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The Progressive Farmer is the Official Organ of the N. C. Farmers' State Alliance

Do you want your paper changed to another office? State the one at which you have been getting it.

Our friends in writing to any of our advertisers will favor us by mentioning the fact that they saw the advertisement in THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER.

The date on your label tells you when your time is out.

I am standing now just behind the curtain, and in full glow of the coming sunset. Behind me are the shadows on the track, before me lies the dark valley and the river. When I mingle with its dark waters I want to cast one lingering look upon a country whose government is of the people, for the people, and by the people.

N. R. P. A.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

If it takes \$362,000,000 in bonds to keep up the gold standard policy a year and a half, how many bonds will be required to keep it going ten years?

Moving our offices and fixing up things interfered with the get up of this paper; but it has a great deal of readable matter in it, and our friends will understand the situation, we are sure.

An exchange asks "where will President Cleveland stand in the light of history?" Can't tell you, pard. It is likely that he will stand quite close to, and either to the right or left of his Satanic Majesty.

According to Dun and Bradstreet's reports, "business is still waiting." We wonder if it is waiting for the repeal of the Sherman law? That was the trouble some three years ago. That was repealed and it is still waiting.

The Montgomery, Ala., Advertiser, a cheap John goldbug daily, raises a great cry about the political combine that turned "Jarvis and Ransom" out of the U. S. Senate and put in "Phicker and Butler." That shows the great knowledge of the single standard sheets. The Advertiser only got two of the names right—just half—a single standard, so to speak.

We want letters for publication from the people of the State giving their views as to the best course to pursue in political affairs this year. We want to get the consensus of opinion from a non-partisan standpoint, and not letters in the interest of any particular party. Members of any political party are invited to express their opinions through our columns, and all will be treated with impartial courtesy.

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RESPONSIBILITY OF CORPORATIONS.

We are antagonistic to corporations only when they adopt methods detrimental to the public. In other words, we believe that corporations, large or small, have just as many privileges as the individual citizen, and no more.

It is reported that relatives of the victims of the recent disaster at the Cummoek coal mine in Chatham county will sue the owners of the mines for heavy damages.

Some months ago the Station Agent at Garysburg, N. C., killed a man. The Agent was tried for his life and acquitted.

The fee of a lawyer to day for a service rendered is double or quadruple what it was 40 years ago.

The above request and clipping was handed to us one day last week by a highly esteemed subscriber.

In a good many instances we believe that railroad employees get damages for injuries or death sustained while in the service of the railroad when they are not justly entitled to damages.

From our standpoint we may argue that all this is due to bad laws and contraction of the currency.

Organized farmers should not make war on anybody else unless there are wrongs to be righted, and then the fight should be vigorous and decisive.

Hon. Thomas Settle, Congressman from the 5th District, was here a short while last week.

Bro. L. J. Darke, of Chatham county, called to see us last Friday. He is one of the true blue Alliancemen in that county.

Sheriff John A. Sims, of Cabarrus, was here last week. Bro. Sims is an excellent official and a substantial friend of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER.

Col. A. Thomas, a prominent citizen of Nash county, was in the city Friday and Saturday. He left yesterday to visit relatives in Davie and Iredell counties.

OUR \$5.00 OFFER. It seems we are not only puzzled ourselves but that we have succeeded in puzzling all THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER readers.

The silver convention, which met in Washington last week, will have the effect of putting both the old parties on guard in the matter of finances.

What will these parties do? Will they attempt to fight out this financial question within their respective parties, or will they work for a charge by whatever may seem to be the most effective means.

When the Democratic and Republican conventions meet there will be heavy fighting between the two fac-

tions in each of these parties, and it is hard to say which will win, but it is generally believed that in both the single gold standard element will predominate.

If this be the case what will the other factions do? Will they go on voting as heretofore, or will they fall in with the silver sentiment and vote there? As sensible people what is right.

Already we hear leaders in the old party saying, it must be fought out in the old party. This is party lach, and should be abandoned.

We are daily meeting up with men who say they they are for bimetalism, but yet they say they must stick to the party. If they don't nominate a bimetalist we will vote for the single standard. This is poor judgment.

THE SECRET LIES IN ORGANIZATION. Let me hear you explain this in THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER.

Yours, F. E. E.

The Democratic wing of the gold party and the Republican wing of the gold party will nominate candidates who belong to the British gold trust and who stand for the same evils that now curse humanity.

The people will not again be deceived by fair promises or equivocal platform declarations. The issue between the single gold standard and the free coinage of silver must be made too plain for doubt or misinterpretation.

Now, it is the duty of patriots in every State, the patriots of all parties in every State, to line up against the common enemy, against both gold parties, as outlined above.

The People's party in North Carolina endorses and stands ready to take the same patriotic action that has been taken between the reform forces in the nation, that is, we are ready to co-operate with individuals or any party that will turn its back upon the gold combine and make a common fight for an American system of finance and for American principles in all governmental affairs.

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AN ADDRESS

From the Chairman of the People's Party State Executive Committee.

A SQUARE FIGHT FOR PRINCIPLE. Co operation on and for principle, but not for spoils. Co operation last year was for principle on State issues.

To the members of the People's Party and all other voters in North Carolina who are opposed to the single gold standard:

The National Executive Committee of the People's party, in its session in St. Louis on January 17th, passed a resolution inviting all who are opposed to the single gold standard and to the present conditions created by the bad legislation of the two old parties to join them on the 22d day of July, next, in a grand convention of patriots in St. Louis to nominate a candidate for President and Vice President, who would stand for the principles of true Democracy, as represented by Thomas Jefferson and Andrew Jackson, and for the principles of true Republicanism, as represented by Abraham Lincoln—a ticket that would command the enthusiastic support of every patriot in America.

The conference of the silver forces held in Washington on January 22d, the following week, accepted the invitation of the People's party committee, and still other forces are expected to accept the invitation and meet with us at St. Louis on the day named.

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A Page From Printers' Ink.

Printers' Ink, The leading publication devoted to newspaper advertising in this country, had a full page of advice, etc., given this paper free of charge in the issue of January 22. As Printers' Ink gets several thousand dollars a year for a page of advertising, we think we are a little ahead on this game. We fully appreciate it, however.

PRINTERS' INK

Good Advice Cheerfully Given.

THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER, Largest Circulation of any Paper in the South Atlantic States. The Organ of the State Alliance of North Carolina. Best advertising Medium in North Carolina. The Only Agricultural Paper in the State. RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 7, 1896.

Editor of Printers' Ink: I have been reading your journal quite a while and I find that it has been of great aid to me in the business management of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER.

On the letter-head of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER the largest circulation of any paper in the South Atlantic States is claimed. This cannot have been put forth in good faith, because there are several Georgia and Virginia papers known to have a much greater issue, and these are counted among the South Atlantic States.

Whether a page advertisement in Printers' Ink could be relied upon to produce profitable results for a paper entitled to no higher advertising rates than THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER may be doubted.

Such an advertisement, set in solid pearly, as shown in the copy, without any display, is accepted by Printers' Ink at the nominal price of 25 cents a line each issue, making the cost per week \$1.25, \$16.25 per quarter, or \$65 for every issue for a whole year.

There are papers other than THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER issued in towns other than Raleigh, and in States other than North Carolina, who can absorb much wisdom from the good advice here given.

All such should promptly address "Printers' Ink," 10 Spruce St., New York.

SILVER WINS IN THE SENATE. The United States Senate took a vote on the silver bill Saturday, resulting in a victory for silver, as was expected.

The bill provides that the mints of the United States shall be open to the coinage of silver and that silver dollars of 412 1/2 grains troy, of standard silver, shall be coined upon the same terms and subject to the same limitations as regulate the coinage and legal tender quality of gold.

WE WERE NOT TALKING ABOUT THAT CLASS OF WOMEN. THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER notes that at the conclusion of Senator Butler's 178th speech he was "the recipient of many handsome bouquets, which goes to show that the ladies of Washington enjoy hearing the truth told as well as anybody else."

HALIFAX COUNTY MEETING. Correspondence of the Progressive Farmer. AURELIAN SPRINGS, N. C. We held our county meeting second Monday in January. Our meeting was small but what we had was good grit.

We are indebted to Mr. O. W. Black-nall, of Kittrell, N. C., for a copy of his handsome strawberry catalogue. Mr. Black-nall has made a great success in growing the standard varieties, and those who buy plants from him may depend on getting the best.

W. M. MARTIN, Sec'y.