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"In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea, With a glory in his bosom That transfigures you and me. As he strove to make men holy Let us strive to make them free, Since God is marching on." -Julia Ward Howe.

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

"He who cannot reason is a fool, He who will not reason is a coward, He who dare not reason is a slave." N. R. P. A.

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Call for Annual Meeting of the Neb. Farmers' Alliance.

The next regular annual meeting of the Nebraska Farmers' Alliance will be held in Bohannon's hall, Lincoln, Nebraska, on Tuesday, January 12, 1892. All Subordinate Alliances having dues fully paid to State Alliance for quarter ending September 30th will be entitled to representation, and should elect their delegate at the first regular meeting in December or as soon thereafter as convenient.

A STANDING APPEAL TO BUSINESS MEN.

What possible harm do you expect from the increase of metal money? The use of bank paper money, which may be expanded or contracted to suit the interests of bankers or their associations, unsettles values and demoralizes business. But an increase of metal legal tender money never did do this and never can do it.

THE FARMERS' ALLIANCE. It is said on the authority of Hon. David A. Wells that notice was served on McKinley and his republican associates by the Standard Oil company that unless their interests were taken care of by the insertion of a clause in the tariff bill allowing them a "draw-back" on imported tin plate used in the exportation of domestic articles they would defeat the bill.

OPTION DEALING AND THE BUTTERWORTH BILL.

We publish in another column a circular letter from Hon. August Post, secretary of the National Farmers' Alliance, on the subject of dealing in futures, and the proposed bill to make an end of the evil.

The subject of option dealing has been so exhaustively handled, and is so well understood by most well posted farmers, that it would seem unnecessary for us to devote much space to the subject. But congress has again assembled, and as Bro. Post well says, the boards of trade and grain gamblers will be on hand with their lobbies to protect themselves in their piratical privilege of robbing the producers.

The advocates of this measure have been met at the outset with the claim that congress had no jurisdiction in the matter, and could not regulate the dealings of boards of trade which confined their business entirely within the bounds of a state.

While it is true that transactions on the Chicago board of trade are confined to the borders of Illinois, it is also true that in their immediate effects they extend daily to every point between the two oceans, and from the gulf to our northern border, and as such they are interstate in a higher degree than any other kind of commerce.

The roads embraced in this arrangement are as follows: B. & M. in Nebraska; C., R. I. & Pacific; C., St. P. M. & Omaha; F. E. & M. V.; Sioux City & Pacific; Missouri Pacific and U. P. System.

TO HON. E. ROSEWATER. Sir: In the Bee of the 8th inst. you complain of the personal character of my reply to your late challenge to me to discuss with you the reforms proposed by the independent party.

THE DAILY OBSCENITY MILLS. Still the daily press continues to teem with obscenity which, if it was published in book form, would be instantly condemned and excluded from the mails; still the community at large submits to the outrage; still the organized Christian forces of society remain dumb, apparently not even seeing the heinous and atrocious nature that is being inflicted upon the community.

family or to be read by decent people. Society has a right to protect itself from this growing evil. If there is any taste so prurient as to demand it, it should not be catered to. Will respectable editors who have wives and young sons and daughters in danger of corruption, wake up? Are the preachers asleep? Are the churches dead to what is going on around them? Or do they prefer to easily drift along in the swim?

THE SWISS REFERENDUM. What is the reason the Switzerland method which keeps in the hands of the people the means of direct legislation, would not be a great safeguard and improvement over our present state and municipal government system?

THE WEEKLY WITNESS AND THE ALLIANCE. A friend has sent us an editorial clipped from the Weekly Witness, criticizing the Farmers Alliance for alleged inconsistency in several particulars, among them its position in favor of free coinage of silver.

THE MEMORIAL FOR THE BUTTERWORTH BILL. We publish this week a memorial to congress in favor of the passage of the Butterworth bill, or opposed to the selling of futures or option dealing. This memorial can be cut out and pasted on the top of a sheet of foolcap for signatures. It should receive 100-100 signatures in the next six weeks.

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business achievements, considering your disadvantages, have been brilliant. You are so little accustomed to receive any marks of respect or esteem that I fear you may consider any compliment from me a mockery of your established character or an insult to your understanding.

MISSOURI RIVER IMPROVEMENT CONVENTION. The call for the coming river convention to be held in Kansas City, on Dec. 15 and 16, has been extended to embrace all river towns and cities without reference to size.

NO FOOL, BUT ACTS LIKE ONE. In the report of an interview with Col. Bob Ingersoll, published in the Rochester (N. Y.) Union, he is credited with saying: "I believe in protecting what are called infant industries, but after these 'infants' get to be six feet high and wear No. 18 boots, it is about time to stop rocking the cradle, especially when the 'infant' swears that if you stop rocking he will get out of the cradle and kick your head off."

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DIRECT TAXATION.

A communication clipped from the National Tribune, on the subject of direct taxation, has been sent to us with a request that we reply to the same. The writer states that, in case the government should resort to direct taxation, the tax would have to be a poll tax collected from each citizen alike, "because the constitution prescribes that direct taxes shall be levied per capita on the population of the several states according to the next preceding census."

THE ALLIANCE BREAKING UP. Nebraska has organized 54 new Alliances since July, and is chartering new ones every day; Texas organized 52 between Nov. 1st and 15th. Iowa chartered 251 new Alliances within three months, and Indiana 200. Kansas gained 20,000 new members since January, and California has made quite as great an increase.

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