

WAYNE COUNTY MEETING.

At a meeting of Wayne County Alliance at Nahunta meeting house, in the county of Wayne, on the 14th of June, 1892, a committee consisting of C. H. Brogden, Dr. J. E. Person and J. H. Caldwell was appointed to report suitable memorial resolutions in regard to the death of President L. L. Polk, and reported through their chairman, Gov. Brogden, the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Since our last meeting of Wayne County Alliance, our honored and esteemed friend and brother, L. L. Polk, the eminent and patriotic President of the National Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union, has been removed from the field of his labors and usefulness in this world by the inexorable messenger of death, which occurred in Washington City, on the 11th day of June, 1892, by which such event the Order which he did so much to organize and build up has lost its greatest leader, and the country has lost a true and devoted patriot and an honest and able statesman. He was gifted by nature with superior talents, and was the acknowledged leader in the great reform movement in which millions of farmers and laboring people of all classes are deeply and vitally interested. Col. Polk possessed a warm and generous heart, full of kindness and charity for all. He loved his country and her people, and labored with all the energy of his body and mind to promote their interest and prosperity. His ardent desire was to free the laboring and industrial people of this country from the thralldom and oppression of the money power and money monopolies. He did more to destroy and wipe out sectional bias and prejudice, and to create kindly and fraternal relations between all sections of our common country than any other man in the United States. He was endowed with many excellent traits of character which qualified him for a great and successful leader of men. His patriotism was unbounded by any State or section. His statesmanship towered above all local and sectional prejudices as the mountain towers above the valley, and among the great reform leaders in the movement to unfetter the shackles which bend and oppress the laboring and industrial classes, and to secure equal rights to all and special privileges to none, he stood, like Saul among his brethren, "a head and shoulders above them all." He loved the people and warmly sympathized with them in their efforts to secure financial reform in our government, and he was the great favorite of the Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union throughout the whole country. He earnestly and sincerely desired that his countrymen might discard all selfish ambitions, all sectional feeling, and all partisan prejudice, and meet the demands of the hour in a spirit of exalted patriotism, and preserve and perpetuate our free institutions and the blessings of liberty. He was a wise counselor, a sagacious statesman, a powerful advocate of the people's rights, and we sincerely regret and deplore his death.

Resolved, That we will cherish the memory of our illustrious leader, Bro. L. L. Polk, and strive to maintain the true principles of the great reform movement of the Order to which he was so sincerely and zealously devoted. That a copy of these resolutions be sent by our Secretary to the widow of our esteemed friend and brother, L. L. Polk, as a testimony of our high regard for him and our sympathy for his family. That the thanks of this meeting are due and are hereby unanimously tendered to the good people of the Nahunta meeting house section in Wayne county, including the ladies for their kind and liberal hospitality in providing for the entertainment of this meeting of Wayne County Alliance. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the *Headlight*, the *Agricultural Bee*, and the *PROGRESSIVE FARMER*, respectfully requesting them to publish the same, as friends of the Farmers' Alliance.

Approved July 14th, 1892
T. B. PARKER, Pres't.
A. L. SWINSON, Sec'y.

GROWING IN JOHNSTON.
JOHNSTON Co., N. C.
MR. EDITOR:—There is no use in trying to conceal or deny the fact, from present observations, that the Third party movement is gaining ground in Johnston county. The plutocratic and other machine politicians are doing their best to keep back this great movement among the people, but with little effect. The people are thoroughly aroused in this great movement for reform. A Third party ticket will be put in the field for the legislature and for the county offices.

A SYMPATHIZER.
CALIFORNIA RESOLUTIONS.
ADELAIDE, Cal.
MR. EDITOR:—At the last meeting of Oak Grove Alliance the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, We learn with the deepest regrets and great sorrow of the death of our beloved leader, Col. L. L. Polk, President of the National Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union; and whereas, in the death of our courageous, efficient and untiring President, the laborers of the United States have lost a tried and true friend. Therefore be it

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Platform Adopted by the Confederated Industrial Organizations at St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 22-24, 1892.

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