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THE NEWBERN FAIR.

The Natural Capabilities of our State.

All things considered, the Newbern Fair was a most gratifying success. Our space forbids an attempt at an elaboration of the exhibits. Game, fish, oysters, stock, farm products, woods, marls, implements, machinery, the products of the mills in various forms, and the superb display of the handiwork of the ladies, made up an aggregate collection, full of interest to the visitor, and that was highly creditable to the community.

It is a fact that statistics show, that of all the gold taken from all the vast area of territory lying east of the Mis-

issippi about one-half of it was found in North Carolina. The fact is, that of all the minerals known to science, (about 200 in number) over 150 of them are found in our State. Rich and bountiful and valuable as are these minerals, yet the marl beds and phosphate beds of our Eastern counties are worth more than all our minerals combined.

And one of the agencies to bring this about, is just such exhibitions as was made at Newbern. We want to see the counties of Craven, Pamlico, Beaufort, Hyde, Carteret, Jones, Onslow and Lenoir, join together and establish a permanent Annual Fair at the good old city of Newbern. Will they do it?

ANOTHER IMPORTANT RAILROAD.

A most enthusiastic meeting was held in the city of Charlotte on the 16th inst., in the interest of a railroad from that city to the town of Weldon. The counties of Mecklenburg, Cabarrus, Stanly, Montgomery, Moore, Randolph, Chatham, Franklin and Halifax, were well represented.

Provision was made for surveys from Charlotte to Weldon to find the best and most practical route, and if we may judge by the strong enthusiasm manifested in the meeting, the road will be built, as we sincerely hope it will be.

Build the road! It will open up one of the finest sections of the State. The magnificent forests of timbers, the splendid water powers, the treasures of valuable stone and minerals, and the healthful, fertile lands to be traversed and developed, will add greatly to the wealth of the State.

ANOTHER PROFITABLE CROP FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Diversified husbandry is the only true policy for farmers possessed of such diversified soil and climate as are embraced within the limits of our State. Recently we had inquiries from several sources as to broom-corn, among them one from Mooresville and one from Greensboro. We refer our readers to two articles on this subject in this issue, from intelligent gentlemen, in which there is no material difference, except as to the method of curing the brush.

It may be interesting in this connection to give some other facts touching this industry. The Mohawk Valley, in New York, was at one time the great center in this country of this industry. But more recently the States of Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and Illinois, produce the great bulk of it.

An active, enterprising young man who has learned the trade well, can start a broom factory with \$500, and make it pay. With this amount he should buy his machinery, and hire from three to five hands, and start it and run it until he can begin to realize from the returns.

OUR NEXT GOVERNOR—PLAIN TALK FROM A FARMER—PRIMARY ELECTIONS—A MODEL FARMER IN WAKE, &c.

Read the article of our esteemed friend, Mr. W. S. Primrose, on the "Modified Terrace"—a system of drainage worked out and practiced by Mr. P. H. Mangum, of Wake. We thank Mr. Primrose for this excellent contribution.

J. P. M. has surely not been drilled. He seems not to have heard that Capt. Alexander "is the father of the fence law," and that "his record on that subject would kill him."

And there are thousands on thousands of these classes who feel that they may, with propriety, make the reasonable claim, at least once in a century, to have one of their number nominated. It is this view of the situation that has brought the name of this splendid farmer and noble North Carolinian to the front.

THE EDITOR'S THANKS

Are hereby gratefully tendered to friends in all sections of the State for their prompt and generous response to our proposition to procure clubs of ten for our organ.

ALLIANCE NOTES.

Members of the Alliance, when writing to us, will greatly favor us if they will always give the No. of their Alliance. We have given the sixth and seventh pages of our paper to the exclusive use of the Alliance.

The Wayne county Farmers Alliance will be organized in Goldsboro, on Saturday, April 7th, 1888.

Wake county has 48 sub-Alliances, Robeson 35, Richmond 14, Anson 23, Moore 27, Cumberland 28.

A meeting has been called at New Hope, in Gaston county, on Saturday March 24th for the purpose of organizing a Farmers' Alliance.

Read the list of appointments made for Col. G. B. Pickett, and arrange your matters so as to be able to hear him when he reaches your county.

Col. G. B. Pickett will address the members and officers of the Alliances in Wake county, in Raleigh, on Wednesday the 21st inst.

The Secretaries of the sub-Alliances of the county of Moore have been directed to meet at White Hill, on the 24th day of March, at 2 o'clock, sharp.

Adopting the wholesale method in the beginning is what may be said of the Mt. Carmel Alliance, organized at Oregon in Rockingham county last week by Bro. G. B. Pickett.

We have recorded the organization of the following Alliances since our last issue: Home, Salem, Woodland and Pikesville, in Wayne county, by G. W. Jones; Enochville, in Rowan and Prosperity, in Cabarrus, by C. McDonald; Brassfield and New Hope, in Durham, by I. S. Barbee; Oak Spring, in Randolph and Centre, in Chatham, by W. G. Bland; Smith, in Davidson, Trinity, in Randolph, Pleasant Ridge, in Forsyth and Mt. Carmel in Rockingham, by G. B. Pickett; Andrews Chapel, in Sampson, by E. J. Edwards; Fair Port, in Vance, Tabbs Creek and Salem, in Granville, by V. N. Seawell; Buck Mountain, in Chatham, by R. N. Johnson; Deep River, in Chatham, by J. G. Burt; Bug Hill, in Columbus, by J. F. Harrell; Bladenboro, in Bladen, by Jno. F. Owen; Red Oak Grove, in Wilson, by W. O. Blake; Hickory Hill, in Iredell, by J. M. Shook; Pee Dee, Mays, Deep Springs and Lanesboro, in Anson, by Geo. C. Ratliff; Mint Hill, in Mecklenburg, by E. W. Lyles; Prospect, in Warren, by W. T. Barrow; New Life in Johnson, Red Oak, in Nash, by T. R. Christman; Stewarts, in Harnett, by W. J. Long; Friendship, Fairfield, Falling Creek and Moss Creek, in Lenoir and Fort Run, in Green, by B. C. Thomp-

son; Pine Level, in Wake, by W. G. L. Allen; Swift Creek, in Wake, by A. Betts; Salem Ridge, in Union, by S. B. Alexander; Ruffin, in Rockingham, by G. B. Pickett; Lockville, in Chatham, by J. G. Burt; Co-coa, in Edgecombe, by J. A. Davis.

PRIMARY ELECTIONS.

The position of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER in regard to primary elections is really the most progressive step in behalf of securing farmers a voice in our State's affairs that has appeared since the war. Money is so scarce among the farmers that they are not able to go to Raleigh. They are never blessed with free railroad tickets, and five, ten, twenty or fifty dollars, according to distance to travel, to pay expense of attending the convention, is more than the best of farmers have to spare.

I hope THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER will not weary in advocating "a showing" for the class who are "whooped up" at elections to confirm the nomination made by those who have the "kelt" or free railroad passes.

TO THE FARMER BELONGS THE SOIL.

We, the farmers of America, are very modest in our demands. We have very little of the fostering care and the "protection" of the national government; nor do we expect very much of it. What we do want is only a small matter: We want the earth, and to be left in its peaceable possession. "Uncle Sam is rich enough to give us all a farm," is one of the old, well-known boasts of the American people, but it will not be true much longer unless the national domain is more jealousy guarded against further attacks upon it by syndicates and land-grabbing monopolies.

CORRECTION.

Attention Secretaries of Wake. The Secretaries of the sub-Alliances of Wake will hold a regular quarterly meeting of their Association on Friday, March 30th, one week before the First Friday in April, instead of Thursday, as mentioned in our last issue.

MOORE COUNTY ALLIANCE.

JONESBORO, N. C., March 14, 1888.

To the Secretaries of the Various Sub-Alliances of Moore County:

In compliance with directions of the Moore county Alliances, I hereby give notice that a meeting of the Secretaries will be held at White Hill on the 24th day of March, at 2 o'clock sharp.

J. B. WATSON, Secretary M. C. F. A.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

J. L.—If an Alliance is regularly organized, and the officers are installed by a regularly appointed organizer, can it be declared a temporary organization within a few weeks, and hold an election for another set of officers?

Answer—No. There are no temporary organizations of Alliances. Officers are elected for the term. They may be impeached, or may resign.

J. B. ALEXANDER.