keep his county as it has been, the banner Democratic county of North Carolina, we make the following quotation:

"Rest assured I will let no opportunity pass to secure you a subscriber, for our salvation depends upon our reform literature, and if this movement fails to restore to the people their sacred rights, farewell to free America. While I have been as consistent a Democrat as ever threw a ballot, and greatly desired to see the Democratic party step on our platform, my Alliance principles have the ascendancy, and if I am forced to surrender either, good-bye Democratic party. May God deliver you from the crowd that is now directing your destiny!"

HICKORY ALLIANCE, No. 477, Cumberland Co., N. C.

MR. EDITOR:—I am requested to say that Dr. V. N. Seawell, Third District Lecturer, spoke to a large audience considering the enemies we have in this part of the country. It seems to me that he left nothing unsaid for the good of the Order, and we hope and believe that all we weakened members will be encouraged to press onward, as the fighting is strong here and only a few against many, though we expect to get there Eli just the same. We enjoyed the secret meeting very much. Thanks to the committee that sent Bro. Seawell to see us. Come again, brother, we will be very glad to see you. Should this find its way to our valuable State Organ let me say to the brethren, though few in numbers, we are here to stay, and we hope that others after hearing the lecture will be encouraged to join hands with us in this great and noble fight for justice to ourselves and our children.

Fraternally, F. P. Sessoms, Sec'y.