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"In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea, With a glory in his bosom That transfigures you and me. As He strove to make men holy Let us strive to make men free, Since God is marching on." Julia Ward Howe.

"Laurel crowns cleave to deserts, And power to him who power exerts." Emerson.

"A ruddy drop of manly blood The surging sea outweighs." Emerson.

"He who cannot reason is a fool, He who will not reason is a coward, He who dare not reason is a slave."

EDITORIAL. IMPORTANT NOTICE. NEW CLUB OFFER.

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Gross Egotism. The editor regrets the apparent egotism in this number of THE ALLIANCE.

Church Howe and the Special Session. It is well enough for the people of Nebraska to consider whether there is not some scheme in relation to the congressional election connected with the special session of the legislature.

Too Late for This Issue. We have received notices of successful Alliance meetings, one on the afternoon and evening of the 24th, of western Gosper and eastern Frontier counties, and the other on the 17th, of the Gosper Co. Alliance at Elwood.

When Doctors Disagree. Senator Paddock claims that mortgages are "evidences of prosperity."

The Line Board and the Alliance. The impression has gained ground in some quarters that there was some connection between what is known as the Line Board Association and the Alliance.

The B. & M. Journal and the Louisiana Lottery. The first paragraph below is from the Journal, and the second from the Lincoln Herald.

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Alliance Badges. We have received a few samples of the badge which is being made in Chicago for the Nebraska Alliance. It is a very pretty thing, in the form of a scarf or bosom pin. Its color is gold and red, white and blue. At the top are the letters "N. F. A." in gold on the red ground.

Secretary Thompson will furnish this badge to Alliances at the rate of \$17.50 per 100. Single samples, sent by mail, 25 cts each.

Gov. Thayer on Mr. Burrows. Judging from the tenor of Gov. Thayer's interviews in the Omaha Bee, he has called a special session of the legislature to suppress the unfortunate editor of this paper.

"I found that the Alliance people were forwarding petitions for an extra session to my friend J. Burrows, with the request that he would deliver them to me, but that he was suppressing them. He said in effect through the last issue of his paper that he would not let them be heard. He was smothering the petitions."

The above is the governor's side of it. Now what are the facts? In March last we received resolutions from Phelps County Alliance, embodying a petition to Gov. Thayer, asking for a special session, and also requesting us to print said petition and send it for signatures to all the Alliances.

"We should greatly dislike to have any responsibility attach to us for getting such a legislature together. The most acceptable thing it did was to adjourn."

To assemble it again would be a calamity to the people of this state need not add to their present misfortunes.

The impolicy of such action is only more apparent when we consider that only a short time after any action it might take would go into effect a new legislature fresh from the people, and elected by the farmers, will assemble, and the great expense of an extra session would be absolutely thrown away."

If this last reason had any force the first of April, how much more has it now.

The above named was the only petition of the kind we have received, and the suppression of it seems to have been altogether in the Governor's imagination.

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Mr. Rosewater, the Farmers' Alliance and the Declaration. In the Bee of May 21 Mr. Rosewater has a column editorial under the caption "Look before you leap," in which he criticises the men who issued the declaration of principles and petition for a peoples' convention, and which is so full of misapprehension and incorrect statements that it demands refutation at our hands.

The first statement of the editorial—the very first sentence—purporting to be a statement of fact, is absolutely wrong. It is this: "An independent peoples' state convention has been called under the direct inspiration of the official organ of the Nebraska Farmers' Alliance."

We further declare that the political machinery in this state has been controlled by the corporate power for the plunder of the people and the enrichment of itself, and we have entirely lost confidence in the efficacy of that machinery for the enactment of just and the repeal of unjust laws.

We therefore give our voice for the call of a Peoples' Independent State Convention, to nominate pure and honorable men for the different state offices on the principles named above; and we hereby pledge ourselves if pure and honorable men are so selected, to vote and work for their election.

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Revolutions of Alliance No. 511. Resolved, That we regard the connection of our state official paper with an attempt to form a separate party at this time as unwise, and further that we are opposed to such action at present.

We publish the above resolution because we are requested to, and because we desire to correct the gross misapprehensions under which our friends are laboring.

We concede the right of every Alliance or Alliance man to criticise this paper, and pronounce its course unwise if it is so considered. But we have a right to ask that such actions should be predicated upon just grounds.

While the above is the condition of parties in this state, the people, the wealth, the producing power of the state, the officers, the public boards, are under the control and at the mercy of a graceless board of corporation conspirators, who are plundering the people and the state for their own enrichment.

We have seen in the last few months the executive of this great state bending the supple knee to a railroad manager. We have seen a state board, representing the power and dignity of this state, treating on equal terms with divers railroad freight agents.

Now if our friends of 511 think we would propose a new party as a remedy they are greatly mistaken.

These outrages have been perpetrated by and through the agency and machinery of political parties. What do we propose is that the people, for this approaching election, shall entirely shake off the shackles of party, and shall unite as one man to rescue the state government from the corporation villains who have fastened upon it; that they shall look outside and above party for pure and honorable men to administer their laws and inaugurate the reforms they demand.

Some where about 1850, when the rash of adventurers to the gold fields of California was at its height, the gamblers and thieves and cut-throats took possession of the city of San Francisco. The city government was overawed and paralyzed. The courts were intimidated or prostituted. Crime stalked by day in the crowded thoroughfares, and criminals of the worst character were turned loose upon the community.

What did the people do? Divide into factions and say, O you must interfere with the machinery of our courts? Did they say to each other, if you don't let the law take its course you'll paralyze society. Not very much. They proceeded to vindicate law in its very highest aspect, in its primary expression as the will of the honest, God-fearing portion of the people.

The needs of the hour in Nebraska demand exactly such an uprising—only, that their weapon was the ballot, here it may still be the ballot.

The machinery of party has been used to enslave the people of this state. We say now, rise above party and purge the state. If the state is purged the parties will then be pure.

Men who regard a party, which is only a mere agency to accomplish certain ends, as of more importance than the ends to be accomplished, will stay by their party, and vote the straight ticket. It is exactly this class of men who have enabled the railroad politicians to get control of Nebraska, and tax its farmers as they are now doing, and it is through their agency that they hope to continue in possession. Will our friends of 511 help them?

Execut Dave Butler. We have good warrant for saying that Dave Butler will retire from all active participation in state politics from this time on, his private affairs claiming all his attention.

Discreditable reports are going the rounds of the papers as to the doings of the above meeting, held in Lincoln, May 21. This paper had no reporter present, so does not feel disposed to comment on the matter. It may be well to state, however, that the State Alliance had no official representative present.

The Bovee Harvester. We invite attention to the advertisement of the Bovee Harvesting machinery in this paper. We have given the harvester and loader a trial, and we are satisfied that it is the cheapest known method of harvesting.

A Brilliant Flank Movement by Gov. Thayer. The sensation of the week was the call of an extra session of the legislature by Gov. Thayer, to convene June 5th. His proclamation appeared in the papers Sunday morning last. The second whereof sets forth that "matters of vital interest to the people of the state greatly agitating the public mind constitute in the judgment of the executive an extraordinary occasion which justifies the assembling of the legislature."

This is certainly a very grave step. The Governor says, in an interview with the Bee reporter, that he "did it voluntarily, without consulting anybody else, and the secretary of state did not know anything about it until I asked him for his signature."

To take such a grave responsibility "without consulting anybody" required considerable nerve. To manfully avow it, and assume all the responsibility of a measure which is of such doubtful utility, and may result so disastrously, challenges respect, to say the least. As a political maneuver in the game which has been going on between the politicians of the state for the past five months to win the approbation of the people, it shows a dash of military genius which commands our admiration.

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There is not an Alliance man in the state who will not be rejoiced to have these measures passed. But there are a great many who will doubt the expediency of calling an extra session at this late day to pass them, and many who will doubt that this legislature will enact any of these laws in a form that will be the best. But whatever may be the outcome it is a consolation to know that the special session will soon be followed by a legislature fresh from the people, and that the laws of a special session may be amended as well as any other.

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at the same time ignoring him as though contact would be fatal contamination. Church Howe practically accepts his views on money and on railroad rates, and protests against eastern control of Nebraska roads, while looking askance at Mr. Burrows and calling him and his followers "cattle." Rosewater gives him a column of abuse, while advocating the very reforms he has preached for years, and partially adopting the repudiation of party which Mr. Burrows adopts fully. The governor begins by threatening, in a public speech in Omaha, to put him in jail, and winds up by calling a special session of the legislature to enact into law the very measures he has been demanding, at the same time practically deploring his belief that Burrows "will damn him for stealing his thunder." It is enough to make a horse laugh. As to the thunder, don't have any fears, governor. You are welcome to it all, as well as all the honor you may covet. If you will extort from that legislature a just freight law, a simon pure Australian ballot law, and a memorial to congress for the free and unlimited coinage of silver and the issue of legal tender notes to increase our circulation to \$50 per capita, we will defy your memory and plant a sprig of rue and live forever on your grave. In addition to that, we will cheerfully accept as our only reward the obscure dishonor which all these factions would heap upon us while making a race to materialize the reforms we have advocated. But meanwhile, calmly surveying the whole field from his watchtower of independence, Burrows may be pardoned if he smiles.

The Board of Transportation. One of the objects named in the governor's proclamation is to repeal the law creating the board of transportation. It is a notable fact that one of the members of the board who has stood firm against a reduction of local rates is an appointee of Gov. Thayer. It is safe to suppose that when the governor appointed Ben Cowdery secretary of state, he knew who wanted him appointed, and who he would serve on the board. There is no doubt whatever that the governor could have secured action by the board by demanding Mr. Cowdery's resignation, and appointing a suitable man in his place.

Now, we have nothing to say for this board. We do not believe that the state regulation will ever be successful, but that the final and true solution of the problem will be found in national ownership and control. But it is absolutely certain that as long as state regulations is attempted some special executive state authority will be needed to supervise and execute the state law. It is a special subject needing special attention and study. Our constitution is grossly inadequate to this emergency. The clumsy attempt to evade it in the construction of the present board has proved a disastrous failure. It should be amended, and a competent executive authority provided for special subjects, and that authority should be elected directly by the people. The attempt at state regulation will be continued more or less successfully, until the final solution by government ownership shall be reached.

The Grange Conference. The grange conference called by State Master O. E. Hall, met at Lincoln on the 21st, according to appointment. Thirty or forty granges and a few Alliances were represented by some able and intelligent farmers, who were impelled to come by a patriotic desire to find relief political or otherwise, from the present financial depression.

But Satan came also, in the person of Ex-Gov. Dave Butler, who appeared to be a party to a very well organized conspiracy to capture the conference for his own personal uses. This scheme failed deplorably. The Butler resolutions were defeated, and others adopted in their place. The Declaration of Principles and call for a Peoples' Independent Convention was submitted to the members of the conference, and received their approval with hardly a dissenting voice.

District Re-Union. A District G. A. R. Re-union will be held at Filley, Gage county, from the 15th to 19th of June, inclusive. The district embraces the counties of G. A. R. Jefferson, Pawnee, Johnson and Omaha. Filley is one of the smartest and most enterprising little towns in the country. Large preparations are being made to entertain the old soldiers. A large attendance is expected, and 120 large tents have been procured. The committee of arrangements consists of Messrs. Williams, Llewellyn, Ramsay, Addington and Filley. The names form a guarantee that arrangements will be complete, and that re-union will be a success.

Hot Shot From the Front. SKIRMISH LINE, May 11th, 1890. Comrades in the field: From continuous roar of the big guns and incessant rattle of the little guns of enemy, and the direction of their fire, screaming shots, the indications are that they are concentrating their force on our noble little Gatling (ALLIANCE) at Lincoln. Let us continue to furnish it with ammunition in way of subscribers, and in November make a grand charge on their works along the line, smash their irrigation pipes, spike their guns or turn them against the enemy. We are trying to intrude ourselves out here on the naked plain under a murderous fire from the rear and men towards him. The anti-monopoly republicans concede the correctness of his position by calling a special meeting and demanding that the corporations let go of Nebraska politics, and that part at least of the reforms he advocates should be adopted.

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