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be dropped from the list promptly. Our published in their interest.

THE CRISIS.

MR. EDITOR:-The great crisis of hand; indeed is now-upon us. Whenever you find one of our leaders or didate for some office. Whenever you see a partisan journal quoting what he may say with approbation, or you see him taking pains that his new ideas may be sown broadcast in print, keep efforts to demoralize the body from your eyes steadily on him. He is sowing to the wind and casting his bread | politicians will receive aid and support upon the waters, which he hopes will from the plutocracy. The batteries

bring an office after awhile. thinking that the plutocratic element of the Democratic party will succeed in ostracising the reform element and kick them out. The Democratic party, if its organs are its power, are determined to eliminate all the reform element from its councils and there depend upon the party lash to whip them the two parties bound and manacled by Wall street plutocracy determined to fight the people every inch of the ground. To an ordinary thinker, this appears unreasonable, and he can gather no good reason why. But when you come down to consider whose office or whose money is involved, you at once come to the whole secret. It is men contending for place and plun der. Plutocracy shows those whom it will favor, and plutocracy has the money. The common people are mere | forth in said platform enacted into law. sheep to be shorn, driven and cuffed at partisan pleasure. These parties have | tional President, L. L. Polk, and exa rule which they say no honest man can violate: that if a man takes a part his integrity and ability and pledge mechanic and farmer have at last in their conventions he is honor bound him. Macune and our other leaders our to support men if nominated of whom | endorsement so long as they support he may have never heard, and to sup- and stand firmly by the principles and port principles yet in some boodlemongers brain. If you don't swallow, swear and affirm that you will swallow the dose, no matter what it may be, pudding or epicac, you are not an honest man. Both tyrrant-ridden parties have this rule. Why? Because the pudding or the epicac is already preyou can't get office, and the politicians say swallow for their own sakes; and for 50 cents. Make up your Club.

this cry of honesty or dishonesty is to frighten the common people, knowing that this is a weakness that the plutocratic element don't possess, and this President—L. L. Polk, North Carothe political field in both parties. The devil quotes scripture some times and wears the garb of angels, and men country are disgusted with the old prize most that which they possess the worn out, clap-trap doctrines that have least. We don't rail at them for elling of honesty, but we object to their dic tating to the people of this State what

we don't consider them competent

judges nor their motives disinterested. The crisis is on. All along the line there is a powerful whipping, snapping and popping, just as it was when they foisted on this State those two old of the sentiments of the people, in defiance of their own platform, (what do ing to the poor house. they care for principles?) and they are trying to beat the people down and est patriots, who had read of the downplace him in nomination and then fall of the Roman Empire, began to whip and snap and pop for his election. draw conclusions, that the people of They are willing to day to place Cleve- these United States were swiftly trav-Presidency in defiance of their own about the destruction of Rome, and the people and trust to the party lash men living under the same constituto rule the people.

The people in this State and in most of the States are in a very bad condition. politically. Two gigantic corrupt parties, ruling them with a rod of iron, deceiving and plundering. No choice left them. The case is getting des-

injure the Alliance except the poli- eligibility to membership, is that the some times to barter and trade their principles for office. To the brotherhood we would say on the eve of an in a God. election he who repudiates one iota of these principles and then is taken up by one of the plutocratic parties and nominated for office, reject him. Office or the promotion to office, is not one of the objects of the Alliance. Any mem ber of the Alliance has an unquestionable right to advocate any party he may please; he has a right to object to any principles whatevever he may please; but it does not look well for him to seek office after so doing and make an effort to subordinate his Order and any of its principles to party. The principles of his Order should be held superior to party and to office.

This is the bone of contention. The party desires to subject the Alliance to party dictation. As soon as any Alli anceman yields and makes his party superior to the Alliance, he depreciates his principles. As a question of policy nor right involved. But in a matter of right and justice no man has a right before God and man to yield to party dictation. Then we would say let any man choose his own party and choose his own principles and be his own judge oppressed American citizen will give Each of the above-named papers are | in all things but let no man comprorequested to keep the list standing on mise any of our principles for the sake the first page and add others, provided of office, and the Alliance will pass through all this ordeal of 1892 without they are duly elected. Any paper fail-ing to advocate the Ocala platform will a blemish. The Alliance stands in the pure upper atmosphere, above corrup people can now see what papers are tion; it is the arbiter and judge of all system. parties. This year it may vote for one party, next year for another, as its interests and rights may dictate. Those who belong to the Democratic party or the Republican party, or the Peowhich we have been foretold is near at | ple's party, or any other party, are not well educated in Alliance principles yet. The Alliance is not the prisoner prominent men falling away in the at the bar; it is the judge and jury. very heat of the contest, watch that It is not the cat's paw to drag chestnuts man and see if he don't turn up a can- out of the fire for any man; it is the man himself.

The politicians will be unable to ap preciate this exalted attitude of the Alliance and there will be strenuous this high and noble purpose and these will be let loose all along the line on The Republican party is jubilant, this noble band. The plutocracy loves a slave, but it hates a freeman.

W. R. LINDSAY. PAMLICO COUNTY.

Bayboro, N. C. Mr. EDITOR:—At the regular meet county, held at Arapahoe on April 14, 1892, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this Alliance heartily endorse the platform adopted at the St. Louis Conference, which convened February 22d, 1892.

2. That we will not support any man for office who does not declare himself squarely on that platform, and pledge himself to use his vote and influence to have the demands as set

3. That we endorse our worthy Nademands of the Farmers Alliance.

J. H. HOLTON. WM. A. CARRAWAN, J. B. MARTIN, Committee on Resolutions.

The Progressive Farmer pared and Wall street says swallow or from now until Nov. 15th

LETTER FROM THE WEST.

HENDERSONVILLE, N. C. Mr. Editor:—I have been a constant reader of your paper for some time, and fully agree with your course, 90 per cent, of the reading men in the been worn thread-bare by politicians, and demagogues. Why? The reason is perfectly clear and plain. The disconstitutes an honest action; because cussion and legislature during the last quarter of a century, has been productive of no good whatever, but on the contrary has been the source from which much evil has arisen. The platforms of the two old parties have been annually pushed to the front, for no fossils in the United States Senate. other purpose but to keep in the back They succeeded then in their whipping ground new and living issues that if game and they firmly believe they can adopted would unfrock, unseat and resubjugate the freemen of this State | tire to the walks of private life demaagain by the same process. They have gogues that have lived upon party and chosen a member of a trust in defiance platforms when their constituents have by their legislation been swiftly drift-

A few years since a handful of honland or Hill in nomination for the elling the same road that brought platform and against the sentiments of came to the wise conclusion, that as tion, protected by the same flag, and ready at all times to defend that flag, with their life's blood if necessary, had the right to meet and consult together, for the good of the present generation, and those to come after them. One grand and noble course pursued by But what I commenced to talk about invoked the blessings of allwise God to is the crucial test to which the Alliance aid and guide them in their deliberawill be subjected this year, Nothing tions. This course has been pursued will please the two plutocratic parties ever since by this organization, and more than its disruption. No one will one of the cardinal qualifications for ticians in the Order. These are willing | candidate presenting himself for membership must answer in the affirmative. the question whether or not he believes

> The question naturally arises just here, had these individuals the right to think that the law, making power of our country had been legislating in favor of one class, the rich, to the detriment of the other, the poor, to that extent that they had really created thereby grievances? And before I at tempt an answer to this question, I will propound the second. Has the grievances since the organization has

been formed abated?

There will be no doubt in the mind of many that they had by improper legislation created grievances almost too intelerable to be borne. This has been largely due to the improper legislation in Congress, in regard to supplying the people with currency. The Constitution expressly says, Congress shall supply the people with currency. Under the national banking he may so yield if there is no justice system it is not done, and the meagre supply in many parts of the country creates a demand for money, that in many instances, the high rate of 8 per cent, allowed by the banking act is totally disregarded, and all that the over and above the legal rate is taken, though it be 20 per cent. This one single act is a grievance that ought not to be borne. Hence it is you will find in the demands of these patriots the abolition of the national banking

Has the start ever been made to abolish the system? Not at all. Then of course it still exists, and this griev-

ance is still in existence. Then they thought and demanded the free and unlimited coinage of silver should be the law of the land. This matter is too fresh in the mind of the reader to demand an answer, with a majority unprecedented in the House of Representatives, it has died the death (we fear) that will know no awakening, during this Congress. Then of course this grievance exists

The railroads are run in this country at an annual rate of 32 per cent. clear profit to these corporations. Magnificent private cars at the disposal of these railroad lords-champagne, fine cigars, whiskey at one end, dining room at the other, and an aristocratic officer in the center surrounded by luxury unheard of, with the man that pays the taxes. This thing still exists. We might continue to name other sore grievances that we propose to correct, but it would make this communication too lengthy.

in the hedges and by-ways declare our demands were proper, and when the time comes we will give you aid and support. An address was issued some time since declaring devotion to our principles by men outside of our Order, and what do we see? One of these very birds that declared undying love with President Butler, on what queshe so recently endorsed.

house rings, who make their living by mechanic and farmer have at last would endorse these demands intend to see in the convention in Raleigh, endorsed, but in an interview of a member of Congress from North Carolina, he says it is to be an old-fashioned Democrated platform, and old-fashioned Democratic candidates, and we thousand sumptuously. are not afraid, etc., etc.

Is the Alliance in this State to stand our demands? Have we lost our manhood? Did we have just cause to com for 50 cents. Make up your Clubs.

plain, when we organized? Have the causes been removed? Are we a set of blatant cowards? Are we contendthe Alliance in North Carolina of that | ciples?

class that shirk responsibility? anti-silver, plaid trust, monopolistic, gold standard candidates for us, and may God give us the victory.

PLAN FOR RELIEF.

IREDELL CO. MR. EDITOR:-We have been reading and examining the various plans of relief suggested in The Progressive FARMER for some time past, for the benefit of members of the Alliance who have been unfortunate, and who have lost their property by fire or other

We have also noticed the many appeals for help published in your paper, and also we have received cards from various Alliances asking assistance for their unfortunate members. We have always responded most cheerfully whenever appealed to. We believe, however, that the present system-or want of system—is very unsatisfactory and expensive, as well as being uncer tain. If a member has sustained a loss of property in value to the amount of three or four hundred dollars, an appeal is published in your paper to the various Alliances throughout the State. There are over 2,000 of them. If each Sub-Alliance sent 50 cents, the amount the unfortunate member would receive would be more than double the value of the property he lost. He would receive \$1,000 besides the expense of postage and registering lette s, from 2,000 Alliances, which would be, at 12 each, \$240 more.

Of course it is not at all probable that all of the Alliances would c ntribute every time an appeal is published in your paper or made by sending postal cards properly endorsed. But under the present method and want of system in helping unfortunate members, how are the various Sub Alliances to know how much has been contributed by any or all of the various Allances through out the State? They have no means of knowing; there never has been any notice published as to whether the amount asked for had been receivedmore or less. We therefore think that a system of relief should be adopted hat would be more certain and less expensive, by which a large amount could be saved in postage and register

ing letters It has been suggested by Houston ville Alliance, that a general assessment could be made quarterly, to be remitted to the County Secretary with the regular quarterly dues, and by him remitted to a State Agent, who should be a bonded officer. The amount so assessed to be in proportion to the value of property each member lists help according to his means a member who wa unfortunate—a brother who accidentally lost his property, but not by any fault or neglect of his.

These suggestions are made with a view of having the matter discussed, to the end that a sy tem of relief will be agreed upon and adopted that will give relief to worthy members in actual need, more cersain and prompt with as little expense for postage and mailing as possible.

The relief plan should be considered and discussed by Alliancemen as being enemy (money power) is assailing both a very important measure for their consideration. It goes to the foundation of fraternal brotherhood. The matter should be discussed in

the Sub Alliances, and the delegates to the county meeting could have it discussed there. The County Alliances could instruct the delegates to the State Alliance to have that body discuss the matter and to take definite action and formulate a plan of relief that would be just, prompt and more certain. P. B. KENNEDY.

MEETING OF CARTERET ALLI-ANCE, NO. 1,440.

BOGUE, N. C. of the Carteret Alliance met at Eureka, determination to show to the world During the time of the schooling that Thursday, April 14th. Onslow's pride that we are freemen in fact. Let our into plutocratic ranks. Here we have ing of the County Alliance of Pamlico has been going on in this State, we have as a man and orator, Frank D. Koonce, voices sound a protest louder than heard men from almost the housetops, of Richlands, was the orator for the thunder's rumble against the encroach day. Mr. Ralph Howland, County ments of capital upon the rights and Lecturer, introduced Bro. Koonce in liberties of the people. Let us be men that easy style that characterizes the who can think and act for themselves man. Koonce's talk was public, to in the interest of the masses against some 500 people. He made deep im- the classes. pressions upon the people generally, and was well received by the Order. He spoke one hour and fifteen minutes, for us, demanding a division of time being stopped by rain. His speech was regarded as practical and forcible, tion? on the demands of our Order that interspersed with spicy anecdotes with the opposites which are characteristic Further, the political bosses, court of the man. He buried those epithets, such as "yellow buck deceiver," "bal brother Alliancemen. We should do be resurrected in this section. Koonce but not anything that would pull down vowed that those who it was thought is a wonderful man, and anything else others, as both the old parties are dobut a balloon. Wherever he goes, the ing for their own promotion. Please revolution is wonderful, and those who allow an old man who wishes the wel-May 18th that the demands will not be do not want to think differently better fare of every class to offer a few instead of antagonize.

was just grand-enough to have fed a EUREKA.

and beg this party or that to endorse from now until Nov. 15th

THE PUBLIC VOICE.

ing for one thing that is not just and enforcement of our prin them to aid you in protecting your-

views.)

WHAT TO TEACH THE PEOPLE.

Teach the people that the fight is not between parties, bus between labor and capital. Then nominate and elect men who will represent their people's interest instead of their party's interest RANSOM HINTON.

KEEP IN THE MIDDLE OF DE ROAD.

RIDGEWAY, N. C. In answer to your question, I would say stand squarely and flat-footed on the Alliance platform and vote for no man who don't stand on them with you, for he is none of ours, and vote for Wall street no longer. Leave off all party prejudice and keep in de mid-dle ob de road. J. F. P. HARTON.

STAND SQUARE. Holloways, Person Co., N. C. Stand squarely upon the St. Louis platform adopted February 22–24, 1892, with every foot flat-footed, as immoveable as the stars. Support no man for any office whatever unless he is an active, bona fide, uncompromising, zealous member of the Farmers' Alliance, and let the cry be "lay on, Macduff, and damned be him that first cries hold! enough." N. N. Tuck.

STAND SHOULDER TO SHOULDER.

valuable paper, would suggest that we After you have nominated your men stand together on the Alliance demands for office, price them and be sure you and vote together. Why should we do not allow your President but be Democrats and Republicans and twenty-five thousand dollars a year vote against each other when our inter and all other officers in proportion, ests are the same. Let us stand together and then look after them and see that and vote for med who are in sympathy they work for the interest of the peowith our demands, regardless of party. I mean true Alliancemen, not poli D. A. Long. ticians

A VOICE FROM ARKANSAS.

MULBERRY, ARK. old Wall street parties and voting the spoken and openly declare their posi-People's party ticket from constable to | tion, that we may know what to expresident.

In order to find out whether the Peo ple's party movement is right or not, we should first learn who is favoring it, and who are opposing it. The very fact that the whole gang of Demo-Republican bosses, aided by the subsidized press, are raising Heaven and earth to meeting, held at Winfall, April 14th, keep the people out of the People's 1892: party, is good enough reason that we should pull loose from that old rotten let the *Nonconformist*, of Indianapolis, switch us off into the Stanford Gresham St. Louis platform.

A VOICE FROM NEBRASKA.

Your editorial in April 5th number entitled, "They Will Stick," was read and re-read with interest. I am glad that my Southern brothers at last see conditions in their true light and stick. Yes, I know they will stick. A hole in my body amply attests that my Southern brothers have the courage to stand by their convictions. That was

a "family jar." Now the common of us, there is no alternative but to recommon interests. This is the fight for life. Will we stick? Millions of tongues echo, yes. In this war for principles we recognize no North, no South, no East, no West. Let us bury our sectional prejudices which were created more that advantage might be taken of us than anything else, and work and vote for principles as old as the eternal hills, as just as God himself and made sacred by the shedding of our forefathers' blood. Let us stand by the Cincinnati Ocala, Omaha and St. Louis platforms wherever we can find them. Brothers of the South, here is our hand, shake with the pledge that MR. EDITOR:-The quarterly meeting | we will meet in November with the

Fraternally, ROBT, WILLERD. PROTECT ALL.

OLD SPARTA, N. C. MR. EDITOR:—I feel that I wish to say a few words of admonition to my loon," etc., so deep that they will never all in our power to elevate ourselves, put themselves in shape to harmonize | thoughts in reference to the lamentable condition of the laboring people of our In conclusion, let me say the dinner country. The Republicans want to remain in office, not to serve the masses of the people, but a certain class. The partisan Democrats by their issue of The Progressive Farmer free trade or low tariff; that proposi-Republicans are protecting. Now, brethren, in the coming political strife for 50 cents. Make up your Clubs.

fore you act; if you join ranks with How may the Alliance and the the party whose proposition robs you selves? Protective tariff is essential, (A given space in this column will be devoted weekly to answers to the above cheap. Brethren, I would advise you The two old parties have done much devoted weekly to answers to the above for the Alliance from one end of the question, from the friends of reform. The two old parties have done much devoted weekly to answers to the above to leave this class tariff for the two old parties have done much devoted weekly to answers to the above to leave this class tariff for the two old parties have done much devoted weekly to answers to the above to leave this class tariff for the two old parties have done much devoted weekly to answers to the above to leave this class tariff for the two old parties have done much devoted weekly to answers to the above to leave this class tariff for the two old parties have done much devoted weekly to answers to the above to leave this class tariff for the two old parties have done much devoted weekly to answers to the above to leave this class tariff for the two old parties have done much devoted weekly to answers to the above to leave this class tariff for the two old parties have done much devoted weekly to answers to the above the State to the other men who have always In order that the largest number may old parties to fight out, and suggest stood by party, to day are in the ranks battling where they will be found in November next working and voting for Sign your name to your answer. Now ports against the outgoing of the raw Katy and the baby. No Wall street, let us have your sincere and honest material and the importation of the manufactured goods. Some one will say, "how can it be done?" Isn't one as easy as the other? Europe will say "if you dictate prices to us, we will go to the other nations, where we can dictate prices." To this we reply, go ahead, we won't try to compel you to purchase of us, but we give you our prices, and if you don't choose to give them, we can use them ourselves. Farmers, we can soon arrange our crops to supply our own needs and be independent of them. Brother Alliancemen, why is it that we hear so much bickering among modern Democrats? You have seen from past experience that you cannot hope for any change in the government that will benefit the condition of the people, and you cling to it. For what have you made your demands if you continue to hug and kiss the party that denounces you as "class legislators"-unconstitutional? The old parties have been barking at each other for the last forty years, without ever having made any laws in behalf of the farmers and laboring classes, and I would say to all laborers in the fields, in the factories, at the forge and in the mines. that they need never expect any favors shown them until they get to gether in a solid band and march to the ballot-box and vote solidly for men in your own ranks; men who have a In answer to your question in our principle that money cannot buy. ple in common. Brethren, I think if you will adopt this plan you will see them falling in all along the line, and we shall become a prosperous people, while there will not be that undue waste of money upon office-holders. By renouncing allegiance to both the Let our candidates for office be plainpect from them. D. V. MERCER.

I would say to you, consider well be-

PERQUIMANS COUNTY MEETING.

HERTFORD, Perquimans Co. Resolution offered by Bro. Wm. Nixon and adopted at our county

WHEREAS the Farmers' Alliance of North Carolina did appoint delegates plutocratic gang, and unite with our to meet, confer and act with other brethren of the North and West. Don't | delegates from the Alliances of other States, as well as with other organizations (having the same object in view) side show. Weaver and Polk or Weaver in St. Louis, Mo., on the 22d of Feb-Should such a system be adopted, it and Powderly are good enough. We ruary, 1892; and whereas said delewould enable a prosperous member to want to run Weaver and Polk on the gates did meet at the time and place aforesaid in conference and after mature deliberation did adopt a platform (almost identical with the Indianapolis platform) upon which all could stand, and did put forward said platform as the best they could do, they being unanimous in their action. And whereas, it becomes the duty of this County Alliance as well as all other Alliances, after having examined said platform and it meeting their approval to endorse and ratify the same. There-

> Resolved, That this County Alliance, in regular session at Winfall, N. C. unite and defend our lives, homes and do approve, endorse and ratify the same and do promise to stand by and abide by it, and that we as Alliance citizens will neither support nor vote for any man or set of men or party that does not stand squarely, unequivocally and positively on this platform. 2. That the Secretary furnish a copy

of this preamble and resolution for publication in the Carolina Dispatch, THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER and the Farmers' Advocate, of Tarboro. J. P. Winslow, Sec'y.

-BRUNSWICK COUNTY.

EL PASO, N. C. Mr. EDITOR:-Having attended the meeting of the County Alliance and mingled with the brethren, I can assure you that the Order in Brunswick county is not dead nor sleeping, but on the contrary is wide awake and well posted as to the situation. It passed resolutions indorsing the St. Louis platform and indorsed our delegates to the St. Louis conference, with but two dissenting votes. Dr. Culbreth has completed his round of lec tures for this county and has done great good. He is certainly the right man for the position. We will always welcome him to our county.

A plan was adopted by the County Alliance for the relief of those sustaining loss by fire or otherwise, which I think will commend itself to other counties and also to the consideration of the State Alliance at its next meeting; but as the plan and synopsis of the meeting will be sent you for publication, I will only add that you and the Order everywhere can rest assured that old Brunswick will do her duty next November. Success to THE PRO-GRESSIVE FARMER and to the editor. W. W. DREW.

The Progressive Farmer tion robs one class of laborers that the from now until Nov. 15th