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LET CONSERVATISM PREVAIL.

The Newton Enterprise is "sorry to see that THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER, of week before last contained editorials written by Col. Polk repudiating the conservative position taken by the paper two weeks ago.

The opinion then expressed was that two paramount issues are: tariff reform and the free coinage of silver, and that with the proper management, these could be secured with absolute certainty. This being the case it was very imprudent to risk all by contending for those demands about which there was serious doubts.

That is all right. You just simply argue that the tail should wag the dog. Alliancemen refuse to be the tail to any party dog. The dog must have the exquisite pleasure of wagging his own tail now and then. Alliancemen contend that tariff reform and the free coinage of silver are absolutely necessary at this time, but when the country is suffering with several diseases, it is like a sick man. It will do no good to poultice a boil on the back of his neck and then let him die with gangrene. This country is suffering with gangrene; it has it bad. Only vigorous remedies will cure this great financial disease. The Sub-Treasury will no doubt knock the disease limber.

But of course the other diseases must be treated. Hence the need of other remedies suggested at Ocala.

The Enterprise then uses the following language:

"Nothing great in statesmanship in any age, so far as we are aware, has ever been accomplished by extremists. The best features of all governments and the best laws of every country are the fruits of compromises. The Constitution of the United States is a pure bundle of compromises. In the light of history and the light of reason, it is therefore not creditable to any man or set of men to say we will stand by all our demands and have all or none. This is equivalent to saying that all who think differently from us must surrender everything, or we will go with them no longer.

You are right, Bro. Enterprise. They are the fruits of compromises. We have been offering to compromise all along. You fellows are the extremists. You boys claim that we must surrender everything or you will go with us no longer. We must simply put our tongues in our pockets and accept your terms of compromise.

Why, of course we will compromise. Why not? Have we not compromised all the time? How did America come to have one thousand millionaires if we failed to compromise? We have compromised until Wall street gamblers control the prices of all our products to a great extent. They control elections, put their hands in the U. S. Treasury when they get short and make both ends meet. We have compromised until railroad and other corporations have grown vastly rich in a few years. We have compromised until the per capita in circulation has been reduced from \$50 in 1866 to \$6 in 1891. We have compromised until many hundred millions of dollars worth of land is under mortgage. In 1860, 70 per cent. of our entire wealth was owned by our agricultural population. In 1891 less than 22 per cent. is owned by our farmers. Would this be so if we had failed to compromise? Certainly we will compromise. But

we will offer the terms; if you fail to accept, we will go ahead and compromise anyhow. The only difference in compromising hereafter will be that the compromise will be in favor of the producers. "Let conservatism prevail."

KEEP IT BEFORE YOUR EYE.

The Sub-Treasury plan proposes to Abolish the national banking system. That the government shall issue money direct to the people at a low rate of interest in sufficient volume to do the business of the country.

To do away with gambling in futures of agricultural and mechanical products.

These are three planks in the Ocala platform. The friends of the Sub-Treasury bill believe that bill will do this. If it will not, let its enemies bring something forward that will do it. Let them either "put up or shut up."

A GOOD REPORT.

Five immense Alliance mass-meetings were held in Georgia last week. Gen. J. B. Weaver, of Iowa, Hon. L. F. Livingston, of Georgia, and Jerry Simpson, of Kansas, were the speakers. President Polk was with them and delivered addresses at Atlanta and Athens. He came to Raleigh to spend a couple of days with his family, and is with the South Carolina State Alliance to-day in its annual meeting at Spartanburg. He will speak at Kings Mountain on the 25th. He reports the order in Georgia as in fine and satisfactory shape and that great unanimity and enthusiasm prevails among the good brethren. He says: "The Georgia Alliance is solid."

A FINE SPEECH.

We wish to call the special attention of our readers to the speech of Hon. E. Barksdale which appears in this issue. The occasion was a discussion between Mr. Barksdale and Senator George concerning the Sub-Treasury as a plan of relief. Read this speech twice; it will do you good. Every word of it is true, and it is on a different key from many other arguments in favor of the Sub-Treasury scheme. Unless Senator George has a very thick hide, and of course, he or any other man who has studied the Sub-Treasury thoroughly and still dares to oppose it has, he must have felt rather cheap when Mr. Barksdale was pouring such a broadside of facts into his flimsy position. Read it.

WHAT IS THE ALLIANCE ISSUE?

The New York Times, of the 14th, contained a strong editorial a column long headed, "What is the Alliance issue?" The writer didn't turn on any light, but goes ahead and gets things more mixed than ever. It thinks that the Sub-Treasury scheme cannot be made a political issue. You are right, Bro. Times, the Sub-Treasury scheme is strictly agricultural. We don't propose to warehouse politicians, and it is not for their benefit. Politicians and organ-grinders are two classes of producers that are not provided for in the Sub-Treasury bill. However, they can subsist on whatever we agricultural people don't want. It has been stated that great amounts of grain, etc., would be left on the hands of the government. Perhaps the government can feed this to the politicians and organ-grinders. After we Alliancemen get through with our job we will give the government permission to give the politicians and organ grinders a reservation in the Yellowstone Park.

SOCIALISM.

Whenever any man states publicly that a man cannot amass a million or ten million dollars in a lifetime and get it honestly, some of the plutocratic press are ready to jump upon him and pronounce him a socialist or anarchist, or both.

If Adam had received a salary of \$2,000 per month from the time of his birth until the present, 7,000 years, with all expense thrown in, he would still lack over fifty million dollars of having as much money as John D. Rockefeller has made off the American people in the last twenty years.

Now what do you think of that? Two thousand dollars a month is pretty good pay for any kind of work. That is nearly as much as the President of the United States gets, and about 200 times as much as the average editor and farmer gets nowadays. Yet if Mr. Rockefeller had been getting a salary of \$2,000 per month for 7,000 years and all expenses paid he would still lack fifty million dollars of being as rich as he now is. Now how much has Rockefeller made per month during the past 20 years? Figure it out. Do you want conditions that make this possible to continue? If so, just continue to be a weak-kneed Allianceman, let your party and public servants do as they please, and you will soon be a serf subject to the direction of a few Rockefellerers.

HOW TO TREAT THE PARTISAN PRESS.

We are frequently asked to give our opinion in regard to papers that are bitter in their opposition to the Alliance. Perhaps the best way to answer these questions is publicly.

This is an important and delicate matter. Common sense should guide you at all times. We never recommend a boycott. This should be avoided, if possible. If a paper earnestly, honestly and candidly discusses the organization, there should be no objections. The country is free and any and all people have a right to express themselves. Then you should not refuse to patronize a paper because it differs with you, for it has a right to, and sometimes you learn something. If any paper or anybody can produce facts and reasons sufficient to prove that our measures are wrong, we should look upon them as friends instead of enemies. But on the other hand, if any paper persists in slandering you, your order, your leaders or anything, then common sense ought to suggest that you repudiate such papers and pay your money for papers that will not misrepresent you, your calling, your family, and try to lead you astray by misrepresentation. You should read both sides of a question, but some editors fail to fairly represent their side. In such cases common, everyday sense ought to decide the matter quickly. Again, there is a class of editors found in this State and elsewhere who are without honesty or stability. They do not pay their debts or tell the truth. How they manage to palm off their papers on the public for any length of time is a mystery. You should spot them and withdraw your patronage at once. We know of a few so-called Alliance papers that are not what they should be. They are friendly enough to keep up appearances, but when any test comes they show the white feather. They are traitors in the camp and should be treated as such without delay. Beware of giving aid to traitors in or out of the Alliance.

MEETING OF SOREHEADS.

In another place will be found an account of the meeting of soreheads at North Worth, Tex., on July 11th. It is stated that about 200 Alliancemen were present, but according to our best information only a few were sympathizers. It was a case of "me, my wife, my son Joe and his wife," that the soreheads were praying for. We could dispose of the whole thing by denouncing it as basely false, but will give a few statements showing how and why the charges are false. It seems that Hall, of Missouri, McAllister, of Mississippi, and Sargent, of Texas, were the moving spirits. They proceeded to appoint themselves a committee "to have charge of arrangements." It is noticed that they only got three of the committee of five appointed, there being only three soreheads in the meeting.

The first section shows that they have rebelled because the Alliance has recommended the Sub-Treasury plan, land loan scheme and government ownership of railroads.

Now the only sensible thing three or four men could do when a great organization like the Alliance goes wrong, is to just walk out of it and repudiate it. But here we see the ridiculous spectacle of these men trying to overturn a structure more powerful than any organization recorded in ancient or modern history.

Section 2 is for "debaring persons from membership and office for opinion's sake." No doubt that "DEBARING FROM OFFICE" is the cause of the trouble. Hall and the others are sore because they were not elected to some important positions. Nothing but an "imbecile club" would ever think of electing one of its members to a high position when it is known that he opposes the principles, measures and everything proposed by the organization.

We denounce as false the assertions that dishonest men have been kept in high positions after they were proved to be dishonest, or that "just and honest public officials" have been denounced. The statement that efforts have been made to turn the farmers' attention from tariff reform to class legislation is also absolutely false. Nine-tenths of the Alliancemen in this country believe tariff reform essential, but few think this will cure all the evils. But as proof that the statement is untrue, we give one of the Ocala demands, as follows:

"We demand the removal of the heavy tariff tax on the necessities of life, which the poor of our land are bound to have."

To make a long story short, the whole set of resolutions are without foundation in fact. It is simply the utterances of a few soreheads who have been disappointed and who want revenge and hope thereby to promote themselves in the estimation of certain

political bosses. If their charges contained the semblance of truth, their utterances would be entitled to respectful and earnest consideration, but as it is, with glaring falsehoods appearing in every sentence, they are simply objects of ridicule and contempt.

THE STATE MEETING.

The North Carolina State Alliance will convene at Morehead City on Tuesday, August 11th. From all indications a large crowd will be present. Every county in the State will be represented. Bro. Barnes has not heard from all the railroads yet, but no doubt they will give the usual low rates. Go and take your families, by all means. Last year the meeting was held at Asheville. The mountain scenery was a rare treat to down east people. Our western brethren can now have an opportunity to visit the seashore and see the many curious sights. The grand old Atlantic is a show that will never be forgotten. In every respect the trip will be a treat. We have enthusiastic reports from many counties, and it is safe to say that earnest, intelligent delegates have been elected. Come yourself, whether you are a delegate or not.

GREAT EXCITEMENT.

Last Wednesday morning we put on our celebrated yellow shoes and for a few hours excitement ran high. It was thought that something unusual was on foot. Messengers were sent in every direction. Gov. Holt was appealed to and the Governor's Guard were ordered out. The stars and stripes were run up on the News and Observer building and Capt. Ashe publicly stated that he originated all the reform measures years ago and that the News and Observer had favored them all along. The Chronicle hid its private telegraph wire in the cellar and carried its new cutter and paster up to the fourth story, where it went to work and cut the State printing contract all to pieces and also paster it up again. The cutter and paster then fell to work on other things and cut and pastered some more. Col. Daniels telephoned the fire department, but when the companies arrived the cutter and paster had been subdued. Everything is quiet again. As a consequence the New Evening Mirror did not appear Saturday.

CENTRALIZATION.

A Kansas paper says "the Sub-Treasury scheme is the most foolish, absurd and nonsensical proposition ever entered by a people. Of course it will never materialize, for the more intelligent classes see the sweeping breadth of it. It tends to centralization and consequently to wipe out State lines."

That is a great big mistake. We have centralization now in its worst form. The great centres like New York and Liverpool centralize the cotton crop. In other words, the crop is warehoused there. The grain centres like Chicago, Cincinnati, St. Louis and other points control the surplus grain, it being stored there to await consumption. Under the Sub-Treasury system we would have many warehouses scattered over each State. For instance, cotton raised in Wake county would be stored in Raleigh instead of New York or Liverpool. Surplus grain raised in Buncombe county would be stored at Asheville instead of going to Chicago or elsewhere. Millions of dollars would thus be saved on freight and commissions. The system is exactly the reverse of centralization.

FUNNY.

We have received numerous enquiries as to the resolutions said to have been adopted recently by the Cloud County Alliance, as Kansas. They were sent out to the public as an associated press dispatch, under blazing headlines as follows:

WHEREAS, The South was not represented in the late Cincinnati convention, and

WHEREAS, We believe the third party will disrupt the Republican party to the benefit of the Democratic party; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we abandon the third party to return to our past affiliation. In that wide-awake and sterling Alliance journal, The Advocate, of Topeka, we find the following letter from Bro. G. W. Coffey, President of the Cloud County Alliance:

Let me say that this resolution is entirely false, and that we have had no meeting since April 18, and at that meeting elected Hon. S. C. Wheeler and W. Q. Savery as delegates to represent us at the Cincinnati convention, which duty they performed nobly. Our people are well pleased with the action of that convention, and will no doubt ratify its actions at our next meeting. I have written to The Capital asking that it acknowledge the lie or publish the author's name. Poor old Capital! How many more forged resolutions will you publish? It would be well that you stop such rascality or hang out a sign, "Forged resolutions solicited or made up at this office."

SIDE-TRACKING ISSUES.

The partisan press and the politicians who are opposed to the Alliance, are extremely anxious to force the order into false positions. They assert persistently that the Sub-Treasury bill is the ultimatum of the Alliance, when they well know that in every instance where it has been made the issue, it has been forced on us. And we may remark that in every such case, the Sub-Treasury has come out victorious. It is now being asserted that President Polk makes the Sub-Treasury paramount to all other questions. The enemy puts down his position as follows: That he regards as most important—

- 1st. The Sub-Treasury bill. 2d. Free and unlimited coinage of silver. 3d. The modification of the tariff.

President Polk has always held that a change in the financial system of the government by and through which the industrial many are being robbed and ruined by the moneyed few is the great overshadowing paramount issue before the American people. He has always held that free coinage, tariff, Sub-Treasury and all other questions are subordinate to this great issue. No free coinage act, no modification of the tariff, no increase of the currency—none, nor all of these, can ever bring just and substantial relief to the people, so long as the present unjust and outrageously wicked financial system prevails. The national banking system must go. The money of the people must be issued to the people, independent of all expensive agencies and in sufficient volume to do the business of country. This, and not the Sub-Treasury, this, and not the tariff, this, and not free coinage, is the mighty living issue before the people.

The Alliance wants and demands a modification of the tariff, and it intends to have it. The Alliance wants and demands free and unlimited coinage of silver, and it intends to have it; but it will no longer be deluded and ensnared with the fallacious idea that these are paramount to the money question. The politicians of the country have been deceiving and side-tracking the people on these false ideas for a quarter of a century, but they can do it no longer.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

* Jerry Simpson, of Kansas, will be invited to Cabarrus county Fair at Concord this fall.

* The Rural Home, edited by Bro. W. S. Barnes, our very efficient State Secretary, glitters all over with pure Alliance doctrine.

* Your Uncle Jerry Simpson, Mrs. Mary E. Lease, Senator Peffer and perhaps other Alliancemen may be induced to come to North Carolina this fall.

* In Georgia they are asking for eight months free school. We ought to begin an effort for that in North Carolina. This is one of the paramount needs of our State.

* Twenty-five Alliance meetings, being one to every four counties, will be held in North Carolina this year. Prominent speakers will be here from the West and elsewhere. Get ready to attend them.

* Are you a member of the Alliance? If not, you ought to be. If so, do you believe in the proposed measures? If you don't, ask your Secretary to erase your name. Don't be a member of anything unless you have faith in it.

* According to an exchange a Northern man has applied for a pension on the ground that he lost his voice while reading war news to farmers who met at the corner grocery at night during the war. He ought to get it or anything else he wants.

* "The Rattler" is the name of a new paper started at Whitakers by Bro. J. C. Bellamy. We have not yet seen a copy of it, but from the name of the editor and his endorsement, we have no doubt but that it will be an able champion of the Alliance cause.

* Col. Sam. Ashe claims to be the father of all measures suggested for the relief of the people. We want to know whether he got up the anti-Sub-Treasury convention of three that met at Fort Worth the other day and appointed themselves a committee of five.

* The writer came in last week and found the work much behind. Dozens of communications were on file—some of them too old for publication. We have done the best we can up to this time. But if you find any cause for complaint, please pardon us. As soon as we can get things straight you may expect better treatment.

* Gen. Weaver, who was candidate for President on the Greenback ticket a few years ago, made a speech at Americus, Ga., last week. In his opening remarks he asked the people if they had come together to see a Weaver shoot his greenback shuttle into their minds, to gaze upon a sockless states-

man from the wild and woolly West, to see a Living stone from Georgia, to try to get a new Lease of political life, or to hear the important issues of the day discussed.

* From the Daily State Chronicle of the 18th inst. we consolidate two statements and find that in the two standard banks in the city of Raleigh, there is an aggregate of cash on deposit subject to check \$1,041,306.71 Surplus and undivided profit 66,550.00

Total \$1,077,756.71

* Mr. C. F. King, travelling correspondent of the Atlanta Journal, passed through Friday. The writer is always glad to chronicle the success of North Carolina boys, especially those who have begun on the lower rounds of the ladder and are climbing up. Mr. King's work on the Journal has added much to the popularity of that paper.

* One of our Alliance exchanges from the Northwest is printed in German. It is a large, respectable-looking paper. We can't make out the name, but it is printed at New Ulm, Minnesota. We can't tell, but think it is for the Sub-Treasury plan. We only reading it very much and will lead to any of our friends if they will promise not to tell what they read in it.

* The Charleston World, which claims to be in sympathy with the Alliance, raises the cry of alarm and says that the order is likely to split the Sub-Treasury and Dr. Macine. We have heard this a thousand times before. That paper thinks the Fort Worth meeting the beginning of the split. Let her go Gallagher! If the "big 3" of that convention can split the organization it ought to be split.

* The Democracy of Ohio met last week and nominated Gov. Campbell for Governor, and adopted their platform. They make tariff and free coinage the front issues. In this the Republicans of the State agree. We note also the resolution of condolence and sympathy adopted by the Democratic Convention for the poor exiled Jews of Russia, but we regret to find no similar expressions for the thousands of farmers of this country who are being exiled from their homes under the sheriff's hammer and through the exactions and greed of the money power.

THE OCALA DEMANDS.

1a. We demand the abolition of national banks.

b. We demand that the government shall establish Sub-Treasuries or depositories in the several States, which shall loan money direct to the people at a low rate of interest, not to exceed two per cent. per annum, on non-perishable farm products, and also upon real estate, with proper limitations upon the quantity of land and amount of money.

c. We demand that the amount of the circulating medium be speedily increased to not less than \$50 per capita.

2. That we demand that Congress shall pass such laws as will effectually prevent the dealing in futures of all agricultural and mechanical productions; providing a stringent system of procedure in trials that will secure the prompt conviction, and imposing such penalties as shall secure the most perfect compliance with the law.

3. We condemn the silver bill recently passed by Congress, and demand in lieu thereof the free and unlimited coinage of silver.

4. We demand the passage of law prohibiting alien ownership of land, and that Congress take prompt action to devise some plan to obtain all lands now owned by aliens and foreign syndicates; and that all lands now held by railroads and other corporations in excess of such as is actually used and needed by them be reclaimed by the government, and held for actual settlers only.

5. Believing in the doctrine of equal rights to all and special privileges to none, we demand—

a. That our national legislation shall be so framed in the future as not to build up one industry at the expense of another.

b. We further demand a removal of the existing heavy tariff tax from the necessities of life, that the poor of our land may have.

c. We further demand a just and equitable system of graduated tax on incomes.

d. We believe that the money of the country should be kept as much as possible in the hands of the people, and hence we demand that all national and State revenues shall be limited to the necessary expenses of the government economically and honestly administered.

6. We demand the most rigid, honest, and just State and National governmental control and supervision of the means of public communication and transportation, and if this control and supervision does not remove the abuse now existing, we demand the government ownership of such means of communication and transportation.

7. We demand that the Congress of the United States submit an amendment to the Constitution providing for the election of United States Senators by direct vote of the people of each State.

Bro. S. W. Presslar, Secretary of Mt. Bethel Alliance, No. 1,577, Alexander county, writes that they initiate one member and contributed \$2 to the call of LaGrange Alliance. They also elected a good set of officers.