

Farmers Alliance Litigation

Mr. L. Keitt Says That All Alleged Claims Must be Proved.

To the Editor of The State:

The decision of the supreme court dismissing the appeal from Judge Gary's order, directing the master of Richland county to advertise for creditors and stockholders of the Farmers' Alliance exchange, appears to be based upon a question of fact raised by testimony that there are no creditors of the exchange, and the statement of Messrs M L Donaldson and J C Coit's attorney, who declined to submit proof of the alleged claims while Mr Donaldson was present at the reference.

I desire, for the benefit of the stockholders, who are numerous throughout the State, to refer to the following extracts of the report of the committee on litigation to the county trustees.

"The directors cannot recognize the claims of Donaldson and Coit as valid, and no others have been presented. The directors have no desire to dishonor the exchange by an effort to avoid payment of any just claims. On the 26th of May testimony was taken by Mr John S Verner, master of Richland county. Mr M L Donaldson was present, but did not undertake to prove his claim. We say to you gentlemen that there are no creditors of the Farmers' Alliance exchange, and we will defeat any claims that are presented. We care not where or when alleged claimants file their claims the courts are open to them, but in justice to ourselves, in justice to you, and in protection of the beneficiaries you represent, we protest against the stockholders filing their claims with the master."

A full meeting of the county trustees, to whom this report was made, adopted the following resolution unanimously:

"Resolved, third. In compliance with the request of the committee, we pledge ourselves not to file any claim in court unless it becomes necessary after final adjudication."

The master of Richland county advertised for claims, notwithstanding the appeal, but we have had no notice that Messrs. Donaldson and Coit wish to undertake to prove their claims. Their failure to meet the issue is the real obstruction. We are ready at all times to welcome and meet these alleged claims when an opportunity is offered, but we will resist an attempt to smuggle them through the court.

Jos. L. Keitt, Pomaria, S. C. April 22, 1905.

As the Bvy Understood It.

"During the taking of a religious census of the District of Columbia the past winter," relates a representative from Tennessee, "a couple of young ladies engaged in the work stopped at my home on Capitol Hill, and when the bell rang it was answered by the negro boy I brought from Tennessee with me. The ladies asked him:

"Will you please tell me who lives here?"

"'Yessum; Mistah Johnsing,' was the answer.

"Is he a Christian?"

"No, ma'am. He's er congressman from Tennessee."

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Criminal Thoughtlessness.

How strange it is that some men—good citizens, too, they are—will sign a petition praying for the pardon of criminals, commutation of a sentence, or recommendation the appointment of an incompetent person to fill this or that position, without giving the matter a serious thought. Either the said citizens fail to give the matter due consideration, or, what is worse, they have not the moral courage to decline to affix their signatures when that "still small voice," conscience, prompts a declination. There was a time when the names of a score or a hundred citizens to a petition meant something, carried great weight with it. It is not always true now. Why, do you ask? Because signatures can be had for the asking, the signers not taking the time to consider the why or wherefore of the petition, the merits or demerits of the case.

When a petition of any nature whatsoever is presented, before signing it, a person should ask himself this question—"Can I conscientiously sign this?" He should not consider whether it is the popular thing to do or not. Always let such matters be weighed from the standpoint of duty and conscience, and not from the standpoint of personal popularity or furtherance of selfish ends. Were it in our power we would restore the petition to its pristine place. Then the one to whom it is addressed would know what credence or weight to accord it.—Edgelfield Advertiser.

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"What man has had the audacity to drink whiskey out of this glass?"

"I did," promptly replied a traveling man who had, his share of courage and bravado.

"Well, where are you concealing the bottle?"—San Francisco Chronicle.

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Gentlemen of the jury, charging a jury is a new business to me, as this is my first case. You have heard all the evidence as well as myself. You have heard what the learned counsel have said. If you believe what the counsel for the plaintiff has told you, your verdict should be for plaintiff; but if, on the other hand, you believe what the defendant's counsel has told you, then you will find a verdict for the defendant; but if you are like me, and don't believe what either of them said, then I'll be dogged if I know what you'll do. Constable take charge of the jury.

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