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NOTES AND OPINIONS.

Gathered From All Parts of the Field, Showing a Healthy Growth of Sentiment and Vigorous Work.

Ohio is marching to the front with colors flying. President Polk announces 600 flourishing sub-Alliances already organized within the boundaries of our loyal sister state. Hurrah for "old Ohio!"—*Advocate.*

Jerry Simpson's prediction that the People's party will carry at least seven southern states next year is not pleasing the Democratic boss-half as much as the carrying of Kansas did.—*Statesman, Oswego, Kan.*

If the people put a saddle on their backs and invite the monopolist to get on and ride, and he does not do it he is a fool. If the monopolist puts a saddle on the people's back and then attempts to get on and ride, and the people do not kick, they are fools. Which fool are you?—*Alliance Sentinel.*

How can a man ever get out of debt, as long as he pays a higher rate of interest on the money he borrows, than his own business can make? There is no way. Of all people in the world the farmer pays a higher rate of interest than any other class. What can benefit them? Low interest, that is easily obtained through the Sub-Treasury bill. Cheap money is what the farmer wants.—*Farmer's Advocate, Tarboro, N. C.*

At the annual meeting of the Wisconsin State Agricultural society President Parkinson delivered his annual address, devoting it wholly to the subject of "The Farmers in Politics," and holding emphatically the belief that one of the farmers first duties was to be a politician. He predicted that unless legislation in the interest of the masses was soon had, half of the wealth of this country would be controlled by 10,000 men by the end of twenty-five years. He urged the election of farmers to state legislatures and to congress, and deplored the fact that there was scarcely enough farmers in congress to constitute an agricultural committee.

It is a privilege often granted by the capitalist to let the producer eat bread from the crop he has raised, and it is a privilege some men are grateful for. It is difficult to get some men to understand that they have any rights and to discern clearly what those rights are. Until the masses do see it and exhibit a determination to defend it, the overthrow of tyranny by which they suffer can only be of temporary duration. There are plenty of people acting automatically with the exploiting classes who see the wrong of the present system, but they will let the exploited classes suffer so long as they suffer willingly and without resistance.—*Farm View, Potterville, Cal.*

We do not wish to get in anybody's way, but we do want the people to read reform papers. They must do that or remain in bondage. The party papers will not dare not discuss reform questions. They say nothing about the financial distress of the people. They entirely ignore it. Hence they have neither cause to present nor remedy to propose. They teach only that which the politicians teach, and wish things to remain just as they are. How can those who read these papers and nothing else be expected to understand the situation? They struggle with the hard times, and know there is something wrong, that there is something different from what it used to be, but they have no means of knowing what it is, why it is or how it can be remedied, because their papers never tell them anything about it. Hence we urge the people

to read reform papers; if not the P. P., then some of the other reform papers that are now being published all over the country.—*Progressive Farmer, Mt. Vernon, Ill.*

The work done by the Alliance in endeavoring to rescue the farmers from a state of slavery should meet with the hearty approval of all good citizens of this country. The leaders and enthusiastic members may make blunders occasionally, but these should be overlooked when we know they are zealously working for chances to free them from the shackles forged for them to wear by political demagogues who care but for self-aggrandizement.—*Exponent, Comanche Texas.*

The *Leader-Courier* of Kingman, Kansas, last week published twenty-one columns of solid nonpartisan sheriff's sale notices, foreclosure sales of farm and city property and in the same paper argues that this country already has all the silver dollars that it can use or absorb. Such is the logic of the editors who are receiving full legal rates for printing sheriff sale notices. Surely he is getting all the dollars he needs, whether he has all that he wants or not is another question. Doubtless he tells the people that times are prosperous, and they are with him and the sheriff.—*Independent, Haven, Kan.*

The county meeting of the Farmers and Laborers' Union last Saturday was one which added fuel to the flames of reform. The hall was uncomfortable filled and the work of the delegates was greatly assisted by timely suggestions from the visitors. Everybody was in earnest and while the subject of a third party was not discussed, it was plainly evident that the representatives of twenty five hundred of Nodaway's best citizens knew that relief from the burden of monopoly and excessive taxation would never come through the old parties. We must look to the new.—*The Ledger, Burlington Junction, Mo.*

The Gulf shops laid off 60 of its employees—object—starve them for a month and then offer them jobs at reduced wages. Very cunning procedure. R. R. managers are paid high salaries to devise ways and means to impoverish their employees and thus keep them continually in abject servitude. Glorious institutions, these railroads, operated for high salaries for the few, and breeding misery, destitution and ignorance for the many. A week ago the same thing was done in the Frisco shops, and all for the same purpose—shrewd management—exact business tactics. Keep them always at the point of starvation and they will remain subservient tools of monopoly.—*Union, Springfield, Mo.*

It is claimed that John Rockefeller could give every man, woman and child in the United States \$2 each and still have left the modest sum of \$1,000,000 with which to start a peanut stand. William Waldorf Astor could do the same thing, while our dear Jay could give \$1.60 each and have left \$900,000 with which to sink a well for more water. It is also stated that Mr. Jones and Mr. Brown who work hard ten hours each day, can only give their wives \$4.50 once a year, and Mr. Smith who works from 6 a. m. to 6 p. m., upon a section on a railroad at \$1.10 per day and supports a wife and five small children, says he would be a financial wreck if he squandered a dime.—*Living Issues.*

There may be no third party in 1892, but if not, there will be a wonderful shaking up and "swapping sides" in the two old parties. The people have been blinded so long to the evils of our financial system that they have arrayed themselves in opposite parties without reference to this subject. Many who have called

themselves Democrats will find that their ideas of finance do not run in Democratic channels, and vice versa. There will be no dodging of the issue. The people are determined that it shall not be ignored. The two parties must make plain their positions. If neither party makes positive and unequivocal declarations concerning finance—money—there will be a third party.—*Liberal Enterprise, Canthbert, Ga.*

The Republican press is just now very desirous to accomplish two objects: One is to convince the public that the reform movement has little or no foothold outside of Kansas, and the other is to convince the public that the movement is rapidly on the wane. But facts are just the reverse. Last fall the movement was confined pretty much to the rural districts. Now it is advancing like a wave, over the cities. In the state of Nebraska the Reform party carried a number of cities in the elections just held. Lincoln, Beatrice, Broken-Bow, Greeley, Center, Indianola, Dakota City, Blair, McCook, Fairbank, Seward and others, notwithstanding the fact that Republicans and Democrats combined in nearly every instance.—*Journal, Ottawa, Kan.*

The coining of paper money by the government for the purpose of loaning it to the people at not more than two per cent. a year, is one of the most important planks in the people's platform. The government has been loaning several millions to national banks for nearly thirty years at one per cent., so that the principle is not a new one. The only question is, do the farmers need the money? Unquestionably they do, not for the purpose of loaning to their neighbors, but to relieve themselves from usury and unjust taxation. The banker does not have this plea, has no necessity for the money. But the banker is a government pet, while the farmer is treated worse than a beast. It is time to make a change.—*Statesman, Oswego, Kan.*

The commercial convention at Kansas City last week gave President Harrison an opportunity to air his views on the coining of silver. He takes his place side by side and shoulder to shoulder too, with Cleveland on this question. Indeed it might be supposed that one person had written the letters of these two representative men of their respective parties. Both call silver coining an "experiment," pronouncing the people will forget that silver coining was the rule for seventy-five years, greatly to the advantage of the country. The stilted phrases about disaster resulting from the continued coining of silver, which both Cleveland and Harrison prate about, are the veriest flounders, and could only come from persons who are misinformed and chained by the money power.—*Statesman, Oswego, Kan.*

We see in so many papers in the last few weeks—papers that were heretofore silent on Alliance matters—old party papers; we see in so many of these, slanders on the Alliance and articles doubtless intended to disrupt the order, that we are forced to the belief that an order has been sent out by State committees, or possibly National committee, to open war upon the Alliance. This mode of warfare has been in active use in Kansas for a year, but has accomplished but little for the reason that there are over 100 Alliance papers there to disprove the false reports and present the truth. In many of the other states, however, the Alliance may fare worse from these attacks, as there is a less number of papers in them. We urge the workers to use continuous efforts to get a true Alliance paper into the

hands of every member. It is the only way to meet the campaign of slander and misrepresentation that has been inaugurated against the Alliance.—*Missouri World.*

The political bosses of the Republican party have been diligently employed for the last twenty years in "pointing with pride" to their past record. In view of the fact that their financial policy has created over seven thousand millionaires, three million tramps, ten million paupers and placed nine million mortgages on the homes of the people, they are certainly to be congratulated on their record. It took Imperial Rome more than a hundred years to accomplish less. Eight hundred years of English tyranny has not been able to pile up such colossal fortunes. Egypt is out done in grandeur; Babylon outrivaled in the concentration of her wealth, and Greece, "With her silver isles where burning Sapho loved and sung," made to pale in her crime against humanity when compared with this modern oligarchy, where man's right to the production of his labor is denied by law.—*National Reformer.*

Pertinent Inquiries.

National Reformer, St. Louis, Mo.

If the Democratic party will nominate Grover Cleveland for the next president?

Why the Democratic party favors Cleveland and at the same time pretends to favor the free coining of silver?

If either of the old parties will have the moral courage to incorporate into their national platform, in 1892, the demands of organized labor?

Just how far a man has to expand his conscience to endorse the action of either of the old political parties and their leaders, and, at the same time claim to be a good Alliance-man?

They Are on the Slide.

The Democratic party in howling "free trade," and the Republicans "reciprocity." It looks now as if these will be the issues that will shake the two old parties in '92, as the ague does the swamp angels. In '89 the tariff was the question fought over so desperately, with only a few cents difference between them. By '92 both of their toboggans will be on one track and they will be about to the bottom of the slide that the people are preparing for them. We would recommend old party devotees to take time by the forelock, consult their dictionaries and ascertain how much difference there is between reciprocity and free trade before they get into their political dog-days.

Had a Hole in It.

Ottawa World

In years ago we carried two pocket pieces. One was a standard dollar with a hole in it and the other was a trade dollar. Time and time again we have gone into a store and made some small purchase and thrown down the standard dollar, but it wouldn't go for a dollar for the "reason" that there was a hole in it and some of the silver gone. Then we would pull out our old trade dollar only to be informed that it was only good for eighty cents. It had more silver in it than a good standard dollar (without a hole) and we would suggest that if we cut off enough of the trade dollar to plug up the hole in the standard dollar, and pare off enough more of the trade dollar to reduce its weight to that of the regular standard dollar we would be all right and have two hundred cent dollars. No merchant would hear to such a scheme, or agree to catch either dollar at 100 cents. One was too light, the other too heavy, and neither a legal tender. Then we would remark that possibly the government's flat had something to do with it.

Growth of the Alliance.

National View, Washington, D. C.

PENNSYLVANIA.
The State Alliance was organized April 14, 1890. There are now over 200 sub-Alliances with more than 10,000 members, and our friends are organizing at the rate of one Alliance a day, Sundays included.

WISCONSIN

Had only seventy-eight sub organizations last June. There are now 236 Alliances organized. Applications for charters are received by the Secretary every day, and there will be over 300 organizations by the end of next month.

WEST VIRGINIA

Was organized seven months ago; there are now 438 organizations reported, and the work is more vigorous and active than ever before.

KENTUCKY

The state secretary sent charters for sixty new sub-Alliances during the month of March. Eighty six of the 119 counties in the state are organized. There is a total of 2,100 sub-Union in the state with a membership of more than 100,000 farmers.

NEW ENGLAND

The new England states have been showing a lively interest in the Alliance for some time past. There has been hundreds of applications for Alliance literature, and particularly for the sub-treasury plan argument. In New Hampshire the interest has culminated in the organization of the Granite State Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union at Troy, and a demonstration was sent there last week. They are now calling for organizers, and think the time is ripe for good work in that section.

OHIO AND NEW YORK

State Alliances will be organized this month in Ohio and New York. Both are well equipped for entering upon active sub-Alliances, with a membership of over 8,000. New York has 241 sub Alliances with a membership exceeding 15,000.

VIRGINIA

There are 1,325 sub-organizations of the Farmers' Alliance in the state, and 94 counties are thoroughly organized.

IDAHO

The Farmers' Alliance is spreading in the state like hot cakes, no less than 41 branches having been formed in one week.

CALIFORNIA

There are already 365 sub organizations of the Farmers' Alliance in the state and thirty organizers in the field.

MINNESOTA

The number of Farmers' Alliance branches in the state is 1,433, and others are being organized at the rate of six or seven a week. The Alliance has 11,000 more members than at the time of the election last fall.

And that is what the Alliance is doing by way of perfecting its organization in the various states enumerated in the foregoing. Other industrial parties are equally active in pursuing the same course, since intimation of which we have already given in a former issue. The information contained in these items show but a small fraction of the work of organization now going on, but our readers will thereby get some idea of the drift and activity that is being manifested in this respect.

It will readily be seen from this brief outlook that these organizations are a mean business, and that, if necessary they will all be in good fighting for the great battle that is to be fought in the next general campaign.

The Iowa *Tribune* says, with great force and truth, "There is no single democratic or republican leader in America, of any prominence, who is to-day making an aggressive fight for the people on the great questions of finance, land and transportation."

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OFFICIAL.

To the Presidents of Sub-Alliances of the F. A. and I. U. of New Mexico. You are hereby requested to take action on the "Proposed Constitution and By-Laws of the Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union of New Mexico," at the next regular meeting of your sub-Alliance and report your action thereon to me.

When two thirds of the sub-Alliances of the Territory have approved said Constitution and By-Laws, I will declare the same by proclamation. J. N. COE, Pres. F. A. and I. U. of N. M. Attest W. L. BAKER, Sec.

HOW TO ORGANIZE AN ALLIANCE

Ten or more farmers, laborers, producers, including county school teachers or country preachers desiring to organize a Farmers' Alliance, in New Mexico, may do so on the following plan: Call a meeting at your school house or some suitable place, proceed to elect a chairman, secretary and treasurer. Deposit five cents each with your treasurer to pay organizing fee. Write to J. F. McDowell, Ed. Banner, Lincoln, N. M., who will furnish you copies of Constitution and By-Laws and as soon as practical an organizing officer will be sent to complete your organization, confer secret work, etc. An active campaign is now being prosecuted in a majority of the states and New Mexico fall into line.

W. L. BAKER, Sec. F. A. and I. U. N. M.

These members of it who do not intend to help the Southern wing elect a Democratic president, had better return to land and use the Republican party, which is now as it ever has been, always ready to forward any reforms which are of benefit to the people. Las Cruces Republican.

Well, let's get right down to business. Tell us in plain English some of the reforms the Republican party is in favor of. Put it straight and let's have no equivocation. Name some of 'em.

The Republicans of Kansas are working the Grand Army racket up to its fullest capacity in the hope that it may be a nucleus around which may be gathered the remnants of that party in that state. A sort of forlorn hope, a last stand before the final rout. Not content with capturing the organization in that state and converting every part into a Republican club, they are indulging in the boldest sort of lying, in the effort to create a prejudice against the Alliance by alleging that it is opposed to pensions and the enemy of the Grand Army of the Republic. After twenty-two years residence in Kansas, we are prepared to solemnly assert that when it comes to downright building gory and scoundrelism, the average Republican politician can give the devil points and then beat him.

The situation. The people know there is something wrong in this country. Many have found the cause, but many more are still groping in ignorance as to the causes that have led them up to their embarrassed and straitened condition, but they are thinking. Fellows, the time for pooh poohing has passed. You can't brush this reform movement aside with sneers and innuendoes. It has invaded New Mexico and you have got to meet it. Then meet it like men born of conviction. If the principles of the Alliance are wrong the people of New Mexico ought to know it. If you do not discuss these questions fairly and honestly thinking men will conclude you are either too ignorant or dishonest to do so.

On! On! On! Now comes the Rio Grande Republican, published over at Las Cruces, shies its censor into into the ring, and rails into the Banner for roasting the old parties. Our Las Cruces contemporary is a Republican organ, but gets fiery red headed at this paper because it exposed the hypocritical pretensions of the Democratic party's hero for the Alliance, as set forth by the Santa Fe Sun. In referring to our roasting of the Santa Fe organ of Democracy the 30 p. sheet down at Las Cruces says: "If a multiplicity of words meant hard acme the meteoric editorial would likely (?) cause a terrible stampede from the camps of the old reliable parties in New Mexico." Note that expression, will you? "Old reliable parties," and coming from a Republican organ! Call the Democratic party of New Mexico a "reliable party." Do you consider the Democracy reliable? If so, what are the Republicans fighting it for? Of what use are your two parties if both are "reliable?" You are both one in principle, and that is one of ample and equal abuse. Both are forever prating of virtues to which you are no more entitled than the veriest old prostitutes. Both old hands are for ever referring to Jefferson and Jackson, Lincoln and Seward, Grant and Douglas, Sumner and Greeley, and other men who made your parties glorious in the past, but chafers of these departed heroes' their names turn in their graves at the mere mention of modern Republicanism and Democracy. Think of "Old Hickory" as the tool and champion of the national banks, as was Grover Cleveland through his whole administration, and is yet? Think of Abraham Lincoln, Charles Sumner, Horace Greeley and other noble men who fought the Republican party's first battles, prostituting their efforts and abilities to the level of so-called Republican state-manship of to-day? Both of your rotten old hands are a disgrace to the memory of such heroes, who if permitted to return to earth, would treat your miserable hypocritical pretensions with scorn and contempt. There is not a particle of difference between your parties to-day. The national banks, the railroads, syndicates, combines, backed by the money power of the world, and by your racially unprincipled leaders, and supported by the ignorant and faithless partisans, control both of your parties, and take good care that no principle is espoused by either party that will in any way interfere with their plans to continue the system that enables the infernal thieves to rob the masses. What a sweet scented lot you are! Republicans get hot if the Democrats are assailed by the Alliance, the People's party or any other organization outside of the ranks of the old twins, and vice versa, and each comes to the other, and yet pretending to be bitter enemies! How hot our Republican neighbor at Las Cruces got because we showed up Democratic hypocrisy! Let the Alliance kick one of your old hulks of rottenness and both of you are set to rubbing the bruise. Let a new party make it warm for you—as is being done all over the country, and in your efforts to cove the gull bugs and plutocrats generally and defeat the people, you will crawl in bed with each other and forget your life long enemies. In the late city and township elections in the state, hundreds of instances are cited where you old co partners in crime and vicious legislation came together like

zucking doves, and notwithstanding their combine, had the birds thrashed off of them by the people. Modern Republicanism and Democracy are two links of sausage made from the same dog.

A book is soon to be issued by a man living in Randolph county, West Virginia, disclosing the signs, passwords and secrets of the Farmers' Alliance. The author was a charter member of the order, but had trouble with the leaders and intends giving their secrets away to punish them for alleged insults. The announcement of the forthcoming publication is creating intense excitement among members of the order throughout the state, and efforts are being made to suppress its circulation. Advertiser, Socorro, N. M.

No doubt the subsidized, plutocratic, old party press would hail with delight a book of that kind, and its author to the skies and roll such traitorous scoundrelism under the tongue as a sweet morsel, but it would not effect the Alliance in its onward progress one iota, nor will the order be very much concerned for its safety on account of such treachery. Traitors to a cause are over the subjects of universal detestation and execration with the good and the true. No honest man, no true man, no man who recognizes his fellow man as a brother, and the Golden Rule as his faith, has ever been injured by the Farmers' Alliance as an organization, nor will it ever do so. The man who contented an expose of the secret work of the Alliance is a fool, a stupid ass and a traitor. The ritualistic work is not of the skull and cross bones, but of the iron order. The obligation assumed is not of a blood curdling nature, but all is plain and simple, but sufficient to guard its portals against the uninitiated, though traitors sometimes find their way in. There is just enough of secrecy in the Alliance to guard against the enemies of the people. This secrecy is as much a necessity to guard against the organized and allied enemies of the people, and the schemes of the rascally newspaper politicians, as it is for the commander of an army to keep his secrets from the enemy. Capital is ennobled and works in secrecy. The vicious legislation of the past quarter of a century could never have been accomplished had it not been concealed in the "dark room career." The same open counsel of the Alliance and other orders in their safe guards, is creating confusion in the ranks of the plutocrats, and is killing more politicians than any disease that has ever been among 'em.

We don't run a bank, nor do we own a railroad, and strange as it may seem, we do believe and always have believed to the laboring class of this country, and yet we do not believe in the grand combination of fiat money, patronage, syndicates, monopolies and combinations operated by the numerous demagogues and disappointed politicians who have come to the front in this well known and so easily mistaken order. Las Cruces Republican.

You, you fellows prate about fiat money, and you never saw a dollar in your life that was current that was not that. Nobody but demagogues and politicians have the hardhead to denounce fiat money. As to "syndicates," not one old party sinner in fifty can give a correct definition of such a term, or know as much about it as a Digger Indian does of geometry. When you fellows talk of reputation as a principle of the Alliance you advertise yourselves as d d liars, and talk of disappointed politicians as leaders of the Alliance you lie some more.

The county clerk, Rox Hardy, who was elected to office by the people, led by his promises to parties to whom he professed friendship and reform in county affairs also pronounced at the same time to file a bond obliging himself to turn into the county school fund all moneys received by him as clerk in excess of \$3,000 per annum. Has he fulfilled his pledge? No, nor is there any sign that he intends to do so. What is the matter? It is safe to say without fiddling in figures, judging by the furious and continuous attacks he has made on the public crib, that said official has far passed the limit. But then memory is so uncertain, he may have forgotten, you know? People's Voice, Las Vegas, N. M.

All true reformers will heartily commend the Voice for holding this official to a strict account for the

manner in which he fulfills his pledges to the people. If he and all other officials do not carry out to the letter pledges made to the people, let them be exposed—held up before the people as recreants to the trust reposed in them. The people are too much in earnest to tolerate for one moment the recreancy of men who have been raised to positions of trust. May the Voice roast all traitors out of the ranks of the People's party in San Miguel county. Treacherous scoundrelism is as mean in a new party as an old one, and the time to root it out is when you find it.

When La Voz del Pueblo has sustained and upheld the People's Party in this county, it has openly done so in view of said party's principles and platform to cause a beneficial and entire reform in the management of county affairs. We shall always give due credit to every honest official who is faithful to his promises, but at the same time we will condemn any demagogue who with the only aim in view of securing his election makes solemn promises to the people, to be trampled upon and ignored at the first chance of plenty of boodle in sight. Such officials bear watching and the people will soon discover their tricks. Voice of the People, Las Vegas N. M.

The above has the right ring. There is no half way ground in this movement of the people. There is no room for recreants and traitors. Such men should be exposed and routed out. The people can get enough of unredeemed pledges, unfaithfulness and general scoundrelism in the old parties without going into a new party to find the same thing. Traitors will be found in the ranks of the People's party, but that party cannot be held responsible for their sins only so far as the same is combined. Expose the traitors and root them out.

The Las Cruces Republican enumerates the demands of the Alliance, and adds: "Some of these demands are wise, and have already received attention from the Republican party." Say that again and say it slowly. Well, well, well; you are a guesstimate almost equating the call of the Santa Fe Sun man! Will you name one just one of the demands of the Alliance that the Republican party or grand legislation, accept to execute? There is not one and you will know it. On the contrary, every demand made by the Alliance is bitterly opposed by the Republican party, and we defy any Republican to show to the contrary.

Irrepetition in New Mexico. Washington, April 25. Senator tender Porter of the census bureau to day made public a bulletin, on the subject of irrigation in New Mexico. It shows that in that territory there are 1,000 farms that are irrigated out of a total of 4,174, not including those of the Pueblo Indians. The average size of the irrigated farms are more strictly of these portions of farms on which irrigation is practical, is 207 acres. The average first cost of water right is \$200 per acre, and the average cost of preparing the soil for cultivation, including the purchase price of the land, is \$120 per acre. An estimate has been made of the cost of bringing the land from a wild state under cultivation, calculating the cost of water but including plowing, grubbing, cutting mesquite, fencing and leveling, or otherwise preparing the ground for irrigation. This cost averages \$11.71 per acre. Assuming the original purchase price of the land, not including the Mexican grants, to have been \$1.25 per acre, the cost of preparing the ground, as above stated, is \$11.71 per acre, and the first cost of water \$200 per acre. The entire cost of the farm has averaged \$135.14 per acre. In comparison with this the estimate on the present value of the irrigated farm of the territory including building, fences and other improvements is placed at an average of \$30.00 per acre, showing an apparent profit, less cost of buildings of \$22.14 per acre. Comparing the average annual expense for water at \$1.54 per acre with the average annual production which is \$12.00 per acre, it appears that the annual average return per acre is \$11.25. Two per cent of the farmers of the territory own over a fifth of the product, excluding the non-irrigated acres, and the remaining 84 per cent of irrigated cultivate farms whose average size is 21 acres.

What Was Accomplished in Nebraska. Below is given a summary of the work of the late legislature, as passed through efforts of the Independents. We clip from the O'Neil Tribune:

First let us see what they had to contend with. They lacked experience and knowledge of law. They were poor men had yet they had pitted against them the concentrated capital of the country. They had to face a combination of corrupt political forces, such as seldom, if ever disgrace the annals of a free state. All the other departments of the state government were in the hands of their political enemies who hesitated at no prostitution of the power these offices gave. They had only a very small unmerciful majority to begin with. They had some arrant traitors in their midst. The presidency of one house was in the hands of a member of the combine. The speakership of the other was filled by a man who lacked many qualifications for the place. They had on their hands a great and unwieldy election contest. They were besieged by skillful lobbyists and corrupt bootlers. Under such circumstances what might have been expected? Failure and a complete break down of the movement. Instead of this, the results have been grand and all important to the people of the state. The Independents can make the proud boast that they are the first party in the history of the state that has enacted its platform into law. This is no idle boast. Here is the record:

- 1. The Australian ballot law.
2. The Iowa rate law
3. The school book law.
4. The repeal of the sugar bounty.
5. The bill providing for deposit of public funds, the interest to be paid into the treasury.
6. The eight hour law.
7. In addition to these a large number of valuable reform measures not called for in their platform.
8. They did not claim their fair record by the passage or advocacy of a single scheme or deal.
9. They looked after the interests of the death suffering with care and liberality.
10. They spent less of the people's money by several hundred thousand dollars than the preceding legislature.

Friends, take the Independent platform of the last campaign, and the demands made by the state Alliance and test the record by them. Let nothing be taken for granted. Study the matter carefully in a plain common sense way and I believe you will say, as I do, to the faithful Independents as they return to their homes, "Well done good and faithful servants."

The Silver Question. Or a Weak, or Bad, Man. Of all the outrages perpetrated against a patient people, the destruction of \$100,000,000 of silver currency, was the boldest. The destruction of the value of the silver product when only two nations in Christendom produced enough to export—the U. S. and Mexico—was a crime against commerce, and against nice owners. But the destruction of the money was a crime against nations.

It was perpetrated against us at midnight in 1873, when only one man, John Sherman, appeared to know what the "coinage bill" really meant. It was signed by the President who declared he was ignorant of the meaning. It was purchased with the bribes of the European Bankers, Rothschilds, Barings, Coutts, etc., as witness the following from the Bankers' Magazine:

"In 1872, silver being demonetized in France, England and Holland, a capital of \$500,000 was raised, and Ernest Seyd, of London, was sent to this country with this fund, as agent of the foreign bond holders and capitalist, to effect the same object (demonetization of silver,) which was accomplished."

To-day the legislatures of certain western states, where the crop can only be moved by borrowing \$150,000,000 of those European bankers, refuse to memorialize Congress to re-instate the national property and currency in its full value and usefulness. And what is the excuse? Excuse? Why, this, and this only: That

Europe will flood this country with silver! Ye Gods, but what ignorance! We pick up the late report of the Treasurer and find that 30 million dollars are exported by this country annually—to supply a foreign demand!

And yet, these fools harnessed to the car of plutocracy, tell us that if we put \$800,000,000 more of silver into use in this country Europe will cease to be an importer, and become an exporter to our shores! Meantime, to accommodate those assinine idiots, the people suffer with mortgages and only \$6 a head of currency in the country.

Home-Traitors at Democracy from the South. From Houston, Commerce, Texas.

Harrison and Cleveland both champion the cause of the Wall street Shylocks. If Gen. Palmer is anything but a corporation lawyer and a hard money, national bank, moss-backed bourbon democrat we have yet to find it out.

The democracy is the friend of the Alliance. Oh, yes; but they oppose every reform the Alliance wants except, of course, the 5 per cent reduction. For fifteen years there has been a fight going on against the national banks, and we have yet to hear of the first syllable from the Wall street kind of democracy specifically condemning them.

The old fossilized parties are both opposed to the reforms asked by the Alliance, and yet some simple-minded people say the democratic party is the only friend that labor ever had. God deliver us from such friends.

The Hon. R. Q. Mills may harp on the tariff question as much as he wishes, but the masses of the people are more concerned at present about the scarcity of money; the starvation wages of the people, and their alms. Certain servitude unless there is a change in the men who form our state and national laws.

There has been for fifteen years a fight going on in behalf of a green-back currency, but if the democratic party has ever opened its held in favor of government issues of paper money we have never heard of it—nor can we find any one else who has. It is simply "a good old hard-money democracy."

From expressions uttered by Jefferson, Jackson and Calhoun they were not opposed to a sub-treasury plan. Read what Calhoun said: "Why compel the people to pay interest on government credit through the banks, when said credit could be extended direct to the people without one cent of interest being charged them?"

Who is the Fool? Laboring Man.—Mr. Banker, I want to deposit \$100 for a year, what interest do you pay?

Banker. If you will leave it the full year I will give you four per cent.

L. M. All right, give me the check.

B. Certainly, my noble fellow, here it is.

M. L.—Now, I guess that I can loan some money out here to a farmer and at a good percentage and as you are paying me four dollars for the use of my \$100 I will leave this check with you as security and I want you to loan me \$30 on it at one per cent annum.

B.—We don't do that kind of business. You must think we are fools to let you have money and then pay you for the privilege of doing so.

L. M.—Is that the name you call fellows who do that kind of business? Why, old fellow, that is what Uncle Sam has been doing by you for years past. Do you mean to say that he is a fool?

Old Party Fiddle Pointers. The New York World says 150,000 persons in that city are haunted with the fear every morning that they will go hungry that day. Kansas property has certainly depreciated in that state, when but a few days ago in a town of 6,000 inhabitants a beautiful home that cost four years ago \$3,750 was offered for \$200.

In Sedgewich county, Kansas, a committee of members of the Farmers' Alliance show the total indebtedness of that county to be \$30,847,512 or \$767 for each individual as principal and \$62 as annual interest.

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Local News.

Don Florencio Gonzales, of Ruidoso, is in town, the guest of Don Jose Montano. Eddy, according to the Argus, has a population of 835, the Eddy precinct 1,102. Whelan is a great friend of the Bannan hashery, and is constantly solicitous for our welfare. We are informed that the Tenth Infantry band will probably leave Fort Stanton soon for some other point. The gripple lingers with our friend Jose Montano, as he was quite ill yesterday, being confined to his bed. Ed. Coe having gone home to go to school we are now a "lone widder" or an "orphan"—we don't know which. Probate court convened Monday and adjourned Tuesday evening, the business of the term being unusually light. We are informed that nineteen new claims were taken in the Salado country week before the last, of coal and iron. County Surveyor Blanchard is busy the most of the time. Remember that all of his work is made a matter of official record. We will probably go on that bear hunt next week. Applications for bear meat will be received up to the hour of our departure. The rain of Monday night and the drizzly drizzle of Tuesday will be worth many dollars in the way of giving the stock a fine start. Lincoln has one Italian citizen. If he has held any indignation meetings over the New Orleans affair our reporters have failed to catch on. We are informed that parties from the East are inspecting the Helen Rasmussen property at Nogal with the view of purchasing the same. Let the Roswell and Eddy base ball clubs play their game, as per arrangement, and then the Lincoln nine will go down and clean out the Pecos Valley. Friedrich & Neudham whacked up their \$200 license last Monday morning, and the White Elephant will continue to go 'round the ring for another year. M. L. Gordon will move to Roswell in a few days where he will open a butcher shop. His absence from his coal mine will be of a temporary character. Another good rain Tuesday night. The cattle are laughing their sides sore over the prospects of good grass. This rain will send the crops forward with a rush. County Assessor Curry is in town and has begun work on his books. George's numerous friends are sorry he is going to Roswell, but our loss will be Roswell's gain. Owing to the fact that we went to press yesterday evening we were unable to get the proceedings of this term of probate court, but will publish the same next week. Postmaster Rosenthal has sent in a petition protesting against any curtailment of our daily mail service with the Pecos Valley. This country is making no steps backward. The Rosenthal hashery is to have a French cook in charge of the cuisine department. The victualer will serve in French, but Rosenthal will eat in Spanish and United States. Capt. Will Ellis, of the Lincoln "Red Sox," has sent a challenge to the Roswell base ball nine for a match game, and the game will probably be played on the 4th of July, if not sooner. Roswell papers say George Curry, our County Assessor, has purchased a billiard ball in that place and will move there soon. George will probably make up his books before leaving us. A fine rain fell Monday evening in this section—coming slow and steady, soaking the ground for several inches, which will send the grass forward with a boom, and give the stock good range. The lawn in front of the Lincoln hotel is a thing of beauty and a joy—not exactly forever, but during the summer months, all owing to the industry and taste for the beautiful of the ladies of the hotel. Reports from the Ruidoso country say the fruit crop is simply immense, all kinds of fruit trees being loaded. The Russian apricot is in bearing this year. The Ruidoso leads in fruit culture in this section. State Secretary Breece reorganized the White Mountain Alliance at Parsons a few days ago, taking in nearly all the old members and several new ones. This Alliance is putting on the harness again in earnest. The Lincoln "Red Sox" are getting red headed. The Stantons have beat the Lincolns two games for pastime, now the "Red Sox" have challenged the Stantons for a game one week from next Sunday for \$50 a side. Will the soldier boys come down and get that \$50? It is reported that construction will be resumed at an early date upon the New Mexico railway, and the line completed from Eddy, New Mexico, up the Hondo and Bonito valley to San Pedro, N. M. The line was built from Fort City to Eddy last year.—Engineering News.

A "Lone Widder" club will probably be organized in Lincoln soon. We have some elegant material to form a club. There's the fascinating Jewett, the blushing Barber, the charming Sisneros, the Quetzil Blackhard, the honny Cream, the highly accomplished Rosenthal, and the petite Michaels. The Lincoln "Red Sox" went up to Fort Stanton Sunday and played the soldier nine a return game, but were worsted again—not so bad, however, as in the game played here. If our home nine had put Chynowith in the box at the start they would probably have won the game. The score stood 28 to 14 in favor of the Stantons. The "Red Sox" say they were royally entertained by the Stanton boys. Would it not be a good idea for some of the so-called leading men in Lincoln county to devote some of their spare time to aiding in the development of the resources of the county, building up her industries, encouraging legitimate enterprises, rather than expending so much energy in fostering and sustaining political rings and cliques? It is quite apparent that New Mexico is controlled by rings that are a curse to the people, and ramify every county in the territory. Here in Lincoln county a few men seem to be carrying the county around by the tail, and with their blowers and strikers in different sections of the county they are maintaining a strong hold. The Bannan don't believe in the rule of rings and cliques, and if that "tail hold" is not loosened it will not be our fault. The annual meeting of the Pecos Valley Railway Co. was held at Albuquerque recently, and the word given out that that road is to be pushed through to Albuquerque. The road will, of course, be extended from Eddy to Roswell, but after reaching the latter point, where next? is the query with everybody. There are said to be three proposed routes from Roswell—one north of the Capitan mountains, another up the Hondo and Bonito, and the third rather twisty the two. The movements of railways under projection are always clouded in mystery until they are ready to go forward. While the Hondo-Bonito route will be, perhaps, a little more expensive to build, the superior advantages offered make it for the best route. It will tap the richest portion of New Mexico. The agricultural, horticultural, mineral and grazing resources of this White mountain region are unsurpassed in all the Southwest. The road would tap the richest gold, silver, copper, iron and coal mines, as well as the heaviest body of timber in the west. That this railroad company is fully apprised of these facts there can be no doubt, and it is inexcusable to neglect so grand an opportunity to acquire an immense local traffic that would at once come to this route. Fort Stanton. Colonel R. H. Offley, and Lieut. S. Y. Boyborn, Adj't. 10th Infantry, are absent on a six days hunting excursion. Corporal Matthew Watson, Troop G, 2nd Cav., has returned from Fort Wingate, N. M., where he has been before a Board of Officers for examination as to his qualifications for a commission as 2nd Lieut. We are informed that he passed the Board with an unusually high percentage. The oral examination will be made at Annapolis, Md. Target practice began the 1st inst. Parties desiring to cross the range will please take notice as bullets sometimes become refractory and have a tendency to investigate any object which appears in or near their route. Dr. J. M. Bannister, who has been quite sick with the gripple for the past two weeks has recovered, and is again able to "grip" the pulse of his patients. Thirteen new horses have arrived for Troop G, 2nd Cavalry. The return game of base ball between the Lincolns and Fort Stantons was played in this post last Sunday, and resulted in a score of 14 to 24 in favor of the Stantons. Vendors. Laying It on the Alliance. In the awards of contracts for government supplies of hay, corn, oats, wood, etc., for the following year at Fort Stanton last week, there was lively bidding and the awards were at figures much lower than heretofore. We are informed that some of the disgruntled fellows charge the Alliance with the responsibility of low bids and cutting on prices, and yet, out of all of the number of awards only two Alliance men were successful bidders and they only secured small contracts. The Alliance is not in fault in this matter. On the contrary the Alliance is the only political element in this country that is trying to correct the evils that force upon the people a competitive system that compels men to cut each other's throats—so to speak, in a matter as above referred to. The truth is, friends, money never was so scarce in New Mexico as at the present time. It is useless to dissemble about the matter, as everybody knows this is true. This country can produce ten times what can be consumed at home. It is no trouble to raise bountiful crops of everything, but to get rid of it after it is raised is the problem. The scarcity of money and the uncertainty of finding a market for products beyond a certain limit, and the certainty of having to have a little ready cash to meet obligations in the future, forced a cut-throat competition among the people in the vicinity of Fort Stanton, for which the Alliance had no more to do than the moon.

Personals. Mrs. P. G. Peters, of Nogal, is visiting friends in El Paso. E. W. Dow, of lower Bonito, was a caller at this office Saturday. R. E. Lund, an attorney of White Oaks, has been attending probate court. P. G. Peters, of Nogal, had business in probate court the fore part of the week. Manuel Sisneros will act as Deputy County Treasurer during the absence of Mr. Salazar. Thos. C. Kays left for home Monday afternoon, and Lincoln will again assume its normal condition. Charlie Brown, of Nogal, dropped into the county capital Saturday evening, leaving for home Sunday. Henry Fritz, of Spring Ranch, was a visitor at this office Saturday, and enrolled his name on the Bannan list. Uncle John Bingham and O. E. Littlefield, of the upper Bonito, were in town Saturday and favored us with a call. E. S. Parsons, of Patterson, Kansas, a brother of R. C. Parsons, deceased, of the Parsons mines, was attending probate court the first of the week. Wm. Rosenthal will leave for the railroad to-morrow going as far, perhaps, as Las Vegas, and during his absence will lay in a large stock of new goods. J. N. Coe and W. L. Breece, President and Secretary of the Territorial Alliance, were in town Saturday night. They report an encouraging growth of the Alliance in the Territory. Chas. Beljean, of the firm of Rosenthal & Co., returned from Las Cruces Monday, accompanied by a lady who will have charge of the cuisine department of the Rosenthal & Co. hashery. N. W. Ellis, wife and step-daughter, May, of the Goodin-Ellis ranch, arrived in town Monday morning. In the afternoon Mr. Ellis and wife, accompanied by Mrs. D. W. Roberts, left for Roswell on land office business. Don Sippo Salazar, county treasurer, his wife and Mrs. Manuel Sisneros left for Las Vegas Monday. The ladies will be absent about two months and will visit friends in Colorado. Mr. Salazar will be absent about one month. NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. LAND OFFICE AT ROSWELL, N. M. MAY 2, 1901. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and that said proof will be made before George Sosa, Probate Clerk, at Lincoln, N. M., on Monday, June 27, 1901, viz: HAROLD B. YOUNG, Homestead No. 1441 (L. C. S.) for the north 1/4 of Sec. 16, Twp. 13 N., R. 10 E. He names the following witnesses to prove his claim: Ed. Coe, G. W. Wood, Thomas C. Hiltunen, Jacob D. Matthews, all Lower Pecos area, N. M. Witnessed & Certified: Wm. Rosenthal, Register.

Seeking Information. WEND, N. M., April 24, 1891. ED. BANNER.—As I am a seeker for information I would like to ask a few questions: First, several years ago when the first Farmers' Alliance was organized in this country, their talk was then against the merchant and the lawyer. Now, has the machinery changed, or were the first ones off wrong? If so, why the change? If not, why did the others get off wrong, and then turn their coats? Why is it that the fees of the assessors and sheriffs were not reduced, when the general understanding was last fall that it would be done? The governor plainly showed in his message that the fees of the above officers were an outrage. These are things for the voters to meditate upon until the next election and vote accordingly. Everything is moving quietly over here. Everybody came home from Lincoln with the gripple. Some did not catch on to any office over there as they expected to, for which the majority of good citizens heartily extend their thanks to Sheriff Reberts and Assessor Curry. Nix. The trouble with our correspondent is that he is off. So far as the general policy of the Alliance is concerned there has been no change whatever in reference to lawyers or merchants. Both are ineligible to membership in the order with the exception of the case of a farmer, who resides on a farm, but has an interest in a store. There certainly has been no "coat turning" of the Alliance in this matter, as every member of the Alliance well knows, whether our correspondent does or not. In regard to the reduction of fees, we would say, we wish our correspondent would ask us something easy. We give it up. It is simply astonishing to have a man who votes an old party ticket ask an Alliance paper that is committed to the demand for a reduction of official salaries, why a legislation with an old party majority did not reduce the fees of officers! We are glad our correspondent is showing his queries at us, and hope he will do it some more. If he keeps up the business of seeking for information he will find that the system of stealing under fees and salaries now generally in vogue throughout the country, is only a pimple, when compared with the boils, abscesses, carbuncles and other putrid sores on the body politic. C. C. Parsons, of Sumner, Iowa, a brother of R. C. Parsons, deceased, and administrator of his estate, was attending probate court the fore part of the week. The Lincoln "Red Sox" have been beaten two games by the Stantons, and now the boys are getting spunky, and have sent a challenge to play the Stantons here one week from next Sunday for \$50 a side. The Stantons will, of course, accept, and we may look out for a hot game. We are thinking seriously about proposing Charlie Wiedman for membership in the Alliance, as he is just now in detestably engaged in irrigating the strawberry beds in front of the Lincoln hotel and sitting in the shade waiting for the strawberries to ripen and dreaming of strawberry strawcake.

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As arranged and submitted by the following committee appointed by the Lincoln County Alliance, and ordered that the same be published in the Lincoln Banner, and thereupon submitted to the sub-Alliances throughout the Territory of New Mexico for adoption or rejection...

W. L. HARRIS, J. B. WINSLOW, Committee

FIRST DECLARATION OF PURPOSES, ORGANIZATION, STRUCTURE. Profoundly impressed that we, the Farmers and Laborers' Union, united by the strong and faithful ties of kinship and home interests, should set forth our declaration of intentions. We therefore declare that...

1. To endorse the motto, 'In things essential, unity, and in all things charity.' 2. To develop a better state, morally, socially and financially. 3. To create a better understanding for sustaining righteousness in maintaining law and order...

ARTICLE I. Section 1. This body shall be known as the Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union of New Mexico, and shall have for its purpose the advancement of the best interests of the people...

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