MASS MEETING.

McDowell County on the Upgrade---All Join Together for Reform.

MR. EDITOR:-In pursuance of a call for a mass meeting of the members of Crooked Creek, Sylvain, Bethlehem and Clear Creek Alliances, with all persons who were friendly to the Order, we met at Old Fort on Saturday. March 26th.

The meeting was called to order and Bro. A. J. Dula was called to the chair and Bro. J. L. Bird requested to act as

Your humble scribe was then called on to discuss the different planks in the platform, and as the speaking went on, the crowd, which was of good size at the beginning, grew to be very large, all shades of political opinion being represented, among them some who were known to be opposed to the Order, but all listened very attentively, and many of those who did not belong to the Order, spoke out in strong terms in favor of the demands and platform. After the speaking, the following

resolutions were adopted:

both Alliancemen and non-Alliancemen concurring, that we will vote for no the midst of a nation brought to the verge of man who does not get squarely on every plank in the platform, and that with M. G. PENDERGRASS, both feet.

T. Y. LYTLE, JNO. J. BROWN,

Committee. Also at the last three meetings of the Clear Creek Alliance, we have passed resolutions endorsing the Ocala perized labor beats down their wages; a hireand St. Louis platforms, and denouncing all men and papers who were endeavoring to traduce any of our members, especially our leaders, such as Col. L. Polk, C. W. Macune and others.

McDowell county is on rising ground, I think. The bitter opposition we are receiving from certain sources is the best thing that could be done for the Alliance in this county. Scores of men who have always affiliated with the Democrats are declaring for independ. McDowell county is on rising ground, JOHN C. BROWN, ent action. Lecturer McDowell Co.

THE COAL COMBINE.

Rev. Mr. Dixon Speaks Of It In His Introduction.

NEW YORK, March, 6.- Mr. Dixon

preceded his sermon in Association Hall this morning by a review of the secent combination of the anthracite coal kills of Pennsylvania. He said: the history of the world has just been consummated in Wall street. The anthracite coal output of America is

Jersey Central, and Delaware, Lackawanna and Western. The combination represents a total of real and watered stock to the enormous amount of \$600,-000,000. It is declared that the earnings of this trust will be over \$100, 600,000 annually. We do not doubt it.

WALL STREET MANIACS.

The scene on the Stock Exchange when the announcement of this deal was made beggars description. Men plunged and shrieked and jumped and floor of this daily pandemonium.

It was enough to move men to madness and transform a market into a hell of greed and speculative lust. These stocks, in spite of the burden of tons of water, leaped upward some \$8,000,000 within a few ticks of the clock. Visions of imperial splendor rural and urban labor are the same, their eneflashed before the surging growd of genteel gamblers. Nor was there any decline in prices. Fabulous fortunes were made in an hour. It was an hour sound and flexible, issued by the General Gov-that should interest profoundly the whole nation. Those who have best reason to know declare that it means efficient nears of distribution direct to the peoan advance of fifty cents a ton on the price of coal.

\$20,000,000, ALL PROFIT!

This means that the masses of the people will be robbed of \$20,000,000 more annually in a tax on their firesides to furnish the sinews of war for our Napoleons of finance as they walk from throne to throne and dream of this inflated stock, for all these fictitious values, for all these enormous e. We demand that postal savings banks be profits, somebody must pay—for the established by the government for the safe demen who have done this trading have scarcely to crook their little fingers. From certain quarters there ri es a cry about trusts, monopolies, combinations and conspiracies against competitive trade. The power of law is invoked to break up the conspiracy!

NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS.

But why all this noise? What has the law to do with such a combination? Such a deal is a perfectly legitimate climax to our system of commercial war. The inevitable end of competition is combination. Combination is the only possible fruit of such a system. At present our railroads are owned and run by private capital. Have not two roads the same right to combine under one management as one road to combine capital in the beginning? Certainly. What business is it to you or me if the owners of these roads enter into a partnership? The roads belong to their stockholders. They invested their money for gain. They did not build or buy those roads for philanthropic perposes. They went into it to make money for themselves. They did not invest for the purpose of furn ishing fuel to poor people who are cold. You allow them to own these public highways. They will charge you just what they please for carrying your coal. If they feel like it they will raise the price of coal fifty cents a ton. The engines, tracks, cars, belong to the managers. They will advance the price adollar a ton if they feel inclined! don't want to buy coal, let it alone. get it one year.

You can burn wood, oil, gas, electricity. THE REMEDY.

Yes, there is a remedy. Just one. All other remedies only play with the problem and pile up wrath against the day of wrath. The time has come when the government must assume control of the people's highways and run them in the interest of the people.

HIGHWAYS AND HIGHWAYMEN. Streets and public roads were the highways of past centuries. The railroad is the highway of modern times. The king owned the old highway. The king must own the new highway or the new highwaymen will own the

If you are bilious, take Beecham's Pills. SECOND DECLARATION OF AMERICAN INDE-PENDENCE.

Platform Adopted by the Confederated Industrial Organizations at St. Louis, Mo., Feb.

> 22-24, 1892. PREAMBLE.

Resolved, That we agree to all the address of the St. Louis Convention, as put forth by the committee on platform, and endorse the platform in full.

2. That it is the sense of this meeting, both Alliancemen and non-Alliancemen us best justify our co operation. We meet in moral, political, and material ruin. Corruption dominates the ballot-box, the legislature, the Congress, and touches even the ermine of the bench. The people are demoralized. Many of the States have been compelled to isolate the voters at the polling places in order to prevent universal intimidation or bribery. The newspapers are subsidized or muzzled, public opinion silenced business prostrated, our homes covered with morteages. Inhor impoverished, and the with mortgages, labor impoverished, and the land concentrating in the hands of capitalists. ling standing army, unrecognized by our laws, is established to shoot them down; and they are rapidly degenerating to European conditions.

The fruits of the toll of millions are boldly stolen to buile up colossal fortunes, unprecedented in the history of the world, while their essessors despise the republic and endanger

Democrats are declaring for independ- well as human labor, and the supply of currency is purposely abridged to fatten usurers, bankrupt enterprise, and enslave industry. A vest conspiracy against mankind has been organized on two continents, and is taking possession of the world. If not met and overthrown at once, it forbodes terrible social convulsions the destruction of civilization, or the establishment of an absolute despotism.

In this crisis of human affairs the intelligent working people and producers of the United States ave come together in the name of peace, Order, and society to defend liberty, prosperity We declare our union and independence. We

assert our purpose to support the political or-ganization which represents our principles. We charge that the contro ing influence dominating the old political parties have allowe the existing dreadful conditions to develop without serious effort to restrain or prevent them. They The most gigantic railroad deal in have agreed together to ignore, in the coming campaign, every issue but one. They propose to drown the outcries of a plundered people with he uproar of a sham battle over the tariff; so that corporations, national banks, rings, trusts, "watered stock," the demonstration of silver, controlled by five railroads. Four of these roads have entered into a combination—the Reading, Lehigh Valley, secure corruption funds from the great lores of

We assert that a political organization, repre senting the political principles herein stated, is necessary to redress the grievances of which we

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In order to restrain the extortions of aggregate capital to drive the money changers out of the temple to form a perfect union, establish justice, yelled like maniacs. Millions hung in the balance of a moment. It was a secure the blessings of liberty for ourselves and secure the blessings of liberty for ourselves day never to be forgotten even on the and our posterity we doordain and establish the ollowing platform of principles:

First—We declare the union of the labor forces of the United States this day accomplished per-manent and perpetual. May its spirit enter into all hearts of the republic and the uplifting of

Second-Wealth belongs to him who created it. Every dollar taken from industry without an equivalent is robbery. If anyone will not work, neither shall be eat. The interests of

PLATFORM. FINANCE.

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a. We demand free and unlimited coinage of

b. We demand that the amount of circulating medium be speedily increased to not less than

\$50 per capita. We demand a graduated income tax. d. We believe that the money of the country should be kept as much as possible in the hands new worlds to conquer. Yes, for all of the people, and hence we demand all national and State revenue shall be limited to the necessary expenses of the government economically

posit of the earnings of the people and to facili tate exchange. Second-The land, including all the natural resources of wealth, is the heritage of all the people and should not be monopolized for speculative purposes, and alien ownersaip of land should be prohibited. All land now held by railroads and other corporations in excess of their actual needs, and all lands now owned by

aliens, should be reclaimed by the government and held for actual settlers only. TRANSPORTATION Third-Transportation being a means of exchange and a public necessity, the government should own and operate the railroads in the interest of the people. a. The telegraph and telephone, like the post-office system, being a necessity for transmission of news, should be owned and operated by the

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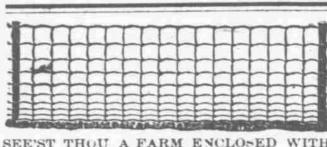
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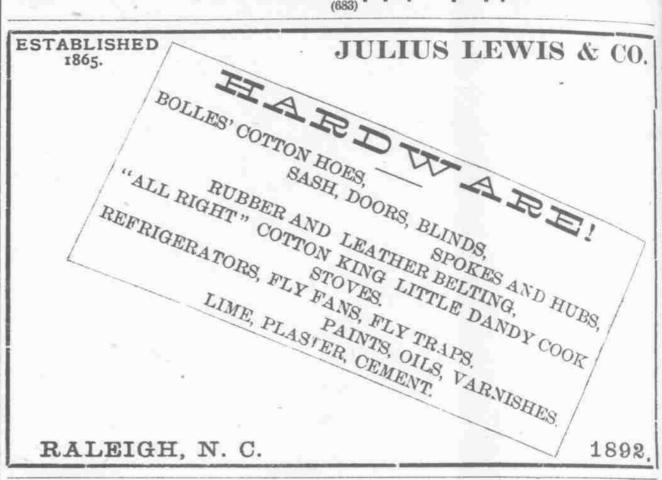
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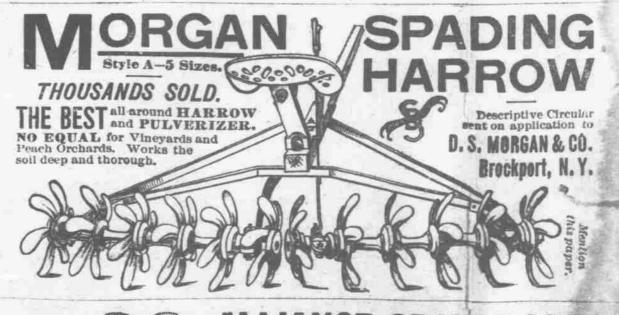
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