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ON THE RUN.

Last week our leading editorial was "On the Warpath." The News and Observer had announced that it expected to demolish THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER. So we published as a matter of news that it was on the warpath.

The people are wondering what all this war is about. We were not sure a week ago, but now we know. The News and Observer realizes that it has been sat down upon by the great common people of this country.

Now, that is just what THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER has been doing at regular intervals for the past two years. We have shown its weaknesses and inconsistencies.

There is another fact that must not be lost sight of. Most of our people are familiar with the doings of the "Slander Bureau" of Washington. Well, another, or a branch of the Washington concern, has been established in Raleigh.

after the telegrams were sent. For instance, a telegram was sent to the Charleston World saying that the News and Observer had charged Col. Polk with "cowardice" during the war.

But we started to ask the News and Observer why it got on the run so quick. Why did it print that circular in its Weekly edition and send 20,000 copies to farmers?

"So long as the farmers wanted the Sub-Treasury the News and Observer was willing to help them get it, though we knew it not right."

Again the News and Observer admits that when the bosses pronounced the bill wrong it changed and came out against the bill.

THAT TERRIBLE WRECK.

The most awful wreck in the history of this State occurred at Boston's Bridge, two miles west of Statesville, last Thursday morning at 2:40. The west bound passenger train, consisting of six cars, was running at a rapid rate of speed when it jumped off the bridge, carrying its load of human freight into the raging waters 75 feet below.

Whatever may have been the cause of this terrible catastrophe, it does not do away with the idea that every high bridge ought to be inspected before crossed by a train, and that trains ought to be run over bridges at a very slow rate of speed.

ANOTHER EXPLOSION.

No. 1.—President Polk took no part at our State Alliance, or elsewhere, in selecting any candidate for any office.

No. 2.—It has been asserted that Bro. Polk endeavored to get the State Alliance to boycott the News and Observer. This is false.

\*. A Republican correspondent at Raleigh has telegraphed to a Republican paper at Philadelphia that the News and Observer has plenty of stuff "which it will bring forward at the proper time."

STILL ON HAND.



Mr. Bilkins is Loaded to the Muzzle—He Says, "Give me Information or Give me Death."

Uncle Jerry Rusk's weather department was doing its best to flood the country last week one morning when the above call came.

R.—"Is that fellow who chaws ter-backer and looks vulgar around?"

B.—"That is rite. Hit-h this ere thing onto Captain Ashe, I want ter ask him erbout a bushel of questions."

R.—"All right, Uncle Zeke, the connection is made."

B.—"Look a here, is there eny danger of me catchin' the rummin' fever from the editors of the News and Observer?"

R.—"Not a bit. They have been caught up with a good many times, but no disease or fever has been discovered. It is supposed that they are bomb-proof so far as diseases are concerned."

B.—"All right, I will risk it enyhow, for I like them and want to get a load of information."

R.—"Hello! Cap. Have yer fainted? I don't hear from you any more. Say, Cap., what about them letters from the two Milwaukee reporters? Betsy says she just knows for a fact that you are too much of a gentleman not to publish them."

Capt. A.—"All right, Mr. Bilkins. I have always been a warm friend to the farmers, and the News and Observer has proved its fealty to the Democratic party for many years. It has."

B.—"Hold on, Cap. You just sing that song next week. I want information an' I am goin' to have it or have death."

Capt. A.—"Go ahead then. My feelings are with the farmer."

B.—"Blast your feelings! Haven't I bin readin' the News and Observer fir years. Betsy just thinks we don't need to go to preachin' nor nothin' when we get the paper from the postoffice of a Saturday. When you sent us that circular statin' that the Sub-Treasury and the Farmers' Alliance would have your undyin' devotion last year, we felt mighty proud. But Betsy says you have 'flickered.' How about that, Cap?"

Capt. A.—"You may say to Mrs. Bilkins that she is mistaken. I was for the Sub-Treasury because the farmers wanted it, but I knew it was wrong. Some of the leading men said so and it was thought best for our party that we turn our guns loose on it and demolish the structure."

B.—"Say, Cap., you talk mighty nice. Have you demolished her yet?"

Capt. A.—"No, not exactly, but we are going to persevere. We do not choose to discuss the measure itself, but hope in time to weaken the bill by assailing the prominent men in the Alliance."

B.—"Why don't yer discuss the measure, Captain?"

Capt. A.—"Well, it would be contrary to good politics. The Sub-Treasury would not be a bad thing, but we don't want the farmers to know that they have found a remedy themselves. That would be an admission that we don't care to make."

B.—"Say, Cap., it sorter looks to me like it would be good politics to go for the best thing, no matter who invented it. You admit yourself that the farmers are needin' help bad."

VOTE ON THE INTEREST BILL.

Some weeks ago we published the final vote on the interest bill before the last legislature. That was a vote to table amendments to leave out certain counties and did not do the members justice.

Friday was gala day at Durham. A large crowd, variously estimated at from 2,000 to 3,000, were present. Good order prevailed. The dinner was very good. The Durham Cornet Band furnished the music in good style.

AT DURHAM.

Willets, "Socless Jerry" and President Polk Speak—A Large Crowd Present.

The meeting opened with prayer by Rev. J. W. Lee. T. B. Green, Esq., of Durham, delivered the address of welcome. He referred to the magnificent manufacturing enterprises of the city and said the honest, sunburned faces before him deserved most of the credit for their furnished the foundation on which to erect the buildings.

At 11:30 Col. A. W. Williams, Congressman from the Fifth District, as master of ceremonies, introduced Bro. J. P. Willets, of Kansas, our efficient National Lecturer.

Bro. Willets spoke for one hour and a half, getting the best of attention. He said he had spent all of his life on the farm and therefore a flowery speech should not be expected.

He then gave some account of the numerical strength of the Alliance and his reception throughout the country. Said he had looked into the faces of more farmers in the past six months than any man ever did before and had found them the same everywhere, all anxious to get relief from the existing oppression, and to break down partisan and sectional barriers.

He told how Ingalls was beaten, and said that the people of Kansas would only consider Ingalls for any high position hereafter by taking him on ten years' "suspicion" and then on ten years' "probation."

He told of the great milling combine in the Northwest, whereby mills were forced into the European syndicate, which controls the price of grain and flour. He discussed the national banking system, and how it controls the destinies of this government.

He told us that our politicians pictured only the bright side of everything, the work of showing up the dark side was left to the Alliance people. He said our political orators boasted that we have the grandest scenery, the largest rivers, the highest mountains, the most babies, etc., but they never tell of the misery, the oppression and roguery that we are suffering from.

After an hour's recess, during which dinner was partaken of, Bro. Simpson was introduced. He has a world of wit and holds his audience without any effort. He discussed the Sub-Treasury in a plain, simple manner, very satisfactory to the audience.

Col. Polk was introduced. He stated that he was too unwell to attempt a long speech, but would make a few remarks on some important matters, mainly advising the members to keep cool, be conservative and stand firm.

When the new wheat first comes on the market, says the Farm and Fireside, the buyers and speculators will endeavor to do their utmost to crowd down the price.

There are so many farmers who are under the absolute necessity of realizing on their crops as soon after harvest as possible that there is always an opportunity for buyers to take advantage of the situation and bear down the price.

The remedy is to be found in the Sub-Treasury plan. It is a deplorable fact that our affairs have come to this. But it is true, and it is the duty of our Congress to devise some plan to relieve the people.

Our government, even if honestly conducted, is behind the times. Men are now so shrewd and have so

WAR IN EUROPE.

It is stated that deliberate preparations are being made for a great continental war in Europe. Germany, France, Italy and Russia will be involved.

This is a deplorable state of affairs. The rulers are to blame. The great middle classes of no country favor war at any time.

With the modern improvements of warfare, cannot last long. But think of the thousands that will be killed and the homes rendered desolate. It is too terrible to contemplate.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

\*. Will the News and Observer publish the letters from the two Milwaukee reporters?

\*. We are requested to state that Hon. W. F. Stroud will address the Alliance people at Flint Ridge Church, Chatham county, Sept. 9th.

\*. What is the matter with Bro. Hall, up in Missouri? His State carried the Sub-Treasury by a vote of 80 to 29, last week. Hurrah for Missouri!

\*. It was Jerry Simpson's opponent for Congress who charged that he didn't wear socks. Jerry says he got the other fellow's socks and shoes, too, when the election came off.

\*. Once more we rise to remark that Jerry Rusk must improve on his plan of running the weather. Our people don't need rain seven days in the week. A word to the wise don't seem sufficient, however.

\*. The Kentucky election resulted as follows: People's party elected 73 members of the Legislature; Democrats, 50; Republicans, 13. So the People's party has a majority of 8 members over both old parties.

\*. There are eighty-six rich men in the U. S. Senate, and two Alliancemen, Pfeffer and Kyle. Forty-seven of the Senators are millionaires. Can working people expect favorable legislation in their interest from their masters?

\*. That circular did the work. The next time it goes out it will be stamped "Medical Almanac" in big letters. We wish another would be sent, for many of those who received it at once made up clubs for THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER.

\*. Lost, strayed or stolen, a copy of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER from the press-room, Saturday, August 22d, between the hours of 4 and 6 o'clock. One of the celebrated "Advocates of the Sub-Treasury-circulars" will be given as a reward for any information.

\*. The News and Observer thanks THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER for setting it straight before the public. This is not the first time we have shown it up in its true light. We are glad to know that it is polite enough to return thanks for a favor that was so unpalatable to it, however.

\*. Bro. H. D. Edgerton, of Franklin county, has been a member of the Alliance four years and has only missed one meeting. Bro. W. H. Hill is a member of the same Alliance—Piney Grove—and has not missed a single meeting. How is that for sticking to what you promised to stand up to?

\*. The News and Observer of the 26th says the associate editor and business manager of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER went over to the Chronicle office Tuesday and asks if they carried an order from the boss. Neither the editor nor the business manager were in the Chronicle office Tuesday. Cap, you should have more reliable scouts.

\*. It is due Mr. H. B. Hardy, of the State Chronicle, to state that he telegraphed that paper that the report sent from Morehead to the effect that the Teachers' Assembly would bear the expenses of hall rent, &c., during the meeting of the State Alliance there was not as stated. The Secretary of the Teachers' Assembly did engage the Bell Hall, but our people would not accept that it that way.

\*. The time has been when a Governor of a State could have driven a crowd of farmers out of a hall by a motion of the hand. But things have changed. The other day the Governor of Georgia arose in the State Alliance to dispute a point of parliamentary law with President Livingston. The Governor insisted that he was going to run the machine. The President politely told him that he was not a delegate. The Governor insisted and the delegates shouted: "Put him out."

\*. This office has telegrams from as far West as California, and letters from as far North as New Jersey, in regard to news sent out by newspaper fakes as to proposed duels to be fought on account of newspaper controversies. We have not received "official" notification of any duels, and have not even bought a gun. We may have to shoot some of the fakes who telegraph the stuff now appearing in a number of the daily papers. But they will be on the wing when the shooting begins.

\*. The following letter, written from Atlanta on the 19th of August, appeared in the State Chronicle of a recent date:

I have just read in your paper of this date what purports to be an interview held with me on the matter of United States Senators. I desire to say that no such interview was ever had with me. On last Saturday two gentlemen came into my office, stating that they represented New York papers, and sought an interview. I told them promptly that I had not the time to give them. They insisted, however, that I give them my opinion as to the chances of Senator Sherman, of Ohio, for re-election. I replied that the indications were that Senator Sherman would be defeated. This closed the interview. The names of Senator Vance, Ransom, Hampton or others, were not mentioned. It is simply one of the many things ascribed to me in print of which I know nothing.

Yours truly, L. L. Polk.