

FARMER'S OPINIONS.

THE ROSEWATER BEE.

Composed and sung by John King of Rock Creek precinct, Saunders county.

The Rosewater Bee is a dandy, I can't help but wish as he flies, He is steering right straight for your brain boys.

This dainty Bee is a beauty, The finest that ever flew; It comes with the democratic party, Intending to hatch a new queen.

We'll rap on their hive till they swarm, boys We'll stand by and bid them adieu, To the bottomless pit of corruption.

About Jimmie, About Jimmie (may his vote decrease) Awaken one night from a deep dream of peace.

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prejudice, able to cancel the vote of the farmer, who has been at so much pains to discover the truth. Is not the former better qualified to vote at eighteen than the latter ever will be? We have placed the time of the attainment of the mental powers at twenty-one, presenting that to be about the average age at which the reasoning powers develop? Facts say so. No one claims that qualification to be just, only claiming it to be the average age—the idea of averaging the qualifications of voters.

I have no particular fault to find with the necessary time of residence within the state; at least I do not see any immediate plan for bettering it. I think, however, that only native born or naturalized citizens should have the privilege of voting. If a foreigner does not care enough for the privilege to take out his naturalization papers, he should justly be denied it.

Instead of the first two qualifications, sex and age, I would substitute an educational one. All voters should be able to read understandingly from an ordinary newspaper, write a legible hand, and stand a reasonable examination in United States and state civil government. It might be well to place the minimum age at eighteen. Each person when he (or she) feels able to cope with such subjects will study them and apply at the regular annual examination for a certificate of qualification as a voter. The county judge might fill the office of examiner. Afterward a voter should be obliged to show this certificate each time he (or she) offers to vote.

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TO THE NEBRASKA LEGISLATURE.

A Petition for Municipal Suffrage. Washington Alliance, No. 514, of Frontier county, Nebraska, at a vote taken January 24, earnestly pray that a statute be enacted providing that in any election hereafter held in any city or village for the election of city or village officers or any other purpose under the laws governing cities or villages, the right of any citizen to vote shall not be abridged or denied on account of sex; and women may vote at such elections on the same terms and under like restrictions and qualifications as men.

S. A. MORSE, Pres. Mrs. G. W. BAILEY, Ass't Sec'y.

To James E. Boyd, Acting Governor of Nebraska. SIR:—Soon after the late election, it was publicly charged that you were not at the time of said election, a citizen of the United States. The evidence adduced in support of this assertion was that you were born in a foreign country, were past the age of 21 when your father completed his naturalization, and that you have never been naturalized. You cannot but know, if the above charge is true, that you are not eligible to the office which you now fill. Yet from the first intimation of your ineligibility on this ground, not one syllable of reply or explanation has ever escaped your lips, or if so, it has not yet reached the public.

Any honest man who believed and knew he was not disqualified under the law to hold the office to which he claimed to have been elected, would have instituted an investigation immediately to clear himself of so serious a charge. This you failed to do, and in view of your negligence and silence, a large body of thoughtful, intelligent men and women of Nebraska have decided that you are a British subject today; that you are a scoundrel of the deepest dye; that a hog thief is a respectable personage in comparison with a low-down political villain who would steal the governorship of a state; that you know you are not a citizen of the United States, and are only waiting for one of the most subservient courts on the American continent to confirm your title to the office.

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WHEREAS, The said D. W. Woody, is the justice of the peace appointed by order of the county commissioners to receive applications for aid from the settlers of his precinct, and that nearly every voter in his precinct has made such application and that he, the said D. W. Woody, has applied for seed for 100 acres of land, the following application for aid contradicting his statement made in the State Journal:

Wheat 10 bu.; oats 30 bu.; spring rye 20 bu.; corn 2 bu.; potatoes 4 bu.; millet 30 bu.; flax 5 bu. D. W. WOODY, Applicant.

WHEREAS, The year 1889 was not a crop failure in Sioux county, and although but little was raised it was for the reason that stock was allowed free range until July 1889, so that the farmers did not dare put out crops as they would be destroyed, and that the year 1890 was no drier in Sioux county than in many other counties in Nebraska, and that in some instances fair crops were grown where the farm was able to obtain seed, and that Sioux county has demonstrated that it will yield as fine an 11 grain as any portion of the state and that sugar beets yielding 23.3 per cent of sugar were raised in 1890, and that all admit that the past two years have been unusually dry. Therefore be it

Resolved, That the undersigned farmers assembled together at Harrison, Sioux county, Nebraska, denounce the statement of the said D. W. Woody as being false, malicious and against the progress and development of Sioux county, and

Resolved, That the state relief committee be requested to refuse any aid to the said D. W. Woody or any person residing in Sioux county who is known to be opposed to the agricultural interests of said county, and be it further

Resolved, That as the ground is in good condition to receive seed for a crop in 1891, we pledge ourselves as farmers to use our best efforts to properly plant, cultivate and care for the seed furnished and the crops growing therefrom.

A. R. KEENEY, Chairman. ROBERT WILSON, Secretary. James Varney, Hall Ebert, C. F. Fudenberg, John Corbin, D. M. Sutton, Kollum Lindsay, Henry Zimmerman, John Finkelt, Hans Denker, E. A. Biglow, J. H. Bartell, G. C. Scott, J. B. Schott, J. H. Schott, Chas. E. Scholtz, John Herman, Jos. M. Robinson, Thomas J. Clark, P. B. Higelow, Fred. Hetscher, E. A. Harselquist, Jerry E. Will, H. T. Zerbe, C. E. Wadsworth.

Has The Farmers' Alliance Come to Stay? The following paper was read before Union Alliance No. 1377:

Last summer and fall, before election, a great many said, "Oh, this Farmers' Alliance movement wont amount to much; it will go to pieces before another election comes around." Many said so because they wished it so. Well, what is the prospect now? Will the farmers stick together?

To all concerned I wish to say that the Farmers' Alliance has come to stay in Franklin county.

Nearly every report to this office brings news of increase of membership in subordinate Alliance and none report a decrease. Another remarkable fact showing interest and a determination to stick is that, notwithstanding the hard times, dues are promptly paid.

What, then, is the cohesive power that makes the farmers hold together? It is the knowledge that they are fast becoming the vassals of corporations and money power; that through class legislation, the profits of their farms and labor are taken from them to make the rich richer; that unless something is done to check the present condition and tendency of things, they will soon be paupers and serfs to the money kings; that they will have nothing to bequeath to their children but bondage, worse than that in which the darkies of the south were ever held.

They have organized for the purpose of politically decapitating legislators, both state and national, who have been, and are, the willing tools of usurpers of our liberties.

The farmers are gravely told that there is room for but two political parties in this country. Just so. The farmers are glad to hear that. The demo-republican parties have become so much alike, that there is practically no difference between them. The only discernible difference under the most powerful microscope is: one is for Shyllock plus 5 per cent tariff; the other is for Shyllock minus 5 per cent tariff. As to greed, both are insatiable; as to honesty, neither has any; as to justice, their scales of justice are altogether wanting. Sam total—One party of, for, and by Shyllock. Hence the necessity for a second party.

The farmers are fast forming into line, and have already made a brilliant charge upon the enemy, as evidenced by the results of last fall's elections. But they have not gained a victory yet by long odds. They have just invoked the wrath of corporations and organized capital. The wrath of railroads is clearly visible by their refusal to extend a helping hand to suffering humanity in the drought stricken district.

The wrath of eastern capitalists and home banks is evidenced by their refusal to loan a single dollar.

Thus we see organized capital arrayed against the producers. Will the farmers give up their organization and yield to organized wealth and its greed? The irrepressible conflict between capital and labor is upon us. Which will win.

To gain victory for the laboring and producing classes is the grand object of the Farmers' Alliance, and since this cannot be attained in a few months, the Alliance is bound to stay.

JOHN DUDEK, Sec'y.

is the People's Movement Permanent?

WHITTIER, NEB. Jan. 30, 1891. Bro BURROWS:—Notwithstanding what is being said to the contrary, the Alliances are not breaking up. The fact is Alliance men are surprised to find so many new accessions to our ranks. Such an uprising of the people was never dreamed of. As the old party press threaten and abuse, and old politicians sneer, and the supreme court, without either semblance of law or common sense, takes issue against us, the people grow more excited, more earnest and more determined. The railroads and banks, and the trusts, the courts, the press and the political tricksters in general could not pursue a course that would tend more to the unifying and solidifying the movement for freedom from corporate greed and power than the one now being pursued.

We have passed a peaceful kind of revolution and if not thwarted in our rights have been measurably successful. But if we are to be balked now, I fear the next will be anything but peaceful. The people are determined to have their rights and an equal chance to live and die free, and are going to secure those rights in some way. The tyrannical power of capital that would enslave, the greed of the secured monopolies that want the whole earth must be overthrown at any cost. How, in the name of common sense, any man in the legislature, claiming to represent the people, can truckle to the demands of democrat or republican, and do any act that would in any way be looked upon as a recognition of a man as governor whom we believe was foisted upon us by fraud and treachery of the most diabolical and damnable kind, is more than we can understand. How any independent could vote to ask of such a man the privilege of contesting his fraudulent claim to the position he now fraudulently occupies is a riddle too difficult to guess.

All honor to those who stand for the right, but there is nothing, surely, for those who yield an inch to these miserable political bum who are for rule or ruin, but deep, damnable disgrace.

R. C. HARDIN, No. 926.

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Resolutions of Respect.

At the regular meeting of Alliance, No. 191, of Novel precinct, held Monday evening, January the 26th, the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, Our brother, Fred Steinhansen, has been taken from our midst, be it therefore, Resolved, That we tender our heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved wife of Brother Steinhansen, in this her hour of sadness and sorrow.

MINA MILLS, MAX BEER, JOHN KALKA, Committee.

SACRAMENTO, Neb, Jan 24, 1891. WHEREAS, It has pleased the Almighty, the Ruler of the universe to remove from our midst, Anna, the beloved wife of Charles E. Sapply, therefore be it Resolved, By Sacramento Alliance No. 1495, that we extend our heartfelt sympathy to our Brother in this hour of his sad bereavement, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent for publication to the Progress, of Holdrege, Neb., also to the ALLIANCE Lincoln, Neb., a copy of these resolutions be kept on our book.

F. M. SHULL, Sec. M. F. VOORHEES.

WHEREAS, Death has spread his dread and sable pinions over the house of our esteemed and respected friend and brother, Hon. C. W. Hennick and by this most unwelcome visitation has taken from his family and our midst his eldest son, Harley, who was his father's pride and mother's joy, therefore be it Resolved, That we the members of Garfield County Alliance, in convention assembled, do hereby extend to Hon. C. W. Hennick and his afflicted family our sincere sympathy and condolence, trusting that the giver of all good will comfort and strengthen them in their great affliction.

HENRY FOLSON, R. S. ALGER, L. BECKWITH, HENRY FOLSON, Co. Pres. S. T. FLEENER, Co. Secretary. Dated at Burwell this 26th day of January, 1891.

We Didn't Understand Him. When I get to the depot half an hour ahead of time, or when I am compelled to wait for an hour or two at some junction, I like to be social with my fellow victims. Hang the man who makes a churl of himself under any circumstances, particularly when he travels.

Eight or ten of us had been thrown off at a railroad junction in Indiana to wait for two hours, and it wasn't ten minutes before we were all talking, sitting, smoking and yarning. All but one. I am, of course, speaking of the man. The ladies held the sitting room, while we took the platform. This one was a middle-aged man, who took his valise and sat down at the far end of the platform, as if to get as far from us as he could. Everybody noticed his action and he was put down as a sourminded chap who could have added nothing to our comfort. We simply did by him as he did by us—let him severely alone.

About ten minutes before train time I noticed that the man was asleep. I made bold to approach him and call out, but he did not move. Going closer, the peculiar pallor of his face alarmed me, and in another minute I discovered that he was dead. He had passed away while he slept. When we came to lift him up what do you suppose we found? He had been writing in a note book with a pencil, and the last line he had written were:

"A stranger in a strange land, and sick unto death, and yet no one has a word of sympathy—no one will even come near me. May God forgive them for being so stony-hearted. I hope that by to-morrow—"

But no to-morrow ever came to him. It came to all the rest of us, but, come as often as it may, none of us will ever feel just right toward ourselves. We had misjudged him.—N. Y. Sun.

An African Railroad. Stanley says the railroad from Mombasa to Victoria Nyanza, the building of which has begun, will be about 600 miles long, and that its total cost will probably not exceed \$5,000,000. It is to be a light narrow-gauge railroad. All the money required to build it has not yet been raised. The road can easily be completed in four years, but it is not known yet how soon it will be run through to the lake. Stanley thinks it would begin to pay interest on the investment as soon as completed. He believes the British government should help build the road, as it lies wholly in British territory, and its completion will advance the interests of the country.

The University of Michigan has conferred degrees on 10,449 persons during the fifty-three years of its existence.

MIS. NOSE WAS SCRATCHED. But He Did Not Enjoy the Muzzle of a Gun so Closely. "One night," said Ben, "I was bouncing over the plains in one of my overland coaches, Mrs. Holladay and myself were the only passengers. Several stages had been robbed within two months and the driver was ripping along as though a gang of prairie wolves were after him. Suddenly the horses were thrown on their haunches and the stage stopped.

"I was heaved forward, but quickly recovered, and found myself gazing at the muzzles of a double-barrel shot gun.

"Throw up your hands and don't stir!" shouted the owner in a gruff voice.

"Up went my hands and I began to commune with myself. The fellow then coolly asked for my money. I saw that he did not know who I was, and I was afraid that my sick wife might awake and call my name.

"My coat was buttoned over my bosom, but scarcely high enough to hide a magnificent emerald that cost me over \$8,000 a few weeks before in San Francisco.

Young College President. President W. A. Quayle of Baker University, Baldwin, Kan., is one of the youngest college presidents in the world. He was graduated only five years ago, and is not yet 30 years of age.