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Then seek I not to climb. Another's pain I choose not for my good. A golden chain, A robe of honor, is too good a prize To tempt my hasty hand to do a wrong Unto a fellow man. This life hath woe Sufficient, wrought by man's satanic fee; And who that bath a heart would dare prolon Or add a sorrow to a stricken soul That seeks a healing balm to make it whole My bosom owns the brotherhood of man.

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OWING to the large space occupied by Alliance matter and report of the Populist conference, we are compelled to hold over till our next issue a timely Howe, bearing on the refusal of the doubt, by our political brethren. state treasurer to obey the law regarding state warrants and investment of the state school funds, and comparing the work of the Populist and previous legislatures. The editorial matter is greatly cut down this week in order to make room for the address of President Powers before the annual meeting of e Nebraska Farmers' Alliance. We call attention to the earnest, able paper read by the newly elected Alliance secretary, Mrs. J. T. Kellie, before the Alliance mass meeting at Hastings. A letter from the newly elected president, Hon. W. F Dale, and dates of Alliance meetings, are elsewhere printed, which see.

READ on the first page, 'Clipped from Our Letters."

The Economist the Fall River cotton growing in reputation with every num- every mountain and hill [of wealth] mill corporations have distributed divi- ber, we are assured by the party lead- shall be made low,"-else 'the glory of dends to idle stockholders, in this worst ers, and its work of education, and the Lord' cannot 'be revealed' and 'all of years, amounting to from 10 to 25 per solidification of the party, pleases all. flesh see it together.' "Ye cannot cent on their invested capital. They We should be encouraged to work serve God and Mammon." call it the earnings of capital. It is in harder than ever, if we were not alfact the robbery of laborers, the tribute ready as hard-worked as we can be. which the factory operatives were forc- But with the kelp of a largely increased ed to pay monopolists for a place to circulation, which we confidently look work. It was taxation without repre- for, and the improved state of finances sentation, the very same tyranny which which it will bring, typographical im- duced when wages are reduced. The led to the American Revolution. This provements and new, valuable depart- men who have recently been reduced in 10 to 25 per cent dividend in justice ment features may soon be added. plainiy belonged to those and those exertion entered into the marketed going to sweep the state in November product.

How the rich and the daily papers which speak for them howl over the proposed income tax! "Stamp out the income tax infamy," cries the New York Herald. The Times says, "The Democratic party cannot reimpose the most odious of the war taxes and escape general condemnation." Our good wishes and encouragement go with enough democracy in the Democracy to make the passage of the bill possible. And if it, for political reasons, were veto it.

declared that, "The simple anticipation dence is demanded. We have again However, we are giad that whole comof the Wilson bill has closed thousands and again noted the expression in the munitles are sceing how unjust and of workshops. It has reduced to idle- pulpit and the religious press that this ness 2,500,000 workers, and soup houses is the churches' opportunity to relieve, now displace former hives of industry. to influence, to save. We think so, in-It has reduced values to an amount deed; and we give large meaning to the greater than the national debt." And word salvation. all the while this assembly of politicians knew they were lying like devils. It is on the duties of the hour? make political capital out of the usury- is dealing weakly, inadequately with University. Pp. 204. Cloth \$1.50. robbed millions. There is no more effects, and is making no examination connection between the impovertshment of the unjust, slaful causes of the presof the workers and the Wilson bill, than out distress. there is between calamity and a comet's | The Provisional Committee for Aid tail. But so long as political superett- for the Hungry have made an investitions continue through ignorance, gatien which shows the extent of acced of the multitude, and make merchan dise of them.

THE STATE CONFERENCE.

The State Conference of the Populists week, was a meeting of historical importance, and its date will mark the ing. And the church does not know beginning of an era of party success and service which will secure the overthrow of all the monopoly forces. The one thing which made this meeting important above all others since the national convention at Omaha, was the plan to reform the machinery of the party, after the perfect model of the old party political organizations of Indiana. By this plan the chairmen of the county central committees will be made ex-officio members of the State the county central committee will be chairmen of the town committees. This will furnish an unbroken chain of communication between the lowest school district committeemen and the head of the State central committeemen. With such perfected organization,

reaching into every school district, the entire state can be polled in three day's time, and educational work by means of party literature, or direct personal influence, can be directed with money to buy back their products? utmost wisdom and economy. Hitherto and through lack of organization unable to use a large part of our political and educational forces. It is no wonder, therefore, that we have been defeated be joined with and perfected by organization to succeed. We all see this, it can do most good.

Nebraska Populists have, we believe, led the way, and set the Populists of other states an example of political land, capital railroads, mines, etc., and wisdom in this matter. In all other to so increase their power and the peovaluable communication from Mr. Mart states our plan will be adopted, without ple's dependence. Rent, profits, inter-

grasp of the situation was manifested dwelt upon the vital importance of in- slaving power. creasing the circulation of our Populist papers was earnestly and unanimously gins to think and examine monopoly applauded, and when he asked all the questions. If it will not it stands con-Conference who would go home a new subscribers for our state and county nobler, more unselfish moral leaders. papers to raise their hands, all hands We must be just before we are generwere raised with a will. We call at ous. "Though I bestow all my goods tention of the tens of thousands of to feed the poor, and though I give my equally good, earnest populists who body to be burned, and have not love could not attend the Conference, to this (agape), it profiteth me nothing." Love plan of immediate and state wide work. cannot take more for less, profit, some-It is work for all. Club raising for the thing for nothing. There is no love ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT is the work that is not just to all men. Love canof the days and weeks to come. And not accept that net profit which is anright here we wish to express grateful other's loss, or another's earnings. acknowledgments for the many most Equal love for our neighbor prompts hearty hand grasps and warm words of us to divide our earnings equalpraise and appreciation given us for ly with him. "Every valley By report in the annual number of THE ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT. It is [of poverty] shall be exalted, and

state offices from Governor down, elect's sweeping majority to man the Allen a Populist colleague, in place of Manderson the monopolist.

JUSTICE. LOVE AND CHARITY. Charity in these days is being made to cover a multitude of sins. "Society" is dancing it; the church is preaching

But does the church see and selze up

politicians will feast upon the miseries in New York, and they have called for T. A. Bland, author of "Reign of Mon- over the alleged pulitical quarrel of two higher institutions of learning recog- it has been established, a higher degree charity to feed 240,000 people in that epoly," "How to Grow Rich," etc. Fp. prominent Populists, Gov. Lewelling sized as such by law, and still have no of intelligence in regard to law and city who are destitute and unable to find | 103. Paper 25 cents.

work. Like conditions of enforced idleness and destitution prevail everywhere. of Nebraska, held at Hastings last Individual and social (legislative) sins are the cause of all this infinite sufferwhat those sins are; it is not trying to learn who and what originated all this is not to preach against sin, all sin, commercial sin, and save men from it?

Here is appalling, unprecedented, nost dreadful destitution on the one hand, and abundance of food, clothing and everything in the markets, while the money to empty the markets and warehouses is locked up in the banks and hoarded by the people whose needs central committee, and the members of are abundantly supplied. The wages paid the workers are exhausted. They have long been unable to buy what they needed, or even the usual amount, and their under consumption has of necessity stopped production to a very great ex tent. How is it that the products of labor are in the hands of those who do not need them and will not use them, and the money too, while the people who produced all the goods have no money, or were found with insufficient

It is because all production and the our State political organization has been work of getting goods to market is carvery loose and disjointed, and, in the ried on by the net profit method that matter of actual work, at least, a large labor, labor products and money do not part of the State has been without or- pass in equal value exchange, and trade ganization. We have been fighting in preserve an equilibrium of forces. The a hap hazard, Indian fashion, without men who work for wages must earn union or direction, wastir gour strength, their wages and more, that is, a profit for their employers; and if a capitalist stands behind the employer the wageearner must earn another profit for him. Hardly anything is put on the market in the past, especially when the Demo- without adding one or more profits to cratic machine stood ready to throw its the whole labor cost, The landlords votes to the Republican candidates, must first have a net profit; the capitawhen they were seen to be needed in lists must have dividends on their stock, in order to defeat us. Education must and the money loaners must have inter est. Rent, profits, interest, these have been drawn off in the shape of money; and have adopted the methods which and every dollar so drawn from the promultiply power and which will enable ducers and accumulated has tended to us to direct every available force where glut the markets, has taken from the wealth producers power to draw out of the market, and has given to the usurer or monopolist class power to buy up est, destroy the harmony of the commer-Another evidence of sagacity and cisl world. They are the sole cause of panies and periods of business depres by the expressed need and determina- sion. They are monopoly tribute paid tion to push the circulation of our to veritable kings, taxation without papers and party literature, papers representation; and they furnish presespecially. The eloquent speaker who ent monopolists an ever-increasing en-

The church can see all this if it bevicted and condemned by

THE mill men at the Carnegie iron works, Beaver Falls, Pa., are possessed of the idea that rents ought to be re- class. correspond with the cut in their wages. and working men and during the week a demand will be made on all landlords for rent reduction. But what landlords might makes right in trade. The people may use force to resist the payand the world, and what we shall say is the landlord is a privileged character. courage its exercise in this time of des- steadily increasing demand, and nothporate need. But with millions refused ing short of a depopulating pestileace THE Republican party of Pennsyl- work and facing starvation something can lessen the demand for it, and the crushingly burdensome is landlordism.

EOOKS RECEIVED.

From Thomas Y. Crowell & Co., New York "PROBLEMS OF TO DAY," by Prof. R T. Ely, Ph. D., LL.D., Professor of flendish at such a time to deceive, to Only the least part of those duties. It Political Economy in Wisconsin State

ers. Pp. 383. Cleth \$1.50.

From The Arena Pub. Co., Boston:

"ESAU, THE BANKER'S VICTIM," by

A YEAR OF ROBBER RULE UNPAR-ALLELLED.

Neither retrospecis nor forecasts afford material for cheerful contemplation just now. The record for 1893 was in many particulars one of unprecedent ed disaster, and it would be utterly un reasonable to expect this great wave of evil. But what is the church for if it depression to disappear in a few short weeks or months. It must be recog-nized that the United States is not the only sufferer. All Europe, and Great Britain with whom we have the closest trade relations, are passing through a general prostration of business, which has continued ever since the Baring failure in 1890. Nor is the distress confined to these countries. It still exists in South America and Australia, and now there are symptons of its having spread to China and Japan So says the financial writer of the

> whole commercial world is paralyzed, the Alliance meetings and consider what it means. The utthe Sherman law; and we were assured Alliance. confidence would be restored, gold there was no visible good effect followed heard the manual, where examined and mediately, prices of everything fell, the Alliances in other states and several falling market a great many more man- for supplies of it, from those states ufacturing houses stopped work. Mill- But on account of the depleted consuffering is dreadful. Almost a quarter to fill them. of a million of unemployed in New York city alone, the Aid Society re-And all this evil, this hunger and cold and agony, the Republican partisan demagogues declare now is the result of a Democratic tinkering with the tariff, the state, it did make it necessary to to them, that the business depression This, with the introduction of the use is world wide, affecting equally free trade and protective tariff countries.

According to Bradstreet's failures among individuals, firms and business corporations (including banks which reported liabilities in excess of assets) amounted to \$403,000,000, nearly four times the corresponding totals of 1892. There were 15,560 failures against 10,-270 the year before. The liabilities reported by Dun's Agency are given at \$331,000,000 for commercial houses, 210,900,000 against banks and financial institutions, and against the railroads \$1,212,000,000.

Prices of the following staple articles have fallen, with one exception, and a

	Opening.	Closing.	ľ
Wheat	,79%	.65%	В
Corn	4914	.4214	17
Corn Pork	816.25	\$13.75	l
Lard	11.00	8.50	ľ
Sugar, ref	04 11-16	.04 3-16	h
Cotton		.07 13 16	Г
W001	29	.24	L
Iron, pig	14.50	14.25	B
Steel ralis	29.00	24.00	ľ
Tin	19.80	20.55	ì
Lead	3.89	3.30	ı
Copper	19.95	10.95	ď
Print cloths	.04	.02 15-16	1
Dri 1s	.0614	.06	ľ
Denims		.1116	d
Denims	.05%	.05	r
Ginghams		.0516	И
Carpets	.6214	.55	1
Petroleum	2 35	2 65	ľ
Turpentine		.2914	ľ
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All the while obligations, mortgages, notes and bonds, have not shrunk in the least. The reduction in price of goods mous robbery of the debtor by the cial work since that time. creditor class. And the people, if they will not think this whole matter out. money monopolists, panic makers, and

WE are reading for review that rewages insist that it is impossible to markable book, "Ai; a Social Vision," The future of the Populist party is continue paying high rents on low and that point in the story where Judge only whose labor of brain and bodily bright with promise this year. We are wages, and that the cut in rents must Rue resigns the ermine because "the unjust laws which he was bound to enforce and place true, able Populists in all the So they have joined together and will proved too much for his nerves," and demand a general reduction of rents. In where it is added that "he is going to McKeesport a similar movement has the legislature as a missionary," led us lawmaking body, and send Senator been started among the business men into a somewhat new and profitable traic of thought. A man with an enlightened conscience must needs refuse to enforce many of our laws; and cerought to do and will do, are two very | sainly he who would save mankind from different things. It is a matter of legal selfishness (sin) and its results, must see right and selfishness with them, and that all missionary effort is mostly active Alliances in good standing, Bro. highest executive officer of the govern wasted which leaves men unprotected and for self-preservation obliged to be Bryan in this matter, but there is not it; the people are practicing it in un- ment of tribute to land menopolists, but selfish. The unrighteous laws which usual numbers and degree. It is meas- if they do it the state militia will be are the defense of monopolies make uring the sacrificing spirit in the church called out to subdue or kill them. No, "the gospel" a mere matter of words and promises to the poor, to the over- report of the work accomplished in his are necessary to best secure the welfare allowed to pass, Grover the First would intended to in no wise obstruct or dis- His property is always in demand, a burdened, the broken-hearted, the bruled and the bound. The real gospel to all such must be love enacted, laws that shall break every yoke, vania la its state convention last week more than the bitter bread of depen- rent he will force from the occupants. Truly, the great place to do missionary work is where our laws are made.

Nationalist Club of Lincoln, has started the objects of the Alliances are, and same education and co-operation of the a new monthly magazine "devoted pri- what progress has been made in their farmers will be continually necessary marily to domestic medicine and by accomplishment. Counseler.

and Mrs. Loase.

ENT.

Brothers and Sisters of the Alliance As we have met again in our yearly meeting it is well to take a retrospect of the past year; to take counsel of our experiences: to avoid in future the mistakes we have made in the past and to adopt more efficient methods, if possible, than we have used to accomplish the ends aimed at by our organization.

At our last annual meeting an at-

tempt was made to systematize the educational efforts of the Alliance. An amendment to the constitution was adopted requiring the executive committee to prepare a manual for the use of the Alliances in the state, and a New York Independent. Observe, the further amendment requiring its use in

A reduction of the initiation fee was terly unprincipled partisan press first also made in view of the depressed agreed that the panic and consequent financial condition of farmers in our business depression was caused by too state; thus endeavoring to encourage much money, by silver coinage under the recruiting of the membership of the

The manual was prepared under the would flow back from Europe, Ameri- direction of the executive committee can securities would be in demand, and and was published, and a copy was furbusiness would boom as soon as the nished to the subordinate and county mints were closed against silver. But Alliances of the state. So far as I have the passage of the Wilson bill. In fact, used, has met with general approval. the business paralysis got worse im- It also attracted much attention from and as it was unsafe to do business on a orders were sent to the state secretary ions of men are out of work and the dition of the treasury he was unable

A resolution was also passed at the last state meeting uniting the Nebraska ports, must be fed by charity, or starve. State Alliance with the National Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union.

While this union did not require any change in the Alliance constitutions of notwithstanding the fact, well knewn change the ritual and secret work. of the manual, rendered it desirable, and really necessary for the prosperity of the order, that the Alliances in every county should be visited by an officer of the state Alliance and instructed in the new plan and work. This duty would naturally devolve on the lecturer and President.

But these officers were both poor men with families depending on them for support, and could not give up their whole time to the work without adequate financial support.

As a consequence the lecturer was obliged to quit the field because his salary could not be paid.

Your president, besides preparing the trust controls that. The opening and new secret work and assisting in the closing price of the year is given below: preparation of the manual, has visited 28 counties during the year, helding

A resolution was also passed at the all, the National Guardian of the De cess. gree, during the month of May; holding | But farmers undoubtedly de under-Bro. Wright was appointed State Guarsecured debt. It amounts to an enor- and has had the oversight of that spe-

The strength of the Alliance consists put a stop to it, must remain subject to and regular meetings and conference.

unrestrained robbers of the working resignation of the office of secretary and treasurer by Bro. J. M. Thompson, and the subsequent appointment of Miss Elsie Buckman to that office, will be fully explained by the report of the Executive Committee. Miss Buckman seems to have fulfilled the duties of the office in an able and satisfactory mansince she assumed its duties.

has been engaged in it.

members, who assert that the Farmers' plished. Alliance has accomplished the objects And if in succeeding generations the for which it was created and should duties and responsibilities of self-govtherefore be given up. In view of this crament shall still rest upen the people Du. H. S. ALEV, passident of the assertion, permit me to consider what as God grant that they always may, the

giene, secondarily to the cause of na- The objects of the Alliance are first, similar organization, must exist, or the tionalism and all progressive ideas." and principally, educational. Grand as farmers will be enslaved. In fact, pre-The first number is in all respects ex- the common school system of our State paration for performing the duties of cellent, and the rare genius of the is, and able and competent as the high-citizens must run parallel with the ex-Doctor will make all guccerding num- or institutions of learning may be, they istence of those duties, and be perpetu-"THE LABOR MOVEMENT IN AMERI- bers equally attractive and valuable. none of them include education in poli- al-CA," by the same author and publish- The name of the magazine is "The tical duties. A boy or girl may attend The Alliance has not been a failure. the common schools during the whole It has, during the short time it has experiod of life permitted by law, may lated, created among the farmers of THE Republican papers are gloating then graduate at one, or all of the this state, and the other states in which definite idea of what laws are needed government, and a clearer understand-

ADDRESS OF THE RETIRING PRESI. to protect the people in their God-given rights, or to assist and render efficient their efforts for prosperity and happiness. This is so apparent that it requires no argument, fer among those who have enjoyed, and made the most assiduous use of these advantages, will be found all shades of political opinions and the most diverse views in regard to their political duties; while they substantially agree in regard to what they have been taught in the schools.

> The public press, wonderful as its educational power and influence is, does not produce any more satisfactory results in the way of political education. This agency cannot be made efficient without great expense, and so it happens that to a great extent it is under the influence of the rich and unprincipled, who use it to advocate their own selfish schemes, and by the most skillful sophistry mislead the people in regard to the best means of retaining their liberties and defending their rights. It is true that a small, but increasing number, are earnestly trying to instruct the people in the political rights and duties, but it is so difficult for the good to supplant the vicious and unworthy, so as to reach the ear of the many, and requires such constant alertness to meet the skillfully wrought falsehoods and subtle but false arguments of the unscrupulous advocates of the people's oppressors, that it is doubtful whether the public press is, on the whole, any advantage to the people except in disseminating the current news of passing events. And as a political educator it tends to bewilder and mislead them rather than to establish them in correct political principles, or lead them to appreciate their responsibilities and perform their duties as citizens of a people's government.

Neither do the speeches and writings of our statesmen and lawmakers give the people the necessary political education. Those who read the speeches delivered in congress and the record of the proceedings there, find that our lawmakers are further from sgreeing on the questions which most affect the welfare of the people than the people themselves; and show that instead of being reliable political educators they have not, as a class, attained the knowledge necessary to appreciate the political duties of the ordinary citizen.

Second. Co-operation in the management of their own business is as absolutely necessary to the prosperity of the farmers as any other business class, and there is great weight to the reproach so often uttered, "If farmers would attend to their own business closer they would be better off."

The attempts of farmers to co operate from one to ten meetings in each, and in business hitherto have been mostly counselling and instructing the breth- in the line of mercantile or grain shipping business. In these, on the whole, they have not been successful. The State meeting recommending the Alli- reason of this is apparent. When perance Aid Degree to the Alliances of the sons try to co-operate in carrying on a State. In accordance therewith the business without understanding its de-State was visited by Bro. Alonzo Ward- tails, the chances must be against suc-

a number of meetings in connection stand farming in all its details, and with Bro. Wright and the president should be jealous of the interference and awakening considerable interest in of others in the management of it. this new feature of the Alliance work. When the farmers intelligently and justly set the prices of all the products has increased the value of every well dian of the Aid Degree in this State, of their industry, as the merchants do of their merchandise and the manufacturers do of their products, or get them established by law, as the proin the co-operation of its members; and ducers or possessors of gold have done; understand it, and with their ballots this can only be maintained by frequent then indeed, and not till then, they may be said to be minding their own The circumstances which led to the business, and will have attained one great step toward emancipation from industrial slavery.

Until these objects are attained let no farmer say, "the objects of the Alliance are accomplished."

No. The work of the Alliance is not finished. So long as the farmers of our country permit a few speculators to abner and I think deserves the warm sorb the most of the wealth their labor thanks of the Alliance for the patience produces, so long as they are dependand perseverance with which she has ent on the caprice, or cupidity, of a few met and surmounted the difficulties soulless corporations for the money that which have surrounded the office ever is necessary for the exchange of their products, and the payment of their On account of the fact that the Aid debts. So long as the political conven-Degree cannot from the nature of its tions, the elections, legislatures, conconstitution be introduced except to gress, the higher courts, and even the W. F. Wright of Lancaster county was ment are controlled by the money authorized to re-organize old Alliances power, there is much, very much for and to organize new ones throughout the Alliance to do. So long as there is the State. He will doubtless during one farmer, or farmer's wife, son, or the progress of the meeting render a daughter who does not know what laws special department during the time he and defend the rights of all the people, and how to select and elect, the best There are many people outside the men, to enact and execute such laws, Alliance, and a few who were once the work of the Alliance is not accom-

as at present; and the Alliance, or some