

THE ALLIANCE.
PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING.
BY THE
ALLIANCE PUBLISHING CO.
BOHANNAN BLOCK,
Lincoln, -o- -o- Nebraska.

All communications for the paper should be addressed to THE ALLIANCE PUBLISHING CO. and all matters pertaining to the Farmers' Alliance, including subscriptions to the paper, to the Secretary.

H. G. ARMITAGE, Editor.

ALLIANCE DIRECTORY.

NATIONAL ALLIANCE.
President, J. BURROWS, Filley, Neb.
Vice President, H. L. LONSDALE, Clear Creek, Dakota.
Secretary, August Post, Mountain, Iowa.
Treasurer, H. J. FURZON, Austin, Minn.
Lecturer, A. D. CHASE, Watertown, Dak.

NEBRASKA STATE ALLIANCE.
President, John W. Powell, Cornhill.
Vice President, James Clark, Wabash.
Secretary-Treasurer, J. M. Thompson, Lincoln.
Lecturer, M. M. Case, Creighton.

Executive Committee: J. Burrows, Filley; B. F. Allen, Wabash; Allen Root, Omaha; L. Henry, Hays; W. M. Gray, North Platte.
Deputy Organizers: Robert Gray, Indian; Ava Tompkins, Hays; James A. Jones, Kearney; Wm. Clark, Banner; John A. Hogg, Shelton; J. W. Hartley, West Union; F. J. Reese, Lexington; L. C. Floyd, Bronckhorst; Charles W. Foster, York; C. C. Jones, North Platte; Thomas Sims, Fuller; W. A. Mansfield, Grand; F. J. Frederic, North Platte; J. S. Riddle, Arcadia; J. F. Harrison, York; Sherman Stevenson, Alma; G. W. Norman, Lincoln; J. Y. M. Armstrong, Kearney; W. Venango, Geo. W. Felton, Angus; Louis McRoy, Fairfield; Jas. C. Hetherington, Beatrice.

DAKOTA TERRITORY: President, H. L. Loucks, Clear Lake.
Secretary, J. A. Soderburg, Hartford.
MINNESOTA: President, George W. Sprague, Prosper.
Secretary, George W. Hinch, Mankato.

IOWA: President, A. L. Stuntz, State Centre.
Secretary, August Post, Mountain.
ILLINOIS: President, L. J. Secretary, David Ward Wood, Chicago.
WISCONSIN: President, N. E. Moody, Viroqua.
Secretary, A. F. Sands, Fairfield.
KANSAS: President, J. A. McLaughlin, White City.
Secretary, T. J. McLaughlin, Peabody.
WASHINGTON TERRITORY: President, J. M. Reed, Okanogan.
Secretary, J. W. Arrowsmith, Colfax.

OHIO: President, A. M. Smith, Climax.
Vice President, W. H. Lkins, Caledonia.
Secretary, A. T. Gortley, Iberia.
Treasurer, N. C. Bader, Marietta.
Executive Committee: Geo. C. Gruber, Marietta; Wm. Brookley, Caledonia; D. N. Auld, Martell; Esch Dunham, Harwood; J. D. Armstrong, Gilead.

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 this essential unity, in all things essential."

To secure purity of the elective franchise, and to induce voters to exercise their franchise in the most intelligent manner.

To secure 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 ourselves.

To suppress personal, local, sectional and national prejudices, all unkind rivalries, and all selfish ambition.

To assuage the sufferings of a brother and sister, bury the dead, care for the widows and "destitute orphans"; to exercise charity toward all officers, and to give to all those in need of their most favorable light, granting honesty of purpose and good-will to all others, and to try to bring the principles of the Alliance into death.

POST OFFICE AT LINCOLN, NEB., JUNE 18, 1889.
I hereby certify that THE ALLIANCE, a weekly newspaper published at this place, has been established under the provisions of the Act of Congress, and is entitled to a post office as a publication entitled to admission in the mails at the rate of postage provided for in such Act, and that 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, and notices of the Alliance, etc., should be addressed. Write plain and only on one side of the paper. Sign what you write, and send us your articles but send us your name always.)

Custer County and the Alliance.

During the last days of the year 1888 the farmers of portions of the county began to discuss the aims, principles, and purposes of the Farmers' Alliance, and on December 26, the Swiss Valley Alliance was chartered with twenty members. Then began, with the new year, an era of organization never equaled in the state, and rarely, if ever, excelled in any state in the union. A. Staley, who joined the Alliance while living in Brown county, was one of the most active workers in the work here. On March 1st the Alliances then organized met at Broken Bow and formed the County Alliance and elected efficient officers for that organization. The state secretary was present at this meeting and commissioned J. W. Hartley as deputy organizer for Custer county. In the short time of seven months the Alliance has gone into nearly every township in the county, there being now fifty-three chartered organizations with a membership ranging from ten to sixty in each Subordinate Alliance, and a degree of interest in all departments of Alliance work equal if not superior to that of any other part of the state.

W. R. Ballard, of Red Wing, Nance county, sends three subscribers and says the paper is just what they want. He also reports his Alliance in good shape and still better prospects ahead.

Bro. E. A. Draper, president of Mt. Olive Alliance, Litchfield, Neb., sends his subscription to the paper and says they will send in seven subscribers from his Alliance after their next meeting.

Bro. D. L. Hackett, of Bromfield, still continues his custom of sending two or three subscribers with each letter he writes. Bro. Hackett, is a zealous, untiring worker, and is in the field to win.

Clyde E. Clement, secretary of a newly organized Alliance in Furnas county, named Jones Alliance, reports the following officers elected: President, Arthur E. Miller; Vice-President, S. B. Rouse; Secretary, C. E. Clement; Treasurer, T. C. Jones.

Secretary fellows, of Sargent Alliance, sends three subscribers from Sargent and says he thinks we will receive a large list from there as soon as the paper is known. He reports the membership of his Alliance at thirty-six, with new ones coming in at every meeting.

Jacob Kindscher, of Guide Rock, sends two subscribers to our paper, and says: "I like the paper and will do all I can to introduce it. That is what we want to do to wake one another up. We have slept too long. Had a good rain here tonight. Crops look fine, but will we get anything for them if we receive a big crop?"

Secretary J. W. Gohsen, of No. 588, says: "The good work goes steadily on. The great need is to get the constitutions into the hands of the people. It dispels their fear of the order and teaches them what they want to know and should know. The ones you sent me done good work. Two Alliances are the outcome of them being put in the hands of the farmers."

Mr. A. Hoskins, of Elmwood, sends two subscribers.

J. F. Black, of Indianola, sends a club of ten subscribers.

Henry Hogg, of Ansley, sends us a club of five subscribers.

Secretary Geo. Foster, of Litchfield, sends four subscribers.

W. R. Ballard sends four subscribers from Red Wing and Fullerton.

M. H. Severy, of Aurora, sends club of nine subscribers from that place.

H. C. Rominger, of Clay Centre, sends two more subscribers this week.

Geo. L. Sipes, of Emmet, sends application for charter for Eagle Alliance which is No. 642. This Alliance starts in with nine charter members.

Wilson Winstow, of Bertrand, sends 8 subscribers from his place and Elwood.

Chas. Humphrey, of Indianola, sends two subscriptions to the paper from his place.

Secretary E. Goble, of Lamar, Neb., sends a club of seven subscribers to the paper.

Bro. Chas. Wooster, of Silver Creek, sends a club of five subscribers from Clarks, Neb.

A. B. Burden, Clarion, sends club of seven subscribers from Battle Creek and Madison.

J. P. Haack, of Belgrade, sends in a club of six subscribers from Belgrade and Fullerton.

C. R. Kirk, secretary of Alliance No. 543, sends three yearly subscribers from Plainview.

Bro. S. J. Urwiller, of Cherry Creek, sends a list of five subscribers from St. Michael and Nantasket.

Wm. Evans, of Taylor, Neb., sends a club of ten subscribers and says he expects to send more soon.

Secretary, J. F. Kiser, of Pleasant View Alliance, sends three subscribers from Merna, Dale and Cliff.

J. A. Gilson, of Grant, Neb., sends application for charter for an Alliance with fifteen charter members.

A list of ten subscribers it received from Indianola, but we have forgotten the friend's name sending them in.

M. H. Severy, of Aurora, sends in an additional club of 7 this week. This makes 17 for Bro. Severy this week.

Secretary F. W. Hammond, of Central Alliance, reports a gain of forty-four members during the last quarter.

Secretary Wm. H. Welch, of Wild Horse Alliance, reports six applicants for membership at their next meeting.

C. S. Wilson, secretary of Liberty Farmers' Alliance, sends four subscribers for the paper and says it fills the bill.

Bro. H. C. M. Burgess, of Cambridge, also has need for blank applications for membership and sends for a supply.

Mr. M. Manning, of Inez, Holt county, sends application for charter for an Alliance at his place with eight charter members.

Secretary John M. Samuelson, of No. 602, reports a gain of thirteen new members to their Alliance since chartered, which was recently.

Bro. C. A. McKinley, of No. 204, Riverton, sends \$1 for the paper and says there are a number of others in his locality who will subscribe soon.

A. B. Chatterton, secretary of Blue Valley Alliance, reports his Alliance in a flourishing condition and an addition of eighteen members during last quarter.

Bro. E. M. Harrison, of Venango, sends seven subscribers from his place and Big Springs. He also reports a gain of fourteen new members to their Alliance.

J. W. Dorland, of Elgin, sends club of nine subscribers, and says the farmers are thoroughly awake in his county and he expects to send us as many more soon.

Bro. H. G. Wheeler, of Underwood, sends three subscribers to the paper, and asks for blank charter applications, indicating that the work still goes on in Hall county.

Secretary David Tappan, of Tappan Valley Alliance, Broken Bow, reports the outlook for crops good in his county, and no three per cent per month money. Straight 10 per cent.

W. R. Ballard, of Red Wing, Nance county, sends three subscribers and says the paper is just what they want. He also reports his Alliance in good shape and still better prospects ahead.

Bro. E. A. Draper, president of Mt. Olive Alliance, Litchfield, Neb., sends his subscription to the paper and says they will send in seven subscribers from his Alliance after their next meeting.

Bro. D. L. Hackett, of Bromfield, still continues his custom of sending two or three subscribers with each letter he writes. Bro. Hackett, is a zealous, untiring worker, and is in the field to win.

Clyde E. Clement, secretary of a newly organized Alliance in Furnas county, named Jones Alliance, reports the following officers elected: President, Arthur E. Miller; Vice-President, S. B. Rouse; Secretary, C. E. Clement; Treasurer, T. C. Jones.

Secretary fellows, of Sargent Alliance, sends three subscribers from Sargent and says he thinks we will receive a large list from there as soon as the paper is known. He reports the membership of his Alliance at thirty-six, with new ones coming in at every meeting.

Jacob Kindscher, of Guide Rock, sends two subscribers to our paper, and says: "I like the paper and will do all I can to introduce it. That is what we want to do to wake one another up. We have slept too long. Had a good rain here tonight. Crops look fine, but will we get anything for them if we receive a big crop?"

Secretary J. W. Gohsen, of No. 588, says: "The good work goes steadily on. The great need is to get the constitutions into the hands of the people. It dispels their fear of the order and teaches them what they want to know and should know. The ones you sent me done good work. Two Alliances are the outcome of them being put in the hands of the farmers."

Bro. E. G. Cooley, of Weeping Water, says there is a great deal of inquiry in his section of the country in regard to our paper, among farmers who have not seen a copy of it, and asks for samples which we mail him with pleasure.

Mr. John Leis, Vice-President of the Holt County Farmers' Alliance, sends \$1 for the paper and says: "I shall do my best to get subscribers for THE ALLIANCE just as soon as I can find time to spare. I want to do my best toward helping your list roll up. Success to THE ALLIANCE."

Charter and other supplies received. Our Alliance is progressing nicely with a membership of twenty-nine, eight applicants to be initiated at next meeting. They are very much interested in the work. Long live the Alliance, and may the good work go on until the farmers are free from oppression.

Bro. M. S. Drennen, president of Cairo Alliance, Holt county, sends for sample copies of our paper and says: "We have a good live Alliance here of sixty members, and I think the Alliance is going to be a success. There are several good Alliances here in this part of the country and I would like to see a great many more started, as I think the better organized we are the better work we can do."

Bro. W. E. Murry, of Aurora, sends us in a club of ten subscribers, and says: "Please excuse this small list as we had but a few moments time to introduce the paper. These names were all taken in five minutes, or less. Will do better with next order." Certainly we excuse Bro. Murry, and would like to go right on excusing folks for making such breaks at us as this one.

Bro. T. G. Rowley sends six subscriptions to the paper from North Platte, and says: "I received sample copies of the two first issues of THE ALLIANCE. I like the square, plain way in which you put things, very much, and I believe it will be a great help to us farmers in giving voice to our sentiments, and in showing our neighbors that we have a right to live and intend to. Hoping that THE ALLIANCE may prosper and be a power for great good to the farmers. I remain, Yours fraternally, etc."

Mr. M. E. Bowlin, of Bromfield, Alliance shipping agent for Hamilton county, says: "I have shipped about 30,000 bushels of grain for the Alliance in the last two months. I sold to Coombe & McClemen, of Lincoln, but the elevator men wrote to them that we were not regular dealers and they refused to buy of us. The Business Association has my best wishes and I will do all I can to make it a success. I can see very clearly that our only hope is in the State Business Association. We have organized a Business Association at Bromfield to handle our grain and stock."

Bro. John H. Brown, president of Cat Creek Alliance, writing to the state secretary says: "I send in eight new subscribers to the paper and shall stay in the field and send more from time to time as I can gather them in. Our Alliance is prospering finely in the way of taking in new members. We started in with seven charter members and now number about fifty. Our Fourth of July celebration near Mason City was a grand success, and showed those outside that the Alliance of Custer county was stronger and more in numbers than was anticipated. It was generally estimated that there were at least four thousand people there. Hope you will hear from me often in the way of sending in new subscribers to the paper."

LITCHFIELD, NEB., June 30.—By request I will send you a report of the organization of the Sherman County Farmers' Alliance. In response to a call issued by Mount Olive Alliance No. 572, the delegates from the Subordinate Alliances in Sherman county met at the United Brethren church, seven miles west of Loup City. Delegates were present from six of the Subordinate Alliances now in Sherman county, representing between 125 and 150 members in this county. After a committee on credentials were appointed, the election of officers was held, and Albert Dickerson, of Litchfield, was elected president, and J. W. Zink, of Loup City, secretary. After the election of officers speeches were made by a number of those present, and a good deal of enthusiasm manifested, and it was resolved that Sherman county keep up with the procession with the other counties of this state. Resolutions were adopted to try and organize the balance of this county and double our membership if possible inside of the next two or three months. Our state paper was commented on favorably and all decided to use their influence to try and secure liberal patronage for the paper as it is just what we need most in this county where the work is new, and the amount of interest manifested by both members and those desiring to become members to get a correct insight into the objects of the society can be easily obtained through the Alliance paper. The meeting was conducted in harmony and all were well satisfied. Adjourned to meet when there should be a necessity for so doing.

**E. A. DRAPER,
Pres't Mt. Olive Alliance No. 572.**

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

JOSEPH PLUMMER.

Foefully Murdered—A Short Sketch of the Murdered Man's Life—Resolutions of Respect, Etc.

The Unknown Assassin Still at Large And For Whose Apprehension \$700 Reward is Offered.

Joseph Horace Plummer was born on a farm in Whiteside county, Illinois, near the city of Sterling, on February 19, 1849. He came to Nebraska in 1867 and remained until 1871, when he went to Texas where he remained for eight years, with the exception of one short visit home. During this time he was for two years a government scout. The rest of the time he was occupied at freighting, hunting, and fighting Indians. He had several narrow escapes. Once he was tied to the stake to be burned, when the appearance of troops scared the Indians away, but the soldiers failed to hear Joe shouting and he remained tied up for three days and nights, until his comrades returned from the hunt. When they came to him he was so weak that he could not speak. Once while out hunting he had his horse shot from under him and escaped by running and hiding, and was finally rescued by a party of cow boys. He had other adventures such as are common on the frontier. He settled permanently in Nebraska in 1880, in Otoe county, where he engaged in farming and stock raising until 1887, when he removed to Furnas county and settled on school section 16-3-24-w, where he opened up a farm of about 300 acres and fenced a pasture of about 160 acres. Here he lived with his mother, devoting his time to farming and stock raising until the night of June 22, when he was shot dead from his horse while returning home from an Alliance meeting and when within three-quarters of a mile of home.

So far as we know there is no clue to the murderer.

As Bro. Plummer was a man respected and liked by all his neighbors and acquaintances, it was always in order to go to Joe Plummer's for anything you wanted and did not have, and if Joe had it you were sure to get it if it were not in use by himself or others.

Our resolutions show the feeling of the neighborhood as well as the Alliance.

WHEREAS: Some unknown person has removed from our midst our worthy and esteemed Brother J. H. Plummer.

WHEREAS: The brotherly relations held by him with the members of Four Points of Industry Alliance No. 515, makes it fitting that we record our brotherly appreciation of him; therefore

Resolved, That the wisdom and ability which he has exercised in our lodge by his counsel and service will be held in grateful remembrance.

Resolved, That the sudden removal of such a brother from our lodge in which he has held a leading position leaves a vacancy and shadow that will be deeply realized by all members of the Alliance and will prove a grievous loss to the Alliance and its members.

Resolved, That with deep sympathy with the afflicted relatives and friends of the deceased we express an earnest hope that even so great a bereavement may be overruled for their highest benefit.

FOUR POINTS OF INDUSTRY ALLIANCE NO. 515. By Com.

A BILL

For an act to amend Sec. 40, Chapter 43 of the Compiled Statutes of Nebraska for 1887, entitled Insurance Companies, 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 construed so 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 ever make any loans, 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 association 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.

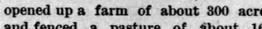
Sec. 2. That said original section 40 of chapter 43 of the Compiled Statutes of Nebraska for 1887, as the same now exist, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Job Printing For Alliances.

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.

J. M. ROBINSON,

KENFSAW, ADAMS COUNTY, NEB.



Breeder and Shipper of Recorded Polard China Hogs, Choice Breeding Stock, for sale. Write for wants. Mention THE ALLIANCE.

OBTAIN CHICAGO PRICES FOR YOUR PRODUCE

The way to do this is to ship your Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Veal, Hvy. Grain, Wool, Hides, Beans, Beans Corn, Green and Dried Fruits, Vegetables, or anything you have, to us. The fact that you may have been selling these articles at home for years is no reason that you should continue to do so if you can find a better market. We make a specialty of receiving shipments direct from FARMERS AND PRODUCERS, and probably have the largest trade in this way of any house in this market. While you are looking around for the cheapest market in which to buy, you are also looking for the best and most profitable way of disposing of your produce. We invite correspondence from INDIVIDUALS, ALLIANCES, CLUBS, and all organizations who desire to ship their produce to this market. If requested, we will send you free of charge our daily market report, shipping directions and such information as will be of service to you if you contemplate shipping. Let us hear from you.

SUMMERS, MORRISON & CO.,

COMMISSION MERCHANTS, 174 S. WATER, ST., CHICAGO.

REFERENCE.—Metropolitan National Bank, Chicago. Mention THE Alliance.

A Short Story About Hansen.

In one of the most fertile parts of the Platte valley, directly on the line between Hall and Adams counties, lies the little village of Hansen. As a village no interest attaches to it, for it has always been inclined to sleep placidly unless aroused by some passing farmer, and its business has been principally in grain and coal; it is as a farming community that our admiration is challenged.

In the spring of '87, J. H. Powers—now president of the State Farmers' Alliance—returning from the State Alliance convention with his brain full of the wrongs being daily practiced upon the farmer, and the utter helplessness of the farming class, called a meeting for organized resistance to oppression. So full was he of his subject, and so enthusiastic in his work, that three Alliances were formed at once. The Alliance meetings were universally attended for every farmer was earnestly desirous of finding how to better his condition. Methods and plans were intelligently discussed, and mutual aid given and received in many ways.

During the fall and winter sufficient progress had been made to prompt the farmers to buy in clubs. A beginning was made in coal, and in this a saving was effected of from 50 cents to \$2.00 per ton. But this immediately brought down upon them the wrath of the "legitimate" dealers, and the first effort of the latter was to prevail upon the mine owners to refuse to ship to the Alliance. This threatened to be successful until the determined stand of the farmers brought companies to a sense of who their patrons were.

The actual experience acquired by the farmers in this way soon led to the formation of a permanent organization for the transaction of business. Three Alliances together formed a stock company with an authorized capital of \$5,000. A little over \$2,000 was subscribed in shares of \$10, 60 per cent of which was at once paid in. A store room was rented in Hansen, a general stock of merchandise put in, and a competent man hired to conduct the business. He spent two days looking for them and when found one of them had fallen into a crevice and had broken his leg. I do not know how he got into the crevice, but some means or other it went out that it was I that had met with the accident.

Lord and Lady Lonsdale, with two sons of Arctic curiosities, sailed for England on the Celtic.

Atchisonian Philosophy.

The worm that turns is only trodden on more heavily than before.

The average man never looks up without seeing something he hates.

An enemy can always do you harm, but a friend can not always do you good.

You might hear many strange things were it not for the fear that you will tell.

Do not offend. Every offense a man commits makes one more defense for his enemy.

There is some excuse for the man who has no conscience; it is said that conscience only makes a man cowardly.

The worst passions are occasionally of use to society; jealousy has caused thieves to fall out and tell on each other.

Death to a man does not seem saddest in extreme youth or in extreme age, but at the age that is nearest to one's own.

The Bible says that the Lord made man in his own image; we can therefore believe the statement that the Lord is jealous. Men are.

Man thinks that if he ever gets out of one trouble he will never get in another, but a week of good luck makes him as foolish as ever.

We all dislike the dentist who insists that we look cheerful while having a tooth pulled, but it is a fair sample of the good advice going around.

Doing your best all the time is like wearing your Sunday clothes on a week day; people soon forget that they are your best clothes and expect you to wear something better.

Success brings in its train a great number of additional cares. The president is the busiest man in the United States, and his troubles are so numerous that he tosses about at night and moans in his sleep.

The same instinct that causes all dogs to chase a stray cur from the country causes the men to say mean things to amiable people. When a big bull dog walks down the street none of the dogs long to attack him; men are the same way.—Atchison Globe.

Early Indiscretions.

"It is strange how a man is obliged to pay for his early exposures or indiscretions," said Senator Davis, of Minnesota, recently, while lying ill in Washington. "When I was young I was strong and vigorous. During the war I constantly exposed myself to all sorts of weather and to numerous fatigues. I laughed at sickness, even as a possibility. But I'll tell you that within the last ten years I've been paying for it."

"I did," said the young man, as a look of mingled pain and admiration came over his face. "But I thought I would come and ask you—"

"Ask me what?"

"If you would come and join our foot ball association."—Merchant Traveler.

LORD LONSDALE.

The British Nobleman's Trip to the icy Regions of the North.

Lord Lonsdale, bronzed by Arctic suns, arrived in this city a few days ago, says the New York World, after his tramp of over 12,000 miles in the frozen region of the north.

"I left here," he said, "on the 7th day of March of last year, and while away I've traveled 12,000 miles. I started with a valet and favorite dog, Green Lake, 500 miles north of Winnipeg, I had to send them home on account of the cold. The purpose of my trip was to obtain specimens, information as to localities, species of birds, and varieties of game in the northern latitudes. Though I went in the interest of the Scottish Naturalist society it was virtually a sporting trip. My reasons for returning by the way of Montreal were to collect the specimens I had left at different points on my way out. These specimens I found at Montreal weighed over two tons. I had no thought of reaching the north pole. It was not a polar expedition. All that I wanted was to go as far as I believed animal life existed or as far as I could see signs of animals."

"Do you think the north pole can be reached?" asked the reporter.

"Certainly I do," was the prompt reply. "If a man wants to reach the pole he can do so, but he must not travel with a large party. The voyage is made by sleds and not by open sea. The great trouble has been that large parties have been sent out only to fail. To reach the pole the party must not number above three."

"What do you think of Alaska?"

"The southwestern part of Alaska I found very valuable in respect to timber and minerals. I don't believe the reports that gold-fields abound in great numbers."

"Did you suffer from the cold?"

"No, not as much as I expected. There was one thing that annoyed me more than the cold. That was the mosquitoes. In the Arctic seas they are simply dreadful. They are so thick at times that the sun is darkened by them."

"But it was a jolly trip, wasn't it, went on your lordship?"

"I have had to take some pretty hard stunts, sleep in odd places, and take considerable abuse from the natives, but I have learned a great deal, and I hope my report on this trip will prove of interest to the Scottish Naturalist society. I've been in camps where the natives told me no white man had ever been before, and I've crossed a peninsula with the cold 30 degrees below zero, that the natives said could not be done, and to attempt it would be to give up my life. But I did cross it, and here I am. When I reached the Pacific slope I learned for the first time that the report had gone out that I had met with a severe accident which was likely to result in my death. The report came about in this way: