

A GOOD LETTER FROM SENATOR V. HORN.

Good Work in Ohio.

PHILLIPS, Neb., July 27th, 1891. EDITOR FARMERS' ALLIANCE: Once more at home and glad to be on Nebraska soil. I think it is the finest soil I ever struck and the most productive.

I traveled through Iowa, Missouri, Indiana and Ohio. I found Indiana had a very poor prospect for corn and oats on account of the wet weather in early spring. Then it turned dry so they could not put their corn in in good season. The same way in Ohio. The oats crop is almost a failure in the part I was in (central Ohio). Rye is very good. The winter wheat was injured by a green bug that worked in the head and survived the grain. Now when I came back to Nebraska I found the crops looking much better than any other state I was in, and I felt happy when I arrived home. When I left Ohio the oats were headed out about knee high. When I struck Nebraska oats was as high as my shoulders and head in some places.

Now in reference to the Alliance of people's move. It had just been started and they were forming open Alliances. Now I went to work for the secret work, and sent to Columbus for an organizer. Will say that I visited, and made a good many speeches. Could not fill all the calls on account of my wife's sickness. (She will not elect Kinley if the laboring people do their duty.)

When I went there my three brothers were my political enemies, when I came away they were willing to join the Alliance. Every one admits that there is something wrong and they are in for bringing the right through the ballot box.

Now, Mr. Editor, our work is not in vain, for it seems the people are waking up all over the United States. If we keep the ball rolling we can elect an Independent President. Then the people will reign in justice. The sun will be with us and around us. Why? Because the Lord reigneth. Yours Fraternally, SENATOR V. HORN.

Jay Gould Also a Coal King.

John A. Cockerill says in the New York World: Railroads and telegraphs are supposed to be Gould's fancies; as a matter of fact, however, statistics show that he is a great American coal king. Mr. Gould has never cared to be known as the boss of the coal trade, yet such, beyond a doubt, he is. What a sequel that would have been to the attempts of a certain dashing promoter to get Mr. Gould to go into the ice business, if the effort had been found a success. The same little man, so nervous that he can't sleep without drinking warm milk, hating certain people with an absolute detestation and physical abhorrence, loving few, if any, outside of those of his own family, holding the telegraphs of this country absolutely by right of ownership and control, making himself master of our births and deaths, and joys and sorrows, controlling intercontinental transportation and interstate commerce, so that a man may travel anywhere by rail without leaving the Gould system, absolutely dictating the quantity and quality of the coal which we burn, and what's more to the point, the price we will pay for it,—this same man would, in that event, boss the cooling of our champagne, the frozen delights of our juleps, the preservation of our food, and even the meagre fragments of frozen solace which are laid to the brow of the midsummer sufferer! A little more reaching out, a little more absorption, a little more affiliation, and such a man would be the king of the United States in a far truer sense than most crowned sovereigns abroad govern.

The records show that Jay Gould owns more coal land than any other American citizen. The names in which he owns it are those of the Missouri Pacific railroad, Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad, Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad, Delaware & Lackawanna railway, Union Pacific coal company, and Rich Hill coal company. All the coal lands in the Indian Territory are said to belong to Mr. Gould.

A Bit of Judicial History

The theory of development by evolution applies to judicial history as much as to botany and zoology. A French savant tells us that wheat was developed by the toil of man from a wild grass indigenous to Egypt and other countries about the Mediterranean. Charles Darwin claimed that man was evolved from a quadrumanous resembling in structure the Chimpanzee and Gorilla. "There lived an Ape in the days that were earlier; Centuries passed and his hair grew curlier; Centuries more gave a thumb to his wrist; Then he was a man and a positivist."

But in these days of telegraphs and telephones we do not move with such snail like pace. I would not speak of dignities: "Thou shalt not curse the prince of thy people," is a divine command. But I deem it legitimate to discuss the judicial history of our state, and show by what rapid strides our little republic is moving towards the condition of judicial despotism. I say this with due respect to the personnel of the judges. No one has a more profound regard than myself for the integrity, industry and personal honor of any of the noblest of our judges. But a contemptuous habit of adopting one line of thought and one method of reasoning becomes second nature, and when pursued without interruption the mind, however powerful, becomes a mere wheel in the groove.

Let us enter into details: In the case of Kane vs. The People, 4th Neb., 509, our supreme court decided that the right to try contested elections was not vested exclusively in the tribunals established by the legislature; but was inherent in the supreme and district courts as a matter of common law jurisdiction. This was a departure from the rule laid down in Ohio. This precedent, established by our court, was followed in Valentine's case, reported in the 20th Neb., 161, and has been followed ever since. "Thus ended the first lesson."

Having monopolized all judicial functions, the next blow was made at the executive department, in the case of the State against Thayer, 47 Northwestern reporter, 704, in which the supreme court held it had power to coerce a governor.

But for that decision Thomas Benton's lawyers would never have had the courage to apply for the writ in the case of the state against Elder, 47 Northwestern reporter, 710. In Elder's case our supreme court virtually held that it could enforce the legislative branch of the state government, and no amount of

sophistry will gain the stubborn historical fact. The celebrated extra judicial decision, made a few days thereafter, was a logical sequence of Elder's case. See Northwestern Reporter, 923. In case of State against Boyd, the supreme court, in the writer's humble judgment, usurped a function vested by the state constitution in the legislature. To wit: The right to try a gubernatorial contest. Waving, for the sake, the justice of the decision upon the merits, I do not believe any court save the joint convention of the two houses of the legislature had any jurisdiction to try the case. The supreme court of Ohio has so held in State vs. Mariow, 15 Ohio St., 114.

Looking over the decisions and observing their tendency, is it not time to call a halt?

WILBUR F. BRYANT. Alliance Pic-Nic at Nelson.

NELSON, Neb., Aug. 10, 1891. EDITOR ALLIANCE:—The Alliance men and K. of L. with their wives and friends, held their annual harvest home picnic in the beautiful grove on the bank of the Elk, one-half mile south of Nelson, on Saturday the 8th ult. It is well known the way the Alliances of Nuckolls county manage such affairs.

This one has been a grand success, notwithstanding the lying syndicate press that the Alliance is falling to pieces. They would be only too glad to have it so. Early in the morning horsemen and wagon loads of people began to arrive in town, by ten o'clock large delegations formed in line, marched through the principal streets of the village. The procession was over four miles long with a crowd of nearly 4,000 people. Beautiful intelligent women, pretty girls and lovely flowers gave an added charm to the scene, while sweet music from hand and glee club vied through the woods in most beautiful strains.

The audience was called to order by President G. W. Bradley. A song by the glee club. A short address of welcome by R. D. Sutherland, after prayer by Chaplain H. H. Williams. The large crowd sang the national anthem, and dinner prepared by the farmers' wives and daughters, of whom none knew better how to tempt the fastidious appetite than they of Nuckolls county.

The speech by state lecturer, O. Hull, was a scathing rebuke to our servants during the last thirty years in their conspiracies to rob and defraud the people. Other speeches by Senator Dysart and Stanford. The one by C. Polhemus merited great praise. He a young man, and editor of the Alliance Herald, Nuckolls county, official organ at Nelson.

The repeated cheers of the assemblage making the forest ring, told that the people have arrived at the conclusion that they owe more to "Katie and the babies" than to the political bosses that call themselves "the party."

Almost as large a crowd were present as ever before at this popular resort. The Alliance men have spoken with no uncertain sound. The mean business. JOHN H. HUNT.

G. A. R. Reunion at Ord.

The Fifth Annual Reunion of the Central Nebraska Veteran Association will be held at Ord, Nebraska, from August 25 to 28 inclusive. Great preparations are being made to entertain the old boys, their families and their friends in the best possible manner. Speakers of national reputation will be in attendance to help brighten the campfires. The association cordially invites your attendance, and promises to entertain you well. The district embraces the following counties: Valley, Custer, Howard, Greeley, Wheeler, Blaine, Garfield, Sherman, Washburn, Madison, Antelope, Boone, Hall, Merrick, Buffalo, Sheridan, McPherson, Logan, Box Butte, Cherry, Thomas.

Resolutions of Condolence.

WHEREAS, Our brother, Joseph Krebeck has been bereaved of his wife, be it Resolved, by the Jefferson county Alliance, that we offer our condolence to our brother and his family in their bereavement; and be it further Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be presented to our brother and to each of the county papers and to THE FARMERS' ALLIANCE.

J. D. BOUER, A. C. AMES, A. B. KIRK, Committee.

Mr. Atkinson's Theory and the Facts About it.

Mr. Edward Atkinson, in one of his recent letters to the Boston Transcript, in defense of the abominable sweating system now being unearthed in this community, makes the following extraordinary statement:

"When business is dull employers keep the best workmen and the best working women, because those who earn the highest wages for themselves also work at the lowest cost for their employers. Effective working men and women, who put some conscience into their work, and who do it well, are substantially sure of full employment at the highest rate of wages which the sale of the product on which they work will permit the employers to pay."

Mr. Atkinson must gauge the intelligence of readers pretty low, to whom he presents such a statement as this. The truth is notoriously the precise reverse of his assertion. When business is dull, or for any reason capital desires to reduce expenses, it is usually the best workmen who have to go. The poorer and cheaper the workman the more secure he is of his job, because he cannot be underbid. Not able to find in America workingmen who are yet willing to live on little enough, the capitalists of the United States have imported hundreds of thousands of Italians, Slavs, Hungarians and Poles to take their places. They are grossly ignorant, do not know the language even, but they are cheap, and that settles it. In the factories, meanwhile, the women having crowded out the men, the children, being yet cheaper, are crowding out the women. Adult workers have difficulty in getting work in our Massachusetts cotton mills, but there is always plenty of work for the little children.

Not merely in manufacturing but in commercial business, this replacement of men by women, because, while less efficient, they are proportionately cheaper, is going on at the same alarming rate. To make a profit by supplanting the American by a foreigner is to increase that profit by supplanting male workers with women workers, to add to it by employing children instead of women, and finally to supplant the children with a machine, is the policy of the American employer. It is getting to be sadly true that intelligence and character are less important qualifications for a workman in search of a job than a small appetite and a knack for living on nothing.

We would recommend Mr. Atkinson, before he writes any more on labor questions, to subscribe to some good paper, and diligently read up on the condition of the laboring condition of the United States.—New Nation.

SCIENCE AND PROGRESS.

SOME NEW DISCOVERIES OF THIS PROGRESSIVE AGE.

A Steamer for a Five Day's Transatlantic Passage.—The Commercial Value of the Investigator—A New Method of Extracting Aluminum.

A Steamer for a Five Days' Transatlantic Passage.

There has been placed on view in the Royal Naval Exhibition a beautifully finished model of a vessel designed by Messrs. James and George Thomson Limited, Clydebank, Glasgow, guaranteed to steam at the rate of 23 1/2 knots an hour, which will enable the vessel to cross the Atlantic within five days. In view of the divergence of opinion as to the details of such a fast vessel, Messrs. Thomson are naturally unwilling to give everyone the benefit of their great and successful experience in the designing and constructing of modern Atlantic steamers, so that the dimensions, &c., are not indicated. We understand, however, that the vessel is about 630ft., long by 70ft., beam. The hulls are very fine forward, and there is a "sweetness" aft which even exceeds the beauty of the City of Paris. The floor is flat, with a scarcely perceptible rise from keel to bilge. Unlike the City of Paris, the new vessel will have a straight stem, but she will have the same large area balanced rudder and twin screws. These are 22ft., or 23ft., in diameter, and they are well supported. There are four funnels, and about 200 ft. of the length of the ship is left for the boilers and bunkers. The engine is a triple compound with four cylinders working four cranks. They will probably indicate 33,000 indicated horse power. Accommodation is provided for 500 first and 300 second class passengers and about 400 emigrants, and all the arrangements worked out in the plans are far ahead, as far as regards luxury and comfort, of anything yet produced. The plating of the ship is carried up to the promenade deck which runs from end to end, and a width of about 20ft. on each side is left for walking. In the City of Paris the promenade being supported on stanchions. The promenade deck in the new vessel is sheltered by a deck above, where the lifeboats are carried, while the roofs of the deck structures provide a promenade presumably for second-class passengers. In addition to the bridge forward, there is one aft, both being something like 45ft. from water level. There are two sticks as masts, but they seem only for rigging, and to provide a crow's nest for the "look-out." On the promenade deck are 12 machine guns, and in other respects the vessel is made suitable for an armed cruiser.—Engineering.

The Commercial Value of the Investigator.

The German manufacturer does not employ a chemist who has only learned by rote the wisdom gained by others; he does not ask to be told that which he already knows; he seeks rather to push forward into new fields. To excel his competitors more by intelligence than by brute force; and to gain a growing supremacy in preference to a mere victory for the moment. This practical policy, and the outgrowth of intellectual culture, has made Germany a dangerous rival to all other countries in those departments of industry which rest upon scientific foundations. Applied science can not exist until there is the science to apply; and, where the latter is most favored, the industrial development is sure to be most perfect. This lesson is one which the United States must learn more thoroughly than heretofore, if it hopes to hold its own in the front rank of manufacturing nations. In a few of our universities the truth is already realized; but in too many American schools the so-called "practical" view prevails. Under the latter, teaching becomes routine, and the student, while learning elaborately that which is known, is not taught how to discover. He has little or no training in the art of solving unsolved problems; and that art is the mainspring of modern industrial growth. A teacher of science ought also to be an investigator, were it only for the inspiration that his example might give to the pupils in his charge. To impart knowledge is a good thing, but to reveal the source of knowledge is better; and in that revelation is found the educational value of research regarded as a part of the teacher's essential duty.—Popular Science Monthly.

A New Method of Extracting Aluminum.

Mr. H. Greenway, an American, is credited with having discovered a new method of extracting aluminum, which relies for its success on the fact that alumina as it exists naturally in clay is found in a high state of sublimation. The new process is carried out by contact with the air in two furnaces separately heated, one of which contains a retort in which the clay is distilled, and the other a peculiarly constructed and arranged reduction chamber composed of refractory fire-clay lined with magnesia. The shell or chamber is a long rectangular prism in shape, the rectangular planes which approach very nearly to each other, thereby permitting the charges consisting of carbon, to be quickly heated to a high temperature. The distilling retort is charged with a mixture of bituminous coal and ordinary clay mixed, and the furnace is heated to a degree sufficient to generate gas without fusing the clay. The reducing chamber is charged with a suitable form of carbon, and then by means of a blast on a coke furnace the heat is raised to a temperature of over 2000° Fahrenheit. After the watery vapor has passed away, the alumina vapor, together with the coal gas, is decomposed, and in passing through the heated chamber is reduced to the metallic state.

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