HONEST WORDS FROM GAGE CO.

The Rosewater Business Man's Scheme in its True Light.

Some Other Dark Places Illuminated.

ODELL, NEB., Jan. 14.

ED. ALLIANCE:—Two things are plain to all people now. First, that the Bankers' and Business Men's association had but one object in view, and that object was to elect a governor who could be depended upon to veto any measures that might be passed by the Independents; and their cry of anti-prohibition was only to unite for such a man all the vote that would be polled against it. They knew that all the slum of the cities could be relied upon, and that a majority of the foreign vote would be easily persuaded; that in the event of prohibition passing they could, if Boyd was elected, stave off by the veto any legislation for its enforcement; and further, in the event of its defeat that any statutory legislation would receive his veto, and the business men and bankers would be safe from any legislation in the interest of the masses. This is so plain that he who runs may read. Prohibition to them was a secondary consideration. It is patent to all, for by their acts in organizing the house and senate they have shown their hand. I was not in favor of the amendment, and am not writing to add to that element, but to show if I can to those that are friends of good government, to what frauds the bankers and railroads have stooped to accomplish their ends. We were told all through the campaign that the independent movement was a democratic scheme; and now we have the sight of republicans vieing with the democrats in seating Boyd, regardless of law. It seems if a man is a business man or a banker it don't make any difference, but if he is an independent it makes all the difference in the world.

Consistency, thou art a jewel! To see the democrats shouting till they are hoarse over the acts of an ex-lieutenant governor, who is a republican, would provoke a smile from Satan himself. How long, oh Lord! how long will the people submit to such hellish outrage? And then to see the press of the state, the subsidized hireling press of both old parties, *lying like thieves about the Independents*—calling them anarchists—when with all the scheming and chicanery of their smartest men they are trying to seat as governor a man elected by fraud—a foreigner—a man who by his speeches incited men to take up arms to defy the laws—a man who, had he been of the independent party and uttered such words, would be behind the bars. But the people are aroused and will not tolerate it. Let our members of the legislature know that the people will uphold them in their duty; let them be not deceived by the misrepresentations of the perjured press.

Another thing in connection with this. All honor to Governor Thayer. God bless him. He is one of the noblest. Well may he be proud of the honor conferred upon him by Nebraska's people. He deserves it all.

And now allow me to call the attention of your readers to the spectacle in the house of the barnacle Church Howe. After his attempt to help seat Boyd he coolly turns and tries to steal the Independents' thunder by introducing a bill for maximum freight rates. Ye gods! A man who has been either in the senate or house for six years, and belonging to a party who has had the majority at all times, and when he and every other man elected to that body were elected upon the pledge (for the last six years at least) of giving us railroad legislation—in the name of common sense, why did he not introduce it before? Simply because he was in the employ of the railroads, and is to-day, but knows that the Independents will pass such a law. Let them look out. Let the speaker refer his bill to the committee on public lands and buildings, with the power to report later. Meantime, let some of our *friends* introduce a bill with no kinks in it. Again, I would suggest to the speaker, serve his bill relating to the Pinkerton police the same way. And again let our *friends* put in one without kinks. Why? Because our members were elected for that purpose, and should father all such measures, and such as Watson's school book bill, instead of letting scoundrels and railroad cappers do it.

It is because such scoundrels as him and Watson know that they will pass at the hands of the Independents that they introduce them, and will, if possible, make them in such a way as will destroy their usefulness. "*By their fruits ye shall know them.*"

The fruit of Mr. Howe, if I remember right, whether it ripened or not, was fairly shown in his bill at the last session to prevent an employe of any railroad from collecting more than $5,000 for accident, no difference from what cause or to what extent. To the independents in this legislature and senate for this term should be given full credit for all laws, and we are willing after that to stand or fall by them. Yours truly,

J. M. NILLHOLLAND.

Where is the Relief.

EARL, Frontier county, Neb.

EDITOR ALLIANCE:

At a public meeting of distressed farmers held here, myself and Mr. Bailey were chosen to present their condition to the public, and on Christmas morning we wended our way west, arriving in the rich and wealthy city of Cheyenne on the 28th, where our experience with worldly charity began. It did not take us long to learn that our authorities had already taken all so-called proper steps to confine all efforts to the jurisdiction of the charitable commission of our state, which fact we learned from Senator Carey of Wyoming and other noted men with whom we talked. In substance, Senator Carey said: "Why, Nebraska is very rich in agriculture; a half million dollars expended by your legislature would be a small sum in comparison to the benefit derived, by making your people self-sustaining. You had a good crop last year but you allowed a lot of rascals to rob you of it. Why, we don't lend money at such fearful rates as they do in Nebraska. Such interest as you allow would ruin any people. Eight per cent is all we charge in a new state. Why, on my way home from Washington I talked with your senator, Mr. Dorsey, and he told me your governor had made ample provision to meet all cases of want; your state is rich enough to do it and they should do it. You should go before your legislature and present the condition of your people, and they will certainly take such action as will meet the emergency."

So says Senator Carey of Wyoming. Will it be done? Now then with regard to this ample provision; Where is it? Who has it? Where does it go? Have the boards of trade corralled it in order to make a big boom in the spring, and in the meantime compel people to pull through or die, as they please. Unfortunately all localities what I term spotters—men whose dirty duty is to misrepresent facts. We have ours, as evidenced by an article published in the Stockville Faber, in effect, that there is very little if any want in this county; the writer of which has fed for years from the public teat, and it galls him to think that any but himself should be so fed.

If this great provision spoken of by men of note and published all over by every method would take a tangible and visible form at the present time, it would bespeak volumes for the wisdom and humane policy that comes to a people when unable to help themselves.

D. O'DONNELL.

Laws Wanted.

EDITOR FARMERS' ALLIANCE:

The following resolutions were passed by Blaine County Alliance, Jan. 10, 1891 and ordered published:

Resolved, That we, the member of Blaine County Alliance, ask the present legislature to work for the passage of laws on the following subjects:

1. Equal assessment of property and just taxation.
2. Election of Unietd States senators by direct vote of the people.
3. Election of railroad commissioners by the people of the state.
4. The Australian voting system.
5. To make the legal interest six per cent per annum.
6. Municipal suffrage for women.
7. All contracts or notes bearing interest greater than eight per cent per annum, or obtained by fraud, to be declared void.
8. To regulate freight charges, rate per hundred not to exceed that of Iowa.
9. To make an appropriation to furnish seed and feed to destitute settlers.
10. To extend the time of foreclosure of mortgages and collection of debts two years.
11. A joint resolution asking congress to close its lien on the Union Pacific railroad.
12. A joint resolution asking congress to pass a free and unlimited silver coinage bill.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to our state representative and senator and FARMERS' ALLIANCE.

W. H. CROUCH, Pres.
R. L. MILLER, Sec'y.

Edith, Blaine county, Neb.

For Purity of the Ballot.

GREEN DALE, Neb., Jan. 3d, 1891.

EDITOR ALLIANCE: I am requested to send you a copy of resolutions as adopted by Green Dale Alliance No. 1034, Green Dale, Neb.

We, the members of this Alliance, believing that the day has come for American manhood to stand up in his dignity of freemen and dare to do justice and give power and force to the honest expression of the people of Nebraska at the polls; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we will sustain our representatives in their efforts to seat the men that were elected by the people on November 4th, 1890, as proved by the evidence obtained by the investigation of the frauds committed at Omaha and other places, and demand our representatives to stand firm for purity of the ballot box as against fraud and intimidation.

Resolved, That a copy of this be sent to our representatives elect; also be forwarded to the FARMERS' ALLIANCE and Buffalo County Courier for publication.

O. M. COOLEY, Pres.
S. C. CHENEY, Sec'y.

WHITTIER, Neb., Jan. 9.

BRO. BURROWS:—You may think it rather superfluous for me to call your attention to what is looked upon by many as a delightful scheme to get rid of a good share of the Independent vote in '92, and thus bring the g. o. p. into power for another term. I allude to the Behring Sea difficulty. It is looked upon by many here as a concerted scheme between the capitalists of England and America to bring on a war between the two countries, thus pitting the laboring classes of the two countries against each other for the purpose of killing off a good share, thus insuring their power. I suppose they think it would be a repitition of the fight between the Kilkenny cats; the finale would be nothing left but tails. Of course, this may be only our imagination, but if it is a fact it would only be in keeping with many other acts as heinous. Fraternally,

R. C. HARDIN,
No. 926.

From and Old Friend in Valley County.

NORTH LOUP, Neb., Jan. 10, 1891.

EDITOR FARMERS' ALLIANCE:

Perhaps a word from me will be of interest to some of the readers of the ALLIANCE. Having changed my place of residence from Cameron, Hall county, Neb. to North Loup, Neb., and changing my occupation from a farmer to that catering to the wants of the public in a hotel, it does not follow that I have severed my connection with the independent party. On the contrary, my zeal is just as great for the success of the party as it ever has been and I intend to work with the independent people in Valley county the same as I have in Hall county.

And now just a word to the independents of Hall county: In the first place, let me counsel you to support both the State Alliance paper and the Grand Island Journal. Let every member of the independent party subscribe for both; it will be money well invested. They both need your support. You all know what a good work the FARMERS' ALLIANCE has done for you in the late canvass, and I can assure you it will be just as zealous in the future. You also know what it is to run a campaign without a paper in your county to say one kind word for your party or any of its candidates. Probably no one realized this more than myself, holding the position that I did (chairman of your central committee.) This is my reason for counseling you to support the Grand Island Journal. It will be an earnest and able worker in the coming campaign, which will result in the election of independents to fill the offices.

Respectfully,

HAYDN STRONG.

A GOOD LETTER FROM BENNETT, LANCASTER COUNTY.

Honest, Square Laws Wanted, and an Honest Governor who is a Citizen Seated.

Much Sense in Few Words.

BENNETT, Neb. Jan. 12, 1891.

EDITOR ALLIANCE:

Being a republican with independent proclivities I take the liberty of addressing a few lines to you.

I have tried to be, in the past, independent, but it has proved of no avail. I voted for men that I supposed to be all right, but they *were all wrong*, as they allowed themselves to be controlled by the trusts and rings. I went to the polls on the 4th of last November with several of my republican friends with the determination of voting the independent ticket but several of those republicans weakened, being persuaded of the theory that a vote for Powers would only be a vote for Boyd. I stuck to my text.

Now, Mr. Editor, we want good honest, straight legislation. I understand that in the west they want to be robbed more and don't want the interest laws made any better.

We want better laws as regards money matters, and better regulation as regards our election system. We want a free ballot and a fair count, and want the man that is a citizen of this country and was elected square and honest to have his seat.

I feel that although you are receiving hard blows from the enemy that you will survive, and with the assistance of a few other papers, be able to give to this state the reforms that are so much needed.

Hoping that this will not be a sore affliction to you, I remain,

E. B. G.

Report of Hamilton County Mutual Insurance Company.

The Farmers' Alliance Mutual Insurance Company of Hamilton county, Nebraska, held its first annual meeting at Aurora on Jan. 3d, 1891, for the election of officers and directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of business for the Comp'y. The secretary's report shows a membership of eighty, and risks amounting to over $60,000.00, and $129.00 in the treasury of the company and its business flourishing.

Not a single loss has occurred to any of its members during the year just closed from either fire or lightning.

B. F. ISAMAN,
Aurora, Neb. Secretary.

ENDICOTT, Neb, Jan. 14. 1891

Resolution passsed in the Endicott Alliance, No. 1160, Jan. 10, 1891:

Whereas, It appears that ex-Governor Thayer has pardoned ex-Commmissioner Willie, of Jefferson county, after being duly tried and convicted of taking a bribe in connection with the building of a court house in said county and remitted said Willie's fine, also, Architect Mc Donald's fine, therefore, throwing the expense of the trial on the tax payers of Jefferson county. Therefore be it

Resolved, That we condemn ex-Governor Thayer, as a criminal, and deserving of punishment, and that we will not stand such criminal conduct of our public officers much longer till we make an example of them.

J. W. CARMONY, Pres.
ALMA BATTEN, Sec'y.

Irrigation Asked For.

GERING, NEB., JAN. 3d, 1891.

Scott's Bluff county Farmers' Alliance, in regular session, by unanimous vote adopted the following resolution:

Whereas, Owing to the high and arid condition of this part of Nebraska and the deficiency of rain fall to raise crops, and the altitude above the river, therefore be it

Resolved, That we ask our state legislature for an appropriation in money to sink artesian wells and build rererveirs for irrigation purposes.

R. M. JOHNSON, Pres.
Thompson, Neb.
W. H. SHAWVED, Sec.
Granger, Neb.

WIT AND HUMOR.

It is better to be right than to be left.—*Boston Herald.*

Many a congressman envies the mosquito. His bill always goes through. —*Scranton Truth.*

The man who proposed at 5 o'clock in the morning did the business in dew time.—*Boston Gazette.*

The worth of a man is not increased by adding to it the worth of his money. —*New Orleans Picayune.*

The fool is pleased with himself; the wise man dissatisfied. Score one for the fool.—*Texas Siftings.*

At the Science Examination: Q.—"Which is the best known insulator?" A.—"Poverty."—*Chatter.*

Much as a man admires the truth, he prefers to have it told about some other fellow.—*Atchison Globe.*

Kisses are like an actress' diamonds. The oftener they're stolen the better their owners are pleased.—*Life.*

Even the laziest of men can usually see some work that some other fellow ought to do.—*Somerville Journal.*

There is not always virtue in soap. For instance, the more "soap" politicians use the dirtier become their hands. —*Pittsburg Dispatch.*

Primus—"How in the world did Bobbitt manage to set the table in a roar?" Secundus—"By his table manners, I presume."—*The Epoch.*

Patient—"What, charging me $10 for a prescription for influenza!" Physician—"My dear sir, I diagnosed your case as hay fever."—*N. Y. Sun.*

Williamson—"Did that bonnet you bought for your wife fill the bill?" Henderson—"No; but the bill just about filled the bonnet."—*Life.*

"You're always full of news," said the Letter to the Box. "I'm glad you dropped in," replied the Box. "I'll keep you posted."—*N. Y. Herald.*

"Did you tell Skittles that I was an infamous liar?" "No, I did not. Quite the reverse, in fact. I said you were a famous one."—*N. Y. Sun.*

Friend—"I should think that in that arctic scene, where you are clad in furs, you would almost bake." Actor—"It is a pretty hot 'roll.'"—*Light.*

WINGED MISSILES.

The Atchison Globe says: "It takes very little to make a woman happy; it takes much less to make her miserable."

The buddhists of Japan propose to establish a bank in order to obtain funds for the propagation of their religion.

A supposed ghost which haunted a section of Baton Rouge, La., has been captured, and proved to be a demented colored woman.

It will probably surprise many persons to learn that Harvard University has no evening reading-room or library facilities whatever for its students.

An exchange says: That New York anarchist wdo shot himself because he despised this world may possibly be very much dissatisfied with the next.

In two of the London clubs, where the chief butlers have been in office for forty years, all gold and silver change is washed before being given to the members.

"There is no foundation for the report," says Mr. Labouchere, "that Buckingham Palace and Marlborough House have been hired by an American millionaire."

Is the "hello" girl to go? It is reported that Edison is now at work upon a patent appliance which will make the "hello" girl in the telephone office a useless luxury.

The Lick baths, in San Francisco, are supposed to be free, but the managers, "finding it necessary to discriminate," are charging five cents for the use of towels.

A San Diego county, California, horticulturist is going to graft the many live oaks on his place with chestauts, which he has learned will succeed well on oak trees.

The Canadian sardines are said to be better than the Maine article put up in the east. The Canadians propose to send their fish to France to compete with the French sardines.

A globe trotter who has returned from a trip to Buenos Ayres, the Argentine capital, says that on Sunday when he was present at the races more than $3,000,000 changed hands on bets.

A new variety of seagull has made its appearance on the New Jersy coast. It is darker than the old kind, and the most remarkable peculiarity is that its tail is narrowed to a sharp point.

A most curious indication of the lingering of superstition is an agency which has been inaugurated in Paris for the supply of the "fourteenth guest." Dinner parties of thirteen may be increased at short notice.

Columbia college is fortunate. Through a bequest made years ago it has property in New York city which is now worth not less than 10 million dollars. Of late years Columbia has been fortunate and is getting to the front.

It is the opinion of Edwin Arnold that the Old Testament is not more interwoven with the Jewish race, nor the New Testament with the civilization of Christendom, than is the Koran with the records and destinies of Islam.

Long continued drinking to the full makes a man shameless. A man in New York swore the other day that he had been drunk for the last fifteen years. It is a compliment to the whisky that it had not destroyed his veracity.

A couple were married at Atlanta, Ga., who were first betrothed thirty-five years ago. That engagement was broken off, and since then the man has buried two wives and the woman one husband. Cupid is fickle. He may also be constant.

Connected with mediæval times are the very interesting "pilgrim rings," worn by those who had been on a crusade. Sometimes two little feet were chased on the top, emblems of the long journey they had trodden under the banner of the cross.

Nine young Irish girls recently graduated from Dublin university with the degree of B. A. In the examination papers they ranked above the men. The young men were probably too busy with muscular education to attend to mental development.

The Chinese on the Russian frontier are restoring the fortifications of the town of Kuldja. An enormous fortress is nearly finished, with mud and clay walls 23 feet high, 25 feet thick and 815 feet in length, with a moat 7 feet deep and 15 feet broad.

The Trinity church estate in New York is worth 150 million dollars, and is rapidly increasing in value. The reason is that it lies on the west side of the town, which has become a vast trade center. The tax collector never disturbs this vast wealth.

The Rev. Dr. Charles F. Hoffman and his brother, the Rev. Dr. E. A. Hoffman, dean of the General Theological Seminary, both of New York, are said to be the richest clergymen in the United States. The wealth of each of them is about 14 millions.

Mexican contractors find that Chinese make good and cheap laborers in railroad construction, and many of them are being imported for that purpose. Thousands of Chinese laborers are being imported into Mexico for the purpose of doing work on new railroad lines.

A resident of Richmond, Va., has come into possession of a revolutionary relic in the shape of General Daniel Morgan's mess chest, which is estimated as being 125 years old. The chest is made of pine heavily ribbed with iron, and is closed by an old-time ponderous lock.

Thousands of goldcrests annually cross and recross the North Sea at the wildest period of the year, and, unless the weather is rough, generally make their migrations in safety. And yet this is the smallest and frailest British bird—a mere fluff of feathers and weighing only 70 grains.

A philologist says: Electricity derives its name from the Greek word for amber, electron, because Thales, about 600 B. C., discovered that amber, when rubbed, attracts light and dry bodies, and in the twelfth century the scientific priests of Etruria drew lightning from the clouds with iron rods.

A surgeon says that the ready recovery from wounds and the success of grave surgical operations during the civil war, under circumstances which were on the whole less advantageous than those which attend the conduct of war in Europe, prove that the American body has more recuperative power than that of the European.

John P. Tobin, a plasterer of Long Island City, N. Y., who came from London two years ago, was breaking up an old trunk that he brought with him on Thanksgiving day, when a false bottom was disclosed, and a small package wrapped in chamois fell out. On opening the package he found twenty-two diamonds in it. He had several times tried to give away the trunk and chopped it up to be rid of it. The jewels are said to be worth $10,000.

TWO STRANGERS IN A DUEL.

A Meeting on the Field of Honor in the Days Before the War.

"I have seen one duel in my life," he said. "I do not believe in dueling, of course, but since that duel I have not had the horror of it which I felt before. It did not seem like murder; it did not seem even brutal to me.

"I was in New Orleans and was sitting late one night in the hotel corridor interested in a discussion ably conducted by both sides. It was on that subject which then hung upon every man's lips. Both men were handsome, middle-aged, and refined-looking. The conversation became more and more heated until one of the men said sternly:

"'You have insulted my State and me, sir.'

"'I have spoken what I believe to be the truth,' said the other man calmly, 'and I cannot change my sentiment.'

"'Then you offer to give me satisfaction?' said the other.

"'In what way, sir?'

"'As gentlemen give satisfaction."

"'I do not fight duels,' said the other paling slightly.

"'Not when you have insulted a man?'

"'No.'

"'You are not a coward,' answered the other. 'That is plain to see. I ask you as a gentleman to give me satisfaction.'

"The man from the North looked at him steadily.

"'I cannot kill a man,' he said.

"The other gave him a look which was almost one of appeal.

"'If you do not give me satisfaction,' he said, 'or retract, and I see you will not do that, I shall feel like a hound.'

"'Very well,' answered the other, simply, 'when shall it be?'

"'As soon as possible.'

"The Southerner excused himself to find a second. The Northern man turned to me.

"'I am a stranger here,' he said. 'Will you act as my second?'

"'I don't believe in duels,' I answered, feeling ashamed to refuse him.

"'No more do I,' he replied coldly.

"I hesitated and consented. The four of us were driven below the city. I shall not forget the place where the duel was fought. We turned into a plantation at a point of the road where stood a majestic pecan tree which seemed to bow gravely as the wind rustled softly through its branches and the trailing moss swayed gently. Dawn was breaking and over the Mississippi hung a low mist. The distance was paced off by the second of my new friend's adversary, for I was absolutely useless.

"For some reason my principal took off his coat and waistcoat, and the other man did the same thing. They both seemed at their ease. In the grayness of the morning the white of their shirts was beautifully clear and pleasing. They took their positions quietly. No one had spoken a word since we had entered the field. My friend raised his hand and looked carelessly at his revolver.

"'Gentleman,' he said, calmly, 'I have never shot at a man in my life. This is not of my doing.'

"I looked at the Southern duelist. His face whitened at this, but he was cool and graceful in his bearing.

"I forgot my principles. There was nothing brutal, uncivilized, or cruel about this. It was beautiful. The calmness of the scene was exquisite. Both men faced each other as if they were paying compliments. There was a grace about their posture which charmed me. At that moment it seemed to me that to kill a man in so delicate a way was the refinement of courtesy.

"'Gentlemen, are you ready? One!' Two white-sleeved arms was all that I saw. I did not hear the rest, not even the shots. I saw the arms go up slowly, straighten out sharply, something like released springs, and the Southern man was in the damp grass, a bright stain on his white shirt. My friend was leaning over him, peering anxiously into the wounded man's face. When I ran up the one who was shot was very white.

"'Henry,' he said to his second, 'take every care for this gentleman's safety,' and he fainted.

"Perhaps this was one of the most remarkable duels ever fought. I, an unwilling second, did not know the name of the principal whom I assisted. I did not even know the cause of the duel. Each principal was ignorant of the name of the other. The only two men who knew each other were the Southern man and his second. But I, who believed dueling to be murder, found it, when forced to play a part in a duel, a fascinating picture, the like of which I have never before or since seen."—*N. Y. Tribune.*

The Court Did Not Insist.

A capital story is told of one of the oldest practitioners at the Erie County bar. He was arguing a motion at a neighboring county seat, and, as it sometimes happens, was depending more upon his own sound logic than upon authorities for success. At a critical juncture the judge interrupted the speaker with this inquiry: "Yes, I understand, but where are your authorities upon the subject?"

"If your honor please," retorted our friend briskly, "I will explain the absence of authorities, with your permission, by telling a little story: A young man freshly admitted to practice had produced in court in support of a motion a wealth of authorities. After allowing the young man to read page upon page of dry decisions, the judge at length interrupted wearily: 'You are just beginning to practice,' said he; 'let me give you some advice. It does very well to cite authorities once in a while, but you must always trust somewhat to the common sense of the court.'"

It was a bold, almost audacious, position to take, but it won our old friend his case.—*Buffalo Courier.*

Consumption is said to have made appalling ravages among the young Indians of the Cheyenne reservation. Their enfeebled frames are unable to withstand the severity of the Dakota winters, and even the warm clothing of the whites does not keep them from lung troubles.

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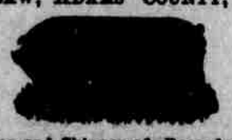

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