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In the beauty of the hills  
 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.

This department will be under the direction of J. M. Thompson, state secretary. Short interest, questions when disputes have arisen, and any news bearing upon the great work of our organization will be welcomed by the editor. Write plainly, on one side of the paper only, and address "Alliance Department," ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT, Lincoln, Neb.

We would be glad to get items from every county in the state in condition of the Alliance work.

There is no possibility of conception of the wondrous mechanism of the human machine. That the body is merely a machine, however, requires no very extended proof. Few persons but are now able to say that it matters not what disposition shall be made of their bodies when they are through with them. Why should one care if it goes into the fence corner with the worn-out mower, or lies in the turn row with the broken plow? Clearly I am a thing apart from this machine. I run, and some day I shall be through with the machine then, why, I care not what is done with it.

But yet it is truly a wonderful machine. The physicist who knows must admit it stands in awe before it. It has no flaws but of our own making. Each hinge and joint are perfect, it is self-oiling and self-lubricating. While the best locomotive may render available but 25 percent of the energy of the coal, this machine represents an availability of 100 percent on the food consumed.

Indeed, what greater wonder can there be? And yet there is a greater. We find it in the mind that operates the machine. At a momentous lesson to us farmers. Our bodies merely represent a capacity for so many days of labor, amounting to three score years and ten. The efficiency of that labor depends upon the skill with which we are able to direct our bodily efforts. Can we find in this no incentive for mutual consultation and assistance such as the Alliance should afford? The simple cog-wheel answers the definition of a machine as well as does the harvester, but the former can do very little alone, only when in co-operation with all the other wheels can it cut the grain, or with still further co-operation also bind it.

We miss the lesson there is in this. We can see that the bankers are so united that they openly declare their ability to defeat any hostile legislation by this union; we observe the railroads have traffic associations, east and west; we note the exceeding strength of the "political machine," but we lose sight of the importance of our own union. Every debt must be paid by labor, and when we silt this through to the bottom, a mortgage is simply a deed of ownership to our bodies—an assignment of our right to direct the labor of these bodily machines to some one else. Perhaps it is just as well. The assignment of the right implies that the others ability to direct is greater than our own. The fault lies in our allowing such a thing to be possible. If we could on y see that time for mental work, for comparing ideas with our neighbors, for gaining higher intelligence and thus higher power, is as necessary as time to plow or sow or sleep or eat, designing men would not be able to obtain the right to work us as their machines, to run us by wholesale or in "blocks of five."

The season for special activity in Alliance work is here again. The city man has his club on every corner, and here he meets his friend and finds new thoughts and new methods for further effort. Are farmers machines, only without the capacity to co-operate, to learn, in full life rise to newer heights and fuller life?

OAKDALE, Neb., Nov. 21, 1892.  
 Editor Alliance Department:

Permit me through your paper to urge all alliance people throughout the northern district of Nebraska to stand firm by the principles of our grand and noble order, which is the basis and strength of the great reform movement that is now sweeping over our country, and which will preserve the homes of the people and liberty to mankind. Every alliance man should see to it that his alliance is represented at the next annual meeting of the state alliance which is soon to convene. This should be the gathering of the strong, true and tried men and women of reform, who love justice, truth and humanity above everything else and have the courage of their convictions. Let us at this meeting prepare for a grander and most noble effort on our part, and for an advance movement all along the line. The people everywhere are now in condition to receive the truth if carefully and thoughtfully presented to them. With these grand opportunities at hand let us meet the demand and arise to the God given privileges and acquit ourselves like men. To this end let all dues be paid at once and delegates elected for the above meeting.

Respectfully,  
 S. C. FAIRCCHILD,  
 Assistant State Lecturer.  
 If this is worth the space please publish with request that reform papers in northern district please copy.  
 Yours,  
 S. C. F.

**Resolution of Condolence.**  
 The following are resolutions of condolence passed by Red Cliff Alliance No 1626, at a special meeting held at Greeley County, Nebraska, Nov. 21, 1892.  
**Whereas:** It has pleased the Divine Father to remove from the home of our beloved brother W. E. Reed, the below

ed wife and mother. Therefore be it Resolved: That this alliance extend to the bereaved ones our heart-felt sympathy in this their hour of sorrow, and be it further

Resolved: That the alliance has lost a faithful and devoted member and the community a true friend, and while we bow in submission to a higher will let us in memory of the departed one strive to be more faithful in the discharge of the duties devolved on us as members of the order and in all relations of life. Be it further

Resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Brother Reed and family, also a copy to THE ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT at Lincoln for publication, and a copy to the local papers of the county.

A. E. KNOX.  
 A. E. FARRIS.  
 B. P. JEFFERS.  
 W. J. FARRIS.  
 MRS. W. J. FARRIS.  
 Committee.

BRANDON, Neb., Nov. 21, 1892.  
 Resolution of condolence by Spring-valley Alliance No 819.

Whereas it has pleased the Divine Providence to remove by death from our midst our beloved brother and esteemed neighbor, E. W. Ellis and whereas his life's work has been for the bettering of the human family and the uplifting of mankind, having given some of the best years of his life in the services of his country for the preservation of the union and ever using his influence to spread the glad tidings of the gospel of salvation. Resolved while we deeply mourn his death, we extend to his family our sympathies in this their saddest bereavement and that a copy of these resolutions be published in THE ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT and a copy furnished the family.

F. M. CHAMBERLAIN.  
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### The Epitaph of the G. O. P.

The Tribune, printed at Holton, Kansas, says: "The republican party is dead. We say it without bitterness, without any partisan feeling, with nothing but blessing for its grand work of the past. It was inaugurated as a party of progress and in the interest of humanity. It did the one great work of abolishing slavery and then it became conservative and now it has received its death blow."

Lincoln Took the Concept Out of Him.  
 "I had the distinguished honor to be the companion of Abraham Lincoln in one of his flat-boating expeditions," said David G. Stephens, one of the pioneers of Illinois, who was spending a few days in St. Louis.

"Furthermore the great martyr-President became my champion and thrashed a man on my account, and thrashed him good. I was a boy of 15, rather delicate, and my father, who loved Lincoln as a son, sent me on the trip with him, hoping that roughing it would improve my health. We had tied up one night at a small landing where there was a tavern. A fellow who called himself the bull of the woods, and who had several snifters of corn juice under his belt, came aboard looking for trouble. Lincoln was lying down asleep on the soft side of a pine plank with one brawny arm for a pillow. I was washing out a hickory shirt and the intruder tried to pour my head into a bucket of soapy water.

"Lincoln awoke and told him to let me alone. He paid no attention to the future great, but picked up the pail and jammed it down over my head, almost drowning me. When I got the soapuds out of my eyes sufficiently to see Lincoln had him by the collar, was holding him so that his toes just touched the deck, and was planting terrific kicks under his coat-tail with his No. 11 cowhide boot. I visited Lincoln at the White House shortly after the outbreak of the war. He presented me with a Captain's commission, remarking: "The bull of the woods has broke loose again."

**Fixed for Life.**  
 Mrs. Pugs—How is your son getting along, Mrs. Muggs?  
 Mrs. Muggs—Fine. He's making money hand over fist, as a champion bicycle rider.

"But what will he do when that fad runs out?"  
 "By that time he expects to be puffed up so that he can travel around as a freak."

**An Observing Dog.**  
 Little Boy—My dog knows when Sunday comes. Every week day he frisks around, waitin' for me to go out an' play with him, but on Sunday he doesn't.  
 Minister—That is very remarkable. How do you suppose he can tell?  
 Little Boy—I don't know, unless he notices how gloomy everybody is.

**A Rising Young Man.**  
 Mother—Do you think that young man who is calling to see our daughter is industrious enough to make his living?  
 Father—He's all right.  
 "Do you know him?"  
 "No."  
 "Then how do you know?"  
 "He g at the knees."

**A Plausible Story.**  
 Lady—Why are you wandering around the country. I should like to know, instead of staying at home and taking care of your family?  
 Tramp—You see, mum, my wife had a very good servant girl—a regular jewel, mum.  
 "That doesn't seem possible."  
 "There was never but one perfect girl, and my wife had her, mum."  
 "Mercy! What a lucky woman!"  
 "Yes, mum, so my wife often said. But, you see, mum, the girl didn't like me."  
 "She didn't?"  
 "No, mum. She said my wife would have to discharge her or me, so she discharged me."  
 "O, I see. Here's some money."

## A STUPENDOUS FARCE.

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to that point the alliance men present were a good deal pleased with Yeaman, but that was too much. His antimono-polity reputation collapsed at once.

Following this a young lady from Iowa "spoke a piece." Then "Farmer" Lunn, who edits the Beet Sugar Enterprise, published at Lincoln, came forward like a bashful boy and began talking about sugar. It was the usual story: So many tons to the acre, such a percent of sugar, so much per ton, and big money for the farmer. After he had talked some three-quarters of an hour the chairman rapped loudly and wakened up the members whereupon they adjourned for supper.

### EVENING SESSION.

In the evening Mrs. A. J. Sawyer of Lincoln read an excellent paper on "Farming a realized alchemy." This was one of the best and most sensible things delivered at the conference.

Then came a discussion of Yeaman's address on transportation and agriculture. The only remarkable thing in the discussion was that in this farmers' congress four-fifths of the speeches were on the side of the railroads and against the farmers. In fact if it hadn't been for Calamity Weller of Iowa, and McCarthy an honorary member from Nebraska, it would have been unanimous for the corporations. Most of the speakers thought the farmers were getting on very well, especially if they attended to farming and kept out of politics, and that they had better let the railroads alone. The character of the speeches may well be judged from the State Journal's comments:

"A more sensible and hopeful lot of speeches, with the exception noted above, have seldom been crowded into one meeting."

The Nebraska delegation who were named by Governor Thayer several months ago were:

W. S. Delano, M. W. Musselman, Falls City; C. C. Turner, Ceresco; J. C. F. McKesson, Emerald; Edward McIntyre, Seward; John Jensen, Geneva; H. E. Heath and John N. Glenn, Lincoln.

### WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The committee on resolutions reported and the real work of the congress began. The first resolution adopted was one introduced by the Illinois delegation. Just here it may be remarked that the controlling men on the Illinois delegation were an agricultural editor from Quincy, another from Chicago and two board of trade gamblers. They knew what they were there for. The resolution provided for the appointment of a "national board of agriculture" to be appointed by this farmers' congress, one member from each state, and the principal business of the board is to attend the sessions of congress at Washington and speak for the farmers of the United States. Good sized scheme, isn't it? Think of such a board speaking for the farmers of this nation.

The next resolution was for good country roads, road improvement etc. Every plug-hatted farmer present was for the resolution with all his heart. Calamity Weller wanted to amend it by having the government issue full legal tender paper money \$3 per capita for seven years in succession to be used in road improvement. It was voted down of course. Then McCarthy of Seward, Nebraska an honorary member arose. He couldn't exactly understand what this congress was for any way. He didn't see why men who were so well dressed, who looked like they'd never done a day's work in their lives, should assume to represent the farmers of this country. He thought the best credentials a farmer could have were rough calloused hands, and he didn't think many members of this congress brought that kind of credentials (great applause by actual farmers.)

Finally the good roads resolution was adopted. The third resolution was one severely condemning option dealing, grain gambling, etc. The committee reported against adopting it, because they "had adopted one just like it last year." It wasn't necessary to encumber the records," etc. But old Farmer Stubbs of Iowa, an old-line greenbacker, saw through the scheme. He moved to non-concur in the report. Then the war began. Every farmer who wore a plug hat and gold-rimmed spectacles was up in arms to defend option dealing, and condemn all legislation against it. Not a solitary member save Stubbs and Weller of Iowa, both old-line greenbackers, had a word to say against option dealing. One Smith Caldwell of Nuckolls county, ex-oil inspector of Nebraska, spoke strongly in favor of option dealing and claimed to represent the actual farmers of Nebraska. Gilchrist, ex-secretary of the board of transportation, seconded his efforts. These are two of the rankest railroad tools in Nebraska.

Finally the resolution went over to the

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The editor of THE ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT asked permission to say a few words which was granted. He said that the men who had spoken did not represent the farmers of Nebraska, who were almost unanimous against option dealing. There was a suspicion abroad that this congress does not truly represent the farmers. To vote down this anti-option resolution would simply confirm that suspicion into a conviction.

The resolution was then put to vote. Twenty-four members voted to condemn option dealing, and twenty-two voted to support the committee. The resolution was saved by two majority. Of the members chosen as members of the national board to represent the farmers at Washington, more than two-thirds voted in favor of option dealing.

The next thing was an essay on roads by Editor Stahl of Quincy, Ill. He had a pale, thin Y. M. C. A. appearance and a piping voice. He appealed for good country roads in the name of all the school children, fine horses, farmers' wives and churches. He said thousands of souls were damned every year because bad roads kept people away from the mercy seat. He thought the farmers would act more wisely in improving the country roads than in trying to get control of the railroads and the finances of the nation. (Applause.) Public opinion should be turned from railroads to highways. He took particular pains to score the "farmers who want to pay their debts lawfully but not honestly."

Then Editor Heath of the Nebraska Farmer came forward instead of Mr.

Delano (who had a bad cold) and read another long essay on "Roads," covering pretty much the same ground as the other.

Then was introduced Colonel Daniel Needham of Boston. It judged by his appearance Col. Needham should be set down as a cross between a city preacher and an English dude. He has an elegant silk tie and a beautiful pair of burnisides. He is a millionaire manufacturer of Boston. His only claim to be called a tiller of the soil, so far as could be ascertained, was that a great many years ago his grand father raised a patch of baked beans on the sunny side of Bunker Hill. He gave the congress an exaggerated 4th of July speech, and ended up with a defense of the "credit strengthening act" "resumption of specie payment" etc.

At the evening session Prof. F. Arnold of Maine told some very interesting facts about "Science and Agriculture." Then the Oklahoma member gave his adopted territory a great send-off. Finally L. P. Weller was introduced. He is one of the old green-back warhorses who served a term in congress ten years ago. He is known the world over as "Calamity" Weller. He talked on "Money." A majority of those present never heard so much truth in such a short time before. How he did pour hot shot into the Wall street crew! He handled the question with a master hand. The silk hat fellows tried to confuse him but they were discomfited at every turn. The old man kept them till nearly midnight listening to his unanswerable logic.

### THE DAST DAY.

To give a detailed account of the last day's work would be tedious and useless.

Resolutions were adopted (1) asking congress to amend the interstate commerce law and enlarge the powers of the commission; (2) Encouraging scientific agricultural work in colleges and universities; (3) Declaring that this congress has no connection with the Farmers' Alliance or any such organization; (4) Urging states to make a good display at the World's fair; (5) Asking that the World's fair be opened on Sunday's; (6) Favoring government aid to irrigation in the west.

A resolution opposing the issuance of bonds for road improvement was laid on the table.

A resolution favoring government ownership of railroads and telegraph was laid over till next meeting.

Calamity Weller offered a resolution that hereafter at least two-thirds of the members of the Farmers' congress should be farmers. It was voted down.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Savannah, Georgia.

Finally about noon of Thursday the 24, this Farmers' congress unanimously passed a resolution that reflected great credit on the body—to adjourn sine die.

Thus ended the greatest farce in the name of a farmers' meeting that Nebraska has ever seen, and let up hope the only one of the kind she will ever see.

### DR. SCOTT DYING.

The White House Again the Scene of Deep Mourning.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—The shadow of death was over the Executive mansion again to-day and the president and his family spent nearly the entire day at the bedside of Dr. Scott, the president's venerable father-in-law, awaiting the close of life, which, owing to the unexpected vitality displayed by the invalid, did not occur as soon as was anticipated.

### Populists Will Dance.

TOPEKA, Kan., Nov. 30.—The state house gossips have decided that the People's party will give a "house warming" in the north wing of the capitol building, which has just been completed, and the corridor of which is just the place for an inaugural ball. Governor-elect Levelling is contemplating moving his family to Topeka during his term and an inaugural ball will be the very thing to introduce them to the 409, provided the committee on invitations is properly chosen. It is hinted that all Republican state officials are to be boycotted when the invitations for the ball are given out.

### Took a Short Cut.

MADISON, Neb., Nov. 30.—Monday at noon Ambrose Malone and Rindgeley Wagner were drowned. They attempted to take a short cut to the schoolhouse by crossing a stream on the ice to avoid being late at school and broke through. The bodies were recovered within an hour.

### Drank an Ounce.

DAVID CITY, Neb., Nov. 30.—Yesterday afternoon while the family of L. H. Hinds, who lives about three miles from town, were visiting at a neighbor's, their three-year-old child got possession of a bottle containing a solution of morphine and carbolic acid and drank about an ounce. Medical assistance was summoned at once, but arrived too late, as the child died in about two hours.

### Frank Harrington Dead.

KEARNEY, Neb., Nov. 30.—Francis Harrington, son of J. S. Harrington, committed suicide yesterday morning by shooting himself through the heart while sitting on the edge of his bed. He was a young man, twenty-six years old and despair over a love affair, together with business troubles, is supposed to have been the cause. He died instantly and left no word.

### Bulldozed Nine Times.

A wealthy gentleman of Broken Bow got nine sets of teeth made, all worthless, and finally came to Lincoln to try again and was introduced to try Dr. Burris, 1208 O street, who takes all difficult cases. Mr. F. had received a blow on the side of the face with a crow bar which had deformed the upper jaw (maxillera bone). Dr. Burris made him a fine fit! He can now nip the turkey with the greatest of pleasure!

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