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Profoundly impressed that we, the Farmers' Alliance, united by the strong and faithful ties of financial and home interests, should set forth our declarations, we therefore resolve:
To strive to secure the establishment of right and justice to ourselves and our posterity.
To labor for the education of the agricultural classes in the science of economical government, a strictly non-partisan spirit, to endorse the motto, "In things essential, unity; in all things charity."
To secure purity of the electing franchise, and to induce all voters to inform themselves as to the character and execution of laws which will express the most advanced public sentiment upon all questions involving the interests of laborers and farmers.
To develop a better state mentally, morally, socially and financially.
To constantly strive to secure entire harmony and good-will among all mankind, and to suppress personal, local, sectional and national prejudices, and unbecoming rivalries and selfish ambition.
To assuage the sufferings of a brother and sister, bury the dead, care for the widows and educate the orphans; to exercise charity toward offenders; to contribute work and purposes in their most favorable light, granting honesty of purpose and good intentions to others, and to protect the principles of the Alliance unto death.

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ALONG THE LINE.

[This department is conducted by the Secretary of the State Alliance to whom all communications in relation to Alliance work, short articles, news items and subjects of interest to the Alliance etc., should be addressed. Write plain and to the point. Sign what you choose to your articles but send us your name always.]

Mr. R. J. Ogden, of Albion, is a new Richmond in the field, and writes for information for organizing Alliances.

Joseph B. Copley, president of 517, reports the adoption of secret work and sends for Ritual, etc., which was sent them.

Mr. P. B. Fielding, secretary of Banner Alliance No. 554, reports all old officers elected by his Alliance at last meeting.

T. A. Wright, secretary of Lillian Alliance No. 483, sends for blank applications for membership and reports his Alliance in fine working condition.

Secretary John Scott, of Fairview Alliance, reports an addition of ten new members at last meeting, making their membership now thirty-six.

The communication of S. M. Davis, J. M. Strahl and D. B. Ellis, of Hartwell, will appear in our next. It came in too late for this issue.

C. A. McKinley, of Riverton, sends good cheer to the paper, two yearly subscriptions, and says he thinks every member of his Alliance will take it. He has our thanks.

W. C. Clifton sends quarterly report for Garfield Alliance of which he is secretary. This Alliance was organized last year and is among the tried and true every time.

John W. Goben, secretary of Bates Alliance No. 588, writes for all necessary blanks, constitutions etc., and says they are ready for good solid work.

Howard H. Peck, of Cowles, Webster Co., writes for copies of THE ALLIANCE, which have been sent, and we expect something good from Mr. Peck in a few days.

C. S. Evans, of Inman, Neb., says: "The work goes bravely on. Two weeks ago our Alliance passed a resolution that we would not pay more than the legal rate of interest for the use of money, and ordered the same published in the Review. Since that time Alliance men have paid but the legal rate. Before it was two per cent per month."

Delegates from the subordinate Alliances, of Furnas county, met at Cambridge, the 8th of this month and organized a county Alliance with the following officers: President, J. W. Eby; Vice President, Barney Cline; Secretary, C. B. Bachelder; Treasurer, Wm. Waite; Executive Committee, John M. Tabor, M. L. Wolfe, C. A. Jackson; Lecturer, G. L. Fils; Chaplain, James Sprawls; Doorkeeper, Joseph Haugnon; Assistant, A. B. Wolfe; Sergeant-at-Arms, H. C. M. Burgess; Purchasing Agent, Wm. Waite.

Secretary J. E. Childers, of Rising Sun Alliance, No. 487, reports everything sailing properly, and asks for cards, etc. His request has been complied with.

Secretary Ashworth, of No. 535, writes us that all their old officers were re-elected at their last meeting. Yes, all the old Alliance stagers will do to tie to every time.

An encouraging letter was received from J. F. Finch, secretary of No. 600, Perkins county. He also asks several questions which we answer elsewhere as fully as space will allow.

St. Clair Alliance No. 600 through Chas. E. Mosher, secretary, reports six members initiated at their last meeting indicating successful efforts by that branch of our organization.

G. C. McAllister, secretary of Buchanan Alliance, reports an addition of seven members at last meeting of their Alliance and more to follow. They all take an active interest in the organization.

Mr. F. W. Wood, of Fullerton, writes an encouraging letter in regard to the work in his county. He has also procured a goodly number of subscribers to our paper for which he has our thanks.

Mr. A. B. Bender, secretary of No. 566, says their Alliance is in good running order, and now with a good live organizer they expect to make theirs the banner Alliance county of the state. Good.

Jas. O'Fallen, secretary of a newly organized Alliance named Marble Alliance, Saunders county, sends in their application this week. It starts off with thirty-two members, all enthusiastic workers.

The report of Alliance No. 474 shows a large increase in membership, twenty members having been initiated in last quarter. G. W. Holmes, the secretary, reports a total membership of fifty-two in four months.

P. C. Maurer in making his report as secretary of No. 491 numbering sixty members, says: "Our county Alliance is booming and the brethren seem to be alive to the necessities of our present financial condition."

Mr. J. Y. M. Swigart, of Buffalo county, while on a visit to Saunders county recently organized two Alliances, each with a large membership. Bro. Swigart is a zealous worker and we are always glad to hear from him.

Geo. A. Land, of Russell Alliance No. 557, sends quarterly report and says they had not until recently had any regular place of meeting. Now their new school house is completed and they expect better success in the future.

Mr. E. M. Harrison, secretary of No. 595, Perkins Co., reports the following officers elected by their Alliance recently: President, E. L. Sarvis; Secretary, E. M. Harrison; Treasurer, E. Mechem. Question in regard to constitution answered elsewhere in this paper.

John H. Hogg, of Shelton, is rustling around among the Alliances of his county and pushing the work well to the front. John is a sort of a presiding elder, whom the Alliances are always glad to meet, and his labors are bearing fruit. We bid him God-speed.

Mr. J. F. Finch sends in an application for a charter for an Alliance to be called "Union Alliance," Grace precinct, Perkins county, and says they are expecting a visit from President Powers soon for the purpose of organizing the county.

Geo. W. Felton, of Angus, made us a very pleasant call on the 13th, on his way home from Omaha where he had been with two cars of stock for Alliance No. 487. He reports the Alliance flourishing in his (Nucholls Co.) and a gain in membership for his local Alliance.

Mr. Jas. B. Burrows, secretary of the Gage County Alliance, writes that at their last meeting, June 1st, the following officers were elected: President, Thad Williams, Beatrice; Vice-President, Chas. Hughes, Filley; Treasurer, C. S. Burroughs, Filley; Secretary, Jas. B. Burrows, Filley.

We are sorry to hear that Organizer J. S. Riddle, of Valley county, while on a trip to organize an Alliance a short time ago got hurt (he does not state how) and has been unable to do anything since. We trust his injuries are not of a serious nature and that he will be ready for duty again soon.

C. J. Dunlap sends us three subscribers and says: "I am glad to know we have an organ we can call our own. Silver Creek Alliance No. 494 is doing finely. We initiate from one to five at every meeting. Will get more subscribers to THE ALLIANCE as fast as I can." Bro. Dunlap's letter has the right ring and we want to receive more of the same kind.

Bro. V. J. Rose, of Ansley, sends \$1 for our paper and says: "I received sample copies of the paper. It is an elegant little sheet full of shots that will make the monopoly henchmen wriggle. Our Alliance is in a prosperous condition. May the God of Peace aid and protect the farmers and laborers of America as he ever does the right."

Several questions have been asked by correspondents in regard to Sec. 1, 2 and 3, Art. IX of Constitution, and I answer as follows: Section 1 provides that all fees and dues shall be paid in advance; that is an applicant for admission to a subordinate Alliance must accompany the application with \$1 as initiation fee provided for by the next

section. If accepted he shall pay in at close of initiation 25 cents as dues for the first full quarter. These are fees and dues to subordinate Alliance. The secretary in remitting to State Alliance sends with his quarterly report 25 cents or one-fourth of initiation fees received and in addition 10 cents each on the total membership at close of quarter. Where a county Alliance is formed the dues are 5 cents per member in addition to state dues. In some parts of the state, Alliances are organized on the supposition that the state dues are all that is required, but the constitution makes no provision of this kind. If our order is worth anything it is worth one dollar, and as the surplus is left with the subordinate Alliance to be used for contingent purposes, all members receive the same benefit.

Mr. L. Henry, president of the Hall county Alliance, writes us that their last county meeting, held at Cairo, was an enthusiastic one and well attended. He says: "From what I can learn from our county meeting the cause will be pushed, and when our paper is in full circulation we will forge ahead as we never have before." The next meeting of the County Alliance will be held at Grand Island.

J. F. Frederic, of North Platte, reports the organization of the Lincoln County Alliance with the following officers: L. Stebbins, President, North Platte; Geo. Babbot, Vice President, North Platte; C. F. Pretauer, Secretary, Gothenburg; Claus Mylander, Treasurer, North Platte. Executive Committee, H. Facka, Chm'n, H. The-lackey, T. Rowley, North Platte. This county has five organized Alliances and Bro. Frederic thinks they will organize four or five more in the near future.

J. F. Black writing in regard to twine asks if the flax twine is reliable and if it can be had in test lots. The state agent has received some samples of twine offered cheap, but he would not recommend them and we have no flax twine on hand. The twine we offer is warranted long-fibre flax and guaranteed to give satisfaction, but we only order twine on receipt of money for same. Manila twine is familiar to everyone and can be ordered safely without sample.

Lee W. Crofts sends report of No. 564 and reports additional members. He also makes inquiry in regard to the National Economist, and says they have not received the paper. Have written the editor and will have the matter looked up. Jas. A. Butler, of Ewing, also complains of irregularity in receiving the above paper. Complaint should be made directly to the publisher immediately upon non-arrival of paper. All those who have ordered the Economist will please forward their names to this office as my list has been mislaid.

I close you application for charter of Age Alliance with thirty-two charter members. This will make a strong Alliance. We have secured the above number of members in one week. I need some blank applications for charter and membership cards. Have only six Rituals and three Constitutions, and would like a supply as soon as possible, as there will be use for them soon. I hear of several Alliances under way, and the inquiry, "How can we organize?" is heard all over the county. Sample copies of THE ALLIANCE received and am much pleased with it. Will take it to the County Alliance tomorrow and secure all the subscribers I can. May success crown your efforts in my wish, and may our paper be a strong factor in freeing our people from the burdens they unjustly bear. Fraternally yours, R. GRAY.

Secretary Hackett of No. 581, Hamilton county, writes: "I received ten copies of THE ALLIANCE in due time and was glad to get them, but haven't had much time to canvass for it. We had a hard rain on the eve of the 17th, so I got off a little yesterday and got a few subscribers for six months. Don't know but I done wrong, but they said they could not pay a dollar now. Six months will throw them until they will have more money. If this is not right please notify me, as I want to do good and not harm. I was up to Aurora on the 15th and helped organize the Corners Alliance. I wish you good success with the paper." Certainly, Bro. Hackett, take all the subscriptions you can get at six or even three months at yearly rates. We are under the greatest of obligations to you for your interest in the work of placing the paper in the hands of your people. A few vigorous moves like yours throughout the state and everything connected with what we are all working for would go with a boom.

On Friday morning a notice reached the office informing us of a meeting at St. Paul the following day to complete the organization of a Farmers' Alliance, with the request that an organizer be sent to assist them. The notice gave us no time to notify any of our other workers, as the 12:10 train found the secretary on the way to St. Paul. At Grand Island we found every one in holiday attire, the streets were gaily decorated and the city given over to the societies of the Nebraska Saengerbund for their annual musicale. Through the kindness of a friend we attended the concert at Bartenback's opera house, and although the words were lost to us, in most of the selections the music was undoubtedly grand. At St. Paul we found the farmers alive to the need of organization and a good Alliance was formed with A. J. Henry as president, Ed. J. Henry, secretary. The crop prospect is not at all good in that vicinity on account of the dry weather. There has been no heavy rains this spring and but one or two local showers, consequently the yield of small grain will show nearly as great a shortage as the material for manufacture of binding twine.

DAKOTA'S ALLIANCE.

AN ENTHUSIASTIC ASSEMBLY.

The Gallant Leader of the Workingmen of America, Hon. T. V. Powderly, Will be met More Than Half Way by the Alliance.

Be of Good Cheer, Farmers of Nebraska. See What Dakota is Doing.

HURON, DAK., June 19.—EDITOR ALLIANCE: The Territorial Alliances of South Dakota are now in session at this place; the first days session having closed last evening. Over four hundred delegates are in attendance, representing about that number of Alliances. It is a wonderfully bright and clear headed assembly of Dakota farmers.

The meeting opened yesterday afternoon. Addresses of welcome by citizens of Huron were responded to by National Lecturer Chase and others. Short addresses were made by President Loucks, of Dakota, and by President Burrows, of the National Alliance, who is in attendance. The balance of the afternoon was occupied by the report of the Committee on Credentials; the appointment of Committees for the session, and other preliminary work.

At the evening session President Loucks made a report of the condition of the Alliance work in the territory, reviewing what had been done, and outlining the policy of the Alliance in the near future, in view of the coming admission of the Dakotas into the union. I would be glad to give you this address in full, had you room for it, for the purpose of showing the farmers of Nebraska what the Dakota Alliance has done, and proposes to do. President Loucks is a plain practical speaker, bristling with good sound common sense. He takes hold of every business question in a business way, showing to the farmers the direction their efforts must take in order to benefit them. As a result Mr. Loucks is the idol of the farmers of the territory. The Alliance of this territory elected the last territorial legislature, not by the formation of a new party, but by controlling the primaries and dictating the nominations of the old parties. It is conceded by all that that legislature was the ablest and honest of the territory ever had. The Alliance proposes to elect the first legislator under the enabling act, the governor, and other state officers, and the United States Senators by the same policy which has brought it success heretofore.

An able and stirring letter from Mr. Powderly was read, in which he urged a closer union and better understanding between the farmers and the workingmen, and proposed a conference between the leaders of the Alliance and the K. of L. in the near future, with that end in view. The proposition of Mr. Powderly was received with great enthusiasm, and he will be met more than half way in his overture for a more intimate acquaintance. Huron is a beautiful prairie town, with many fine business buildings. The officers of the Alliance Insurance Company are located here. This is the strongest Company in the territory. It paid its half losses last year, with an assessment of 23 cents an acre, and 3 cents of this will be returned to its patrons. After the prairie fires last spring its adjusters went out with drafts in their pockets, and paid every loss as soon as adjusted. Its receipts for one day this summer amounted to over \$5,000.

Bro. White Likes the Paper. BLADEN, June 11.—Accept thanks for the sample copy of THE ALLIANCE received today, and in launching it on the sea of journalism in your new field of labor I trust you will meet with that success I know you deserve. Your paper has the solid ring. Now let every friend of justice to all and special privileges to none, put his shoulder to the wheel and place the principles of the Farmers' Alliance fairly before the people.

Yours for equal rights, I. N. WHITE.

P. S.—Enclosed find cash on subscription.

What is Needed. EDITOR ALLIANCE:—The agricultural classes are fully justified there exists a wrong, an injustice, a crushing down and keeping down, of the hard toilers of honest industry.

How long these evils to ourselves and country shall exist remain alone for us to determine.

Shall we continue looking, waiting and watching for help from either of the old parties, or shall we avail ourselves of the advantages of a free government, and assert rights as citizens of such?

To do so it simply requires a thorough understanding with the farmers, an united action, and we are slaves to corporated monopoly, trust, high taxation, lumber barons and eastern moneyed men no longer.

The opening out, the slashing down of forests, the breaking up of prairies, the cabins, dug-outs and sod houses of all the western states, plainly point toward a class of people who have known no rest. It has been, and still is, labor for man, wife, son and daughter from dawn until dark, with very small remuneration.

Besides, farming today is not only the drudge of yesterday, but the sci-

ence of meeting and competing with the world in products that will meet a ready market and pay the producer. Hence, we need Clubs, Alliances, and certainly a printed sheet, circulating in every house, under our own control, whose aim shall be to post the farmer with reliable information as to markets, amount of crops, prices, demand and supply, cost of transportation, and last but not least, our interests politically, bringing us together in fraternity. F. B.

A Calamity in Dakota.

The farmers of some parts of Dakota have suffered a great calamity in the total loss of their wheat crop. Up to about ten days ago the prospects for a good crop of wheat were magnificent, but the weather was getting very dry and rain was greatly needed. If good rains had come at that time the loss of the crop would have been averted, but instead of the needed rain just at this critical time there came a week of scorching heat, and the wheat over a large area of country is utterly burned up and destroyed. As to the extent of the disaster throughout the territory I cannot say. I am told there has been some local rains which have saved the crop in places, but along the Northwestern road from about Hawarden to Huron not one acre in one thousand of the wheat will be cut. At one point I estimated there were in sight at one view from the window on my side of the car, two thousand acres all utterly destroyed. This is a terrible calamity to these settlers which they have no way of relieving. Many of them will be compelled to leave the country until another season. B.

Garden Hill school house, two and a half miles west of town, was well filled Saturday evening with persons who desired to assist in the organization of a Farmers' Alliance.

The house was called to order by Wm. McNeill, who in a brief speech stated the object of the meeting.

On temporary organization Mr. McNeill, was elected chairman and J. A. Worrall secretary.

After all preliminaries had been perfected the members proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted as follows: President—Wm. McNeill. Vice-President—D. Busch. Secretary—J. A. Worrall. Treasurer—Peter Van Antwerp. Lecturer—D. A. Shull.

There are at present four Alliances in Otoc county, and it is expected that in the near future each precinct will have its organization.—Syracuse Herald.

Yes, They Howl. The Farmers' Alliance must expect ridicule, its aims and objects misconstrued and all manner of foolish stories set afloat concerning it. Its leaders will be called cranks, dead-beats, too lazy to work, and chronic kickers. There is no class on earth today that draws fire when they attempt an organized effort to better their conditions, like the farmers. Still the same element which arrays itself against them when they attempt organization, will pat them on the back and call them "the salt of the earth" when they attend strictly to the business of raising wheat, corn and hogs and let the other fellows take care of the laws and systems of the country. There is absolutely nothing farmer organizations can do to better their class but what extracts a prolonged howl from the guardians of the sacred (to them) institutions and systems of the country. If they object to being fleeced by that purpose, they are accused of blindly striking at a phantom; that no such thing exists as a trust; that they are shiftless and incapable of managing the ordinary business of a farm if they attempt to harvest without twine. That's what they get if they simply act on the defense. If they make an aggressive move against high taxes, high interest, ruinous prices for their products brought about by a scarcity of money, the results of class laws, and seek the ballot box for a remedy, another startling howl breaks forth "Hands off! Oh my Lord, this is sacred!" So you see, Mr. Farmer, there if only one way for you to be at peace with all the world, and that is to meekly close your eyes and submit to extortion, usury, unjust taxation, be a commodity on change for the politicians of the country and boost a lot of famishing office seekers into office, thank God you are suffered to live, and try and excel your neighbor with the biggest pumpkin at the county fair this fall.

Are you going to do it? We think not.

Job Printing For Alliances. We are prepared to do any and all kinds of printing for Alliances. Letter and note heads, envelopes, cards, by-laws, circulars, handbills etc. Send in your orders and we will do the work at prices as reasonable as it can be done.

FOR INSURANCE.—See or address Swigart & Bush, Mead, Neb., Special Agents Farmers' Mutual Ins. Co., Grand Island, Nebraska.

From President Powers. CORNELL, NEB., June 17, 1887. I returned home last Saturday from a two week's trip. Am somewhat tired and thought I would take a few days rest. The results are not quite what I could have wished. The rain spoiled two meetings for me and prevented another. Last week I organized two Alliances in Perkins county, and appointed two meetings on rainy evenings. Next Monday, if all is well, I expect to start out again. The weather seems to be settling now and I hope for better success on that account. I find that my correspondence gets so far behind while I am away that some are disappointed, and I fear offended, because I do not reply sooner. I did intend to make my next trip in Dundy and Hayes counties, and so finish up this corner of the state, and then go down the river. I still think I shall do so. I believe it will have the best influence in the end, to let them see by actual demonstration that the work is moving right forward, so the counties can, as they say in the army, touch elbows and feel one another's presence. Perhaps though, as some in the southern counties have been expecting aid a good while, I had better go there first. I think I shall try to visit Franklin, Webster, Nucholls and Clay. J. H. POWERS.

President Burrows, of the National Farmers' Alliance, is in Dakota this week visiting the Alliances of that territory. He will return some time next week.

THE ALLIANCE gratefully acknowledges the receipt of thirteen numbers of the National Economist, neatly bound, which furnishes us a rich feast of solid thought upon the vital issues of the present, from the foremost thinkers of the country. We prize it highly and shall treasure up a kind feeling for the Economist.

Farmers beware of a so-called agricultural paper published in New York city in the interests of the bagging and twine "trusts." Don't be deceived about their pleading about short supply of raw material etc. Stand firm and stand fast! In the words of Col. Ethan Allen "We hang all together, or we will hang separately."—Roanoke, N. C. Patron.

Stock shipped to Allen Root, care of Bell, Collins & McCoy, Omaha, by members of the Alliance, will realize from \$4 to \$5 more per car for their stock. Give the agent notice when shipped. Mr. Root is state agent for the Alliance. W. R. Bennett & Co., will sell groceries etc., to Alliances at jobbers rates. Send all orders to Allen Root. Shipments of vegetables, fruits or poultry, should be billed to Mr. Root, care of Bowman, Williams & Howe's, Omaha, Neb.

It is noticeable that the large majority of vicious horses are handled by bad tempered men.

The successful farmer cares for the little, and allows nothing to be wasted.

The cheapest growth is made in young animals up to about 200 pounds.

Pigs, as a rule, take their form from their sire, their feeding qualities from their dam.

The small potatoes can be utilized by boiling them for stock. They are as valuable for that purpose as the larger ones.

Rather than drive your cattle a half-mile through heat and dust to drink at pools or the creek, sell enough to sink a strong well.

Animals, like mankind, should be fed at regular hours, and it is often a waste of food to supply between hours.

Some way, the few days the boys went fishing are found, at the end of the year, not to have lessened the amount of work done.

Make your farm such that poor animals would disgrace it; make your animals such that a poor farm would be unfit for them.

Too large a proportion of dry food makes hard churning; so too much succulent food produces soft and oily cream and soft butter.

A dash of Jersey blood in the herd increases the richness of the milk and helps the appearance of the butter. The people want yellow butter.

A poor cow in the dairy is like a dull tool in a carpenter's hands. It requires the expenditure of a large percentage of result.

Store up sufficient fodder and grain to last all winter. Better come out in spring with a supply left, than run short, and stint the animals or have to buy.

Temperature and moisture are as important to crop production as manure, and both are in a measure regulated by underdraining the wet places.

This is a good time to secure a few choice cows. Dairy business is likely to be more popular next season than this. Secure desirable blood while you can.

One reason there are so many mortgaged farms is because so many farmers sell corn, oats, and hay early, and then have to buy the same class of articles before the next crop is raised.

WINGED MISSILES. J. M. Neal, of Calhoun, Ga., killed five turkeys at one shot. An old negro woman of Augusta, Ga., set fire to her house to "drive the witches out." Chicken thieves of Cora, Rockdale county, Georgia, stole 500 chickens in one night. Vermont has had a run of sleighing lasting 127 days, and she asks some other state to match it. English army authorities are considering a project for enlisting young boys and letting them grow up into soldiers. The present system of flat buildings, which has become popular of late, was known in ancient Egypt many centuries before our present era. Charles Sampels' pet bear at Williamsport swallowed a silver box full of finecut the other day, and has been spitting tobacco juice, with a saddened visage, ever since. Oklahoma may now be a new Jerusalem. So says James. The people who now want balloons to get into the reservation, may want wings to fly out before they are three years older. Mysterious footfalls and door-slams at night have driven a freshly wedded pair from a house at Cedar Hill, Heris county, Pennsylvania, and even the dogs quit the premises in a huddle. The British divorce returns for thirty years ended in 1857, show that there were 10,561 petitions for divorce or dissolution of marriage, of which 7,321 were successful. The increase since 1851 is gradual. William H. Harrison, a Madonfield, N. J., grocer, dreamed a night or two ago that money was concealed in an ancient house near his store. He investigated and found \$1.50 in continental currency back of an old mantelpiece. Superintendent Ireland says that while some of the vicious dogs in the Philadelphia Kennel Club shows were ugly when men attempted to pat them, the touch of a woman's hand was welcomed by the most savage brute. Such a thing as bringing a libel suit against a newspaper has not been known in Italy for fifty years. The belief is that a newspaper seeks to tell the truth. If it is mistaken a frank statement to that effect satisfies the Italian. In the town of Bessbrook, Ireland, where John G. Harbord employed 300 people in the manufacture of Irish linen, no liquor has been sold for forty years, and as a result there is neither policeman, prison, pawnshop nor pauper in the town. A fifteen-inch trout took two falls out of Dr. E. K. Baker, a Williamsport angler, who was standing on a mossy and rather slippery stone. The first fall snatched his suspenders and the second laid him flat upon his back. But he got the trout. Some 250 residents of the town of Somerville, Mass., are petitioning the railroad commissioners to have the blowing of locomotive whistles at various crossings stopped. The railroad is willing, but under the law has no authority to take the initiative. In a late election at Albany the police commissioners favored one candidate, the superintendent another, and the patrolmen turned out and electrified and knocked down and got as drunk as anybody. It worked the complete demoralization of the force. The old Ambigu Theatre in Paris, an historical home of the melodrama, is about to be pulled down. It was first a sort of variety theatre in 1769, and was afterward given up to the performance of children. It has been devoted to the melodrama for a century. What is called "the very giddiest lamp" is reported to have been observed in the bonnet of a young woman of unquestionable station. The supports are the grotesquely elongated legs of a pink-stocking ballet girl; the outspreading skirts forming the shade. The ups and downs of mining life are well illustrated in the case of Don Diego, a well-known character of Sonora, Cal. In 1884 he made over a million dollars by a lucky speculation. Davoll then went to San Francisco and invested in stocks. To-day he is penniless. A Port Huron barber has found great profit in the pigs in clover puzzle, as it helps him hold a customer. He says: "I wait their turn. 'Just try that,' he says, soothingly, thrusting the puzzle into their hands, and when he gets ready to shove 'em they're in the shop yet you bet. Twelve married women of Buffalo, N. Y., have hired the Music Hall buffing alloys for practice every Tuesday afternoon. The two that make the highest score are entitled to choose sides for the next meeting, and there is always a keen rivalry for the honor. The beaten side 'sets up' the supper. A few days ago George Saxton, a messenger boy of one of the Western Union Telegraph offices in Philadelphia, made a wager that he could walk from Broad and Chestnut streets to Bristol, Pa., and back in one day. He accomplished the feat in ten hours and forty minutes. The distance traveled was forty miles. A district court has been called upon to decide how long an impulse can last. A well-known lady was charged with shooting game without a license. She pleaded in defense that she acted under impulse, having been asked to take a gun by one of the gentlemen at a shooting party; but her impulse continued for two hours. So she was fined \$2. In 1885 Mr. Hertz put his name down as a subscriber for an etching of Munkacsy's "Christ on Calvary." It was not ready until 1888, and he refused payment on the ground that it had taken too long and was sued. The expert called in the case testified that, considering the size and delicacy of the work, three years was not an excessive time for its production. Mr. Hertz had to pay. John Galier, an Ellensburg, W. T., farmer, has just lost a fine peach orchard and vineyard, both of which had fair to yield an unusually large crop this year. A flame broke on the hill above his house during the night, and a part of his farm was covered several feet deep with debris. When he went out to look at his orchard in the morning all that he could find of the trees was a top limb here and there sticking out of the sand. Herman Oehrichs, the popular New Yorker, has introduced a new idea in dinners. He lost a dinner on a wager with some friends the other day, and had the option of saying where it should take place. As Mr. Oehrichs was to sail for Europe on the 8th of this month, he sent each one of his guests a chart of the Atlantic ocean and invited them to meet him on a spot designated in the vessel's course. A more substantial banquet will follow upon his return. A day or two ago several men from the electric light station dug a hole for an electric light pole opposite one of the finest residences on Summer street, in Malden, says the Boston Journal. The owner of the residence in the mean time secured a man and told him to go up into the woods and dig the first tree he could find, and hurry back and plant it where the hole for the electric pole was. Before the men commenced to raise the electric light pole the owner of the residence invited them to come into his cellar and take a drink which they all did. There the owner detained them long enough to allow the man sent for the tree to come back and plant it. The others did not dare to remove the tree, so they put the pole into the wagon and drove off.