

STATE ALLIANCE.

An Able Address to its Members Throughout the State. Not One Word of the Doane Law an Excuse for an Increase of Rates.

The Organization on the Increase and in Good Financial Condition.

To the members of the alliance of the state of Nebraska. GENTLEMEN:—By a circular recently issued by the secretary of the State Alliance, you have learned of its progress and its financial condition.

Candidates are already declaring themselves. Let the leading members of the alliance in each county take the responsibility of securing from them specific written pledges to promote anti-monopoly legislation.

Circumstances conspire to favor the movement we are engaged in. No party can long continue to project itself into a blank future on the strength alone of the glory of its past.

The law known as the Doane law, which took effect on June 1st, was a feeble attempt by the legislature to comply with the requirements of the constitution in regard to the transportation question, and at the same time not wound the sensibilities of the corporations.

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into the consumption of every family; and this and the other advances are intended to punish the people of Nebraska for presuming to legislate on the question of rates and discriminations, but are not in any manner justified by the law.

It is not to be supposed that the roads were carrying freights without a fair profit on November 1, 1880, even after rebates were deducted. Therefore there would have been no injustice in confining by law rates to those amounts at which freights were actually carried at that date.

The supreme prerogative of fixing open or secret rates at will, and making discriminating charges to and from non-competing points, is what the corporations demand; and this right as exercised by them, is at direct variance with the welfare and best interests of the state.

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fully informed as to these excessive extortions. The Doane law was not proposed nor advocated by the State Alliance. The Alliance had no hopes of any effective legislation on this subject by the late legislature.

To this end we urgently entreat the farmers of the state to push our organization forward through the summer months with renewed energy and vigor. Send to our annual meeting in September your best men—men who will earnestly and unselfishly work for the common good.

It is an assertion of the principle of rule or ruin; and if it expands unchecked, before another generation the liberties of this people will be known only as memories of the past.

Truckee Meadows ranchman, who has been studying the ways of the grasshopper for the past two years, says they have a touch of intelligence in them that must come from the devil.

Our ranchman philosopher says that on withdrawing himself from the hole in which she has deposited her eggs the female seals up the top of it with saliva and dirt.

It is only a patch of ground here and there that seems to fill all the conditions required by the business of their egg planting business.

A Desperate Fight With a Coon. Little Henry Cooper, while fishing in the Alapaha river a few days ago, had his attention attracted, and on looking behind him discovered a large coon approaching stealthily with his ears turned back.

The anxious mother, in order to relieve the boy, seized the coon with her hands, whereupon he fastened his teeth in her wrist, and for a little while the contest was lively between the three.

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