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THE CAMPAIGN OF EDUCATION.

Some weeks ago the County Alliance lecturer Mr. Joel H. Miller published in the Journal that there would be a series of alliance meetings held in the county for the purpose of educating and enlightening the people on the important [illegible] And it was announced, presumably with a great deal of [illegible] pleasure, that [illegible] A. C. Latimer would [illegible] Cedar Rock and wanted [illegible] they be he [illegible] and enlighten us. [illegible] his appearance from [illegible]

[illegible] what we have to say about them is [illegible] information received from others [illegible] and who have been and are [illegible] with the Tillman-alliance movement. In the first place were [illegible] a success from an educational standpoint? The meeting at Cedar [illegible] was attended by about two or three hundred people. Of this number it is fair to assume that about one third of [illegible] were ladies and children; and it would be fair to say about one third of the [illegible] the meetings were ladies and [illegible] At [illegible] the crowd was estimated at two hundred and at Mountain Grove about seventy-five. We have not heard from Six Mile and Liberty but presume that the attendance would average [illegible] places. With this [illegible] we conclude that there were about seven hundred [illegible] at these meetings. This is one third of the voting strength of the county. A part of these were probably [illegible] were not old enough to vote and [illegible] who went from curiosity. It would be difficult to even imagine the number who [illegible] The style of education is nothing new. Every man, woman and child [illegible] could read have read and heard of the subject matter of the speeches for several years. In fact since the formulation of the Ocala demands. That is the line of education. They discuss and talk [illegible] these demands until everybody knows them by heart. But what about the [illegible] are arousing [illegible] attendance. This may be an [illegible] people are becoming tired of so much [illegible] and want to see something [illegible] They were made to believe that all of their misfortunes were caused by the State government, that the State was a bed of political corruption and had been ruled by a set of thieves. [illegible] were told all such stuff as this and were promised that if they would elect Governor Tillman and a legislature [illegible] that they would soon be [illegible] The [illegible] would be abolished, [illegible] reduced, taxes made less and the [illegible] We knew at the time that this [illegible] to get the [illegible] put men in office who could never have got [illegible] other way. None of these things which were promised has been done and the people see it and realize it. They are satisfied that they have been duped and are very slow to hang on to things they are not sure of.

[illegible] are still keeping up the same old strain but have shifted from the State to the National Government. [illegible] they were told that if they [illegible] Governor Tillman and let [illegible] the State of the rottenness and political [illegible] they would be [illegible] nothing of State [illegible] Cleveland [illegible] The great bulk of [illegible] Mr. Cleveland and [illegible] They are not disposed to [illegible] opportunity to try to do anything. We some times think that [illegible] President Cleveland and his administration will do something [illegible] the people and Othello's occupation would be gone. This we believe Mr. Cleveland [illegible] extra congress [illegible] should [illegible] State [illegible] Third [illegible] all over the [illegible] now that it is [illegible] money [illegible] have been in [illegible] years.

It is said [illegible] speeches at these alliance rallies [illegible] line we have mentioned. [illegible] the Democratic and Republican parties and boasting the Third [illegible] glad to know that it [illegible] Lecturer Jefferies is reported [illegible] that as long as Cleveland held the reins and the Democratic party was in power the alliance would never get their demands. This is truth, because Mr. Cleveland and every other wise statesman sees the folly of some of the measures advocated by the alliance. But we believe that if our congressmen will lay aside the fear of losing a few votes and follow the plan mapped out by President Cleveland, the people will get something which will do them more good than the free coinage of silver, the sub-treasury and other such measures.

Give President Cleveland and his administration a fair chance, and don't go to abusing them before they have an opportunity to do something. This is the first time in more than a quarter of a century we have had a thorough Democratic National Government and we believe it will do the people good unless there are too many congressmen hampered by the Third Party doctrine.

KANSAS AND SOUTH CAROLINA.

We read a long interview taken from the New York Times by a resident of Kansas on the political situation in that State and were struck of the similarity of things there and in this State. It will be remembered that Kansas is enjoying the rule and reign of the Populists party, the only State in the Union we believe which is thus governed. All the other States are governed by Republicans or Democrats. Two or three are governed by Populists in Democratic clothes. But here is a brief synopsis of things in general in Kansas as related in that interview:

"We are slumbering over a volcano. Few people seem to realize what is going on daily, though there are some who believe they see a return of the days when blood was to be found in every settlement. I am in no sense an alarmist, but I see all the evidence of a conspiracy to wreck the State, if possible.

"The movement regarding the militia is but a portion of what is going on. Governor Lewelling, the other State officers, the leading papers of the party, and its most influential men, all seem to be guided by one impulse, and are working with an understanding that is not mere chance. The Governor has been 'squaring himself' with the most vicious element in the State. Not only has he, through his subordinate officials, directed the strike among the coal miners now in progress, but he has invaded the penitentiary and has [illegible] who have returned to their former [illegible] to terrorize all those who were instrumental in securing their incarceration.

"The public admission of Attorney General Little that the State is unable to enforce the prohibitory law, and that the towns and cities should have the saloon revenues in order to lessen taxation, and his final conclusion in that remarkable State document that 'men must live, and if the nation adopts a policy by which they are unable to supply themselves and their families with food, these people will have it,' and starving men will resort to anarchy, are not chance utterances in a [illegible] per. It is but a part of the [illegible] process now going on uninterruptedly.

"Following this comes the [illegible] mustering in two companies of [illegible] These companies have been [illegible] for months, and now when [illegible] listed in a portion of the National Guard they are fully prepared [illegible] be as soon as they receive their arms and accoutrements. The action of the Governor in violating a provision of the law by commissioning a Colonel of one of the infantry regiments is clearly in accordance with well-laid plans. The law provides that the Colonel of a regiment shall be elected by vote of commissioned officers of that regiment. Had the officers held an election the man commissioned would not have been selected, as you well know. Should the officers in their indignation [illegible] for this being in [illegible] such [illegible] would see their removal, for the past actions of the Governor [illegible] his intention to remove every officer [illegible] a Democrat or a Republican. [illegible] parties have a [illegible] of these parties [illegible] and other incapables [illegible] their places.

"But their work does not stop [illegible] Secretary of State Osborne [illegible] as the County Clerks and next year we will have no trouble in securing the Legislature.'

"It is known that other State officers have said the same thing. The Advocate, the official organ of the party, has given editorial utterances to the same effect. In accordance with that idea every energy of the Populists is now being directed to secure the various County Clerks [illegible] offs. Every other office will be traded off for these two. There can be but one object in this. The Clerks can make such returns as they please, upon which certificates of election will be issued. There will thus be not only all the State officers and members of the House of Representatives declared elected, but the eight members of Congress as well. Long before that time the militia will be fully reorganized and prepared to enforce the commands of officials who have shown in the past that they are unscrupulous and ready to shed blood to accomplish their purposes. When the Legislature assembles it will be to meet in a building under military rule, and only such persons will be admitted as may bear the credentials issued by Governor Lewelling. That body will be organized with every corridor of the State House well [illegible]

"The party that has gained control of Kansas, aided by the disappointed office seekers from other parties, is but an outgrowth of the old Union Labor party that so nearly wrecked the State six years ago. Within that party was an Anarchistic organization known as the Videttes, the avowed purpose of which was to burn, destroy and murder. The Videttes in turn were controlled by an inner circle known as the 'Committee of Fourteen,' which directed all their affairs and issued orders which were faithfully obeyed. The [illegible] that committee of fourteen are today leading men in the Populist party, who practically control the present political course. The official organ of the party and the official paper of [illegible] Governor Mined [illegible] Anarchists [illegible] Parsons and [illegible] these [illegible] now [illegible] Populist party.

"Another [illegible] that committee [illegible] control of the State [illegible] is something that [illegible] only recently. [illegible] leading men of the [illegible] last week, held in the office of the Secretary of State, which were attended [illegible] dozen men whose names [illegible] the State. Part of the proceedings of [illegible] meeting have been made [illegible] a man who furnished the [illegible] information two years ago. [illegible] forth was to inflate [illegible] as much as [illegible] to the [illegible] be [illegible] In this way the [illegible] cy would be relieved, and money would be plentiful. In the next Legislature a bill is to be introduced and passed, if control of that body can be secured, suspending the operation of all laws for the collection of debts, and giving the borrowers indefinite time for payments, letting taxes accumulate as a lien on the estate against the mortgages. In addition, the State laws relating to banking, to [illegible] the constitutional provisions, are to be repealed, to the end that the State Government may be permitted to issue an unlimited amount of credit notes on the wealth of the State. Foreign property [illegible] railroad corporations, are to be made to pay the taxes necessary to run the State and counties, while the charges for freight and passengers are to be fixed [illegible] not now pretended that [illegible] all this, but [illegible] just as they occur."

"The time has come when citizens should awaken to what is going on about them, or we shall have a struggle that can end only in one way, the spilling of blood, and much of it at that. These people do not care for precedent or for the good name of the State, and they hope to involve other States in the struggle. Their cry for free silver is not honest. They have seized this as a popular thing in the States which they hope to control, and thus blind the people to their real purpose."

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But we notice that great reformers will differ about men and measures as well as other people. For instance, there is [illegible] of opinion between Reformer [illegible] and Reformer [illegible] and Ben Tillman regarding that huge oak, John L. M. Irby.

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[illegible] Carolina is perhaps the greatest folly ever committed by an American State [illegible] than the blackguardism of the two or three men who are trying to make themselves masters of the people of South Carolina. They seem to think that in order to become great it is only necessary to demonstrate the profession of all the traits which distinguish the bully and the ruffian."—St. Louis Republic.

We are a reformer all the way through and have backed Governor Tillman in all of his campaigns. But we can't go Irby. He must be made to take a back seat in the councils of the party. His action at the residence of Col. Shaw makes him too heavy a load for the Reformers to carry, and we must throw him overboard.—Orangeburg Times and Democrat.

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