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*In the beauty of the lilies
 Christ was born across the sea,
 With a glory in his bosom
 That transfigures you and me.
 As he strove to make men holy
 Let us strive to make them free.
 Since God is marching on.*
 —Julia Ward Howe.

This department will be under the direction of J. M. Thompson, state secretary. Short items from Alliances on matters of general interest, questions when dispute have arisen, and any news bearing upon the great work of our organization will be welcomed by the editor. Write plainly, on one side of the paper only, and address "Alliance Department," ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT, LINCOLN, NEB.

We would be glad to get items from every county in the state on condition of the Alliance work.

Rally, Patriots, Brave and True!

Today, again we call on men,
 And on our women, too,
 To rally to our glorious cause
 Like patriots brave and true.
 Take up the standard for the right
 And wear it bravely on.
 Till every foe shall yield to us
 And every field be won.

The time is ripe; the hour is near
 When tyranny shall feel
 Its very vitals, through and through,
 Pierced by our trenchant steel.

For even now, upon its throne
 Oppression shakes in fear;
 It dreads the blow that soon must fall
 And feels its doom is near.

Then why should we like cowards shrink
 Nay! nay! it shall not be,
 That blow we now must surely strike
 For home and liberty.

Then rally friends from East and West,
 From North and South rise up:
 No longer drink unto its dregs
 The gall in serfdom's cup.

Be brave, be strong, be openly true,
 And with your *own* hand
 You soon will make *our* country loved
 A free and glorious land.

—Chicago Sentinel.

Railroad Rates to Annual Meeting.

The various railroad lines in Nebraska have granted us a one and one-third rate for the delegates attending the meeting at Grand Island on the certificate plan. Take a receipt from local agent showing one full fare paid and such receipt signed by the state secretary will entitle you to one-third on return trip. Where you have to travel over more than one road, take a separate receipt for each line used.

The annual meeting will be held in Bartenbach's opera house, which will accommodate about 1,000 delegates. No one need stay away fearing that the hall will be too small to hold our delegates. You will all be well taken care of. The hotels are making special arrangements to accommodate a large number. Be sure and come. President Powers and State Secretary will be found at Palmer House, Room 19.

Hon. H. L. Loucks president of the N. F. A. I. U. has been invited to attend the annual meeting. We have not heard from him but expect him, to address a public meeting on Tuesday evening, December 20th.

What Have "You" Gained?

The Examiner of Hartford, Conn., asks the wage slaves who voted the old party ticket the following troublesome questions:

"At this writing it is assured that Cleveland has won in the recent election. What has he won? The honor of being elected president of the United States for the second time, and a \$200,000 salary with house rent free and other findings. Dear reader—you who may be an employee of some corporation working for one, two or three dollars a day—please say how much your gain, present or prospective, foots up. Yes, your 'party' has won—many of its members have won places of ease and emolument—but you, oh poor wage slave! what is the measure of your winnings? You have cast your vote this time where it counted, to be sure, but ah, good friend, what does it count for? That's the rub! Does it not count for you a continuance of your industrial serfdom—a life of toil and ever present suspense for the morrow, with not enough at the laying down of the weary burden to secure the shroud that covers you?"

Dawes County Alliance

Is called to meet in Chadron, December 15th, at 10 o'clock sharp. Full delegations from every alliance in the county is earnestly solicited. State Lecturer Fairchild is expected to address the meeting in the afternoon.
 E. M. COOL,
 President.

Personal.

Mr. O. Hull formerly lecturer of the State Alliance and president of the Alliance Publishing Company, has sold his farm in Lancaster county. His many Nebraska friends will be pleased to know that he will not remove from the state, nor will he sever his connection with the Farmers' Alliance. Mr. Hull has bought a farm near Alma, Harlan county, and our best wishes go with him, as he begins anew the work of home building in western Nebraska. His address will hereafter be Alma, Harlan county.

Of all the good men who failed to pull through on election day there is none whose defeat we regret more than our old friend Dech of the Fourth Congressional District of Nebraska.—Sentinel Chicago.

One Alliance Man's Views.

ROCKVILLE, Neb., Nov. 28, 1892.

Editor Alliance Department:

As you like to hear from the alliance I will write a little and send it with my report. Our alliance is in good running order, and we meet every two weeks, nearly always having good attendance. We keep up the interest in our alliance by discussing the most important questions that are confronting the American people today. We find it is better to keep in the middle of the road while in session. We find that if other business is brought up in the alliance that don't pertain strictly to the alliance the people get tired. I have heard it remarked, O, yes the alliance is a good thing, the farmers can get together and plan how to increase the production of their farms. How stupid. Brother farmers go into your respective alliances with the determination to help overthrow the tables of the money changers, and kick every tariff tinker out of the halls of congress. (Major McKinley included.)

It is high time the masses should have some protection as well as the classes, and you can help by keeping up the interest in your alliance. We need the alliance to put men in office and to instruct them while in office in regard to the work we would have them do for us, and it cannot be done in any other way. Fraternally,
 R. W. KIDDLESON.

Bear for Baggage.

HASTINGS, Neb., Dec. 7.—Messenger Abel and Baggage man Kirkman came in over the B. & M. yesterday morning on No. 2, looking as if they had experienced more than they could bear. In other words they had been the victims of an innocent flirtation with a Dago bear of the Cinnamon species. The bear held down one corner of the baggage car at first chained just in his allotted corner. The boys did business for the corporation all right until the chain broke. Then they commenced to apply themselves to the top of the pile of trunks in the baggage car. Kirkman thought it was Oliver Curtis Perry and with the aid of a shotgun was about to declare void the bear's articles of incorporation. He was finally captured and again chained up. The boys are overjoyed at their hairbreadth escape.

An Old Settler.

TABLE ROCK, Neb., Dec. 7.—Andrew Fellers, aged 65, one of our earliest settlers, died yesterday after a lingering illness of several weeks, due to a complication of diseases. He settled on his fine farm, which now comprises about 1,000 acres, in 1858. He removed to this village in the spring of 1886. He has been twice elected county commissioner and has been a prominent business man for years, and was a large cattle feeder. He was one of the pillars of the Presbyterian church, and his funeral occurs here today. He leaves a widow and five children.

"Do Live After Them."

HASTINGS, Neb., Dec. 7.—Quite an important case came up before Judge Burton yesterday. It is in an action whereby the Adams County bank seeks to recover \$8,000 on a promissory note from the estate of John Motley, deceased. The note was originally given by the deceased to his son, who afterward sold it to William Kerr, and it was by him assigned to the plaintiff. Judge Burton held that the claim was good against the estate unless fraud or incompetency could be shown in the making of the note. The case will be appealed.

Hit Her With an Ax.

PONCA, Neb., Dec. 7.—A serious accident befell one of Mr. E. Harrison's children last evening. Two of the children, a boy and girl, were playing in the yard and in some way, whether in anger or by accident is unknown, the boy struck the girl with an ax, inflicting a long, deep cut in her leg just below the knee. Dr. Devors, who dressed the wound says that although it is a severe wound, he thinks she will get along all right.

Margaret Mather Very Ill.

OMAHA, Dec. 7.—Margaret Mather is a sick woman and is confined to her room at the Dellone unable to fill her short season decided upon before the final disbanding of her company. The company was billed to play in Council Bluffs last evening, but so ill was the star that her physician refused to permit her appearance and the company was given notice that the season was therefore at an end.

New Officers.

HOLDREGE, Neb., Dec. 7.—Cyrene chapter No. 42, R. A. M., met to-night and elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: G. W. Uplike, king; S. E. McNaull, scribe; Max Uhlig, treasurer; L. Weber, secretary. The reports show the order in fine shape financially, and plenty of work to do. With the present corps of officers the outlook for the coming year is flattering.

Surveyor Baldwin Impeached.

GRAND ISLAND, Dec. 7.—The county board of supervisors is in session and is examining witnesses in the impeachment trial of County Surveyor Baldwin. The principal charge is that he willfully and deliberately changed a government corner. A decision will probably be reached today.

Western Government Buildings.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The annual estimates prepared by the treasury department and sent to congress today provide appropriations for public buildings as follows: Omaha, Neb., to complete, \$200,000; Sioux City, Ia., to complete, \$85,000; Sioux Falls, S. D., to complete, \$350,000.

Oklahoma and Kansas are both after Wyatt the Dalton gang desperado captured at Terre Haute, Ind., but the chances favor Kansas.
 Owing to a row between the mayor and the chief of police of Pittsburgh the order closing all houses of ill-repute has been revoked.

SHYLOCK TO THE FRONT

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each government. You may be curious to know who our commissioner is. I will tell you. I know his record in monetary matters. He is a pupil of John J. Knox and John Sherman and was a successor to J. J. Knox when that man became president of the First National bank of New York City. Subsequently our commissioner became president of the Chase National bank himself and continued in his study of monetarism. He has been in the habit of watching the European market and doing the bidding of the Rothschilds. Let me read the report of this man when he was comptroller of the currency. After endorsing what had been previously said by his predecessor he goes on to say: "It seems doubtful whether this government should not hesitate to issue silver certificates even on the bullion value." He favored the discontinuance of the coinage of silver, and declared that silver coinage was in excess of the demand of the country and should be discontinued. He also pronounced that he was in favor of repealing the Bland act. He recommended this repeal. President Harrison embodied this report in his message.

It is true that the head of the Rothschild's has made a suggestion concerning this international conference. But all men know that suggestion comes from the head of the spirit, and the fountain source of monetarism. To keep the gold as the standard of value, the basis for all the other money, is the suggestion of the Rothschilds.

WHAT ROTHSCHILD FEARS.

Another dispatch from Brussels contains the following significant language: "Alfred De Rothschild and the other British delegates are convinced that the monetary question has reached an acute stage, and that unless a general remedy is found there will be a crisis which will be so intense in America and India that these countries, in order to escape disaster, will be compelled to resort to measures dictated solely by selfish interests which may produce extremely serious disturbances in the monetary and economical equilibrium of the world."

SOME OPINIONS.

The dispatches of the 28th give the following European opinions concerning the conference: Considerable interest has been aroused by the statement that bimetalism has found an advocate in Archbishop Walsh, of Dublin. In the course of an interview regarding the distress prevailing in Ireland the Archbishop declared that the adoption of bimetalism was a matter of imperative necessity to save the Irish tenants from inevitable ruin.

Foreign competition is not at all the sole cause of the ruinous fall in the prices of agricultural products. The main cause he believes is the continuous rise in the value of gold. "What a prospect it is," he added, "for the Irish tenants whose judicial rents are fixed for fifteen years, or for the tenants with annual purchase payments extending over forty-nine years, that gold has risen 35 per cent in value within the last fifteen years, and must continue to appreciate if the present system is maintained."

The London Post, discussing the currency question and the conference in this city, complains that Senator Allison is a representative merely of the silver party in the United States, and that therefore little can be hoped for from the conference, as there will be no chance to discuss any practical arrangement to utilize silver as a subsidiary currency.

The Vienna correspondent of the London Chronicle says: "The American proposals at the monetary conference, being a repetition of the bimetallic programme rejected at the conferences of 1878 and 1881, have caused disappointment here as they fail to supply a basis for a further discussion without raising false hopes in the silver market. Rothschild's proposal is also regarded with anxiety."

Perry S. Heath the Washington correspondent of the Omaha Bee sends the following dispatch to the Bee, which will be read with much interest by all who have an intelligent idea of the way the finances of this country are really controlled:

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 29.

Alfred De Rothschild's proposition to the international monetary conference at Brussels has recalled the fact that he and other well known members of the great banking house of de Rothschild have been frequent visitors to Washington.

It is thought, moreover, that some of these visits have given the Rothschilds an insight into the course of financial legislation in this country, which has had much to do with the present proposition.

Only two months ago Henry de Rothschild, with his valet Corlier and a small retinue of attendants was at one of the uptown hotels for several days. He is the Paris member of the Rothschild's house. At the time of his visit Secretary Foster was making final arrangements for the international monetary conference. Last spring another member of the family—and it is thought to have been one who is now prominent in the Brussels conference—was in Washington for some days. It happened at a time when the house was in a turmoil over the Bland silver bill and Mr. de Rothschild showed much interest in the controversy. In an interview he stated that his interest was not so much due to what Mr. Bland might or might not do but it was from curiosity over the excitement which would be aroused in America on a financial question which Europe knew nothing about. Mr. de Rothschild treated the congressional turmoil very lightly from his expressions at the time. It is judged that he has changed his mind considerably as to the importance of concerted action among the great financial powers. Several times prior to last spring various members of the Rothschild family have been here although their visits have always been as sight-seers rather than financiers.

FOURTH SITTING.

The conference met again Friday December 2. The report on Rothschild's plan was heard. The committee reported against that plan. It appears that the committee stood five to seven against the plan. It is reliably reported that the American delegate voted for Rothschild's plan.

The American press is very surprising to the European delegates. Such press comments as have reached Europe are from New York. These have been most damaging to the cause which the American delegates are championing.

Foreign delegates to the congress, after reading their own press, are staggered by the comments of the American press. What is the natural result? They can only ask: If the United States is dissatisfied with the action of its own delegates why should other countries be satisfied?

The report by the committee, on which Henry W. Cannon represented the United States, was most unsatisfactory to the American delegates. The latter, it is said, did not want Mr. Cannon on the committee, but the foreigners did, as they understood he was a New York banker.

In an interview Rothschild reiterates his statement that if the conference adjourns without doing anything a panic is likely to ensue in the near future.

Senator Jones expresses himself as disgusted at the treatment the American delegation has received from the New York Press. He says the outlook for accomplishing anything is not good.

The next sitting of the conference will be on Tuesday, December 6. So far nothing has been accomplished and there is no definite prospect that anything will be accomplished. It will not be surprising if the conference comes to an end in the near future.

Gobbled \$35.

MCCOOK, Neb., Dec. 6.—The till of A. C. Clyde's saloon was tapped last evening, and cash to the amount of \$35 taken. A window in the rear part of the building was broken. Suspicion attaches to a young man employed about the establishment. This is the second robbery here within a week.

Guy Tremmel Under Arrest.

VALENTINE, Neb., Dec. 6.—The preliminary hearing of Guy Tremmel of Cody, who on November 14th last shot and killed his six-year-old sister, began yesterday before Justice Haley and was held for murder in the first degree in \$1,000 bonds for his appearance at the district court.

OMAHA, Dec. 6.—Chris Mason was arrested this afternoon for passing counterfeit money at several places about the city. He had in his possession three counterfeit dollars and three bogus half dollars, and refused to say where he got them or how they came into his possession. He will be turned over to the federal authorities.

OMAHA, Dec. 6.—Fritz Grieb, night watchman at the Metz brewery, was killed by an engine in the U. P. yards last night. He was walking along the track and stepped aside to let an engine pass and was struck by another. He was badly mangled. He leaves a wife and several children.

Color from Metals.

A thin, reguline, and coherent film of a metal transmits light of a color remarkably similar to that emitted by its incandescent vapor. The color of the vapor of a metal varies with the temperature. Just above its boiling point the vapor of sodium is purple; at incandescence, yellow. The vapor of potassium is green; at incandescence, violet. Silver in distilling gives off a blue-white vapor, while that volatilized by the electric arc passing between silver electrodes emits yellowish green light. The color of the film obtained in many cases agree very well with that of the incandescent vapor. In some instances, however, there is no similarity, a fact which is probably due to failure to obtain the proper conditions for the volatilization and deposition. The perfection and continuity of the deposit is easily destroyed by very slight changes in the conditions.

The color of a film will vary somewhat with the thickness, but as far as I have observed the colors extend over a very limited portion of the spectrum. Each metal possesses a strong tendency toward a characteristic color, which is produced when the film is as thick as it can be to transmit any light.—W. L. Dudley, in American Chemical Journal.

Improved Armor Plates.

At a recent meeting of the Franklin institute, Philadelphia, Mr. F. Lyn-Garrison gave an account of some recent trials of Harveized nickel steel armor plate, made by the Bethlehem Iron company of Bethlehem, Pa., and tested on the private proving grounds of the company. The results of these trials demonstrated a decided advance in the resisting powers of such plates to the penetration of projectiles. Photographs of these plates taken after the firing test (five shots from an 8-inch gun, powder charge 8 1/2 pounds, Holtzer projectile weighing 350 pounds.) Referring to the last experiment, the speaker stated that the plate (8x6 feet by 1 1/2 inches thick and weighing 18,600 pounds), which was a companion piece to one that had lately been tested at the Indian Head proving ground, of which trials a full account appeared in his report published in the Journal, had received a total energy of impact of 25,040 foot tons, fully 50 per cent greater than the plates were subjected to in the previous trials, and exhibited, nevertheless, much less injury than the plates in the former tests. He considered it doubtful whether armor plates equal in quality to this had ever been produced elsewhere.

The retail coal exchange of New York city has adopted a resolution to advance the retail price of all sizes of coal twenty-five cents per ton. Chicago world's fair managers say that if congress will repeal the Sunday closing provision of the law they will not ask further financial aid.

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