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THE CRITICS CRITICISED.

Answer to Plutocrats—Our Ability to Protect Ourselves.

MR. EDITOR:—The old political papers often contain articles from so-called farmers giving advice to the Farmers' Alliance, and mingling enough of good advice with perversions of facts to make their articles palatable to those who have not given the Alliance demands a close study. I think all will agree that to adopt the Sub Treasury plan would be entirely experimental, and would involve an immense outlay of money to be raised by increased taxation, which the farmers and wage-workers would have to pay, thus increasing the great burden of taxation of which all now so greatly complain. The Sub Treasury plan can and will be carried out without taxing the producers one fourth of one per cent, and the burden now imposed upon the people will be greatly relieved. The Alliance plan will increase the circulation per capita to \$50. It will absorb a small per cent. of this to build sub-treasuries. One hundred millions distributed in this way would build large warehouses and refrigerators at all the principal cities and points of distribution. These sub-treasuries would enable the farmers to fix a price at which they can live and advance our civilization. As all prosperity is bottomed on a prosperous agriculture, legislate so as to make the farmers prosperous, merchants, manufacturers and every class will be prosperous and labor be steadily employed at good wages. Set the government printing press to work running off legal tender United States notes until we have \$50 per capita, stop the printing press from running off bonds and mortgages and taxing the people one thousand million dollars a year to pay interest to the drones in the beehive of industry. Stop squeezing two dollars of the products of labor into one of the goldite dollar. Stop issuing bonds to make improvements that could be done for cash at one third the expense to the people. The credit of the nation (the people) is better than that of any firm. "Before rushing

blindly into financial or other experiments involving such immense expense and outlay of money, forced from the pockets of the people by unjust tariff legislation, they should inform themselves, for they will have the larger part of the taxes to pay." The Alliance and those who advocate financial reform have given the subject careful consideration, and they know the Sub-Treasury or something better will give the needed relief. These reformers are the only ones who have studied the question and understand the situation and advocate a remedy for existing depression. The reformers know the remedy proposed will give the needed relief and bring prosperity.

The writer referred to would saddle that fraud tariff reform upon the people. Mr. Plutocrat, you cannot fool financial reformers any longer. This howl about the tariff has been going on for three fourths of a century, and is no nearer a solution than when it begun. The financial reformers will adjust the tariff so as to give relief to all. We had a taste of your method of tariff reform in 1857-47-37, and it cost the people three thousand millions of dollars. It took the coin out of the country and compelled us to compete with pauper labor of other countries to get it back. It depreciated prices and brought woe and misery to the wealth producers. The Republican financial policy and your tariff policy works in the same direction; it squeezes more of the necessities and luxuries of life into the goldite dollar. The plan proposed by the Farmers' Alliance, the business men will not face panics, for this plan will eliminate all the conditions that producers think. "The Sub-Treasury is class legislation." Class legislation is legislation for one class at the expense of another. When each class receives corresponding benefit there is no class legislation. If the cotton planter sells his cotton for 14 cents per pound, won't he be better able to pay his debts, doctor bills, buy more of the merchants, and won't the factories use more and labor be better paid? Will any of those plutocrats \$50 if they will disapprove this in THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER. Who opposes this movement for financial relief?

Bankers, money powers, speculators and the gamblers in the necessities of life, and all who are engaged in robbing the people. The office seekers who hope for office that have grown in value by this robber system two to four hundred per cent. in twenty five years. There is an immense howling about class legislation by the kickers as to financial reform, but they have not one word to say against loaning the national banks the people's credit at 1 per cent, and compelling them to borrow it back at 6 to 40 per cent, to get into circulation. Every paper and all politicians who oppose financial reform are the champions of all the monopolists that now oppress the people. There is neither sense or common honesty in this cry of class legislation, and those who are engaged in it are doing it for office. Ask one of those howlers for a bill of particulars and they are as dumb as an oyster. The farmers and laborers intend to place themselves where they can fix a price on all they have to sell and on their labor, and when they have done this they will be where the factories are.

Republican politician.—"Haven't we given you protection of 25 cents per bushel on wheat and other things in the same ratio?"

What does your tariff of 25 cents per bushel amount to when the price of wheat is fixed in Liverpool? You know the price in Manitoba is the same as in Northern Dakota, and the farmers must compete with Russia and India and sell at the same price. You knew when you levied this tariff it would not add one cent to the price of a million bushels of wheat. You levied this tariff to deceive the farmers. You gave the farmers protection with protection left out. You left the finance of this country in a shape so the money devil in England could fix a price on your wheat. When the farmers ask you to give them a financial system that will enable them to fix a price on their wheat, you turn up your eyes in hypocritical horror and cry "unconstitutional," "flat idiots," "crazy lunatics," "you will ruin the country by disturbing the finance." We must maintain an honest dollar to protect the poor laboring man. Yes, you demonized silver so you could furnish England silver for 90 cents to make an India dollar worth in India one hundred cents. You have shaped finance so England can buy ten-cent cotton for seven cents, and one dollar's worth of wheat for seventy cents. You compel the farmers of this country to compete with paupered labor in India and Egypt that work for four to six cents a day. The Republican robbers and the Democrats legislate for England for English gold and office.

The people are going to protect themselves by assuming the reins of government and establishing sub-treasuries and issuing \$50 per capita of legal tender United States notes and put them into circulation without anyone interfering. They will form a trust and fix a price on all they have to sell, and get it. They will do for themselves that which you have done for the factories, vice, reserve to themselves the exclusive control of their home market, and when foreign countries have consumed their surplus they propose to make them pay a living price. When the people are in power, the money devil in Liverpool cannot fix a price on the farmer's cotton and wheat. "You lunatics will drive gold out of

the country by issuing \$50 per capita of your fiat money."

We know you demonized silver and made gold the only legal tender for debts, and have made it to the interest of the creditor class to make gold a commodity when we issue \$50 per capita, and they intend to do it when we have increased the paying power of labor by doubling the volume of money.

If you lunatics issue your cheap money, the European creditors will send on their bonds and exchange them for United States notes, and present them to the United States Treasury, and demand every dollar of gold and bankrupt the treasury and fix a premium of two to four hundred per cent. on their gold and make the government pay it."

Yes, you have placed the people in a hole where you expect to keep them. When our European creditors begin this we will dehorn the golden calf and let them have all the gold; then we will have \$50 of paper money and a uniform volume to measure values and we will not be tied to the gold basis of Europe and have to compete for English gold. "The foreign holders of our debts will send them over and demand immediate payment in gold and make you pay four dollars of your cheap money for one of their gold dollars." We know you fixed finance so they could do this, but when they undertake it we will have something to say.

We will send our cotton to the Sub Treasury, and when they demand four dollars for one and attempt to oppress our people we will charge them forty cents a pound for cotton. We know outside of the United States the world's supply will not last over two months and a half. Let them try it on and they will find cotton is king.

Mr. Plutocrat, we know France issued seven hundred and forty-eight millions of full legal tender paper money when she lay bleeding at the feet of Germany, and it did not depreciate over 2 per cent., though she was compelled to pay her victor one thousand millions in gold, and her indebtedness was over three thousand millions of dollars.

This money put every able man and woman to work, and they produced a surplus and sold it for gold and the balance of trade was in her favor, and now she has more gold than England and Germany combined. The \$50 per capita, with our ability to compel Europe to pay a big price for cotton, will dump the gold of the world into our lap, and we will have no use for it but to pay our debts and use it in the arts. We are not repudiators, but we do not intend to be robbed, neither will we allow absentee landlordism in this country.

We can and will pay every dollar we owe our European creditors in gold.

"The Sub-Treasury is unconstitutional." So we are informed by your chronic constitutional lawyers. Please inform us how it is constitutional to loan money on the sign of the sign (bonds) and unconstitutional to loan money on the substance that must be sold to get the sign (gold) to pay the sign of the sign. Money is the sign of the substance and the debt is the sign of the money that the substance must be sold to pay the debt.

When you tell the people it is constitutional to loan money on bonds (debts), and it is unconstitutional to loan money on the substance that must be sold to get the money to pay the debt. You are deliberately trying to deceive the people. There is not a lawyer with a thumbful of brains but knows better.

"You will ruin the country if you buy the railroads." "How will you pay eleven billion dollars?" You told us during the campaign of 1890 that out of nine billions of rail road stock, six billions was pure water and the roads cost a little over three thousand million dollars. Did you tell the truth then, and are you lying now? Don't you know the best authority places the value of these roads at not over four thousand and one-half billion of dollars? Don't you know the government report says these roads are capitalized at a good deal more than their value? A party of the people will strip the President of his power and place it into the hands of the people where it belongs. The centralizing features of the roads is what we like! It will give us \$60 per head where we have \$7.50, and eliminate wheels within wheels, and save us several hundred millions of dollars each year, besides the three and a half to four hundred millions annually paid on watered stock. The greatly increased transportation would enable us to reduce freight and passenger rates two thirds. We can pay for these in nine years out of the savings. We will pay for them in 14-cent cotton and not in 6 cent cotton, as we now pay the national debt. Our machine is an expanding one and yours is a contracting one.

"The whole provision is dangerous, without any elements of constitutional liberty, oppressive and thoroughly undemocratic." It is dangerous for the people to take control of the roads and eliminate the hardship, but it is not dangerous for soulless corporations to control transportation and change the thing all it will bear and water stock so as to absorb all surplus earnings. It is dangerous for a party of the people, by the people and for the people to take charge of the telegraph, but it is not dangerous for a Gould to water stock 500 per cent, and control the discrimination of news. If the railroads should pass into the hands of the people, it would endanger the liberties of all, but in the hands of soulless corporations the liberties of the people are perfectly safe

"The control of the railroads is undemocratic."

Yes, it is contrary to modern plutocratic democracy. The people have had enough of that kind of democracy. They propose to try the people's democracy. We have been aware for sometime that the so called democracy was opposed to the people controlling anything. They would keep the control of all roads and telegraphs and money in the hands of soulless corporations. The plutocratic editors know nothing of political economy, or they have sold themselves, body, soul, boots and breeches to moneyed corporations. Plutocratic democracy, we propose to have a government of the people, for the people and by the people, and we will have a party that is not afraid of the people controlling. Your day of grace are numbered, and lying and salt won't save your political sides.

JAMES MURDOCK.

A FEW THOUGHTS.

TAYLOR, N. C.

MR. EDITOR:—I think the time has come when all true men should come together and band themselves together with one steady purpose to stand by and fight for their homes, their rights and their country. If there is one spark of patriotism in this country it should now show itself. Read and study the platforms of the two political parties which you have been supporting for the last twenty seven years. They are an insult to the farmers and laborers of this country. During all this time you have been legislated against and burden after burden heaped upon you, until to day you are homeless, oppressed and discouraged. Yes, during this period of our country's life you have made the world rich but you are poorer than when you began. By unjust legislation you have been robbed of your property; and at your expense millionaires by the thousand have been made. The men who participated in these conventions knew well what oppression had come upon the people by laws passed in Congress by both parties, but not a word was said about the effects they have had upon and how they have operated to rob you of your homes. But on the other hand they boasted of the prosperity and happiness of the people. Yes, they stand up before our outraged and robbed people and lied, as all robbers have always done. Both platforms are purely English and evidently dictated by English and American gold robbers. This gold business, in the interest of a few men here and in England, has caused us more hardship and misery than all the wars and pestilence we have ever had. These two platforms are twins and cannot be told apart, so we will have to call them the Robbers Robbed. My countrymen, you see and realize your desperate condition. You see how all this ruin and oppression has come upon you. Now the old parties, the direct means by which this oppression has come, have declared that they are going to continue these oppressions and even make them worse to bear. They have asked you also to give them your vote to enable them to rob you and enrich themselves. "Lockingham agrees with us just as The crops in Richmond county, of every sort, so far as we have been able to ascertain, are exceptionally goods and if no misfortune befalls them a bountiful harvest is ahead for the farmers. The wheat crop, although somewhat retarded in harvesting by a little too much rain, is, we believe, about safe and is a good one."

Red Springs Comet: The colored people of Red Springs will establish a high grade school at an early date. They will erect a building of large proportions, and employ an able corps of teachers.—Mr. T. W. Edens, one of our progressive farmers who believe in a diversity of crops informs us that besides supplying his large family with butter has sold since January 1st 300 pounds of butter at 25 cent per pound the product of three cows.

Tarboro Southerner: At Tanner's creek this morning the water ponded up within a foot of the track and the embankment, for a hundred or more yards, was almost a mush. The engineer was on it this morning before he discovered it. Stopping and before he had been told of the situation of the people, he will lose one hundred thousand votes in North Carolina. The time is here when men must vote for their homes and their country rather than for party. Let every man cast his vote for principle, and let the parties and their traitorous manipulators take care of themselves. Let me say, not only to bleeding Kansas but to the great bleeding Northwest and to the oppressed people everywhere, that one of the poverty stricken and homeless South have clasped your hands and will march shoulder to shoulder with you in the great battle for our rights, which is now on, and the grandest victory ever achieved on American soil shall be ours. Fellow citizens, you have a cause for which the life of the grandest type of an American citizen has been given. Let us take Col. L. L. Polk as our ideal and take his advice as given when we last saw him, "do your duty." If each one will carry out this injunction as this grand and noble man did, then our country is saved and our rights are obtained. May God help the people to see their duty and give them the courage to do it.

Yours fraternally,
H. F. FREEMAN.

Wide awake. What? Why, THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER. Send 40 cents and get it through the campaign.

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DEMOCRATIC, CINCINNATI, JUNE 6TH.
Resolved, That the American Democracy place their trust in the intelligence, the patriotism and the discriminating justice of the American people.

1. That the Federal Government is one of limited powers, derived solely from the Constitution, and the grants of power made therein ought to be strictly construed by all the departments and agents of the government, and that it is inexpedient and dangerous to exercise doubtful constitutional powers.

2. That the Constitution does not confer upon the General Government the power to commence and carry on a general system of internal improvements.

3. That the Constitution does not confer authority upon the Federal Government, directly or indirectly, to assume the debts of the several States, contracted for local and internal improvements or other State purposes; nor would assumption be just or expedient.

4. That justice and sound policy forbid the Federal Government to foster one branch of industry to the detriment of another, or to cherish the interests of one portion of our common country; that every citizen and every section of the country has a right to demand and insist upon an equality of rights and privileges, and a complete and ample protection of persons and property from domestic violence and foreign aggression.

5. That it is the duty of every branch of the government to enforce and practice the most rigid economy in conducting our public affairs, and that no more revenue ought to be raised than is required to defray the necessary expenses of the government and gradual but certain extinction of the public debt.

6. That the proceeds of the public lands ought to be sacredly applied to the objects specified in the Constitution, and that we are opposed to any law for the distribution of such proceeds among the States, as alike inexpedient in policy and repugnant to the Constitution.

7. That Congress has no power to charter a national bank; that we believe such an institution one of deadly hostility to the best interests of this country, dangerous to our republican institutions and the liberties of the people, and calculated to place the business of the country within the control of a concentrated money power and above the laws and will of the people; and the results of the Democratic legislation in this and all other financial measures upon which issues have been made between the two political parties of the country, have demonstrated to candid and practical men of all parties their soundness, safety and utility in all business pursuits.

8. That the separation of the moneys of the government from banking institutions is indispensable to the safety of the funds of the government and the rights of the people.

9. That we are decidedly opposed to taking from the President the qualified veto power, by which he is enabled, under restrictions and responsibilities amply sufficient to guard the public interests, to suspend the passage of a bill whose merits cannot secure the approval of two thirds of the Senate and House of Representatives, until the judgment of the people can be obtained thereon, and which has saved the American people from the corrupt and tyrannical dominion of the bank of the United States and from a corrupting system of general internal improvements.

Resolved, That the foundation of this Union of States having been laid in, and its prosperity, expansion, and pre eminent example in free government built upon entire freedom of matters of religious concernment and no respect of persons in regard to rank, or place of birth, no party can justly be deemed national, constitutional, or in accordance with American principles, which bases its exclusive organization upon religious opinions or accidental birthplace. And hence, a political crusade in the nineteenth century, and in the United States of America, against Catholics and foreign-born, is neither justified by the past history nor future prospect of the country, nor in unison with the spirit of toleration and enlightened freedom which peculiarly distinguishes the American system of popular government.

3. That the Democratic party will resist all attempts at renewing in Congress, or out of it, the agitation of the slavery question, under whatever shape or color the attempt may be made.

4. That the Democratic party will faithfully abide by and uphold the principles laid down in the Kentucky and Virginia resolutions of 1792 and 1798, and in the report of Mr. Madison to the Virginia legislature in 1799; that it adopts these principles as constituting one of the main foundation of its political creed, and is resolved to carry them out in their obvious meaning and import.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

COINJOCK INDIGNANT.

MR. EDITOR:—At a regular meeting of Coinjock Alliance, No. 1,249, held June 12th, 1892, taking into consideration the very bitter and abusive language used by Col. R. B. Creecy in an editorial in the *Economist Falcon*, no

doubt with a view to injure Col. L. L. Polk, our National President, hereby denounce the same as malicious scandal. Col. Creecy should remember that we are Democrats, but we don't propose to let him dictate to us any longer. Col. Creecy has ransacked the vocabulary of slander and abuse to find words mean enough to apply to our leaders. He cannot say they have lied, misconstrued or attempted to deceive the people. Why? Col. Creecy knows to the contrary.

Col. Polk challenged any man, and so have all of our speakers from Maine to California and dared them to deny what they said. Every villainous charge that has been proved against Col. Polk has been proved a lie, and yet Col. Creecy would have us believe them true, and would like to keep in office such demagogues as Z. B. Vance and others like him, whom he knows have defamed the Democratic party and robbed it of its good name and prestige. The party that we have been taught to trust and look to for relief from our infamy has been turned into a machine by these demagogues to rob the laboring class of people and serve Wall street, national banks, trusts and monopolists.

Col. Creecy, it seems, is willing for all this to go on, but if Col. Polk or any other man dare to expose such rascality, he will pitch on him with gloves off and use any means he can to silence him. In plain language, Col. Creecy wishes us to understand if bad legislation or lowdown trickery is carried on by any scamp who calls himself a Democrat, we must keep silent and vote the ticket right or wrong. We think any man a fool to vote directly against his own interest and the interest of his friends and neighbors.

In conclusion we will say to Col. Creecy and all others of his class, that we expect to vote for our wives and children, and if he cannot find better employment we would advise him to remain quiet.

Yours fraternally,
L. N. SIMMONS, Sec'y.

RESOLUTIONS.

MR. EDITOR:—At a meeting of the People's party in convention at Elizabeth City, June 16th, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The great reaper death has, with unerring precision, aimed his arrow at one of the grandest reformers and organizers (Col. L. L. Polk) this country has ever produced; and whereas, his loss appears to be irreparable, yet when we come to look at the great men who have fallen in either party and the ripple caused by the death of these great men was but momentary upon the great bosom of the ocean, and we feel that in this case it will be so now, and that God, who took him, took him to Himself to raise up some as great or greater, who shall carry in triumph the glorious banner of the People's party until the great bloody chasm shall be bridged over; peace shall be restored and the gray and the blue shall meet together and the principles for which he sacrificed his life. Therefore

Resolved, That we deeply feel the loss of the great and good man, but we sorrow not as those who have no hope but fully believe that the grand principles for which he fought and died will be achieved.

2. That we, the People's party of the First Congressional district, in convention assembled at Elizabeth City, N. C., tender to the bereaved widow and her fatherless children all the sympathy that our bleeding and saddened hearts can give them.

3. That the above preamble and resolutions be sent to THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER and Carolina Dispatch for publication.

ANOTHER PLAN FOR RELIEF.

FAUCETT, Orange Co., N. C.

MR. EDITOR:—The frequency of appeals from suffering brethren throughout the State for relief makes it the more important that some different plan should be enacted for the relief of the same, for I think every worthy brother should be helped by helping to bear each other's burdens. It makes county in the State to contribute to the our own lighter. I believe that for each unfortunate members in their own counties, thereby making it local let the one that has been unfortunate in loss report said loss to his lodge then let the President of said Sub Alliance appoint two members of his lodge to assess, the loss stating the loss to the County Secretary sworn to before some J. P. then let the County Secretary make the calculation of how much to draw from each Sub-Alliance the member that has sustained the loss to receipt the County Secretary on receiving the money which receipt should be filed for future reference. It should be the duty of the County Secretary when he receives all the amounts from the Sub Alliances in his county to notify personally or otherwise the brother in question that his money is ready to be paid. This plan of relief stands open for amendment. I think it would be best to file these different letters on plans of relief in the office of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER that the delegates at our next State meeting can take the best plan and act at once on this important matter. The State meeting should have acted on this important matter before this time.

W. D. KING.
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