

PLATFORM AND ADDRESS OF THE INDEPENDENT PARTY.

Adopted at St. Louis, February 24, 1892.

This, the first great labor conference of the United States and of the world, representing all divisions of urban and rural organized industry, assembled in national congress, involving upon its action the blessing and protection of Almighty God, for the benefit and for the producers of this nation, this declaration of union and independence.

The conditions which surround us best justify our co-operation. We meet in the midst of a nation brought to the verge of moral, political, and material ruin. Corruption dominates the ballot box, the legislatures, the Congress, and touches even the ermine of the bench. The people are demoralized. Many of the states have been compelled to isolate the voters at the polling places in order to prevent universal intimidation and bribery. The newspapers are subsidized or muzzled, public opinion silenced, business prostrated, our homes covered with mortgages, labor impoverished, and the land concentrating in the hands of capitalists. The urban workmen are denied the right of organizing for their protection; imported pauperized labor beats down their wages; a hiring standing army unrecognized by law, established to shoot them down, and they are rapidly decreasing to European conditions.

The fruits of the toil of millions are boldly stolen to build up colossal fortunes, unprecedented in the history of the world, while the masses are degraded, beaten, have the right of suffrage denied, are driven to the edge of starvation and slavery. We are told that the present order is the best that the world has ever known. We are told that the present order is the best that the world has ever known. We are told that the present order is the best that the world has ever known.

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SWINGING INTO LINE.

All Over the Nation the People are Falling Into Line With the Reform Army.

Ratification Meetings Held and Conventions Called in Indiana, Illinois, Louisiana and other States.

A state convention of the people's party has been called to meet at Indianapolis, May 27th. County conventions are being held all over the state. A great wave of enthusiasm is rising and it threatens to sweep the state into the people's column in November.

The Nonconformist reports rousing ratification meetings in sixteen counties and more to be heard from.

The state committee of the people's party met in Chicago, March 22nd and decided to call a state convention to meet at Danville, May 19th. Great interest is shown in many parts of the state.

The people's party of Louisiana has formed a state organization, nominated a full ticket, issued an address to the people, and prepared for a winning fight.

The way Michigan is wheeling into line for the people's party is truly astonishing. Forty-five counties are already organized and a host of local elections have been won. It now looks as though a majority of Michigan's presidential electors could be counted on for the people's party.

The executive committee of the state Alliance held a meeting at the Lindell hotel on Tuesday. All members were present, also lecturers Dech, Wright and Fairchild, and President Powers and Secy. Thompson. The work of the lecturers was reviewed and pronounced eminently satisfactory, and plans for future work were outlined.

After a full discussion of the National Union Co., the following resolution was adopted concerning it: Resolved, That while we favor co-operation in buying and selling on the part of our members, we cannot, from our present knowledge of the plans and work of the National Union Company, give it our endorsement or support.

The editor of the INDEPENDENT attended the meeting of the Jefferson county alliance on last Saturday addressing an open meeting at Whiting's hall at close of the secret session. There has been a very marked revival of interest in the alliances of that county. Most of the sub-alliances were represented, and there was no lack of interest.

The transfer of the Sun subscribers to the Independent and the consolidation with the Alliance was fully explained, and all expressed great satisfaction over the result, and gave assurance of hearty and continued support. Ye editor was very hospitably entertained by Mr. Ingraham and his estimable lady.

Hon. W. F. Wright will hold a series of meetings in Jefferson county early in May, notice of which will be given in our next issue.

Assistant State Lecturer Fairchild was in the city on Tuesday to attend the meeting of the Alliance Executive board. The following is a brief account of his work since the St. Louis conference. He has held nineteen meetings, nearly all in the northeastern part of the state where the Alliance organization is not so strong as elsewhere. The first six meetings in Burt county, all of which were well attended except at Oakland, where bad weather and impassable roads prevented. Burt promises an independent majority next fall. He visited Wayne county next where he held five meetings, all of which were well attended, excepting one at Carroll. Much enthusiasm was manifested. At Wayne the bankers tried to keep men over whom they held mortgages from attending the meetings. In spite of this, two rousing meetings were held. Last fall the independents elected part of their ticket in this county and they expect to make a clean sweep next fall. From Wayne he went to Pierce county where he held meetings at Osmond, Turner's school house, and at Pierce. The attendance at these meetings was fair, but not large, owing to untoward circumstances. The Alliances of that county are in excellent condition, and the independents feel sure of a victory next fall. Lastly he held four meetings in Stanton county, all of which were well attended and enthusiastic. There are only a few Alliances in Stanton, but there are hundreds of independents who have never belonged to the Alliance. The citizens of Pilger and Stanton turned out well and showed much interest.

Mr. Fairchild starts at once on another tour through Antelope, Madison, Knox and Cedar counties.

Isn't it strange that a few laws passed in the interest of labor usually turn out to be unconstitutional? Doubtless in many cases they are purposely made so. The last Illinois legislature passed a bill making it unlawful for employers of labor to own "truck stores" from which their employes were forced to purchase supplies. The supreme court of that state has just found that law unconstitutional. So now the poor miners must take their pay in high priced inferior supplies bought at a "pluck-me-store," or lose their job.

This is a great country. But who made it great? The men and women who labor with muscle and with brain. It was not made great by any political party. The people have made this country great, and they deserve the credit for it. And what is more they demand a fair share of the results they have produced.

The Eastern Railroad Association is a combination of roads east of Pittsburgh Pa., organized, it is maintained, to ruin patentees by defeating their suits brought against railroad companies for infringement of patented inventions. Wm. K. Tubman, of Maryland, patentee of a railroad car, whose suit against the Wason Manufacturing Company of Springfield, Mass., is pending, has petitioned congress for a select committee to investigate this railroad combine against inventors.

In Seward. State Lecturer Dech will address an open meeting at Seward, April 16th, in connection with the regular meeting of the County Alliance.

Local And Miscellaneous.

LINCOLN MARKETS.

Live Stock. Market steady; fair demand with prices unchanged. HOGS—\$4 00/4 25. COWS—\$3 00/3 50. BUTCHER STEERS—\$3 00/4 40. CALVES—\$4 50.

Hay and Grain. The quotations on wheat, oats, and corn indicate about what is paid at the elevators. WHEAT—No. 2 Spring, 65c; No. 3, 60c. OATS—No. 2, 35c/40c. RYE—No. 2, 50c/60c. CORN—No. 2, 25c. HAY—Prairie, bulk, \$1 00/2 00; baled, \$5 00/6 00.

Provisions. LARD—By the tierce, 50c. HAM—Sugar cured, 50c/55c; bonese, 54c/60c. BACON—Breakfast, 54c/60c; side, 74c/84c. DRIED BEEF—5c by the barrel. SHOULDER—50c/60c.

Lancaster County Alliance Holds its regular meetings at K. of L. Hall, Lincoln, Neb., the first Friday of each month at 2 p. m. Wm. Foster, Secretary, Sallito, Neb.

See advertisement of ground oil cake on page seven. Will retail 300 photograph albums at wholesale prices. C. M. Leighton, 145 S. 10th st. 25 ct.

All kinds of garden, field and flower seeds at Griswold's Seed Store, 140 South 11th. A Serious Fall In prices of fine stationery, albums, soaps, perfumery and all goods, at C. M. Leighton's, 145 S. 10th st. 25 ct.

Light Brahma Eggs From my mammoth prize winning birds \$2.00 per 13. For description of my mating address with stamps if convenient. (51) F. G. YULE, Lincoln, Neb.

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Spring Catalogue Ready. The Hub Clothing Co., of 104-106 N. 10th St. of this city will mail free of charge their illustrated spring catalogue and descriptive price list of Men's and Boys clothing, etc., to all who apply for it. Send in your address at once on a postal and see what "The Hub" can do for you. 43 ct.

Cotner University Summer School Commences July 5th and lasts 8 weeks. Tuition \$8; board and room \$2.50 per week. Classes organized in leading studies from Intermediate Arithmetic to Geometry and Algebra. Write for particulars to Prof. E. D. HANSEN, Institute Conductor, Bethany Heights, Lincoln, Neb.

Nemaha County Alliance. The Nemaha County Farmers' Alliance will hold its regular quarterly meeting at Auburn, April 9th, at 10 a. m. All Sub. Alliances should have their report and dues in by that date to insure their representation. G. F. HUNTINGTON, D. N. JONES, Secy., Pres.

The Population of Lincoln is about 60,000, and we would say at least one-half are troubled with some affection of the Throat and Lungs, as those complaints are, according to statistics, more numerous than others. We would advise all our readers not to neglect the opportunity to call on their druggist and get a bottle of Kemp's Balsam for the Throat and Lungs. Trial size free. Large bottles 50c and \$1. Sold by all druggists. 21-6m

Barred Plymouth Rocks AT WALNUT GROVE. Eggs for hatching \$2.00 per 13. Also Mammoth Bronze turkey eggs, \$5.00 per 9. Nothing but choice, high scoring birds used. Pure and fine, eggs guaranteed. 37-1m Mrs. Z. S. BRANSON, Waverly, Neb.

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On March 10th we bought at Sheriff's Sale the entire assets of the bankrupt firm of Henry Shoenly & Company,

For 40 cents on the dollar. The stock consists of Dress Goods, Table Linens, Domestic Hosiery, Underwear, Notions, Corsets, Lace Curtains, Men's Furnishing Goods and Cloaks. We paid 40 cents for every dollar's worth of goods. We are going to give our customers the benefit and sell them a dollar's worth for 50 cents. Now is the Time to Buy Spring Dry Goods.

Shoenly & Co had a magnificent stock of black and colored Dress Goods, ranging in price from 12 1/2c to \$1.50 a yard. We have cut the price in two. Double width Dress Goods, assorted lots, Shoenly's price, 12 1/2c, 25c, 35c, 45c, 75c, 98c and \$1.50; our price in the great bankrupt sale is 6 1/2c, 12 1/2c, 17 1/2c, 22 1/2c, 37 1/2c, 49c and 75c.

Shoenly & Co had a great stock of Table Linens, domestics and white goods. Don't hesitate to lay in a five years supply at these prices.

L. L. Brown Muslin, Shoenly's price 7c, our price 3 1/2c. Dress Calicoes, Shoenly's price 5c, our price 2 1/2c.

Apron Gingham, Shoenly's price 7c, our price 3 1/2c. Table Oil Cloth, Shoenly's price 22c, our price 11c.

White Checked Nainsook, Shoenly's price 8c, our price 3c. Outing Flannel, Shoenly's price 10c, our price 5c.

40-inch White Linen Lawn, Shoenly's price 30c, our price 10c.

Shoenly & Co had 500 pairs of Lace Curtains, their price was 75c, \$1.25, \$2, \$2.70, \$3.95, \$4.50, \$5.50, our price in the great bankrupt sale to commence on Monday morning will be 37 1/2c, 62 1/2c, 98c, \$1.35, \$1.45, \$1.98, \$2.25 and \$3.75 a pair.

Send for catalogue of Griswold's garden and flower seeds, 140 South 11th.

FELCH STRAIN LIGHT B. I have yet some nice Felch Strain L. B. cockrels for sale. Eggs for hatching from L. B. S. L. Wandott, B. P. Roak, B. Leghorns and Toulouse geese. S. H. MORREHEAD, 307 Albin, Nebraska.

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Shoenly & Co had a \$7,000 stock of Hosiery, Underwear and Men's Furnishing Goods. It won't last long at these prices.

Ladies' fast black cotton Hose, plain and ribbed, Shoenly's price 10c, 30c, 30c and 50c, our price 5c, 10c, 15c and 25c.

Boys' fast black ribbed bicycle Hose, Shoenly's price 20c and 30c, our price 10c and 20c.

Mens' Cotton and Lisle Thread Socks, black and colors, Shoenly's price 10c, 20c, 25c and 50c, our price 5c, 10c, 12 1/2c and 25c.

Ladies' Ribbed Balbriggan Vests, Shoenly's price 18c, 20c, 30c and 50c, our price 5c, 10c, 15c and 25c.

Mens' French Balbriggan shirts and Drawers, Shoenly's price 50c and \$1, our price 25c and 50c.

Mens' Flannel Overshirts, Shoenly's price 50c, 75c and \$1, our price 25c, 30c and 49c.

Mens' Madras Overshirts, Shoenly's price \$1.50 and \$2, our price 75c and 98c.

Mens' Trimmed Nightshirts, Shoenly's price 85c and \$1.75, our price 30c and \$2.90.

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Furniture Department. Bedsteads \$1.95, any size, worth \$2.50. Bedsteads \$2, any size, worth \$2.85. Bedsteads \$2.75, worth \$3.50. Bedsteads \$3.25, worth \$4. Bedsteads \$3.85, worth \$4.50. Bedsteads \$4.50, worth \$5.25. Bedsteads \$5.50, worth \$6.25. These are good beds, all of them, and made of hard wood. The beds from \$3.25 up are oak. Springs and mattresses at the same low price, which enables us to do a rushing business. Bed room suits, maple, 16th century finish, \$10.50, 3-piece suits, \$14.50 and \$15.50. Cheval suit, \$19. Other suits at \$18.50 and \$19. Oak suits at \$25, \$27, \$29, \$30 and \$35. We carry just as good furniture as any furniture house in Neb., but our prices are lower. Bed lounges at \$8.50, \$10.50, \$12.50, \$13 and \$15. All have woven wire springs. Center tables at \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.95, \$2.25, \$2.85, \$3, \$4, \$5, \$6; up to \$11. All first class goods. Book cases in great variety. Fine line of oak extension tables, latest styles, any price you wish. We undersell them all on chairs and rockers.

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