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THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE.

A Good Sound Rough Talk.

Hello! you old horny handed numbskulls, how are you getting along, and what are you doing these fine days? Burning up your corn? or are you giving it to the railroads to get rid of it? Both, I suppose. Well, I am doing the same thing, so I haven't got the best of you. You may not think I address you in a very respectful manner; but that is the way you are spoken of generally by people that write for the papers. I have just been reading a piece in THE ALLIANCE taken from the Chicago *Tribune*, and written by Joseph Medill, and it made me think of all the names I have seen in print for the farmers, and so I start out that way. How do you like it? To be called "geese like" and "a simple minded, bucolic class," and compares us to "Jessacher's Ass," and says we are "Verdant, imposed upon agriculturalists," and winds up by calling us "Fool Farmers." How do you like it? and if you don't like it what reason have you got to "kick" about it? You can't pick up a paper and read anything in it about the farmers but what they are always alluded to as the "Rural Class" as if we were an inferior being. But generally it is "Old Hayseed" or some of the above appropriate epithets. But we deserve all these and more. We are a set of fools, and are dealing with a set of men that know it. How do you like the great (?) reduction in freight rates, don't it just make you get up and crack your heels together to think what a big lot of money it is going to make you? If it works all over the state as it has at our little town of Bromfield you will get *no* richer fast. Corn jumped up from 14 to 15 cents, and then there was a scarcity(?) of cars as usual, and then the price jumped down from 15 to 13 and then all the cars that came went to the elevators, and the Alliance shipper is left out in the cold when he could pay 15 cents or better. It is easy to understand when you know some of the inside of the business. The railroad companies own the elevators, and the more grain goes to them the better for them and we are fools enough to let it be so. Now don't get mad at what I say, for I belong the "Fool" class, and we must not mind what "Fools" say. But when you next come to the polls see if you will have sense enough to show the world that you are not as big "Fools" as one would suppose. When it comes your Lodge night dont sit down and say "Oh, I guess I wont go to-night" but get a move on and *go*, and when you get there don't set there and say nothing, but tell what you think and what you know, and if it is "Fool" talk remember you are among that kind of a crowd. And talk this thing all over, and find out what you are going to do next fall at election; and don't you let any slick talker get any other idea into your head. Don't you let them work any Republican or Democratic or Prohibition racket on you, but work a *farmer* racket on every kind of a party next fall, and show them that we know a thing or two yet. Then we will see if we will have a Governor and a Board of Transportation that will beg and crawl around a set of railroad bosses or not. That one act of theirs was enough to make a man hate his mother. Go out behind the barn or some such place and take off your old hat and look up at the blue sky under which we live and are supposed to be free, and swear by the God that made all men equal that we will have our rights or die in the last ditch (and we are in it now) and then stick to it.

A FARMER.

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4. It will prevent the accumulation of the wealth in the hands of the few, which is the sure result of high rates of interest.

5. Because it will wrong no one, but will cause the money lender who lives on high rates of interest and produces nothing, to do business or spend his surplus.

6. It would raise the price of land and all products throughout our country, and thus give employment to all working men and women and enable all to pay their debts and make us a free and happy people.

W. E. R. HOPING.

Salaries and Taxation.

ELTON, NEB., Feb. 3, 1890.
ED. ALLIANCE:—Are the salaries of county officers based upon the assessed valuation as well as upon the population of the different counties? If so it seems to me that we might save in taxes and expenses by having the assessors try to get the farmers' property assessed at what it is really worth, rather than as has been done heretofore; having it assessed at what it ought to be worth.

This is census year, and a good time to look into such things.

JULES HAUMONT.

County officer's salaries are not affected by valuation but are by population.

Do you desire the farmers' taxes increased? They are to high now. The farmer is paying taxes upon land that is heavily mortgaged, and paying a fearful rate of interest upon what he does not own.

Meeting of Saunders Co. Alliance.

Saunders Co. Alliance will convene at Opera House in Wahoo, Saturday, March 15th., at 10 a. m. Hon. R. H. Treveleick will give lectures at 3 and 7 p. m.

S. H. Moss, President. W. O. Rand, Secretary.

The Cairo Business Association.

CAIRO, NEB., Feb. 24, 1890.
EDITOR FARMERS' ALLIANCE:—I have been asked to write to you and let you know what the Alliance is doing in this part of Hall county. The farmers are beginning to wake up and see where they have been drifting in their Rip Van Winkle sleep. The state meeting at Grand Island opened not only the eyes of the farmers, but also of the business men, and although they did not know that the hayseeds were in the city until their last session, yet they were very anxious to find out what this all meant. They are still asking what we intend to do. All I can say is that we are going to attend to our own business. On the 30th of January we called a mass meeting at Cairo for the purpose of showing to the unconverted what the Alliance was trying to do, and we had Vice-President Horn to address us. He spoke for about three hours, and told us more about the Alliance than the best of us knew. After the speaker was through we went into secret session, and there were about 100 Alliance men present. We talked up the matter of forming a joint stock company and Mr. Horn explained the principles of the association at Phillips. We determined to form a stock company and adjourned to meet in one week. We then formed a company, and have just put in a pair of scales, and intend to commence shipping as soon as we can get cars. There are about twenty or thirty car loads of grain to be moved within the next ten days, if it is possible for us to get the cars to handle it.

They have also formed a joint stock company in Wood River, which was the outcome of Mr. Horn's speech at this place. So you see we are still on the move here, and I think it will be but a very short time until every farmer who thinks for himself will be a member of some Alliance. Wishing you and all those who are engaged in this work success, I remain

Yours in hope,
M. S. DRENNEN.

An Encouraging Letter From Phelps Co.

FUNK, NEB., March 3, 1890.
EDITOR FARMERS' ALLIANCE:—At the time of the State Alliance meeting, Jan. 7th, 1890, there was but three Alliance organizations in this (Phelps) county, and they but partially organized, with a total membership of but fifty, without the secret work, and without county organization. To-day there is no less than ten subordinate Alliances with a membership of about 300. A County Alliance has been organized in the meantime with H. L. Randel as president and John Anderson as secretary, and an executive committee and other officers of a County Alliance.

A County Alliance meeting was held last Saturday in school district No. 23 at which much enthusiasm was manifest. We hold another special county meeting next Saturday to perfect arrangements for the purchasing of farm implements of first hands. The farmers of Phelps county are mostly Swedes, devout and industrious. We think we know our duty to God and each other, and with astonishing unity we are organizing for duty. We know no nationality, no party, no nothing, but peace and love for each other.

Our purpose is not to kill any or drive them from a legitimate money-making business by which they may be making a living and a fair profit; but to stop if possible extravagance in officials, reduce taxes and tariffs; in short, to equalize the burdens and blessings of this great republic.

M. COBB.

Encouraging Letter From Richardson Co.

HUMBOLT, NEB., Feb. 25, 1890.
ED. ALLIANCE:—I have just returned from the city of Lincoln as a delegate to the State Prohibition Convention. You will doubtless remember my visit to your office. I return to you my sincere thanks for your kindness to me during my delay in Lincoln.

I, too am a farmer, and desire to bear some humble part with you in the great work you have undertaken for the freedom of our race. I am well convinced in my own mind that a brighter day is dawning for the farmers and laboring men of our nation. In this part of our state they are rising in their might to throw off the chanis which bind them. The fact becomes more and more apparent to all candid minds that the tillers of our soil, the keepers of our herds and the tenders of our flocks, are not to be despised. Their rights cannot be trampled upon with impunity.

With this short introductory letter to the columns of the FARMERS' ALLIANCE, and as a new subscriber to the same, I desire to join the ranks of your valiant army. Please enroll my name as a friend of your cause and a soldier in this great struggle for humanity.

Yours for the success of the Alliance,
E. S. EVERLY.

Meeting of Furnas Co. Alliance.

The regular quarterly meeting of Furnas County Farmers' Alliance was held in Hendley, on Saturday, the 1st day of March, with delegates from fourteen sub Alliances present. There was a very enthusiastic feeling among all the members to advance the cause of the Alliance. There were important resolutions passed, and considerable time was devoted to discussions on local questions, with the best of feeling. Our organizations are being severely felt by the home combinations, which will result in benefit to all members and laboring men in our county. Alliance adjourned to meet in Beaver City, on the 1st Saturday in June, at 10 o'clock a. m.

C. B. BACHELDER,
County Secretary.

The above meeting adopted resolutions appointing members to circulate petitions for the free coinage of silver and against the extension of the U. P. loan; endorsing the action of the State Alliance in regard to Paxton & Gallagher, condemning the sale of options, and asking that it be made a penal offense. We may publish all or part in our next issue.

From Hall County.

UNDERWOOD, NEB., Feb. 25, 1890.
DEAR BRO'S OF THE ALLIANCE:—We are at work in this county. Fourteen Alliances in fighting trim. Our county meeting will be held at Wood River the 8th of March. We expect to have a rousing time. I see at a meeting held at Cozad they passed resolutions not to support any candidate for public office who would not pledge himself to work for the interests of the farmers. Let us elect our public officers from among our own members, and not men who have to be bound by ironclad pledges and oaths. Brother farmers, if we cannot fully trust one another I am afraid our case is hopeless. Let us devote all the time that we possibly can to work for the interest of the Alliance. Better three-fourths of a crop and know that we are getting our just dues than a bountiful harvest and prices as they are. Let our watch word be the one left by Capt. James Lawrence, "Don't give up the ship." Yours truly,

CHAS. UNDERWOOD.

For Paxion & Gallagher.

CLARKS, NEB., Feb. 13, 1890.
EDITOR ALLIANCE:—By instruction of the Pleasant Hill Alliance No. 636, of Merrick county, Neb., I forward you the following resolution:

Resolved, That we, the members of Pleasant Hill Alliance, do adopt the resolutions of the Ithaca Alliance in regard to Paxton & Gallagher, and request THE ALLIANCE to publish the same and send copy to Paxton & Gallagher.

L. M. BALCOM, Sec.

Farmers' Institute at Central City.

There will be a Farmers' Institute, composed of members of the Alliance from the counties of Merrick, Nance, Hamilton and Polk, held at Central City March 14th and 15th. All members of the Alliance and farmers are invited to attend.

M. M. HALLECK,
Sec. All. 1009.

Meeting of Gosper County Alliance.

The Gosper County Farmers' Alliance will hold its regular quarterly meeting March 22d, at 1 o'clock p. m. sharp, in Elwood. It is hoped that a full delegation will attend from each subordinate Alliance, as important business will be presented.

W. H. STONE, Sec.

Exhorbitant Stock Yard Charges at Omaha.

Referring to the recent complaints lodged with the state board of transportation against the existing rates on live stock in this state, an official said to-day; "The railroad charges are doubtless high, but let me call your attention to the cost which the producer has to pay after his cattle are landed in South Omaha. A car of cattle can be shipped from points sixty miles distant from South Omaha for $20. Out of this the railroad company has to pay the stock yards company $1.50 per car for swithing, etc., which leaves the railroad company just $18.50 per car. Now the producer pays a commission of $10 per car for selling cattle, and the stock yards company charges him $5 for yardage, $1 for 60 pounds of hay and $1 for two bushels of corn. This makes a total of $17. Just think of it. The charges at South Omaha are within $1.50 as high as the rate charged by the railroad for hauling a car of stock sixty miles. Between the high rates, the big commissions and excessive stock yard charges, the poor producer recieves very little for his stock."

Marion Tood and Goldwin Smith..

Mrs. Marion Todd continues her review of Prof. Goldwin Smith in an article in the Express of last week. She wields a trenchant pen, and minces the professor in good style. We make a short extract:

Daniel Defoe, 200 years ago, said pertaining to the elevation of women:

"I have often thought of it as one of the most barbarous costoms in the world, considering us as a civilized and Christian country, that we deny the advantage of learning to women. * * * And herein it is that I take it upon me to make such a bold assertion, that all the world are mistaken in their practice about women. * * * In short, *I would have men take women for companions and educate them to be fit for it.*

Compare this sentiment with that of the early bishops of the church who decided when printing came into vogue that women should not be taught the art of reading as it would interfere with their remaining good and docile housewives. The latter sentiment is in full keeping with Professor Smith's and others, that the ballot would interfere with domestic relations and set men and their wives to fighting.

But women have learned to read, and behold they are better housewives, and when they are clothed with the ballot, it will continue to add unto the order and sanctity of the household.

If we would educate men and women, we must educate them in the line of companionship.

The ballot is an expressed opinion. The expression of opinion is educational. It begets thought. When the negro was enfranchised, we were told emancipation and the ballot would help his ignorance.

This argument is as applicable to-day as ever, but our government is not willing to demonstrate it.

So long as a reign exists which imposes such a poverty upon women as forces them to sell themselves by the day, month or a lifeiime to some man for support; so long as poverty distills hypocrisy in the pulpit; so long as theshibboleth for the election of our president and congress of this great nation is money, money; so long as the orphan's cry and the widow's wail are smothered in the unholy scramble for place and power, and the common herd of men are driven like cattle in their necessity; so long may we look in vain for that beautiful relation of companionship except in rare instances.

To beget this boon requires intellectual, moral and social intercourse one with the other.

None other but the atmosphere of *freedom* can blossom this choice flower. Association of this character will lead to equality and the ballot-box, and proove the most elevating school of education known.

Man requires such relationship though he know it not.

The lack of it to day is the secret to our unhappy homes, blighted hopes and domestic hells. Give a man a companion and he can rest his soul in peace, but without it there is an unceasing restlessness. He thirsts for that which he cannot name, if he never tasted of its blessed waters and wanders out in false directions. There is but one road leading to this beauteous spring, and that the road of *justice*. It is needless to search for it by seizing hold upon government and controlling because of "muscle." This course smothers the better part, not only of the oppressed but the oppressor, and is the kind of soil from which weeds and thistles spring. We need but to open our eyes and they lie scattered all round, and at every step a thorn pierces our feet.

As to the ballot being "an expressed opinion," Mrs. Todd means to say that it would be an expressed opinion when voted by an intelligent woman. We regret to say that as voted by many men, it is simply a certificate of a man's bondage deposited by himself.

Announcement by Alliance State Agent.

The State Agent is now prepared to give jobber's prices on implements of all kinds, wagons, buggies, road carts, etc., for cash. We can make time arrangements for those who must have it, on large or small amounts; but would strongly urge a cash basis. Groceries in any quantity, boots and shoes, dry goods, and Hardware will be furnished our people at wholesale prices. Address

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Lincoln, Neb.

W. C. T. U. COLUMN.

Edited by Mrs. S. C. O. UPTON, of Lincoln, Neb., of the Nebraska Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

The editor of THE ALLIANCE places the responsibility of this column in the care of the above editor.

We have received from some unknown source a paper purporting to be a supplement to the "Farm Herald," having twelve finely printed pages devoted to biblical reasons why prohibition is wrong. The author is given as Rev. J. R. Sikes. We are unacquainted with the paper or the Rev. (?) gentleman whose article it contains, nor can we think for a moment of reviewing an article which, with all its scriptural quotations and pretense to learning and elaborate research contains imputations against the wisdom and holiness of the Savior of men that may well bring a shudder to any reader.

There are sound bible arguments that are written by Greek and Hebrew scholars who are reverent believers in God's word and workers for the uplifting of humanity, that fully answer the spacious reasoning of this Rev. Sikes; but it is not necessary to know Hebrew nor to prove what wines, if any, were bought, sold or manufactured in by-gone ages to show men to-day their duty under existing conditions.

Paul gave us a motto that covers the ground and delivers us from the necessity of even examining this long argument. It is this:—"I will neither eat flesh, nor drink wine nor anything whereby my brother stumbleth or is made weak."

In our land men are made weak and caused to stumble and fall by the presence of the open saloon and by the temptations of the social glass of wine. This truth is attested by the evidence of tens of thousands of rescued men, and the despairing warning of many more whom drunkeness has sent forth unprepared to the great unknown. If the spirit of the Lord Jesus is in us, that spirit that freely gave up life itself for men, will we hesitate to give even a liberty we claim, for the good of men?

Men who go to the bible to prove the correctness of their position should have regard to the whole spirit and tenor of its teachings. It commands to "Be holy" yet the use of intoxicants leads to all impurity.

Jesus said "A kingdom divided against itself cannot stand" and to tolerate the thought that He who commanded "Love thy neighbor as thyself" would uphold the use and sale of intoxicants is to show a kingdom fatally divided against itself.

Doubtless these anti-prohibition papers are being sent to our farmer homes in great quantities. It is the efforts of the liquor traffickers to bolster up their wicked cause.

Don't heed the bold and venal falsehoods they publish. If you recieve circulars telling you that your taxes will be increased by prohibition inquire into it and hear the other side. If they say "prohibition don't prohibit," do the same. These lies are manufactured, printed and circulated by the liquor men to prevent the passage of the prohibitory amendment.

With bold blasphemy they tell us the Savior himself drank intoxicants and placed them before others. We have not so learned of Him, but it is not strange that they who make it their business to destroy men should seek to rob us of a wise, pure and loving Christ in whom dwelt no inequity.

Happily, the gates of hell shall not prevail against us, and having sure word of promise we shall not tremble but rejoice in Him who giveth victory.

Washington's birthday was duly observed in history and prophecy throughout the country. There was no more notable gathering than that in the great Auditorium of Chicago. The orator of the occassion was the Rev. Dr. Tiffany, of Minneapolis. Speaking of the growth and perils of our country, he touched the saloon, not lightly, as follows:

The enormous expenditures for intoxicants prove how wide-spreading is the danger. I put away as altogether unreliable the astounding figures of alarmists, and remember only the fact that from all sources, from the producer and consumer and observer alike there is a general consencus that nine hundred millions of dollars are annually spent in this country in a business that requires no genius, developes no industry, and which is, at its best, interpretation purely indulgence. Nine hundred millions of dollars—a greater amount than Europe annualy spends for the maintenance of armies and fleets—is spent in the liquor traffic in America. And this traffic, we are told, results in a larger percentage of gain to the individuals engaged in it than any other business or occupation known among us, and therefore has more money to be freely used in perpetuating its own existence. Consequently it is the more to be feared. It constitutes a national peril. It will not do to say it cannot be abolished, for it might be if we would. It will not do to say that prohibition does not prohibit, for it does, when men will let it. There have never been so many violations of existing laws as there were votes against the enactment of those laws. I speak not of its moral issues. I say nothing of its physical harmfulness as against health; its social influence as against the peace of home; its moral influence as against religion and God; but, apart from this degradation it results in crime, disease and death, and is a corrupter of the public conscience and is a foe to free institutions; it is a peril to the purity of elections; it is an enemy to the industry which developed national wealth; it is the refuge of the idler and the dissolute. It must go. Its name in politics is the saloon—prohibit it.—*Union Signal.*

Shipping Instructions.

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We are now doing considerable business with the various Farmers' Alliances throughout the state, and are anxious to give you all the information we can. When loading cars on the B. & M. R. R., remember they insist on their cars being loaded according to the marked capacity. Should you load any cars to be shipped over their line it will be important for you to load them as follows: Load in 30,000 capacity cars anywhere between 470 and 570 bushels of corn. Load in 40,000 capacity cars anywhere between 650 and 750 bushels. When we buy a car load of corn from you we mean 500 bushels, as all eastern and southern markets buy on that basis. So in case you should sell three cars of corn you could fill the same by loading three 30,000 pounds capacity cars with 500 bushels each, or by loading two 40,000 pounds capacity cars with 750 bushels each. Likewise a five car sale would mean 2,500 bushels and could be filled with five 30,000 cars, or three 40,000 cars and one 30,000 car. This will apply to all other lines of railroad in the state, although no other lines are as strict as the B. & M. We advise you to consult with your agent before loading, and never load any car on the B. & M. system with less than 26,000 pounds even if the car should be marked a less capacity. Always ask us for billing instructions before you ship to us, as we cannot at time we make bids always advise you where we will want the grain shipped to. If there is anything we can do to your interest please advise us as it will be a pleasure for us to answer any questions and do you all the favors we can whether we deal with you or not. As for our responsibility I refer you to any bank in your town. They can easily ascertain whether we are reliable or not through their corres pondents.

Respectfully,
T. W. LOWREY.

Sherman County Alliance.

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J. W. ZINK,
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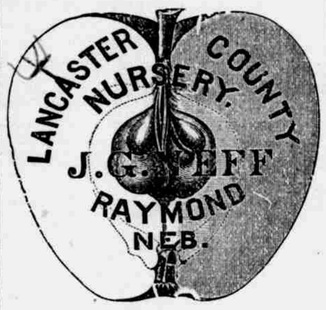

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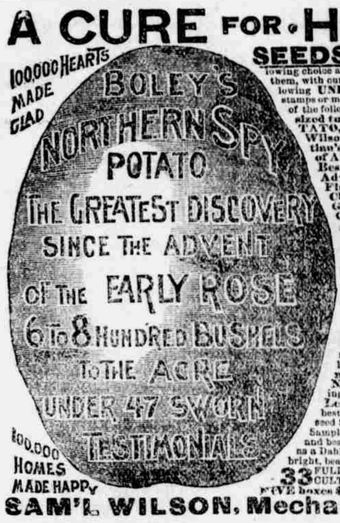

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