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Two Years Hence. ORELL, Neb., March 4, 1891.

EDITOR ALLIANCE: Allow me through your columns to thank Mr. Ryan for his poetry and his plan for building dams for increasing the rainfall. It seems to me to be the best plan yet advanced for making reservoirs, and one that all Alliances should take up and discuss. And allow me to add that I think railroads could be induced or compelled to construct dams of the same kind all along their lines. Ponds could be constructed with but little additional expense. I, perhaps, use the word compelled without any precedent. So far, it seems, to compel a railroad to do anything is an impossibility. But Mr. Editor, I want to say it won't be two years hence.

There never has been anything within the last decade that has added to the independent party one-half the votes as the dead-lock in the senate, the adjournment of the supreme court without settling the quo warrant proceedings, the veto of the Newberry bill by the alien, and the failure of the senate to pass it over his head. All parties expressed the most bitter condemnation of it. There are not five men in this part of Gage county who even try to palliate it. The assertion of Boyd that the people are ignorant of its provisions is an insult. There is scarcely an Alliance in this neck of woods but has a copy, and has given it more careful study than did Boyd, and nine out of ten of them are more capable of judging of its merits.

I tell you things have changed of late. It used to be when the farmers came to town that they would ask the business men, what is the news? But now, when a farmer comes to town, the business men ask the farmer what they are doing at Lincoln? and he is sure to get it, and get it straight. They will tell you the status of nearly every bill, and who introduced it; its friends, its opponents, its liability to pass, and all about it. And I want to say that they were not disappointed as to what would be the fate of the Newberry bill. When the three traitors voted against the concurrent resolution we knew that our hopes of legislation on the Newberry bill were at an end, and although Collins, the Judas from Gage, came to our members and promised them he would support it, we knew he was lying like a thief, and warned our members not to put any confidence in his promises. And to-day he could not do it, for he would not do it, and on the contrary I think he would not be able to make the canvass. But our day is coming, and to-day if a vote could be had there would be no contest, and no mandamus, no veto of the Newberry bill. But we can wait. There will be another legislature, and we will hence, and my hope is that the most conservative may be put up, for in the temper of the people now there would be no quarter given. The only question now is, what will it be, the Newberry bill fixing rates, or one more sweeping bill asking for more. They gave us a stone. They have made the best of it, let them lie in it. J. M. MILLHOLLAND.

Webster County Alliance. Resolutions adopted at the meeting of the Webster County Alliance held at Blue Hill, Neb., April 11, 1891. We the members of said Alliance in regular quarterly meeting, do endorse the actions and conduct of our senator, Hon. Wm. Dysart, and our representatives, Hon. A. Riley and Hon. C. G. Wilson, in the many ways they strove to protect the rights and interests of the people, and we also regard the lectures and work of Bro. George Lynn, of Hastings, done in this county last fall of lasting benefit to our order, and that they all have the hearty thanks and support of the Alliance on behalf of the people of this county. The executive committee report on political action together with their financial statement was read. It was moved and seconded, that the report of the committee on political action be approved and that we give the committee our hearty thanks for their attention, fidelity, and work during said campaign, and that these resolutions be published in THE FARMERS' ALLIANCE, Our Own Opinion and The Nation. Carried unanimously.

H. L. HOPKINS, Sec. Webster Co. Alliance. K. of L. Denounce the Alien Boyd. PIONEER ASSEMBLY, No. 9830, April 10, 1891. Resolved, That this assembly condemns and censures the action of Gov. Boyd in vetoing the Newberry freight bill, and that we recognize in him a tool of corporations and capitalists unworthy the support of the tolling masses. And further, we pledge ourselves to do all in our power to prevent him from ever using able to again corrupt, pollute or degrade the responsible position which he has so unworthily assumed. To GOV. BOYD: The above resolution was unanimously passed by the Knights of Labor of Shelby with the request that I forward a copy of them to you. Whatever may have been the consideration that prompted you to veto that bill, the people will know that you hide its deformity beneath the borrowed garb of virtue, and that it is against spiritual wickedness in high places that they have to contend; and the very general conclusion that the tolling and oppressed masses have come to, is that your veto is but another blow at the cause of liberty and justice, which they must resent at the ballot box. It is to be hoped that this act of yours will be known in history as the last gaudy throw at a down-trodden people who are standing on the verge of desperation. The only question in my mind is this: Will an intelligent thrifty people peacefully and calmly suffer the money power of this country to forever fasten on them the chains of servitude? W. E. DUNNING.

"A Good Time Coming, Boys." PHOENIA, Neb., April 1891. EDITOR ALLIANCE: The present agricultural distress is partly due to the way in which our great country has been developing. The march of settlement has been from east to west. Labor has gone ahead and capital has followed. As fast as new territory has been entered it has been used for what it seemed best adapted to. The great Mississippi valley is best adapted to farming. Hence farmers resorted here, hence other Americans turned farmers, especially after the Homestead act passed, hence the foreigners went to farming. For several decades this valley has been making farmers, and manufacturing wealth, and shipping it to the east. The valley is now almost taken all over the west. Capital has followed with investments in railroads, telegraphs, and other things, and it is now a fact that the money is being directed to the mountains. Mining has long been pursued but only partially after all and manufacturing has hardly even commenced. But as coal and iron are

proximity, and timber and water power abundant, a great production of manufactures, if there is any money in it, or rather as much as in other lines. A proper state and national policy can cause it to be profitable. Reciprocity can make markets for the various manufactures as well as for breadstuffs, and squeezing the water out of inflated telegraph and stocks, and the lowering of interest as well as freight also will set capital to manufacturing. And it is to be hoped that American shipping can be revived to transport our increased commerce and so afford us an additional industry which will consume some of the farmers' products. (Production without consumption is useless. Every producer should also be a consumer. One great cause of hard times is under consumption. Thousands of people in our land do not consume half what they should—do not half live. The men of men's classes, who comprise the most of the "prohibition" would not such a bad thing after all, for the farmer.) The development of the mountain region is going to open up a fine market for the western farmer, inasmuch as he will be nearer than the Illinois and Indiana growers, and can ship his products at less cost. He should also pay less for many manufactures. His eastern brother will be benefited also, because there is not such a strong western competition. All that is needed is assistance to tide over a few hard years to come; then the farmer will be able to pay his debt, and not then however cease his efforts to better his condition, for with increasing population and an increasing number of farmers his condition may grow worse again as years come on. But if the present distress has been relieved, can we proceed to the future? Then cheer up boys; there's a good time coming. Hold on to the old farm; and that mortgage shall be paid, and the little ones shall have a home when you away are laid. N. H. BLACKMER, Sec., No. 1127

Endorsing Jas. B. Weaver. EDITOR ALLIANCE: I heartily approve of your suggesting General Weaver as a candidate for President in '92. His abilities and his services both recommend him for the office as well as for the candidacy. I voted for him in '80 and am anxious to do so again. I desire to add a word of testimony in favor of "Baker's Money Monopoly." The author is an investigating student, an earnest and a principled man, and it is an honor to know personally. Very Truly, L. C. HANNING.

BUCHANAN, Neb., April 7th, 1891. EDITOR ALLIANCE: Your editorial of April 4th is so fully in accord with my views in regard to the candidacy for the independent party that I desire to second the nomination of Gen. Weaver for President. I have the pleasure of an acquaintance with Mr. Weaver extending back several years, and can endorse him as an able, fearless exponent of the principles of the independent party. He is not a late recruit, but has been fighting for such principles for many years. With such an able and pure leader, one whose private as well as public character is above reproach, our party must command the respect and votes of such numbers as will insure his election. Stop Feeding The Plutocrats. HAWLEY, Neb., April 13th, 1891. EDITOR ALLIANCE: I know I am not good at wielding a pen, but I must write. I am going to do all that lies in my power to discourage men that belong to the Farmers' Alliance, Grange, Knights of Labor or any other that is working in the interest of the independent party, from taking or patronizing any papers but farmers' or papers that are working for the Independents. Some say they want to read both sides so they will know what the other side is doing. I believe that the independent party, from taking or patronizing any papers but farmers' or papers that are working for the Independents. Some say they want to read both sides so they will know what the other side is doing. I believe that the independent party, from taking or patronizing any papers but farmers' or papers that are working for the Independents. Some say they want to read both sides so they will know what the other side is doing. I believe that the independent party, from taking or patronizing any papers but farmers' or papers that are working for the Independents.

CONDEMNING THE VETO.

The Veto Denounced. At a meeting of Looking Backward Alliance No. 1849, Apr. 7, 1891 the following resolutions were adopted. WHEREAS, The railroads are charging exorbitant freight rates in the state of Nebraska to the detriment of producers and laboring classes; and WHEREAS, Chas. Allen, Bert Cox, J. S. Paul, A. C. Putman and Jas. C. Dahman went as a committee from Chadron, Neb., to petition Gov. Boyd to veto the Newberry Maximum rate bill, and

WHEREAS, We believe said bill voices the sentiment of the farmers and laborers of Neb., therefore it Resolved, That we denounce the conduct of the above named committee, showing as it does that they are only tools in the hands of corporations, railroad cliques and monopolies; and be it further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to THE FARMERS' ALLIANCE, Dawes County Journal, Alliance Boomerang, Chadron Citizen and Chadron Advocate for publication. E. F. WOODRUFF, Sec.

Resolutions of Jefferson County Alliance. The following resolutions were adopted at a regular meeting of the Jefferson County Alliance, Apr. 4, 1891. WHEREAS, James E. Boyd, acting governor, having vetoed the bill known as the Newberry freight rate bill; therefore be it Resolved, That we denounce the conduct of the above named James E. Boyd as an enemy to the producers of this state and assert our belief that he is a tool in the hands of the corporations, railroad cliques and monopolies; and be it further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to THE FARMERS' ALLIANCE and Independent of Lincoln and Laborer of Fairbury for publication. F. M. JAMES, Sec.

Resolutions unanimously adopted by Union Alliance No. 958, of Fillmore County, Neb., April 10, 1891. We the members of said Alliance in regular meeting assembled do welcome home our honorable member, Mr. Richard Dobson, who represents Fillmore county in the legislature of this state; therefore be it Resolved, That the said Richard Dobson has worked faithfully for the best interests of his constituents and the people of the state at large; and WHEREAS, The railroad corporations have forced upon the person of James E. Boyd a willing tool to veto the Maximum rate bill; therefore be it Resolved, That the producing classes of this state, with an honest ballot, will make it impossible for the old parties, glued together with a last resort political plaster, to postpone justice to the producing class of this state. Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Richard Dobson, THE FARMERS' ALLIANCE and the Grafton Leader. JOHN O'BRIEN, G. W. MYERS, P. W. MURRAY, Committee.

The Legislature Approved. LEWISTON, NEB., Apr. 6, 1891. Resolutions adopted by Henderson Alliance No. 966, Apr. 4, 1891. WHEREAS, We the members of said Alliance believe that the independent party have acted wisely and accomplished much during the session of the legislature that has just closed which will be of great benefit to the farmers; therefore be it Resolved, That we do hereby tender our heartfelt thanks to the independent party that took such a bold stand in favor of the Newberry bill and all other matters to the farmers interest. Resolved, That we denounce as traitors the following members, to-wit: Collins of Gage and Taylor of Loup. It is our belief that the independent party of these resolutions be spread upon our records and a copy be sent to THE FARMERS' ALLIANCE for publication. J. S. PURSEL, G. O. DAVIS, HARVEY WALTERS, Committee.

Against the Single Tax. The following resolutions were adopted by Box Elder Alliance No. 802, Apr. 3, 1891. WHEREAS, Table View Alliance No. 1937 believe that the independent party of the single land tax, using for argument, "a tax on improvements is a tax on labor and a fine on the employer of labor."—FARMERS' ALLIANCE, March 14, 1891. Therefore be it Resolved, That the above argument would apply equally against a tax on every other class of wealth, especially land, because it requires labor to earn money to buy land. Resolved, That we declare ourselves as unalterably opposed to the single land tax for the following reasons, viz: 1. It would secure special privileges to capitalists and all who do not own land by securing immunity from taxes. 2. It would raise the taxes on the poor land owner, who is compelled to live in a sod house or a shanty, and decrease the taxes of the rich neighbor who has a fine house, a factory, store or mill worth \$100,000. 3. To illustrate, the taxes of a farmer owning 100 acres of land worth \$1,000 by the side of a railroad (200 feet wide) worth \$40,000 per mile would be 104 times the tax on 1 mile of railroad or 104 times as much on every dollar invested. 4. We do not want any other class to bear our just proportion of taxes, neither do we wish to bear the just proportion of other classes. R. O. CHAPMAN, Gibbon, Neb. Chairman.

Vindicating Speaker Elder. CLAY CENTER, Neb., April 4th, 1891. HARTORY Alliance, No. 1044. WHEREAS, Certain vile and erroneous reports have been circulated besmearing the character of our representative and brother, the Hon. S. M. Elder, and who has said reports lack sufficient proof to make them laughable; and WHEREAS, We have unimpeachable evidence that said reports are absolutely false, be it Resolved, That we the members of Hartory Alliance No. 1044, knowing said reports to be absolutely false, vindicate the character of our brother Speaker Elder, of these vile and insolent reports circulated by scheming politicians in order that they might further their own selfish ends against the will of the people. Resolved, That we are proud to honor and own Speaker Elder as a brother in all his honest endeavors for the people. Resolved, That we denounce the base slanderer or slanderers be sought out and the full penalty of the law meted out to them. Resolved, That we denounce both old and new reports of the disreputable methods employed by them to further their ends and aims. Resolved, That we denounce and refuse our support to any or all papers who published said slanderous report. W. E. GRABAM, Sec. W. E. BOYD, Com.

Call at Griswolds for field gages and tree seed, 140 E. 11th St., Lincoln.

AMONG NEBRASKA NEWSPAPERS.

He Lied. Gov. Boyd has done nothing if he has not simply lied to those who elected him. He was pledged to support any measure that would benefit the producer. He lied. He refused to do so when an opportunity was offered.—Blue Hill Leader.

Weaver for President. THE FARMERS' ALLIANCE of Lincoln has quite an ably prepared editorial advocating the candidacy of Hon. J. B. Weaver for Iowa, for president, Mr. Weaver for many years has been an acknowledged champion of the labor cause, and if he should be successful in getting the nomination for the presidency on the independent ticket he certainly would make a strong race.—Blue Hill Leader.

Plenty of Thunder. The independent party has got enough political thunder for the next campaign to make it exceedingly interesting for all opposition. That they will use the thunder goes without saying.—Grand Island Independent.

Whisky wasn't "In It." The men who elected Boyd are opposed to cheaper freight rates; it will cost just so much for a drink anyway, even if the freight on bread was a little lower.—Allen News.

The Emblem of Death. There is a large-sized piece of crape now hanging on the door of Nebraska democracy, and this is no April Fool joke either.—Wahoo New Era.

What the People Will Do. The governor's veto message was a pretty thin document. He assumed the responsibility of the executive and judicial departments of the state and effectually blocked the legislative department. Now the people will proceed to veto the whole outfit and clean out the nest from beginning to the end.—Grand Island Democrat.

Fleeing to the Mountains. The "smart alleck" who thought the Farmers' Alliance down pour was only a momentary shower is now making for higher ground with all the speed he can command.—Blue Hill Times.

His Name Would be Pants. If ever Mr. Boyd should have the extreme gall to allow his name to be used in connection with any office where honor is required, he will find that his name will be Dennis, with a great big D.—South Omaha Tribune (dem).

Votes and Decisions "to Order." If Boyd should be pronounced eligible now by the supreme court, what would be the verdict of the people? The verdict would be that the veto of the maximum freight bill was the price of his seat. This might be unjust, but it would be the verdict just the same. It would be circumstantial evidence, but circumstantial evidence swears people, and the gentleman of veto fame would have to take his medicine. In such an event it would be proper to post up a sign on the doors of their respective agencies, "Votes and decisions on contract according to plans and specifications."—G. I. Democrat.

THE HEARTHSTONE.

A Department for Home and Fireside, Edited by Mrs. S. C. O. Pipton. "The corner stone of the republic is the hearthstone." Consolation. There's another land and better We are told, Where the slave shakes off his fetter, And where worth is never debtor Unto gold. Thither often we are turning Weary eyes, And our heavy hearts are yearning, Night and day are throbbing, burning, For its skies.

There that foolish superstition, Pride of birth, Finds its sudden demolition, And our being's final mission Is of worth. There the insolence of power Falls away, And the proudest soul must cower, For the spirit takes no dowry From the clay. Common lives have wondrous splendor In that light, For the spirit meek and tender Puts to shame the king's defender Shorn of might. Natures touched with fires seraphic Shed their care, And on peace gird islands Sapphic, Far from fretful toil and traffic, Dream and dare.

Laws through years of wrong descended There are changed; Customs with injustice blended, Creeds for centuries defended, Rearranged. Heaven has solace without measure— You and I Should not dream of earthly pleasure, But should think about our treasure In the sky. —George Horton.

The following is from a pamphlet written by Mrs. Esther L. Warner, of Rock. "A government by the people for the people must include all the people. Not only justice but expediency require a change from a government by half the people to the whole. The mother element is needed to co-operate in the management of public affairs, and the housekeeping genius of women might be utilized to great advantage in conducting the business of a municipality. Men and women are made to work together, and the one-sided character of our institutions is responsible for much that is amiss. There seems to be an impression having a strong hold on many minds that when women have political liberty they will desert their homes and rush about the streets trying to make up lost time by voting perpetually. Men and brethren, don't worry. Womanhood is not a product of legislation and cannot be abolished by law. We shall take care of our babies through the heavens fall. The wail of deserted infants does not reach from Kansas, and the cry of the children does not awake the echoes in Wyoming, where for twenty years woman's "sphere" has included political duties. If the consequences of full suffrage for women had been as disastrous to the home as many suppose, the constitutional convention in Wyoming would have been besieged by dinnerless men in buttonless shirts protesting against continued invasion of masculine rights, and if their plea had not availed, the lobbies at Washington would have swarmed with specimens of neglected humanity, trying to influence the general government in their behalf.

A Buffalo, N. Y., saloonist, in offering his business for sale for a thousand dollars, states as an inducement to the purchaser that he has a fine lot of horses which he will sell for \$100 each. The saloonist passes his place daily. Does not govern rather than to the place where drunkards are manufactured? Sayings and Doings of Women. About the first of March, Mrs. Mary A. Hitchcock, president of the State W. C. T. U. reported that she had sent to the relief of the drouth sufferers in Nebraska \$335 in money, and 15,000 pounds of freight consisting of sixty barrels, fifty boxes, and ten bales, and added, "New places are calling upon me for help. As fast as supplies come they are sent and I have faith that help will come until suffering is over and plenty reigns again." All this and vastly more has been done so quietly that few are aware that the W. C. T. U. has done any of the immense relief work of this trying winter. Some, in their ignorance, have criticized the union for failing in this respect. One irate lady who had received a blank petition asking for municipal suffrage, which she was requested to circulate, responded that she thought the women of Nebraska were "crazy" as well as the men, and that she thought they had better spend the time in doing something to aid the sufferers. Our response was: "These things ought ye to have done and you have left the other undone."

Elizabeth Cady Stanton's Ideal Daughter in Law. "I was happily surprised with my tall stately daughter, Marguerite Berry. A fine-looking girl of twenty, straight, strong and sound, modest and pleasing, with nothing of what we should call French airs and graces. She can walk miles, sketches from nature with great skill and rapidity. She can catch a pony in pasture, saddle him and ride like the wind. She can milk a cow, cook a dinner, read, write and speak three languages. I had always said to my sons: "When you do marry do choose a woman with a spine and sound teeth, remember the spine shows the condition of the bones in the rest of the body." So when Theodora introduced his wife to me he said: "You see, I have followed your advice, her spine is as straight as a reared, and every tooth in head as young as a nut." This reminds me of a young man who went to put up my stove for the winter. He told me how he had thought of getting married. "Well," said I, "what all thing get a wife with a spine and sound teeth. Stove-pipe in hand he turned to me with a look of surprise and said: "Do they ever come without spines?" "Oh," said I, "not exactly, but with very weak and crooked spines, and it is a great calamity to be tied to a woman who is less than a feeble, thinny husband."

An Excerpt on Cranks. "I should say," remarked an expert to a New York Sun reporter, "that there are at least 50,000 cranks in the city of New York, and I think they should start a newspaper to be called the crank. It is proper to define a crank as a person who differs in his opinions or conduct from the majority of other persons. We need to say that a short-haired woman or a long-haired man was a crank. There are cranks in religion and in politics and in style. Some men talk, but don't do, and don't do that way. I know a man who was called a crank, yet made a fortune in business. A great many of the wise men of the world have been regarded as cranks. Some people are cranky at one time, but not at another. Few men are cranks before thirty or after fifty. A crank may know a good deal. Few of the men who are looked on as cranks ever get to the mad house, and that is a fact."

A Good Word for Cranks. It is by no means the worst thing in the world to be called a crank. I find as I prowl up and down through the earth that wherever I meet a man with sufficient individuality to take a stout stand against impurity and shams of every kind, too honest to get rich by underhanded methods and too brave to be a cowardly conformist, he is called a crank. Wherever a woman is found who thinks more of her brain than of the hat that surmounts it, she is a crank. Wherever a man is found who honestly believes life holds better things for him than to become a dancing popinjay and a social success by reason of fine clothes and society manners, who would rather wear a shabby, shabby coat and an unfashionable hat, and thus gain the means to cultivate his mind and enlarge his soul, he is a crank. Wherever a young girl is found who laughs at fashion and wears a gown to please herself, rather than to conform to a passing vogue, who stands by a friend at the risk of becoming unpopular, and who is a law unto herself by the dictates of her own pure, sweet, womanly heart, she is a crank. Discoverers are cranks. Philanthropists and sets are cranks. Christophs and Columbus was a crank, and yet Chicago. After four hundred years, is a gown to please herself, rather than to conform to a passing vogue, who stands by a friend at the risk of becoming unpopular, and who is a law unto herself by the dictates of her own pure, sweet, womanly heart, she is a crank. Discoverers are cranks. Philanthropists and sets are cranks. Christophs and Columbus was a crank, and yet Chicago. 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