

PUSH THE ALLIANCE WORK.

Correspondence of the Progressive Farmer. As it will soon be time for the April meeting of the Alliance in the different counties in the State, I write to urge all lovers of liberty to begin to make preparations or same, and let's show Shylock how dead we are, and I especially ask and urge every Sub Alliance in the county to get right, if they are not already right, and be sure to have a live representative at our next County meeting, which takes place with Acreville S. b. Alliance the second Thursday in April, as I am going to try to turn on some light that has been doing us lots of good here, and we are not only willing, but anxious, to benefit the brethren. I know how scarce money is, and what an effort it will be, brethren, for you to comply with this request, but I know you are equal to the emergency.

Now this is our cause, and if we fail to sustain it I feel like all is lost; in fact we are going to sustain it—no such word as fail. I know the Alliance has lost members from many causes, and poverty is the greatest cause, the thing which ought of necessity to bind us closer together to cause us to apply the remedy. I am happy to say we have been gradually gaining in members in our Sub Alliances for some time and if we could only have Bro. Hoover or Bro. Cyrus Thompson to give us a talk or two in this county, it would be almost a revival to us, for it seems that all who are eligible are almost persuaded, only need a little encouragement from a distance. Almost all who have been watching the Alliance and saying it had gone into politics are beginning to realize that every citizen in the United States is in politics the day they become 21 years old. The question for us to settle is who are we in politics for our wives and children and country, or a set of politician boomers.

I was in company with an attorney in this county in 1892, about the time the Alliance took charge of the Democratic party in this county (just before they read us out) and he said, "Now, Mr. Lane, you Alliance folks don't treat us right." I asked him to show me just one instance in which we had failed. "Well," he says, "take this county for instance; we will say by the way of an illustration there are 300 Democrats—of course there are more than that, but that will illustrate it—200 of them belong to the Alliance and 100 of us are not eligible to membership; you 200 Alliancemen get together before the convention and pick over your men, and when we go into convention you have it all your own way, and we 100 have no say in it."

I laughed right in his face and asked him what form of government we lived under. He said republican form. I asked him if that did not say the majority rule. He said yes. I said you little minority have been ruling to the ruin of this great big majority; now when we propose to take a hand in it—I is to pay."

"Well," he said, "all I have got to say is whenever the farmers are prosperous everybody else is prosperous, and we won't talk politics any more." It is plain enough for any man to see all they want is to control us, not only in politics, but everything else, and men who will not rise up and protect themselves ought to be hewers of wood and drawers of water.

R. H. LANE.

LETTER FROM LENOIR COUNTY

Correspondence of The Progressive Farmer. KINSTON, N. C. I congratulate the National Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union for adopting THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER as their National organ. They could not have made a better selection in the United States. It has always been true to our principles and I hope it will ever be true in the future. Its columns are open for an honest and fair discussion of all questions pertaining to the reform movement—hence no reformer ought to do without it.

Yes, a little over one year ago—Kinston, a beautiful little city by the happy Neuse, was nearly destroyed by fire, burning up at least \$250,000 worth of property. Evidence was produced in court to the effect that Democrats had something to do with the burning of that town—for which a Democratic Judge banished them forever from the State of North Carolina, and if either one of them is ever found in this State again they will go to the penitentiary, one for ten years and the others for forty years, hence we will have four Democratic votes less in Lenoir county this year than in 1894.

John Cleveland and Grover Sherman, with others to help them, have destroyed millions upon millions of property and according to Judge Clark, the farmers of the South in cotton alone, have lost \$210,000,000 during the year 1895. Evidence can be produced in the court (if we only had the court) to prove them guilty of crimes against God and their fellow man too great to go unpunished and ought to be ban-

ished forever from the United States to St. Helena or some unknown island of the sea, and there die without friends, and with the full satisfaction of knowing that they have committed the greatest crimes of this or any other age.

I see a great deal is being said just now about co-operation or fusion with the Republicans this year. I wish to have my say along this line. We must come together as brethren and not say hard things about Bro. Butler, Bro. Kestler, Bro. Green, Bro. Rowland or any other brother because they differ from us about this very great and all important question. The way for us to do is to understand each other better, is to express our thoughts freely along the line of co-operation. We must weigh every question looking to fusion and make no mistakes—if we do make mistakes the enemy will have us sure.

I can not believe brother Butler wants to organize a new party until our party proves false to our cause. Brother Butler says he will vote for no man for president who is not a free silver man—Mr. Democrat and Mr. Republican will you do the same thing? He, knowing at the same time that the National Democratic Convention will put up a gold bug for the presidency, the National Republican Convention will put up a gold bug for the presidency and that the People's party will put up a free silver man for the presidency, hence Mr. Butler, like all free silver men in deed and in truth will have to vote the People's party National ticket. This non-partisan talk is all right in its place and it will do good in the way of getting old Republican and Democrats to take off their partisan coat and put on a little common sense.

Yes, we are willing to fuse if we can fuse on principle, but we will never fuse with a gold bug (knowingly). We fused in 1894 on the county and State tickets, and elected two United States Senators—neither of whom are gold bugs. One hundred and fifty thousand men in North Carolina endorsed the above fusion. So far so good. Now let us fuse on the above endorsed fusion.

Now comes the question about fusion on our electoral ticket. The way for the People's party to do is to put up eleven People's party free silver electors and then ask not only Republicans but Democrats, Prohibitionists, and in fact all men of all political faith to help us elect them. That will make a hummer for all silver men in the gold bug parties. With such a fusion as the above, Bro. Kestler, and in fact all People's party speakers can face the devil and the gold bug parties on the bushes with a clear conscience and a sword of truth in hand and in November next march up with a great victory for our cause. If the gold bug party or wing of the Republican party in North Carolina will not fuse with us as above stated, then let them and the Democrats put up their gold bug electors, making three electoral tickets in the field—two gold bug electoral tickets and one silver electoral ticket.

Now, fellow People's party men of North Carolina, in this case the gold bugs will divide their votes and they will have to have two votes to our one to be with us in November, and if they don't have that many then we will elect eleven electors to cast their votes for a free silver man for president of the United States from North Carolina in November, 1896. Brother Kestler, take back part of your letter and let us fuse for principle and not for office, and we will get there fit, sure, because there are more silver voters in North Carolina than gold bug voters, therefore we will beat them at least two to one.

Lenoir county will endorse such a fusion as the above, but we will never consent to fuse with a gold bug.

Yours for the fight, E. P. HAUSER

HUMBUGGERY AND OPPRESSION.

Correspondence of the Progressive Farmer. This has been denominated as "an age of steam, gas and electricity." It can be as truthfully and as appropriately called an age of deception, oppression and wrong doing.

It has been said that the "American people love to be humbugged," but I do not believe it. It is true that we have been repeatedly made victims of humbuggery or some other kind of "ouge," but it was not because that we loved it, but because of ignorance and over confidence on our part. Politically speaking, we have been blind partisans and may be yet.

"Nothing at our party's call, Not thinking for ourselves at all." We have bit at sugar coated baits in haste and repented at leisure. The American people do not love to be humbugged, but they are very patient and long-suffering. In the Declaration of Independence we learn something of the oppression and great suffering that our forefathers patiently endured; how they bore

the great burdens of a heartless tyrant; how they petitioned for redress in the most humble terms; how their repeated petitions were answered by repeated injury; how their patriotism burned within them, and how they "pledged to each other their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor," and after passing through the smoke and conflict of many hard fought battles, the tyrannical yoke fell from their shoulders and they became a free and independent people. They bought their freedom with their blood. But how is it with us today? Where is that government which was of, by, and for the people? Gone! Yes gone. The money lords (?) have it by the throat choking it to death.

When we consider the condition of this country—how the cry of distress and want comes up from millions of homes—how the dark cloud of debt hangs over us—how we are forced to sell our products for less than cost of production—we can but exclaim, "Oh! freedom, where art thou? Oh! patriotism, hast thou gone forever?"

Talk about standing by the Monroe doctrine, why not imitate Jefferson, Jackson and other great men as well? There never was an effect, be it good or bad, without a cause. When we desire to remove the effect we must remove the cause. A man may be sick but know the cause of his sickness.

As a nation, we have been financially sick for a long time. The political doctors would come around and look at our tongue and feel of our pulse, and tell us that our trouble was caused by the opposite political party, and that if we would let him prescribe we would get well in a minute. So we swallowed it down, but continued to grow sicker. Thus we grew from bad to worse and in 1892 Cleveland, the Democratic doctor, and his gang came along and told us that if we would let him prescribe for us, he, (Cleveland) would "relieve" (?) us so quick that it would make our "heads swim."

Some how, it may have been by "duplicitly and fraud," he was declared our doctor.

But, unfortunately for us, he felt of England's pulse and gave it the "golden discovery," which has made us so sick that he did not only relieve us of our medicine (money) but some who swallow him have been relieved of their stomachs trying to throw him up. Still we are growing sicker.

Since we have tried two doctors, representing two great political parties, who not only increase our suffering but have produced every cause, would it not be wise and patriotic to choose the third doctor from another political party? I think so.

It is said that all bad laws are the direct fruits of ignorance. The Farmers' Alliance is a great educator, but it does not give any diplomas because it has no graduates. It is the only organization that is fighting for the rights of the people. Turn your back on it if you please, "cuss" it if you will, but if do, you insult your best friend. It is through this organization that temporal salvation must come, and from it we must obtain the medicine to heal this nation of its political rottenness.

Now, in conclusion, brethren, let us open the great throttle of truth wide and let floods of light and truth come upon the people, teaching them to be wise and patriotic; to demand their rights and to have manhood and patriotism to stand by them at all risk. Let it be country first and last, though we let political parties go to the "sea post."

"Then let us be up and doing, With a heart for ever free, Still as honest as the purring cat, Learn to bear and to walk."

J. C. LASLEY,

Sec'y Treasurer R. Kingham C. A. Berry, N. C.

LETTER FROM PRESIDENT PAGE.

We make the following extracts from a letter received from Hon. Mann Page, President of the National Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union: BRANDON, Va., March 20 '96 J. W. Denmark Esq., Business Manager of the Progressive Farmer,

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—Please accept my very warm thanks for your letter of congratulation and your promise to continue to support and uphold the principles of the National Farmers' Alliance. Would that all who are engaged in the pursuit of agriculture as well as those who reap the benefits thereof, could be induced to see and feel the necessity of sustaining this most important organization whose aim and object is the education of the masses in the science of political economy.

Could we induce the merchants, mechanics, planters, farmers and producing classes to consider well the demands, aims and objects of this great industrial organization, I feel confident that our suballiances would increase rapidly, and our State organizations would command the talents of our ablest men, and would bring such an influence to bear upon our professional law makers that they would not dare to use their positions as representatives

of the people in our National Congress and State Legislatures as attorneys for corporations, trusts and combines, for the people would then look more carefully into their qualifications, and party platforms would have no double meaning. Then truth, justice and honesty would be the cardinal points to guide the statesmen of our country.

There is another department, the business department of our National and State organizations which should be organized and conducted on true business principles not to antagonize those engaged in manufacturing and mercantile pursuits, but conducted so as to command their hearty cooperation. To accomplish this shall be my aim and object during my official term as President of the National Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union, and I appeal to all true Alliancemen to aid in this patriotic work.

In conclusion let me say that, appreciating your offer of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER for such official communications as I may wish to write, I shall gladly avail myself of the same.

Fraternally, MANN PAGE.

AN OPEN LETTER TO GROVER CLEVELAND.

Correspondence of the Progressive Farmer. Grover Cleveland—Sir:

Thinking you might like to hear of the prosperous condition of the Old North State, I take this opportunity to give you some idea how this great wave of prosperity (so much talked of but never realized) has effected us, the laboring classes of our State. I hope some remark I drop may be the means of bringing you to repentance.

You began your notorious career by oppressing the poor for the purpose of making the poor poorer and the rich richer. You have climbed the ladder one step at a time in quick succession, until you have reached the middle and well to do classes and put everything in chaotic confusion. Poverty and crime walk arm in arm, not only in the Old North State, but over the whole nation. You have robbed the farmers of more land in the last three years than enough to make a republic as large as both France and Spain. Women and children go half fed, half clothed, exposed to all kinds of weather; their haggard looks tell the pain and privation they suffer; they work hard from sunrise until sunset, and the remuneration they get is not enough to supply sufficient food for themselves and families, let alone clothing to make their bodies comfortable, and an education is out of the question.

Are these the conditions you have worked for? If so, you have most faithfully performed the desires of yourself and your masters.

You have sold our nation to the British Jews for gold. Our Savior would share the same fate at your hands were He here in person to save a suffering people from the hands of their task masters; all the difference between you and your Judas conspirators and the betrayer of Christ is you require gold and he (Judas) took silver.

Do you in your sober moments (or do you never have any) think of the chaos and confusion you have caused? Does conscience, the white winged angel, ever disturb your meditations or rob you of sleep? Have you entirely strangled her with your wickedness so you never feel any pangs of conscience about the evil deeds you are committing?

Do you think the people do not know the cause of the desperate condition of the times and financial failures? If so you are mistaken; they know you to be the prime cause of the desperate conditions that assail the nation; they know it is in your power to avert them, if by calling an extraordinary session of Congress lasting three months you could and did distress the people as you have, you could have bettered the condition had your recommendations been patriotic instead of traitorous. Yes, it is you, Grover Cleveland, that is the prime cause of the disaster and disgrace that stalks abroad in our fair land, and your administration will go down in history as one of the most disastrous and disgraceful that has ever been recorded.

History is fast repeating itself. Do you want your name to go down in history in connection with Nero and the ancient rulers who wrecked their nations by their profligacy and barbarism as the most nefarious of them all?

The crimes of Cortez Pizarro and Nero, the ancient goldbugs, pale to nothingness compared with those you and your Judas conspirators have perpetrated upon the people of the United States within the last three years, and still you claim innocence. Look over our land and see the suicides, murders and robberies, and ask yourself who is the cause of all these crimes? To be sure you have not caused them to be committed before your own eyes as did some of the ancient rulers; but you are nevertheless guilty, where they committed one crime, you, by producing want and destitution, have caused thousands upon thousands of these atrocious deeds to be committed. Can you, in the face of all this evidence, still persist in claiming your innocence!

Have you not seen the hand writing on the wall? Are you so regardless to the needs of the people that you will persist in your disastrous and traitorous schemes until our country is taken in its drunken revelries? Are you not proud of the concluding hours of the Fifty third Congress ending in revelry and prostitution? Do you feel proud of the record Washington, our Capital, is making as being one of the most wicked Sabbath breaking cities in the Union, and that a majority of our law makers are the leaders in the wickedness carried on on the Sabbath day?

Do you want the rising generation to follow your example? Have you no respect for your own innocent children? Do you think there will never be a day of reckoning? Retribution is sure to follow the evil doer. I warn you not to carry your scheming too far; the people are getting thoroughly aroused; they are thirsting for light; they grasp every thing that gives light on the cause of their desperate condition. I hope our next President will be a man of high principles, not a besotted brewer; one who has at least one spark of humanity left that is in common sympathy with the masses of our nation.

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