

ALLIANCE DEPARTMENT.

J. F. NISBET Editor.

We would be glad to have reports from the sub-Alliances on Alliance topics, farming, in all of its phases, the money question, free silver, the tariff and anything in a non-partisan way.

Some Alliancemen would like to have a few more sacks of guano and if they will report to me at once how much they will need and make up a car load—100 sacks—I will try to get it.

A great many farmers have thought for a long time that the fertilizers on the market do not contain enough of potash. There is a little book entitled Potash in Agriculture or the Farmer's Guide and three or four other works on agriculture that will be sent free of charge to any farmer who applies for them. Address The German Kali Works,

93 Nassau St.,
New York City.

We have them and consider them valuable works.

Hopewell Alliance will meet next Sat. the 8th, at 2 o'clock, p. m. Every member is expected to be present as business of importance will be transacted.

W. G. A. PORTER,
Pres.

FERTILIZERS FOR COTTON.

Florida Soft Phosphate, Cottonseed Meal, Crushed Cotton Seed, Etc.

In 1896 in addition to experiments on the farm of the Alabama station there were conducted under the direction of the station 27 fertilizer experiments with cotton in as many different localities. Reports were received from 24 sources, and the most conclusive of these constitute the basis for the result presented in a bulletin on the subject of which the following is a summary:

Florida soft phosphate, also known as natural plant food, proved inferior to high grade acid phosphate, pound for pound. The nitrogen contained in crushed cotton seed and cottonseed meal was equally valuable, pound for pound. On an average one pound of cottonseed meal proved as effective as 2 1/2-10 pounds of crushed cotton seed. In other words, 922 pounds of cottonseed meal proved equal in fertilizing value to 2,000 pounds of crushed cotton seed. According to these results, which, however, may be influenced by the unusual season, a farmer cannot afford to sell cotton seed and buy cottonseed meal until the ton price of seed is at least 40 per cent. of the ton price of the meal. For example, with cottonseed meal at \$20 per ton, crushed seed is worth on the farm \$9.20 for fertilizing purposes.

In testing the needs of the cotton plant 200 pounds per acre of cottonseed meal was used to furnish nitrogen, 240 pounds acid phosphate to supply phosphoric acid and 200 pounds kainit to afford potash. These fertilizers were not as a rule applied singly, but by twos and threes. The chief need of the soil was apparently phosphoric acid in three instances, potash in three cases and nitrogen in five soils. On 3 of these 14 soils phosphoric acid, potash and nitrogen were all about equally effective. A complete fertilizer, containing all three of the above mentioned fertilizer materials, was more effective on 9 out of 14 soils than was any combination of only two fer-

tilizers. Averaging the results for the 14 tests, the increase over the yields of unfertilized plots were as follows: With a complete fertilizer, an increase of 454 pounds of seed cotton per acre; with a mixture of cottonseed meal and acid phosphate, an increase of 378 pounds; with a mixture of cottonseed meal and kainit, a gain of 375 pounds; with a mixture of acid phosphate and kainit, 322 pounds. The average profits per acre from fertilizers were respectively \$6.04, \$5.63, \$5.78, and \$4.70.

The work of testing the manurial needs of different soils is being continued with cotton in 1897.

Advice to Farmers.

The advice given to the farmers by the State Gubernatorial Society, at Augusta, recently, to reduce their cotton acreage and increase the cereal crop, sounds farcical in the face of the fact that nine-tenths of the farmers have purchased their mules, fertilizers, etc., and are about ready to put the seed in the ground. After waiting so late we can't see why the advisory committee did not hit upon the 4th day of July as the proper time.

It is a difficult thing to do, this cutting down the cotton acreage. Talk is cheap, but it takes money to buy land. Every farmer is a business man on his own hook, with conditions, obligations and environments around him peculiarly his own. It no doubt would be better to reduce the crop, but thousands of farmers all over the South are forced to plant cotton, and we use the word forced advisedly. If a tenant, the landlord wants his rent in cotton; the guano man wants a cotton note; the merchant wants a note or mortgage based on cotton, and so on down the list, and the farmer is forced to plant cotton, nolens volens, to meet these monied obligations.

The landlords who work the negro and white tenants are as much and more to blame than any other class of people in forcing the planting of cotton. They buy meat, guano flour and other farm supplies, and sell to their tenants at prices that are simply shameful. If this is not done they divide profits with some town merchant, and it means the same to the poor fellow who has to pay it and with cotton. Never a word said about paying in corn, meat, peas, hay or cattle—it must be paid in cotton.

The system keeps them poor, and they are bound to cry hard times, and it is hard times with them, while the landlord gets a big rent and all the balance the tenant has, buys more land, builds more huts, and sets out some cotton orchards with negro tenants.

Mr. President of the State Gubernatorial Society says he is tired of hearing so much talk of hard times among the farmers. This reminds us of the boy who continued to bang on his little brother's head with a hammer, when his mother came out and said, "Oh, Willie, what is the matter with little Charlie?" "Nothing," the boy replied, "the little fool just hollers every time I hit him on the head with the hammer." That is the way the small farmers are forced to plant cotton and then called fools for making so much of it.

Break up the landlord system in this country, give every man a

chance to own a little farm of his own, and be his own boss about what he will and will not plant, and the question of reducing the cotton acreage in the South will settle itself.

However, this jimerow talk at these State Gubernatorial Society meetings will not amount to anything. Small farmers who own their own farms generally make their own corn, meat, etc., and other things to sell, besides cotton, while the big plantations raise nothing scarcely but cotton, and they are the men who need advice.—Georgia Planter.

No Dodging the Issue.

The Jefferson dinner at the Metropolitan hotel in this city on the 13th of April cleared the atmosphere. Bryan set the keynote when he asserted that the paramount issue of the Chicago platform of 1896 would be the issue in 1898, 1900, and until finally settled and settled right. The purring round of little men had created some alarm for fear the Democratic party would be diverted from its great mission and condescend to fight side issues with the Republican party while the gold party gained another victory. But all such nonsense was exploded and brushed aside, not only by the great speech of Mr. Bryan, but the speeches of such men as Jones, of Arkansas, Sibley, and others who were equally patriotic in their expressions in favor of first liberating the people from the chains of slavery which the gold standard has fastened upon the limbs of industry before considering other questions.

Another matter was set at rest. If anybody ever doubted that William J. Bryan would be our leader in 1900, as he was in 1896, such doubts were dispelled. He leads the people because his convictions lead him to do right. He is a hero, because he is earnest, honest, and eloquent. He is a reformer because he labors to relieve the intolerable sufferings which the people endure. The people love and admire him for the grand work in which he is engaged, and until that work is accomplished no man can take his place. His last trip to Washington has done him good. His argument in the Supreme Court established his reputation, not only in that court, but among the lawyers of America, as having a legal mind of grasp, force, and honesty of purpose. He was recognized as a power at the bar as a lawyer of the very highest grade before he had spoken one half hour. This was new to those who heard him ridiculed as the "boy orator of Platte."

The people have come to learn that Mr. Bryan can fill any place to which he may aspire and that he never falls below the occasion. His appearance in Washington was opportune. He came at a time when the Republican party is attempting to patch prosperity with the rags of adversity, and to further impose upon the people by promises never to be performed. He came to Washington to point to the people that they must obtain relief for the ills they suffer through their sovereign power at the ballot box.—S. K. W.

—The Cedar Creek Pension Board will meet at Carmel Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Jos. M. CASKEY,
Chairman.

—Waxhaw Pension Board will meet at Van Wyck Friday, May 7th. All applicants please take notice.

J. M. YODER,
Chairman.

—The Flat Creek Township Pension Board will meet at White Bluff on Saturday the 8th at 10 o'clock.

J. N. ESTRIDGE,
Chairman.

—The Pleasant Hill Township Pension Board will meet at Heath Spring on Saturday the 8th, at 10 o'clock.

W. B. BRUCE,
Chairman.

No Secrecy This Time.

At the recent examination of applicants for teachers' certificates, 8 whites and 19 colored presented themselves before the board. Papers of only the following have been examined:

- Annie C. Young, 1st grade.
- Crockett McMurray, 2nd grade.
- Nettie Price, 2nd grade.
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- May Bell, 2nd grade.

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For the Round Trip.

The Seaboard Air Line will sell round trip tickets from here to Wilmington, N. C. on account of the Southern Baptist Convention which meets in that city the first week in May, for \$6.60.

They have also made a round trip rate of \$11.00 from this point to Nashville, Tenn., to attend the Reunion of the Veterans in June. For further information apply to

Geo. McP. Batte,
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Charlotte, N. C.

—Louis Massey died last Thursday from the effects of injuries received a few hours before in a runaway. He was driving Mr. R. L. Sowell's team when they became frightened and ran off, dragging him some distance and afterward running over him and so injuring him that he died in a short time.

Fits Cured

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