

The Voice of the People

[A variety of opinions, views, ideas, not necessarily those of the editor, may find expression in this department. It is open for the people. Brief interesting letters, the best we can select and make room for, will be printed.]

An American Baron Speaks.

EDITOR ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT:—The right honorable J. Sterling Morton, by grace of Grover the First, Secretary of Agriculture, addressed the World's fair commissioners in Chicago on the 18th of October, and in the course of his remarks he spoke of the Farmers Alliance, and other educational organizations of farmers, in terms of condemnation and contempt. He said: "These organizations as a rule, have attended to every other thing except agriculture. They have instructed the people as to how banks ought to be managed and how railroads ought to be operated. They have even gone so far as to prescribe methods of coinage for the General Government."

In the opinion of this American Baron, the farmers should stick to the plow and let their masters run the government, and for the farmers to discuss political questions is to go outside their sphere. They should leave political economy to the subsidized college professors, banking to the bankers, and politics to the professional politicians, of which he is a fair sample.

Who and what is this pompous fellow who assumes to criticize the farmers for organizing schools of political economy for the purpose of fitting themselves for the duties of American citizenship? He is a professional politician, office seeker, stock gambler, etc. When, some years ago, the bonds of the District of Columbia, issued under the Boss Shepherd regime, were selling for almost nothing, J. Sterling Morton bought large blocks of them. He then helped lobby a bill through congress, which made the United States government responsible for those bonds, which at once brought them to par, and greatly increased J. Sterling Morton's wealth. With such dishonesty got money he has lived as a luxurious snob ever since. With money got in similar schemes he bought the farms he owns in Nebraska, which, if worked at all, the work is done by hired men, or tenant farmers, both of whom he holds in as much contempt, as the barons of England hold their serfs.

It is an insult to American farmers, and an outrage upon American institution that such a man should be put at the head of the department of Agriculture. T. A. BLAND. Washington, D. C., Oct. 21, 1893.

Professor A. R. Wightman.

Prof. A. R. Wightman, candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction on the People's Independent ticket is one of the foremost educators in the West, a man whose candidacy is strongly endorsed by such men as Chief Justice Samuel Maxwell, and by Dr. Huntington, Supt. Bowers and Profs. Lowe and Ellenwood of Lincoln.

Professor Wightman, was born in Allegheny county, N. Y., April 1, 1831. His boyhood days were spent upon his father's farm. At the age of eighteen he entered Alfred University, at that time the prominent educational center of western New York. In that institution he completed the academic course, and then going to Union College graduated in the classical course in 1857. Soon after he received the degree of Master of Arts, in cursu, from the same institution.

Professor Wightman has devoted the best energies of his life to the cause of education. For several years he was principal of a high school in Tioga county, Pa., which position he relinquished to accept the chair of Natural Sciences in Alfred University. The chair of Latin was made vacant by the death of the president of that institution and Professor Wightman was elected to fill the vacancy. On account of failing health he resigned that position and came to Nebraska in 1875. After teaching in Plattsmouth, Fremont and Brownville, he located at York. In 1875 he was elected to the chair of Latin in York College, later was made vice president of that institution and was acting president during the last year of its history.

Short Term Subscription offer.

Do you wish to take THE ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT a short time on trial? So sure are we that once a subscriber you will remain a subscriber, renewing when you have read and become acquainted with the paper, that we will send it till January for fifteen cents. Sit down at once and send us your address and put in stamps to pay us. Or, better get six of your neighbors to take it with you and send us one dollar.

IF it be true that the poor have no right to the property of the rich, let it also be declared that the rich have no right to the property of the poor. Governor Leawing of Kansas. That's the kind of talk. But how dreadful the last half of it sounds to those who have been lately insisting on the first part all these years. Everything proposed to cut off the power and dispossess with the services of the Shylocks, raises a shriek of horror and alarm. But don't get excited. We believe in law and order, and after having done a little lawmaking for the people, will see that the real anarchists obey the law.

TOO MUCH WHEAT.

[Helen Hunt Jackson in The Independent.] "Too much wheat?" So the dealers say. Millions of bushels left unsold. Of last year's crop; and now, today. Ripe and heavy and yellow as gold. This summer's crop counts full and fair. And murmurs, not thanks, are in the air. And storehouse doors are locked to wait. And men are plotting early and late. "What shall we do with all this wheat?" "Too much wheat!" Good God, what a word! A blasphemy in our borders heard.

"Too much wheat!" And our hearts were stirred. But yesterday, and our cheeks like flame. For vengeance the Lord his loins doth gird. When a nation reads such a tale of shame. Hundreds of men lie dying, dead. Brothers of ours, though their skins are red. Men we promised to teach and feed. Oh, dastard nation! dastard deed! They starve like beasts in pen and fold: 'Tis while we hoard wheat to sell for gold. "Too much wheat!" Men's lives are dross? "How shall the farmers be saved from loss?" "Too much wheat!" Do figures lie? What wondrous fields! Put the ledgers by! "Too much wheat!"

Oh, summer rain, And sun, and sky, and wind from West, Fall not, nor shine, nor blow again! Let fields be deserts, faming guest Within our gates who hoard for gold Millions of bushels of wheat unsold. With men and women and children dead And daily dying for lack of bread! "Too much wheat!" Good God, what a word! A blasphemy in our borders heard.

THE STATESMAN WHO FAILED.

(Atlanta Constitution.) We raised him here in Billville, 'fore he ever come in pote. We got him up at break o' day an' learned him how to vote. An' teach election day that come he always made his mark— He'd vote six times by daylight, an' twenty times by dark! Then we put him up for congress, an' he told the boys that he was for silver, like salvation—an' you know salvation's free! And we sent him on a-howlin' where the congress fellers roam; But he warn't so good at votin' when he got so fur from home! They called him a "bimetallist," an' then he jerked his coat, An' went to compromisin' when he orter went to vote. They crossed him an' he bossed him, an' he didn't make his mark. An' he'll vote no more by daylight, an' he'll run no more by dark!

Organization of a Nationalist Club.

There have been many Nationalists in Lincoln for years past, and in response to an appeal by Dr. H. S. Aley and others to come together and work, a considerable body of them organized themselves into a club last Sunday.

The meeting was at Hibernian hall in Halter block. Dr. Aley was elected president, Mr. Le Feyre first vice president, Mr. Leonard second vice-president, and Mr. Cramer secretary. Mr. Leonard was also chosen treasurer, and an advisory committee consisting of Messrs. Gibson, O'Shea and Herman was elected.

A general invitation is extended to the public to attend the meetings, which will be held at Hibernian hall, corner of 13th and P streets, Sunday afternoons at 3 o'clock, until further notice. There are some very good speakers in the club, and most interesting discussions may be expected.

Clay County Alliance Resolutions.

CLAY CENTER, Neb., Oct. 24, '93. Clay County Alliance assembled and adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we do not endorse the action of a majority of the representatives now in power in this nation, for the reason that we believe that it is not for the interest of the farmers and laborers of this nation, but we do believe that our legislation on finance has been in the interest of the few and against the many. Resolved, That we heartily endorse the action of W. V. Allen for his many efforts in the U. S. Senate in the interest of the common people, the farmers and laborers of this nation, and also our congressmen, McKelghan and Kern. We also commend the action of W. J. Bryan of the first district of Neb. for his efforts in favor of free silver.

Resolved, That we hereby renew our allegiance to the Alliance and its principles, and that we recommend that all members should use these honest able means for the best interest of our order.

S. M. ELDER, M. H. WOODS, W. D. SHIKE, Committee.

Snapp Is Acquitted.

WICHITA, Kan., Oct. 2.—Dr. Snapp, who is alleged to have been the arch conspirator in the robbery of the United States express wagon in the heart of the city last July, was acquitted here yesterday after a trial lasting nearly ten days.

Attention is called this week to the advertisement in another column of John J. Gillilan of Lincoln, the lots are finely located and will bear investigation.

Mr. J. B. Hogate, Omaha, has returned from Spain with his new importation of 123 registered Spanish and Italian Jacks. See ad. in another column.

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WHEN you write to one of our advertisers, be sure to mention THE ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT.

THINGS WORTH REPRINTING.

Senator Allen is wielding a strong influence in congress. His speech in favor of free silver is largely a legal argument, aiming to show that all anti-free coinage legislation is unconstitutional and void. The speech is in great demand by the legal lights of the country. There is now a case pending before the supreme court to test the constitutional right of any one to take silver bricks to the mint and have them coined.—Cedar Rapids Republican.

The circulars sent out by the New York bankers recommending that "pressure be brought to bear upon senators opposing the conspiracy to demoralize silver, are having a good effect in opening the eyes of the people as to the real source of all this villainy. The notices served on Kansas and North Carolina farmers that loans would be denied them, is a part of this "pressure." "Lay on, McDuff, and damned be he who first cries, 'hold, enough!'" —Arbor State.

Hon. E. W. Peterson, one of Burt county's foremost lawyers, who has recently returned from a summer's stay in California has announced himself emphatically that he is a Populist in future. Attorney H. H. Bowers of this place, we understand, has also placed himself on the side of right. These are only a few of the more conspicuous deserters of the old monopolistic railroad parties. Men that are independent thinkers and readers are the ones that make the change.—Oakland Independent.

Usury is cannibalism, civilized and Christianized. It formerly captured, fattened, killed, roasted and ate the body of its enemy. Now, the same spirit inspires a man who captures his friend and fellow Christian, robs him of the only available means of getting fat, starves him in a filthy garret and in tenement cells till his last penny is gone, and then kicks him into the street, where he is arrested as a vagrant and put to work in the chain-gang, for being without money, food or shelter, owing to his inability to find work in a land where there are, on an average, no more than three jobs to divide among four or five applicants.—Arens.

The electoral battle is on. Will you help to win the victory? If so, roll up your sleeves and do all you can for reform. Get out good audiences at your school houses. Give the nominees all the aid you can, and help your committeeman all in your power. Don't be backward about throwing into the campaign fund, as our party has no favored class to assess for special favors. We must all do our part in carrying the campaign to victory. Do not lose time over what might have been, but work for the present and future with all your might. Bring your neighbors that are not independents to our meetings and get them interested enough to study the question themselves for their own welfare. And by all means do not fail to do your whole duty on election day. If your work is pressing, work longer hours before election day, but let that day be sacred to yourselves, your home and your country by going to the polls early and staying all day in the work of reform. Yours for success.

H. F. WASHMUND, in Rushville Standard.

A Child Badly Burned.

TALMAGE, Neb., Oct. 25.—A four-year-old child of Frank Meyer was badly burned yesterday evening by pulling a pot of boiling coffee off the table, spilling the contents over the entire length of one leg. When the child's clothing was removed the flesh peeled off. Prompt medical assistance was summoned and the little girl is now doing well.

To Dedicate the Church.

ARCHER, Neb., Oct. 25.—The Foster Memorial Methodist Episcopal church of Palmer, Neb., will be dedicated next Sunday, October 29, at 10:30 a. m. Rev. Wm. Gorst of Norfolk, Neb., is to preach the dedicatory sermon and officiate in the dedication of the church. Rev. Gorst is a man of much ability, a strong and eloquent preacher, possessing a pleasant delivery.

Wedding at Jamaica.

JAMACA, Neb., Oct. 25.—George O. Jackson and Miss Florence E. Mundorf were married here last night by Rev. J. W. Embers of Hoca. The ceremony took place in the Jamaica Baptist church at the close of a revival service and was witnessed by a company of about twenty. The young couple left for a visit to the World's fair.

Fell and Broke His Arm.

FAIRMONT, Neb., Oct. 25.—Last night about 9 o'clock George Salyer, Jr., 13 years old, fell and broke his arm while playing with some other children who came to spend the evening with him. The boy broke the same arm in the same place about three months ago.

Fat Welch at Fairmont.

FAIRMONT, Neb., Oct. 25.—Pat Welch, an ex-Catholic teacher in a monastery, delivered a lecture here Monday night to a large audience. His subject being the reasons why he left the Catholic church and joined the Protestants.

A Boy Seriously Injured.

NEBRASKA CITY, Oct. 25.—A young son of Ed McCartney of Wyoming was kicked in the head by a vicious horse yesterday. His injuries are thought to be serious.

Read the advertisement in another column, of John J. Gillilan of Lincoln. It may prove interesting to you.

THE MARKETS.

Table with columns for dates (Oct 24, Oct 25, Oct 26) and prices for various commodities including Wheat, Corn, Oats, Pork, Lard, and S Ribs. Includes sub-tables for Kansas City Grain and Kansas City Live Stock.

Table of estimated receipts for tomorrow for Wheat, Corn, Oats, and Pork. Also includes a table of representative sales for various types of cattle and sheep.

OUR SPECIAL SALE FOR SATURDAY OCT. 28TH. WILL BE ON SUITS WE WILL SELL A \$20.00 suit for \$16.00, 18.00 for 15.00, 15.00 for 12.00, 12.00 for 9.00, 10.00 for 7.50.

Remember. 'Tis for THIS DATE ONLY. All Goods Marked in PLAIN FIGURES. BAKER'S Clothing House, 1125 O St., Lincoln.

F. M. Woods, Fine Stock Auctioneer. 1203 O St., Lincoln, Neb. Public Sale Dates. F. M. Woods will conduct sales as follows: October 27—Poland-China hogs, at Bedford, Iowa, for Healy & Johns.

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