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THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE.

[This department is conducted by the Secretary of the State Alliance to whom all communications in relation to Alliance work, short articles upon various subjects of interest to the Alliance etc., should be addressed. Write plain and only on one side of the paper. Sign your name and address on the back of your articles but send us your name always.]

FOR MONETARY REFORM.

PALMYRA, Neb., Jan. 23, 1890.

EDITOR ALLIANCE: A sample copy of the FARMERS' ALLIANCE has been received, dated January 18. I have observed an article headed, "A Criticism on J. W. Haskel." The purport of said article was the using of script for municipal purposes. Now to clearly illustrate the meaning of the word "script" (from the Greek "skribō," to write) I have written a case in point. The writer is a decided monometalist, and does not favor paper money. Therefore, his money will, or ought to, have weight with metallic currency men. But, recollect, I am not a believer in the barbaric system of metallic coinage. It saves too much of Israel's ancient error for creating a golden calf. Now for Jewon's illustration: "Daniel LeBroc, the governor of the Island of Guernsey, determined to build a market in St. Peter's, but not having the necessary funds he issued, under the name of the Island, four thousand market notes (local greenbacks) for one pound each, with which he paid the artificers. When the market was finished and the rents came in, the notes (mark, Guernsey's greenbacks) were there cancelled, and not an ounce of gold was employed in the whole matter. There is no mystery, however, in this advantage of paper money." One might write a volume on the subject and not elucidate the matter one whit easier than is done in this short quotation; and I trust the idea generated in your article and Smith's communication will be thoroughly ventilated. Yours for a monetary reform. JOHN S. MAIBEN.

Farmers Shipping Their Own Products.

CLARKS, NEB., Jan. 21, 1890.

EDITOR ALLIANCE:—I have shipped from this point twenty cars of corn and two of hay, and will load from one to two cars a day for the next week. We are getting from 1 1/2 to 2 more for each car than we could get here. We had a hard time at the start to get cars, but can get them all right now. One of the grain buyers said to a man, "Who bought your corn?" The man replied, "No one. What are you doing with it?" "I am going to ship it." Says the buyer, "The h—ll you are! What right have you to ship? We have the right to handle your corn, and I'll see if you get any more cars." This man thinks he owns the state of Neb. Thank God he don't live in Clark; but his elevator I think can be bought this spring for a ware house. It looks as empty now as my pocket book. I would like to say to the members of the different Alliances to roll up their sleeves and see how many names they can get for their next meeting. I have got thirteen for the last two meetings, and think I am safe for five more for next Saturday. Our Alliance is well pleased with your paper, and will give it their support. Yours truly, S. B. COCHRAN, Alliance Agent.

ENTHUSIASM IN RICHARDSON CO.

SHUBERT, NEB., Jan. 25, 1890.

EDITOR ALLIANCE:—Probably a few words from this part of the state would be in order. We are getting along well considering the luck we had by our organizer being on the U. S. Grand Jury at Omaha for twenty-six days; but he is in the field again. We received a call from Verdon February 7 to organize a county Alliance. We have made application for a charter and the charter is being elevated. Old Richardson has been behind in the past, but she will not be in the future. We have been waiting for something to turn up, now we propose to turn something up. Pull down the statue of King Croesus. We worship no more at the shrine of Kings. Kindle watchfires upon the hill tops, light up the flames upon freedom's altars, illuminate your dwellings from floor to dome, hoist up the American flag and let us swear the farmers will be no longer slaves. Yours for universal emancipation. W. B. WELLS, President No. 337.

NEMAHA COUNTY ALLIANCE.

JOHNSON, NEB., Jan. 27, 1890.

EDITOR ALLIANCE: Nema County Alliance was organized Saturday, Jan. 25, at Auburn, with J. M. Wright, Nema County, Pres.; Wm. Clark, Talmage, Vice Pres.; A. B. Taylor, Johnson, Sec.; Fred Parker, Johnson, Treas.; Wm. Gordon, Johnson, Lecturer; J. H. Ellmore, Talmage, Chaplain. Executive Committee—John Ashley, Glenrock; Geo. E. Dye, Nema County; Geo. Peterson, Talmage. The county organization moved off in good shape, every delegate being present, besides a goodly number from the subdivisions. Next regular meeting second Saturday in March. W. F. WRIGHT, Co. Organizer.

WILSON'S CATALOGUE.

We have received a very attractive illustrated price list and catalogue of Seeds, Trees, Shrubs, etc., from Samuel Wilson, Mechanicsville, Pa. A glance at its pages makes one desire to buy and test the novelties in vegetables and plants with which its pages are filled. See Mr. Wilson's advertisement in another column.

TOWNSHIP OFFICERS.

Under the existing laws of Nebraska in townships, under township organization, are township officers and supervisors elected at the general election in the fall, or at township meeting in the spring. W. Z. They are elected at the general election in the fall.

Q. Who is a wrecker, or one who tears down values on the Produce Exchange? A. The seller of futures. The short seller. The gambler. The discounter of future values.

GENERAL LEESE'S OPEN LETTER.

The Document Forwarded to U. S. Attorney General Miller.

GROSS VIOLATIONS OF LAW.

The Union Pacific Company Charged With Misappropriating Funds and Other Breaches of Faith With the Government.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, LINCOLN, NEB., Jan. 21, 1890.—Hon. W. H. Miller, Attorney General United States, Washington, D. C. Dear Sir: I desire to call your attention in open letter to a subject which is of vital importance to the people of the United States, and more particularly to the west, especially Nebraska. It is in respect to the Union Pacific road and the Union Pacific railway company. You will remember that section 5,256 of the acts of 1873, United States Statutes, page 1,017, forbids the Union Pacific railway company from making any mortgage or giving pledges on its property or future earnings, without the consent of congress. The law is plain and readily understood by anyone who will read, and notwithstanding the mortgage law, the Union Pacific railway company has grossly violated its plainest provisions; for, without the consent of congress, it issued in 1873 collateral trust bonds amounting to \$4,852,000. In 1888 another like issue was made of \$2,000,000. On January 12 it issued and guaranteed Oregon Short Line bonds, \$14,800,000. This guarantee cost the Union Pacific annually \$300,000. In 1886 it issued and guaranteed St. Joe & Grand Island bonds for \$300,000. This cost the Union Pacific road in 1888 \$14,000. In 1888 it issued and guaranteed the Union Pacific, Lincoln & Colorado railroad bonds, \$4,400,000. This guarantee cost the Union Pacific railroad that year \$12,000. It also issued and guaranteed dividends on the stock of the Oregon Railway and Navigation company. This guarantee cost the Union Pacific railway in 1888 \$349,000, in 1889 \$700,000. And it now proposes to issue and guarantee the Denver & South Park railroad bonds to the amount of \$2,300,000. The stock of this last mentioned road was purchased for \$4,000,000, and the road has never earned its operating expenses. In 1888 its earnings fell short of the operating expenses \$172,000. Under the act of 1878 the assets and net earnings of the Union Pacific railway have been made subject to the lien of the government, and the president, in his testimony before the Union Pacific railway commission, tries to excuse the violations of law in wasting the assets and net earnings, by saying that he acted under the advice of counsel; but he employs, he has used the money that should have been applied to the payment of the government debt for the purpose of construction and the purchase of land. The act of 1878 provides that the lines that fail to earn the annual interest on their bonds, by \$1,500,000. This deficiency is paid by the Union Pacific railway from its net earnings. When we come to consider these branch line transactions, and the participation of some of the directors therein, it looks suspicious to say the least. Then, again, I find on examination, that \$9,000,000 have been paid on land grant bonds for the purpose of securing the Union Pacific railway instead of from the proceeds of the land grant sales. These lands, as far as Nebraska is concerned, were sold to a favored few at a nominal price, when, by a little judicious advertising, the earnings of the road had made them subject to the government lien. The remainder of the lands are being used in paying off, before maturity, the third mortgage, or sinking fund bonds, when the act of 1878 covers the assets of the road and makes them subject to the government lien (Section 9, chapter 96, act of May 7, 1878), and should be preserved for that purpose. Some two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) of the government have been paid off in 1889.

It is true that the United States supreme court has held that the government had no right to the income from the road and makes them subject to the government lien. This is the claim that will be made when the government calls for a final accounting. These facts are mentioned, and should you conclude to impeach the president, a large amount of valuable assets belonging to the government lien would be preserved that are now being diverted. Then, again, Nebraska is groaning under extortionate freight charges. Our granaries are overflowing with a bountiful harvest, but our farmers are unable to send the same to market on account of the high rates of transportation. The Union Pacific railway, being a creature of congress, refuses to obey the orders of the transportation board of this state, regulating the local freight rates, and claiming federal protection, which is cheerfully given. Under this state of facts, their local rates are unjust and unreasonable, and oppressive to the people, but are protected by our federal courts. The unsubsidized roads make their rates a trifle lower and then turn to the rates charged by the Union Pacific as a precedent for their authority. It is needless to call your attention to the political revolution in Iowa, brought about by excessive freight charges, and if the rates in Iowa which caused this great change of sentiment were oppressive, what can we expect of Nebraska, that pays from 100 to 350 per cent greater rates than are now charged in Iowa for similar services. These are facts that the present administration must meet. Should congress pass the extension bill it will entail upon the people of this state the payment of that enormous debt that will last for generations to come. And I solemnly protest, in the name of an outraged people, against the extension of the government debt, until these violators of the law have been brought to justice.

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