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N. R. P. A. EDITORIAL NOTES.

Everybody should hear General Weaver on the 29th and 30th. Every paper in Nevada except two, are supporting Weaver and Field.

has men worth fifteen to twenty millions, and yet not one of them is assessed at over \$100,000!

Wait for the force bill. It is worse than the "tariff for revenue only."

The handsome premium list of the Piedmont Alliance and Industrial Union Fair Association to be held at Salisbury on the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th of October, has been received.

The estimated value of the property of the United States is said to be \$60,000,000,000, the indebtedness about \$40,000,000,000.

Do you owe this paper anything? If 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 year, prices going down and failure staring him in the face.

The farmer sees United States 4 per cent bonds, which would be utterly worthless but for the sturdy blows of his strong arm, due in 1907, which were bought at 54 cents on the dollar, selling at \$1.25 to the dollar, when he knows that a mortgage on not one 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.

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 country. Educate, agitate.

THE BEST WAY.

There is different opinions about the best way to secure reform. No doubt many are honest on both sides.

We think the editor of the Advocate is honest and sincere, but is as apt to be mistaken as anybody else.

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 men, and then go home and go to work 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.

As we understand it, men who are members of the Alliance, Knights of Labor, Grange, Farmers' Mutual Benefit Association and other organizations, have organized a party.

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THE PRICE OF COTTON.

The Southern Farm, Atlanta, has persistently advocated a reduction of the cotton acreage as a means to increase the price.

In the same issue the Southern Farm prints an article headed, "How cotton is marketed."

Now everybody knows that these bulls and bears are no more use to the farmers than the fifth wheel on a wagon.

This is what has nearly ruined the country. So called influential agricultural papers, rather than tell the truth, join the moneycrats and explain away their villainy by telling that they benefit the farmers and that the farmer is simply a fool for working every year instead of playing one year and working a little the next.

LAUREL HILL ALLIANCE.

We publish in this issue a recent action 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."

Now let us see if partisan politics 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.

Next we find the Judiciary Committee, which is half Democratic. On it are Elias Carr, Democratic nominee for Governor, and A. Leazar, Esq., Cleveland elector in the Seventh District, and probably one other Democrat.

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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.

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.

SEPTEMBER CROP REPORT.

Your Uncle Jerry Rusk has just issued his crop report for September. He says the average condition of corn is lower than for ten years with three exceptions.

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."

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?

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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.

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.

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.

SOME GOOD FIGURES.

Speakers and others doing reform work should not overlook the facts relating to the decline in agriculture. In 1870 the average size of American farms was 153 acres. In 1890, 133 acres.

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THE CHOLERA.

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Fellow-citizens, Republican protection is robbery; Democratic "tariff for revenue only," is robbery. The only solution is to wipe out the tariff altogether and forever.

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.

FIRMNESS.

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The action of the Omaha Convention when it adopted the same platform, with only slight additions has nothing to do with the Alliance meeting.

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.

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 co-operative plan of profit sharing with employes as the best method of meeting the growing difficulties of the labor problem."

The above may or may not be correct. If it is true that profit sharing would be advantageous, then government ownership would be still better.

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.

Mr. R. F. Gore, of New Hanover, county was nominated for the Senate by the People's party from New Hanover 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.

Cumberland county People's party met on the 10th at Fayetteville and nominated a full county ticket.

A correspondent writes that Senator Ransom and a crowd of negro excursionists were at Wilkesboro on the 5th. The Senator made a war and kuking speech.

Richlands, Onslow county, has 13 white voters (heretofore Democratic) 32 was the number of votes cast in the Democratic primaries for county officers.

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Sir, the wind may shift and the tide turn, but I myself stand on the rock of firmness. Yours fraternally, J. C. HASKINS.