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into a solid alliance and demand of our enacted for our relief.

We have strong opposition to contend with. The moneyed power is arrayed against us. The laboring classes are beginning to assert their rights, and are making their demands. If we are to succeed, we must march in solid phalanx against the contending and equality insured for all. foe, and victory will surely perch upon our banners.

The great Alliance movement has already achieved a success that has far surpassed the expectations of its opposers. I have heard it said that farmers never can accomplish much by forming themselves into an Alliance. Their opposers say that dissensions will arise among them that will very much cripple their efforts. They say that we will all be too greedy after office, and as all cannot be officers, the Alliance will burst up in confusion. Well, I believe we are not so anxious after Assistant Lecturer-R. B. Hunter, office as many have supposed us to be. Some of us may become a little luke warm, or indifferent at times, but not enough so to disband our fast-increas-

we petition to Congress to enact cer-

rassment. Increase the volume of cur- the America people are bound to rerency and we will be sure to receive a spect. This grand Alliance movement better reward for our labor and skill. [is on trial, and is being watched with The free coinage of silver and the Sub- intense interest. Let us be care-Treasury plan are some of the means, ful how we move; we may expect we are told, that will help us on to to make some mistakes, but when we Vice President-B. H. Clover, Cam- prosperity. How are we to obtain discover that we have made an error, those means? By forming ourselves let us not become discouraged, but profit by our failure. Let us use the Congressmen that these laws shall be fitmost precaution, and press only those measures where there is the fullest

unanimity.

I'll tell you, my brethren, the Farmers' Alliance is fast becoming a leading power in the land. May we never rest satisfied until all unjust laws are repealed, special privileges abolished,

The farmers' movement is thoroughly educational. In its relation to citizenship it strives to develop an educated farm yeomanry who will cast conscientious ballots not merely for the party land.

against bourbonism, bossism, corruption at the polls, and class legislation, whether McKinley isms or any other is accorded to the factory.

This great upheaval among the laboring organization. In fact we are be- the total overthrow of the moneyed now shaking the Union, is to put up dence. ginning to revolutionize the country. power, the destruction of monopolies the gap in our liberties which has been He took up the third party, and But you can't see straight. There is What does this Alliance movement and a general remodeling of the indus- let down.

SOME GOOD SPEAKING.

CEDAR GROVE, N. C., July 6, '91. MR. EDITOR:-The Fourth of July ing prevailed. was celebrated as a grand rally day by the proceedings.

come address, introduced the first old "bud of the free" must be sick.

and charity among the Allancemen gether for the right, paying no attenand clearly depicted the happiness of tion to those, either on the outside or the Eden they might have if this feel- inside, who were straining themselves to the utmost tension to bring dissen-

After partaking of a dinner which | sion and discord into our ranks, who the Hurdle's Mills Alliance, with the proved to the visitors that the good were giving the signal to the enemy to aid of the various Alliances of Person ladies know how to cook and that the rush upon us while they saluted with and the adjoining counties. Early in men know how to provide, Mr. J. B. a hiss. So far so good, but where do the day the crowd assembling found a Smith. District Lecturer, was intro- we stand to day? Where do you stand, large arbor prepared, and by the direc- duced. Mr. Smith is not an orator, but brother? Now is the time to take your tion of the Messrs. Cates, Coleman and is a common sense, practical man and position. We are on the eve of a revoothers, everything was well suited for calls a spade a spade. He spoke of the lution. Yes, we are in the very midst pleasantly entertaining the visitors. cheers that all over the Union were of a mighty upheaval, the like of We were asked to furnish THE FRO being given on this Fourth of July for which the nation has never seen. Take GRESSIVE FARMER an outline sketch of the liberty of Americans, but felt little your position, brother, take your posiinclined to participate when he saw tion, if it pulls the hide off to do it.

At 11:35 the speakers took the stand. his brethren bound by galling fetters of Dr. J. I. Coleman, after a brief wel slavery. He seemed to think that the

speaker, Senator R. G. Russell, of Dur- He claimed the right of ascendency ham county. Mr. Russell was a little for intelligence and justice over intelunwell, but in the earnestness of his ligence and money. Said the farmers party? Are you? Well, sir, if that is delivery seemed to forget his indisposi- | pay 80 per cent. of the taxes while all | the case, I have found out where you brand, but for the home and native tion. After commenting on the ap- the others pay 20 per cent,-then the stand; but let it be distinctly underpropropriateness of this celebration, others get the 80 per cent. and the stood that if you are going to fight In its political aspect it is a protest he proceeded: The forms of oppression farmers get less than 20. He denied with the enemy, you must take your were expelled when the great Fourth the charge that the farmers call for name off our roll. Get out, get out! first became dear to the American paternalism; said he had letters from We don't need you, if you are not wilheart, but the seeds of opression were prominent men who asked, as the only ling to "go the whole hog." You say class ism, It is a movement in favor | retained and now remain with us. We | relief they saw, that the farmers press | that you are an Allianceman from one of the same protection to the farm as look in vain for the blessings predicted their demands. The farmers will agree end to the other. You say that joining and expected by our forefathers. With | to the laws of supply and demand, but | the Alliance has not caused you to give these apparent failures in their great won't suffer Wall street to decide the your old party the "go by"-must ing classes means something. The de- purposes still, this is the best gorvern- prices of produce before it is planted. stick to that old party. Well, my mands that we now make are but the ment in the world. If this new move All these things make our grievances dear sir, there is something wrong first steps of a new departure. The ment is carried out we will all once heavier than those of the colonists with you. O, but there is! Your blows in a fight which is to end only in again feel it such. This movement, prior to the Declaration of Indepen- digestion is good, to be suge. If it was

claimed that it was just for it to exist no consistency in your cause. I don't

What do I mean? I mean, sir, that we cannot serve God and mammon at the same time. We must take one side or the other. There is no neutral ground. Going to stay in the old not, you could not mix up things so. Let us take a candid view of the situation: Take the free coinage of silver: Where do the leaders of the Republican party stand on this great They say that it is not their child, and in it. Where do the leaders of the Hon, T. H. Street, President P. C. | Democratic party stand? Right spang won't claim the poor little child, either, and so there it is. Where do these robber of the people-the poor, forsaken people of Wall street. So these two heary-headed landmarks of the American Union went to work in dead earnest, and burried it in a committee room. But that Sub-Treasury bill didn't stay buried worth a cent-not from the people. It is more alive today than ever. So far it has harmed no one, unless, perhaps, some luckless Senator is haunted by its ghostly visage in the still hours of night as he takes a retrospective view. Well they may be scared, for there is going to be a cleaning-out spell one of these days. Not a single demand of importance has been submitted to our law-makers, which these two parties have not opposed with their combined strength. So, then, there is but one logical conselves. We must cut loose from those old associates, and act with the body that will incorporate our principles. I say, logically, we take no other position. If we stand there, we stand as an exponent of the great principles of the Farmers' Alliance, founded upon justice and right. If we are not there,

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ERO, FELTON'S ADDRESS.

Delivered Before Rocky Hock Alliance. tion, and not treat us with indifference.

MR. PRESIDENT AND BRETRREN:-The nor fling back in our faces "unconstiwants of the farmers are so many, I [tutional." We hope the day is not far scarcely know what subject to discuss. distant when it will not be unconstitu-One of the greatest needs is a spirit of *tional* for the government to aid the unity that will enable them to pull to farmers. grand results while one part are pull- say that this government must be ad- estry Division. ing one way and the other part pulling ministered in the interest of the many. by which that depression might be re- and elect suitable men to represent us lieved and the farmer given a chance in the legislative halls of our country, equal with men engaged in other pro- if we are to disregard politics entirely: fessions.

so, from where is it to come? Has he we have done in the past? If we do, treeless country, discussing the rationhis own behalf? I believe there is a this sin-cursed government? of the brotherhood.

country who are engaged in any kind furnish more than thirteen men to of work, are engaged in agricultural represent us among its law-makers? I pursuits, and that many others are in- mean no disrespect to the lawyers, but directly interested in the occupation, I mean that we ought to have a better the question of forestry plainly, we must believe that they are in poses- representation among our own class of divested of the scientific terms which sion of the power, or means by which people. they can secure aid that will relieve The farmers are beginning to study them from their financial embarrass- as they never studied before. Let me ment to a great extent, if they will use admonish you, my brethren, to study that power judiciously. the great economic questions of the

We as a farming class are making day carefully, so that when you march no money. It is not because we do to the ballot-box you will know how to to timber, and to the settler on the dom of the decision-the refusal to not work; the American farmers are vote intelligently. Take our ourn papers an industrious set of people. Our lands | and study the great reform movements tice would answer yea. the cost of production, and of living, is | interest simply, but we should seek the the products which we sell? We do not live extravagantly either; turn become the oppressor. May the ness farmer is left behind. In point of meet."

meant has already been asked by the trial system on the basis of equality State Business Agent-W. H. Worth, press of the country. Our answer is: and fraternity.

> We have organized for self-protection, Stand together, brethren, be a unit; and don't you forget it. Our demands the day is not far distant when we will have been unheeded long enough. We be able to sing-

> need to send men to the legislative "On the mountain of vision, what a glory I behold. halls who are in sympathy with us, While scarce ten years of our service is tinging with gold,

I the glorious time is coming, which the prophets long forcedd, The Alliance is marching on,"

From the cabin on the prairie, from the humble cuttage home, om the costly villa and the vaulted city dome. can hear the glad rejoicing cry, like a happy

The Alliance is marching on."

tain laws for our good, they will take Ah! the vision it is changing, I can now espy the matter under favorable considera-A mighty host of farmers shouting justily And I'm garnering up the glory as I hear them Harran? Hurrah? the Alliance is marching on."

WHAT IS FORESTRY?

gether, Very little will ever be accom- It seems that in the past our govern- estry Division a 50-page bulletin (No, have part of the responsibility and plished for the real good or lasting ment has been run in the interest of 5), entitled "What is Forestry?" a part lies as heavily upon the delicate Alliance, was the next speaker. Mr. alongside of the Republican. They benefit of the farming or laboring the few-in the interest of the moneyed compilation and enlargement of several shoulders of woman as upon the man. Street called for economy and care classes until they begin to stand to- corporations. The people are now be- addresses on this subject delivered by Woman, always "the power behind about home, and begged that the peogether. It will be impossible to achieve ginning to arise in their majesty and Prof. B. E. Fernow, Chief of the For- the throne," had a wielding and sway- ple be careful not to get in the habit of parties claim kin with the Sub-Treas-

in an opposite direction. Union gives We are told to keep out of politics, ters. The first presents briefly the force or power. No one will deny that it will ruin the Alliance. My important part which our forest rethe agricultural interests of the country brethren, if we are to have nothing sources play in the national economy. are in a depressed and suffering con- to do with politics, we might as well The second shows the principles which dition. Something ought to be done disband at once. How shall we choose underly a national system of forest management in a wooded country, givingespecially and in sufficient technical plan a rock of destruction and tell us cussed them. detail the considerations involved in Shall we leave the selection of our law- the practice of "thinning." The third but we offer to accept anything that is Dr. Merritt has a somewhat striking Is there any relief for the farmer; if makers to the old political parties as part treats of forest planting in the

the power to accomplish anything in can we expect any radical change in ale of forest planting in so far as it differs from mere tree-planting, and balm in Gilead for him. That balm | In our past Congress we are told giving in detail rules for the selection must be extracted by the united effort | there were three hundred lawyers and | of various kinds of trees in "mixed"

thirteen farmers. Are there not brains planting. Two letters from tree-plant-When we consider that 48 per cent, and intelligence enough among the ers on the Dakota plains, giving the of the entire male population of this farmers of this broad land of ours to results of actual experience with the methods commonly pursued, form an interesting appendix.

The bulletin is designed to present must necessarily accompany a techni-

cal discussion, and to serve not only for the formation of the owner of timcontains a certain area of woodland re- rechartering the W. & W. R. R., and miring intelligent treatment or who desires to devote a portion of his farm

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enjoyment of liberties undefiled, or it | He claimed that the main purpose of will presently issue through the For- of our abuse of suffrage. All persons free nor the home of the brave."

> rules the world." We propose, in the Farmers' Alli- less lonely and more social, and (3) once, to educate the masses, since education is the necessity of all reforms. Some call the Sub-Treasury that here we will destroy ourselves,

better, and we hear of nothing. disgust A messenger overtook him the third party, if necessary. and told him that the patient had fits. "Ah!" said he, "now I've got him." Then the speaker said: We want to throw this present system into fits. He then took up the national bank subject and showed briefly where and why this was class legislation.

He then took up part of the work of the Senate, reviewing and explaining were greatly benefited. his position on the 6 per cent. interest J. B. GAME. ber lands, of the farmer whose farm | bill and the railroad bill-the one for ------WHERE DO YOU STAND? we must be with the enemy, and, thereby the developments showed the wisfore, against those principles. Is that LEWESVILLE, N. C., June 13, '91. where you stand? If not, you are with MR. EDITOR:-Looking backward western plains, but to the citizen with grant the charter and then the repeal the other crowd, and you ought to let over the past history of the Farmers' us know it, so we will know who to f chapter 45 of the Code. He said that, owing to the change- Alliance, a varied scene is presented trust. ableness of wealth he could not see to our gaze. Different elements found how any man could object to the their way into the Order; different wishes of the farmers. The Vander- ideas were entertained; different opinbilts, Goulds and Carr, who today rule ions were expressed; but, with all with a rod of iron were, not many these minor differences, if we look generations ago, themselves dependen- elosely, we see that all have united in dent. How inhumane! Oh! how can the great plea for liberty. Of course a being with a soul think that his son in the word "all" we do not include fessional men, has a strong influence in now wealthy-how can he look at that those who, by word and deed have bright happy little face and think that proven false to the fundamental printo morrow he may have to toil for his | eiples of the Order. We, in that little bread-how, I ask, can he then bind word "all," would not have you bebusiness. An insurance agent can be setters around the poor farmers! Here lieve that we include those who have he spoke of the bitter oppression of come in like a "wolf in sheep's cloththese upstarts-mushroom millionaires | ing " for the sole purpose of destroying -oppressing those who occupy the the flock. We do not include those positions they once held. who say that, although a member of He went on to declare that there the Alliance, they cannot afford to must be reform and this reform must change their political creed, even if it be secured at the ballot box. would be better for the people. He then plead for brotherly love Yes, in the main, we have stuck to to be hopeful.

The remedies: There is nothing dic- since it had become a necessity. He care a red cent what the name of your tatorial in the demands of the Farmers' | then showed when and where the na- | old party is, I say that if you try to be Alliance. They do not say that they | tional banks had been given the same | a member of that old party and the will have this or that plan or will sub- favors asked by the Alliance, and Farmers' Alliance at the same time, mit to nothing, but simply ask for in- claimed that land, the homes of the you act with less consistency than the vestigation, and free discussion of the farmers, not gold nor silver, gave the man did who sent all his sons to the merits and demerits of the plans. The U.S. bonds their present value. Said Confederate army and then went to grand and almost sacred Declaration that in colonial days both North Caro- making powder for the Yankees. of Independence breathes the same lina and Pennsylwania tried the Sub | Why? Because they are just as much spirit as does the platform of the Treasury plan and found that it suc-opposed to each other as night is to ceeded. Said the whiskey men were day.

Our government is so managed that | not oppressed, but the government it can bring to our people the greatest | gave them class legislation.

brings the heaviest woe and sorrow. the demands of the farmers was to en-This is a popular government and if able them to feed the little children subject, or rather demand? Where? ou. freedom is abused we should not God had so plentifully given them and Why, they don't stand on it at all, nor heap the blame of deresiction alto to educate their boys and girls to be- m forty rods of it, if they can help it. gether upon the officers, but we must come useful. Then closed by saying The U.S. Department of Agriculture take part to ourselves as consequence that "to day this is not the land of the they, therefore, can't take any stock

ing influence. Hers is a duty of charging all their failures to the legis- ury? Kin! Why, they treated it as a It treats the subject in three chap- grandest importance since "the hand lation of the officials. He discussed (1) that rocks the cradle is the hand that How to render the farmer's life more attractive (2) To render farmer's life

To better ourselves financially.

Mr. Street very forcibly took up each of these divisions and ably dis-

Dr. Wm. Merritt was introduced. appearance, and listeners keep expect-The speaker told the story of a young ing the next thing to be the joke. He doctor who tried some of everything thought that when the farmer occupied he had in his medicine chests upon a the position he did in ante-bellum days sick man and failed to make any then, and not till then, will the govchange for the better and left in great ernment be just and fair. He favored

> Dr. J. I. Coleman was called for, and in an earnest impromptu claimed the right of the farmers to band together and work for their improvement. The clusion-we must take care of ourpeople left the grounds late in the day, and all were pleased with the exercises and management. There were about 1,000 people at this meeting and all

yield bountifully when properly culti- that are now agitating this country of vated; and yet we neither grow rich ours. We should not let men of other nor independent. How many million- professions do all of the thinking for aire farmers did you ever hear of? He us. Learn to think and devise for who feeds the world seems to have to yourselves and be manly and indelabor the hardest, and live the poorest. pendent. Let us not forget that the Does that seem right, or just? Should laboring classes have a mighty power he not have as good a chance and as in their ballote, if they will use them decent a living as other people? Jus- intelligently. But we should be right tions of honor and emolument to pro-

first and always in our demands. Let With all the cotton, corn, wheat, us not be selfish; give every man or sugar, potatoes, etc., we produce, we class of men, a fair chance in the race still suffer. Why is it, is it not because of life. We should not seek our own greater than the amount received for best good of the whole country. Though we have been oppressed, let us not in

we are forced to practice the strictest methods of combines and trusts never economy to make "buckle and tongue gain a foot-hold among us. We should endeavor to mete out to all classes

is one of the causes for so much embar- of this country have a power which Advocate.

om forestry and the management

of our forest resources is simply an important economic question. In view of its general character a large edition of this bulletin will be published. Copies are to be had on application to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

4.4.4 A WRONG PRACTICE.

The practice of giving nearly all positurning bright, ambitious young men away from agricultural pursuits. The impression somehow seems to prevail that farming unfit a man for any other selected for a railroad commissioner, because political influences are brought to bear in that direction, but the busigeneral intelligence the average farmer will compare favorably with the members of any other class. Why, then, should their claims for official position The scarcity of money in circulation equal and exact justice. The farmers be so persistently ignored.-Grange

There is an ominous roar in the distance: the clouds are gathering blacker and thicker; the lightning flashes zigzag across the darkening horizon. Listen! Soon the storm will burst, and out of it shall spring a new and prosperous people. LEROY LONG.

DOTS FROM LIBERTY, N. C.

As I have never seen anything in your most excellent paper from our town and people, I write to let you know that we are not dead.

The Alliance members here are still strong in the faith. They have a store here and are doing a splendid business. Again, we have one of the best schools in the State. The school is under the control of Prof. J. M. Weatherly, who is conceded to be one of the ablest and finest teachers in North Carolina. The school numbered 247 students during the last year.

Wheat is good and our people seem