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steps outside of regular party lines is exposed to misrepresentation of his The Condition of the Farmer and the motive and to a charge of weakness or corruption in his conduct; he gains little credit for his moral courage of self-assertion. But Dean Stanley says what is called public opinions of any age may be in itself as misleading, and as corrupt as the opinions of any indi-vidual. He must be blind or a fool who cannot see that the minds of the masses are awaking to that opinion, and is revolving in that direction, when they see and feel that the money power has succeeded in impoverishing the people through acts of Congress till less than one eighth in each hundred own any land. They have become is to bring relief to the down trodden tenants and slaves, and one million tramps upon the highways; the wealth and homes of the nation surely and swiftly moving into the jaws of a

financial octopus." "H. W. Beecher says the glory and safety of a country is in its homes, which contains the true element of national safety and vitality.

ing of the power of money, says: enough to buy a bob-tailed bull. They 'When with the hand of mammon it should lend their support to the Allican lay it hand on a nation's wealth, is ance and march with it to victory. It the first, second and last great cause is time to stop these bitter comments on Col. Polk, for he has proved himself BRO. MASSEY IN CASWELL CO if inspired by prophetic wisdom, he a gentleman, patriot and hero, and is says: 'In vain does experience offer to day at the head of the grandestarmy at Blue Fork, his first appointment on us the wisdom of the past for our direc- ever formed on American soil, for he the 15th of March. The weather was linger around the rocks on which they homes, but they are now poor tenants, sive business carried on through our perished and warn us of our approach ing fate.

mit to a majority.

THE INDUSTRIAL AND EDUCATIONAL INTERESTS OF OUR PEOPLE PARAMOUNT TO ALL OTHER CONSIDERATIONS OF STATE POLICY.

RALEIGH, N. C., APRIL 26, 1892.

Causes.

WARRENTON, N. C. MR. EDITOR:-As you have stated

that your columns are open for the discussion of all subjects of public interest, I venture to make a few statements which I believe to be fac s, just as they occur to me. It is evident to every man of sound brain, capable of thinking properly and without prejudice, that the agriculturists of this country are in a deplorable condition, brought about by monopolies, money sharks of bad legislation, and that the object and suffering masses. Relief is coming, and it is coming through the efforts of these labor unions. It is amusing to see how little popped up men hurl their bitterness at the Alliance through the disguise of an attack on Col. L L. Polk, and they seem to imagine that they are "The godly Edward Payson, speak | fact is some of them have not money

My^{*}opinion is now expressed. It may be wrong, but I am honest in it. I feel that I have as much interest in the

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welfare of my people and that there is as much responsibility resting on me as a common citizen for the rise and

I have said enough. If a mistake is made it is from the heart. I feel that my position is best for the Alliance. best for the State and best for the nation. As for myself, if mistaken I have nothing to lose. I have no special favors to ask and none to give. There is no office that I can fill, and have no friends nor kin for whom I would sacrifice one principle nor smother an honest conviction to give an office or position, but am willing to sacrifice

self for my home and country. Respectfully, J. W. LANE. [If the brother will jog his memory he will find that the only articles favorumn his own article is the most "parper.-EDITOR.]

country best,' yet a public man who LETTER FROM WARREN COUNTY on something, then respectfully sub- "A ROSE BY ANY OTHER NAME the Democratic party is in favor of WOULD SMELL JUST AS SWEET."

WARRENTON, N. C.

bleak spring day, with all nature takes? It looks so. fall of my country as any other, taking in consideration ability and means. arrayed in an icy coating, and the question is mentally propounded, what is the course for the patriotic citizens of North Carolina to pursue at and before the November elections? What is our duty? Shall we, "knowing dare maintain," or shall we be content to let others do our thinking, and thereby become mere dumb driven cattle? These are questions which every patriotic citizen will have to answer, and by their votes shall ye know them.

What is democracy? A plain, everyday answer is, rule by the people. To rule means to govern, control, direct.

The next question that arises is, are the wishes of the people the laws of the land? Do the people rule in that sense? and they seem to imagine that they are the money lords, and that the Alliance is trying to pull them down when the fact is some of them have not money ple are not carried out, their desire is not the law of the land, and the people well; look at it individually and all is tisan" that ever appeared in this pa- do not rule. If the people do not rule, we have not democracy in America. Then what governs and controls our country? Money! Whoes money? The money derived from taxing you and I and the bone and sinew (and truthful-the the heart and blood) of America? ly the heart and blood) of America? desire to see its principles enacted into Ah, no! That only keeps the machin laws. Can we do this through either tion. In vain does the genius of history spread her chart and point out the ruin spread her chart and point out the ruin bone and sinew of the land. You have to which we are advancing. In vain only to look around you and see farm hearing Alliance doctrine. There is a been added and solely for the purpose do the ghosts of departed governments ers who ought to be owners of happy large Alliance at this place and exten of exhausting for a Billion Dollar Congress. Our money, therefore, does not their homes having been gobbled up Business Agency, conducted by Bro. direct, govern or control, but the imand yet, in spite of past experience, and this is caused by the spite of past experience, and this is caused by the spite of past experience. campaign purposes-the money of will we to day flatter curselves that the the present damnable money system. We went next morning through rain large corporations. The immense same causes which have proved fatal This reform which is coming will and hail to County Line and found a sums to maintain a strong lobby and both assertions used as a rallying cry to all other governments will cease benefit all mankind, regardless of pro- large crowd, listening to a string band the further fact that the Senate is com- to keep the voters in the old parties? posed of millionaires who are in the same category with alien million and multimillionaires -i. e, have money to us, nothing of storm in these prophetic There are too many pauper factories in we introduced him, and getting warmer lend. It is second nature for million aires to legislate to keep money at a premium, and to us common folk, few and far between. The House more correctly expresses the poverty and will of the people, then it is by comparison in worldly goods far beyond the people. Read the Congressional Record, as I have been doing of late, and turn to the Senate branch of Con gress. If you find anything introduced for the benefit of the people, there will be perhaps a few remarks upon it by the Senator who introduced it and perhaps a half dozen questions asked by a few Senators, and the bill is referred to some committee for final instructions. On the other hand let some matter come up of importance to the money power-let some appropriation financial system, after which we feasted | bill for the purpose of spending the people's money, and especially in government buildings, and it is passed ex peditiously, and several per day. Thus it is that money is king. The servant has become greater than his lord. Money, like fire, is a good servant, but a bad master. Paradoxical as it may seem, money is the cause of the depressions of to day, but it is the money which has been taken from us. "They got it by forms of law; by means most foul." Who is responsible? The Democrats say, "our great enemy, the Republican party." The Republicans say, "our old foe, the Democratic party." And both are right. Who voted into the hands of a favored class brethren that "Old Wayne is still the right to dole unto the people their of our people. Mr. Editor, the United alive. Our constitutional crank has own money and to fix the rate of in-States is dear to us because it is our not quite driven us from the field, terest and the security? Democrats country, but old North Carolina is though he claims some of us never and Republicans. Who re chartered national banks? Grover Cleveland. Who is opposed to the free and unlimited coinage of silver? Benjamin Harization of a Union last Saturday at rison and Grover Cleveland, with D Eureka, in the western part of the B. Hill between them. Who is spending the people's money over a secondary issue? Democrats and Republicans. Who is content to watch each the other and when a measure is proposed for the public good 'tis voted down or not made prominent because it will make the party in power popu-Brethren J. D. Ezzell, J. M. Mew lar if the measure is passed? Demo borne, J. E. Person, J. T. Kennedy and crats and Republicans. Who are often absent from their seats in Congress, attending to their private I will not attempt even a synopsis of affairs? Democrats and Republicans. the speeches. Suffice it to say they all What organs in this State have mis party may get in power and they will did well, and gave us a field day for represented the Alliance and its chosen servants? Democratic and Republi-Towards the close our venerable can. What organs in this State have eagerly clipped and "passed around" Democratic party, but to day, with the publican-largely Democratic. What rest of my Alliance brethren, I am is the politics of the organ at our State principles, want relief, and am heart. should not we howl? The men whom vened, was loud in the call for free head and hand with the reformers. I we have elevated to positions of honor and unlimited coinage of silver, and believe the principles of the Alliance, and trust, men who are (or ought to which afterwards as anti-free coinage By act of March 18, 1879, the legal tenders and 5 20 bonds were made pay-able in coin and the people lost \$500,-000,000 By act of July 14, 1890, \$1,500,000,000 coinage) has been used as a popular measure to stir the people up for politisay here why but will in future, if al- rising vote. They were adopted cal purposes, without in fact being of much importance to them." And goes on to say that "the whole agitation. we think, has been on the line indi-We propose to discuss, at that meeting, cated by the National Economistarousing the people by means of popumore inserted. At present we need no the free coinage of silver. Each Sub- lar measures, that after all promise Alliance selects one of their members them but little of economic value." Politics, Democratic. What is the politics of the paper at the State capi-tal that utters its valedictory to Col Polk and reads him out of the Democratic party? Politics, Democratic. The same paper speaks of Col. Polk as

free coinage. Isn't the editor of the above alluded to Democratic organ just where David B. Hill is-with something said in favor of both sides, I sit before a cheerful fire on this stand the next Democratic nominee

No. 11

Mr. Editor, the laborers of our coun-try have put forward a platform upon which every man who "earns his bread by the sweat of his brow" can stand. It is the exponent of the wishes of those who produce the wealth of our great country. It is natural that they should desire its principles enacted into laws. They are honest and in earnest when they say that our condition would be much improved and our country's prosperity would advance smoothly to the highest pinnacle of greatness if these principles were the laws of the land. This reform movement, this great unrest among the people, is not the effect of the language of mere visionary schemers, but is an indisputable evidence of the galldepression, gloom, dispair. The laborer Democratic papers that the Republi-cans would have nothing to do with the People's party in the last elections in the Western States. And is it not recorded in the Republican journals in the West, that the South will not leave the Democratic party? And are not Is it believed by any sane man that the relief asked in the St. Louis plat: form will be granted by either of the old parties. They will not let each other grant it-'twould be too popular. The State Chronicle in its weekly issue of March 15th, states that the value of the railroads four years ago was between eight and nine billion dollars and that now it has increased to not less than eleven billions. The Chronicle thinks it is preposterous, the idea of the government owning them. Suppose the government did not own and control the postal system, how much delayed mail matter and how much in postage would the Chronicle suffer? Suppose the products of the soil could be shipped expediously and cheaply like the Chronicle is, would nct we be greatly bles ed in purse and comfort? Railroads oughe to be placed in the hands of the people-their property-to be made use of with as many comforts and as little expenditure of money as possible. The dividends on eleven billion dollars would help Uncle Sam to reduce the tariff. An increase of three billion dollars in four years shows enormous profits in railroading. Do not confiscate them, but pay the owners, retain the present management and disfranchise them, as long as employed by the government, and the railroads thus owned would become a great blessing. Let the *Chronicle* look at the matter from the people's standpoint, as we who pay the freight and have no voice in what we buy or ship, have to do. Look at it from the standpoint of Rev. Mr. Renn, in his competition for the Chronicle, and he will see the matter right. I believe that all government employees should be disfranchised while holding office. I have digressed here to show you that one, at least, of the Democratic organs is in opposition t) one of our demands. Mr. Editor, our people are firm on the St. Louis platform. We believe that if you should place the above platform under the Democratic banner that it would receive words of strong commendation from the Democratic papers instead of fault finding and abuse-a case of whose ox is gored. If the People's party is necessary in North Carolina to have the St. Louis platform enacted into law, then by all means let us have the People's party; 'twill be but the placing of the ruins of government in the hands of the plain people, which is democracy. HOWARD F. JONES.

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Each of the above-named papers are requested to keep the list standing on they are duly elected. Any paper failing be ar can now see what papers are people published in their interest.

REVOLUTION.

Subject.

DERITA, N. C.

MR. EDITOR:-" Coming events cast shadows before them." More than five WHAT HAS BECOME OF THE years ago I heard a man in a public speech make the expression, "vote for men and principle and let the parties go to smash." Others that were present declared he never made any such expression, for the reason that he was too good a Democrat. Now that sentiment has grown in the minds of the masses of the more intelligent and For the information of inquirers upon jority of the State Alliance favor it? If more law-abiding voters, there must this vital question, the Mercury states not why is it that only those who favor be some great cause or something badly that there is now in active circulation it write for THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER? ence. wrong somewhere in the politics of our among the people about \$500,000,000 or Is it that those who oppose are afraid country that is producing such a revotion. They believe the cause to be the unjust laws that have discriminated against the masses and in favor of the few, and they feel that while the might be converted into interest bear favored few have been taken in and ing bonds to the extent of \$10,000,000 have fared sumptuously every day, that they, and especially the farmers, thereafter. provided we had the money to pay for them; and the cause of their oppression has been from unjust laws; that the remedy must come from a repeal of the laws that oppress them and the cent. bonds. creation of laws that gives equal rights to all and special privileges to none. And the great question and all import- per cent. bonds issued therefor. ant one of to day is how shall it be accomplished? Hear what George William Curtis, editor of Harper's Weekly, and a great apostle of civil reform, says: "Whenever party spirit shall strain or corrupt the ancient guarantees of 34 per cent. freedom, burn and desroy the idols of parties that you have worshipped, banish party from your country, confine it to questions affecting principles in the State and Nation. Elect repre- per cent. bonds. of a free people. Send to the Senate statesmen whom histiry will immor-talize and nations make their models. "Let the man to day who from principle stands before the world with the reform banner unfurled expect to be very unpopular with the politicians of from now until Nov. 15th right. I believe in a free and unreboth old parties. As payes says, 'he serves his for 50 cents. Make up your Clubs.

on our own? And yet there are hundreds to day who see nothing to alarm | for the right, and right will triumph. truths. "Asleep, rocked to sleep by the very storm their ignorance and in- to the rescue. When Col. Polk sounds and eloquent address to an highly apdifference has permitted to overtake the trumpet, a mighty column will be preciative audience, after which we them.

The burning and earnest counsel of Young may be appropriately applied here: "Awake! stand in arms! nor lean against thy spear, lest slumber steal one moment over thy soul, and fate surprise the nodding.

Rome was never stronger in all the seeming elements of power than at the moment of her fall. She had grown rich and riches had corrupted her morals, and while mammonism corrupts morals, it blocks reforms, for as you can see to day, men who have favors to ask, or have only simple justice of the public are slow to follow their convictions into any reform movement. Yet they can see that popular government is to-day no more in the hands of the people, but is degenerating into the hands of a boss.

During his visit to this country, Herbert Spencer said: "You retain the forms of freedom, but so far as I can see there has been a considerable loss of the substance. It is true that those who rule you do not do it by means of retainers armed with swords, but they do it through regiments of the first page and add others, provided men armed with voting papers who obey the word of command as loyally dvocate the Ocala platform will as did the dependen's of the feudal ped from the list promptly. Our nobles and who thus enable their leaders to override the general will and make the community submit to their exactions as effectually as their prototypes of old. Surely he says:

"Those who framed your Constitu-What Great Minds Have to Say on the tion never dreamed that twenty thousand citizens would go to the polls led S. F. QUERY. by a boss."

> -----MONEY?

stantly writing to the Mercury for in am getting off too far; I will come to officers: W. B. Hood, President; Louis formation as to how much money we the point and ask a few questions: Has Godwin, Vice President; M. E. Britt, have now in circulation; how much it a majority of the National Alliances has been concentrated, when and how. endorsed the Third party? Does a ma-\$7.80 per capita, and that in 1866 we to express themselves for fear the Third had \$52 per capita.

The act of Congress passed Sept. 12, 1865, provided that legal tender notes

come, regardless of party name. It is arrival. our land. Let all good citizens rally with his subject, he delivered an able seen advancing with unwavering step to the front, JNO. B. POWELL, JR.

----WAITING AND WATCHING.

FORT BARNWELL, Craven Co. MR EDITOR:-For the last fe v years have been waiting and watching, listening and reading, and while there has been much said and done that] endorse with all my heart, head and hands, there has also been much that I could not approve, and but for my illiteracy would have spoken long ago. But, Mr. Editor, the time has come that every man should speak, however ignorant he may be. If he feels any interest in his home and country, and would say or do anything to defend and aid them, he must do so quickly. The little cloud that arose in the west grows larger and darker. What first seemed to be a mere wind cloud now threatens to be a mighty storm, a cyclone that will sweep over our country, sufficient only to destroy the Farmers' Alliance, blight the bright hopes of our people and cause them (us) to fall with a crash even below from whence we arose only a few years ago, and our last stage will be worse than the first. Already we see the lightning's flash and hear the thunder roar. We fear the consequences; our hearts sink within us, and we weep over the future dearer, because it is our home. It is knew the first rudiments of the Alligrand to have control and govern and ance doctrine. rule our country, and it should be the ambition of every true, patriotic citizen of any country to help to do so. But it is grander, yea it is a necessity, to govern and rule our home. The nation is worth much to us but Alliance lecturers and others are con- the State is worth much more. But I

want a place and can't get it? Or is it | the Alliance and its principles. that THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER SO much favors it and will not publish what is

their pernicious tendency when exerted fession and the relief demanded must discoursing sweet music, awaiting our

Bro. Massey. getting partially warm, partook of the many good things prepared by our good sisters. We carried him to our house and enjoyed his company. Then off for Purley next morning, where we found a good crowd gathered to hear our principles discussed, who expressed themselves highly pleased.

We took lunch and had a secret session, after which we returned home through the freezing rain. Next morning we were out early for the Red House, where we met a large crowd. 1. Massey discussed Alliance prinmanner. We discussed for a while our on the many good things prepared.

After evening session Bro. Massey went on to Leasburg; had out to hear him there a large crowd. We hope he will visit Caswell again, for the people from all parts of the country desire to hear to him.

With our reform papers to educate the people, and such lectures as Bro. Massey gave us, we will plant our banner on the citadel of plutocracy.

C. G. LEA, Co. Lect'r. -----

LETTER FROM WAYNE COUNTY.

A Union Meeting and What was Done. MR. EDITOR:-Pleuse say to the

I started out to tell you of the organcounty.

Four Sub Alliances, Falling Creek, Prespect, Thunder Swamp and Eureka, formed the Union with the following Chaplain, and J. A. Stevens, Secretary. C. F. R. Kornegay addressed the audi-

brother, J. T. Kennedy, arose and written in opposition? Either of the placing his hand upon his noble brow, articles telling that the Alliance is los in six months and \$40,000,000 per month two is bad enough, but the latter is (whose locks are blossoming for the ing strength in some other State and worse. We expect no more of a par- grave) told us in feeling tones they going to pieces, or that some "very have been miserably left out in the By act of March 7, 1867, \$50,000,000 tisan paper, but we do of ours, which meant something. Said he, "for 48 prominent gentleman" has withdrawn cold to eat the crumbs that might fall, 3 per cent. bonds were issued for legal claims to favor "justice to all and espe- long years I have cast my votes for the from the order? Democratic and Reber of the Farmers' Alliance, favor its called a "calamity howler," and why capitol which, before Congress conproperly carried out, will bring these be) servants of the people, have created men loomed up for the presidency, to pass. I look upon it as the greatest unto themselves the House of Lords, condescended to give the minority reand grandest organization the world and to say they have turned their port, with an expression that the maneed of a third party, and am bitterly ments in the form of a preamble and opposed to any such movement under platform, passed by the St. Louis Conthe present circumstances. I need not ference, moved their adoption with a unanimously. We adjourned to meet the first Saturwe could possibly adopt the present one, there would have to be a few We propose to discuss, at that meeting, planks saved out of its platform and the measure now before Congress-

RESOLUTIONS OF MORVAN AL-LIANCE, NO. 79.

ANSON COUNTY, N. C. WHEREAS, under the present system of government the public are deprived of the privilege of enjoying the fruits of their labor; and whereas we believe the partisan press of the country to be bribed against the interests prostrated, our homes covered with mortgages, land and money rapidly concentrating into the hands of the few, therefore be it unanimously Resolved By Morven Alliance, in regular meeting assembled on the 2nd day of April, 1892, that we endorse the Ocala demands and the St. Louis platform, finance, land, and transportation.

tender notes then held by banks as cial favors to none." lawful reserves.

By act of Feb. 3, 1868, \$94,000,000 legal tenders were converted into 6 per

By act of July 25, 1868, \$25,000,000 more legal tenders were retired and 3 By act of March 18, 1879, the legal

By act of July 14, 1890, \$1,500,000,000 were issued at an average interest of

By act of 1873 Congress demonetized silver.

By act of Jan. 14, 1875, \$50,000,000

By act of 1878, \$100,000,000 5 per

The Progressive Farmer

In conclusion let me say I am a mem-

lowed, fully explain. If the third party ever becomes a necessity, before

My real object in writing is to move to take part in the discussion. some one else that can to write. I don't believe in any one sided business until we are satisfied that that side is served expression of opinions, a discussion of the differences-an agreement for 50 cents.

J. A. STEVENS, Sec'y.

Make up your Clubs.

2. That we will not support any candidate for office who does not endorse the Ocala demands and stand on the St. Louis Platform.

3. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the PROGRESSIVE FARMER for publication,

J. J. DABBS, Pres. JNO. L. JOHNSON, Sec'y.

The Progressive Farmer from now until Nov. 15th "the apostle of free coinage" and wet | for 50 cents. Make up your Clubs.

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