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SOMETHING PRACTICAL, AS WELL AS SENSIBLE.

The Calhoun County Farmers' Alliance, of Florida, is doing some sensible work. It resolved that its members would buy no goods or merchandise if it could possibly be avoided.

If the farmers of the whole South would adopt the same resolutions and carry them into effect, we would be the most independent people on the earth, in ten years.

CONGRESS AND ITS WORK.

The telegraph announced on the 20th ult. that Congress had adjourned and sixty millions of people took a long breath of relief. It was in session 321 days—the longest ever held in the history of this country.

In the Senate 3,642 bills and 621 joint resolutions were presented, and in the House the record ran up to the unparalleled figures of 11,593 bills and 230 joint resolutions, making a grand total of 15,235 measures in one session.

THE STATE GRANGE.

This body will meet in the town of Kinston on the 11th of December and we hope it will have a large and profitable meeting.

OCCUPATIONS OF OUR PEOPLE.

We are requested to give the various occupations of the people of this country. We give them as follows, which we take from the official returns of the census of 1880:

Agriculture, 7,670,493; Professional and personal services, 4,070,238; Manufactures and mining, 3,837,112; Trade and transportation, 1,819,256.

From the same source we learn that in North Carolina we have a population of 959,951, over 10 years of age, employed as follows: In agriculture, 360,937. In professional and personal services, 69,321. In trade and transportation, 15,966. In manufacturing, mechanical trades and mining, 33,963.

THE RICHMOND EXPOSITION.

We congratulate the City of Richmond on its splendid success in making its Exposition. It was in many important respects the best we have ever seen, and was decidedly the best arranged, the best displayed and the best conducted exhibition we have ever attended.

LUCERNE.

We have received several letters, recently, on the subject of Lucerne and asking numerous questions as to methods of planting, cultivation, &c. For the information of our readers, we published last week some valuable matter obtained from the most reliable sources.

THE CAMPAIGN ENDED.

To-day ends a long and excited political campaign, and with it comes the death-knell to the political hopes of many an one, and to others the beginning of a career which shall bear honor or shame.

TEXAS ALLIANCE EXCHANGE.

We have received a letter from an esteemed brother saying, that a statement appeared a few days ago in a certain prominent Southern paper to the effect that the Alliance Exchange of Texas had proved a failure and had lost \$40,000 to the members.

We have watched with great anxiety the great trial to which that enterprise has been subjected by the well-concocted plan of its enemies for its destruction, and we are rejoiced to see that it has come out most triumphantly.

statements which appear in non-Alliance papers with a charitable degree of allowance:

"Since the recent troubles have been met and passed, the management of the Exchange feels safe against any emergency, and all interested may point with pride to the triumphant victory achieved by the Exchange. No private enterprise ever inaugurated, could have stood such a strain.

IT WILL BE FOUND.

THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER said at the beginning of the fight with the Bagging Trust, that this bold attempt to rob the farmers of the South, would prove in the end to be a blessing in disguise.

We wrote Dr. J. V. Harris, Collector at Key West, Florida, and he very kindly wrote us a most interesting letter, from which we take the liberty of making some extracts. He also kindly sent us a package of the plants of which he writes, as well as a sample of the fibre which was gotten out by hand.

Dr. Harris, after expressing great doubt as to the practicability of using the pine straw profitably, says:

"Sisal hemp, although good, takes too long to grow in this country, as it takes four years from the planting, before the plants are large enough to use, and when cut, that is the end of the crop, until another crop is grown; four years is too long to wait.

Yours, &c., J. V. HARRIS, Collector.

TRESPASSING AGAIN.

A correspondent signing himself "G.," writing from Middleton, Hyde county, to the Elizabeth City Economist, says:

"There are along our coast from Parch Corn Bay, Pinkleton Rock, to Gull Rock, seven vessels from Virginia, oystering in unlawful oyster grounds, so says a reliable captain of a boat who plies regularly between Hyde, Newberne and Washington. These oystermen, says our informant, are armed and defiant, some of them heavily armed; and say they can keep at bay twenty-five men, others say they will have oysters or be killed.

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. Use them, brethren. For all official orders, rulings, notices, &c., the brethren will examine these pages.]

O'Kelley Alliance sends in fourteen subscribers to the Business Fund, and the Secretary thinks every member will take at least one share.

Quite a number of brethren have written endorsing the proposition to hold a meeting of tobacco growers in the town of Durham on the 13th inst. A large attendance is earnestly desired.

At this time, Pineville Alliance, which was organized during the month of January last, numbers 39 male members and no less than 28 lady members. Crops in this section are generally good.

Bro. J. E. Jones, of Mt. Energy Alliance, No. 94, drops a line to let the brethren know that his Alliance is in full sympathy with all other Alliances on the trust bagging question.

A correspondent writing to the Economist from Shiloh, Camden county, says: "The public school house at this place, which is being enlarged and refitted, will have a large hall on the second floor which will be used by the Farmers' Alliance as a lodge room."

The Business Agents for the different Sub-Alliances, together with the County Executive Committee of Johnston, will please meet me in Smithfield, N. C., Friday, November 19th inst., at 10 o'clock, a. m., to transact business of importance. A full attendance is requested. W. R. Creech, County Business Agent.

B. F. Stonestreet, Davie county Organizer, reports two Alliances organized during the month of October. On the first, at County Line, he organized with J. A. Butler, President, and C. C. Stroud, Secretary, and on the 27th, at Fairfield, he organized with Samuel Foster, President, and C. M. Cope, Secretary.

A brother of Excelsior Alliance writes, as he says, to let us know that his lodge is still on the increase. The interest among the farmers in the neighborhood seems to be increasing. Many who have heretofore opposed the Alliance are frankly acknowledging the Alliance to be accomplishing a great work in defeating rings and trusts which, vampire-like, have been preying upon the vitals of the farmer.

This from the Shelby New Era: "Although many of the merchants in Shelby think the Farmers' Alliance will ruin the town, we think differently. By their united action, they have secured a great reduction in the prices of their goods and consequently will be enabled to pay cash for more of their purchases than they formerly did.

COTTON BAGGING.

It is Recommended by the Joint Committee.

MACON, GA., Oct. 23, 1888.

At a meeting of a joint committee composed of the Executive Committee of the State, and a special committee, appointed by the President of the State Farmers' Alliance to act in conjunction with the same, the following preamble and resolutions were offered and unanimously adopted, the same being hereby recommended to all Alliances throughout the State for adoption:

WHEREAS, We recognize the necessity of utilizing the products of our own labor, to provide a covering for our cotton, and believe that by adopting cotton bagging we can market our stains and poor cotton at a fair price; and whereas, we believe that the independence of the Southern cotton planter lies in the adoption of a practical substitute for the jute bagging; therefore be it

Resolved, That after due and mature deliberation of the subject your committee appointed to look into the advisability of erecting a bagging factory in Georgia report adversely to the same, and would, in lieu thereof, recommend the adoption of a loosely woven cotton bagging, similar to that manufactured by the Lane mills of New Orleans, and that the width of the same be increased to forty-four inches; also, that a reduction of one-half be made in the dimensions and weight of the present bales, and a substitute of annealed wire be adopted in the place of the flat ties used at present; and be it further

Resolved, That the attention of all cotton-growing States be invited to the foregoing preamble and resolution, earnest consideration of the subject requested and co-operation in the premises invited.

FELIX CORPUS, A. W. IVEY, I. J. STEPHENS, W. T. GODWIN, R. M. BROWN, W. R. GORMAN.

The collapse of the two Salem, Mass., Jute Bagging Mills, is but the beginning of the end. Mark the prediction.

THE VOTE BY COUNTIES.

Table with 5 columns: COUNTIES, State's Vote, York's Vote, Fowler's Vote, Dockery's Vote. Lists various counties and their corresponding vote counts.