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THE ALLIANCE will be found in the front ranks of the opposition to all trusts and combinations to throttle competition, and extort from the producers and laborers the lion's share of the fruits of their toil.

We shall advocate the free coinage of silver the same as gold, and its restoration to its old time place in our currency.

The issue of all paper money direct to the people on land security, and an increase of its volume proportioned to increased production and population:

Government ownership of railroads; The U. S. postal telegraph; The restriction of land ownership to the users of land, and its reasonable limitation;

The exclusion of alien landlords; The election of U. S. Senators by a direct vote of the people;

And all other reforms which will inure to the benefit of the Farmers and Workingmen.

**The Autumn Scene.**  
BY T. BUCHANAN READ.  
Within the sober realm of leafless trees,  
The russet tanager inhaled the dreary air,  
Like some tanned reaper in his hour of ease,  
When all the fields are lying brown and bare.

The gray urns looking from their hazy hills,  
O'er the dim waters widening in the vales,  
Sent down the air a greeting to the mills,  
On the dull thunder of alternate falls.

All sights were mellowed, and all sounds subdued;  
The hills seemed further and the streams sang low;  
As in a dream the distant woodman hewed  
His winter log with many a muffled blow.

The embattled forests, erewhile armed in gold,  
Their banners bright with every martial hue,  
Now stood like some sad beaten host of old,  
Withdrawn afar in Time's remotest blue.

On slumberous wings the vulture tried its flight;  
The dove scarce heard his sighing mate's complaint;  
And like a star, slow drowning in the light,  
The village church vane seemed to pale and faint.

The sentinel creak upon his hill-side crew,  
Crew thrice, and all was stiffer than before—  
Silent, all save his wailing warden's blew  
His alien horn, and then was heard no more.

### EDITORIAL.

**LAWS NOMINATED.**  
CORPORATE POWER AGAIN TRIUMPHANT.  
At the Second district congressional convention held at Hastings last Tuesday, Mr. Laws was, after a brief struggle, nominated for congress.

We record this fact with feelings of profound sorrow. No excited or feverish declamation—no mere denunciation of the aggressions of railroad corporations—can adequately express those feelings.

Nor does the question of Mr. Laws' personal character have much to do with the matter. He may be a courteous gentleman, fully mindful of his obligations as a man towards his fellow-men, and still that would make no difference.

The pregnant, prominent fact stands out in all its nakedness, that a corporation, an artificial creation of the law, with an undying existence, with no soul and no patriotism, and with a greed for gold and power unlimited by no known law of human action, steps into the political arena with the people who created it, and within a week dictates to them who shall wear the judicial ermine in their highest court, and who shall sit in the highest place among their makers of laws.

The people of the Second district have never yet been represented in congress. And under the present order of things it does not seem that they ever will be. And whatever Mr. Laws may do—whatever aid he may extend to the old soldier element, or to this individual or that, in the way of special relief or special law—it is undoubtedly true that his best efforts will be given to maintaining the present order of things as they are.

beings who are to-day the autocrats of their creators. Through all the struggle of the past fifteen years this autocracy has lost no power. Our republican forms give it advantages which it could have under no other form of government; and with these advantages it is rapidly developing conditions which will ultimately make republican government impossible.

**THE POWER OF MONEY.**  
"Proclaim the truth that there is something mightier in this land than money," said Rev. Mr. Brobst in his pulpit in Chicago last Sunday.

Well, what is it? Is it love? Love is the strongest passion of the human heart. But in these modern days love is subordinated to money, with occasional rare exceptions. What is it that men seek from the rising to the going down of the sun? Money. What is it for which they delve and dig and labor, and lie and cheat and betray? Money.

**RECKLESS RUNNING.**  
We find it convenient to ride on the A. & N. occasionally, going south from Lincoln. We went down on a freight train a few days ago, and being delayed about an hour above Firth, we took occasion to walk out on the track.

**A Mule has a Colt.**  
The Cheyenne Leader says that a mare mule at the ranch of County Commissioner Dyer has given birth to a colt. This is a remarkable phenomenon, but stranger things have happened.

**"A VISIONARY SCHEME."**  
Under the above caption the Bee alludes to a proposed convention of the wheat growers of the Mississippi valley to be held at St. Louis on Oct. 23rd.

**CHECK OF CITY PAPERS.**  
The Omaha World-Herald in its weekly edition of Oct. 9, when discussing the proposition of a labor party to have the Congressional Record placed within reach of the people, so that the doings of congress might be known to them, ridicules farmers as follows:

**LANCASTER CO. LABOR TICKET.**—On Thursday of last week the laboring men met in convention and nominated the following ticket:

**THE LINE OF ACTION.**  
First—Abolish Land Monopoly: By means of a graduated tax on excessive holdings—sufficiently high in city or country—to prevent land being bought for speculation, or permanently held for rent.

**Second—Supply Money at Cost.**  
By amending the law which now requires our government to loan money to bankers on bonds at one per cent, so that loans on small landed estates—say to the extent of half their cash value—can be obtained at the same rate.

**DEATH OF EX-SENATOR WHITING.**  
The Sage of Tiskilwa passes away after a tedious illness of three years.  
With feelings of profound grief we learn of the death of Hon. L. D. Whiting, of Illinois. Our acquaintance with him began at the Minneapolis meeting of the National Alliance about two years ago.

**DOES CONTRACTION OF THE CURRENCY LOWER PRICES?**  
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