RALLY.

Alliance men come rally,
Fling your banner to the breeze,
Let it float upon the highlands,
Let it reach unto the seas.

From the piney hills of Maine,
To California's golden shore,
Let your motto be no "compromise"
Let it echo, let it roar.

On the hills and through the valleys
Let it echo near and far,
From the plains of Manitoba
To Galveston's sandy bar.

From Labradore's icy regions
To Alaska's barren land
Let the watchword be "Ocala,"
And its platform will stand.

From New Orleans' busy seaport,
To Itaska's lovely lake,
Along the Mississippi valley
Our men are wide awake.

With their eyes upon Leonidas
And his famous number four,
Who went into a caucus
For recognition on the floor.

My brothers, now be loyal.
To support our holy cause
And Heaven will assist us
In forcing better laws.

Southern Alliance Farmer.

A Petition to the Plutocrats.

From your willing slaves, residents of the state of Nebraska, though some of us have never been naturalized.

To all capitalists; Wall street of New York City and their allies of Lombard street, London, England; protected manufacturers of America; whiskey distillers; all combines, trusts, monopolies, railroads, national banks, including all corporations who have become millionaires through legislation procured by our blind acquiescence in the party and our willingness at the time to acquiesce in any and all legislation for your benefit, though it keeps us your petitioners in poverty and our children and our children's children, for all time to come, amen and amen:

WHEREAS, It is known to all men that there is in the states of Kansas, Nebraska, North and South Dakota, as also in nearly every one of the several states of America, an uprising of that class of voters commonly called mudsills, but now designated calamity howlers by us, the reigning classes; that they are united so as to endanger our supremacy as party bosses; that men educated in political economy are editing newspapers which are widely disseminated and read by these people; that these people have able and conscientious men stumping the states during every political campaign; that they have a circulating selection of books and pamphlets on each and every political question; that their puppyhood days are over and that their eyes are opened, we realize, and thus our danger and indirectly yours; that we all must realize; and

WHEREAS, This uprising has forced thousands of your willing party tools out upon the cold charities of the world, to work at menial employment, fit only for these mudsills, the profits of lucrative offices held by us in the past being about exhausted, and in several cases among your servile petitioners, our boodle is entirely gone.

We beseech you to consider most noble princes and potentates, that work or the states prison stares us in the face. Among honest men of our ilk, we prefer the latter alternative, as we shall there meet several of our former friends, gone before. Also we shall be supported by these hated calamity shriekers. We would refer you to the *Bee, Journal* and their little 22-calibre repeaters as to our past services.

Haven't we licked your hands and feet lo these many years, cried, swore, lied, forged certificates of election, packed and bought legislatures for you? Haven't we obeyed your mandates in making the returns to order? (Ask Rosey.) Haven't we packed the supreme courts, both national and state, at your dictation? Haven't we seen to it that newspapers hostile to your rule were not distributed, or if so, as late as possible? Haven't we made fraudulent financial statements as you ordered?

Also, did we not send delegates to all national and state conventions, especially friendly to the railroad interests and indirectly yours?

Did we not acquiesce in the demonetizing of silver at the demand of Wall Street, though we called them copperheads during the war? Haven't we advocated the national banking system, paying them from 4 to 7 per cent interest on their bonds, relieving them from all taxes, both national and state, which amounted to at least 3 per cent more, and after that, paying them from 10 to 36 per cent for individual loans, mortgages, etc.? Did we not swear by and to the utmost endeavors labor to renominate U. S. Grant for the third term as your choice for president of the United States, though it was known of all men that he had been mixed up in the whiskey steals, whereby nearly $4,000,000 was stolen from the treasury of the United States, the facts concerning which being traced to his private secretary? And as fast as these thieves were convicted did we not endorse their being pardoned by your friend U. S. Grant?

Have we ever failed to endorse the high protective tariff, though we know that cheap clothing worn by these calamity shriekers was doubly taxed in proportion to the goods worn by your petitioners, yourselves and families?

Did any one of our representatives in any legislature in this state ever raise his voice or present a bill to control the buyers and packers of our beef, cattle or hogs from combining to rob the farmer and stockfeeder in prices paid by these packers, while the consumers in our own cities paid the same prices for stock was one-third higher than now? Is it not a fact that we, as officers in the last legislature, combined with our allies of the democratic persuasion to defeat the treasury bill, thereby permitting our dearest friends of the 3 per cent per month shark permission to continue their practices upon an already impoverished people. Also, at your dictation, did we not defeat John A. Powers from being the present governor (though we confess he was honestly elected) spending the money furnished us by you to buy the requisite number of independent senators to accomplish the act, and to prevent a majority vote from passing an honest freight bill over Boyd's veto of the same? Have we ever raised our voice or by look acknowledged but what the elections in Douglas, Lancaster, Adams and Cass counties were honestly conducted (though we had our doubts about it) for members of our courts, legislature and state officers?

Therefore we, your petitioners, ask, beg upon our knees, kiss your hands and feet, that money be furnished by the republican and democratic national and state committees, or other means be devised, even if the army of the United States and our state militia have to be used to kill off a sufficient number of these mudsills or calamity howlers, from the face of this, *our earth*, to restore us to all the legislative offices within the nation, state and counties. This will have to be done, or the poor house or states prison will receive the persons of your humble petitioners, and we will ever *pray*.

[Signed.] Ten thousand would-be office holders and members of the G. O. P's.

WM. H. ALLEN, Secretary.

BIG MEETING IN PHELPS COUNTY.

Assistant State Lecturer Wright Doing Good Work.

FUNK, NEB., Feb. 23. 1892.

EDITOR FARMERS' ALLIANCE:—We had a very interesting meeting at the town hall in Funk on the evening of the 22nd. The Assisant State Lecturer, W. F. Wright was with us and gave us a lecture on finance and some other good points. And he laid it down pat. The attendance was quite large. Taking the weather and roads into consideration mud and water being hub deep, never in the history of Phelps county have we had the ground so thoroughly soaked as at present, consequently another big crop is looked for this year and everything is on a boom. Just like the independent party. Everything in our county is independent from the road overseer to the county judge, and we expect to carry the county for both state and national independent ticket.

Yours Respectfully,
J. S. EKBERG.

An Answer to "A Poser" in Feb. 11th.

EDITOR ALLIANCE:—If certificates were issued on wheat, corn, and cotton the same as on silver bullion they would have to be issued upon all other wealth, including land and buildings. Gold would bow its head and with silver soon cease to be coined into money by putting these minerals upon an equality with other commodities of wealth, where they should be. Usury laws would become unnecessary and every article of value would retain its own measure within itself, instead of being measured by that interest-bearing, labor-robbing, crooked, short, said to be measure of value, dear little gold standard dollar. *Millionaires won't submit to it.* Our campaign cry should be honest paper money issued upon all wealth at cost and down with class legislation.

JOSEPH MAYCOCK.

Geneva, Neb.,

Resolutions From Polk County.

We, the members of Star Alliance No. 1325, Polk county, Neb., look on the withdrawal of Mr. Jay Burrows from the management of THE FARMERS' ALLIANCE paper with regret and be it

Resolved, That we tender Mr. Jay Burrows our warmest thanks for the firm stand he has taken in its management in our behalf, as a common people, and be it

Resolved, That we will stand by the ALLIANCE so long as it so ably advocates the cause of the laboring people, and be it further

Resolved, We believe that the management of THE FARMERS ALLIANCE has been left in good and able hands in Messrs. Thompson and Pirtle.

H. B. LINTON,
P. WEISER,
O. PALMER,
Committee.

Resolutions Regarding an Extra Session.

LITCHFIELD, Feb. 22, 1892.

The following resolutions was unanimously passed by Gracchus Alliance No. 569, in regular session assembled. And a copy requested to be sent to THE FARMERS' ALLIANCE for publication:

WHEREAS, That Gov. Boyd, has intimated his intention to call a special session of the state legislature. Giving as part of his reasons, that freight rates should be lowered a few cents per hundred lbs: and

WHEREAS, Gov. Boyd has shown by his actions, during the last session of the legislature, by vetoing the Newberry maximum bill, to reduce freight, that he is entirely in favor of corporations, and that his sympathies are not with the masses of the people, and we do not favor any half way measure, but full weight and strength. Therefore be it

Resolved, By this Alliance, that we protest against, and condemn, the calling together of such session as he intimates, unless the laws of the state compel him to call a special session together for other reasons than those specified above. Be it

Resolved, By Gracchus Alliance No. 569, that we do most heartily approve, and endorse the banking bill introduced into the congress of the United States by honorable O. M. Kem of this district. And will hope for the time to come when it shall become a law.

J. H. KENSGER, Pres.,
J. W. HEAPSY, Sec'y.

Mrs. Kellie's Plan Endorsed.

EDITOR ALLIANCE:—I have just been reading your paper and among other things I read the suggestion of Mrs. Kellie, her 20 acre oat plan, and while reading it was carried back 45 years ago. Then a child of 3 years I lived in the state of New York. In those times they had general training, and when that day came, as small as I was, my heart was big with patriotism and never did my father look so grand to me as when beating the drum and calling to order; nor were my mothers pies and cakes even as good as they were at general training.

But we don't need that general training now, what we need is the principles that was taught then. And as we have advanced higher since then we don't propose to be under the rule of any King.

I think Mrs. Kellie's idea is a good one. If our boys and girls knew that after harvest they could have a grand feast day they would work more willingly and if they knew they helped to pay for literature they would be more apt to read, and some would educate the older ones.

Several years ago the Omaha *Bee* gave away reapers and mowers and all kinds of things to hire people to read the paper. But it was always the present the people cared for. Now if the people think they all have a share in the literature they will all read it in order to get their share.

I also read in our paper the resignation of Mr. Burrows. I am sorry. But I am in hopes to see Mr. Burrows in a higher position. I have not always been in harmony with Mr. Burrows, but he is an old wheelhorse and had his shoulder loaded heavy sometimes.

As long as the reform papers print items for women, they may expect the women with them, and they need not fail if the women are true to the cause.

Thanking you Mr. Editor for the privilege I have had in reading women's ideas in your paper I will close.

Yours for reform,
MRS. J. M. SANFORD,
Fairfield, Neb.

The Farmers' and Laborers' Journal. Ky: The financial policy of this country is all wrong and must be remedied. Unless there is relief soon there will be many homeless children, and distress and want will stalk abroad in this free (?) land of plenty.

The Advance Journal: Some of the papers continue to refer to the "Alliance split." These papers had better look for leaks and "splits" in other directions. The Alliance split is not their property, even if there had been a split.

WHITHER DRIFTING.

There is no Excuse for the Oppression of the American Laborers.

The outcome of the "superb condition," as Chauncey M. Depew calls it, into which the American people have been irresistibly crowded, is supremely doubtful. The avenues of escape have been cunningly blocked by the "chosen few" delegation which has been doing duty over the American sheepfold for several years back. The laborer has been blindly entering a barren pasture; he has been too eagerly lured with fruitless promises and nice strings of rhetoric and fact dissembling speech. The bars are now closing behind him, and in the full realization of his position, at last he stands aghast at the sterile end of his political path. Lo! Ashes for gold, despair for plenty, and the grim prospect now confronting the American farmer and wage-earner in place of glowing pictures of prosperity deftly painted by silver-tongued policy builders.

Whither are we drifting? asks a writer in the National Economist.

When the French revolution burst from a thousand social craters, the clergy of France owned one-fifth of the land, the nobility one-fifth, and the king one-fifth, leaving two-fifths of French soil in possession of the third estate, the 26,000,000 people of the stricken land. These two-fifths consisted in the hills, highlands, valueless and unproductive lands, while noble and clergy, and king owned the chosen tracts, the vineyards, the wheat lands, the rich and productive fields and luxuriant orchards, the villas, cathedrals, temples, the ancient households of state, rich and magnificent, laden with treasure and jewels—all these the upper class owned; but did the volumes of wealth represented by church and nobility support the burden of government? Let the French peasantry and laborer answer. No! The 26,000,000 people of France, with two-fifths of the soil, supported the government and held up the 180,000 church and nobles, with their two-fifths of all the prosperity, and land—what result? From the barren cornfields and from the outskirts of every city and town came the irresistible host of artisans demanding justice at the hands of their profligate rulers, and claiming rights the church and nobility and king had denied common people—rights that belong to flesh and blood despite the device of mammon—full reward of toil.

Whither are we drifting?

The statistician of the United States brings forth some amazing figures in regard to the condition (the "superb condition," as Mr. Depew called it in England when questioned in regard to the situation in America) of our people. Notwithstanding the misleading statesmen's suggestions and report, and above the reports of radical party organs throughout the length and breadth of our lands, there exists a condition of affairs in America that is appalling when considered from a right standpoint; 200,000 individuals in the United States own 70 per cent of the entire wealth of the nation, leaving 64,800,000 of the third estate in possession of 30 per cent of the national wealth. "Superb," indeed! Of the upper class, 100 would have a yearly income of $120,000,000, while of the third class, comprising 25 per cent of our entire population (property owners), 100 would have an income of $50,000. "Superb" for the upper ones, indeed! No wonder the social mountain of America is smoking from a million craters. No wonder the third estate is roused from its thraldom.

It has come to a point in the progress of fortune making when there is actual oppression and want following closely upon the heels of Dives' chariot. The people have borne the burden so long that the virtue of fortitude has become a blank. There is no excuse for the oppression now bearing down so heavily upon the American laborer's shoulders. It is born of wanton and wilful greed and false teaching at the hands of men and leaders who had the influence and power, and who had the meanness of heart and thirst for gain that actuated the evil motives. It is impossible to receive reparation or reform at the hands of the old regime. It is the toils of Mammon. The latter day progress and the needs of the people are not on its list. It had its day, full of high rewards and fair laurels, and now comes the third estate, the unheeded and unvoiced millions, to rule their own household.

The oppression of the farmer is oppression to every laborer in the land—hard times on the farm shut off supplies, and the decreased demand at the factory and mine lessens the labor and lowers the wages of those there employed. It touches every nerve of labor in the land. Oppress the farmer and you take bread from laborers' children's mouths. Let him yield up to oppressors and extortioners a more than full payment for work done, or let him give up his products at less than actual value and you stop the wheels of factories and the hungry wage worker feels the shock a thousand miles away.

Whither are we drifting?

Let the shrewd and cunning party-builder say. Is he keen of vision? Let him answer from the present condition; what fate does the cry of the toiler portend?

The third estate is rallying to the call. Knights of Labor, Farmers' Alliance, Labor Union, farmers' co-operations, and all those who are being crushed by Mammon's chariot are coming to the front, and if they live together through the storm, vote together after it, and hang like brothers forever, success is ours.

Demo-Republicans.

The covered hand has been exposed. In South Carolina the very best element of the Republican party, in fact they call it the "white Republican party," through a committee of 100 representative leaders has addressed a secret circular to the non-Alliance Democrats or the straight outs," proposing a fusion in order to down the Alliance control in that state. The circular has been published to the world. In this proposition there is much. Before the campaign cloud has arisen, just as its darkening shadow appears on the horizon, we find a plutocratic fusion to down the people. Right in South Carolina, the cradle of secession and the nursery of opposition to Republicanism, is where we find the first formal overture for the organization of a grand plutocratic party. Those who have watched the signs of the times predicted such wondrous developments, but hardly guessed it so early. It is well enough that the scheme has been exposed. Let the people know what the contest will be. Let the anti-Alliance forces lock shields and trample under foot party lines, that the rule of concentrated wealth may be perpetuated. Let the the fusion be as wide as is our glorious country. Then let the people lock shields and trample under foot party lines, that popular free government may be inaugurated. Let the fusion reach wherever the evil influences of goldbug bondholders have gone. Then, after invoking the blessings of almighty God, invite the conflict. Such a contest will probably not be in 1892. The forces may not be marshalled in time. If '92 does not witness it '95 will.

Plutocracy has a right to resent the will of the people and it is to be hoped that this evil influence will throw off its mask by declaring against the people. Let us know how to place you and we fear nothing. A cause that cannot trust the patriotism of the masses deserves defeat.

Why has it become necessary for plutocracy to call its forces from the ranks of the two great parties? It is for the purpose of a union. "In union there is strength." It was seen that a mighty uprising of the people was about to overthrow the domination of partisan ringsters, therefore it was necessary to muster all forces into one brigade. Kansas made the break in 1891; South Carolina leads the van in the great contest of '92. We may look to hear of other states falling into line, it is to be hoped so, at least. It would mean a chrystalizing and purifying of reformers.—The Toiler.

To Business Men.

Did it ever occur to you business men that the farmers do not buy as much as they did twenty or thirty years ago? It is not because the farmers are any stinglier than they were or because their wants are any more easily supplied. It is because they can't afford to buy, prices are too low. Why don't you pay more for your farm produce? Because you can't afford to; you can't pay any more than you can get for it, and the markets at the centers of consumption are down, and you are powerless to bring them up. Why are the markets low in the centers of consumption? Because so many city work people are out of work, or are driven to the scantiest of incomes; not because the work is all completed in the cities and the cities are finished, but because the employers themselves are stinted, and those who would build and employ labor are unable to do so for lack of money. Can't you business men see and understand this? The same thing that hurts the farmer, hurts you, and whatever benefits the farmers and laborer will benefit you. We are not asking the government for any donations, we simply want the idle to be set to work at remunerative wages, so that they can go to eating and wearing.—Progressive Farmer.

Government Ownership.

Government ownership of the telegraph systems of the nation would strangle the dirty, lying subsidised press reports gathered by that monopoly-controlled, gold bug concern. The reform press association cannot get their news over the wires at anything short of regular commercial rates, under the present scheme, and are compelled to use the mails; hence a dozen or more papers anxious to start reform daily papers are unable to do so. Let all pull together and keep at the rotten, old Western Union company until the government squeezes the water out of it and buys it. It must be done.—The Road.

The Alliance Herald: The careful observer cannot fail to observe a gradual change taking place among clergymen and leading educators—presidents and professors of colleges, favorable to the labor and reform movement. The crust of prejudice is breaking here and there as men in those professions get the courage to give utterance to their convictions. It is encouraging to know that a number of prominent clergymen have awakened to the dangers that are confronting the church as well as the state, and are speaking out plainly. It has always seemed strange that the ministers of this country could remain in ignorance—as the great body of them are to-day, of the demoralizing influences upon the church, state and society, of our present systems of government and give, seemingly, no thought whatever to the matter.

It is a fact worthy of remark that the great effort of the Republican press is to divert the attention of the people from the principles and arguments of our representatives in congress, by constant ridicule of personal peculiarities or style of dress which may be either real or they may be mendacious Republican inventions at which these constant efforts at ridicule are directed. These things may be fully up to the intellectual standard of the readers of Republican papers, but the masses of the people have outgrown them, and are no longer satisfied to be fed on such husks. The day is past when political ascendancy can be maintained by such folly. There are certain principles involved in the politics of to-day, and the people have their ideas concerning these principles. If those ideas are erroneous it is the duty of those who so regard them to show by good, sound, logical argument wherein they are erroneous. No man was ever yet convinced of an error by being called a fool or by being held up as an object of ridicule; and no class of people will ever be led to think less of the men they have elected to represent them, in consequence of such efforts as have characterized the Republican press of this state in its treatment of our senator and representatives in congress, nor will they be led by such methods to withdraw their support from these men hereafter.—Topeka Advocate.

An effort is being made to build up a big India rubber industry in Mexico, and a company has been organized to plant 100,000 rubber trees in the state of Sinaloa.

HOGWASH IN HIGH PLACES.

Worthless Essays on Finance Published by Great Magazines.

The pages of our so-called great magazines are very exclusive and reserved—open only to the best writers, and as a rule patronized or read by great minds and advanced thinkers.

A person would think from the exalted character of these monthlies or quarterlies that their contributors would treat the questions under discussion from the highest standpoint of intelligence, characterize the same with logical reasoning and fairness, and above all avoid partisan bias and prejudice, but we are sorry to say that many of the writers in our popular magazines are subject to the same frailties that trouble many writers of lesser pretensions—saying nothing of ignorance that is grossly dense in some instances.

It is not only amusing but disgusting to follow the lines of some of these essayists, says the Alliance Tribune, who tackle questions they are no more qualified to discuss than a ten-year-old boy. Monetary science has become a favorite theme and is being discussed—God save the mark! by old money-bags, who imagine that because they have the capacity (we were on the point of saying, to make money) to rob labor, under class-made laws, and hoard wealth they never earned, that they know all about money and monetary science.

Andrew Carnegie's "A B C of Money," that appeared in the North American Review last summer, is a case in point. If old Carnegie had been a poor man instead of a money-bag, his contribution would have been marked "Rejected" and pigeon-holed awaiting stamps for its return, if not thrown with other trash in the waste basket.

When we obtained a copy of the Review with Carnegie's "learned disquisition" we thought we had a treat in store, but soon found we were a victim of misplaced confidence. We soon learned that Carnegie had not even learned the A B C of money, but we were able to dig out of his rubbish and rot the fact that he is a monometalist—a gold bug—the governing idea in attempting the discussion of a question of which he proved nothing so much as his profound ignorance.

Now comes the Century Magazine with a pamphlet entitled "Cheap Money," in which the effort is made to brush aside the vagaries of "flatists" and "irredeemists," by showing the failures of past experiments, and cites the financial disaster in the Argentine Republic as one of the conspicuous failures to float "fiat" money. It also cites our old "wild-cat" or "red-dog" systems as errors in finance, all of which proves nothing so much as the fact that we must come to the greenback theory—a full legal tender currency based on the wealth of the nation, as the only true monetary science.

In the years to come when the barbaric theories of the past have been brushed aside, and the great American people have solved the great problem in the world's history—a correct monetary science, founded on common sense and reason, and in harmony with the advancements in art, science and inventions, the world will look with amazement upon the stuff it will find in these then musty magazines, and with as much disgust as we now entertain for those who preached slavery a "divine institution" in *ante bellum* days.

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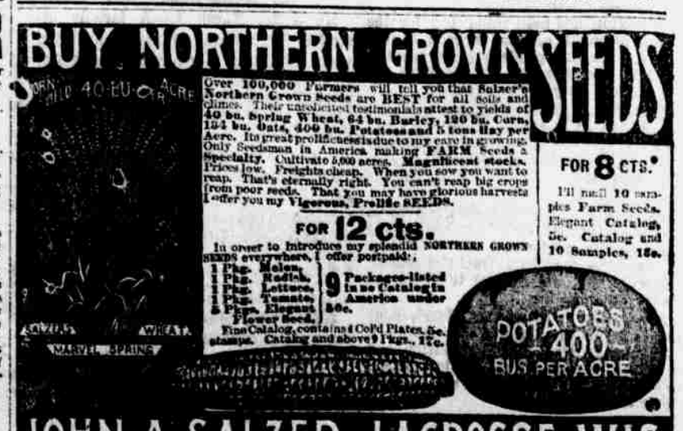

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