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NOT FOR THE THIRD PARTY

MR. TILLMAN EXPLAINS THE POSITION OF FARMERS ALLIANCE.

It Will Not Support the Action of the Cincinnati Convention—Proposed Confederation with Labor Organization.

WASHINGTON, June 2.—To the question of whether the Farmers' Alliance is supporting the Cincinnati Convention Mr. Tillman, Secretary of the National Executive Board of the Farmers' Alliance, said: "The National Farmers' Alliance is not supporting the action taken by the Cincinnati Convention."

"How was the Cincinnati Convention called?" "It was called by a Mr. Powers, of Indiana, who is neither a State nor a national officer of the Farmers' Alliance, and absolutely without authority from the National Alliance for such action."

"Did not the Farmers' Alliance send delegates?" "Not by authority or consent of its national officers. I am told delegates were sent there by State Alliances from only two States, and I doubt if they were sent upon a basis of representation. The Cincinnati Convention appointed a committee to confer with Alliance men on the 22d of February next."

"What, in your opinion, will be the outcome of that conference in regard to the subject of a third party movement?" "I do not know the shape political affairs may take by that time, but I am of the opinion that the two old parties will so endeavor to meet the demands of the farmers that there will be no necessity for a third party."

"Suppose neither of them does?" "Then I believe a large majority of the members of the Alliances in the South will remain with their respective parties."

"Will the National Alliance, as a party, undertake a third party movement in your opinion?" "The National Farmers' Alliance is not a political party. But in answer to your question I would say it will not, because it is absolutely non-partisan. Farmers of all political parties can become members of the Farmers' Alliance."

"What is the Farmers' Alliance, Mr. Tillman?" "It is the greatest and grandest organization on earth. It means the greatest good to the greatest number, and is absolutely determined to have exact justice to all, and special favors to none. We have, standing together, from five to eight millions in co-operation, and have more members than any organization known to history, and the order is becoming more powerful every day."

"You say it is not a political party—sort of a missionary society or Salvation Army, I suppose?" "It is missionary enough to prevent a few monopolists from controlling everything, and is Salvation enough to save this country. The farming and laboring people are first coming to know how to stick together and what organization means. They have the numbers and can control politics; that is, take it from the hands of the few and place it back in the hands of the many. We are rapidly burying all sectional jealousies and sectional strife in the interest of the classes who feel and clothe the world."

"You said before, 'the Farmers' Alliance is absolutely non-partisan.' You say now, 'they have the numbers and can control politics.' What do you mean?" "As an organization, I mean it is absolutely non-partisan; but its numbers are sufficiently great in the two old parties to enable the Alliances to capture both, and control them to relieve the oppressed farming and laboring people."

"If that is the purpose of the Farmers' Alliance, do you mean to say that it is not a political organization?" "The Farmers' Alliance sprung to life from the necessities of more than three-fourths of our people. The National Farmers' Alliance cannot become a political party, because it is composed of members of all political parties, and there is no party significance in it. But in answer to your question, I may say that there is big political significance in it, but not party political significance."

"Then there are not likely to be any immediate developments by your organization for a third party movement?" "Certainly not."

"Then the Alliance will not put out a ticket this fall?" "None whatever."

"A New York State paper says that Lieut. Gov. Jones has the support and control of the Farmers' Alliance in his canvass for the Governorship of that State. Is that a fact?" "There is not a word of truth in it. The Lieutenant Governor cannot control the Alliance, nor have anything to do with it."

"Suppose he should become a member. With the familiar legend of Jones, he has paid the freight, I suppose he has endeavored himself to the farmer class, and if he so desired, might be welcomed to the bosom of the Alliance."

"Mr. Jones is not eligible to membership in the Farmers' Alliance, if he is, as I am informed, a large manufacturer. This not only debar him from membership, but places him, with all other like manufacturers, among those whom the Farmers' Alliance has seen cause to declare its enemies. Therefore, we are not supposed, nor are we likely, to set a precedent of going into the ranks of our enemies for material for Governor or any other State officer."

"It has been said that the Farmers' Alliance is now working for him." "By what authority?" "Newspaper authority."

"We have often been misunderstood from newspapers falling into the error of unintentionally misrepresenting us." "I have heard some talk of the Citizens' Alliance. What relation has that to the Farmers' Alliance?" "It is a kindred organization for such laboring men as are ineligible to the Farmers' Alliance by reason of their residence within city limits. The Citizens' Alliance is to the laboring class of the cities as the Farmers' Alliance is to the farmers of the country."

"Are they independent organizations or do they work together?" "They are independent as far as their organizations are concerned; but there is a friendly understanding and confederation between them."

"What is the purpose of that confederation?" "For co-operation and protection alike."

"Are they so confederated that the Citizens' Alliance is under the direction of the Farmers' Alliance?" "I have said that they have confederated and can co-operate. They are growing rapidly."

"How about other organizations? How about the Knights of Labor?" "We have also agreed to a confederation with a number of other organizations, including the Knights of Labor."

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Resolved, That we commend it as worthy the patronage of members of the Alliance, and urge our members to give it a liberal support.

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The Democratic party will in future endorse no man who is or has been in any way connected with trusts and combines. This party is of the people, with the people and for the people first, last and all the time. The Democratic party will fight against this tyranny in no mistaken terms. It will disown and condemn any and all combines which seek to place individuals under any other control than that of law.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

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Business Agent, W. H. Worth, of the State Alliance, says the sales since August aggregate \$425,000. Fertilizers and sugar are more heavily dealt in and nearly all the 2,300 sub-Alliances have bought something. Anything and every thing is bought, the agent acting as the "middleman."

Considerable importance has been attached to the failure of the Democratic Convention in Kentucky to say a good word for Mr. Cleveland when the opportunity was offered. This was supposed to be an indication of a growing hostility to the ex-President among the silver-loving Southern people.

The preliminary arrangements for taking the North Carolina State Guard to Chicago next year are being considered. It appears that the troops can be taken there and encamped for a week. From every point of view the plan is an excellent one and will meet with great favor. Adjutant General Glenn is deeply interested in it.

Ignatius Donnelly says that if he knows himself sufficiently well to be at large without a keeper, he will not be a candidate for the Presidency on the third or any other party ticket. Moreover, if any deputations wait on him with a view to changing his opinions he will paralyze them by compelling them to listen to a fat essay on Bacon.

The census of the United Kingdom just completed shows the total population of Ireland to be 4,706,162, a decrease of 9.05 per cent, since 1881. This is a greater ratio of decrease than was shown by either of the two preceding censuses, though the depopulation of Ireland has been going on steadily for the past half century, and with a rapidity unknown in any other part of the civilized world. The population of Ireland in 1841 was 8,196,597.

In the death of James H. Harris the negro race loses perhaps the ablest and best of its orators in North Carolina with the exception of Rev. Dr. Price, of Salisbury, says the Messenger. He served often in political life, in fact lived off the public pap, and was not always above suspicion, as his name appears in the Fraud Commission under disreputable circumstances. He may have become a much better man than he was in 1869-70 in the bad times of reconstruction.

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Business Agent, W. H. Worth, of the State Alliance, says the sales since August aggregate \$425,000. Fertilizers and sugar are more heavily dealt in and nearly all the 2,300 sub-Alliances have bought something. Anything and every thing is bought, the agent acting as the "middleman."

Considerable importance has been attached to the failure of the Democratic Convention in Kentucky to say a good word for Mr. Cleveland when the opportunity was offered. This was supposed to be an indication of a growing hostility to the ex-President among the silver-loving Southern