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EDITORIAL NOTES

*** It is justice, not charity, that the people want. They are going to have it, too.

*** The politicians can use the machine and nominate men, but they can't elect them.

*** Some people make a living by the sweat of somebody else's brow in this wonderful period.

*** We return thanks for an invitation to the exercises to be held at Guilford Battle Ground on July 4th.

The mortgages recorded in the little city of Parkersburg, W. Va., amount to $385,000. Great prosperity there!

*** It is said that the present Congress has not failed to have a quorum (at the races) during the entire session.

*** Again we ask: Is it right, is it just, is it sensible to preach reform and then ask reform people to vote against reform?

*** Every one of the delegates to Chicago from the State of Oregon were national bankers. That is what is ruining the country.

*** An exchange states that if a man dreams the devil is after him it is a sign that he had better settle his subscription bill.

*** The Louisiana Legislature is trying to elect the President of the State Alliance to the U. S. Senate to keep company with Peffer and Kyle.

*** Now they call "hayseeders" "pumpkin rollers." That is right; call them anything you please, but keep out of the way when they are rolling pumpkins.

*** What sort of a man does the shylocks fear for Congress? One that cannot be frightened, fooled nor bought. They do not fear a man who can be bought.

*** The New York *Herald* says Mrs. Jefferson Davis and Mrs. Gen. Grant are both stopping at the same hotel in West Point, and thinks this sufficient to bury the bloody shirt.

*** It is not the fault of our Creator. He blesses the country every year with good crops. As much is made as is needed. Then the politicians must be to blame for not choking off the shylocks.

*** The voter who sticks to his party through thick and thin is the main dependence of corrupt politicians. This is intended for Democrats, Republicans, People's party men and Prohibitionists.

*** When the Chicago platform was read Henry Watterson kicked against the tariff section and offered a substitute, which was adopted. We would like to see the original plank offered by the committee.

*** Senator Mills, of Texas, says: "A true Democrat will stand by the party, no matter if the party is wrong." The honest people of this country must fight against such doctrine as that in all parties.

*** The smallest bird or insect is furnished by nature with means to defend itself by making battle or by taking flight. But the farmers of this country are expected to submit to every injustice, every indignity and not even be allowed to change their political views or deposit their votes where they will do the most good. Fellow-citizens, don't be slaves. God never intended that you should.

*** Don't be hoodwinked by any party that has "tariff for revenue only" in its platform. That is too indefinite, and any party that goes in on that plea will manage to need all of the tariff now in force for "revenue."

*** The indebtedness of the world has doubled in the last eighteen years, and one-half the metalic money has been destroyed. If this is not doubling the indebtedness of the world by law we do not know what it is. The debt has naturally doubled once and has been doubled again by law.

*** The prospect for the farmers and the laboring people in the cities to turn out and do the marching, torch bearing and hurrahing for the old parties does not look very flattering just now. How would it do for the old parties to muster the tramps? They make 'em and should give 'em employment.

*** If anybody thinks THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER is going to advise Alliance or non-Alliance people to stay in any party or go into any party, as a rule, they will make a mistake. We simply propose to turn on all the light we can on all parties, good and bad light, and "you can do the rest."

*** Hon. J. H. McDowell, President of the Tennessee State Alliance, has bid farewell to the Democratic party. He gives his reasons in a long card published in the Nashville *Toiler*. He says he has tried for years to get reforms through the party, but has utterly failed. He is for the People's party.

*** The silver plank of the Democratic platform, while professing to be for a change, is an ingenius dodge and an endorsement of the present silver laws. Read it and see if that is not true. There is no hint of any free coinage in it, though twenty-nine State Democratic platforms have declared for free coinage.

*** Think of the government donating to the railroads territory equal to nine States the size of Ohio and yet the people don't own a crosstie. We pay for the roads every six years and we never own them. They continue to rob us to pay interest and dividends on watered stock, says the *Southern Alliance Farmer*.

*** Now the fun is on. We want to see the leading Democratic papers that have been clamoring for more money, tariff reform and free silver defend the Chicago platform and its nominees. In fact we want to see anybody who will attempt to defend the concern. They will be added to our museum if they will just come to this office.

*** The handsome catalogue of Wake Forest College is just out. It contains many important facts about that great institution, and shows that it is prospering to the satisfaction of all its friends. Thirty-six young men graduated at the recent commencemnet—probably the largest number that has gone out from any college in the State.

*** The people have been studying their lesson in government affairs for four years and no amount of spread-eagle oratory can drive them from their honest conclusions. This has been demonstrated on every stump in Georgia. The wealth-producers are not looking out for fine oratory or fancy words, but facts and figures, says the *Southern Alliance Farmer*.

*** Did you ever hear the story of the monkey and the two cats? By the time the monkey got the cheese divided there was none left for the cats. That reminds us of the tariff. There will be nothing left for the people in the two parties by the time they get through with the tariff tussle if they continue as they have been going on for the last twenty years, says the *Pioneer Exponent*.

*** There is a continual hubbub about appropriating money to increase our navy. In the meantime it is increasing faster than is needed. It is only a few weeks since the cruiser Raleigh was launched at Norfolk. The warship Texas will be launched at Portsmouth, Va., to-day. They are dropping in the water at every navy yard. Why this clamor for more money for the navy?

*** Bro. W. S. McAllister, Secretary of Mecklenburg County Alliance, tells the Charlotte *News* that at least 50,000 Allliancemen in the State have pledged themselves not to vote for Cleveland. We expect the number is greater than that, besides many not members who have sworn that they will not vote for him again. Of course they will not swear to lies, and as they will not vote for Harrison it remains to be seen whether or not the Omaha convention will put up men and a platform that our people can consistently vote for. We are by that convention like the others—if it don't make a platform that means something and put pure nominees up, then don't vote for it.

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OUR POLICY.

THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER is an agricultural paper. The welfare of the tillers of the soil is uppermost in our minds every day in the year. But at the same time the paper is not filled with patent medicine advertisements, cuts of horses, cattle, sheep, cabbages and tin sprinklers, as some of the alleged agricultural papers are. We do not begin editorials on stockraising and inject a paid advertisement of some excellent breed of cattle before we finish it; neither do we write editorials on poultry-raising and wind up by declaring that somebody sells the best liver pills ever on the market.

In writing this we mean no reflection upon the work of first-class agricultural journals. They are filling their places, but there are other duties to be performed. The people must be educated. Then they will be able to cope with the problems of agriculture. The best paper in the world is no advantage to the uneducated. The people need facts and figures; also, they must be educated politically. We know that the country is full of incapable farmers, men who manage their farms badly, but it does them no good to tell them where and how to get fine breeds of cattle unless they are educated. It is absurd to advise the farmers to be economical. They are already the most economical class on earth, and anybody who says anything else misrepresents them. Every other class, as a class, spends twice as much for clothing, for food as the farmers. Every other class spends twice or more than twice as much for luxuries.

It is silly in anyone to advise the farmers to raise more of the various crops when they can't get cost of production for what they now make It is silly to say that the farmers do not work, for history shows nothing approaching the progress of the American people in the past twenty or thirty years. The farmers are the foundation stone, hence they have worked.

The greatest work an agricultural journal can do at this time is to urge education, show the evils of existing legislation, expose corruption, teach the people on economic questions and condemn hypocracy. We defy anyone to controvert this position successfully.

THE OMAHA CONVENTION.

This notable gathering will convene in the city of Omaha, Neb., on next Monday, July 4th, and an immense crowd of delegates and visitors are expected. But all will be accommodated, as Omaha has about sixty hotels, large and small.

It is said that every Southern and Western State will be represented and many sections of the middle and New England States. The blue and the gray boys will meet and commemorate the nation's anniversary by clasping hands and putting in motion the machinery of a new and powerful party, which shall have inscribed on its banner "Equal rights to all and special privileges to none," something that the world never saw before on a party banner.

We await the result of this Convention with much interest. If it makes any serious mistakes the hopes of thousands will be dashed to the ground. If wisdom predominates the entire world will watch, with constantly increasing interest, every movement made. If conservatism prevails the political uncertainty in this country in the next few months will be greater than at any former period.

We wait and watch If this convention fails to show that it knows what is needed and that it cannot give the proper remedy, this paper will stand ready to help bury its name and work. On the other hand, if it shows that intelligence, honesty and patriotism prevailed, then we are ready to spread the news that deliverance is at hand.

The people of the West and South ought to know that their interests are identical that what will hurt or benefit one section will do the same for the other. But at the same time, there are peculiar conditions that might affect the people of both sections differently. For that reason there should be but few planks in the platform.

There is one thing that nine-tenths of the voters from Maine to California can agree upon and that is financial reform. President Polk often said before his death that financial reform was the first thing needed, and had he lived would have worked to that end. In the rocky hills of Massachusetts the farmer and the laborer, and even the business man, want financial reform. Under the shadow of the Rocky Mountains that is the cry. In the cotton and corn fields of the South financial reform is the watchword. Hence the Omaha convention could not do better than to make a special financial plank and then stop. That of course would include free coinage of silver, and any thing else needed along that line. The tariff question, and many other things of greater and less importance needs attention, but if the right kind of a President and Congress can be elected, such matters can be attended to.

Both the dominant parties have put themselves in a position to be defeated. Their records, their present platforms, and their nominees are sufficient to make them fall by force of the righteous indignation of the American people. If the new party makes no serious mistakes it will have a walk-over; if it does the need of a new one will not be obscured, for the country is in a deplorable condition, and rapidly getting worse.

VIOLATING THE LAW.

The Moncure *Echo* states that a number of prominent Democrats held a meeting in Pittsboro on Saturday, June 18th. It further states that it was a secret meeting and nothing has been divulged.

We thought enough had been said about violating the law in this way to put a stop to it. But here are the very crowd that have been tearing their hair holding a secret political meeting, and, though we are not sure, yet it is probable that they "lapped their tongues" at each other and made other signs too numerous to mention. If we hear of any more secret political meetings we will be compelled to call out the military and have the entire kettle of fish before some of Gov. Holt's many notaries public.

MISREPRESENTED.

There seems to be a never dieing desire on the part of some people to misrepresent the St. Louis platform and the People's party, as well as the Alliance. They say the St. Louis platform has not been officially endorsed by the National Alliance. That is true. The People's party has not been officially endorsed and is not likely to be. But the members of the Alliance can endorse the St. Louis platform as Alliancemen if they see proper do so and as citizens they can endorse the People's party if they want to

The national meeting of the Alliance at Ocala suggested the St. Louis Conference and each congressional district in the Union, in which the Alliance is organized, sent a delegate. The members of the Alliance, therefore, feel a deep interest in what was done.

We notice that the Kinston *Free Press* says the National Alliance went back on the Constitution in calling the St. Louis Conference. The delegates to the National Alliance, feeling that it was their duty to solve the problem of the relief needed by their constituents, wisely decided that if the two dominant parties refused to give proper aid, that as citizens the people must take decided steps to get it, and suggested the conference. Nearly every labor organization had representatives in the meeting.

The St. Louis platform does not suit everybody, though it is a good one. It has the advantage of any other political platform made in years, in that *there is something in it*. It is in language that can be understood to mean something. If the Omaha Convention will adopt the first two planks—finance and land—and put good, pure men on their ticket, they will win by a large odds.

THE AMERICAN BOOK COMPANY.

The school book trust was formed about two years ago. Several large firms combined for the purpose, as they allege, of giving the public the benefit of a reduction in the price of school books by cutting down expenses, etc.

That such a trust would be formed for the purpose of lowering the price of books is too absurd for any sensible person to believe. Perhaps most people have learned by this time that the statement was false.

Now it is reported that a trust has been formed in school furniture, desks and other material. The negro who steals a chicken must go to the penitentiary, but the rich rogue that steals the earnings of the people in thousand dollar lumps is not molested.

THE HONEST DOLLAR.

Already the papers are beginning to apologize for Mr. Cleveland. They say he is for an "honest dollar," etc.

All of us want honest dollars. Honest people want honest money. We suppose when the bankers bought up the trade dollars of 1878 at 85 cents, and were paid 100 cents by the government an "honest dollar" was in demand. The banks got an honest dollar, but they get it *dishonestly*. Grover Cleveland and his friends want all the "honest dollars" they can get, and they don't care how much dishonesty is required to get them. Now we want to see some of the popgun newspapers deny this, and defend Cleveland and his gang of Wall street boodlers.

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GROVER CLEVELAND.

Mr. Cleveland was nominated for President at Chicago by the Democratic convention. The vote stood: Cleveland, 616; Hill, 112.

He filled the Presidential chair from 1884 to 1888; was again the nominee, but was beaten by Harrison. Mr. Cleveland is styled a "self made" man. He rose from an humble legal attorney to the highest office in the gift of the people. But unfortunately he made himself out of the filth of Wall street, New York, which filth is the greatest monument to corrupt legislation, broken fortunes, broken hearts and a wellnigh ruined country. He was raised up in that atmosphere, breathed its hellish odors every day of his life. Even while President of the United States he stood by the men who, more than all others, are responsible for the wretched condition of this country to-day. He stubbornly stood against the free coinage of silver, and other financial legislation that would have benefited the country at large. When the gamblers of Wall street were about to go under at one time during his administration, Cleveland used his influence and sent many millions of dollars from the U. S. Treasury for their use until they could recover their foothold. He is a strong friend to the banking fraternity at all times.

Cleveland has been a persistent advocate of tariff reform, but as we all know that the tariff will never be reformed until real reformers are put to the front, his nomination will not cause any enthusiasm on that line. He is noted for his firm, unyielding disposition, but it is a notable fact that he never was stubborn in advocacy of anything for the good of the country, but always so *against* anything that would benefit the people.

He has more brains than Harrison. But their views on public matters are the same, except on the tariff question. They are as two eggs. As leaders of their respective parties you cannot discover any material difference. They are for the Wall street gang first, last and all the time. Both of them have shown by their public acts that they have adopted Jay Gould's motto—"the people be damned."

LETTER FROM BRO. PAUL VANDERVOORT.

He Was One or Col. Polk's Staunch Friends.

WALLA WALLA, Washington.

The Progressive Farmer Raleigh, N. C

The sad news of the untimely death of our great leader, Col. L. L. Polk, overwhelms us with grief. We cannot fill his place. I never knew a nobler man. When all is written and said he will be known and cherished as a brave, true, unselfish patriot, who loved his country better than himself and gave his life for the cause, laying his precious heart on the altar of our hopes.

He was my choice for President. His devoted loyalty to our common country, his fealty to the flag of our nation, his desire to unite the blue and the gray in bonds of fraternal union, won my heart, and when I came to know him I never loved man better or truer. His heroic life is a lesson for us. Not a heart or hearthstone in an Alliance household or in the People's party but will cherish his sacred memory. He fell in the harness and gave his life for us.

He was to have been my guest in Omaha, and only a few days ago he wrote: "I gladly accept your invitation if you will treat me as one of the family." I wrote him "yes" with all my heart, and our household indeed will miss his coming. I am heavy with grief, my eyes are full of tears, and I cannot believe it. Only yesterday his golden letters cheerd my way. Only yesterday I read his loyal words to a great audience and heard the cheers of the faithful in their far off lands.

Who shall replace him? No one in our hearts. His memory will be a secret incense to us, and we will remember his brave words, his earnest hopes and gird on our armor anew, and march forward in a determined effort to win victory for the cause he gave his life to advance.

To his brothers of the Alliance the loss is like tht falling of all the great trees of a mighty forest. To his family how dark and gloomy must be their lots. Our love for him cannot console them, but we pray that in the bright celestial city where his pure white soul has wafted its way, he will look down upon us and witness our efforts to glorify the cause and save the nation he so loved that he gave up his life for it.

Fraternally,
PAUL VANDERVOORT.

Bro. Paul Vandervoort, writer of the above, and author of the resolutions adopted by the blue and the gray cavalry, is a native of Ohio, born in 1846, received a common school education. In 1862 he enlisted in the 68th Illinois infantry, afterwards in company M, 16th Illinois, served in Knoxville campaigns, was taken prisoner and served in Southarn prisons as follows: In Andersonville, six mouths; Belle Island, three months and one month each at Millen, Savannah and Bristol. He served two years and nine months before he was 19 years old.

In politics since the war he has taken active part for the Republican party, up to 1888, making speeches all over the North In the G. A. R. he has served, first, as commander of Nebraska; Senior Vice Commander-in Chief of the United States in 1878, and 1882 elected Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the United States, recruiting during his term 100,000 comrades the largest gain in history in the Order; also organized in 1882 the Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the G. A. R. and at their second annual meeting at Minneapolis was elected an honorary member for life of the W. R. C, then at Detroit it was voted Clara Barton and Paul Vandervoort should be carried on the rolls for life as the only honorary members.

Last fall Mr. V. stumped the States of Kansas and Nebraska for the People's party. He is known to every old soldier in the land as their strongest champion, and the only one ever elected Commander-in-Chief who served in the ranks, carried a musket and sabre.

POLK MEMORIAL AND RELIEF ASSOCIATION, ORGANIZED JUNE 23RD, 1892.

A Monument to the Great Leader by His Admisers and Friends.

A mass-meeting was held in the city of Raleigh, N. C., June 23d, 1892, for the purpose of organizing a Polk Memorial and Relief Association. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Marion Butler, President of the State Alliance, and J. J. Dunn was requested to act as secretary. On motion of J. J. Dunn the body proceeded to organize the Polk Memorial and Relief Association with the following plan:

Resolved, That this Association shall be known as the Polk Memorial and Relief Association, and is organized for the purpose of raising funds for erecting a monument to the memory of L. L. Polk, and for the relief of his family as far as may be thought proper. Every person contributing to the purpose of this Association shall thereby become a member thereof.

2. That the following be elected a Board of Trustees for this Association: S. B. Alexander, B F. Grady, W. A. B. Branch, A. H. A. Williams, Elias Carr, J. L. Ramsey, A. J. Daloy, W. J. Peele, N. B. Broughton, J. A. Hoskins, R J. Teague, H. T. Jones, R. Judson Buffaloe, Col. Harry Skinner and J. J. Thomas and the President and officers of this State Alliance and the President of each County Alliance and the President of each State Alliance and such other persons as he may appoint from his State, of which said trustees (twelve) shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at a call of the President of the N. C. Farmers' State Alliance, who and his successor in office shall be the President of the Board of Trustees.

3. That the following named persons shall be the Executive Committee of this Association: E. McK. Goodwin, N. B. Broughton, S. O. Wilson, R. J. Powell and W. S. Barnes.

4. That H. W. Ayer be elected Secretary-Treasurer, and the Commercial and Farmers' Bank shall be the custodian of said fund.

It shall be the duty of the Board of Trustees to manage and control the funds which shall be collected, choose the monument and determine the cost thereof and make the apportionment between the sum to be expended thereon and the sum to be expended for the benefit of the family; and make, alter and amend the rules and regulations prescribed for the government of the Executive Committee and fill any vacancy occuring therein, and from time to time they may meet and adopt such resolutions and measures as in their judgment will promote objects herein expressed, and they shall continue in office until their successors are appointed by the members of this Association.

It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to take the bond of such officers as may be required to give bond, to take steps for the immediate collection of the funds, to examine the books of secretary and assist the secretary-treasurer in the work prescribed for him, to elect his successor and execute all duties which may be herein and hereafter prescribed for them and report to the Board of Trustees as often as required. They shall determine the compensation of the secretary treasurer and have power to draw on the funds for all incidental expenses for the purposes herein expressed. The Secretary and treasurer shall be a bonded officer and his bond shall be determined and from time to time increased the Board of Trustees on the recommendation of the Executive Committee.

MARION BUTLER, Pres't.
J. J. DUNN, Sec'y Polk Memorial and Relief Association of North Carolina.

NOTICE.

The Board of Trustees of Polk Memorial Association is hereby called to meet at Greensboro on the morning of the second Tuesday in August at 9 o'clock, it being the first day of the annual meeting of the State Alliance.

MARION BUTLER,
President Board Trustees.

AN APPEAL FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

In pursuance of the above, we appeal to every labor organization, State, district, county and subordinate in America, add to all persons who are willing to aid us in doing honor to one of the noblest of America's citizens who proved himself a friend to the oppressed of all classes, to secure and forward funds to the secretary treasurer of this association. We feel that reformers everywhere will be glad to aid us in erecting a monument to the memory of Leonidas L. Polk, such as marks the resting place of no private American citizen, and also in placing his wife and daughters in a position that they may be always above want. All funds should be sent to the secretary-treasurer of the Polk Memorial and Relief Association.

By order of the executive committee.
N. B. BROUGHTON, Chm'n.
W. S. BARNES, Sec'y.

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