

THE STATE ALLIANCE MEETING.

We had a great State meeting last week. We do not use the adjective "great" unadvisedly. The meeting was great in that it was dominated by a broad and noble spirit—the true Alliance spirit; it was great in that wise and judicious plans were made for the work of re-organization that we think all will call great; it was great in that it dealt the death blow to the prejudice against our Order that has been decaying so rapidly during the past year. It was a truly great meeting and all felt that it was good to be there.

Like soldiers eager for battle, we have been for a year impatiently awaiting the work of re-organization. Now, we have the order to charge—to work—and we commence with the consciousness that our leaders—the State Alliance delegates—have planned so ably and wisely; that our cause is so just; that our officers are so in sympathy with our aims and purposes, that we cannot know failure. And that was the belief of the farmers who gathered at "Headquarters," near Hillsboro, last week. They knew the state of feeling in their respective localities; they were determined and enthusiastic. Perhaps it is well that we did not actively begin re-organization last fall. Certainly the conditions were not so favorable as now and the campaign of education that has been conducted by the Alliance has brought thousands into full sympathy with it who were doubtful or lukewarm a year ago. But now the fields are ripe for the harvest. The result will be told at the State meeting a year hence.

And the delegates were confident that our strength will be more than doubted by that time. In fact, judging from what we have heard from all sections of the State, we should not be in the least surprised to find it five times as great as now. All that is needed is a thoroughly wide-awake membership, feeling the necessity for personal work, realizing the broad purposes of the Order and the folly and harmfulness of all prejudice, and the duty of doing all things in a spirit of determination, charity and friendliness. Let every member resolve now to work during the next year for the upbuilding of the Order more earnestly and unceasingly than ever before. "The mill cannot grind with the water that has passed." We must seize opportunities as they come. The opportunity for re-organization is now ours, and this is the time to work—not next year or the year after. You must harvest your grain at once when it ripens, and we must reap the Alliance harvest at once, if we wise.

The most important work of the meeting is given elsewhere in this issue, in the shape of resolutions and reports adopted. Good work was done all along the line.

The attendance was better than last year. The delegates were thorough-going Alliance gentlemen, men who have adopted progressive methods of farming, earnestly in favor of education, anxious to destroy the prejudice against the Order, and ready to sacrifice personal ambition for its good. Alliance gentlemen, we say; we went early and stayed late, being constantly with the delegates, and we did not hear an oath, a profane expression, a smutty joke, nor did we smell the odor of liquor while there.

The officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows:

President—W. A. Graham, Machpelah, Lincoln Co., N. C.
Vice-President—J. T. Paschal, Pittsboro, Johnston Co., N. C.
Secretary—T. B. Parker, Hillsboro, State Business Agent, N. C.
Treasurer—L. C. Bain, Wade, Cumberland Co., N. C.
Assistant Secretary or Steward—J. M. Mitchell, Wayne Co., N. C.
Assistant Treasurer—W. S. Mercer, Moyock, Currituck Co., N. C.
Assistant Secretary—Geo. T. Lane, Greensboro, Guilford Co., N. C.
Assistant Treasurer—R. H. Lane, Aurora, Beaufort Co., N. C.
Prof. John Graham and J. W. Denmark were re-elected on the Executive Committee.

The utmost harmony and good will prevailed. Only once was there a difference worthy of the name. This was in regard to the report of an official, one paragraph of which was considered by some as bordering on partisan politics. It is worthy of note that when the Alliance was considering the matter—with charity and good feeling, we are glad to say—a letter was on its way to Secretary Parker in which the official asked that the objectionable part be stricken out, thereby confirming the high estimate that all place upon this brother's sincerity, generous nature and love for the Order. The letter

arrived just after the Alliance adjourned.

The editor of The Progressive Farmer is deeply grateful to his brethren for their kind words and expressions of appreciation of The Progressive Farmer's work. With all the power we possess we have fought for the Alliance and every principle of its Declaration of Purposes. Our heart is in the work. We rejoice at every forward step taken by the Order and feel the necessity for redoubling our efforts when any ground is lost. We expect to do our part for the Order and we believe the brethren will stand by the Order. Helping each other, working for each other, let us keep at it until we again place our organization in the proud position it once occupied.

At the State meeting last year, Democrats, Populists, and Republicans were present. This year each of these parties was represented, and the Prohibitionist party as well. In the work of re-organization, as in the list of officials, all parties will be represented. The charge of partisanship received its death blow last year, and this year it was buried beyond resurrection. And if any so-called Allianceman, forgetting the non-partisan character of our Order, fails to do anything in his power to remove old worn-out prejudices, or so conducts himself as to make outsiders or ex-members feel that members of all political parties have not equal privileges in the Alliance, he is untrue to the Order and a stumbling-block in the way of re-organization. Let there be no prowling about the grave of the miserable prejudices that we have buried forever.

And now the plans have been laid, the officers chosen, and the work is to begin. The command is truly, that we go forward. Like Paul of old, "forgetting the things that are behind and reaching forth to those things that are before," let us press forward until full success crowns our efforts.

And the Alliance expects every man to do his duty!

GOOD LEADERS.

The officers elected by the State Alliance for the ensuing year are men well qualified for the great work they will have to do. President Graham is one of the best farmers in the State and a good business man. He has never faltered in his devotion to the Order. The constant attention he gives to all matters affecting it is evinced by the number of sound suggestions contained in his address, given elsewhere in this issue.

Vice-President Paschal, while not an active farmer, is an excellent man and a firm believer in Alliance principles.

Secretary Parker has performed all his duties so ably, has kept his office in such close touch with the brethren from all sections of the State, that is not necessary for us to say a word in his favor. In many ways the brethren manifested their high appreciation of his good work.

Lecturer Bain is a worker, as he has proven to our satisfaction. With the more favorable conditions for reorganization, the brethren expect him to improve upon his already excellent record; and we do not think they will be disappointed.

We might write at length of our earnest and energetic Steward Mitchell; of our worthy and lovable Chaplain Mercer; of Doorkeeper Lane and Sergeant Lane, always true to the Order; or our President pro tem., Prof. Graham, whose efficiency in that position is as marked as in his excellent school; of Bro. Denmark, whose untiring work was properly appreciated—but space forbids. Suffice it to say that the Order is in good hands and that we believe every officer will do his duty in the work of re-organization that is to begin at once.

It may not be out of place to say that the members of the Executive Committee elected at previous sessions, whose terms have not expired, have won the gratitude of the Order for zeal and devotion to duty.

We do not write this to please the brethren named, but assure the rank and file that they are following excellent leaders, whose planning will doubtless make for progress.

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RALEIGH COTTON.
Raleigh, N. C., August 25, 1900.
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Danville, Va., August 25, 1900.

The market stands as follows:
Nondescript goods \$ 2.00@4.00
Granulators 4.50@7.00
Smokers—
Common 3.50@6.00
Good 6.00@8.00
Fine 8.00@9.50
Cutters—
Common 8.00@10.00
Good 10.00@12.50
Fine 12.00@22.50
Fillers—
Common 3.00@4.30
Good 4.00@8.00
Fine 8.00@12.00
Wrappers—
Common 8.00@12.50
Medium 12.50@17.50
Good 17.50@35.00
Fancy 35.00@55.00

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE MARKET.

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.
Watermelons—per carload, \$60@140 medium; \$150@175 large, fine.
Fine melons in demand.
Onions—Southern, yellow, per bskt., 60@90c.
SOUTHERN POTATOES.
Common, per bbl. 1.25@1.50
Sweets, yellow, prime 2.50@3.00
Yams, red, per bbl. 1.00@1.50
Yams, white, " 100@1.00
PEACHES (PER CARRIER).
North Carolina 1.50@2.00
Georgia, prime 1.25@2.25
Georgia, poor to fair 1.25@1.75
Quality poor.
GRAPES (PER CARRIER).
Va., N. & S. C. Niagara 25@75
Va., N. & S. C., black 25@75
Va., N. & S. C., Delaware, 50@1.25
APPLES PER BARREL.
Maiden's Blush 1.25@2.00
Hand-picked, Prime 75@1.50
Windfall 50@1.00
PLUMS.
Southern, 8 lb. basket 15@20

It is interesting to note how great a change has come over the character of The Delineator. For 25 years it has stood foremost as the popular fashion and home magazine. Now, without abandoning its pre-eminence in that direction, each number demonstrates that in its other features it is seeking to prove itself the equal of any of the high class periodicals. Among the practical September articles are "Preserving by New Methods" by Edna Witherspoon; "Farming for Women" by Mrs. Moses P. Handy, and "Russian Cross-Stitch Embroidery" with a page illustration in colors. "Peking: Its Life and People" is illustrated with rare and authentic pictures gathered by Isaac Taylor Headland during his ten years' professorship in Peking University. "Charles Lamb and his Dream Children" will touch every mother heart with the infinite pathos of a love unsatisfied.

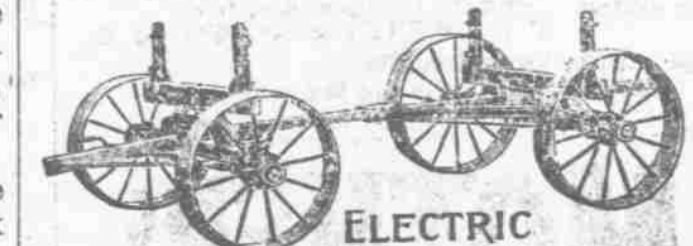
"We ought to get a name for that midnight flyer of ours," said the general manager. "Can you think of anything?" "Midnight flyer? Lemme see," said the general passenger agent. "How would 'The Skeeter' do?"—Indianapolis Press.

Business Notices.

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We hope all Progressive Farmer readers will consider this matter at once.

If the sincere, honest men who supported the amendment to rid the State of trading in office, and the negro cry in politics make a fight now for free speech, independent thought and anti-"Redshirt"ism they can accomplish much good, but if they submit to the domination of rings and cliques the amendment will produce little good effect. W.

Your paper improves. The subscribers I secured for you are well pleased.—John Brook, Powell's Point, N. C.

MCCORMICK WINS AT PARIS.

The McCormick Harvesting Machine Company of Chicago, has been awarded the Grand Prize on Harvesting Machines at the Paris Exposition. This is the highest award. The McCormick Company also received the highest award, a gold medal, on binder twine, for the superior quality of its product. Special twine machinery from the celebrated McCormick twine mill was exhibited to the jury and awarded a medal. The McCormicks have received the largest number of awards, as well as the highest awards made to any American exhibitor. In addition to the Grand Prize on machines and Gold Medal on twine they have received two medals in the department of metallurgy for superiority in forming metals into special parts for machines; in the department of machinery a medal for factory machinery, and also silver and bronze medals in other classes, six medals in all, besides the Grand Prize. The International Juries of the Exposition have recognized the great revolution wrought by McCormick machines and this large number of awards is a great triumph for America. In addition to winning these awards, the Gold Medal and 200 francs, the single highest award for binders, was won easily by the McCormick Binder at the field trial at Coulommiers on July 19, against all comers. This is the greatest and most important trial held in France during the Exposition year.

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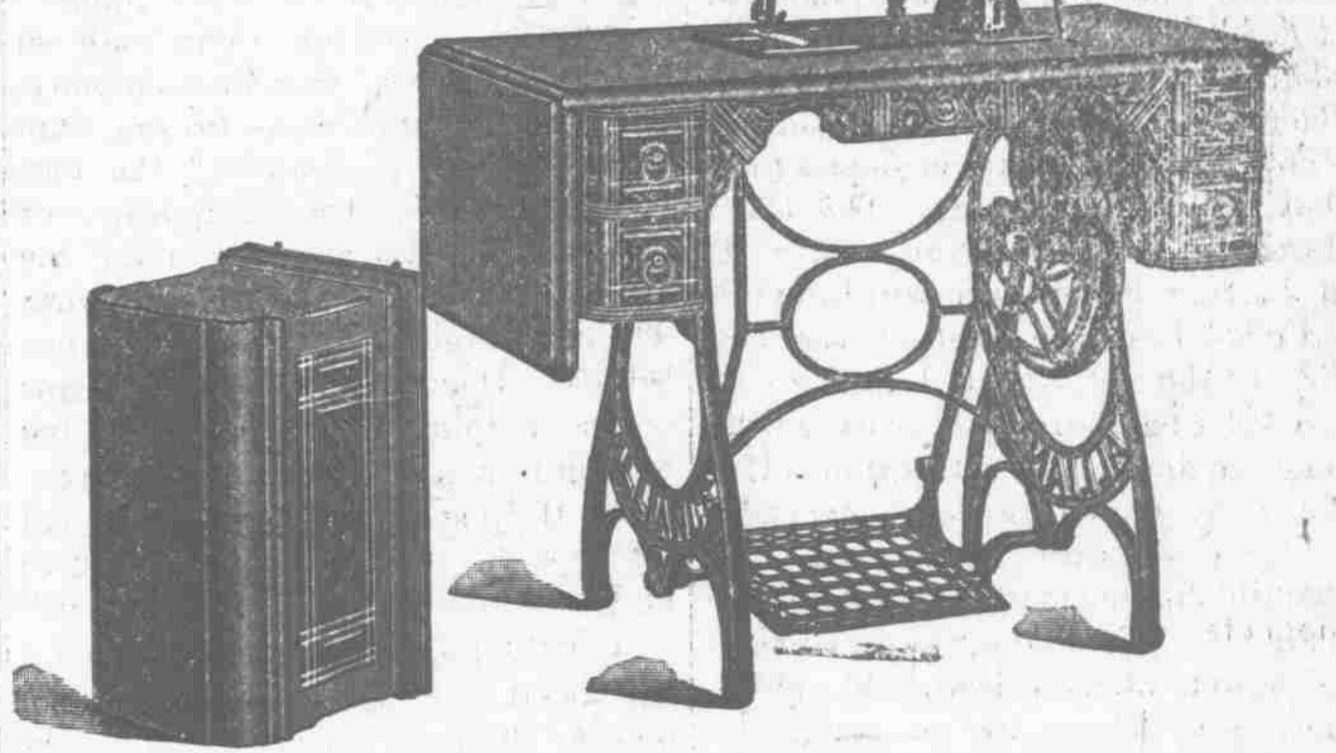
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