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EDITORIAL NOTES.

*** During October and November we will issue 25,000 papers. Advertisers should be on their guard.

*** The Kinston *Free Press* has come out in a new suit of clothes. It is one of the handsomest and brightest weekly papers in the State.

*** Reform papers will please add the *Agricultural Bee*, Goldsboro, and *Columbus News*, Whiteville, to the standing list of reform papers.

*** We are likely to have a dry fall. But that can't be helped. Go ahead and prepare you land for politics, select good seed and all will be well.

*** A grand Alliance rally was held at Spring Lake Park, Talladega, Fla., on the 24th of September. A number of prominent Alliance speakers were present.

*** No other paper in North Carolina contains half as much editorial matter, State and general news and other reading matter as THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER. Stick a pin here.

*** A representative of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER will be on the grounds during the speaking at Brookside Park next Friday. Come prepared to renew or subscribe. Don't forget it, now.

*** The Granville brethren will have a pic-nic at Stovall on the 15th of October. Hon. A. H. A. Williams and Rev. P. H. Massey will both speak. We return thanks for an invitation.

*** Among the many callers at this office, all of whom we were glad to meet, since the Exposition opened, was Prof. W. H. Neave, of Salisbury, who stands at the head of musical instructors.

*** Alliancemen, be temperate in language. Be calm. Be firm. Do your own thinking. Act on your convictions of duty. Wear no man's collar. Reach your conclusions with due deliberation and stand by them. *Be a man.*

*** President Polk will deliver an address at Albemarle Park Fair, Elizabeth City, on Thursday, the 29th of October. A friend writes that such a crowd as will be there on that day has never been seen in Eastern North Carolina.

*** The Alliance fires are burning bright and with increasing warmth. The outlook is most hopeful and encouraging. The great work is moving steadily forward. The people have, at last, opened their eyes. They are coming together all over the land. *Our Order is growing everywhere.* It is more *solid* and more *determined* than ever before. Let there be one purpose and one common effort in this mighty struggle to rescue the country and our government from the iron grasp of monopoly.

*** The Kinston *Free Press* wants to know who the bosses of the Democratic party are. Bro. Herbert, is it possible that you have been a Democrat so long and don't know who the bosses are? That is an admission that we don't care to make, though we know we are very green.

*** In answer to the *Landmark's* query will say that neither the editor and proprietor of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER nor anyone connected with it owns a pass on any railroad on account of the paper at this time, nor have we since we quit publishing the schedules nearly a year ago. Next.

FAIRNESS.

In these times of lying, slander and malignant persecution, it is refreshing to find a paper that has the manliness and the honor to stand for truth and justice. Such an one is the Charleston *World*. It is one of the few Democratic papers of the South that has manifested a spirit of fairness toward President Polk. It is appreciated by himself and his hosts of friends.

OUR BIG OFFER.

Any one of our subscribers who may be in arrears, and who will pay us what he is due us and send one additional dollar before the 1st of November, shall have The Progressive Farmer till the 1st of January, 1893. Remember that this offer holds good only till the 1st of November. All who are in arrears after the 10th of November, will be dropped from our list.

AND THEY WHISTLE.

A brother editor says that when he was a boy his grandmother taught him to whistle when passing a grave yard in order to "keep the hants" from getting him.

The political parties are now engaged in the whistling game. They have no new issue, no new remedies to offer. The Alliance spectre is constantly looming up as they go about; the people are asking relief; they even demand it in unmistable language, but still the politicians continue to whistle.

THE ONLY TRUE POSITION.

At Ocala the Supreme Council decided that at our next annual meeting the Supreme Council would arrange for a National Conference to be held on the 22d day of February, 1892, when it would be decided what political action we would take, if any. Until then, all true Alliancemen are expected to stand firmly by the Ocala demands. This is the only true and consistent position for Alliancemen. This they *are* doing and this they *will* do. They know that their demands are just and right and they will stand by them.

COME TO THE ALLIANCE RALLY

Next Friday, the 9th, will be a big day for Raleigh and for the Alliance. Senator Peffer, of Kansas, is to be here. President Marion Butler, State Lecturer J. S. Bell, and President Polk are to be here. Ten thousand Alliance people are expected to be here. Five hundred will come from old Granville. All Wake county will turn out. Let them all come *mounted*. Buy your ticket at the low rate for the Fair, which has the "Fair ticket" on it, and you can come the day before and use it, or you can use it on the 9th, or stay over and use it on the 10th. It being impracticable to speak on the Fair Grounds, the grove and pavillion at Brookside Park has been secured. So the meeting will be held there.

Come early. Be on hand to greet each other. Let every Allianceman in all the surrounding counties come and have a good time. Let the fires of patriotism and enthusiasm be kindled afresh. Let it be a mighty gathering of the people.

Come early and come direct to the Stomach Warehouse.

ARRESTED AND THEN COMMITS SUICIDE.

We publish extracts from the report of Bro. Morgan, Secretary of the National Reform Press Association, showing the character of the men who were delegates to the anti-Sub Treasury meeting at St. Louis a few days ago. Last week the *Union Banner* brings information that C. L. Graham, one of the delegates from Missouri, had just taken his own life by shooting himself. Graham had given mortgages on stock and borrowed money to the amount of $3,000. Upon investigation it was proven that he owned no such stock. He was arrested and gave bond, and afterwards killed himself.

This is a sad story, but it seems that all of these delegates are having a bad time. Many of them were not members of the Alliance and some that were don't seem to have borne good reputations. Truly the way of the transgressor is hard.

THE STAFF CORRESPONDENT.

The staff correspondent of the *Robesonian* last week uses up a column of space about THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER that is entirely uncalled for. It goes outside the limits of the issue and attempts to slur the associate editor without cause. Two weeks ago we took the *Robesonian* to task for publishing very bitter matter about Jerry Simpson. The "staff correspondent" calls the writer a "supposer." Now let us see: This "supposer" heard Jerry Simpson speak. He did not use the language with which he was credited. Hundreds of Alliancemen and non-Alliancemen in this State heard his speeches and no one except the editor of the Charlotte *Chronicle* has attempted to construe any of Bro. Simpson's language into anything but a real instructive Alliance speech. The *Chronicle* started the lie and others began to repeat it.

It has been charged that Simpson made no denial of the charges. The Charlotte *Chronicle* waited 36 hours before it published the falsehood. By that time Bro. Simpson had made his speech at Greensboro and Durham and got to Reidsville. Just as soon as the paper was shown him, he replied to the charges on the stump at Reidsville.

Did the "staff correspondent" hear him? No. But the writer did, and as a free citizen of North Carolina, as a member of the Alliance, as editor of the State Alliance organ, we claimed the right to defend a stranger in our State who had been slandered. We also claimed the right to "lecture" the *Robesonian*, or anybody else, for saying hard things about a brother who is equal in character to any man in North Carolina; a man whose record is clean so far as the world knows. We still claim this right, and believe that any court and jury in the State will sustain us.

The "staff correspondent" is disposed to give us some advice. We will also give him some. He should let his light so shine as to convince all that he is as thoroughly imbued with the principles of the Alliance without having to tell them himself. He should never aid in circulating things derogatory to the character of a stranger, whether he be a member of the Alliance or not. The character of a man is his most valuable possession. It is a terrible thing to say things about a man that will injure him before the public. Then where is the wife, the mother, the children? Think of them. They must suffer, too.

We do not know the brother who is the "staff correspondent" of the *Robesonian*. But evidently he is a man of ability. We ask him to read his own article in the *Robesonian* of the 30th, then compare it with the declaration of purposes and the Constitution of the Alliance. Beyond a doubt he will see that they do not correspond. Brother, first pull the mote out of your own eye.

A BEAUTIFUL EXHIBIT.

One of the most attractive features of the Great Southern Exposition, now in progress in this city, is the collection of paintings by Randall the Artist. In it you find the familiar faces of some of the most distinguised men in the State—Gov. Holt, Bishop Lyman, ex-Lieut.-Gov. Stedman, Associate Justice Davis, Maj. Crenshaw, the first member of the Philomathesian Society of Wake Forest College, beautiful ladies and children, copies of some of the "Old Masters," &c.

Those who have examined it pronounce the collection the finest ever made in North Carolina.

The exhibition of talent should be peculiarly gratifying to the people of the State, as Mr. Randall is a native, being born and bred on a farm in the mountains of Burke.

Everyone visiting the Exposition should study those pictures thoroughly. It takes time to fully appreciate them.

A MISUNDERSTANDING.

Week before last Dr. Caldwell, of the *Landmark*, stated in substance that the Richmond & Danville Railroad would not be so badly pressed for money if the reform editors and officers of the National Alliance had been paying their fares instead of riding around on free passes. Last week THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER said that Dr. Caldwell had better explain why he changed his base on the free coinage of silver instead of "apologizing" for the railroad. Dr. Caldwell evidently thought we had reference to the recent wreck at Bostian's Bridge when we said he was "apologizing" for the railroad. In this he was mistaken. We knew his theory of the cause of the wreck was exactly opposite to that advanced by the railroad officials. The word "apologizing" was used in connection with his statement concerning the finances of the company and had reference to that only. So, Bro. Caldwell need not get riled on that account, for we had no intention of hinting that he was under railroad influence or anything of the kind. The *Landmark* has always treated the railroads courteously, which is entirely unobjectionable. It opposed a commission, but had a right to do that, hence we had no reason to accuse it of being anything more than courteous to the railroads.

A VALUABLE BOOK.

By the courtesy of the R. D. Robinson Publishing Company, Raleigh, we have just examined a new and useful book entitled "Profitable Farming in the Southern States," by Mr. J. W. Fitz, a well-known agricultural writer of Virginia, assisted by other prominent agriculturists. It contains numerous illustrations showing the crude agricultural implements of the Egyptians thousands of years ago, the implements used in this country fifty and one hundred years ago and those in use to-day. It contains exhaustive classifications of soil, manures and their application, preparation and cultivation of crops, treatment of stock; tells all about fertilizers, plants, trees, in fact everything likely to be valuable and interesting to our farmers. We believe it to be a good thing and don't hesitate to recommend it to our friends.

Watch the label on your paper and renew when your subscription expires.

ASSASSINS OF REPUTATION.

The *Iconoclast* calls the press of to-day "an unclean bird of prey." It says "instead of the framers of the Federal Constitution giving the press so much liberty they should have established a strict censorship instead." Again it says:

"What is to be done? Make it a penal offense to put in the public print anything reflecting upon the good name of man or woman—whether it be a matter of court record or not—until its truth be distinctly proven.

"Malicious libel is a crime equally as heinous as murder or rape. Then why not put it in the same category and make it punishable by death? That may appear to some a very severe penalty; but why should the man who in the heat of passion robs another of life be hanged, while the publisher who, for the sake of a few pence, which a sensation or a scandal will insure in additional sales, robs a fellow mortal of reputation, brands him before all the world as a villain, a thing to be shunned and despised; who ruins his hopes, blights his future and makes life for him henceforth a curse instead of a blessing, not swing between heaven and earth also? Why should the man who assaults the body be punished more severely than he that assaults the soul—the jewel of which the body is but the poor, perishable casket? By all means hang the malicious libeler—hang him higher than Helicon, hang him until he is dead, dead, dead, and may the Lord do with his infamous soul as seemeth to him best."

We do not understand the *Inconoclast* to mean that a newspaper should be held accountable for anything that is true. But when newspapers, for the purpose of fighting a man's political prospects, goes into slandering him without reason, they ought to be punished. If this be true, some newspapers who have been so malignant and reckless in their publications about leading members of the Alliance should come under the head of "assassins of reputation." The man who is guilty of it only lacks the courage to be an assassin in a murderous way. He is not too good, but too great a coward.

A NORTHERN MEMBER OF THE ANANIAS CLUB SPEAKS.

Polk escaped to come to Des Moines to repeat the slobbering utterance by which he is attempting to aid the Southern Farmers' Alliance in its scheme to divide the Republican vote of the North, prevent an election of a President by the people in 1892, and thus enable the Democratic House to place a Democrat in the presidential chair in 1892. Think of the prison-hell keeper at Salisbury, N. C., coming to the great Northwest to tell the people how to vote to save the country! The man who is said to have publicly stated during the days that the Union soldiers daily sank down in death by the dozens from starvation, disease and the other grizzly horrors of the prison hell at Salisbury, that "I can kill more Yanks here than a whole Confederate division can kill on the battle field" is not the man who can masquerade in the Northwest in the interest of the party he served at the prison hell and succeed in the object of his masquerading.

The above is clipped from the *Iowa Register*, a radical sheet published at Des Moines, Ia. It says Col. Polk tried to entrap the Republican party, and according to the *News and Observer* he is trying to ruin the Democratic party. We commend the above specimen of refined, elegant and chaste Ananias literature to the *News and Observer*. According to "the eternal fitness of things" it should, by all means, have a place in its columns. Is there an honorable, decent North Carolinian who is not humiliated at the disgraceful and shameful methods employed by the *News and Observer* and papers of its ilk? In all its history has that paper ever pursued a man with such malignity and venom? But go ahead! Col. Polk can stand it if that paper can.

"NOT A WORD IN THE PARTISAN PRESS."

The following is from a prominent gentleman who heard the speeches of President Polk, Congressman Simpson and Lecturer Willetts, at Charlotte, recently:

As a farmer, but not an Allianceman, I wish to say that so far as I have seen, the Charlotte press has not done justice to the Alliance speakers here on the 26th.

No man can truthfully say that Mr. Simpson advocated negro social equality. Nor did the Charlotte *Chronicle* at first make any such charge. It was all an after-thought from the ring-politicians.

Nor did the *Chronicle* report Polk Polk as to the depression of agriculture and other industrial interests in North Carolina, and as to the cause of so many people and especially so many young men leaving the State. On this point Col. Polk was exceedingly effective and pointed to the census as showing nearly 400,000 North Carolinians in other States, and usually our brightest young men. These facts made a profound impression, but not a word in the partisan press.

Of course the Charlotte papers did not do the speakers justice. They didn't intend to do it. Why, the Charlotte *Chronicle* waited until the speakers got to Reidsville before it came out with that "after-thought" suggested by "the ring-politicians" that "Jerre Simpson favored negro social equality" in his Charlotte speech. Why didn't that paper charge it on him then and there? Because *it knew it was false* and Simpson would denounce it as false. But this falsehood answered its purpose. It was greedily caught up by the Democratic papers who are "*friends* to the Alliance" and heralded to the State and country *as the* truth. It was further charged that President Polk sat and heard this negro equality" preached and "was as dumb as an oyster," when the papers making the charge *knew* that President Polk was *not present*. "How this world is given to lying!"

The cheapest paper in the South. See "our big offer" on second page and send us the dollar.

THAT OUTRAGE.

The *Kansas Commoner*, one of leading papers of that State, and which is published at Wichita, quotes two of the malicious falsehoods sent out from there, and commenting on them, has the following to say of President Polk's speech there:

"In order that 'thirty thousand men could own over half the entire wealth of the Nation" it has been necessary to feed the wealth-producers on such falsehoods as the above, but it does not work as well as it used to, as the crowd who wear a partisan-money power collar is getting small in Kansas. Col. L. L. Polk was treated in Wichita by all with the utmost respect, friendship and kindness and he remarked that "he would give fifty dollars if he could have had his voice in good condition and been able physically to have addressed the vast and attentive audience that greeted him at the opera house." He felt honored by his reception and treatment while in our city.

The fate of the Hutchinson *News* will be the fate of three-fourths of the tools of monopoly (Republican dailies) if they persist in publishing falsehoods to keep the great masses of the people divided into factions only to be robbed through cunning."

READ AND DECIDE.

This Third party trick is nothing but a scheme to gobble up the Democratic vote of the South and elect a Republican President.—*Atlanta Constitution (Dem.)*

Kansas Republicans should feel that the sole purpose of the Third party cranks is to elect a Democratic President in 1892.—*Topeka Capital (Rep.)*

At the next meeting of the Ananias Club the *News and Observer* and the *Topeka Capital* should get together and decide which is which. Somebody will conclude after awhile that there is some tall lying going on.

Remember that a paper run at the cost of The Progressive Farmer cannot be published on credit.

TOO MUCH LYING.

We make the following extracts from an editorial in the Kinston *Free Press* last week:

"Lying is becoming too general in journalism, more especially daily papers. Why don't the dailies that wish to print the true news, and not sensational 'fakes' and lies, make complaint to the association or associations that supply them with the press dispatches? For instance the report of Col. Polks rediculous talk recently in Kansas are undoubtedly false, and all such as this does a great deal of harm. It has come to such a pass now that a person can't tell whether to place credence upon almost anything he sees in the press dispatches; therefore even when the truth is told it is doubted.

Most of the daily papers are filled with sensational press dispatches concerning Alliance leaders and measures, some of which, at least, has the appearance of being wilfully false. It looks very much as if there is an organized effort to ruin the Farmers' Alliance by sending false news about it all over the country, especially by slandering its leaders."

The Progressive Farmer fifteen months for one dollar. Read "our big offer" on second page.

ZEKE THOROUGHLY AROUSED.

Betsy Just Bilin' Over---A Dude Calls Him Away.

B.—"Hello! little devil."

D.—"Well, Mr. Bi kins, what's the matter?"

B.—"Matter! Everything's the matter. Where's Ramsey?"

R.—"I'm on hand, Zeke. What's the trouble?"

B.—"What's got the matter with the papers? Why don't they tote fair? My blood is up. I went out this morning to plow a little but blame me if I can work. Betsy she got so mad that she actilly cooked breakfast without washin' her face. Why she wouldn't sell chickens to them editors at a dollar a piece nor butter at a dollar a pound. Her old Scotch-Irish blood is at boiling heat, I tell you. The girls slipped off down to the branch soon this morning to get sweetgum, waitin' for her to cool off.

R.—"Well, you have satisfied me that things are not serene at your house, but you don't tell me the trouble."

B.—"Well, the trouble is this: Them Democratic papers won't tote fair. They publish lies that are hatched up by radical Republican sheets against Democrats and when Democrats write and expose the lies they won't publish them Democratic denials. Look at that Milwaukee double-barrelled shotgun business, and the *News and Observer* never would publish that letter. Then here comes another radical lie about that tar and feather business and about President Polk being a Brigadier-General and killing Yankee prisoners, and all that. Didn't they know that this was all radical rot? You just ought to hear Betsy on it. And when she read about that free pass business you ought to seed her. She throwed the paper down and risin' to the full hight of her majestic person (and I tell you there is times when to me she does appear awful majestic) she says with a queenly wave of the right hand: 'Zeke,' she says, 'here's a feller talking about our officers ridin' on free passes. Why if a conductor on one of our roads was to catch that little editor with a paid-for ticket on his train he would arrest him in a minit, for he would be shure that he had done somethin' awful mean and was a runnin' away.' Betsy is a bilin', I tell you. She folded up two of these papers and tucked 'em in her little blue calico bag, and I axed her what she was gwine to do with them. She says she is gwine to take 'em over to the Alliance meetin' to-morrow and have 'em read in the meetin'."

R.—"Say, are you coming to hear Senator Peffer and others next Friday?"

B.—"You, bet we are. I volunteered the first of the war and went and fought in over forty battles and was shot full of holes, but I quit when 'old Mas Bob,' as the boys loved to call him, told us it was all over. I come home to Betsy and have been a longin' for the day to come when the people who done the fightin' could git together, and I am comin' to Raleigh to see Peffer and to tell him that I and all the brave men who fought him are ready to bury the hatchet and come together. Betsy says she is going to bring a big basket full of good things and she is gwine to have him and President Polk to eat dinner with her. Oh, I tell you she is *mad*. Say, we want to come to THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER office and see you all."

R.—"All right. We will be glad to welcome you."

B.—"Well, here is a dudeish-looking feller just rode up to the gate and hollered and I'll have to stop. Good bye. Say, Ramsey, I seed Bro. A. C. Green yestidy and he said the Alliance of Wake county is solid as a rock. We know what's what and don't you forgit it. Good bye.

The date of the label on this paper shows when your subscription was out. Is yours out? Then renew, please.

We call attention to the new advertisement of Julius Lewis & Co. This firm was established in 1865, and is one of the oldest hardware houses in the South. There is no better hardware house to be found anywhere. For live, energetic and straightforward dealing men, we commend you to Julius Lewis and N. W. West, constituting the firm.