THE ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT.

Free Coinage. Free coinage of silver means the free coinage of all silver bullion, the same as the country had before 1873. By that law any one having gold or silver bullion could take it to any mint in the United States and receive its value in coin for it the same as he can do with gold now. But the act of 1873 deprived the people holding silver bullion of that right. Under that law silver rapidly fell in value from 134 cents per ounce to 98 cents, and with the fall of price in silver fell the price of labor and of every product of labor, more especially of cotton and wheat. The advocates of free coinage claim that if silver is remonetized it will rise rapidly to its old price and with it all labor and the products of labor. This country has free comage of silver from the foundation of the government in 1792 down to 1873. Since it was demonetized wages have fallen nearly onehalf, and it has contributed its full share to the miseries of the country. We have now no law for coinage of silver, but the secretary of the treasury is required to purchase 4,500,000 ounces per month of the bullion; this has raised the price but not to any great extent. The objection of those who do not understand the question to free coinage, is that they want honest money, and this idea is kept up by the representatives of Wall street. Money has but one function and that is its debt-paying power, and the dollar we have to-day will pay debts. Ask a man what is "honest money" and he will tell you gold, yet not five in a thousand have had a five-dollar gold piece (the smallest gold coin in England or America) in ten years. Gold is not the money of the people in any country. Germany and France have more silver coin than we have, while England coins more silver than the United States. Silver is the money of the poor man and gold is the money of the plutocrat. He is willing that silver should circulate among the poor, but he does not want them to have much of it. But when a mortgage is to be paid off it must be gold-both of the old political party bosses agree on these points.-The Toiler. Two and Two Are Four. " If you know how many dollars you had when you went to town, and how many you had left when you returned home, you can estimate how many you spent. This seems almost simple enough to be silly, and yet it is not true according to the treasury department monthly report of the money in circulation. These reports tell how much is in the treasury, how much has been coined or issued, and account for the difference between these two amounts as the amount in circulation. This would be all right enough, and would be a common-sense way of finding the difference between the greater and lesser number, but for the fact that the gross amount coined or issued is reported much less in some months than it was in the month previous, and that the variation which they quote in the amount coined or issued corresponds with the variation. they quote in the amount in circulation. This reveals the truth; they have a guess estimate hidden behind the innocent-looking heading, 'Gross Amount Coined or Issued," a guess at the amount exported or imported by which they can make the amount in circulation to increase or diminish each month as they choose. They practically say, "I have so much; it uits my purpose to say I spent so much, and these added together show that I had so much to start with."-National Economist.



OUR MOTTO: THE BEST IS THE CHEAPEST." WRITE FOR PRICES LOOMIS, Manager, Omaha, Neb. Patronize Home Manufacturies.

POWERS

Different Styles of Hitching Up. The poor old limping tariff is having a rocky time just now. No matter in what shape it comes up, there is not difference between the two old parties to make a fuss about. For the last twenty years the Republicans ENT under our 25 cent offer.

