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We greet our readers this week with THE ALLIANCE enlarged to nearly double its former size. We intend to add to its value editorially as much as we have to its size.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes 'Looking Backward post paid', 'Ditto and Labor and Capital', 'Kellogg', 'Ditto and Cesar's Column', etc.

FARMER'S OPINIONS.

We Will Get Even. Written for THE FARMERS' ALLIANCE. I see some things most every day. That do look rather queer. And more so since the blamed hot winds, Singed off our crops last year.

Farm and City Laborers. GRANT, Neb., Feb. 26, 1891. EDITOR ALLIANCE: I believe the city laborer's prosperity depends upon the prosperity of the country laborer. The farmer after years of toil and economy, finding he has not been able to make both ends meet, begins to reason thusly: I have worked on the farm sixteen hours per day for a number of years; have denied myself all the comforts and luxuries of the age, and have become schooled to wants and hardships, and have no demoralizing habits.

Something About Insurance.

ALEXA, Neb., Feb. 1, 1891. EDITOR ALLIANCE: In your issue of the 14th inst. we find an article on mutual insurance, in which the question is raised: "Would it be more economical to establish a state mutual, with separate departments for fire and wind policies, or allow local companies to conduct the fire business?"

More About Irrigation.

EDITOR ALLIANCE: As the subject of irrigation is being discussed privately and publicly, I will try and give to the readers of your paper my views upon the subject. I have long since conceived the idea of damming the draws and canons, as the most economical, the best and in every way the most feasible plan for supplying moisture and inducing more frequent showers, and I am well satisfied that if a sufficient number of ponds were constructed throughout the country such a thing as the loss of a crop either by drouth or hot winds would be a thing of the past.

dam would be superior to a dam built elsewhere, and sure to be kept in repair, therefore it seems to me that the section lines and the regular laid out roads would be the proper place to put them. And now, as the country most affected by drouth is very largely in the hands of speculators and loan companies, who could scarcely be expected to build and maintain ponds not even for a bounty, and consequently, the greater part of the country would be without ponds, I therefore suggest that a tax be levied upon real estate with the privilege of working it out or paying it the same as other taxes, the fund thus created to be designated as a road fund to be used in the constructing and maintaining of dams and improving the roads.

Are We a Civilized People?

In asking this question I don't wish to insinuate that the people of the United States are less civilized than any other nation on the earth. I shall admit that we are superior to many other nations and far above the savages and nations of former times. Yet, I shall contend that we are far from being civilized in the full sense of the word. Politicians have often told us that we are almost perfect; that we are the most enlightened nation on the earth; that perfection will come when they are elected to office. Can it be that we are civilized when nine-tenths of our people have no homes of their own when they have no access to the soil of their native land unless they pay rent erstwhile to some landlord or despot, when the mines hundreds of feet below the surface of the earth are owned or claimed by speculators and capitalists; when all the means of transportation are in the hands of monopolists who charge what they please for transportation without hindrance; when a thing, a mere creature of man, called money, is made a king that controls everything, even love must be subject to its domain, and that king monopolized by a few traitors to human rights, who by its use continue to draw the substance from the people who have already paid in these deserts in the shape of interest, more than \$1,000 per capita.

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A Synopsis of the Newberry Bill.

The Newberry maximum freight rate bill fixes a limit which railroads in Nebraska may charge for carrying freight. On an average these rates are 60 per cent less than present rates. The provisions of the Newberry bill apply, unless otherwise provided in the act, to all railroad corporations and railroad companies and to common carriers engaged in Nebraska in the transportation of freight by railroad therein and are also held to apply to shipments of property from any point within the state to any other point within the state. The term "railroad" as used in the act includes all bridges and ferries used in connection with any railroad. The term "transportation" includes all instrumentalities of shipment or carriage. The provisions of the act apply also to all firms and companies and to all associations of persons whether incorporated or otherwise that do business as common carriers of freight upon any of the lines of railway in the state, as well as in the same manner as to railway corporations.

Resolutions.

Resolved, That we hereby express our entire confidence in Brother Burrows and wish him God speed in exposing the traitors both in camp and out side, and pledge ourselves to not support the bribe taking press, and do our utmost within the limits of justice to confine said papers to the bank, the bar and the saloon, where they properly belong. Resolved, That a copy of the resolutions be spread on the minutes of this meeting, a copy be sent to the State Alliance, and a copy be sent to O. O. Opinion, P. H. Sailor secretary.

Resolutions Adopted by Franklin County Farmers' Alliance.

EDITOR FARMERS' ALLIANCE:—The following resolutions were adopted by Franklin County Farmers' Alliance in regard to prairie fires. WHEREAS, These are established facts; that old grass on our prairies retains moisture in the ground; that moisture in the ground renders the air humid, and that humidity of the air prevents hot winds which are so detrimental to the western farmer, and

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WHEREAS, The Nebraska State Journal, Omaha Bee, World-Herald and other papers of the state have been unceasing and unscrupulous in their efforts to injure the cause of the independents, belittling their efforts to better their condition, subjecting them to all manner of ridicule and rating them with lower animals, and dirty birds, therefore be it

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Adopted by Newman Alliance No. 1246, of Saunders county, Neb., Feb. 21, 1891. WHEREAS, Bank & Hupert, seedsmen of Greenwood, Neb., in order to introduce their garden and field seed to the farmers have contracted with the Omaha Weekly Bee, in which they offer one year's subscription to that paper free to every person ordering two dollars worth of seed.

Resolutions of Condoleance.

Feb. 17, 1891. WHEREAS, It has pleased a Divine Providence to remove from our midst our friend and brother Ferdinand Wendt; therefore be it Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be sent THE FARMERS' ALLIANCE and that a copy be spread upon the records of our Alliance.

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Coperfield Alliance 1210, Howard County by Nebraska.

The following resolutions were passed by this Alliance on Saturday 24th inst. Resolved, That we denounce Collins of Gage, Turner of Saline and Taylor of Loup as traitors to the party, false to their pledges and to the dictates of their honor.

Economical Legislation Asked For.

CLAY CENTER, Neb., Feb. 22, 1891. EDITOR ALLIANCE: Please publish the following resolutions, passed by Harmony Alliance, No. 1044, and oblige: WHEREAS, We, the aforesaid Alliance and all farmers are imposed upon by taxes caused by our county and town officials, be it

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Resolved, That it is an injustice to support a few in splendor and ease at the enormous salaries paid them by the hard earnings of the masses whom they oppose in securing a fair portion of their earnings, and be it further Resolved, That a reduction of salaries and county expenses is needed in accordance with times and prices, and as there are men qualified who would be glad to accept a position at a much reduced salary and be just as responsible, it would be ground for such a demand. And be it further

THE ARIZONA KICKER'S RIVAL.

A Utah Editor Tells How He Came to Fracture the Statute. The Arizona Kicker man has a formidable rival in the editor of the Neph Ensign, a paper published about sixty miles south of Salt Lake. He had a battle with his postmaster of the town a few days ago, which he describes as follows: "While passing W. H. Gage's saloon yesterday afternoon we stepped inside on a matter of business and were accosted by our unesteemed, half-drunken Postmaster, John Witbeck, with the request that we have a drink with him. Being particular about our company, we politely but firmly declined, only to be urged again and again in a brutal manner, while we positively declined to accept. "Stepping up to where we stood, the burly bully seized us by the collar, saying: "I'd like to strangle you and all your associates." We then told him to proceed to business if that was his desire, when, without further warning, the cowardly braggart struck us in our eye. This naturally raised our ire and we sailed in to make the fur fly. We were just beginning to get warmed up and were taking the same interest we have so often experienced in panching a sack of sand when Policeman Pitt appeared on the scene and stopped our fun just as we were putting our fist on our opponent's jaw.

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