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VIEWS OF A PATRIOT AND STATESMAN.

NOT OF US BUT WITH US—A FRIEND OF THE PEOPLE.

(By request from Progressive Farmer.)
 Judge Norwood of Georgia, is one of the purest men and one among the most brilliant statesmen of this country. He represented that State twice in the Lower House of Congress and once in the Senate. A man of broad views, of eminent ability, of spotless character and possessing a bold, manly nature free from selfishness, a true friend of the people, he stands among the foremost of American statesmen. He, like thousands of others, does not and cannot belong to the Alliance, but his whole heart is with us. He is the author of a most valuable and able work: "Plutocracy; or, American White Slavery"—a book which every Alliance man and patriotic citizen should read. We give extracts from an interview had with him by a correspondent of the Atlanta Constitution showing what manner of man he is. Oh! for more Norwoods in this day of demagoguery and corruption and of slavish servitude to the mandates of corrupt money power! Read and digest:
 "The telegram saying I have come home to enter the race for the Senate, was news to me. I have been in Washington for nearly three months as strictly professional and private business—giving no thought to State politics—and, yet, I was charged with being in the race in this district, trying to defeat Lester.

"And now comes another report, that I am running for the United States Senate. This, too, is untrue. I do not see, however, any sin in it. I am, I know no one so like in this democratic country that it would be impious or imprudent to oppose him. There is no pre-emption or homestead on any office. All offices are for the benefit of the holders of them. And when the people act on that rule, select only men who know what to do, and have the courage to do what the people want done, we will have a true representative government. Electing men because they have wealth, or because they are poor, or are good fellows, or from any other cause except ability, integrity and fitness for the place, is a travesty and burlesque on representative government."

As Mr. Norwood was inclined to come to an untimely pause, he was asked: "What do you say of this report that you are a candidate for the Senate?"

"I have already said it is news to me," he answered. "I say more explicitly. I am not. I prefer private life. I have tried both Houses of Congress, and, left to my own choice, I would not re-enter political life. The Senate is not what it was fifty, forty, or even twenty years ago. It is getting to be a banker's office, railroad headquarters, millionaire's consulting chamber. I am told that some men in it cannot write or spell correctly. Money put them there. So you see at once, the Senate suits but two classes of men—the wealthy, who are independent of the salary, or those who are not able to make, in any business, as much as the salary. I am not of the first class, and I hope I am not of the second. Hence I say that, as a matter of personal desire, I prefer private life."

"But even after your letter appeared in the Savannah News, some people insisted you were a candidate, and they say so now."
 "My dear sir," continued the statesman affectionately, "who can prevent politicians from perverting truth, from distorting facts, from setting up candidates in their imagination, just to claim the credit of being the heroes who defeated the imaginary opponent? Don't you remember the bully in 'Gunga Scener' who was surprised by Judge Longstreet down on his knees, swearing and howling, gonging his thumbs into the ground and eternally damning the imaginary fellow he was beating and gonging, and who answered the Judge's question by saying he was just seeing how he might hit? Politics is full of just such heroes. Some of them see in this community. They are going round snuffing and swearing how they laid me out in this campaign. There are fifty of these sparrows who killed Cook, Robin with their bows and arrows.

COLONEL NORWOOD AND THE ALLIANCE.

I requested permission to ask a direct question. "It seems—" I started to say something to keep up the conversation, when the Senator interrupted: "Understand me," he said. "I have no desire to conceal anything relating to public affairs. So go on." I then asked a home question—the circling lance of inquiry was driven into the statesman's breast. "It seems that the bone of contention in the election of a United States Senator will be between the Alliance and those opposed to them, or their measures. Now, where do you stand in that contest?" "If you wish an answer to that you must give me space enough to answer in my own way. I hope there is no man, except the robber around, opposed to the Alliance or their purposes. I consider the movement set on foot by the Alliance as the grandest since the Declaration of Independence, or the destruction of the Bastille and the overthrow of the Bourbon dynasty. This movement is a second declaration of independence, and of equal importance with the first. The first was a protest against paying a tax of a few pence on tea. The second is resistance to the illegal tax of hundreds of millions a year. The first was resistance against paying an unjust tribute to a king. The second, is against paying unjust bounties to a rotten, moneyed aristocracy. The first was against those who ruled by divine right. The second against those who rule by moneyed might. The first was against usurpation. So is the second. But I can not stop to go through the list of wrongs the Alliance has risen to redress.

"These wrongs must be enormous and cruel to have stung to action the class of society which has always been the last to complain of grievances, though they are the class upon which the most and the worst burdens fell. This movement is not for the benefit of farmers only. Its success will benefit and bless the entire 61,000,000 people and their prosperity. And I am aware that the statesmen of the country have not taken the Alliance by the hand and cheered them on by wise counsel and liberal support; for if this organized effort to arrest the concentration of all our wealth into a few hands and the consequent complete centralization of all power in the same hands shall fail, I see no hope for the impoverished sixty odd millions except in open revolution."

Questions were then fired rapidly as the interviewer warmed up to his work.

THE SUB-TREASURY ANALYZED.
 "What do you think of the methods by which the Alliance proposes to get relief from their burdens?"
 "There is the rub! It seems to be the thing to do, to jump on the Sub-Treasury bill. Did any great movement ever start out with everything perfect? I do not believe that any bill as important as this was ever passed without amendment. But the Alliance has been treated as if they were children—did not know what they want—and their bill as the offspring of stupidity. To my way of thinking, this was not true statesmanship nor patriotism.

"The Alliance is composed of the staunchest patriots and best citizens in this and in all counties. I mean the agricultural class. They did most of the fighting in '76 and 1861—65, North and South. On their valor rests the glory of our generals, whose names fill the trump of fame, while the rank and file remain unknown. They bear the heaviest of taxation. They produce our wealth. They have had a fearful awakening by the pinch of poverty and the sword's hammer. They have organized for self protection and the welfare of us all. Out of hundreds of thousands of willing men, a select, intelligent body was sent to Louisiana, Mo., and devised a plan for relief. It has been treated as if the production of a lunatic asylum. The treatment of that bill, in my judgment, is unwise, impolitic, unjust, unstatesman like and unparliamentary. It has been laughed at and sneered at and why?"

"Pardon me for giving a brief analysis of it. Its object is three fold: 1. To relieve the farmers from being forced to sell at the time and for the price named by the purchaser. Is not that result necessary to keep the producers from rapidly approaching bankruptcy?
 "2. To prevent depreciation of

values by the arbitrary contraction of the currency by Wall street; and, third, to increase the volume of the currency.

"Would not the first benefit the producers directly? and would not the second and third be a blessing to the whole country—except Wall street?"
 "And yet the whole bill, framed by men far above the average in intelligence and presented by hundreds of thousands of suffering men and families, is waved off with the back of the hand, and the petitioners are informed that they ask for what they know nothing about.

"For instance they are told they would become the prey of speculators and mortgagors?"
 "2. They are told that 80 per cent. is too large an advance. That does not give the merits of the question. It is more detail. If too much, that per cent. can be reasonably reduced.

"3. That it is unconstitutional to elect warehouse keepers—that they must be appointed by the President. Admit it. Would not the representative recommend to the President the man recommended by the depositors of produce, and the President appoint that man, just as postmasters are appointed?"

"4. The bill invokes governmental paternalism. Well, grant it. What has this government been for thirty years but paternal in the most unjust way? Has it not been forcing its sons, who are farmers, to deliver over all their net earnings to their brothers who own factories? Can any paternal justice out-ship that? If paternalism is to continue, let all the children share alike.

"But, that is perfectly absurd, impossible, says the statesman. Suppose it is, the best way to expose a bad proposition is to show the ridiculous absurdum. The best way to get rid of a bad law is to enforce it rigidly," said President Grant. The best way to get rid of the paternalism of the tariff, bounties, etc., is to insist on universal paternalism, or no paternalism. If this bill resolves paternalism, then it or something as good is necessary to save the farmer from ruin. It deserves a trial. If it is only evil, discussion will show it. If only in part and bad in part, discard the bad and put something good in its place."

THE QUESTION OF CONSTITUTIONALITY.
 "Of all the objections to this bill, not one has stopped to frame a better. They say it is unconstitutional. So it is to hold negroes in slavery. Why? Because the Constitution was amended to prohibit slavery. So it is to deny to negroes any political right enjoyed by white citizens. Why? Because the Constitution was amended. If the Constitution can be amended three times in three years to protect 5,000,000 negroes from slavery, can't it be amended once in 100 years to save 60,000,000 whites from slavery?"
 "I reverse the Constitution as much as any one. The trouble is, we are not living under the Constitution, and have not lived under it since 1850. The South stood by it—stood firm for strict construction. The North let us have the Constitution and they took money. Since the war the South has still contended for strict construction. The North has sat in admiration of our innocent simplicity, approved our rhetoric, smiled at our reverence for waste paper, encouraged our honorable resolve not to touch a dollar that we could not find named in the Constitution, and said to us: 'That is perfectly beautiful! Farmers should stand by the Constitution! Please hand over \$17 of every \$100 to foster our factories!'

"So that if the Sub-Treasury bill be unconstitutional, that obstacle be easily removed. But once sacred instrument must be amended in order to more clearly define and restrict the powers of Congress. If not, Congress will soon obliterate State lines and reserved rights."

THE ALLIANCE AND THE DEMOCRATS.
 "Do you think the Alliance will hold together or go to pieces, like the Grange?"
 "A full answer to your question would be lengthy—but brief for in it is involved the discussion of all internal forces and weaknesses and external assaults. I wish I had time to give my views on this point, for I would almost despair of relief from present tyranny by the money power should the Alliance go down in

defeat. But I shall not flatter myself I have no favors to ask. What I say to them is not inspired by the present. I am but a member of the Alliance order, but was an Alliance man before the organization was formed. I had thought and felt so much on this subject on retiring from public life I formulated my views in my book, 'Plutocracy, American White Slavery,' as a feeble picture of what now exists, and a prediction of what is to be. And my hope of peaceable deliverance for the whole country abides with the Alliance.

"But it is beset with dangers, more within than without. It must conquer as an army conquers—by unity of purpose, unity of action; no division, no straggling, no desertion, no absence at roll call. It must put no one in command who is not heart, soul and mind in accord with its aims—no one in the remotest way in sympathy or sympathy with the enemy; no one unwilling to lead where the majority directs. And the rank and file must stand by their leaders."

THE MOVEMENT MUST BE NATIONAL.
 "The movement must be national. If sectional, it is doomed. To be national it must bury all past prejudices. Are the men, North and South, able to do that? If not, union is impossible, and defeat and disaster certain. Northern men say we of the South cannot conquer our prejudices. This is to be disproved or affirmed by the action of the Southern Alliances.

"The eternal danger lies in the insidious assaults that the money power will make on it in a hundred ways. One is by inducing the Alliance to select leaders all over the country, who are weak in will, ready in purse, and can be controlled and made to bark with the hounds while running with the hare. The Alliance will have to beware of 'sympathizers.' The Alliance needs supporters, advocates, bold, outspoken friends not sympathizers. But I must stop, I have said enough, but not a tenth part that I would say."

To the last question, "Do you intend to make any speeches?" Mr. Norwood answered, as he snapped his valve and strapped it to the fourth hole. "Speeches! What for? If the people don't know what they want, I cannot instruct them. If they do know and I am sure they do—speaking is unnecessary. The chief issue before the people of Georgia is her representation in the United States Senate for the next six years, and that issue requires no discussion, especially as there is, so far as I know, but one candidate for the office."

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