

ZEKE BILKINS, M. A.



The Major Attends the State Alliance Meeting—He Felt Meaner than a North Carolina Railroad Director at First—Too Full for Utterance.

B.—"Hello! Mr. Editor."
 R.—"Hello! Major. I'm at your service."
 B.—"I'll try to discuss a few things with you, but I'm not feeling like talking much. I went to the State Alliance last week, and I ain't got over it yet. Them Cary folks had so many good things to eat it cum mighty nigh disorganized my whole corporosity. It does a feller gude ter git out from home now an' then, purvidin' he kin stand it. But I tell you I felt putty mean at first—az mean az a Dreckter on the North Carolina Railroad—I reckon. I hadn't bin takin' much part in Alliance proceedings fer sum time an' I felt like I wouldn't be welcome at the State meetin', especially bein' ez I'm a dymakrat. But I found that wasn't so. The brethren jest treated me az well ez if I wuz a kalemyt howlin' Populist with silver-plated shoes on my feet. The proceedings, so far az I could see, were strictly non partisan, an' I didn't hear any party mensioned. So far as my observashun went the meetin' wuz Populist, Republican an' Dymakratic—the best ov awl ov them—but not awl ov 'em. I tole Betsy that when I got home. She sed she reckoned I wuz erubert rite, but she'd bet that it wuzent Republikin or Demakratic enough ter git the endorsement ov President Cleveland and Senator Sherman. I didn't feel sure erubert that, an' I didn't say anythin'."
 R.—"You say you have not been attending Alliance meetings for some time, and yet admit that this one was all right and that you thoroughly enjoyed it. Will you explain why you absented your-self from the meetings?"
 B.—"Yes, I reckon so. It wuz because the Alliance went into polyticks four years ago."
 R.—"Will you not admit that every other member has much right to go into politics as you have?"
 B.—"I don't know. Maybe they have. But thousands ov the members left the Dymakratic an' Republikin parties an' started a new party. They had no rite ter do that."
 R.—"I insist that they did have that right. A political party is an inanimate thing. The principles are the only thing of substantial value. If these principles are discarded then the members of that party can and should leave it without further ceremony. If your dwelling house becomes rotten—unfit to live in—you are at liberty to build another and move into it if you can. If the timbers in a bridge are rotten, you ought to tear it away and build a new bridge, instead of risking life and limb in crossing the old one."
 B.—"But I didn't think the dymakratic party wuz rotten an' I staid in it."
 R.—"All right. That was your privilege. Nobody objects. If you can stand it other people will say amen. But there are those who believe it best to flee from the wrath to come and they fled. Later developments have convinced them that they were not mistaken. But if that were not true there is no reason in the world why you should not affiliate with the Alliance. You admit that its meetings are fraternal, nonpartisan and useful. I have been in dozens of Sub Alliance meetings, many county and State meetings and two annual meetings of the National Alliance. Not one of them were partisan, and nothing was said or done to offend any partisan. The man who says he had to leave the Alliance because it went into politics is simply running on the plan that a poor excuse is better than none at all."
 B.—"Maybe you are rite. I often feel like I order do better, an' I'm goin' to make another powerful effort. Guide-bye."

COMMITTEE MEETING.

The Executive Committee of the North Carolina Farmers' State Alliance will be in session August 30th, 1895. Time for meeting, 9 o'clock a. m.
 By order of A. F. Hileman, Chairman, Executive Committee.

W. S. BARNES,
 Sec'y Treas.

August 15, 1895.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Annual Message of Bro J. M. Mewborne, Retiring President of the State Alliance, Delivered Before the Alliance in Session at Cary, N. C., August 13, 1895.

DEAR BRETHREN:—The Father's hand has kept up and guided us till this our ninth annual session; His love and wonderful beneficence have been again shown in the prosperous crops throughout the greater part of our beloved State. For this and all other blessings we offer our grateful thanks.

We have assembled for council—for wise and peaceful council—to make plans for the amelioration of our brotherhood and to take steps for their speedy consummation.

We are met here in the town of Cary by special election of your Executive Committee to view the surroundings of this railroad junction and to take into immediate consideration the advisability of establishing a manufacturing enterprise here. This is a great and grave undertaking, but you have the power to do it if you so desire; others have done it and are now basking in the wealth produced by you.

Our people at home expect the officers and delegates to do more than routine business at this meeting, they knew from the first that they were in a wilderness, and are now; and for this reason they organized themselves into this great brotherhood to relieve them; they have learned, and learned it through great tribulation, that they have been wronged and terribly wronged by adverse legislation, and that favorable legislation will ultimately restore them to their former condition; they have found out by the education they have received through this organization, which has been verified by actual experience and proclaimed by wise and learned statesmen, that when the government issues from its treasury a given amount of money—which is only a medium of the exchange of wealth—to circulate among its people to be useful to them in their business and in sufficient volume, no more and no less. With this sufficiency the people buy and sell; promise and receive promises; make all manner of debts and receive all manner of debts, and all are contented and happy in "a smiling land." If by legislation government reduces that volume of currency, just in that proportion the man who made the promise is robbed by the man who received the promise, and the man who made the debt, by the man who received the debt, and government is the instigator of these outrages, through vile and vicious legislation, either for self interest or some body else's interest. They have learned through the Alliance and by unrelenting toil as well, that if the volume of currency shall be reduced one half, then the remaining half must now do what all once had to do, and that the price of the produce of the farmer and the hire of the laborer is reduced one half and the products of all other enterprises are in like manner reduced unless sustained and upheld by nefarious and unlawful combinations. That by reducing the price of products and labor one half the conditions have been so changed that it will require twice as many pounds, twice as many bushels, twice as many days' labor, and twice as many products (save and except those up by unlawful trusts) to pay the debt that it once took, thereby doubling the energies of the man who promised the debt, and to the man who received the debt the value thereof. Was there ever a crime more criminal or a country more corrupt?

They have learned also that, by demoralizing silver, the conspirators were only furthering this criminality against the commonwealth, and to give honor and credence to a crime, they have made the Chief Executive of this nation the standard bearer of a gold standard who says to his subordinates "you shall" and to the people "you will?" Dictator to the one and deceiver to the other. These lessons cannot be unlearned. They are indelibly fixed. The friends who are opposed to the Alliance call it politics, and it may be so, but it is the truth, as well, and all truth shall be told. We have told it in love, and time and sad experience have demonstrated it to all. Shall we not kindly say to our friends be done fighting us? Have we not told you the truth, and have you not received it in spite of your opposition?

The Philistines are upon us. Gold, crowned and sceptered and panopied with the paraphernalia of a mighty warrior, d. flantly and in advance bids us to worship at his shrine. Instead, let us warn the people. At Gold's altar there are bonds, and places vacant for more bonds; in the present ones there is a sad and weary story, a large portion of your once plentiful currency has been taken from circulation and transformed into these quiet and unrelenting bonds which increased your indebtedness, and by funding your money it has rendered you less able to pay. Bonds, disastrous bonds; was it not "Jenominated in these bonds" that

they should be paid in coin? Have not the gold conspirators struck down one-half of your coin, thereby doubling the debt? These have bound your country and you, and the "places vacant" when they shall be filled, will be bonds for your children, and they will be bondmen. Shall we not continue to strike at this monster, and worship only at our country's shrine?

It has been well said by a former President that "The two corner stones on which the Alliance was founded and is standing to-day, are: First, social and moral development; second, intellectual development, followed by co operation in business efforts and industrial pursuits." Our "social and moral development" have been wonderful, and civilization, as well as religion, have been advanced since the advent of the Farmers' Alliance. Its intellectual development, especially in the science of government, has been so rapid that the world wonders why it is so, but this, I fear, have not been "followed by co-operation in business efforts" as they should, and "industrial pursuits" have not been even nominal.

These latter things, at this meeting, ought to be duly considered. If such goods as are generally used by the Alliance are not sold to its members through the Business Agency as cheap or cheaper than otherwise it is because the Alliance has been discriminated against, and it is in your power to use your organization to its utmost ability to manufacture such goods for your use.

When we shall have advanced as far in these "industrial pursuits" as we have in the "science of government," the world will truly say that this organization is most wonderful, and Alliancemen and women will delight to praise and honor this great Industrial Union for its immediate benefit to them. While they have learned to love our demands, and will stand by them to the last ditch, they demand of you that you shall preserve their organization by doing something along the lines indicated in this address.

I thank you for confidence reposed in me for the last two years. I wish I could have done more than I have. I now surrender the badge of office to another, and will promise you that I for one will ever be ready to obey the commands of the man who wears it.
 JAMES M. MEWBORNE, Pres't.

A POINTED QUESTION.

Recently Mr. W. J. Peele published an article on Ex Gov. Jarvis in this paper. In that article he said:

"If Governor Jarvis means to magnify the mistakes of the fusion legislature so that the people will believe them worse than those of the members of his own party above named, (Grover Cleveland, Hoke Smith, John G. Carlisle, John Saerman and Minister Ransom) the cap of the demagogue will fit him. If he denounces the People's party for the sins of the fusion legislature, will he denounce the Democratic party for the still more scarier sins of Grover Cleveland and Matt Ransom?"

BROTHER BABB WILL SPEAK.

Rev. T. W. Babb, District Lecturer, will visit the counties of Martin, Washington, Tyrrell, Hyde and Pamlico during the months of September and October, 1895, representing the National Alliance Aid. He will also lecture to the various Sub Alliances in these counties. Alliancemen are requested to be on the lookout for posters giving time and places of speaking. As Bro. Babb is lecturing under the auspices of the State Alliance, it is expected that he will be shown every courtesy by all Alliancemen with whom he may come in contact in these several counties.
 J. T. B. HOOVER, State Lect'r.

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STATE NEWS.

Cream of the State Press—Drops of Turpentine and Grains of Rice from the East—Clusters of Grapes and Tobacco Stems from the North—Stalks of Corn and Grains of Wheat from the West—Peanuts and Cotton Seed from the South

The Goldsboro Argus newspaper property was sold Friday by Receiver Parker and bought by W. H. Smith and J. B. Edgerton for \$625.

William Williams, the colored brakeman who was hurt in the recent wreck at Glen Alpine, on the Western road, died. His home was in Salisbury.

A negro from Edgecombe county, employed to run an elevator in the War Department at Washington, was killed Friday by the elevator falling on him.

When Minister Ransom returns to his mission he will not reside continuously in the City of Mexico, but will pass the greater part of the time in some healthier place.

Mr. L. E. Eveys, of Roanoke, Va., manager of the Armour Packing Company in Wilmington, was drowned while bathing in the surf at Wrightsville Sunday afternoon.

Jonesboro Progress: President Henzey, of the Cumcock (formerly Egypt) coal mines, says the output is now the 300 tons daily contract d for delivery to the S aboard Air Line.

John C. Davis, the swindler who escaped from the Raleigh asylum a few days ago, was captured at Morehead City. He said he was making his way to Beaufort to see his mother's grave.

Raleigh Visitor: In the State during the present year work has begun on arrangements made for it to begin on fourteen new cotton mills, and at over sixteen other cotton mills there is an enlargement of plant.

The Galetia Gazette says the barn of David Ray, an industrious old colored man of Gerson county, was burned Sunday night a week ago and two good mules perished in the flames. Fire supposed to have been incendiary.

Raleigh Press: There is a twelve year old child at the Insane Asylum who is deaf, dumb, blind and an idiot. The only enjoyment the child receives in life is sitting in the sunshine. This pleases him, for he has a satisfied look on his face when once in the sunshine. He is fed on porridge.

The Chatham Record says J. A. Womack, of Pittsboro, who retired from office on the 1st, had been a magistrate since 1869. During that time he disposed of about 2,000 cases. There were few appeals from his court and in every appeal save one his decisions were affirmed by the higher court.

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