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THE WAREHOUSE BILL. The Omaha Bee has for a long time been making a great hullabaloo about the new warehouse bill; the great advantages which it will give Nebraska farmers, and the grain center it will create at Omaha.

The law enacts that all elevators and storehouses where grain or other property is stored for a compensation shall be public warehouses. It makes the board of transportation ex officio a board of warehouse commissioners, and gives it execution of the law.

If the law is generally adopted throughout the state its expense will be enormous. There will be a vast army of inspectors which will have to be paid by the producers of the grain stored, added to the storage charges.

The one sole advantage to compensate for this enormous expense will be the fact that the farmers can secure warehouse receipts for grain stored, which will be better security for loans than the grain would be in the hands of the farmer.

The pregnant fact in connection with this business, and which seems to have escaped the Bee's notice, is that exporting grain, or any other raw product, does not pay, and that the man who makes it his principal business is on the way to the poor house.

When the new warehouse bill makes Omaha a great grain center we trust the Bee will advise us.

SHALL WE ANNEX CANADA? The above query would be deemed the height of impudence by a patriotic Canadian; but the recent death of Sir John McDonald has brought the subject again before the people.

It will never be possible to absorb or annex Canada in the same way that we have secured any other accession of territory. And yet we believe it might be absolutely annexed, captured, so to speak. It is purely a commercial question, and the capture must be accomplished by commercial methods.

THE SILVER QUESTION. We invite attention to a very able and exhaustive article on the silver question on the inside of this paper, by Senator W. M. Stewart.

"KEEP OFF THE GRASS." By whose authority and under what law, are those contemptible little signs, "Keep Off the Grass," posted about the capital grounds? Who owns the capital grounds, anyway? Isn't it the people of Nebraska? Is there any law to compel the nursemaids and the babies who need the pure fresh air to "keep off the grass"—to keep on the hot flag-stones which in their roughness and ill-trimmed edges and cavernous washouts speak so eloquently of the "get there" qualities of ex-Boss Stout?

There is no doubt that Canada could easily be annexed were it not for the Chinese wall of McKinleyism that would put artificial legal barriers between nations. Bridging rivers, tunneling mountains, lessening the time of ocean navigation, are considered the greatest achievements of science, because they remove the natural obstructions to trade and intercourse between nations; but artificial barriers equally as formidable are substituted, and applauded by great masses of people.

SUDDEN DEATH OF HON. J. B. ARCHIBALD. The Lincoln public was shocked Saturday to hear of the sudden death of Hon. J. Burrows Archibald, a leading attorney and member of the council of this city.

Mr. Archibald had the misfortune some time since to rupture a blood-vessel in one of his legs which caused him so much inconvenience that he submitted to a surgical operation. Blood-poisoning ensued and caused his death at a time when his friends were expecting him to be out in a few days.

Mr. Archibald began the study of law at an early age, and achieved an enviable position at the bar and on the bench at his home in New York. Four years ago he came to Lincoln, and by his industry and upright character had gained the same kind of a place in the community here which he relinquished in New York.

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The General Situation Among the Alliances. BY HON. J. H. POWERS. EDITOR FARMERS' ALLIANCE—My Dear Friend: Having just returned from an extended trip through some of the great central states, it might be interesting to your readers to hear some account of it.

As you know, I was the Nebraska member of the committee on platform and resolutions in the Cincinnati conference, and although the results of the labors of that committee are before the public, there are many false impressions circulated in regard to what transpired in our meetings.

The only acrimonious feelings that were manifested were by outsiders, or between them and some members of the committee. And another fact which is greatly misapprehended is that not one of either of the outsiders expressed himself as in favor of remaining with either of the old parties if they continued to oppose the principles of reform as held in common by industrial organizations and expressed in our report.

The feeling in the Farmers' Alliances in Ohio is encouraging, and although the state is not as thoroughly organized as Nebraska and Kansas, and some confusion has arisen by the persistent efforts of southern organizers to establish the F. A. & L. U. in the state, yet I think all the industrial organizations in Ohio will be prepared to unite for political action in 1892 if not this year, and I believe that emancipation from political slavery is soon to be an accomplished fact in that grand old state.

From Ohio I went to Detroit, and although I had other business that required my attention, I took occasion to ascertain as far as possible the feeling of the great religious assembly in regard to the questions of political reform as advocated by the Alliance. I was very much gratified to find that these questions were not only engaging the attention, but receiving the cordial support of both the lay and clerical commissioners from all parts of the country.

Michigan is largely organized by the Patrons of Industry, which is a society intended to include the laborers of both the city and country, and although advocating essentially the same principles as the Farmers' Alliance, has, as yet, as I am informed, failed to adopt any educational features which constitute the foundation for the great reformatory influence of that society.

The Alliances in Michigan, as I was informed by National Lecturer Lawrence, who has recently visited that state, are principally located in the western part along the shore of Lake Michigan. They are reported as being in good working order, and with fair prospects for expansion and growth.

On the 31st of June, I visited Columbia City, Indiana, and met with the officers of the State Alliance. Arrangements were made for a systematic organization of the state on the plan which has proved so successful in Nebraska.

On the next day I addressed a meeting of the Alliance at the opera house composed principally of delegates from the Alliances in the district. After the public address I initiated the representatives of the several Alliances into the mysteries of the secret work which is being adopted as rapidly as possible in the state.