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THE GREAT SUGAR TRUST.

THIS conspiracy claims that it has succeeded in so hedging in competition that it can now make 150 per cent. profit on the capital invested, in two years. It would be of interest to our readers to know how this trust was formed and something of its profits.

HOW THE SUGAR TRUST WAS FORMED.

The sugar trust was the adoption of that organization for the purpose of forming a combination out of hitherto independent and competing companies. The deed under which the sugar trust was organized was made in October, 1887.

The gentlemen who were selected for the various positions came with the strongest recommendations as to character and fitness, and THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER has great hope that they will come up fully to the requirements. It stands ready at all times to aid and encourage the institution in all its departments and all the officers to the full extent of its ability.

000. As the quota allotted to the North River Refinery, which subsequently sold in open market for \$325,000, was \$700,000 in certificates, and its owners were dissatisfied with their share as compared with other, it is safe to say that this capitalization was nearly if not twice the actual value of the properties put into the trust.

After payment of dividends last year it had, according to the circular of Messrs. Willett & Hamlin, quoted in Leadstreet of June 29, a surplus of \$10,000,000 in its treasury. The same authority gives its earnings between January 1, 1889, and June 13 as \$13,000,000 more. Thus its surplus from last year, with its net cash profit for less than six months of the present year, amount to \$23,000,000, probably the full value of the plants put into the trust, and nearly fifty per cent. on its watered capital.

OUR A. & M. COLLEGE.

THE Board of Trustees elected a number of the faculty for this institution and other officers as announced in our issue of last week. Minister Jarvis was chosen for the Presidency of the institution, but for reasons satisfactory to himself he declined the position.

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THE GREAT TRUST SCHEME.

AGAIN it is reported, and with some indications of truth, that all the great railroad lines of the country are to be consolidated and put under one management, thus doing away with competition in freight and passenger rates and assuming a position where they may absolutely control the smaller roads of the country.

and for restraining the greed of monopoly and avarice the people will either be in a state of slavery more abject and degrading than the African ever knew, or there will come a revolution that will shake this continent to its centre and fill the land with the woe of a more terrible war than the world ever knew.

To avert these calamities is one of the grand objects of the Alliance. These are some of the causes which brought it into being, and they are growing stronger every day. It therefore behooves every man who ever allied himself to the organization, to reconsecrate himself to its principles and to strengthen his resolve that he will stand by the institutions of the country founded on constitutional liberty.

WANTS TO TALK TO THE FARMERS' ALLIANCE.

WE clip the following from an editorial in the News and Observer:

"We have understood that THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER took us to task the other day for making a suggestion to the Farmers' Alliance. It happened that we did not see that issue of Bro. Polk's paper, and we did not care enough about the matter to send for another copy.

Bro. Ashe "could hardly have studied" once "over the matter" before he wrote the above. Did we "take him to task" for making a suggestion? Did we attempt "to deter him from talking to the Alliance?"

No, THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER would not "deter the News and Observer from talking to the Alliance." Talk on! Continue to make nominations for all the offices for aught we care, but each time it shall be announced in THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER.

As Bro. Ashe "did not see our paper, and did not think enough of the matter to send for another copy," we may say for his information, that it is altogether probable that his informant got matters a little mixed. In the same issue of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER, in which our notice appeared, was a communication on the article in the News and Observer, from a prominent and loyal member of Forestville Alliance.

Bro. J. W. Ballance, of Kenly Alliance, No. 803, Johnston county, writes that his Alliance numbers forty-one, and of this number only five are under twenty-one years of age. They meet twice a month and the attendance is good.

THE INTER-STATE CONVENTION.

Alabama's Greeting—A Splendid Programme.

THE Daily Dispatch and Daily Advertiser, of Montgomery, Ala., contain reports of a meeting of the citizens of that city, on the 12th inst., preliminary to the meeting of the Association on the 20th prox.

A rousing meeting of the citizens was held yesterday at the rooms of the Southern Exposition Company, to take some definite action toward the reception and entertainment of the delegates to the Inter-State Farmers' Association, which convenes in this city on Aug. 20, next.

PROGRAMME.

- 1 Transportation—Its Relation to Agriculture. Assigned to Texas. 2 Is the Tenant System of the South Conducive to Higher Development in Agriculture? Assigned to Mississippi.

The Vice-Presidents from each State will select some delegate to make the opening address on the subjects assigned to his State. After the opening address is concluded, the question will be open for discussion by the convention.

Notice is hereby given that all roads in the South have agreed to sell tickets to the August meeting of the Inter-State Farmers' Association for full fare going and one-third fare returning.

MICHIGAN'S ANTI-TRUST LAW.

THE enacting clause of the bill passed by the Legislature of Michigan for the suppression of trusts is as follows: "All contracts, agreements, understandings and combinations made, entered into, or knowingly assented to by and between any parties capable of making a contract or agreement which would be valid at law or in equity, the purpose or object or intent of which shall be to limit, control, or in any manner restrict or regulate the amount of production or the quantity of any article or commodity to be raised or produced by mining, manufacture, agriculture, or any other branch of business or labor, or to enhance, control, or regulate the market price thereof, or in any manner to

prevent or restrict free competition in the production or sale of any such article or commodity, shall be utterly illegal and void, and every such contract, agreement, understanding and combination shall constitute a criminal conspiracy."

There is a subsequent provision which excepts organizations of labor from the operation of the act. Its intent and purpose are clear enough; such combinations of capital as seek to control the price, distribution or production of anything which the people have to pay for are declared illegal, and their acts and contracts void in civil law and felonious in criminal law.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE MUST CRY A SPEEDY HALT.

The Fate of the Republic Trembles in The Balance.

FROM a thoughtful and strongly written editorial in the Wilmington Daily Messenger, we make the extracts given below, and earnestly commend the startling truths to our readers. It is needless to say to those who have read THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER for three years, that we are in entire and thorough sympathy with the views expressed.

The United States have won a grand place in history. They are richer now than Rome ever was. It may be said with the severity of truth that they are fast becoming as corrupt as Rome ever was under the Caesars, when Roman consuls and satraps plundered the rich outlying provinces and built their magnificent palaces of marble.

No country can continue free and prosperous through the ages that is not founded on purity, justice, honor, virtue and intelligence. The age of Monopoly is the crowning of the Money Devil as the Monarch of the United States. That means personal debauchery, national corruption, civic decay, inevitable disintegration, and finally, a tremendous revolution that will sweep away the old order and be more anarchic than the worst days in the French Revolution of the last century.

The men who are best acquainted with constitutional law, the genius of our government, the history of the last hundred and fifty years, the rise and fall of nations, the progress of corruption and vice both among the people and the public servants, are the very men who see farthest into the future and have the least hope for the perpetuity of free institutions in this country.

The seeds of discord, of destruction have been sowing for a quarter of a century. The men of evil has been up and down building up an aristocracy of wealth based upon vice and immorality, and robbing the great masses of the tolling, suffering millions until they are being ground more and more in the devouring mills of greedy monopoly.

Then what? That if the American people do not cry a speedy halt the Republic is gone, and the bloodiest revolution in all the ages will make this old continent rock and roll. The people will not always bear the curse of rascals and thieves and traitors and oppressors. The Money Kings care nothing for the people. They govern the country by their money for they hold the politicians by purchase.

HARRY TRACY'S APPOINTMENTS.

BRO. Harry Tracy, National Lecturer of the Farmers' Alliance, will speak at the times and places named below. His time is limited. He cannot give more than one day to a county. All who read this notice will render a public service by advertising it as largely as possible.

He is one of the original Alliance men of the country. His time and labor and heart and brain are thoroughly devoted to the success of our cause. When you hear him you will not wonder at his great popularity as a Lecturer. Every officer and member of the Alliance, every laboring man of whatever vocation and especially those who are opposed to the Alliance, should hear him. He will give you many things to think about. He will strengthen the weak, encourage the wavering, convince the doubting and confirm the faithful.

public lecture, to which everybody is invited, at 11 o'clock a. m. and a private lecture to the Alliance at 2:30 o'clock p. m. at the places and dates given below. Brethren, give Bro. Tracy a rousing reception, and he will do you all good.

Table with columns for location and date: At Auburn, Tuesday, July 23; Fayetteville, Wednesday, July 24; Gibson's, Thursday, July 25; Carthage, Friday, July 26; Pittsboro, Saturday, July 27; Wadesboro, Monday, July 29; Monroe, Tuesday, July 30; Charlotte, Wednesday, July 31.

MR. NORWOOD'S ANSWER.

HILLSBORO, N. C., July 18, '89. MR. EDITOR.—I see by the last PROGRESSIVE FARMER that some gentlemen want to know of me through your paper about lucerne. I refer him to my article on manures and grasses in THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER, May 7th and 21st. It gives him the desired information in detail.

I have already cut my lucerne three times, commencing the 17th of April. It yielded in the three cuttings 113 inches, and the fourth growth is now 18 inches. A favorable season, as this is, it will yield a crop every 30 days, averaging about 35 or 36 inches. What about reduced railroad rates to the State Alliance at Fayetteville on the 13th of August?

Yours most truly, JAMES NORWOOD.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

* For reduced railroad rates to the State Alliance, at Fayetteville, on the 13th of August next, see the 3rd page of this paper.

* The managers of the great Fort Worth (Texas) Spring Palace have determined to keep the Exhibition running until July 27th.

* The crop prospect all over Georgia is as fine as was ever seen. The Southern Alliance says if no disaster overtakes the crop the yield will be immense.

* A cablegram to the New York World says: Queen Victoria is suffering severely from lumbago and rheumatism. She cannot stand for any great length of time and her face has an unhealthy flush upon it.

* Three-fifths of the delegates to the South Dakota Constitutional Convention are Prohibitionists, and it is likely the new Constitution will prohibit the manufacture and sale of spirituous liquors in that State.

* Mr. Sanders, of Charlotte, says the Democrat, calls attention to a disadvantage to North Carolina cotton abroad on account of lightness. Mr. Sanders thinks the bales should not be run less than 475 to 500 pounds.

* General Ransom informs the Goldsboro Argus that the crops all along the river between Goldsboro and New Berne, except where they have been overflooded in lowlands, are up to the average and promise well.

* Governor Fitzhugh Lee, of Virginia, will accept the Superintendency of the Lexington Military Institute. He will not take the place, however, until his term of office as Governor expires on January 1st, 1890.

* It is proven by agricultural statistics, says a western exchange, that \$5.00 worth of dog annually kills \$1,000 worth of sheep, besides having five or six days and nights left to the dog to keep the whole neighborhood awake with a chorus of barking.

* Once more we would urge upon the Sub-Alliances, of the counties composing the Border Alliance, the importance of sending delegates to the meeting to be held in the city of Danville on the 1st Monday in August next, at 10 o'clock a. m.

* We are requested to call special attention to the meeting of the North Carolina Baptist Orphanage Association, at the Thomasville Orphanage, on Wednesday, July 31st. The institution at present has one hundred and four children under its fostering care, and is steadily and surely enlarging the scope of its usefulness.

* The Toller puts it briefly, but pointedly, as follows: "We are often asked why farmers are organizing? We reply, to attend to their own business; something they have not been doing in the past. Other people have been attending to our business for us, and just for a change we will swap bosses and try bossing ourselves awhile."

* On Sunday, the 14th inst., the preachers of the city of Charleston entered their protest against the verdict of the jury in the McDow case. At the Ministers' Union resolutions were adopted denouncing the crimes of adultery and murder, of both of which McDow has confessed himself guilty on his trial, but of which a packed jury, as some claim, had acquitted him.

* After speaking of the hopelessness of the efforts now being made to arrest the prize-fighters, Kilrain and Sullivan, the Charleston News and Courier says: "The efforts that are