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DECLARATION OF PURPOSES.

Profoundly impressed that we, the Farmers' Alliance, united by the strong and faithful ties of financial and home interests, should set forth our declarations, we therefore resolve:

To strive to secure the establishment of right and justice to ourselves and our posterity.

To labor for the education of the agricultural classes in the science of economical government in a strictly non-partisan spirit.

To endorse the motto, "In things essential, unity; in all things charity."

To secure purity of the elective franchise, and to induce all voters to intelligently exercise it for the enactment and execution of laws which will express the most advanced public sentiment upon all questions involving the interests of laborers and farmers.

To develop a better state mentally, morally, socially and financially.

To constantly strive to secure entire harmony and good-will among all mankind, and brotherly love among ourselves.

To suppress personal, local, sectional and national prejudices; all unhealthful rivalry, and all selfish ambition.

To assuage the sufferings of a brother and sister, bury the dead, care for the widows and educate the orphans; to exercise charity toward offenders; to construe words and purpuposes in their most favorable light, granting honesty of purpose and good intentions to others, and to protect the principles of the Alliance unto death.

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I hereby certify that THE ALLIANCE, a weekly newspaper published at this place, has been determined by the Third Assistant Post Master General to be a publication entitled to admission in the mails at the pound rate of postage, and entry of it as such is accordingly made upon the books of this office. Valid while the character of the publication remains unchanged. ALBERT WATKINS, Postmaster.

ALONG THE LINE.

[This department is conducted by the Secretary of the State Alliance to whom all communications in relation to Alliance work, short articles upon various subjects of interest to the Alliance etc., should be addressed. Write plain and only on one side of the paper. Sign what you choose to your articles but send us your name always.]

Henry Crandall, secretary of Union Alliance No. 465, reports the organization of the Pierce County Alliance on June 15.

Mr. J. C. Larsen, of Dannebrog, Howard, county, writes for the necessary blanks and information to organize an Alliance.

Organizer C. J. Mecham, of Furnas county, sends application for charter for an Alliance in his county with ten charter members.

Mr. J. W. Dorland, secretary of Alliance No. 590, says they received copies of THE ALLIANCE, and will make up a club at an early date.

Mr. J. F. Black, organizer for Red Willow county, writes that he has made a call for delegates to organize the County Alliance on the 20th of July.

The secretary of the Lincoln County Alliance, C. F. Preitauer, orders application blanks sent into Dawson county and we look for renewed zeal in the work in that county.

C. F. Preitauer, secretary of Alliance No. 582, wishes us to announce that the County Alliance of Lincoln county will hold an open meeting at North Platte, on July 6.

J. C. Bentz, of Memphis, Saunders county, sends in application for a charter in his vicinity with fifteen charter members. He reports the prospects good for a strong Alliance.

Bro. Zink, of Loup City, writes that he has received THE ALLIANCE and is well pleased with it. Says he will bring it before their meeting Saturday and give it all the support he can. Bro. Zink is a strong worker in the Alliance.

J. F. Kiser, secretary of No. 557, sends three subscribers to the paper together with their quarterly report, and says: "Our Alliance is progressing nicely. It has more than doubled since we organized and we expect to still increase in numbers."

John H. Brown, president of Cat Creek Farmers' Alliance, writes for song books, rules, etc., and says: "Shall not send subscribers for the Alliance paper until after the next meeting of our Alliance in order to get as many as possible and send them all together. Think our members will give the paper good support." Our thanks to Bro. Brown.

TAYLOR, NEB., June 25.—I have several inquiries about how to organize Alliances in this county and one request to attend and organize an Alliance in the west end of the county. Please send me by return mail two or three blank applications for charters and I will have them signed and returned to you. Can't we have a deputy organizer for this county? I will send my report this week; am waiting for two or three members to pay their dues. Money is so scarce here that farmers cannot get hold of much of it. I also have several names for THE ALLIANCE, but have not the money yet. I like the paper very much. In these days of wholesale subsidizing of the press it is refreshing to get hold of a paper whose opinions and editorial columns are not for sale. Stick to that text and may success attend you is the wish of

Yours fraternally,
WM. EVANS,
Sec'y Taylor Alliance No. 545.

Mr. W. A. Mansfield writing from Gandy, says: The Alliance is doing well and eight new applications are ready for next meeting, and all the first men in the county. We will not try to organize any new Alliances until fall. The farmers all over the county are ready to join when Alliances are organized in their locality. We are making no effort to increase our membership this summer, but still we expect to add twenty or thirty to this lodge this quarter, and then we will organize throughout the county where the leading members have joined. I will try and secure subscriptions from the members for our paper. All gladly welcome THE ALLIANCE and wish it success.

Mr. D. L. Hackett, secretary of 531, Hamilton county, reports a little hail in his locality a week ago, but did no material damage. Crops look well. He further says he was up to Aurora last Saturday at the organization of the County Alliance. Also that if all farmers thought as he does there wouldn't be a farmer outside of the organization in two months. He thinks it a good idea to have two organizers to each county and then the work would spread more rapidly. He sends us a list of subscribers as long as the Mosaic law and wishes us unbounded success, to all of which we say, Hurrah for Bro. Hackett! He is a rustler.

G. F. Way, secretary of Central Alliance, Adams county, a newly organized Alliance, sends for charter and names the following officers elected: President, D. W. Isbell; Vice-President, F. M. Van Metre; Secretary, G. F. Way; Treasurer, J. Brickner; Lecturer, Levi Chambers; Assistant Secretary, H. J. Sprenger; Doorkeeper, W. H. Jones; Sergeant-at-Arms, John Helms; Chaplain, F. M. Van Metre; Executive Committee, H. J. Sprenger, L. Chambers, F. M. Van Metre.

H. W. Fellows, of Sargent, Neb., sends $1 for the paper, and says: I received four sample copies of THE ALLIANCE and have given them out to members with a request to pass them on to other members. All whom I have heard express their opinion in regard to the paper say they think it is just what we want. I think you will get a large subscription list from this place. Our membership is now thirty with more applications.

Bro. Thrash sends us a list of seventeen subscribers from Curtis and Stockville, and says may be he did wrong to go outside of the organization to procure subscribers. Not at all, Bro. Thrash. In fact, it would not be in any way wrong, so far as this office is concerned, to "go out into the by-ways and hedges and compel them to come in." You have our heartiest thanks.

A. C. Black, secretary No. 601, says: I have received charter and rituals three in number. The Alliance is growing and everyone is taking hold to make it a success in Red Willow County. We initiated two members at our meeting on the 21st. The question of twine is agitating the minds of the farmers.

Daniel Ellison, of Trenton, sends his subscription to the paper and says it is just what is needed, and that he will do all he can to procure subscribers for it at the next meeting of his Alliance. Mrs. Margaret Ellison, the secretary, reports a gain of seven members since last report, and expects more soon.

F. R. Anderson, secretary of Clear Creek Alliance, Westerville, reports twenty-four members and the following officers elected at last meeting: Vice-President, H. P. Beach; Secretary F. R. Anderson; Executive Committee, J. S. Withrows, B. E. Lanphier, H. P. Beach.

Mr. James. B. Hetherington, secretary of Logan Allinnce, Gage county, writes for a good supply of constitutions and says the demand for them outside of the Alliance is great. As regards the paper he says we will hear from them, which means good, of course.

North Platte Alliance No. 541 reports through its secretary, Mr. Frank J. Frederici, fourteen members and the following officers elected at last meeting: President, J. K. Somers; Vice-President, John Comely; Secretary, Frank J. Frederici; Treasurer, C. Mylander; Lecturer, Lester Walker; Chaplain, Rufus Eaches; Doorkeeper, John Frederici; Sergeant-at-Arms, Harry Wilkinson; Chairman Executive Committee, Frank Frederici.

Secretary Chas. S. Martin, of Mount Hood Alliance, Custer Co., reports a membership of 40.

A. L. Hawley, of Lamar, Chase Co., reports the organization of Fairview Alliance. Mr. Hawley is secretary.

Thomas G. Rowley sends in a good report from Miller Alliance No. 539, and asks for supplies which will be sent in a few days.

Mr. S. B. Howard, O'Neill, Neb., sends application for charter for Dry Creek Valley Alliance, and says it will have about 25 members.

Clyde F. Clemen, secretary of 621, sends in application for charter for their Alliance just organized with twelve charter members.

Mr. Clyde E. Clemen sends application for a new Alliance in Furnas Co., to be called "Jones Alliance." It starts in with twelve members.

John A. Hogg, of Shelton, sends application for charter for a new Alliance he recently organized in Buffalo county. He reports prospects of the work good.

ANSLEY NEB., June 17.—I received your notice asking me to assist in getting subscribers for THE ALLIANCE. Yes, certainly I shall do all I can to help the paper.

J. Kiser in his letter accompanying report of Alliance No. 557, says: Our Alliance is doing finely. It has more than doubled in membership since we organized, and we still expect to increase our numbers.

Mr. H. D. Cribbs, of Loup City, Neb., sends $1 for our paper and says: Please send me THE ALLIANCE one year. Have received several copies of the same and find it to be the best farmers paper I can get.

H. W. Fellows in reporting the progress of Sargent Alliance No. 553, says they have doubled their original membership twice since their charter was issued and now have 27 members enrolled. "Verily the Alliance do boom."

A. Staley, one of our Custer county workers, sends application for charter from Ash Creek Alliance with thirteen charter members. He asks for rituals, which we send him. Bro. Staley has done good Alliance work in Custer county the past year, and is still in the field.

Please send me blanks sufficient to organize an Alliance, as their are some of our neighbors about three miles off want to organize an Alliance. Please send these papers this week if possible.

Yours fraternally,
H. HOGG, Sec. No. 550.

Bro. Chas. Wooster, organizer for Merrick Co., writes that he is very busy with his farm work at present, but as soon as he can get a few days off he will again begin Alliance work. The outlook, he says, is good for several more Alliances in Merrick county.

Mr. C. S. Wilson, secretary of Liberty Alliance, Adams county, which, by the way, is THE ALLIANCE editor's old Alliance, in which he became converted to the truth about eight years ago, writes that they will send in a royal club of subscribers in a few days. This Alliance has withstood many a tempestuous blast from the hands of fate during its long career, but like a beacon light it still stands firm upon the rock of justice and beckons the weary traveler upon the great highway of life to enter within its fatherly folds and feast his hungry soul upon the bread of eternal truth. Long years more of useful life to the Liberty Farmers' Alliance.

Bro. J. Y. M. Swigart writes us from Saunders county under date of June 20, as follows: In pursuance to previous arrangements I completed the organization of Alliance No. 611 last eve although only a part of the charter members were present. Twenty-six were initiated and a full set of officers were elected, among whom were: President, S. H. Moss; Secretary, V. P. Deloss Kerns; Purchasing and Selling Agent, Geo. Parmenter. The twine question seems to be the all absorbing topic, and the story of "The Tail Goes with the Hide," in first issue of THE ALLIANCE was commented on and some of our people are in a fair way to get their eyes open. Five members subscribed for the paper and when they adjourned they set next Monday night as the time for their next meeting. All are of the opinion that someting must be done and that right away. I am quite certain there will be several lodges formed in this county in the near future. More anon.

HARTWELL, NEB., June 16.—EDITOR ALLIANCE: We organized a strong Alliance at Shiloh, June 12, consisting of persons who are determined to do their part toward bringing about justice to the farmer. We are beginning to find out that among the great inventions of man is money. That good practical work by the farmers in their own behalf is what is needed these times. That excitement is mushroom. That a delegated government under the modern regime is not a government of the people, but a government of, for and by the monied classes. That succes of our cause can only be gained by repeated efforts and many failures. Among the questions now pending before our Alliance is a farmers store, and another the abuse of delegated powers by senators and representatives both in congress and state legislatures. This latter question will be thoroughly discussed.

S. M. DAVIS.

FOR INSURANCE.—See or address Swigart & Bush, Mead, Neb., Special Agents Farmers Union (Mutual) Ins. Co., Grand Island, Nebraska.

CURTIS, NEB., June 17.—J. M. THOMPSON: DEAR BRO: The first regular meeting of the Frontier Co. Alliance was held at stockville, May 12. The following officers were elected: President, E. E. Link, Curtis; Vice President, Geo. Randall, Curtis; Secretary, L. H. Fitch, Curtis; Treasurer, Wm. Marlan, Curtis; Chairman Executive Committee, G. W. Bailey, Afton.

I shall endeavor to give a more complete report as to postoffice of officers, but reports of Alliances have been very informal in some cases, and I did not get everything done I wanted to. A very interesting meeting and lots of enthusiasm in Alliance work.

Very truly,
L. H. FITCH, Sec.

Nysted Alliance reports through its secretary, O. Nielsen, new officers as follows: President, N. Nielsen; Vice President, C. Lorensen; Secretary, O. Nielsen; Treasurer, J. A. Carlsen; Chaplain, Christian Lorensen; Lecturer, H. Launtsen; Sergeant-at-arms, R. Nielsen; Doorkeeper, H. Nielsen; Executive Committee, H. Hermansen, Ed LaFrances. Bro. Nielsen also says: "Our Alliance is increasing in membership; we have initiated 13 since receiving our charter. Success to the state paper." If every member does as Mr. Nielsen, send one dollar with good wishes THE ALLIANCE is bound to succeed.

Organizer L. C. Floyd, writing from Bromfield, says: Please find enclosed two applications and fees for same.

The farmers are waking up. Some of them organized by me now number 55 male members. Think they will average over thirty male members. I am working for the paper all I can; like it very well. Let every farmer work till it is read by every farmer in Nebraska.

R. S. Bruce, secretary of Hall Co. Alliance sends in a partial report of county: Cameron Alliance No. 564, 20 members; Lee W. Crofts, secretary; H. Strong, president. Cain Alliance No. 405, 57 members. Doniphan No. 2 Alliance, 30 members. South Platte Alliance, 55 members. L. Henry, president, of Co. Alliance.

Mr. H. C. Rominger, of Clay Centre, Neb., writing to the editor says: "Received copies of the paper. I will do all I can for you and the cause you represent. If each of us will now do our part we will make the paper a grand success."

Secretary O'Fallon, of Marble Alliance, sends five subscribers to the paper and adds "More soon." Bro. O'Fallon is squarely alive to the needs of the present and will do his part. He has our hearty thanks.

No Twine For Them.

Mr. L. Henry, president of the Hall Co. Alliance, writing from Hansen, June 25, says: We had a meeting the 22nd to buy twine. Could only get 2500 pounds taken this year. The farmers are not going to use twine. Will bind by hand, and if it is the same all over the state there will be an "overproduction" of twine.

Stock shipped to Allen Root, care of Bell, Collins & McCoy, Omaha, by members of the Alliance, will realize from $4 to $5 more per car for their stock. Give the agent notice when shipped. Mr. Root is state agent for the Alliance. W. R. Bennett & Co., will sell groceries etc., to Alliances at jobbers rates. Send all orders to Allen Root. Shipments of vegetables fruits or poultry, should be billed to Mr. Root, care of Bowman, Williams & Howe's, Omaha, Neb.

A BILL

For an act to amend Sec. 40, Chapter 43 of the Compiled Statutes of Nebraska for 1887, entitled Insurance Co's and to repeal said original section.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Nebraska:

SEC. 1. That section 40 of chapter 43 of the Compiled Statutes of Nebraska for 1887, entitled "Insurance Companies," be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 40. Nothing in this act shall be so construed as to prevent any number of persons from making mutual pledges and giving valid obligations to each other for their own insurance from loss by fire, lightning, tornadoes, cyclones, wind storms, hail or death; but such associations of persons shall in no case insure any property not owned by one of their number, and no life except that of their own number, nor shall the provisions of this act be applicable to such associations or companies. Provided, Such associations or companies shall receive no premiums, make no dividends, or pay in any case more than two dollars per day to any of their officers for compensation, and then only when actually employed for the association or company, nor shall they hire any agents or solicitors. Provided, further, That no such company or associations shall ever make any levies or collect any money from its members except to pay for losses on property or lives insured, and such expenses as are herein provided for.

SEC. 2. That said original section 40 of chapter 43 of the Compiled Statutes of Nebraska for 1887, as the same now exist, be and the same is hereby repealed.

THE ALLIANCE.

A PAPER FOR THE PEOPLE.

The Only State Paper Whose Special Mission is to Fight Hard for the Farmer.

It Believes That the Time has Arrived For the Farmers to Protest Against the False Systems of the day in Every Honorable way That They can Score a Point.

THE ALLIANCE believes the time is here when the "I c-a-n-t-s" should promptly get out of the way and make room for the farmers to get to the front who "will try." To this class THE ALLIANCE proposes to throw all the power it possesses to their support, and together make a grand charge in the battle for human rights. Stand from under all ye of little faith who make no effort to

FREE YOURSELVES.

The Farmers' Alliance of Nebraska is coming thirty thousand strong. Take to the woods! Climb a tree! Get out of the way! "Nancy will kill the bear!"

THE ALLIANCE will gather about it the best writers upon the questions of the day, and whose hearts and souls are in the work—that can be procured, and before the year is out the causes will be shown to every farmer who reads the paper, just why his farm is mortgaged, just why his products fail to lift his burden, just why each succeeding year finds him worse off than the year before.

The remedies will also be prescribed and made so plain that it will not require an expert to analyze the prescription.

Now, we want every farmer in the state who wants something practical said and something practical done in his behalf, to subscribe for this, his paper. We have placed the subscription price as low as we can possbly offer it for. If you do not feel like trying us a year, try us six months for 50 cents, and if this does not suit you, why then try us three months for 25 cents. Any way to get you to read the paper.

Awaiting an early response we are

Sincerely yours,
THE ALLIANCE PUB. CO.
Lincoln, Neb.

Bro. Mecham Goes For Us.

CAMBRIDGE, NEB., June 24:—EDITOR ALLIANCE: Thanks for samples of first two numbers of our paper, which I shall try and make good use of. I send you today three subscriptions, and will send more soon. I like the general ring of the paper, but think it has one sound of a ring which is altogether wrong, and as a cat may look at a king perhaps it is no sin for a poor country friend to point out what he thinks is wrong in a paper he desires to support, maintain and improve if possible. It seems to favor the interest sucking ring which is the very parent of all extortion; which has sucked the life blood out of every branch of industry, and has sapped the very foundation of the government. In number two under the title of "The Great Issue," it asks: "What are the functions and powers of money?" and then says "one of its functions and powers is to accumulate by interest;" and toward the winding up of your financial catechism you ask "Which of its functions or powers most directly influence the wellfare of the people?" And then say "Its power to measure values and accumulate by interest." Now, who are THE people whose wellfare is influenced by interest? Certainly only the creditor class; that class who hold bonds, mortgages and notes which draw interest.

Wellfare eh?

So this is THE class whose welfare THE ALLIANCE is looking after is it?

Well if that is it, that lets me out, and the sooner the Farmers' Alliance disbands and tries something more useful the better.

But this is not the object.

All that is wrong, is that the author of this financial catechism has got off his base and knows not what he talks about. Money never had such a function as interest accumulation. Just as well tell us stones will grow and increase in number by turning them over occasionally. Money has and never had but two functions and they can be narrowed down to one—i e the payment of debts and to facilitate exchanges, and that is only paying for services rendered which is only paying a debt. If I buy anything I make a debt although I pay the next instant; so really money has only the function of paying debts. And as to money having power, it has no more power than any other inert matter, such as a piece of wood, stone, or muck. But it does give people who monopolize and control it power to grind interest by extortion out of people who earned it, and transfering it to those who did not earn it. But does transfering it to an organized band of robbers increase its quantity?

Ceartainly not.

Wherever I go to lecture and organize Alliances, I tell the people we must do away with this unnatural and wicked thing called interest, or, in a few years, it will eat up the entire product of labor and all the wealth of our country. If I am wrong, I am doing harm and not good to the order, and the sooner some one is appointed to take my place the better it will be for the order and the masses, for I am deceiving the people and building up hope against hope and dividing a house against itself. But if I am right, let us all work upon this line and we shall soon have the robbers on the run and keep them running and do as the other hogs did who were possessed of devils, run into the sea and drown.

Now don't say this article is no good, or too long, and dump it into the waste basket, or consider me on top to hold it down, for this is my foundation and the gates of hell cannot shake it. Yours truly,

C. J. MECHAM.

Cambrige, Neb.

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We are prepared to do any and all kinds of printing for Alliances. Letter and note heads, envelopes. cards, by-laws, circulars, handbills etc. Send in your orders and we will do the work at prices as reasonable as it can be done.

At the request of a number of Alliances we publish this week the Insurance Bill as passed by the legislature last winter.

President Powers requests us to announce that he will be in Pierce Co., Friday, July 5. Nance Co., Monday, 8th. Loup Co., Wednesday, 10. He requests the friends in those counties to arrange for joint meetings of the Alliances at the county seats if convenient. If not, to then meet him at the county seat and inform him where the meeting will be held.

A number of men engaged in running sheep ranches in Dakota have recently borne testimony to the practicability and profitableness of the business there. With some knowledge of the business, good grazing and shelter, Dakota farmers can add largely to their wealth by sheep raising.

Prof, Sanborn thinks that there is a sharp demand for a decided change in our methods of growing hogs. He thinks the food can be taken to the pig cheaper than the pig can scoot around and get it, and that advantage should be taken of home feeding to procure the manure for increasing the production of the land. This aim will more than justify swine feeding.

A very large part of the crops grown upon the farm in the shape of grain should be turned into meats and butter and cheese before it is sold. In this way the land is kept in fertility and the product is very much more valuable and concentrated. The farmer who raises crops through the summer and feeds them through the winter has double profits.

The scarcity of feed in the fall is often the cause of great losses to farmers, mainly clover. This is the dearest of all feeds. A clover plant cropped in August or September has its growth so checked that it cannot stand the winter, and will not grow so vigorously next spring. It is better to buy grain for cows, and feed pretty liberally of the growing corn-crop rather than turn stock on young clover.

There is just one way, says the Western Rural, to make a good finished beef animal, and only one. That is to understand the science of feeding, and to practice it every day, feeding so as to make every ration count, and to continue feeding in that way, until the full purpose is accomplished: If the feeding is reckless and the care indifferent, do not expect to get the best ruling price for the cattle.

The roadsides, fence corners, rubbish, thickets and weeds should be completely cleared up not only for the advantages of the appearance but because such are used as the harboring places of insects. Destruction to crops will follow neglect to clear out the growth in inaccessible places where the plow, cultivator and harrow cannot go. Then the hoe should be used, and fire made to consume everything that is a nuisance.

Fowls that are confined to yards and kept warm in cold weather will give better results the entire year than when they are allowed to roam at will, sensibly remarks an experienced poultry keeper. The hens that have free range will sometimes lay more eggs in summer than will those that are confined; but the hens that are properly cared for during the cold season will lay at a time when the highest prices for eggs are usually obtained.

EDISON'S FIRST BANK CHECK.

He Was Very Much Afraid of Being Held Up and Robbed in Wall Street.

The other day a smooth faced man, wearing handsome clothes and displaying a soiled collar and a necktie all awry, and shoes that never experienced the skillful manipulations of a bootblack, and finger nails that never experienced a manicure, leaned his elbow on a Washington counter and talked in the jolliest way to a circle of newspaper friends. He looked like a tramp, but he really is one of the most famous men in the world, and his name is known in every part of the globe. Of course he is an Ohio man. His name is Thomas Alva Edison, and he was once a peanut boy and news butcher on a jerk-water railroad in the Buckeye state. During a little luncheon Edison, between hearty drinks of beer his favorite beverage, told in his quaint way the story of his first acquaintance with any large sum of money. It was in the days when he was struggling along with his early inventions, and didn't have big capitalists to back him. In fact, he didn't have any bank account himself, and hardly knew what one was. Bank checks were things he never had occasion to use, and had about as much idea of their value as the man in the moon.

Edison had finally sold his patent on the gold and stock indicator to the Western Union Telegraph company for $40,000, and was coming over to New York to get his money.

He had heard of Wall street and its bulls and bears, and had been told that it was full of "sharks," who would fleece a man very quick. So he made up his mind that Wall street was a very dangerous place, and that if ever he had occasion to go there he would be lucky if he got away without losing his overcoat and umbrella.

At that time Gen. Lefferts was president of the Western Union. One morning Edison came into the company's general offices to close up the sale of his patent. After a few preliminaries he was given a check for $40,000.

He looked at it curiously for a moment or two, and appeared to be puzzied what to do with it. He knew he had sold a patent to the Western Union company for $40,000, but he did not see any money. Observing his perplexity, Gen. Lefferts told him that if he would go to the Bank of America, in Wall street, he would get the check cashed. "So I started," said Edison, "after carefully folding up the check and went toward Wall street. So uncertain was I in regard to that way of doing business that I thought while on the way that if any man should come up to me and offer me two crisp thousand dollar bills for that piece of paper, I should give him up the check very quick."

On arriving at the Bank of America he hesitated about entering, fearing still that something might be wrong. At last, however, he mustered up courage and determined to try it. He knew that Gen. Lefferts had told him he would get his money here, so braced ahead and half tremblingly shoved his check out to the cashier.

The latter scutinized it closely, gave Edison a piercing glance, and said something which Edison could not understand, as he was hard of hearing.

That was enough. He was now more than ever convinced that his "check" wasn't worth $40,000, and again thought as he rushed out of the bank with it that any man who would give him $2,000 could walk away with the check.

He hurried back to the Western Union and said he couldn't get any money. Gen. Lefferts then sent a man with him to indentify him. He said. "This man is Mr. Thomas A. Edison, to whose order the check is drawn."

"Why, certainly, Mr. Edison," said the cashier, very obsequiously; "how would you like your $40,000—in what shape?"

"Oh, any way to suit the bank, it doesn't make any difference to me so long as I get my money."

Edison was given $40,000 in large bills. After dividing the roll into two wads of $20,000 each, he stuffed one into each trousers pocket, buttoned up his coat as tightly as possible, and made a break to get out of Wall street as quick as he could. The next day Edison began work on his first laboratory in New York.—F. D. Mussey in Cincinnati Commercial.

Head of That Family.

An uptown landlord last week leased the principal story and basement of one of his houses on Broadway to a man with whom he was well acquainted. The next day after the family moved in he received a summons to call at the house forthwith. He did so and was met by his tenant's wife, who pointed out various things she wanted done, and she imperiously insisted on having them done at once. The landlord demurred. "Madam," said he, "when I let this house I let it to the head of the family, and I can only deal with him." "Head of family," echoed the woman scornfully, "Well, if there is any other head of this family besides myself I would like to know it. I am the head, and it is I who desire these changes made." The landlord collapsed.

Deaths at the Eiffel Tower.

In talking with the workmen at the Eiffel tower I was surprised to hear of a number of fatal accidents which have never been made public. I was sure that these amounted to nearly a hundred; but the census would not be taken until all was over. As the French say, omelets cannot be made without the breaking of eggs.—Leeds Mercury.

After each rain the ground should be cultivated lightly to prevent evaporation of moisture. The loose dirt serves as a covering and shields the earth from the direct effects of drying winds and the heat of the sun.

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