

Nebraska Farmers' Alliance. I. H. POWERS, President, Cornell, W. A. FORTNER, Vice-Pres., Albion, TH. M. THOMPSON, State Sec'y, Lincoln, A. C. FAIRCHILD, Lecturer, Oakdale, B. F. ALLEN, Chairman, Ex. Com., Wabash.

In the beauty of the hills Christ was born across the sea, with a glory in his beam That transfigures you and me. As he strove to make men holy Let us strive to make them free. Since God is marching on.

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

Program.

SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION. 1. The nationalization of the liquor traffic.

2. Resolved, That the precious metals should both be demonetized and all money made of paper.

SUBJECTS FOR ESSAYS. 1. Good business habits.

2. How to make friends. 3. "Is life worth living?"

4. Individuality. 5. Nobility of labor.

SUBJECTS FOR SPEECHES. 1. Civil service reform.

2. What I would do if I were a U. S. senator.

3. Improvement of stock. 4. Character building.

5. What should the people's party do next?

Alliance Meetings.

President Powers, accompanied by Brother Alonzo Wardall, of South Dakota, will fill appointments as follows:

Phelps county at Funk; Wednesday May 10th 8 p. m.

Phelps county, at Williamsburg; Thursday May 11th 8 p. m.

Phelps county, Loomis; Friday May 12th 8 p. m.

Phelps county, Holdrege; Saturday May 13th 2 p. m.

Harlan county, Monday 15. Tuesday 16 and Wednesday 17. Places to be selected by local officers and announced.

Franklin county, Thursday May 18th. Buffalo county, Kearney; Friday 19th 2 p. m.

Buffalo county, Sheldon; Saturday 20 8 p. m.

Hall county, Cameron; Monday May 22d, 8 p. m.

Merrick county, Central City; Tuesday May 23d, 2 p. m.

Polk county, Osceola; Wednesday May 24, 2 p. m.

Butler county, David City; Thursday May 25th, 2 p. m.

Seward county, Seward; Friday May 26th, 2 p. m.

York county, York; Saturday May 27th, 2 p. m.

A full attendance is greatly desired. A specialty will be made of the co-operative or insurance degree and it is desired to institute the degree at each of the meetings.

Adams County Meeting.

Adams County Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union will meet in Hastings on May 15, 1893. The meeting will be held in Liberal hall and will be addressed by the Hon. Allen Root, of Omaha, who will also speak in Kenesaw on Tuesday, May 16, at 8 p. m.

All persons who have formerly been members of our order are earnestly requested to be present on this occasion. Sub Alliances that have not made a report to state and county for this year are requested to do so at once. The meeting will be an open one and all persons who are in sympathy with our order are invited to meet with us.

By order, H. B. MCGAW, K. W. MCKENZIE, Secretary, President

A. P. A. Meeting.

BATTLE CREEK, May 1, 1893. EDITOR ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT: Our little town was thrown into a state of unusual excitement last week by a report that a Mr. Robinson, who was "billed" to lecture in the opera house on the 28th inst., was an A. P. A. agent.

Next day a card appeared in the Enterprise denying that the fellow was going to lecture on A. P. A. ism, or malign the Catholics in any way. Said card was signed by the Rev. R. J. Millard, Methodist preacher of Battle Creek. So at the appointed time "the people all both great and small" turned out to hear the lecture. Judge of their surprise when the orator proved to be one of those hard-working, God fearing Christians who would burn every Catholic at the stake if he dared and piously chant "Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all," while he piled on the fatigots. The following day Mr. S. C. Fairchild, state lecturer of the Farmers' Alliance, addressed the people of this place and warned the alliance against the A. P. A. and all such organizations. But before he began speaking he went to the residence of the Rev. Millard and invited him over to the hall. Mr. Millard promised to come but for some unaccountable reason the clerical gentleman failed to keep his word, a circumstance which taken in connection with the card he put in the previous day's paper has led the members of this alliance to think "that for ways that are dark and tricks that are vain the heathen Chinese is" not the only one who is "peculiar".

NANCY HANKS.

Agricultural College, Lansing, Mich. says: The Acme-Hand potato planters have outdone our expectations. They will find favor among practical farmers, as they are simple, cheap and save a great deal of labor and do better work. Please send us four more for our spring work. See their advertisement in another part of this paper.

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POLITICS IN NEW JERSEY

A Nebraska Alliance Man Relates His Experience Among The Jerseyites.

EDITOR ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT:— Having spent the winter visiting friends in my native state, New Jersey, I thought your readers might be interested in hearing something of the political situation there.

The democratic party has had its grip on that state about as long and as firmly as the republicans have on Nebraska. As usual in such cases the democratic party has become utterly corrupt.

Only last winter the legislature passed a law in the interest of the horse racing fraternity which virtually legalizes gambling.

The republican party there has been out of power so long that it is comparatively clean and free from corruption.

The republicans there are the reformers, and every campaign they plead with the people to give them a chance to turn the rascals out and reform things generally.

When I called their attention to the reverse order of things in Nebraska where the republican party is thoroughly corrupt, and the democrats set up for reformers, they looked incredulous, and said there must be some mistake about it.

Like other western people, I was astonished to find scarcely any silver dollars in the east. They have plenty of one and two dollar bills.

One day I handed a \$5.00 bill to a druggist in payment for some small purchase. After looking through his cash drawer he said: "I'm sorry, but I guess I'll have to give you a silver dollar. I haven't enough bills."

The people look upon silver as an inferior money. They are very hostile to silver legislation. They howl about the great quantity of bullion that is piled up in the treasury vaults. They want the Sherman law repealed. On the money question generally their ignorance is "child-like and bland."

When I argued for more paper money they replied: "Why we've got plenty of green-backs now, don't you see?"

All they know of the populist movement is what they get through the eastern press, and that is so distorted as to furnish no basis for an intelligent opinion.

Many eastern people honestly believe the populists are anarchists or next thing to it.

I didn't meet a populist in New Jersey in three months. The nearest I came to it was some old Jacksonian democrat. When I talked people's party doctrine, they could understand what I was talking about. Some of them declared I was talking good democracy. They said they had been voting the democratic ticket all their lives in order to give that party a chance. Now that it has at last gained control of every branch of the government, they expect great results. I laughed at them, and asked them what they would do if this administration failed to give them the reforms they wanted. They said they would be ready to quit voting the old party ticket. I think it possible that a break may come in the democratic party of New Jersey that will give the populists a start.

A few good populist speakers could do good in that county. The people would turn out and hear them and the seeds of truth would find lodgment in many minds. Yours fraternally, Emerald, Neb. J. M. QUICK.

A. O. U. W. Meeting.

The ancient order of United Workmen are holding their state meeting in Representative Hall this week. There are about 500 delegates present, and a finer body of men never assembled in Lincoln. They gave a grand parade on Tuesday, and held an open meeting in the Lansing Tuesday night, at which Chief Officer Tate and others spoke. The convention will probably adjourn on Thursday.

The Adjustable School Seat Manufacturing Co. of Marcellus Michigan, have placed an ad with us, which appears elsewhere in this issue. We congratulate the manufacturers, upon their success in bringing before the public a most perfect school seat, combining all the good points that others possess and sufficient new and desirable features to place it before all others.

Parents, teachers, school officers, and all who are interested in the welfare of the young, should give this important matter their early attention.

To Smokers and Chewers.

In this weeks issue we put before our readers the Tobacco Cure, advertisement of the Ohio Chemical Co. From the testimonials mentioned in their advertisement we judge that they have a great cure for the injurious and expensive tobacco habit. This company guarantees a cure and invite, the most thorough investigation as to their methods, and claim that their tablets will completely destroy the desire for tobacco in from 3 to 5 days, also that their cure is perfectly harmless, causes no sickness and may be given in a cup of tea or coffee without the knowledge of the patient who will voluntarily stop smoking or chewing in a few days. Read their advertisement.

THE MARKETS.

Chicago Grain and Livestock. CHICAGO, May 9, 1893.

CATTLE—Receipts, 4,500 head; market steady; good to choice steers, \$5.00 to \$5.15; others, \$4.75 to \$5.00; Texas, \$4.15 to \$4.45; cows and heifers, \$3.00 to \$3.50.

HOGS—Receipts, 17,000 head; market 3 cents higher; mixed and packers, \$7.00 to \$7.25; prime heavy and butchers' weights, \$7.00 to \$7.00; prime light, \$7.00 to \$7.00.

SHEEP—Receipts, 25,000 head; market active; prime, heavy, \$5.50 to \$5.75; clipped, \$4.50 to \$5.00; Texas, \$4.00; lambs, \$5.00 to \$5.25.

GRAIN—Wheat, 72; corn, 45; oats, 31.

Omaha Live Stock.

OMAHA, May 9, 1893.

CATTLE—Good to choice steers, \$4.95 to \$5.00; others, \$4.50 to \$4.75; cows, \$4.00 to \$4.50; stockers and feeders, \$3.00 to \$3.25.

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Texas as a Reform State.

Texas was born reforming. When that little army of seven hundred brave men under Gen. Sam Houston split on their hands and wiped up the ground with old Santa Anna's 4,000 greasers, they erected a monument of bravery and independence that will go down through the ages of time.

This was a grand step in the interest of reform. For a while Texas got along very well. But after a time another set of greasers, who know not the greasers of old, came into the state.

They did not resemble the greasers of old. They were white—outside. And they did their "greasing" in a different way. Their object was to rule the state, the same as the other "greasers," but they went at it in a different way.

They began by "greasing" the legislature, and by this means got enough land donated to them to cover the state of New Jersey and lap over four miles into New York. Then they "greased" the legislature some more and got some more land. Then they built some railroads and "greased" the legislature some more and got some more privileges.

In fact this second breed of "greasers" was seven times worse than the first breed. They "greased" every thing they came to except the people, and they "salted" them. Then the Texas who had not been "greased" and who wasn't a fool spat on his hands again and smote the new "greaser" hip and thigh. And they had big rallies and camp meetings and the people gathered in from Gog and from Magog to learn how the "greasers" had "greased" and how the people had been "salted"; and when they heard they rent the air with a great cry and there was a gnashing of teeth. And they swore a great swear that they would make it hot for the aforesaid greasers.

And the people were badly "split up." There were seventeen different kinds of democrats and thirteen kinds of republicans. And the republicans fell on the necks of the democrats and wept and the democrats fell on the republicans' necks and wept. And they both feared they were going to "get it in the neck." And the populists went out on the hilltops and smote them hip and thigh.

And the colored man and the white man wept in each other's arms. And the man who was white on the outside played craps with the man who was black on the outside and let the colored brother beat him out of forty five cents and a suspender button. But the black man voted for the white man's ticket and Roger Q saved his political scalp.

But the reformers kept on reforming and the greasers "a-greasing." And the grease which the greasers used in greasing every body that was gullible was so great in quantity that the caustic remarks of the populists could not neutralize it and the greasers went under the wire a neck ahead. But the seat of the greaser in Texas is uncertain. There is lots of daylight between him and the "animal" he rides. The populists are on the warpath. They have knives up their sleeves and spurs on their boots. They are after the greasers with a sharp stick and a bottle full of wrath. Some of these days they will overtake the greasers and then there'll be more fun than a box of monkey. The Texas populist wants the greaser, and wants him right muchly. And when a Texas reformer wants a thing real muchly he usually gets it. If at first he don't succeed he "tries, tries again," you know. Texas is a great state and she is becoming greater all the time. The next time the reformers there reach for a Hog skin they will likely get it. Texas will yet set the example for the south which Kansas has done for the north. Remember this prediction.—National Reformer.

Catalogues for the Omaha College of Shortland and typewriting can be obtained of Geo. S. Currie, ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT office. See "ad" on 8th page.

He Was Forgetful.

"My husband is the most forgetful man I ever saw," said the lady to her visitor, "and he was that way before I married him. Indeed, if it hadn't been for that I don't think I should have had him."

Naturally the visitor asked for the story.

"It was this way," resumed the lady. "While we were engaged I asked him to do something for me, and he forgot it; he forgot it so many times that at last we quarreled about it and I became very angry.

"Our engagement ends right here," I said to him, "and I never want to see you again. Go away and forget me entirely. I want you to forget me utterly." I repeated for emphasis.

"Very well," he said, "I will if I don't forget it," and the earnest way he said it made me smile in spite of myself, and, of course, when a woman smiles on such an occasion her case is lost, and our engagement didn't end."—Detroit Free Press.

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MISS PRATHER'S FATE.

An Owl Causes the Murder of a Lady By Her Negro Servant.

"Oo-pee-oo-oo!" "Oo-pee-oo-oo!" The long, quivering sound wavered lonesomely through the depths of swamp and upland, falling with an indescribably eerie sound upon the unaccustomed ear.

But as the familiar sound fell upon the flop ears of several swine nosing about in the marsh and muck of the swamps they started up with little grunts of delighted satisfaction and striking their numberless trails were soon gathering noisily about the source of the strange sound. This source was Peter, and he was calling the unruly flock from their wallow after the familiar Southern backwoods fashion.

Peter was a character about the neighborhood says the Philadelphia Times. Black as the proverbial ace of spades and wide-mouthed, his little, restless eyes, sunk deep under his overhanging brows, had in them a reddish gleam like that in those of the creatures he took so much pride in tending. His legs were short and curley, curving outward after the manner of those old pot-hooks that are seen still in the chimney places of old Southern homes. Personally the negro was unattractive; in fact, he was about the ugliest specimen of his race to be found in his native state. But he was faithful to his employer's interests, hard working and industrious; and a favorite with his mistress, an aged maiden lady.

When he had portioned out the corn to the flock of eager porters, Peter put up the bars of the paddock, took a last look at the cattle munching contentedly before he departed for the night for his cabin, where he lived quite alone, with only a queer, lank yellow hound for company. Arrived at his domicile, Peter scraped the heaped-up ashes on his hearth aside and extracted therefrom a much-begrimed ash-cake, hot and savory, which he proceeded to demolish in a business-like manner.

Peter ate the heart of the cake with relish, and the hound devoured the crust with as much gusto.

Presently Peter got up, took from the folds of his tumbled bunk a grimy-hymn book, and, seating himself in his cabin door, began to sing and pray, chanting hymn after hymn in the melancholy, monotonous manner peculiar to his race. While he was thus engaged the beautiful evening light faded from the June sky and the moon, which all the time had been riding high in the heavens, poured forth a flood of silvery light.

Peter had ceased to pray and sat crouching, his elbows upon his knees and the thumbed hymn-book between his clasped hands.

Upon the big plantation all was silence, the soft, scented silence of a summer night, when suddenly the clear, prolonged hoot of an owl reached the darkey's ears.

"Who-o-o!" The sound came from the topmost branch of a feathery cypress tree that grew behind the cabin.

"Who-o-o-o!" This time clearer and more prolonged. The third time it reached the darkey's ears he arose, replaced the hymn-book, fastened his cabin door securely and without a backward glance took the path across the fields to his mistress's mansion.

Peter went to the stable, where the turbulent swine were now silent and the other animals were still munching their provender. He leaned his arms across the stable bars, his blood-shot eyes fixed as if in deep thought.

"Who-o-o!" The thin eerie tones of the owl calling from the cypress perch reached the negro's ears faintly once more and taking his arms from the bars he walked leisurely toward his mistress's dwelling.

On his way thither he stopped a moment at the wood-pile, and, selecting a short, thick, knotty piece of wood, crept around the house and gained an entrance by a low window that yielded softly to his pressure.

Half an hour later Peter emerged from the house by the same way, and, crossing the lawn, walked at a brisk pace down the road, his big, bare, spaly feet, making ungainly tracks in the soft, damp sand.

Six months later the county courthouse was crowded with people to witness the trial of Peter Bray for the murder of his employer, an aged lady. The deed was most brutal, being accomplished with a jagged lightwood knot. Peter was told that he might tell his own story. He shambled to his feet, and, with a queer, intent expression in his bloodshot eyes, said: "Judge, Ise guilty er dat ar charge er murder, but I ain't ter blame, fo' God I ain't. I was hoodooed. The hoodoo 'oman give me blood to drink, and de screech-owl he say, 'Miss Prather ain't agwine ter live.' I wuz agwine on 'bout my business when two nigger 'omans called me and give me a drink o' whisky an' say, 'Did you hear de screech-owl las' night?' an' den dey give me some bread wid de witches' blood in it, an' tole me de owl say Miss Prather was gwine ter die. Dat night I hear de owl again, an' he say, 'what de hoodoo 'oman say?' an' de witches' blood biled in my veins. 'Fore God, judge, dat blood made me kill Miss Prather, an' de owl tole me to do it."

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