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### A MOUNTAIN TOUR.

Bro. Wright Tells of His Reception in the "Land of the Sky"—The Status of the Order in That Section.

STRAW, N. C.

MR. EDITOR:—I have just returned from a long lecturing tour in the counties of Alleghany, Ashe, Watauga and part of Wilkes. Thinking that a few lines concerning the work in this part of the State would perhaps interest your many readers, I will give you a brief sketch of my labors in the above mentioned territory. I filled an appointment at Trap Hill, Wilkes county, June 9th, and at the close of the public address I organized a good Alliance of some splendid material with Dr. Tyre York as president. I spent the night at the home of that hospitable gentleman, Bro. J. S. Kilby, who by the way, is a whole souled Allianceman. Next day I crossed the Blue Ridge and entered the "Land of the Sky." I spoke at Sparta that night and next day at Whitehead, where I found an enthusiastic brother in the person of the Rev. Mr. Cheek. Next day I visited the Alliance at Turkey Knob, and was well entertained at the home of Bro. Parsons. On the day following I addressed a large and enthusiastic audience at King's Creek, there were according to the best estimate 500 or 600 people present. The day after was Sunday which I spent at Bro. J. D. Steergill, accompanying him and his estimable family to Sunday-school, where they had me to make an address on Sunday-schools. Bro. Steergill is one of the most zealous Alliancemen I had the pleasure of meeting while on my trip; oh! that we had more like him to help on the grand cause. On Monday I spoke at New Hope and there met Bro. Long, the delegate from Alleghany county to the State Alliance at Asheville last year, who took me to his his home where I enjoyed myself with his amiable family for some time. At Laurel Springs I addressed a large and attentive audience in the academy, after the explanation of the secret work I went home with Bro. Douglass, the father of the Speaker of the late House of Representatives, and found in him a loyal Allianceman. The next day I visited the territory of Ashe and addressed a good audience at Chestnut Hill, meeting with several true and tried Alliancemen. At Silos Creek I met Bro. Winfield Jones who took me home with him where I spent a pleasant night. At Windfall I addressed a well beloved and enthusiastic assembly of earnest and devoted people, those who know their rights and knowing dare

maintain them. At Jefferson I spoke to a large audience in the court house, Sunday night I spent with that sterling Allianceman Bro. G. H. Phillips who accompanied me to my next appointment, Mt. Pleasant, where I found some earnest workers for the cause and had the pleasure of meeting Bro. T. J. Houck who had been making a tour of his county, visiting the different Sub-Alliances. The next appointment I filled was at Deep Gap in Watauga county, where loving hands had tastefully arranged beautiful bouquets of flowers on the speakers stand and in the rear of it lovely flowers equalled only by the hands that had arranged them. When we can enlist the ladies in our cause as we are doing all over this land we need not fear the result. I spent the night with Bro. Luther, and it is needless to say I enjoyed the occasion. I was taken next day to Elk Knob by Bro. Moretz. On the next day I held forth in the town of Boone, the county seat of Watauga county. It being court week, a special term, I spoke at recess to a good sized audience. I spent the night with Bro. W. W. Pressnell and old acquaintance, where I was well entertained. Bro. Pressnell has a model family he brings them into the Alliance fold as soon as they get old enough. He accompanied me next day to North Fork where I found some good Alliancemen. Next day I addressed a large and attentive audience at Phillips schoolhouse. I then turned my face homeward stopping with Bro. J. C. Land, one of our most wide awake and enterprising citizens and a true blue Allianceman. So ends my lecturing in the "Land of the Sky." I am glad to be able to state that the Order is looking up over there. Everywhere I went I found earnest men and women advocating the cause. The motto of the Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union of that section is "Onward and Upward." May the good work go on until all shall be brought into the fold and there shall not be one tiller of the soil left to advocate the cause of the putocrat.

C. C. WRIGHT,  
Asst. Lec. 8th Cong. Dist.

### FROM CLEMENT.

MR. EDITOR:—On taking up THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER of July 14th almost the first thing that greeted my eye was "Here we are, L. L. Polk, J. L. Ramsey." I could not refrain from bowing myself and saying good morning Bro. Ramsey, happy to meet you, and I wish now to congratulate the proprietor and the many readers of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER on having secured the services of Brother Ramsey as associate editor of the paper. With such men as Polk and Ramsey in the lead the Alliance of North Carolina is safe, and will ever be found marching in the front rank of the great reform movement, notwithstanding the combined forces of the enemy are being marshaled against the Alliance as never before, our leaders are watching them, and if the rank and file will follow where they lead all will be well. I am trying to secure subscribers to THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER and hope to be able to send you a list soon. With best wishes for the success of the Alliance and its organ, THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER.

Fraternally,  
S. R. PAGE, Sec'y No. 831.

## MENOLA FARMERS' ALLIANCE No. 394, June 1889.

WHEREAS, The demands and principles of our organizations are such as place us above the aims and purposes of time-serving politicians; and whereas, we would show great weakness and stupidity ourselves by promoting to positions of trust and importance the mere partisan politician and not the capable patriot; therefore be it

Resolved, That it is the sense and solid judgment of this Alliance, and we trust the Hertford County Alliance will adopt the same as its solid conviction, viz: That we believe no true Allianceman can consistently vote for any man for office or any Legislature, State or National ticket, who is not thoroughly and publicly committed to the demands of the Ocala Council.

Resolved further, That this matter be referred to the next county meeting with the request that it adopt the same.

Mrs. S. R. Brown, Sec'y.  
Hertford County Alliance, in session June 10th, adopted the foregoing resolutions and ordered they be sent to THE FARMER for publication.

GEO. A. BROWN, Sec'y  
County Alliance.

Mrs. Jefferson Davis has selected Richmond, Va., as permanent resting place for the remains of her husband.

## THE REFORM MOVEMENT

As Seen by a Young Man Just Out of College.

MR. EDITOR:—Men are reading and thinking for themselves. Since coming home from college I have had the great pleasure and advantage of reading your bold and outspoken paper, and, though quite a young man, after having my whole nature aroused and excited by reading the bravely expressed opinions of the farmers of North Carolina, I cannot refrain from asking a small space in THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER in which to pour out myself in advocacy of the grand "farmers' movement." The oppression of the laboring class, caused by these hell-born monopolists and trusts and syndicates, Wall street, money kings and all that hideous gang who hold the reins of government in their hands, is something to cause an ill-taxed and suffering people to cry out for justice and the right. The producing class have not been tamed into submission by an administration of equal rights to all and special privileges to none as they should have been, but baited and aggravated into savageness and stubbornness. They have a right to be as stubborn as a bull. The ox that has been making the mighty dollar jingle in the pockets of the tyrannical few has assumed the speed of electricity and the power of steam and with the horns of justice and right, railroad kings, trusts and all that crowd of tax-eaters had better throw down the blood-red flag and hoist the snow-white banner. These politicians (?) that vulgar herd of men who, far from being qualified to be the directors of the great movements of a great people, are not fit to turn a wheel in the machine, may ask, why all this hue and cry about nothing? They are badly gone into darkness and have strayed far off from justice, if such be their quer.

"The little cavils of party are not heard where freedom and happiness are felt." When liberty and freedom and happiness are enjoyed, when Justice is enthroned to wield her sceptre over city and country, over North and South, over East and West, hill and dale, broken and broken, rich and poor, over this entire God-blessed land of ours, then and not till then will all this jargon of influence and party and oppression be swept into the recesses of deep oblivion. Our political bosses would do well to "get their houses in order." Their house yet stands, it stands as a mockery of its former grandeur; but let me say that it stands in the midst of the ruins that have been made by dishonesty, fraud and non-discharging of the duties of office. We are upon the very brink of some great mutations in political and economical circles. But there is one thing that will stand the mutations of time. Justice existed before the fabric of this old earth was woven together. It has come down centuries yielding indisputable sway; it will outlive time itself. God has given it to us for a lamp unto our feet and with the breath of the Divine ever fanning it into a living flame, it lives in the breast of every true man. When this old world shall be burned to ashes then will this queen, Justice, meet us at the great white throne to stand as our advocate or as our accuser. But I am wandering somewhat. Another question that forces itself upon us is the extravagance of our government. Can we, as American citizens, look on as disinterested spectators and see our money wrung from the hands of those who make it and need it worst? As long as Rome, the proud mistress of the world, respected her women, worshipped her goddess of honesty, sacrificed to the goddess of Justice, paid due attention to economy both political and social, and kept her temples of law sacred, her history was a record of progress and advancement. But as soon as she became extravagant and began to oppress the poor laboring peasants by a too heavy tax to support her greedy, fashionable law-makers, her time-honored institutions crumbled and fell. Such has been the history of nations; such will be the history of America unless men of undaunted courage backed by a people of noble and brave intents put their shoulders to the wheels of the reform cart whose shafts are kept from running into the ground by the eternal principles of justice, truth and right, and push her into the city where success waits to crown them. Can we afford to allow American labor to be the most heavily-taxed in the world? This way of defraying the funeral expenses of one man who has been to the Senate and who owns millions don't tickle the fancy of a poor farmer.

Where is the good that accrues from this extravagant building of public houses? Would our people not reap a greater and more lasting good from school buildings erected by the government and taught by competent teachers? We talk about being the greatest nation under the blue vault of heaven, when our lower and middle classes know nothing comparatively of what the world has done and is doing. This middle class, the bone and sinew, the mud-sills of society, should be educated and taught the elements which constitute a free and independent people. Financial reform and education of the masses should be the slogan of the laboring class. As intelligence increases among the laboring class, the wealth of our land measures higher. The mental power of any laborer is of peculiar importance to his productive capacity. Mental training elevates the moral man. The physical, mental and moral qualities of the laborer are what make him productive. Like the plebeian of Rome triumphed over the patrician, so will the laborer of our country fight the battle and win the victory over the money tyrant.

May the infant reform, born of a noble and brave race, grow and gain strength till, like the angel of death, it shall sweep down on the dens of fraud and with the brush of its wings fan trusts, bribers and such like out of existence! Fed with the richest brain of our day, may he grow to the power of a giant and then with his iron fists knock our oppressors into places from whence their growls can never more be heard, and where their now mighty arms will be folded in humble submission.

URS MULLORUM.

## LETTER FROM BRO. WIMBERLY.

At the request of my friends I consent to let the public know how I feel on public matters. I served four years as a soldier under R. E. Lee, and I have served four years with L. L. Polk in the Alliance. I was in the County Alliance when L. L. Polk was received as a member, and I have been proud of that day's work. It was the grandest days word I ever helped to do. He has done more to bring about peace, love and union and bury the bloody-shirt and wipe out the Mason and Dixon line than all the representatives that have been sent to the White House since the war. "Blessed are the peace makers, for they shall be called the children of God." He is holding the grandest position that can be held by man—the leader of the oppressed of the nation. But our enemies have never stopped to think that we put L. L. Polk there. Out of the great political upheaval which is beginning to agitate the country it is expected will come those measures which are suited to the people's needs and those which will advance the interests of the wealth-producers of the nation. The two old parties have fought so long over worthless measures that now when they see that the people are beginning to think and willing to accept only those which are for their safety, they are doing all in their power to belittle the great questions of the day in order to pull through another election. The people will not be deceived. The experience of the past twenty years tells them that their former leaders are not their friends. They have not realized a single thing which was pictured to them from the stump. These leaders have not only lied to the people, but they have believed and still believe that the people have not enough sense to know when they are deceived.

Fraternally,  
MARK WIMBERLY.

## REMEDY FOR CABBAGE WORMS.

RALEIGH, N. C., July 22, '91.  
The Agricultural Department Entomologist publishes the following remedy for cabbage worms:

"Two quarts of coal tar and put into an open vessel, which is set in the bottom of a barrel, and the barrel is filled with water. In forty-eight hours the water is impregnated with the tar, although the tar is not dissolved in it. The water is then sprinkled abundantly on the cabbages, and the odor penetrates every portion of the head, killing or driving away the worms. As the water evaporates no stain or odor remains on the cabbage. The same quantity of coal tar can be made to impregnate several barrels of water."

This is well worth trying and I hope you will print it for the benefit of North Carolina farmers.

Yours respectfully,  
W. F. MASSEY,  
Horticulturist N. C. Station.

## OUR PROGRESS.

Weekly Record of Manufacturing and Other Enterprises Started—Rip Van Winkle no Longer in the Old North State.

[Manufacturers' Record.]

Salem—W. B. Ellis is reported as to erect a leaf and plug tobacco factory.

Kinston—A. McL. Cameron has rebuilt his saw mill, recently reported as burned.

Winston—The Lucille Tobacco Works is reported as to erect a new tobacco factory.

Plyler—The Plyler Milling Company will probably erect flour mill, as reported recently.

Buckhorn—Stone quarries are reported as being developed on the property of T. H. Booth.

Winston—The Superior Bed Spring Company of New York, is reported as to erect in North a bed spring factory.

Charlotte—The Charlotte Sash, Door & Blind Manufacturing Company has amended its charter, increasing capital stock.

New Berne—A. M. Baker will manufacture mattresses in connection with his furniture factory, as stated in our last issue.

Chimney Rock—A Northern party is reported as having purchased the C. W. Logan tract of 800 acres of land near Chimney Rock for \$25,000.

Graham—The Graham Cotton Mills, lately reported as organized for the purpose of starting a cotton mill, etc., has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$50,000.

Tarboro—E. V. Murphy has, with W. E. Fountain, T. H. Gatlin, George Howard, jr., and others, succeeded in organizing the stock company lately mentioned to erect a peanut cleaning mill.

Asheboro—The stock company recently reported as organized with J. M. Worth as president to erect a roller process flour mill, is known as the Asheboro Roller Mill Co., and has mill about completed.

Scotland Neck—The organization of the land improvement and manufacturing company recently mentioned is now under consideration. A. McDowell can give information if anything definite transpires.

Durham—B. N. Duke, W. W. Fuller, T. J. Walker, J. B. Warren and others have incorporated the Carteret Lodge to erect cotton gins, mills, deal in real estate, &c., in Carteret county. The authorized capital stock is 100,000.

High Point—The Piedmont Broom Works and the High Point Canning Company, both mentioned in our last issue, have consolidated as the High Point Broom & Canning Company; W. A. Blair is president, and E. E. Beeson, secretary.

New Berne—The New Berne Improved Cotton Company, reported last issue as incorporated, etc., has organized with Thomas Daniels, president; H. E. Wynne, vice-president, and W. P. Burrus, secretary. Site for the ginney has been secured and work of erection will soon commence.

Raleigh—The Capital City Land Company has been organized with A. S. Nichols, of Michigan City, Ind., president; J. A. Porter, of Asheville, vice-president, and J. M. Broughton, secretary. This company has purchased and will improve the Briggs & Womble property in North Raleigh. The capital stock is \$30,000.

## LETTER FROM MECKLENBURG.

MR. EDITOR:—Enclosed you will find four subscriptions for your valuable paper. THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER is the paper for the people, and we are beginning to find it out. Wherever it is read we find strong and enthusiastic Alliancemen; so go on with your good work and educate the masses. We have a paper in our county which claims to be an Alliance paper, which gives us a great deal of advice, but the burden of its advice is to do nothing which will cripple the grand old Democratic party. We have been a close reader of this so called Alliance organ of Mecklenburg County Alliance and we find it silent, so far as the editorial is concerned, on the most important demands of the Alliance—the Sub-Treasury, etc.; but we find this good Alliance paper copying and placing in prominence every article opposing our demands, especially if they come from prominent Alliancemen, such as U. S. Hall, of Missouri, and Gov. Tilman, of South Carolina. I just want to say this, that when a paper is started and

supported by Alliancemen, they have a right to expect their paper to labor for their interest.

I claim that the Sub-Treasury bill is of more importance to the farmers and the laboring masses than any measure that has been before the people for years. It will keep the Wall street speculators, in a great measure, from manipulating and controlling our produce, as by it the government will come in and protect the weak against the strong. As it now is the government protects the strong against the weak. Brethren, let us stand by our colors; let us make a strong pull altogether and not be divided or misled by a partisan press. Let us support such papers as come out strong and fearlessly and advocate our principles and demands, and the victory will be ours in 1892.

Our Alliance, No. 283, had a good meeting last Saturday.

Our cotton prospect is gloomy—full two weeks behind—upland corn good—lowland drowned out—wheat poor, oats moderately good. God bless the reform press all over our land. More anon.

"Voice."

## LETTER FROM CUMBERLAND.

MR. EDITOR:—I am unable to keep silent longer, and at the same time feel that I have discharged my duty. I see with pleasure that you got back in the yellow shoes with both feet in them. I have made another discovery, viz: the same red head is on the same old shoulders. Young, not old, I mean—pardon me. Well, I feel comfortable now, for I feel sure that no uncertain sound will be given out.

We are in for the Alliance and all Alliance demands down this way, out of town. We have some of the best fellows, who have been sining against light and knowledge. St. Paul, you know felt that he was doing right in his acts of sin against God, so when his eyes were opened and he saw what a great sinner he had been, he then worked like a wise and good man, for God's cause. Well, I tell you we have some good stock now, but they are not what they use to be. They are reconstructed, enlightened and made wiser, with strong back bones and no feeble knees. They will henceforth do no wrong act, but will nobly defend our cause in a way to bring God's blessings upon us. We do not fear the result of 1892. Thank God for the prospect of a general sloughing off of worse than dead flesh from the body politic. Henry Clay is no more and let us have no more Mason and Dixon's lines, but let us have one country and one God. Let us all be brothers to love and pull together for the general good and we will be a happy and prosperous people. Give us free silver and no longer any gold bugs.

Fraternally yours,

W. DREWERY SMITH.

## A VOICE FROM SOUTH CAROLINA.

BEECH ISLAND, AIKEN Co., S. C.  
Hon. L. L. Polk, President National Farmers' Alliance:

Dear Sir:—The first plank of your Platform ought to have been Free Trade and Direct Taxation of Property and Incomes. Go to the root of the matter at once. Any kind of a Tariff is an abomination. Government is chiefly concerned in the protection of property. More than nine-tenths of all the legislation of the country relates to property. More than nine-tenths of the time of all the courts is consumed in enforcing the rights of property. Hence property ought to support the Government. A poor laborer with a weight of five or six children, may pay more for the support of the general Government than Jay Gould. Is that right? Why make the great burden of the Government fall on the poor people? If the rich had to bear their proper share of the burden, expenditures would soon be reduced by one-half. Pension swindles and corrupt jobs would soon cease. Hence justice, common sense, and political wisdom, or true statesmanship demand the abolition of the Tariff, the adoption of Free Trade, and a Direct Tax to support the Government. You are in a position to bring about this happy state of affairs. God will hold you responsible for your grand opportunities. May He put it into your heart and mind to become a greater blessing to your country than Washington, Jefferson, or any other man, by inducing the great Farmers' Alliance to adopt these glorious principles. Respectfully,

W. T. MCKELLAR,  
School Teacher and Surveyor.