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A POWER IN THE LAND.

"The man who ridicules the demands or doubts the strength and determination of the Alliance in Florida is groping in midnight darkness."

The above is taken from our esteemed contemporary the Alliance of Tallahassee, Florida, one of the ablest reform papers in the South. And as regards the "strength and determination" of the Alliance in Florida, it can be safely said that the brethren throughout the South are manifesting great interest and earnestness in their movement.

They are active and earnest and a deeper and broader interest has been manifested than in any organization of its kind known in the history of this country.

The work of educating the people is progressing rapidly, and words of good cheer are heralded from the brethren of every section of the Union.

The doctrines and principles of the Alliance are spreading, and the more the people study them, the more convincing they are. We believe our principles to be eternal, and shall stand unwaveringly for them.

The people of the country have espoused a great and worthy cause; they declare that oppression and deprivation of their rights shall cease and when their mighty voices are raised no power can suppress them.

What disgusts us is to hear people say that they think the Alliance a good and useful organization, but cannot agree in the measures of reform which it advocates. Strange! Strange! are these half-believers. Better not be with us at all than to agree to measures of minor importance and endeavor to destroy those that are paramount. People who can be classified as half-believers are not the friends they pretend to be and do not hesitate by them.

MORE MONEY FOR THE PEOPLE.

We hear it on all sides from the Democratic press that the tariff must be made the chief issue during the political campaign of 1892.

Tariff reform has been the issue of the Democratic party for forty years, and we have attended Democratic rallies and heard many speeches by the Democratic leaders in its advocacy.

The issue might have been a good one then, but opinion has very materially changed among many of the people during the past few years.

A reform of the tariff—a tax imposed upon the luxuries of life in order to raise a revenue for governmental expenses—would be a source of great relief to the people, but what on earth is the use of incessantly crying for tariff reform when such a result is next to impossible to accomplish.

The people of the country demand the trial of a new issue. They believe that more money in circulation is of greater importance than to champion an issue, which in their opinion, is practically effete.

The principle involved is a good one, but it is too difficult to accomplish the result desired, and we believe that the majority of the voters in North Carolina desire the launching of a new issue.

The money question is one that is of greater interest to them and their welfare than any other, and as an increase in the currency and the issuing of the same to the people is one of the demands of the Alliance, we do not believe that the members will subordinate it to any other.

It may be argued that an untended issue is dangerous, but we think that all objections to trying it can be suc-

cessfully answered when the demand for increase in the volume of currency is so universal.

The battle for tariff reform has been waged so unsuccessfully that we think it opportune for the trial of another issue.

While there are thousands of people who want the volume of currency increased there must be some way by which they could obtain it.

To set at rest all difficulty of obtaining money if the volume is increased, the Sub-Treasury bill enacted into a law would be the means of giving money direct to the people on non-perishable farm products.

From the Topeka Kansas Advocate we clip the following which is very pertinent:

"Joe Hudson says he has absolutely demonstrated that money based on land would be a most unstable currency. Benjamin Franklin, on the other hand, demonstrated that it was the most stable currency in the world. This is another illustration of the observation that 'great minds will differ.'"

More money for the people and the loaning of the same direct to them is one of the strongest and most important planks in the Alliance platform.

WHERE WILL IT END.

There is nothing so conducive to success, as interest and determination. Well has it been said, that blessed is that man, who has found his calling and is pursuing it. This may apply with equal force to towns and cities. Some towns seem to be dead and heedless of all progress or advancement in any line whatever. Why? Simply because the inhabitants have no pride for their home and possess no interest for its welfare. Such men are well termed "fogies," whose highest aim in life is to "suck the life blood from everything within their reach, and leave the carcass for future generations to morn over. How is it with Tarboro? Let us see. Several years ago, the town did look dead. Her inhabitants seemed to be laying back on their spoils, while the busy world all around them was spinning on and expanding each moment into greater and grander things.

Not so now, Tarboro is fully abreast with the times, and outstripping her sister towns in more ways than one.

Her present industries tell the tale of progress and show a determination on the part of her citizens to succeed. The people of Tarboro have become greatly interested in themselves and what they are doing. They are vain enough to say, they have great advantages, possessed by few towns in the State.

We shall just here refer to one product, that is destined to place her right in the forefront, almost without a warning. We refer to our tobacco interest. At the present, Edgecombe could hardly be termed a regular tobacco county, because as yet she has not pulled from the pressure of the cotton plant. But sufficient evidence can be obtained to prove that henceforth she will be a tobacco county and one of the first type too. Edgecombe has been termed the greatest of the cotton counties, and it seems that very soon she will hold this reputation as to tobacco. And Tarboro is not behind with this great movement. She has provided herself with tobacco warehouses and in fact everything, that is necessary to meet the demands of the time. Does any one ask, where all this will end? It will end in the rebuilding of a town we all will be proud of, an Eastern town with a Western boom. With the present indications, Tarboro in less than five years will double her population.

THE GREAT DESERT LAKE.

The west for the last few days has been excited over the great flood that has covered a large portion of the Colorado Desert. The flow of water is supposed to come from the Colorado river, that is several hundred feet higher than the desert, as this River has been falling very fast ever since the water made its appearance around Saltton.

A late dispatch from Saltton says a strong wind last night forced the north shore of the new lake back about 200 feet. Another dispatch from Saltton says:

"If the water comes from the Colorado River there must now be enough between here and the river to nearly fill this basin, and most likely reach the main line of the Southern Pacific. All the flat part of the basin is now covered with water, and the depth will increase much faster."

"Section men are making efforts to save the railroad spar, but the water is hot, and it is feared the men cannot endure it." The water is warmest at the bottom.

This phenomena of the Desert will be watched with interest. A great many explanations have been given, but the true cause has not yet been found. Suffice it to say, if newspaper reports be true, some great internal force is at work among the Rocky Mountains, as evidenced by the slight earthquake, felt in South California and along the Pacific Coast.

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The Farmers' Cause, It's Moral Import and Aim.

For the Farmers' Advocate.

The love of liberty, the hand of oppression, the dictates of conscience, and the desire to live and to act in accordance with self-formed ideas and active bodily qualities were surely the parents of this land of ours and have been the guiding principles through all its efforts to live and prosper.

In the days of Puritanism, we see men of depth of character living in simple and frugal style, in the main part pursuing the simple yet worthy vocation of tilling the soil. Looking not to mere pomp and show but living in unity and using brain and brawn in every make up of life.

Unity was a noted quality among them yet history leads us to believe that each and every man thought first for the general welfare of his people and again for his own, not to the extent of injuring or over-ruling others, however. One hundred years ago, revolution pervaded this land and the nation had to exert itself to the utmost to make for itself a foundation solid and sure, in the hope that a happy future would follow.

All well know that the instigators, participants and victors of this struggle were in the main, only men following the humble yet honest work of seeking a living from the bosom of the earth; they fought from the fact that they believed in right, justice and equality; they fought well; they won.

Every age, every land has its eras of progress and times of dissensions, and scarce are the people whose lot is one of peace and liberty. The times we are now living in, are made up of manifold hardships brought on by unjust leaders that seek to satisfy self-greed to the extent of drawing the life blood of a nation.

Various are the means by which corruption is carried on and when the poor farmer is made the target of such gross aims, why is he not justifiable in asserting his rights?

When he begins to realize the true bent of affairs and see how base the tendency; does it not behoove him to rear his hand in self defence? "Security gives way to conspiracy" is true in all times and is applicable to every people. Doubtless when Cornwallis laid down arms, the universal idea was that everything rested on a solid foundation and that right would be might ever afterward. How far from this was to be the result however? The world would it have kept an eye on the movement of affairs, notwithstanding the apparent just state. Does not the present tide of this nations tendencies prove this? Lead men to ask what is the "root of all this evil" and infuse a desire to ferret out and to overturn all money changers and unjust men in their wrong doings?

How long have slept the minds of the many in regard to this stirring question? At this hour men are arguing their dormant state and contenting with the morning sun to see all things. They feel the weight of an oppressive burden growing heavier and are opening their eyes as to the source whence it comes, what it is, and how to get rid of it.

Every thinking mind knows there is evil in the land and that something is wrong in the distribution of power, of comfort, and every other feature helping to form this land of ours; other lands are equally as much perplexed, and weighed down by the hand of oppression, but perhaps no other is at present seeking harder to find out in their way to remedy evil evils.

This is an active question with us and yet it needs "withering lest it burn until it is worthless."

Many are the reasons given in regard to these things, still no one seeks to correct—has sought to correct; on the other hand when those being severely stung begin to formulate plans of relief, many who are revelling in the unjust possessions wrung from the rightful owners are ready to howl over the nonsense of such things and devise every means of restraint and prevention possible.

Ablesminds have shown all these things to be so; all know the issues well enough to form an opinion as to the right and wrong.

The point is this, are not the farmers right in their aim to demand justice, to assert their rights, to show themselves made of back-bone and not allow all their rights and substance to be taken? In answer it ought to be child's idea that they are. The "hay seed, the clod-hopper" may be a foggy in the eyes of the

particular, the lawyer and the press, heads of our nation, but double the table may you turn and should be the aim of every conscientious and patriotic person to help turn them.

"That the laborer is worthy of his hire strikes to the point in the farmer's questions. Does the present laboring man receive his hire? Does he share the benefits of the government he lives under? Such queries are readily answered. Far from it; when we note the unequal sway of rule, readily do we see that he bears the brunt of the nation's drudgery and on the other hand receives extortion, unjust legislation, and many other oppressive measures, all amounting to mere outrage in the end.

At last, men are grasping the situation and are resolving daily to ferret out the evils. Farmers are not seeking to rule, they are seeking to gain justice so to shape the forms of laws as to give all a chance to live.

"Think of starvation in this land of plenty; this has been the case. Does it not behoove some one to seek redress? Why not the farmers? Some months ago one of the men of our times discussed the "Moral Import" of this order, which may be termed "The Farmers' Cause" or "The Farmers' Alliance," and went to the teachings of the model man, Jesus, for proof of its being right and it is said they ably defended the cause. With Davine uncton following its movement, why can it not lead to a change, to adjustment of affairs, and to right? In our present situation many feel like this move is the last hope, therefore I say fellow farmer be not daunted, be eager, be resolute, be brave, and if the will is there make the way, One to the plow turn not back." Pursue the right with right and stand to your color, when once enlisted.

It is time for men to act and to check the evil desires of those who seek to uplift self and tread under foot those who constitute the backbone and sinew of their own living. Wait not, lag not, but "speak, strike, redress" and surely equity and happiness will come.

CULLEN G. BATTLE.