

FARMER'S OPINIONS.

Answer to "Uncle Jake."

Feb. 24, 1891. BRO. JAY BURROWS—I see your request for an answer to Uncle Jake's question in THE ALLIANCE of Feb. 21st.

NEGATIVELY, 1st. They will not die so long as they can avoid it. Life is a divine gift. The love of life extends to all sentient existence...

Cut off from the means of earning the necessities for sustaining life, the weaker elements in this class will beg or look to charity in any form.

2nd. They will not cease to reproduce. With or without marriage, reproduction will go on. Most likely increase from this source alone will take place.

3d. They will not cease to vote. The Proletariat of Rome did not cease to vote, and this class will be our proletariat.

Demagogues needed them in Rome, and used them too with a vengeance. So demagogues will need them here, and use them too.

POSITIVELY, If they will not die as long as subsistence can be obtained—if they will increase in numbers, and will vote, what then will become of them?

1st. Necessity knows no law. The condition of such a class will be necessity. The voluntary power and conditions are gone.

2. He cannot be ignorant of the wealth and luxury of others if he wishes to be. He feels that he is God's creature as really as a millionaire.

Now the "seed grain" business is going to be handled different, these "shiftless, lazy and improvident farmers" who have not given away more than one-half of their increase in wealth for years to the support of the state and county organizations, without which life would be impossible.

3d. Conscience dies. All experience shows that long familiarity with want totally debauches men. What disposition God will make of them finally is not now the question.

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Such is the end as it seems to me. Is there a remedy? Yes, yes, yes!!! God and nature can cure. Let men put in a book where the All Father put it in Levitical law—let government own

the highways, make sales of land impossible except in cities and incorporated towns—destroy forcible collections for debt except taxes and labor, and we are safe—civilization then is safe.

We have gone wrong so long that it may take fifty years to reach it, but we can begin now, lay the foundation wisely, prudently, and stop the constantly increasing abuses.

An Interesting Letter from Bro. L. Henry of Oregon. HOOD RIVER, Wasco Co., Ore., Feb. 28, 1891.

EDITOR FARMERS' ALLIANCE—I will send you a few lines, and if you see proper to give them space in our most excellent paper do so, if not all right.

I arrived here Nov. 30, 1890, and the coldest weather yet was 17° above zero, and the deepest snow 7 inches. Have had plenty of rain. I find that there is hard times here as well as in other places, and great discontent among the people.

Money is valued not for what it is intrinsically, but for what it will do—and what it will do is governed by the fiat behind it.

Relief Swearing. CRAWFORD, Neb., Feb. 26, 1891. EDITOR FARMERS' ALLIANCE:—We notice by the Lincoln papers that the State Relief Committee have reached the investigating stage.

EDITOR FARMERS' ALLIANCE:—What is to be the final outcome of the extraordinary action of the senate in regard to the contest?

Divide, Neb. The Omaha Declaration. SYRACUSE, N. Y., Feb. 19, 1891.

J. BURROWS—I received a Kansas paper containing a call for a national conference to meet in Cincinnati next May. My name is forged as a signee of said call.

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Current Political Notes. EDITOR ALLIANCE:—It is pleasing to a man who published about the first Alliance paper in the state of Nebraska, away back in '82, to note the progress the Alliance has made there.

In connection herewith we are reminded that some papers are likening the growth of the Independent party to that of a mushroom and stating that the movement is but six months old.

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Money is designed as a measure of value—as a measure of the value of commodities. It is designed as a medium of exchange—as a medium for facilitating the exchange of commodities.

Fancy a man coming to Chicago and driving around town, bartering four bushels of wheat at one store for a hat, thirty bushels at another store for a suit of clothes, ten bushels at another store for some groceries.

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Make one laugh to read the "arguments" of the old party press to the effect that a third party is unnecessary in order to bring about the reforms so much needed.

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pled money and lands, doubled salaries created servants of more than useless officers to harass and eat the substance of the industrious. There is nothing to be hoped for from either of the old parties.

Miss Francis E. Willard in a speech at Washington said that in the epoch on which we have entered, labor will doubtless come to be the only potentate.

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An Open Letter to the Farmers of Nebraska Alliance. TEUMSEH, Neb. Feb. 26, 1891.

EDITOR FARMERS' ALLIANCE:—Will you kindly permit me to address a few lines to you in all affection and respect, on the present situation as it appears to me.

You have recently been awakened out of your political sleep, and like Sampson have demonstrated your ability to break the bands of the Philistines, and it needs be to remove gates and posts.

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flaunts its freedom in the face of the world; men who vaingloriously proclaim themselves the "sons of liberty" can view with apathy and unconcern—nay even applaud, the most infamous political crimes that have ever disgraced a representative government.

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