## THE ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT.

#### THE PEOPLE WILL BE FREE.

Prophetic Words of the Late L. L. Polk in the Progressive Farmer.

The "machine" politicians and papers of the south seem terribly concerned in regard to the fact that the People's party will run an electoral ticket in each of the southern states. Some of them profess to express surprise at it. Be cool, gentlemen. You have no one to blame or to thank for it but yourselves. You knew that the hosest millions of suffering wealth producers could not and would not support the policy of the Republican party. You knew that the great tidal wave which swept over the country in 1890, and placed the house of representatives in the hands of the Democratic party, was an earnest protest against that class of legislation which has brought bankruptcy and ruin to millions of homes. You knew that this unprecedented triumph of your party was largely due to your promises and pledges made to the people for the past quarter of a century. How have these promises and pledges been kept? The very first act of Mr. Cleveland, and before he was inaugurated, was to repudiate your oft repeated pledge in favor of free silver. Instead of denouncing the fraud through which silver was demonetized, and in which both Republicans and Democrats were alike guilty, he defended it. You knew that the Democratic party had pledged itself in its national platform repeatedly in favor of free coinagethat the party had done the same in twenty-nine states. When the hour and the opportunity arrived for these pledges to be redeemed, what do the people see? They see 148 majority of these same men and of this same party in possession of one branch of congress, and when the fair, square test came on these pledges and promises, these people were outrageously betrayed. If. with 118 Democratic majority, aided by eleven Republicans and nine of the People's party. they were unable to redeem their solemn pledge, how and when could the people hope to get it? Who was to blame for this treachery? Eightytwo Democrats, who crouched at the nod of Wall street. Now what do we see? Southern Democrats still clinging to the foot of the Wall street king-still working for the greatest living exponent of this corrupt and tyrannical power-Grover Cleveland. They see Wall street packing democratic conventions for Cleveland in hopeless republican states, that he may be forced on the people at Chicago. They see democratic conventions in southern states declaring for free silver in their platforms and instructing their delegates to vote for the great champion of anti-silver and Wall street. They are disgusted with their great farce. They are nauseated with this disgraceful insincerity. They repudiate this rottenness and corruption. They have resolved that they will no longer be bound to Wall street dictation. Who blames them? If they are honest and patriotic, what else could be expected than that they will put up their own electoral ticket and vote for it? The Progressive Farmer, months ago, predicted that a full electoral ticket would be put up in all the southern states. And now it predicts that it will be heard from on the 6th of next November. The people of the south and west will no longer be deluded into the support of Wall street or its tools, but they are coming together and declare against the corruption and tyranny.

An Open Letter to the Sons of Eria. It has been remarked that the Irish has been a liberty loving race. From the beginning of this republic they showed their love of freedom. Then again in the rebellion they showed their spirit of freedom and love for the starry banner that made men free. Why not show themselves now in the great battle for freedom against monopoly tyrants, railroad corporations and Wall street robbers who are bribing the politicians and old party press, and are ruining this country? The danger is as great now as when you shouldered your musket and went to fight for the union, or when your ancestors marked the snow with their bare and bleeding feet fighting for liberty that you might enjoy the same. Now let us as a justice and liberty loving race do our whole duty in maintaining and keeping this our adopted country free from corruption. Let us ask ourselves have we been doing it at the last two elections? I know the baits thrown out to catch the Irish voter are many. Those baits are manufactured by railroad hench-men and monopolists. Do not be led by them or their agents, the old party's ward politicians. They will smile to you, but their object is office and boodle, and they only care for your votes. Do not allow yourself to be voted by some railroad boss or combine. If you keep on voting with the old parties you are helping to re-enslave the nob'e American people who welcome you to their shores as good citizens. Do not be driven like dumb animals. Be heroes in the strife. Let us not be a stumbling block in the path of progress and political reformation. Let us dec'are for liberty or death.

May the spirits of your patriotic an-cestors who fought for liberty and justice infuse in your minds a sense of duty which you owe to your adopted country. MICHAEL BRANAHAN.

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#### The Arena For August.

The Bacon-Shakespeare controversy which opened in the July Arena is attracting general interest among lovers of Shakesperian literature. The August Arena contains an argument in favor of Lord Bacon. During this discussion the most eminent Shakespearean scholars will be heard pro and con. Among the other contributors of interest in the August Arena is a political symposium, to which Gail Hamilton, U. S. Senator James H. Kyle, Congressman Geo. Fred Williams and Wm. T. Ellis contribute. Other leadinfi papers are contributed by Mary A. Livermore, Twenty-five Years on the Platform; Francis E. Willard, The Coming Brotherhood; Mrs. General Lew Wallace, The Chain of the Last Slave; Mrs. Francis E. Russell, A Historical Sketch of Dress Reforn in the U. S; Mrs. B. F. Underwood, A Wo-man's Case (a story); Helen H. Gardener. The Danger of an Irresponsible Educated Class in a Republic; and Louise Chandler Moulton, A Rare Letter by Mrs. Browning. Mr. Flower contributes a discriminating paper, entitled "An Idealistic Dreamer wh Sings in a Minor Key" A symposium on Women's Clubs is the most important discus-ion of this most interesting subject that has ever appeared in paint. Among the contributions are May Wright Sewall, president of the woman's council of America, Kate Gannett Wells, Hester M. Poole, Mary E. Mumford, Annah Robinson Watson, Katherine Nobles, Ellen M. Mitchell, -Dr. Julia Holmes Smith, Mary E Beyce, Louise Chandler Moulton, and Mary A. Livermore. As will be seen this issue is a woman's number, as was the August Arena for 1891. Full page portraits of Mrs. Mary A. Livermore and May Wright Sewall and a page containing four portraits of contributors to the woman's club symposium, are features of ihis number.



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