

The Alliance Movement in Adams County.

Correspondence of THE BEE. JUNIATA, July 4, 1881.—The farmers' alliance movement has become an important factor in the political as well as other interests in Adams county.

We now have seventeen subordinate alliances in the county, with a total membership of 543, and a county alliance, holding quarterly meetings. The last meeting of the county alliance was held on Saturday July 2d, and was largely attended by delegates and interested spectators. It was a gathering of men, who, for intelligence and culture, would compare favorably with the average state convention; while the purposes they have in view, and the determination evidenced to accomplish those purposes, may well challenge the thoughtful attention, not only of politicians; but of corporations, and of all the people.

The proposition at the Saturday meeting that elicited the strongest and most animated discussion was that looking to the formation of a farmers', or independent party. It was opposed with a great deal of tact, eloquence and vehemence by certain members of the republican party who were present, who remembered that their party had ever held the political interests of Adams county in the hollow of its hand, and who were loth to witness the departure of any portion of its power. They counselled the doing of alliance work within present party lines by controlling caucuses and elections. But the arguments in response appeared to be conclusive. "It is time to have done," it was said, "with clinging to the shirt tails of the old parties, and appealing for relief and protection. We have been doing this for years and matters all the while have been growing worse and worse. The old parties care nothing for us after they have gotten our votes. They will make any demanded promise before election, then when they get to Lincoln or Washington sell out the moneyed monopoly that will pay the largest price, and so rivet still tighter the chains upon us. It is time to get up on our own account, and to have party and candidates of our own, upon whose integrity and in whose fealty to principle we can depend. We have wearied of giving one-half of our crops for the privilege of carrying the other half to market. You say we cannot succeed. Why! Already we have more than five hundred voters in our ranks in this county. By November next we shall have at least one thousand, and that is more than one-half of the total vote of the county. In addition to this large proportion of the voters not in the alliance are with us in sympathy, and will act with us at the polls. If we do not succeed this year we may next, or the next; at all events we will go on until we do achieve success.

These sentiments were warmly received by the audience and were not without effect, as when the time for voting upon the pending proposition came, two-thirds of the delegates cast their ballots in favor of the organization of a new party. The work of organization was placed in the hands of a committee composed of one member from each alliance in the county—this committee to meet in Juniata on the last Saturday in August and discharge this duty. This movement will doubtless effect a change in the status of pending political affairs. It is too formidable to be ignored by the party heretofore so largely in the ascendancy; and the men who have committed themselves to the new departure are altogether too consequential to be trifled with. More than ever, therefore, will the claims and interests of the farming community be regarded by the nominations to be made this fall. Whether with all the concessions they may be disposed to make the old managers will save themselves from defeat at the hands of the new party, remains to be determined.

OTHER MATTERS. Our entire community was startled and rendered indignant, on Saturday, on receipt of intelligence that a desperate attempt had been made upon the life of President Garfield. It carried us back, in thought and feeling, to the memorable April days of 1865, when the whole country was electrified by tidings of the assassination of President Lincoln. For the murder of Mr. L., the shadow of an excuse could be imagined, but for that of Mr. G., none whatever. Some attribute this to envy growing out of the Albany imbroglio, and others to other causes, but none could conceive an adequate motive. The assassin and his accomplices (if there be any) should receive little mercy at the hands of the authorities.

Our crop prospects are still of a most encouraging character, and our grain buyers, Messrs. J. M. Sewell & Co., and Ira G. Dillon, are elevating their plans and arrangements accordingly. The wheat crop, we think, will be the best had for years, and the corn will do much better than was at first supposed. The rye is already secured and in good condition. Potatoes are being interred with to some extent by the Colorado beetle, but the crop will be at least a fair average.

While at Hastings, the other day, we stepped into The Gazette-Journal office to see so many evidences of prosperity on the part of Wigton Brothers. They have not only an excellent power press and several jobs of superior manufacture, but have recently introduced a mammoth iron paper-cutter weighing 2000 pounds; a very fine standing press, also of iron, for smoothing impressions already made, and a new-style paper-rolling machine. The necessary apparatus for a bindery is also daily expected; and not long hence, we presume, a steam engine. These, with the growing business of the Messrs. W. will necessitate an addition to this office. Good, we say! for the prosperity is well deserved. JAUNTER.

The Fourth at Greenwood.

Correspondence of THE BEE. GREENWOOD, Cass county, July 4, 1881.—The day is beautiful and crowds have come in from every direction to celebrate. Ashland, Waverly, Greenwood, and the people of all this region join in the exercises. The Greenwood citizens erected a beautiful booth in a little grove close by the B.

Discovery of the Spontaneous Growth of Sassafras Opium Plants in Colorado.

Denver Tribune. J. H. Lukins, chief engineer on the eastern division of the Pennsylvania Central, while making a tour of Colorado during the past week, was attracted in a peculiar way by the thistle-like, white-flowered plant that grows spontaneously over mountain valley and plain. Those who have observed the plant will recognize it at once as a useless weed, noticeable only by reason of its pretty white flower, whose petals encircle a pod of yellow seed. Mr. Lukins was attracted especially by its resemblance to the poppy or opium plant. Having in his earlier years been a student of botany, he made an examination of the plant in various portions of the state, and the result was almost invariably in accord with his theory and description of the poppy. In some portions of America the poppy is a common plant, growing luxuriantly in field and garden. Yet while all farmers and gardeners are familiar with its uses, the product has never been utilized as a merchantable commodity. In many instances in many states the natives have extracted the juice from the stalk and rendered it into a compound resembling and serving the purposes of opium. But it is not known that an article of marketable opium has ever been derived from it. If the American poppy can be utilized in this way, and if the plant hitherto unnoticed in Colorado should prove to be the genuine opium plant, there is wealth on the plains surrounding Denver equal to the gold and silver in the Rocky Mountains.

STATE JOTTINGS.

Leop City greatly needs a mill. Arapahoe hopes to have a woolen mill soon. There is a great demand for building lots in Exeter. Nemaha City will soon have two brick yards running. Madison's Catholic church will soon be ready for occupancy. A farmer near Juniata has walnuts on trees of his own growing. Wahoo's new Methodist church is approaching completion. Work has commenced on the new hotel building at Pawnee City. Eastern parties are negotiating for a woolen mill at Blue Springs. Twenty-two car loads of stock were shipped from Hardy last week. Canada hill, in Howard county, wants to be made a separate precinct. The new iron bridge at Invale, Webster county, was blown down by the wind. J. G. Armstrong, of Beaver City, has recently shipped 2,500 pounds of wool to Boston.

The Grand Island cornet band will be reorganized soon and several new pieces added.

Norfolk is discussing the advisability of donating land and money for a Congregational college.

Articles of incorporation have been filed for the national bank, with a capital of \$40,000.

The United States land office, at Bloomington, has been opened for the transaction of business.

Mr. Reynolds, of Spring Green, Fremont county, shipped two hundred sheep to Chicago last week.

The Reynolds "boys," of Fremont, have bought 12,000 western sheep, which they will bring into Nebraska.

The Pennsylvania Live Stock company has put up five miles of wire on their range near Loup.

Alexandria Presbyterians are working hard to erect a church. The organization numbers forty-seven members.

A new town has been located on the line of the railroad through Pawnee county, twelve miles west of Pawnee City.

Three men were seriously injured last week by the falling of a bridge at Humboldt, which was being taken down.

A Nockolls county girl has refused her lover till he has, alone and single-handed, slain eleven wolves and laid their scalps at her feet.

Arapahoe precinct, Furnas county, will on the 16th of July vote on the proposition to bond the precinct for \$1,500 to build a bridge across the Republican river.

The sporting men of Falls City propose to organize a stock company and buy a tract of land near that city, to be fitted up for a driving park and for holding stock fairs.

Three thousand six hundred and fifty hogs and enough cattle to swell the cash paid out to \$77,150 were shipped from Washington county during two weeks of the present month.

The B. & M. sent out a novel machine to-day to cut the weeds along the track. The patent of the machine is owned by the company, and they have a bonanza. The machine does the work along the track in an astonishing manner.—Lincoln Democrat.

During one week this spring four or five men living near the deserted dog town on Brush creek, adjoining Perry's claim made a bee and waged a war on the rattlesnakes, killing nearly three hundred of the venomous reptiles. It was a commendable job.—O'Neill Frontier.

Last Sunday evening a large macaroni handled by five men landed here, loaded with 18,000 pounds of dried buffalo meat and 1,500 hives. They came from the Yellowstone and last winter the crew indulged in a little speculation on flour by going over into the Gallatin valley for it and bringing it to the wilder portions of the Yellowstone.—Niobrara Pioneer.

Debt and Taxation of the United States Compared with Europe.

A table prepared by Mr. Edward Atkinson shows how much lighter are the burdens of the people of this country than are those of the people of Europe, and how much better are the opportunities for advancement on this side of the Atlantic than on the other. It is shown by this table that while Europe has 145 inhabitants to the square mile, the United States has only 16. Since 1849 the debt of Europe has nearly trebled, whereas our debt is now less than it was in 1865 by over a thousand million dollars. We have already paid more than a third of the cost of the great civil war, and our debt is but \$1,800,000,000, against \$2,997,386,303 at the close of that contest. The debt of Europe in 1880 was \$16,794,800,000, or an average to each inhabitant of \$74.64, while here it was only \$36.85, though in 1865 it was \$83.35. The natural expenditures of Europe were \$2,282,800,000 in 1880, or an average to every person of \$10.15. Our expenditures for the year ending June 30, 1880, were \$207,642,957, or an average of \$335 to each inhabitant. The standing armies of Europe number over 2,100,000 men, besides the still more numerous reserves who may be called into the field at any moment. More than one in every 110 of the population is a soldier in active service. Reckoning one able-bodied man to every five inhabitants, each twenty-two men sustain one soldier. Our army is only 25,000 strong, and each 2,000 inhabitants, or each 400 men sustain a soldier. In the light of these facts and statistics it is not surprising that the people of Europe, witnessing our prosperity and envying our comparative freedom from the burdens which rest on their industry, are now crossing the ocean at a more rapid rate than ever before to share in our good fortune. It would seem that the magnificence of the Roman empire was to be exceeded in the culmination of the grandeur that awaits this republic.

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Too Late for Lies About the River Route.

A few solid, incontrovertible facts are worth all the theories that any combination of so-called scientists can make in a well-timed and never has the truth of this saying been more conclusively established than in the rise of New Orleans as a grain port. For years interested parties have declared that grain could not be safely shipped down the Mississippi river and through the Gulf of Mexico, because of the risk it ran of being damaged by heating or fermentation. True, there were no scientific reasons why grain properly ripened and cured should not stand this climate, since it is well known that grain can be damaged by the heat of the most tropical climates, but that the presence of a degree of moisture which would be highly damaging in any climate must be conjoined with the heat before any injury can result to grain stored or in transit in these latitudes. In spite of science, however, such an outcry was raised against the climate of New Orleans that until within the past two or three years the advantages of the Mississippi river as a route of transit for the grain products of the west were totally neglected.

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