

LABOR NOTES.

By Amos H. Bigelow, Secretary of the State Assembly, Knights of Labor.

Dakota county is organizing for the fight and means business, too.

A large party of Sioux City Knights came across the Missouri to attend the organization of a local assembly at South Sioux City, on Wednesday of last week.

Evidence still multiplies that the condition of the town and city laborer is worse than at any time for the past 25 years. There is not a town or city in Nebraska that can furnish its own laborers with work sufficient to purchase the bare necessities of life.

Certain cappers of Norfolk connected with the beet-sugar fiasco are bending every energy to the destruction of the Knights of Labor organization in that city. They have succeeded so well that the third annual assembly of the order was instituted this week with a large membership.

The Knights of Labor of Long Pine joined with the Alliance of that vicinity in the largest Independence day celebration ever held in that part of the state. It was estimated that 8000 people were in attendance.

Merchants of Norfolk are complaining of the policy of the sugar beet men in importing laborers instead of hiring those who live in their city. They claim that if some laborers were employed the money expended would be spent in their stores, while those who come from other towns carry it away with them.

The associated press is not yet through with its series of falsehoods concerning the Knights of Labor of Norfolk and the Indian boys which were hired to weed sugar beets. The reports thus far sent out are absolutely without a vestige of truth. Never have the Knights protested against the hiring of the Indian boys as aliens, but they did protest, and earnestly too, against Superintendent Backus' charges to come into Norfolk, displace home labor, and force down the price of weeding beets from \$1.50 to 75cts and \$1.00 per day.

Also remember the lesson of the greenback party, that is stick to your convictions, and select men who went into it at the first did not stick, and that the vote the following years was cast by new recruits to its faith, and that had all stuck together, the country would not now be in the condition it is in. So see to it that you select Mr. Edgerton, or whoever you select, for supreme judge may be in Nebraska, by a rousing majority over all parties, and by so doing discredit the lies in the capitalist press to the effect that the western states have repudiated the movement.

Timely Texts for Fearless Pulpits. "Hear this, O ye that swallow up the needy, even to make the poor of the land to fall."—Amos, 8:4.

"No extortioner shall inherit the kingdom of God."—1 Cor. 6:10.

"He that oppresseth the poor reproacheth his Maker."—Prov. 13:31.

"Thou shalt not covet."—Exodus 20:17; Deut. 5:21.

"Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor; he also shall cry himself and shall not be heard."—Addressed to ministers and churches.—Ezek. 21:13.

"Who to him that coveteth an evil covetousness to his house, that he may set his nest on high, that he may be delivered from the power of evil?"—Hab. akkuk 2:9.

"Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the bands of the yoke, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?"—Isaiah 58:6.

"He that oppresseth the poor to increase his riches, shall surely come to want."—Prov. 22:16. N. H. B. Peoria, July 2.

Resolutions. Resolutions passed by Lancaster Co. Farmers' Alliance in session July 10th, 1891.

1st. The industrial system of a nation as well as its political system ought to be a government of the people, by the people and for the people.

2nd. When in the course of business consolidations in the form of trusts or private syndicates, it becomes evident that any branch of commerce is used for the behoof and profit of a few men at the expense of the general public, we believe that the people should assume charge of such commerce through their national, state or municipal administrations.

3rd. Resolved, That the Lancaster Farmers' Alliance hereby request the FARMERS' ALLIANCE and the Independent of Lincoln to publish resolutions one and two, and request all the Subordinate Alliances, Knights of Labor and Citizens' Alliance assemblies of the state to take action as soon as possible upon said resolutions adopted by this Alliance, and also request all the reform papers of the state to publish the same, calling the attention of the people to instant action.

W. W. KERLIN, Sec'y Lancaster Co. Alliance.

Another Bright Letter From Our Ohio Correspondent.

MIDDLETOWN, Ohio, July 8, 1891. EDITOR FARMERS' ALLIANCE.—DEAR Sir,—Believing that good news is always acceptable, and that the members of the people's party in the west are interested in the progress and successes of their brothers of the east, I write to say the prospects for success in Kentucky are exceptionally good.

Hundred of speakers are going into Kentucky to preach the new doctrine, and the campaign will be the hottest ever fought there.

The people's party is well organized there, and has a splendid standard bearer in the person of W. W. Erwin, who has for years championed the cause of the people against the plutocrats, and he should be elected governor, as the democratic nominee is the avowed tool of the corporations.

SCIENCE AND PROGRESS.

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