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EDITORIAL NOTES.

** Everybody should hear General Weaver on the 29th and 30th.

** Every paper in Nevada except two, are supporting Weaver and Field. ** Field at Asheville on the 29th,

Oregon is an enthusiastic supporter controling conventions, corrupting the

of Gen. Weaver. ** Congressman Tom Watson gave a fellow a thrashing on a train in and directing legislation, State and Georgia the other day.

** Twenty-eight beeves were killed to feed the crowd at a People's party barbecue in Tennessee recently.

** Why don't the politicians tear the St. Louis platform to pieces? They threatened to do it sometime ago

** Weaver will be at Raleigh on the 29th, at Rocky Mount on the 30th Give him a big crowd at each place.

*** Gen. Stevenson has had respectful hearing from members of all parties, Let Weaver and Field have the same.

speeches ever made on North Carolina

** The Texas State Alliance has formulated a plan to help the brethren in several drouth stricken counties in that State.

** Gen. Stevenson has had an ova tion at all points in the State. Let Weaver and Field have a still bigger one where they speak. ** THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER returns

thanks to Judge Womack and many other speakers who are so industriously advertising THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER.

** We have received the premium list of the Roanoke and Tar River Fair to be held at Weldon on the 1st, 2d, 3d and 4th of November. An interesting time is expected.

*** The "immense" horseback club from Swift Creek township was made up of from four townships and amounted to about thirty. There was We confess that this is a nice bit of only 169 in the entire parade on horse-

** Bring your horses when you edge. come to hear Weaver. If you haven't as many saddles as horses bring the horses and ride bareback. There should Labor, Grange, Farmers' Mutual Benebe the longest procession ever seen at fit Association and other organizations. Raleigh or Rocky Mount in honor of have organized a party. Many promi-

the brave Western Statesman. ** Gen. Stevenson confines his remarks to the tariff and force bill mostly, with a little thrown in about the "dark days of reconstruction." It does look like a candidate for such a high office ought to touch the real transportation.

** A graduated income tax should be reimposed, so that the accumulated wealth of the few shall bear its share of the government burdens. At present 80 per cent, of the wealth pays only 20 per cent. of the taxes, while 20 per cent. of the wealth (that's you) be allowed the privilege of doing other- ance, there is nothing to sustain the own welfare. Do not vote a certain pays 80 per cent of the taxes. Chicago wise.

has men worth fifteen to twenty millions, and yet not one of them is assessed at over \$100,000! Turn the animal around awhile, says the Southern

** Wait for the force bill. It is worse than the "tariff for revenue only." Both are too much for common people. The moneycrats can afford to monkey with such things, but the people want more money, better prices for their products and equal rights. Vote for that.

** The handsome premium list of the Piedmont Alliance and Industrial for not less than ten cents to day. The Union Fair Association to be held at Salisbury on the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th | year's crop is short all over the South, of October, has been received. The owing to bad seasons. exhibits will be better than ever before, and premiums liberal. There will be balloon ascensions, races and a baby

** The estimated value of the property of the United States is said to be \$60,000,000,000, the indebtedness about article argues that these speculators \$40,000,000,000. The interest on this at 8 per cent. is \$3,200,000,000. Labor creates about \$1,500,000,000 to pay it it not for these speculators. with. So we lack about \$1,500,000,000 year, "Whither are we drifting," land, reader, if we continue to go in

Do you owe this paper anything? I you do send at once. We have waited long enough.

WHAT THE PEOPLE SEE.

The business man sees danger of a financial crisis staring him in the face. He sees money getting scarcer every anti-option bills, which the 148 Demotioning the fact that they saw the year, prices going down and failure cratic majority failed to pass, was a

The farmer sees United States 4 per cent bonds, which would be utterly the centre of the cotton belt. Instead is lower than for ten years with three worthless but for the sturdy blows of of advocating the passage of anti- exceptions. This year's wheat crop is farms was 153 acres. In 1880, 133 his strong arm, due in 1907, which option bills, it simply tells the farmers were bought at 54 cents on the dollar, that they work too much-make too past ten years. It was better in the selling at \$1.25 to the dollar, when he much, and if it wasn't for the "bulls South than elsewhere. With two exknows that a mortgage on not one and bears" they would be bankrupt at ceptions the oat crop is lower than for farm in a thousand for the same time at one third its value, at the rate of 7 per cent. interest, could be sold at its face value. He is alarmed when he sees under our financial policy the major part of the wealth of 63,000,000 | their villainy by telling that they benepeople pass into the hands of 31,000 Salisbury 30th. Let him have a big men. He sees centralized capital allied simply a fool for working every year to corporate power, invading our tem-** The Democratic Governor of ples of justice, subsidizing the press, ballot-box, dictating the platforms of parties, overriding individual rights

You both see all this and yet some of you shut your eyes and are willing to continue to vote the same old way and hasten the utter ruin of the coun try. Educate, agitate.

THE BEST WAY.

There is different opinions about the best way to secure reform. No doubt many are honest on both sides. The Farmers' Advocate, Charlestown, W. Virginia, is one of the papers that thinks the proper way is to secure it * Wait for Weaver on the 29th through the old parties. It predicts and 30th and hear one of the greatest dire calamities if that course is not

We think the editor of the Advocate is honest and sincere, but is as apt to be mistaken as anybody else. He says "we must keep the Alliance out of partisan politics." That is true. So we must also keep the church out of politics. But if anybody who is a member of the Aliance thinks he sees a better chance in a new party, he can vote that way without dragging the Order in with him. The Advocate

"The plan whereby the Alliance can achieve the most good in politics is for the farmers to go in and capture the whole machinery, nominate their own to elect them.

Now it seems to us that our brother is advising them to pursue a course as objectionable, if not more so, than to vote with a new party. They must "go in and capture the whole machinery, nominate their own men," etc. hair splitting, and we can't split it. If the Advocate can it must have a keen

As we understand it, men who are members of the Alliance, Knights of nent men in it are not members of any of the organizations, but feeling that a new party was necessary, went at it with a vim. Naturally they incor porated a good many Alliance and Knights of Labor theories in it. The managers of the other parties didn't. issue of the day-finance, land and hence it is natural that reformers should go that way for political relief. We believe they think that is best. But we are not quarrelling with the Advocate nor anybody else. If you think it is less political to "go in and capture" anybody's "machine," all right. If some others don't think best to "capture the machine," they should

THE PRICE OF COTTON.

The Southern Farm, Atlanta, has persistently advocated a reduction of the cotton acreage as a means to increase the price. Now that the acreage has been reduced, it confesses that it has been met by speculation and manipulation. Yet in the same column it contends that the price of all crops is regulated by supply and demand. This is inconsistent and misleading. If supply and demand regulated the price of cotton, it would never have fallen so low, and it ought to be selling acreage has been reduced and this

In the same issue the Southern Farm prints an article headed, "How cotton is marketed." This evidently was furnished by some cotton speculator. It says the speculators are divided into 'hostile camps," bulls and bears. The "keep the market steady;" that the price would go down to five cents were

of paying the interest on our debts each | bulls and bears are no more use to the | profitable business. The people must and where will you or your family wagon. We think that article was roads and coal companies are hand in published by Latham, Alexander & hand. These railroad companies conthe same direction, says the Southern | Co., New York cotton merchants and | trol 90 per cent. of the coal mines. THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER several people in the North and West are large number to do honor to these disweeks ago. We exposed the fallacies clamoring for government ownership tinguished visitors, who have put aside ton producer, these thousands of "bulls ownership that have opposed it hereand bears" make fortunes out of their tofore. labor, without returning a cent. The direct blow at these "bulls and bears."

The Southern Farm is published in

This is what has nearly ruined the country. So called influential agricultural papers, rather than tell the truth, join the moneycrats and explain away fit the farmers and that the farmer is instead of playing one year and working a little the next.

LAUREL HILL ALLIANCE.

We publish in this issue a recent ac tion of Laurel Hill Alliance, Richmond county. The first thing charged is that "the attempt to convert the Alliance into a political party at Greensboro was largely successful." The man who wrote that evidently does not belong to the Alliance. At least he was not at the Greensboro meeting, for all who were there know that partisan politics was not discussed in the meeting. The St. Louis Conference platform was adopted. This was done not by a unanimous vote, but the opposition was too small to amount to much. The Omaha Convention adopted the addition. The Omaha Convention came very near converting itself into an Alliance meeting by its action in adopting the Alliance platform.

made such a wide swath in the Greensboro meeting. It is true that several of the State officers and members of committees are People's party men and Republicans. But it is also true that they are very divided among all parties. At least five of the State officers are Democrats. Take the State Executive Committee, who are among the most important. Capt. S. B. Alexander, Democratic Congressman in the Sixth men, and then go home and go to work District, is Chairman of the Executive Committee, Mr. J. S. Johnston, Democrat, is a member. Only one is a People's party man-Mr. Mewborne. So the Executive Committee is two-thirds

Next we find the Judiciary Committee, which is half Democratic. On it can only be done through national leg-Cleveland elector in the Seventh Dis. person to raise everything they can to trict, and probably one other Demo. eat and wear. No crop will pay as a crat. Does that look like Democrats money crop. The farmers in the grainwere ignored? On the State Legislative Committee we find Bros. R. J. Powell and J. J. Young, Democrats, and N. C. English, Prohibitionist. Col. H. A. Forney is the only People's party man on it. Does that look like the Greensboro meeting was a People's may be in better shape, but it is true party machine? Brethren, you have been misinformed. The facts are against you. In addition to other positions Capt. Alexander was elected as one of the delegates to the next national meeting. We repeat, the facts are against the declaration of Laurel all the worse. So prepare to economize, Hill Alliance.

As to the charge that the State Secfor politicians and allows them access your sentiments in whichever party to the addresses of officers of the Alli- you think best. Be guided by your charge. The members of Laurel Hill way to save any man or party.

simply have been misinformed. Further, no officer of the State Alliance receives any pay for expenses or for services from the State Alliance during campaigns for making political speeches. The Laurel Hill Alliance have allowed somebody to work on their prejudices and they have inno cently, perhaps, made charges and published them that cannot be proven. They are welcome to investigate as much as they please, and they should do this before they jump at conclu sions hereafter. The Laurel Hill brethren should remember that it is just as likely that they are mistaken as it is for other people to be.

MORE HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

The coal combine has made another advance in the price. The first advance was 50 cents per ton; the last 25 cents more, which makes a clear robbery of 75 cents per ton. Since that the Erie and Lackawanna roads have advanced the freight 25 cents more on the ton-one dollar altogether. This means that nearly 25 per cent. clear Now everybody knows that these profit has been added to an already in Raleigh. There were about 800 in farmers than the fifth wheel on a submit or do without coal. The railbankers. They sent the same thing to It is no wonder that millions of in it at the time. Anybody with sense of railroads. Unless this robberg is everything and gone into the reform knows that instead of helping the cot- stopped tens of thousands will favor

SEPTEMBER CROP REPORT.

Your Uncle Jerry Rusk has just issued his crop report for September. He says the average condition of corn one point below the average for the 17 years. With only three exceptions the condition of potatoes never was so low in this month. The average for tobacco is very low in Virginia and Kentucky. The condition of cotton has declined five points since the first of August. The average to the acre will be lower than any year since 1883 If that be true, with the reduced acreage, there will be a short crop, but there is but little danger of a rise in prices so long as the present combinations exist unmolested.

WHAT GRANDPA'S HAT SAYS.

In his letter of acceptance President Harrison tries to defend the McKinley bill and the high protective fallacies of a portion of his party by stating that "our exports in 1891-92 exceed those of 1890 by \$172,000,000." Investigations disclose the fact that the exports of 1890 exceed those of 1888 by \$161,864, 177. Now, that was before the McKin ley bill was passed. Wonder if grandpa's hat can explain that? That goes to show that the McKinley bill was not instrumental in the increase. St. Louis platform, with only a slight It simply gives the robbers a chance to rob at home, and has but little to do with exports.

Fellow-citizens, Republican protection is robbery; Democratic "tariff Now let us see if partisan politics for revenue only," is robbery. The only solution is to wipe out the tariff altogether and forever.

THE OUTLOOK.

With the low prices prevailing for everything the farmer has to sell and the high prices he has to pay for what he buys, it is no longer a question as to what will pay, but can we live? Many of our Southern farmers, when more reasonable prices prevailed, began to raise cotton or tobacco and have neglected other crops. Those who raised their own supplies have never been so hard pressed. But it has got so no system of farming pays. Until there is a readjustment of matters so farmers can secure better prices, which growing and stock-raising sections are in the same boat with the cotton and tobacco-raiser. They have the grain, the cattle and the horses, but they will bring no price. Some farmers are better off than others; some sections that all are going to the wall at a rate never heard of before. Interest, taxes, poorer. The introduction of cholera complicate matters. If it spreads much, buy nothing you can do without, read WEAVER AND FIELD.

Mr. Adlai Stevenson and Mr. Ewing, both of Illinois, are now in the State. They have been listened to by members of all parties in large crowds at various points They can make no complaint of their treatment. They are both men of ability.

On the 29th and 30th two more distinguished gentlemen will visit our State. They come on the same business -to discuss the issues and make as many friends as possible. Mr. Field will speak at Asheville on the 29th and Salisbury on the 30th, Gen. Weaver at Raleigh on the 29th, Rocky Mount on the 30th. We hope the people of all parties will give them all the courtesy strangers are entitled to.

There will be no display of flags at either place, nor will there be much tooting of horns. However, everybody who possibly can should go to hear them and welcome them. If possible, their friends should be prepared to ride in a horse-back procession a; each place. According to actual count, 168 mounted men rode with Mr. Stevenson the procession altogether. We think the friends of Gen. Weaver and Field can show up in greater number than that. Steps should be taken at once in every neighborhood within reach of either of the appointments to raise a movement to fight until the victory is won. Let's give them a grand reception, in numbers and everything else.

SOME GOOD FIGURES.

Speakers and others doing reform work should not overlook the facts re lating to the decline in agriculture.

In 1870 the average size of American acres. In 1890, 107 acres. The reduc tion in size, with the increase of population, improvements, etc., ought to have increased the value per acre, but it has decreased. In 1870 the average value was \$56 per acre. In 1890 only \$28. That, of course, includes the highpriced farms of the North. In 1870 the average price for wheat per acre was \$12.76. In 1890, \$8.63, or 33 per cent. less. In 1870 corn per acre brought \$17.75. In 1890, \$7.63, \$10.12 less. In 1870 the average price of oats per acre was \$16.05. In 1890 only \$6.26. Sheep, hogs, cattle and horses have depreci ated in the same proportion, while neither your notes nor interest, your tax nor the salary of your officials have decreased a particle, in many cases increased. So it is plain that it takes double the amount of the products of your farm to pay your obligations now that it did in 1870. Are you going to vote for yourself or the plutocrats hereafter?

THE CHOLERA.

After playing havoc in Russia, Germany, France and elsewhere, the Asiatic cholera has broken through quarantine lines and began work in New York. Several deaths have occurred in that city and Brooklyn. There are a number of new cases.

There is no chance to escape its fearful ravages. A cordon of steamers are lying out beyond New York. Nearly every one has cholera cases aboard. Until it got a foothold in New York the health authorities hoped to keep it on the water, but now all hope is gone. Thousands of people are leaving New York for the South and West every day. It will be remarkable if some of them do not carry it to other sections. Several cities have quarantined against New York. No doubt it would be well for all to do so. It would be better to confine the disease in one city than to combat it in hundreds of others.

At this time many Southern merchants are visiting New York on business. This should stop. Some of them will be sure to contract the disease if they continue to go. An ounce of prevention is always worth a pound of cure. If the disease can be kept in the ridicule and abuse of our print are Elias Carr, Democratic nominee islation, no matter what party does it, for Governor, and A. Leazar, Esq, Cleveland elector in the Seventh Disperson to raise everything they can to stamp it out in a few months if con- for the noble work performed in the fined to one city, but if it gets scattered | year A. D. 1892. there is no chance to stop it in less than a year or two. In that time tens of thousands would fall victims.

A GREAT MISTAKE.

We regret to know that quite a number of good members of the Alliance have been misled by Democratic and Republican politicians. They have debts are growing and you are getting been told that the meeting of the State Alliance at Greensboro was a "Third into this country will only tend to party meeting." There is absolutely no truth in this, There were staunch and enthusiastic Dem crats and Republicans there as delegates. Some of reform literature and vote the reform them are among the new list of retary "makes his office the rendezvous- ticket, regardless of the result. Vote officers and members of committees, as the principles that all the citizens of can be seen by reference to the first our land should hold to. page of this paper. The St. Louis Conference platform adopted is precisely of firmness. the National Alliance platform of 1889.

The action of the Omaha Convention when it adopted the same platform with only slight additions has nothing to do with the Alliance meeting. I the Democratic party had adopted it the result would have been the same. There is no patent on the Alliance platform. Indeed every member of the Alliance knows that we have been trying to get some party to adopt our platform all the time. Now that the People's party has done so, there are Alliancemen who are mad because it did so,

Brethren, do not allow politicians to mislead you. When they misrepresent the Alliance it is not done in your interest, but the object is to weaken the Order. If the Democratic party had adopted the platform at Chicago. opponents of the party would have charged that the Alliance was a Demo. cratic machine and endeavored to get all members holding different political opinions to pull out of the Order. What encouragement is it to a party toadopt our platform if we go to kicking it right away?

BEST WAY TO SETTLE IT.

An exchange says:

"President Ingalls of the Chesapeake and Ohio and Big Four railroads, in his annual report to the stockholders of the former company, advocates the cooperative plan of profit sharing with employes as the best method of meeting the growing difficulties of the labor problem. A better way yet is to make all the members of society the common owners of the railroads. Profit sharing is only a half-way measure. Nothing less than communal interest can ever solve the labor problem.

The above may or may not be cor. rect. If it is true that profit sharing would be advantageous, then government ownership would be still better. Government employes never strike, It is only those employed by corporations that strike for fair wages.

GENERAL NOTES.

Columbus county People's party put out a full ticket on the 2d of September. A full county ticket has been nominated in Montgomery county. They

say they mean business. A correspondent writes that three attempts have been made to form Cleveland clubs in Orange county and

three failures are recorded. Mr. R. F. Gore, of New Hanover, county was nominated for the Senate by the People's party from New Han-

over and Brunswick counties Powerful efforts are being made to defeat Jerry Simpson in the Seventh Congressional district in Kansas. We

are still betting on Jerry, however. A merchant at Tarboro writes us that he wants to see a copy of this paper, and adds that he is for reform

and wants to see the people succeed. A correspondent at Bayboro wants to know whether or not the People's party is entitled to judges of the election. He says the party is on a boom

Cumberland county People's party met on the 10th at Fayetteville and nominated a full county ticket. Bertie People's party met at Windsor recently and nominated a full county ticket. Everything was pleasant and every township represented.

A correspondent writes that Senator Ransom and a crowd of negro excursionists were at Wilkesboro on the 5th The Senator made a war and kuklu speech. While a club-footed colt was being sold on the street his crowd 200 dwindled down to about 75.

Richlands, Onslow county, has 151 white voters (heretofore Democratic) 32 was the number of votes cast in the Democratic primaries for county officers. 103 of these 159 last Saturday voted in the primary of the Peoples party for their county ticket. Bott sides pressed the primary work all procured every vote possible.

FIRMNESS.

MR. EDITOR:-I hope all the People party men throughout the United States will ever keep at work with Sir, it shall be the last act, as the

as the first, of my life, to base my life upon principles and not upon party sm. Party faith has brought us to this state of enslavement, which, if allowed to continue, will surely lead to a civil war and a national ruin.

The young generations which will follow on in our tracks, will abuse us for enslaving them instead of freeing them.

Sir if every good patriotic cities and the United Stats would come out and place their lights upon the hill top of principles so others could see their good works, we would martial a man into the National Capitol March the 4th, 1893, who has pledged himself to work for the laboring people of our land. I becar the land. I hope I may see and hear the voices of others that are standing on the Sir, the wind may shift and the tide

turn, but I, myself stand on the rock