

PRESIDENT BUTLER'S MESSAGE

To the State Alliance in Session at Greensboro Last Week.

To the N. C. Farmers' State Alliance: BRETHREN:—One year ago you placed your banner in my hands. You placed me in the front of the N. C. Division of the great national army of reformers.

To day we meet again. Let us see what has been accomplished; what the present status of the organization is, and what is our duty in the future.

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was unity of thought, the duty of this hour is unity of action. It is easy to pass resolutions expressing sympathy for the people; it is easy to speculate in reforms for selfish ends.

What is the enemy doing to prevent unity of action? They are trying to blind the great issues at stake by appeals to sectional prejudice.

On April 17th I called a conference of the Alliance of the State through one representative from each county. I did it in the interest of our principles and the cause of reform.

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twice President of the State Alliance, and now member of its State Executive Committee; Elias Carr, twice President of the State Alliance, and now Chairman of the Judiciary Committee; R. J. Powell, Chairman of the State Alliance Legislative Committee, and J. J. Young, of Johnson county, member of the same committee; E. C. Beddingfield, twice Secretary of the State Alliance; Senator N. M. Culbreth, of Columbus, member of the State Alliance Judiciary Committee and Alliance Lecturer for 6th Congressional district; Senator J. S. Bell, of Clay, State Lecturer for 1891-'2; J. S. Johnson, of Rockingham, member of the Alliance State Executive Committee; Hon. A. Leazar, member of the State Alliance Judiciary Committee; Mr. J. E. Holman, of Iredell, twice President of this County Alliance; Capt. W. E. Ardrey, R. A. Grier and five hundred more good Alliancemen in Mecklenburg county; ex-Senator Wiley W. Farmer, Representative Nathan Bass, Wiley Barnes and most of the good Alliancemen in Wilson county; David Alexander, representative from Tyrrell, A. D. McGill, representative from Cumberland; Messrs. Sorrell, Merritt, Clark, Page, Allen and a majority of the Alliancemen in Wake; Hon. A. H. Williams, member of Congress from the Fifth district; Hon. W. A. B. Branch, member of Congress from the First district; Hon. B. F. Grady, member of Congress from the Third district; P. G. Alston, Jr., Matthew S. Davis and hundreds of Alliancemen in Franklin; A. H. Merritt, Edwin W. Atwater, and many other Alliancemen in Chatham; Jno. C. Scarborough, of Johnson; W. W. Long, of Warren; M. L. Wood, of Bertie; W. J. Rogers and R. H. Stancill, of Northampton, and thousands of others, whose names I do not give because it would take up too much of your space.

If these are good Alliancemen, then I am a friend to the Alliance. I defy my sharp critic to quote a single word uttered by me in regard to the proper policy of the Alliance that is not endorsed by these gentlemen.

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Grover Cleveland kept in perfect repair. The opponents of this highway have largely converted it into a turnpike for the special and sole use of men made rich by tariff exactions and manipulating the currency.

My critic will learn that the good people of North Carolina are too many, too sensible, and too honorable to be guided by such wild and desperate counsels as he offers.

"We must have harmony in the Democratic party," said one of Gov. Boyd's appointees out at the insane asylum, as he knocked down a fellow appointee.—Alliance Independent.

I have been commissioned as State Organizer for the Citizens' Alliance and Industrial Union, and request the hearty co-operation of all friends of reform.

Rev. P. H. Massey will address the public on the political issues of the day at Cedar Fork Church, Durham county, on Saturday, August 20th, 1892, at 2 o'clock p. m.

SEVENTH DISTRICT CONVENTION. An adjourned meeting of the People's party of the Seventh Congressional District will meet in the city of Salisbury on Tuesday, the 16th of August, 1892, at 12 m.

GRAND RALLY. Of the Davidson County Farmers' Alliance, at the Thomasville Orphanage, Friday August 26th, 1892.

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