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request all representatives in said Congress to elect to decline to enter into any party caucus called to designate a candidate for the office of Speaker; unless adherence to the principles of the Ocala platform are made a test of admission to said caucus.

Entire report adopted.

The representatives of the Knights of Labor were escorted to the Speaker's stand, and Mr. Wright made known the message from the General Assembly of that organization.

Bro. Weaver, of Iowa, introduced the following:

WHEREAS, The Clothing Exchange of Rochester has locked out their employees, depriving them of the right to live; and whereas, the said combine has arrested the officers of the Knights of Labor on trumped up charges, and before a packed jury convicted the master workman, one James Hughes for doing his duty to his fellow-men; therefore be it

Resolved, That we condemn the actions of the Rochester clothing combine for depriving their former employees of doing a lawful business. And be it further

Resolved, That we call upon all fair-minded people to let the goods of these unfair and un-American manufacturers severally alone.

Adopted by a rising vote, there being one vote against it, that of Bro. Rogers, of Florida.

On motion of Bro. Dean, of New York, 2:30 p. m. was set aside as a special hour for hearing the report of the committee on finance.

Motion adopted that Bro. Terrell make report of committee on confederation immediately after the committee on finance reports.

On motion of Bro. Laughinghouse only three minutes' debate will be allowed on any question, and no one shall have the floor more than once.

The report of the business agents was received, together with a minority report presented by Bro. Geo. B. Lang. Both reports were laid on the table.

Report of the committee appointed to confer with the anti Sub-Treasuries received and adopted.

Resolution by Bro. London, of Missouri, censuring the press of Indianapolis, and recommending that we request all other industrial organizations not to hold any more conventions in this city, was received and laid on the table.

Report of committee on consolidation received and adopted.

To the brethren of the Farmers' Mutual Benefit Association and National Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union, greeting:

The committee on behalf of the Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union, and the committee on behalf of the Farmers' Mutual Benefit Association, appointed to consider, confer and report on the advisability of the consolidation of the two great organizations of wealth-producers into one organization under one flag, and with a common platform, after a most harmonious and fraternal meeting, unanimously passed the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the joint committees on consolidation of the Farmers' Mutual Benefit Association and the Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union, appointed and convened by order of our respective bodies, now assembled in this city, do hereby recommend to our organizations the discussion in our subordinate organizations of the advisability of the consolidation of the two organizations.

2. That their conclusions be reported to their respective organizations, and that the States report same to the next annual meeting of their respective organizations.

3. We respectfully request the press to aid in giving publicity to the foregoing request as made by both committees.

W. M. REED, Chm'n.
J. T. REED,
P. J. DONALDSON,
Committee on part F. M. B. A.
MARION BUTLER, Chm'n.
GEO. MILLINGTON,
A. K. MURPHY,
J. K. P. WALLACE,
C. M. BUTT,
BEN TERRELL,
L. P. FEATHERSTON,
Com. on part N. F. A. & I. U.

On motion of Bro. Page, of Virginia, the Council expressed regret that the courtesies extended to us by the Board of Trade, the Commercial Club and the citizens of Indianapolis, while we highly appreciate and for which we are deeply grateful, should have been marred by the hostile attitude of many of the daily papers, which have persisted in misrepresenting our actions, though we had a press committee willing and ready to furnish them the truth.

The report of the cotton committee was received and adopted:

WHEREAS, The cotton growers of the South are greatly oppressed because of the depressed price of the raw material, caused in a measure from combines and speculations in futures, but mainly from an unjust, oppressive and discriminating financial system and a high protective tariff on manufactured cotton material; and whereas, it is now alleged by speculators and combines that overproduction is the prime cause of depression in prices, when in fact we have reason to know that the cause is not overproduction, but underconsumption, caused by inability to buy, resulting from advanced prices of manufactured articles of cotton and other causes as stated above; and whereas, it has been recommended by members of the Farmers' Alliance in several States in the cotton belt, that the acreage be decreased one-third by the grower, and knowing as we do that the price of the raw material cannot be affected by the loyal Alliancemen alone of the many thousand growers decreasing their acreage, while in fact the effort to thus reduce the quantity would actuate thousands of growers to increase their acreage in cotton; therefore, as one of the remedies to secure an advance in raw cotton material by cheapening the manufactured products and thereby increase the ability of the masses to consume, be it

Resolved, That the National Farm-

ers' Alliance and Industrial Union, representing the best interest of the producers and consumers of America alike, do respectfully ask that Congress entirely relieve manufacturer articles of cotton from any tariff duty whatever, and place the same on the free list of American products.

MARION BUTLER, Chm'n.
W. D. D. GIBAS,
H. D. GREEB,
J. M. ADAMS,
R. F. ROGERS,
L. P. FEATHERSTON,
T. A. CLAYTON,
HARRY TRACY,
D. P. DUNNAN,
G. M. GORDEN,
L. F. LIVINGSTON.

On motion of Bro. Livingston that a copy of these resolutions be certified to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate of the Fifty-second Congress of America, attested by the President and Secretary of the National Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union under seal of the Order, was adopted.

Resolution by Bro. Butler, of North Carolina, adopted, that a committee of one from each cotton State be appointed to formulate a plan by which the world's greatest producers of the South's greatest staple, cotton, may be able to some extent, at least, to control the quantity, consumption, marketing time and price of said crop.

Resolution by Bro. Butler, of North Carolina, adopted, that being in possession of facts that are thoroughly reliable which warrant us in the belief that a false estimate has been purposely made of the present crop of cotton, we feel safe in guaranteeing better prices if cotton be held for sixty days.

On motion, the committee of one member from each cotton State was continued with instructions to pursue their work further and report to this body at its next annual session.

A resolution by Bro. Pierson, of Virginia, was adopted.

WHEREAS, The revision of the statutory laws has abolished the standing committee of the State Business Agents.

Resolved, That the Supreme Council heartily puts itself on record as having no responsibility whatever for the action of the State Business Agents.

Resolution by Bro. Williams, of North Carolina, was adopted, endorsing resolution of North Carolina State Alliance, as follows:

Resolved, By the North Carolina Farmers' Alliance, that the National Council, at its next meeting, be requested to issue an appeal to the various Sub-Alliances of the whole country to make a voluntary contribution of at least five dollars each, to be appropriated and used for a national lecturing fund; that the delegates from this State to the National Council be instructed to place this resolution before the next meeting of that body.

House took recess at 1 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Supreme Council called to order at 3 p. m. Council opened in due form.

The finance committee made a partial report, which was received and adopted.

The committee on finance, to whom was referred so much of the President's message as related to the finances of the Order, and also the financial part of the report of the executive board beg leave to make the following partial report:

The committee has examined the books of the Secretary-Treasurer as carefully as the limited time at its disposal would permit, and find, so far as our investigation extended, that the books are neatly and correctly kept.

Your committee recommends:

1. That per capita dues for 1892 and all arrears must be paid by February 1, 1892. All State organizations failing to comply shall be suspended.

2. That secretaries of subordinate Alliances or Unions shall annually report to the Chairman of the National Executive Board the membership upon which representation is secured in the July meeting of their county organizations.

3. That Bro. Copeland be allowed the usual per diem of \$2 per day as sergeant at arms.

4. That in settlement of mileage and per diem of delegates that those delegates whose States have paid in full per capita tax for 1892 be paid in cash, and States not paid in full be paid by order on State Secretary in proportion to their delinquency.

On motion, 5 p. m. was made a special hour for electing a legislative committee of five.

The committee on federation made report, which was adopted.

Your committee on confederation beg leave to report that they have communicated with all industrial organizations having like objects with our own, and have received reply from the following: National Farmers' Alliance, Colored National Alliance, Farmers' Mutual Benefit Association, Knights of Labor, National Citizens' Alliance, National Citizens' Industrial Alliance, National Patrons of Industry, and National Grange of Patrons of Husbandry. We have succeeded in effecting a confederation with all of the above except the National Grange and National Alliance. By the advice of your President and ex-committee, the chairman of this committee visited the National Alliance at its national meeting, held at Omaha, Nebraska, last January, that meeting the plan of confederation was presented to them and a committee appointed from that body to confer with a committee from the other organizations for the purpose of confederation; that committee has, through its chairman, been notified of all meetings held for the purpose of confederation, but has not attended any. The National Grange was communicated with through its President and Secretary, and they refused to participate in the confederation. Your committee was called by its chairman to meet in Washington, D. C., at which meeting a confederation was formed and a President and Secretary for the confederation elected; also an executive committee, consisting of the chairmen of each executive committee of the orders confederating. That executive committee, by its chairman, was called

to meet in this city on the 16th of this month, for the purpose of fixing the basis of representation and consider change of place of meeting of delegates from all the confederated organizations on the 22d of February, 1892, for the purpose of agreeing upon demands which all support. The basis of representation is twenty votes for each national organization confederating or who may confederate by February 1st, and one additional vote for every ten thousand or major fraction of votes belonging to such organization. The manner of selecting and number of delegates was left to each body to arrange.

Your chairman is just in receipt of a letter from the National Patrons of Industry, asking the attendance of your committee upon a conference to be held in the city of Lansing, Mich., to be called the last of December next, for the purpose of confederating all orders in that State looking to political action. Your committee would recommend that the President from Michigan be requested to attend said meeting representing the organization of his State. The expenses incurred by your committee in discharge of its duties have been up to date \$27.80, and some small bills for stationery, printing and postage due the *Economist Publishing Company*, which have not been rendered, the exact amount of which your committee cannot state.

The chairman of your committee is in correspondence with other organizations who desire confederation, but he has not felt authorized to proceed without instruction from the body.

Partial report of the committee on demands, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions, was received, and resolutions adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, The State of Georgia has petitioned the Congress of the United States to complete at as early a date as possible the improvement upon the river and harbor at Savannah, Ga.; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union endorse this movement as of importance to the commerce of the entire country, and requests the National Congress to grant the appropriation asked.

Resolved, That we, the National Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union, in council assembled, request that the Fifty-second Congress appropriate 25 per cent. of the proceeds of the sale of our public lands in the respective States to be used for irrigation purposes under State regulations.

Whereas, the distribution of seeds and printed matter from the Department of Agriculture at Washington does not produce results commensurate with the cost; therefore

Resolved, By the Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union that it is the sense of this body that the distribution of seeds and printed information relative to the business of agriculture should be done through the experiment stations of the different States.

Motion by Brother Wardall, adopted instructing delegates to the labor conference to be held February 22, 1892, to use all honorable means to secure the indorsement of the Ocala demands.

A resolution by Brother Stone, of Georgia, was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of good government to place the pensioners of this country outside of the influence of any political party, and thus lift the entire pension system out of politics; therefore

Resolved, That this National Council is in favor of pensions to apply alike to every needy, disabled, and honorably discharged Union soldier; and that they be paid in United States notes receivable for all dues, public and private, thus adding to and distributing the currency without detriment to the business interests of the country.

Unanimously adopted.

Mrs. Gouger, representing the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, was escorted to the stand and made a few remarks.

On motion of Brother Livingston, of Georgia, a copy of the resolution on pensions was ordered transmitted to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, and the President of the United States, with a request that they use all honorable means to have the same enacted into law.

Resolution by Brother Macune creating a legislative committee was offered as follows:

Resolved, That there shall be a legislative committee of five members authorized to represent the Supreme Council upon questions of national legislation indorsed by this body. The president shall be ex-officio chairman of this committee, and the other four members shall be elected by this body.

2. That the State Alliances are hereby requested to pay the expenses of their presidents whenever the president of this body shall deem it best to convene them for the purpose of counsel and advice, and when so convened they shall be known as the National Council of State Presidents, and they shall in that capacity be subject to the call of the president, and may make rules governing their own work.

Motion by Brother Livingston, of Georgia, to sever the resolutions and consider the two propositions separately prevailed.

Motion by Brother Page, of Virginia, to amend the first resolution by inserting "the chairman of the Executive Board shall also be a member," making the resolution read:

Resolved, That there shall be a legislative committee of five members authorized to represent the Supreme Council upon the questions of national legislation indorsed by this committee. The president shall be ex-officio chairman of this committee. The chairman of the Executive Committee shall also be a member, and the other three members shall be elected by this body.

Amerdment prevailed and both resolutions adopted.

The following resolution, by Prother Wardall, was adopted:

That the delegates to the February meeting shall be elected as follows:

For the twenty-five delegates at

large; each State delegation present shall present the name of one member, and they shall be entitled collectively to cast the twenty-five votes, and that the president and executive committee of each State be empowered to select the number of State delegates they are entitled to and make the appointment.

The following is a list of delegates elected by the different State delegations:

H. Tracy, Texas; L. F. Featherston, Arkansas; Marion Butler, North Carolina; William Farr Goodwin, New Jersey; Col. C. M. Butt, Wisconsin; Alva Agee Ohio; T. S. Adams, Louisiana; Marion Cannon, California; L. F. Livingston, Georgia; Frank Burkill, Mississippi; J. Brad Beverley, Virginia; Matt Rhea, Tennessee; Leonard, Missouri; J. B. Weaver, Iowa; M. V. Rork, Oregon; C. M. Maxson, New York; Sinclair Thompson, Pennsylvania; M. A. Housholder, Kansas; M. G. Elzey, Maryland; T. T. Gardner, Kentucky; Thos. W. Force, Indiana; William Hess, Illinois; R. A. Southworth, Colorado; M. V. Lonnetecor, Michigan; S. M. Adams, Alabama; A. P. Baskin, Florida.

Motion adopted, that the committee on confederation be continued for the present. The committee is as follows: Ben Terrell, Texas; L. F. Livingston, Georgia; R. F. Rogers, Florida; H. L. Loucks, South Dakota; W. J. Talbot, South Carolina.

Motion by Brother Macune, adopted, that the President of the Supreme Council be added to the list of delegates from this body to meet with the February conference.

Motion adopted that L. L. Polk, J. F. Brad Beverly, Hugh Mitchell and J. F. Tillman be appointed a special committee to carry to the President of the United States resolutions requesting the appointment of D. P. Duncan to the vacancy now existing in the interstate commission.

The following resolution by Mrs. Todd was read and adopted:

We the delegates to the National Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union, assembled for the promotion of the welfare of the Order in all its varied interests, believe that the social intercourse of its members and friends should be encouraged to the greatest possible degree, and we wish to here express our pleasure at the manifest success which the Alliance Circulating Library has attained toward this end. But more especially do we hail with pleasure the advent of the December number of the *Economic Quarterly*, which is being especially prepared with poems, plays, declamations, readings, etc., for the use of all industrial organizations. Napoleon believed that the "master of the world was he who wrote the songs," while Shakespeare thought the "greatest social power was the drama." This, we are informed, is to be strongly brought out in the new book now in press of the Vincent Bros. Publishing Company of this city. All publishers of pure economic literature and song shall have our undivided encouragement.

Resolution by Brother Wren, of Louisiana, read and adopted:

Resolved, That we, the national convention of the Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union, in the city of Indianapolis assembled, do most heartily sympathize with the people of the State of Louisiana, in the strenuous and noble efforts to destroy that infamous iniquity and gigantic monopoly, the Louisiana State Lottery, now seeking a revival of its charter in the organic law of the State, and earnestly request our Congressmen to use their efforts in enacting such national laws as will remove such a curse from the American continent.

The Supreme Council took a recess until 8 p. m.

EIGHT SESSION.

Supreme Council called to order at 8:30 p. m., President Polk in the chair.

The following communication from the Texas delegation was received and ordered spread on the minutes.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Nov. 21, 1891.

We undersigned delegates from the State of Texas to this meeting of the Supreme Council of the National Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union, hereby certify that the statement made by W. S. McAllister in the Indianapolis *Journal* of this date is false from start to finish, as far as it relates to C. W. Macune or any other Texan.

EVAN JONES,
J. M. PERDUE,
HARRY TRACY,
J. K. P. HANNA,
H. S. P. ASHBY.

Whereas the above statement was furnished to a reporter of the Indianapolis *News* of this city with the distinct understanding that it be published in this evening's issue of that paper; therefore be it

Resolved, That this statement be spread upon the minutes of this Supreme Council, and that the chairman of the press committee be instructed to publish this statement in the daily press.

C. J. JACKSON,
R. J. SLEDGE,
BEN TERRELL.

Report of the committee on lecture system read:

Mr. President, your committee to whom was referred that portion of the President's message relating to lecturing beg leave to offer the following:

That there be organized in each county having a county organization, county lecturer's institute, composed of the sub-lecturers, with the county lecturer as chairman.

That district Alliance lecturers' institute be formed in each congressional district composed of the county lecturers of the district, with the county lecturer as ex-officio chairman.

That State Alliance lecturers' institute be organized, composed of the lecturers of the congressional district, with the State lecturer as chairman.

That each State lecturer be ex-officio delegate to the National Supreme Council from the State at large, and that a national lecturers' institute be formed of the lecturers, with the national lecturer as ex-officio chairman, and that said body shall convene upon the date previous to the assembling of the Supreme Council, for the purpose of considering the best methods of con-

ducting and improving the lecture service.

That the county institutes shall convene quarterly with the county Alliances. That the district institutes shall convene semi-annually, and that the State institutes shall convene annually with the State Alliance.

That it shall be the duty of the Alliance institutes to devise means for improving the educational work of the Alliance, either by voluntary contribution or assessment, or both.

That the county lecturer shall report to State institute annually. State lecturer shall report to national institute. National lecturer shall report to Supreme Council. Said report shall state the methods adopted, success attained, and the general condition of the lecturer's institutes, and their effect upon the growth of the Order.

J. M. PERDUE,
J. E. DEAN,
J. E. BRYAN,
S. M. SCOTT.

The report of this committee on lecture system was adopted with the amendments offered by Brother Wardall, McDowell, and Pardue hereto attached:

By Brother Perdure:
The State Lecturers' Institute shall be convened at such time as the State executive officers and State lecturer shall deem best for the good of the Order.

By Brother McDowell:
It is not intended that this system shall apply in those States which have county and district lecture bureaus already established.

By Brother Wardall:
That the national president be instructed to confer with the State president and try and arrange to have the annual and State meetings arranged in circuits.

Supplemental report of the committee on consolidation was received and adopted:

Your committee on consolidation beg leave to further report, as follows:

1. We recommend that where the National Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union has State organizations where the National Farmers' Alliance is organized, the presidents of such State organizations are respectfully requested to use their efforts to promote feelings of fraternity between the two organizations and to effect a consolidation where possible.

2. We recommend that in such States as Minnesota and Nebraska where the National Alliance is strong, and where we have no State organizations, that the National President go or commission some one to visit their State meeting, to present the question of consolidation.

3. We recommend that a similar committee be made a standing committee, without pay, to issue an address to all kindred organizations, with a view of effecting consolidation, and further, to answer inquiries from those desiring to consolidate, and that the reform press be asked to address answers to such inquiries presented for publication.

4. That said standing committee on consolidation report at the next annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
MARION BUTLER, Chairman.
BEN TERRELL, Secretary.

The following resolution by Brother Dean, of New York, was received and adopted:

The importance of maintaining interest in subordinate Alliances cannot be overestimated, as all power and all revenue by which educational work is to be promulgated comes from the members of subordinate organizations. There is no favored or privileged class in Alliance work. Every member must do his share, if we would succeed in securing the relief which is demanded for the industrial classes. In order to maintain a proper interest in the work of the Sub-Alliances, it is especially important that every member be present at each meeting of the Alliance.

To secure this result the members must be made to feel that they are being benefited by such regular attendance, and that they will be losers by staying away from a single meeting. In order to secure this feeling among the members, the State Lecturer recommends:

1. That each sub-organization secure a sufficient number of Alliance manuals to supply each member with a copy, that he or she may post themselves perfectly on parliamentary law and usage.

2. That the members observe that no question be allowed to be entertained by the presiding officer except in strict conformity to parliamentary usage. By this practice all our members will become educated parliamentarians. Too much importance cannot be given this branch of our education, and when you once become interested in this branch of your work, it will become intensely interesting. Every member should be required to express himself on subjects.

3. Copies of bills introduced in the State legislature and Congress will be furnished each Sub Alliance and should be thoroughly discussed. In the discussion of these measures, it is advisable to sometimes hold open meetings and invite in those not belonging to the Alliance to take part in the discussion, as by this practice the members will be better prepared to meet the arguments of those opposed to our principles.

4. It is advisable that neighboring Alliances should visit each other as often as practicable, and join in the discussions, as by this means interest in the work will become intensified.

5. Articles printed in the papers opposed to us should be read in our Alliances and answered by the members. In making each answer official figures should always be made the basis of every argument.

6. Entertainments should be arranged during the long winter evenings as often as once in sixty days, from which a certain amount of revenue may be derived, which should go into the local treasury to defray expense of extra literature and to assist in getting up fairs and mass-meetings another summer.

7. Each Sub Alliance should appoint a committee on exhibits, such committee to be composed of one man and one

woman, who, together with like committees from all other Alliances in county and executive committee shall be a county fair committee, for the purpose of arranging and managing in county fair for the benefit of members of the Alliance.

This is a matter of first importance, and your best men and women should be put on this committee. Encourage your lady members to take a greater interest in the work of the Alliance by giving them something to do for the benefit of the Alliance. The little bribe which they will furnish, if sold at auction, will add many thousands dollars to the Alliance treasury and help to carry on the educational work.

Let every one feel that your county and State officers are simply your servants and can do nothing without your support, and make up your mind to do your part as best you can, and your officers will do theirs, and the result will inevitably be the relief of the industrial classes, a better country, a higher and grander education, and a more prosperous and happy people.

The following resolution by Brother Macune was adopted:

That the brethren of the entire order be requested to set aside and observe the first meeting in January each year in every Sub-Alliance in the United States as National Alliance day, and that upon that day they read and discuss the national demands, and the Sub-Alliance lecturer and others deliver addresses in behalf of the national propaganda fund for the distribution of approved Alliance literature, and that the Sub-Alliance Secretary take up a collection in behalf of the said propaganda fund and forward the same to the National Secretary at Washington, D. C.

A resolution by Brother Rock, of Oregon, was adopted:

Believing the success of our cause will be proportional to the intelligence of the people upon economic questions, be it therefore

Resolved, That this council heartily concur in recommending that each Sub-Alliance be requested at once to take steps by donation or by literary or other entertainments to secure a fund to procure a good circulating library of approved reform literature, including Schrader's Comparative Statistical Chart. Here each member can become a power in redeeming us from our thralldom.

Partial report of committee on mileage and per diem received and adopted:

We, your committee on mileage and per diem, beg leave to submit the following report. We have audited the accounts of one hundred delegates and officers in accordance with the resolutions passed by your body, making a total expense of \$

The following resolution by Brother Hugh D. Gwynne, of Tennessee, was read and adopted:

2d. That we endorse the action of the Executive Board, approved by President L. L. Polk and Secretary J. H. Turner, in establishing the national lecture bureau, and we approve and commend the work done by J. F. Tillman, the manager of said bureau, in the distribution of lecturers and other literature, which has been done by an immense and laborious correspondence in strict accordance with the requirement, viz: "That the expenditures for said lecture bureau shall in no case be in excess of the available funds for that purpose."

The following resolution by Brother McDowell, of Tennessee, was adopted: That the reform press bureau, established at Washington by the legislative committee and managed by H. W. Ayer, under the supervision of President Polk, is commended for the good work that it has done; but in the future we believe that such work should be done under the supervision and management of the *National Economist*.

Further, that the thanks of this body be extended to H. W. Ayer for his work in this behalf.

On motion of Brother Livingston, that the treasurer be authorized to send Brother Cobb, who had gone to Wisconsin to organize Alliances, sufficient money from the common fund to pay his way back to Georgia, was amended by Brother Page, of Virginia, that the appropriation do not exceed \$40, and adopted as amended.

The following were elected to the legislative committee: Mann Page, of Virginia; W. F. Gwynne, of Tennessee; L. P. Featherston, of Arkansas.

The report of the judiciary committee on the situation in Louisiana was received:

To the Supreme Council of the National Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union:
Your judiciary committee having had under consideration the appeal taken from the vote of the Louisiana State Union at its annual meeting in August last, whereby said State Union attempted by the passage of a resolution offered by a committee appointed by the president of said Union, T. S. Adams, to ally itself with and declare itself a faction of the Democratic party, beg leave to report that in the judgment of your committee the Louisiana State Union exceeded her powers and authority in the adoption of said report, inasmuch as no Alliance can in any way pledge or dictate by a vote thereon how its individual membership shall vote; neither can it declare itself a faction of a political party. Therefore, said appeal is sustained, and in the judgment of your committee the action of said State Union is not, and under the law and Constitution of our Order can not be, binding on its membership. We herewith submit this our report, together with the other papers in the case, in accordance with articles 6, section 6, of the Constitution.

S. M. ADAMS,
A. E. COLE,
JOHN S. DOBE.

Motion adopted that the executive committee select the place of the next annual session, choosing between the cities of Harrisburg, Pa., Atlanta, Ga., and a city in California.

Motion adopted that the minutes be approved by the President and Executive committee.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the