

The Farmers' Alliance, Published Every Saturday by THE ALLIANCE PUBLISHING CO.

Editor J. M. THOMPSON, Business Manager J. BURROWS. In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea...

"Laurel crowns cleave to deserts, And power to him who power exerts." "A ruddy drop of manly blood The surging sea outweighs."

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THE LEADING INDEPENDENT PAPER IN THE STATE. ENLARGED AND IMPROVED.

J. BURROWS, Editor. J. M. THOMPSON, Business Manager.

W. B. G. sent our readers this week with THE ALLIANCE enlarged to nearly double its former size.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes THE ALLIANCE one year and Looking Backward post paid.

TRANSPORTATION TO CINCINNATI. All the Western Passenger Associations have refused to make any special rates from Missouri river points to Cincinnati.

This is the latest information we have. The Monon ticket offices are at Dearborn street station and at 73 Clark street, Chicago.

F. S. - As we go to press we receive the following dispatch from Hon. Allen Root:

OMAHA, May 6, 1891. J. M. THOMPSON, Lincoln: Rates one fare for round trip from Omaha by Wabash.

It appears that Bro. Root has been able to accomplish at Omaha more than the committees at other points.

TO NEBRASKA DELEGATES TO CINCINNATI. All delegates from Nebraska to the Cincinnati Conference are requested to meet at the Burnett house in Cincinnati Monday, May 18, at 8 o'clock P. M.

JOHN H. POWERS, Pres't Neb. State Alliance. J. BURROWS, Ch'n State Ex. Com.

ANOTHER INDEPENDENT PAPER. Vol. 1 No. 1 of the Independent Union of Gering, Scotts Bluff county, reaches us this week.

A GOOD LETTER. We noticed a good letter in the Live Stock Indicator, of Kansas City, written by Bro. John Williams, of Tecumseh.

IF THE ALLIANCE AND ALLIANCE OFFICERS of neighboring states would profit by the example of Nebraska, and attend strictly to Alliance work, letting all outside speculations alone...

HON. JOHN M. THAYER RE-INSTATED AS GOVERNOR.

Shamus O'Byde Vamooses the Ranch.

On Tuesday afternoon the Supreme court gave out its opinion in the quo warranto suit to test the question of Mr. Boyd's citizenship.

Gov. Thayer resumes his office absolutely untrammelled. He is of necessity more of an independent to-day than he is a republican; and yet it cannot be doubted that he will be true to what he considers his obligations to his party.

As for the Supreme court, every member of it knew months ago that Boyd was not legally governor. The opinion handed out Tuesday could have been written twenty-four hours after the suit was brought as well as at the present time.

As for Mr. Boyd, we cheerfully bid him a more or less affectionate farewell. He was an unexpected and calamitous accident. Had he retained his position the writer and the others who were instrumental in causing his election by their instigation of the third party movement would have deserved no other purgatory than the memory of that mistake.

Do we ever think that what we are to-day, and what the world is to-day, is the result of four thousand years of recorded history? Of four thousand years of toil and study, and war, and strife for empire? Have we ever surveyed the whole field of the world's history, and learned what a uniform unbroken ocean of shifting waves ever seeking the same level it presents to us?

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has been lost to the modern world. The Christianity of Christ is becoming extinct, and belief getting to be only a pretence. The thirst of dominion that has always animated mankind is still in every heart, but it has taken the form of greed. Production so absorbs the genius and energies of men that the producer has no time or place left to him.

Of what value is all our study of the past unless we make practical applications of the lessons to be learned from it? Another of these is the continuity of human existence. The man of to-day should be the sum of all the men that have preceded him.

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We have received from a correspondent at Wahoo, a clipping of an article from the Arapahoe Pioneer, signed "A. J. Sexson," which our correspondent desires us to answer. We have been unable to notice this as promptly as our friend desired.

Not having seen the former article alluded to by Mr. Sexson, we do not fully understand the origin of the article. This is hardly necessary. One fact stated by Mr. S. is undeniable, viz: That at times after the convening of the legislature men in the western part of this state could not borrow money on any terms, even on unincumbered farms.

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and energy. Men who realize just what this fight means. Who know that if we fail this time we are lost forever. Corporate power is growing stronger every year. If we cannot get justice now, what hope have we for the next year, or the next? Now is the time for concentrated, vigorous effort. Let us commence to organize. County officers and a supreme judge (the most important office in the state) are to be elected this fall, and a President in '92. Are not the thoughts of victory inspiring enough to start the blood thrilling through the veins of the most sluggish? If the independent stand by their guns for the next two years, the great struggle between capital and labor will be over. Each will be accorded their rights, and the reign of tyranny and oppression will be at an end. Don't you want to be in the fight? -Leader.

THE HASTINGS CONFERENCE. The Ragan conference of democrats at Hastings proved quite as disastrous as the Leese-Harlan conference of May last was to the republicans. Boyd's friends tried to pack the meeting so to secure an endorsement for his Hibernian excellency, but signally failed. They succeeded, however, by the use of railroad passes and official patronage in securing enough cappers to sidetrack the main issue, the veto, and to adopt a set of resolutions that were merely negative in their character, saying neither one thing nor the other.

Probably there was never a governor before in any state who could not rally more than fifty henchmen to vindicate his honor against an attack in his own party. But Boyd is as low as that. Some persons think that there will be a Boyd and anti-Boyd democracy. This is a mistake. There will be no more democracy to speak of in Nebraska for a long time to come. Shamus O'Byde has achieved the distinction of wiping out a party with 75,000 votes in less than three months.

ANOTHER RECRUIT. The Platte county Sentinel, A. L. Bixby, editor, has come into the Independent fold. We welcome all such accessions. Mr. Bixby has won a reputation for ability and honesty. Such men find it difficult to keep away from the independents. He says:

"Believing that the time is ripe for labor to organize for its own protection and for a bloodless revolution against legalized highway robbery, the Sentinel steps into the Independent ranks, to vote and work, as our forefathers shot, for liberty and a fair deal. And it takes occasion to assure its readers that the bridges behind it are burned and retreat is impossible."

STATE ALLIANCE DUES. We have received the following resolution in regard to state dues:

WHEREAS, The quarterly dues to the State Alliance are large enough to cause considerable accumulation in the state treasury, and

Resolved, That we the members of Harmony Alliance, No. 1044, petition the State Alliance to reduce quarterly dues to five cents per quarter for each male member.

We will state that our friends are in error about the accumulation of money at this time. No such accumulation is taking place. It must not be forgotten that in a large portion of the state all dues have been remitted entirely, on account of crop failure. The present officers of the State Alliance are opposed to any undue accumulation of money. No such accumulation will take place during the present year.

SENATOR STEVENS' LETTER. As to the complaint of our friend Senator Stevens at the publication of the resolutions of Beehive Alliance in our issue of March 28, we will say that we were then ill, and had nothing to do with the matter. We never read the resolutions until Senator Stevens called our attention to them. We will also add that we do not expect to be held responsible for all opinions expressed in resolutions. Of course the drawer of these resolutions was greatly mistaken about Senator Stevens' bill, and the mistake was so apparent as to hardly deserve notice.

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FROM SENATOR STEVENS, CRITICIZING BEEHIVE ALLIANCE. NORTH PLATTE, Neb., April 29, 1891.

EDITOR ALLIANCE: I notice to-day in your issue of March 28, a series of preambles and resolutions adopted by Beehive Alliance, No. 425, of Lancaster county, on March 14, 1891, a part of which reads as follows:

"WHEREAS, There has been a bill presented known as the Stevens' bill to defeat the Newberry bill, etc., etc. The above has reference to the maximum freight bills, the one as introduced in the Senate by myself, and the other by Mr. Newberry in the House. I am much surprised that a subordinate Alliance within eight perhaps of the capital of the state, and presumably composed of a large and intelligent membership could by a 'unanimously passed,' make such a charge and then add in suit to injury by addressing the Senate as an 'Honorable body.' I am still more surprised Mr. Editor, that you would publish such a false statement as this without a word of comment, when you know, and the Beehive Alliance people ought to know that nothing could be farther from the truth. Senate File No. 85, a maximum freight bill introduced by me, was not introduced to defeat the Newberry or any other bill; but on the contrary was introduced in good faith and met the hearty support of several of the best men in the Senate; and had it become a law it would not have met the veto of Governor Boyd, as I verily believe. This bill would have passed the Senate when first reported back from the committee, but when it was placed upon general file, the discovery was made that a re-egrossment was necessary and by the time this could be done it was very apparent that such influences had been at work among certain members of the Senate as to render its passage very doubtful. And in my opinion if these Beehive Alliance people had cared to know the real true state of the situation at that critical period, and instead of spending their time in formulating such a resolution, had come down to the very seat of war and made some investigation as to the facts in the matter, they could have received much more insight relative to the true inwardness of the matter by listening to Senator Beck's cut and dried resolution which in effect negated the conference action of a few evenings previous and threatened very seriously the bill's passage. And not desiring to jeopardize all legislation upon this subject, acting upon my own judgment, and without consultation with any man, I moved a recommitment to the committee of the whole of Senate File 85 for two distinct purposes—first, to give the Newberry bill a clear track, and second, in case it failed to become a law, to secure if possible the passage of my own bill. Now, in conclusion it seems to me that these Beehive people if they desire to be fair, might find it profitable at their next meeting to adopt a resolution declaring that they did not know just what they were whereasing and resolving about."

Respectfully, J. K. STEVENS, Senator 30th district.

THE OMAHA MAFFIA.

J. C. Wilcox, formerly publisher of the Daily Republican, says: "I have seen many denunciations of the Mafia of New Orleans. But the Omaha Mafia is as much meaner, and as much dirtier, and as much more detestable, and as much more damnable than the Mafia of New Orleans as hell is worse than purgatory." Well, Mr. Wilcox, ought to know. And he classes Rosewater and Hitchcock as leaders of that Mafia.

THE STATE JOURNAL AND GOV. THAYER.

For low-down hypocrisy the Journal takes the bakery. It comes out now with a fulsome, fawning article on the re-instatement of Gov. Thayer, praising and flattering the Governor to the skies. The Governor will probably not forget that this same monopoly organ sustained the demorepub combine by which he was deprived of his rights, and was a most abject lick-spittle to the pretender Boyd.

At its meeting at Grand Island the State Alliance authorized the formation of a Mutual Insurance Company. The law was against it. At the last session a new law favorable to such companies was secured. Mr. J. Y. M. Swigart has been appointed chairman of the Insurance committee of Lancaster county Alliance, and will now push the work. We consider Mr. Swigart competent to do this work, as well as an honest Alliance man.

De facto yesterday—de facto today. All over the state it is now being said that the place Boyd has been ejected from honestly belongs to Honest John Powers.

We received a pleasant call from Bro. D. H. Deeden of Otoe county, a few days ago. Mr. Deeden is an enthusiastic Alliance man. He reports Otoe county as all right in the future, and says the democrats are demoralized.

The Sunday Bee says, "The Bee has never been a booster." Well, well! But come to think of it, Rosy isn't the Bee, is he? When there's any special boasting to be done, he signs his name as D.

W. E. Hadden, of the Kearney Courier, made a pleasant call at our office a few days ago. Mr. Hadden is an enterprising newspaper man, and a staunch old-time independent, not one of the new-fangled sort who came in when plums were ripe. May his shadow never grow less.

When answering advertisements mention THE FARMERS' ALLIANCE.

The New Mutual Insurance Law. Section 1. That any number of persons, not less than twenty, residing in this state, who collectively shall own property of not less than twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) in value, which they desire to have insured, may form an incorporated company for the purpose of mutual insurance against loss by fire, lightning or tornado.

Sec. 2. Such persons shall file with the auditor of public accounts a declaration of their intention to form a company, for the purposes expressed in the preceding section, which declaration shall be signed by at least twenty of the incorporators, and shall contain a copy of the charter proposed to be adopted by them. Such charter shall set forth the name of the corporation, the name of the city, town or village in which the business office of such company is to be located, and the intended duration of the company, and shall also set forth in conformity to this act, a set of by-laws to be adopted by the company, which shall be in conformity with the constitution of this state, the auditor shall thereupon deliver to such persons a certified copy of the charter, which on being filed in the office of the county clerk of the county where the office of such company is to be located, shall be their authority to organize and commence business. Such certified copy of the charter may be used in evidence for or against said company with the same effect as the original.

Sec. 3. The number of directors shall not exceed thirty, a majority of whom shall constitute a quorum to do business, to be elected from the members by ballot, and they shall hold their offices until their successors are elected and qualified.

Sec. 4. The policy holders shall elect from among themselves a president and treasurer, and shall also elect a secretary, who may or may not be a member of the company, all of whom shall hold their offices for one year, and until their successors are elected and qualified.

Sec. 5. The treasurer and secretary shall give bonds to the company for the faithful performance of their duties, in such amounts as shall be prescribed by the board of directors.

Sec. 6. Such corporation and its directors shall possess the usual powers and be subject to the usual duties of corporations and directors thereof, and may make and alter their by-laws, subject to the provisions of this act, as may be deemed necessary for the management of its affairs in accordance with the provisions of this act, and may prescribe the duties of its officers and amend its by-laws when necessary.

Sec. 7. Any person owning property in the territory for which any such company is formed, under such restrictions and qualifications as the by-laws may prescribe, may become a member of such company by insuring therein, and shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges appertaining thereto.

Sec. 8. Such companies may issue policies only on detached farm dwellings, barns, (except livery, boarding and hotel barns), and other farm buildings and such property as may properly be obtained therein; and also upon horses, mules, cattle, sheep, hogs, and against damage by fire, lightning or tornado for any length of time, but not to extend beyond the limit and duration of the charter, and for any amount the company may deem safe on any case risk, nor shall any property be insured for more than two-thirds of its actual value. All persons so insured shall give their obligation to the company, in a written or printed application, binding themselves, their heirs and assigns to pay their pro rata share of the company of the necessary expenses and of all losses by fire, lightning or tornado which may be sustained by any member thereof during the time for which their respective policies are written and they continue members of the company, and they may sue the company for the amount of the insurance paid, and such other charges as may be required by the rules and by-laws of the company. Provided, that any company formed under the provisions of this act may in its by-laws limit the percentage of the charter and its members.

Sec. 9. Any such company may designate the property insured therein at the time of issuing policies thereon under different rates corresponding as nearly as may be to the greater or less risk from fire, lightning or tornado which may attach to such building or personal property insured, and shall be liable for more than two-thirds of its actual value. All persons so insured shall give their obligation to the company, in a written or printed application, binding themselves, their heirs and assigns to pay their pro rata share of the company of the necessary expenses and of all losses by fire, lightning or tornado which may be sustained by any member thereof during the time for which their respective policies are written and they continue members of the company, and they may sue the company for the amount of the insurance paid, and such other charges as may be required by the rules and by-laws of the company. Provided, that any company formed under the provisions of this act may in its by-laws limit the percentage of the charter and its members.

Sec. 10. No such company shall insure any property beyond the limits of the territory, nor shall it insure any property within the limit of any city or village.

Sec. 11. Every member of such company who may sustain loss or damage by fire, lightning or tornado shall immediately notify the secretary thereof stating the amount of damage or loss claimed, and the person or persons authorized by the by-laws of such company to adjust losses shall proceed to ascertain the amount of such loss or damage and adjust the same. There shall be a failure of the parties to agree upon the amount of such damage or loss the same shall be submitted to three persons as a committee of reference, one of whom shall be selected by the claimant, one by the company, and the third by such two persons, and the committee to a faithful and impartial investigation and award, and who shall have authority to examine witnesses and to determine all matters in dispute, and shall make their award in writing to the secretary of the company, and such award shall be final. The amount of such damage or loss shall be paid by the company per day for each day's service so rendered in the discharge of their duties, which shall be paid by the claimant, and the award of said committee shall exceed the sum offered by the company in liquidation of such loss or damage, in which case said expenses shall be paid by the company.

Sec. 12. Whenever the amount of any loss shall have been ascertained which exceeds in amount the cash funds of the company, the secretary shall make an assessment upon all the property insured by the company, and the amount of such assessment may be provided in its by-laws for making assessments at stated intervals only, and may also provide that assessments shall be made by the board of directors.

Sec. 13. It shall be the duty of the secretary whenever such assessment shall have been made, to immediately notify every person composing such company personally, or by a letter sent to his usual postoffice address, of the amount of such loss, of the sum due from him as his share thereof, and of the time and to whom such payment is to be made; but such time shall be not less than twenty nor more than forty days, from the date of such notice.

Sec. 14. Suits at law may be brought against any member of such company, who shall neglect or refuse to pay any assessment made upon him, or her, by the provisions of this act, or who shall neglect or refuse to perform the duties imposed upon them by the provisions of this act, shall be liable in their individual capacity to the persons sustaining such loss, but no suit shall be brought and maintained against any such company