MECKLENBURG COUNTY MEETING.

Correspondence of the Progressive Farmer.
CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Mecklenburg County Alliance met with McDonald Creek Alliance in the town hall at Huntersville, Saturday, April 24, 1897.

The Alliance was called to order at 10:30 o'clock by President N. Gibbon. The Secretary called the roll. It was found that a majority of the County Subs. were represented. The President declared the Alliance ready for business. The movement on foot to ask the President to call a meeting of the State Alliance, regarding the starting of the shoe factory, was the first matter of business that came up.

Bro. R W. Sossaman, late stenographer and type writer at Alliance headquarters, being present. was requested to make a talk on the subject and the general outlook at headquarters. He gave a full description of the property, including the tannery and shoe factory, both of which are paid for and standing idle—a monument of mismanagement or the mistake of somebody to the detriment of everybody interested He gave it as his opinion, being familiar with all the surroundings, that it would be a fatal blunder if the State Alliance did not take such steps as would at once put the shoe factory to work. At the close of his talk the following resolutions were offered and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That Mecklenburg County Alliance in session April 24, 1897, join our brethren in other counties of the State in asking our worthy President, Bro. John Graham, to convene the State Alliance at Hillsboro on or about the 3rd day of May, 1897, for the purpose of devising ways and means for starting the shoe factory at Hillsboro.

2. That the Executive Committee be instructed to take an inventory of all property belonging to the State Alliance and ascertain what amount of money has been paid in by Subs., County alliances and individuals, now on hand, for the use of the shoe factory, and make a report to the State Alliance while in session.

The President ordered the Secretary to send copies of these resolutions to Bro. Graham at Ridgeway at once.

Bro. C. F. Alexander of McDowell Creek Alliance, was elected delegate to said meeting, if called, with President Gibbon as alternate. Each Sub. was asked to assist in defraying the expenses of the delegate.

The County Executive Committee was instructed to select the place for the July meeting. There is a standing committee on speeches They were instructed to secure a speaker for the July meeting. (We wish to say right here that McDowell Creek Sub. received five new members on the morning of the county meeting, as substantial men as the county has. Nothing dead about that). After some other routine business the County Alliance adjourned and assembled around a nice table filled with good things to eat. The brethren soon proved that they were willing to destroy at least a part of the overproduction, whether it raised prices or not. They ate as though rations were free if silver was not. We wish to say at this juncture that we are in a position to know that the condition of the Alliance to day is better than ever before, having been in some unaccountable way elected last February one of the National standard-bearers. We receive letters each week from different States of the Union. In the last few days we have received letters from Junction, W. Va.; Cogan Station, Pa.; Bird Island, Minn.; Indianapolis, Ind,; and, without an exception, we are informed that the Alliance is taking on new life. West Virginia is wanting an organizer to go from this State to organize and revive sleeping Alliances. (I use the word sleep as they are not dead). Our own State is calling for lecturers in several counties. When the Alliance is sleeping they want to wake up. If every man in the State and out of it that believes in Alliance principles will go to work; do his duty, shun politicians and political parties as he would the wrath to come, and devote his spare moments to building up the Alliance and assist in educating his less informed brethren and inculcating in their minds the Alliance principles the time would not be long in coming when he would see the creators of the wealth of this nation in the front ranks in the race of life with the remainder of mankind.

J. P. SOSSAMAN,
National Lecturer.

THE MORALS OF OUR STATE OFFICERS.

Correspondence of The Progressive Farmer.

As our Democratic brethren were so apprehensive before the election that if Populists and Republicans combined should be victorious and get control of our State government, things would go to the bad in double quick time, and to relieve them of their fearful forebodings we beg leave to give the personnel of a majority of the present State officials in Raleigh. And with the high character that these men bear, we hardly think the State will sustain much loss while under their jurisdiction. Claiming that the declaration of Holy writ is applicable to-day as it was when penned by the inspired writer, "When the righteous rule the land rejoiceth." Our commander-in chief, Gov. D. L. Russell, while he may not be a Christian in the strictest sense of the word, yet he manifests the highest regard for the church, and all its ministers. And wherein he fails in any particular, as a Christian, fortunately for himself and the State, he has a balance-wheel in the person of Mrs. Russell, who is a model Christian in every particular, which is fully demonstrated in all her acts. Notably, at all State dinners, at the Governor's Mansion, wines, liquors, and all intoxicants are strictly forbidden, and the copious rooms heretofore used for germans, and other fashionable amusements, from eleven o'clock p. m. to three and four a. m., are now converted into meeting places for ladies' missionary and other benevolent societies, and if her example was carried out, North Carolina would rank as the first State in the Union for true piety and Christian benevolence.

Dr. Cyrus Thompson, Secretary of State, has just been elected Superintendent of Central Methodist Sunday-school, and is trying to make his influence felt for good in the church, as well as in the State.

Z V. Walser, Attorney-General, is a consistent member of the Protestant Methodist Church, and takes an active part in all the work of his church.

Honest William H. Worth, State Treasurer, is a consistent member of the church known as Friends or Quakers. Its members are characterized for their honesty and righteousness.

Hal W. Ayer, State Auditor, is a regular attendant at the Baptist Tabernacle and responds to all its calls for benevolent purposes.

J. M. Mewboorne, Commissioner of Agriculture, is a member of the Deciple or Christian Church, and is held in high esteem all over the State for his purity of character.

J. Y. Hamrick, Commisioner of Labor Statistics, is a member of the Baptist Church and is a regular attendant of the Baptist Tabernacle, both church and Sunday school, and has the full confidence of all his brethren.

C. H. Mebane, Superintendent of Public Instruction, is a consistent member of the German Reform Church, and is taking an active part, as teacher, in the Central Methodist Sunday school.

R A. Cobb, State Librarian, is a member of the Methodist Church, and is never better contented than when doing some humble service in the Master's cause.

Rev. Barns, Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds, is a leading minister in the Church of the Deciples, and carries his religion into his secular duties as well as into the pulpit.

C. C. Fagan, Equalization Clerk to Railroad Commission, is a member of the Baptist Church, and lives up to his profession.

J. L. Ramsey, Secretary of the Board of Agriculture is a subscriber to the Presbyterian faith, and no man can be a consistent worshipper in this church who does not conform to the requirements of the Ten Commandments.

If space would permit. we could mention many others holding important positions, who are leading as consistent lives as those we have mentioned, and with this array of high State officials, leading the exemplary lives that they are, we can't think the State is in danger of being shipwrecked by dishonest and unprincipled rulers.

R. A. C.

TIE TRUST WHIPPEED.

Wire Ties And The Allliance Boycott Did It.

Col. D. P. Duncan, manager of the State Alliance exchange, yesterday afternoon returned from Washington, where he has been for several days on business of great importance to the cotton growers of the State. He went on to Sumter in the afternoon.

Col. Duncan, it will be remembered led the fight made last year in many of the southern States, particularly in South Carolina, against the flat cotton tie trust, introducing a wire tie which, after a big fight, the importers were forced to accept. Before the season was out thousands of bundles of the wire ties were manufactured and sold all through the South. many of the growers boycotting the flat tie trust which had had them at its mercy so long

Colonel Duncan has found from his visit to New York that the farmers will have no more trouble about the tie trust. Several companies have gone to manufacturing the flat ties on a large scale and they are now offering to purchasers all the flat ties that they can handle at 15 cents a bundle less than the actual wire used last season could be bought at. In other words, the prices have fallen until the flat ties can be purchased at 15 cents less per bundle than the crude wire to be made into the ties can be bought at.

While the fight made against the trust was thought by many to be useless, the above statement of facts seems to show that it was exceedingly effective. No doubt there will be general rejoicing among the cotton growers of South Carolina at the result.—Columbia State.

THE MAN TO TRUST.

I went to Poughkeepsie once with with another lawyer and a detective in plain clothes, who was escorting a prisoner who was to be resentenced there. The prisoner was shackled to the detective. They sat in the seat ahead of that occupied by the other lawyer and myself.

The train stopped 15 minutes at Poughkeepsie for lunch, and in order not to expose the manacled prisoner to a curious crowd I suggested that we sit in the car for a few minutes after the train had stopped, to allow the passengers to alight and go to the lunchroom and then go quietly to a carriage which awaited us. The others agreed, and we sat still.

A nervous passenger who had ridden in the same car with us from New York and who did not know that one of us was a condemned criminal wished to get out for lunch and thought it advisable to ask some one to keep an eye on his hand baggage in his absence.

He hesitated until he saw only four of us left. Then he approached and looked keenly at each of us in turn. After a close scrutiny of our countenances he leaned over, tapped the prisoner on the shoulder and said:

"Will you be good enough, sir, to keep an eye on my baggage while I get a bite to eat?"—New York Herald.

NEW RIVER, ONSLOW COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA.

Addendum.

Correspondence of The Progressive Farmer.
RICHLANDS, N. C.

In your valuable paper of April 27th, I attempted to show facts relative to New River, in Onslow county, N. C, and referred to it as one among the most valuable rivers in the State, if not in the United States of America.

The Queen of Sheba said to Solomon in speaking of the greatness and grandness of his wisdom, his court and his kingdom, "that the one half his greatness had not been told; that he exceeded the fame that she had heard of him in her own country."

Just so about New River. The one-half has not been told. In order to satisfy yourself, do like the Queen of Sheba did; come and see for yourself.

Solomon imported gold and silver, ivory, apes and peacocks. The Queen of Sheba evidently came from Africa, and King Solomon gave to the Queen of Sheba all her desire, and some writers refer to this as an evidence that in Central Africa there is a race superior in color and intelligence to all other Africans, and the 12th chapter of Numbers states that Moses had married an Ethiopean woman, the very best evidence in the world that she was black. She was not the Priest of Midan's daughter, that is evident, and Moses was an expert on polygamy. But I will let that go, unless some Bible reconstructionist desires to tackle me on it.

I am at loss to find language, paragraphs and sentences to draw a picture of facts and impress it upon the mind of the reader as to the beauty, utility, and great blessing that God vouchafed to man in giving us this great inland sea in Onslow, called New River. When I consider its inexhaustable supply of fine oysters, trout, salt water fish of every variety, crab, sea turtle, diamond back terapins, porpoise, alligators, duck and wild geese, and its branches where fresh water fish abound, and where the shad and herrings come in the spring of the year. And when I consider these abundant blessings and remember that they were given us by the Great Creator, and that His first words to man were, "Be fruitful," I am lost in wonder and love to Him—He who sits upon the Circle of the Earth and rules all things.

Near the inlet of New River, on Brown's Banks, open to the sea breeze which sweep the Atlantic Ocean from the island of Cuba to North Carolina is located a hotel, a resort for those in summer who love the salt-water bath and the cool, refreshing sea breeze; and in winter for those who eat crabs, oysters and fish and who delight in the sport of shooting wild duck and geese. Near by, on the main land, in Wolf Pitt district, the wild deer of the forest are found in abundance—more so than in any other part of Onslow—all of which invite pleasure-seekers to visit Onslow. The steamboat runs almost daily from Jacksonville down the river to the sea and the fare is but a trifle to go and come. We invite you to visit us and see this favored county and take a boat-ride on New River and sleep a few nights at the hotel on the beach. Come! bring capital and your improved farming implements; buy land and locate in Onslow county, N. C., and we will receive you with open arms and give you a hearty shake of the hand and tell you to enter and be at home and one of us, to help develop the unbounded wealth of this highly favored county, for we need at least ten families where we have one now. There is room and cheap land in an abundance. We not only have a river, but a railroad also. The Wilmington, Newbern & Norfolk Railroad goes directly through Onslow, thus connecting our wealth and people with the outside world. The high, steep banks on New River in some places are from ten to twelve feet high, washed by salt water. Such is the case at Bay View, where Mr. Westbrook and Dock Porter have a nursery and strawberry farm started. The place is laid off into blocks and streets in order to sell lots and begin a town there. It is open to the river and Stone's Bay, and right in the oyster garden station of New River and only about three miles from the railroad. A branch of the road is expected to reach the new town, the right-of-way and the road now being trimmed out, but the grading has not yet commenced. This is proof that, sooner or later, the shipment by rail of oysters, fish, strawberries and fruit will be forwarded from the new town of Bay View. Shoal water gradually deepening as you go out for three hundred or four hundred yards is where the oyster gardens are laid off The channel being near the middle of the river prevents steamers or sail vessels from coming near the shore in order to put passengers or freight on or off. To remedy this, wharves are built out a long ways, four hundred or five hundred yards, by driving down posts and covering them with plank, and they are wide enough to drive a horse and cart on and turn to get goods or put on farm products at the edge of the channel.

It is a wonder to the writer why clams do not grow in New River. They do well in Bogue and Cero Sounds and in places in White Oak River; but do not grow in New River. A few years ago New River had many porpoise in its waters, but of late years they are seldom seen there.

The railroad enables the New River men to send the finny tribe and oysters a kiting. It's a navigable river and helps us. If the bar does sand up the railroad won't. Alligators are found in New River ten to twelve feet long. Alligator skins are valuable. A pair of boots of them sell for $10. Send the hides to Boston to a proper house and soon they are tanned and made into boots, and you get a fancy pair. Time would fail me to tell you of Samson, Giddeon and Barack.

J. H. FOY.

IN MEMORIAM.

The undersigned having been appointed a committee to draft resolutions of respect upon the death of J. W. Pattillo, a consistent number of this Alliance beg leave to submit the following preamble and resolutions:

WHEREAS, According to the will and pleasure of our Omnipotent Master, He saw fit on the night of the —— day of March, 1897, to remove from our Order our beloved Bro. J. W. Pattillo, a consistent and kind member. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That in the death of Bro. Pattillo this Alliance has lost a noble defender of its cause and a strict adherent to our principles.

2 That he was esteemed by this Alliance for his generosity and kindness as a neighbor, and that he was always foremost with his mite to remove the distress from any source; and as to integrity and honesty of purpose, he stood rather above the average of men.

3 That we are consoled in his death because he left satisfactory evidence with his family of divine acceptance prior to his death

4 That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the Minutes of this Alliance, a copy be sent to the family of our deceased brother and a copy be sent to THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER for publication.

5. That this Alliance wear the usual badge of morning for thirty days.

JNO H. WHITE,
G. H. FLEMING,
J. F. P. HORTON,
Committee.

The above resolutions were unanimously adopted April 17, 1897.

[SEAL] W. J. BISHOP, Sec'y.

BRIDE WAS COOL.

While a marriage ceremony was being performed near Danville, Va., a kerosene lamp flamed up and was about to explode when the bride seized it and hurled it through a window. The groom then came out from under the table, where he had hidden, and the ceremony proceeded.

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NEW FACT OF HISTORY.

Captain John Smith's Party Was Not the First to Settle at Jamestown.

Year by year the apparently most substantial facts of history are being disproven. The world was a short time ago startled by the discovery of archaeologists that beneath the ruins of the ancient Assyrian city of Nippur, thought to be the oldest city in the world, there lay hidden another whose antiquity far antedated that of the one with which they had long been acquainted.

This was astonishing and starting because of the ruthless manner in which it upset our old established chronology, but a discovery just made by Hon. Walter Clark, of this State, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, will be of far more immediate interest to the people of North Carolina and Virginia.

John Smith and his companions were not the first settlers at Jamestown.

Astonishing as is this statement, Justice Clark has apparently every proof, showing that nearly 60 years before the expedition of Sir Walter Raleigh landed at Roanoke Island, and 81 years before John Smith landed at Jamestown, the Spaniards made a settlement on the identical land that afterwards was occupied by the English as Jamestown.

This Spanish colony consisted of 600 persons, men, women and children, with priests and physicians, horses and cattle.

It is strange that Alexander Brown, of Virginia, the scholarly author of "Brown's Genesis of the United States," who had access by permission of the Spanish Government to the royal archives pertaining to the early settlement of America, should have failed to discover the fact brought to light by Justice Clark.

D'Ayllon, the leader, died of malaria. Civil war broke out, and after a year the colony named San Miguel was abandoned. Its very existence was unknown even to Bancroft, but recent researches in the naval library at Semancas, in Spain, unearth the records of this earliest and unfortunate colony, which antedated St. Augustine by 40 years.—Fredericksburg, Va., Star.

A FAIR FARMER.

Miss Sue M. Comer, a young lady living near Madison, brought her crop of tobacco to Winston yesterday. It was sold at Brown's Warehouse to-day and brought the young lady a good, round price. She raised the crop herself, came to market with it, and looked after the sale

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