

HIS REMEDY IS AS BAD AS THE DISEASE.

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Dr. R. L. Beall, of Lenoir, N. C., in a recent communication to the *Hickory Press and Carolinian*, takes occasion to warn the Alliance of this State against certain imaginary evils, in which he sees, or thinks he sees, omens of confusion, if not of overthrow and ruin.

Bro. Beall, in the first part of his article, says some good things, which are calculated to convince every Alliance reader that the Doctor "has been there." But, like many others, his zeal for his "first love" is so intense as to lead him into the mistake, that Alliancemen, as such, are not to participate in politics.

Whereas, he will find, if he will carefully and properly reconsider the matter, that it is "*partisanship*" and not politics, that we as a body are to avoid.

Modern Democracy and Republicanism have both signally failed to protect the farmers and laborers, or even to give them a fair showing. Where, then, is the reason for inviting some "foreign fox" to keep our geese, or a "stranger wolf" to guard our lambs?

Bro. Beall advises Alliancemen, under certain circumstances, to withdraw from the majority and resolve themselves into a "*Democratic meeting*," seeming to forget that some Alliances have a majority of Republicans. There are many such Alliances in North Carolina. Such Republican brethren would probably feel that the time had come for a reciprocal action; and thus "*partisan politics*" would interpose to mar the fair escutcheon of that fraternity of which we are voluntary members.

To illustrate: It is conceded by all that Ingalls, Gordon and Vance are opposed, at least to the *main issues* of the Alliance. Now, if the Alliance Democratic representatives of Georgia and North Carolina conscientiously lay aside their principles and rights, *merely to serve party*, elect Gordon and Vance, is it reasonable to expect the Alliance Republican representatives of Kansas to vote against Ingalls? Yes. It shows good sense and patriotism for *them* to forsake *their party and leader* for principle; but for a Southern Democrat to do such a thing, is treason in the first degree. It's all right for a North Carolina editor to demand of an Ex-President of the United States that he abandon his views on the "Silver Question" and espouse that of the Alliance, or threaten him with a "boycot" of the whole State; but for the farmers to demand of their own Senator, a man whom they have honored above all men, a man whom they have paid, or caused to be paid thousands and thousands of dollars, that he support a measure, which he himself admits the "*principles to be just and right*," it is an unpardonable sin. "O consistency, consistency, thou art a jewel!"

Now, as the Doctor solicits suggestions from the brethren, I will begin by saying: Doctor, if you think the Alliance of North Carolina will accept the two last paragraphs of your article as good "Alliance doctrine," let me suggest the idea that perhaps after all, you are not posted well enough to offer a prescription in this case. The next time you come to Catawba, don't tarry all the while in Hickory, but come out in the country among the brethren and get some pure, unadulterated Alliance pills and you will get better. There is no man living that, if he were to canvass the State of North Carolina against the Sub-Treasury and, at the same time, ask the suffrage of the people, could be elected by *any party to any office*. Try it Doctor. No one else has dared to do so.

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