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THE ALLIANCE MOVEMENT

Its Origin, Objects, Etc.

["G. H. G." in *Beatrice Express*.]

The Farmers' Alliance is the outgrowth of the Grange. In fact it was instituted as the political mouthpiece of the Grange, but since its formation it has superseded the Grange in almost every State where the Grange was established. The principal reason for this is that the ritual of the Grange prohibited the members from discussing all political questions. The farmers discovered that unless they took an intelligent and active part in politics they would soon be slaves in the broadest sense of the word, therefore on the 21st of March, 1877, the Western New York Farmers' Club called a meeting, to be held at Rochester, and the first Farmers' Alliance was then and there organized. Since that time the National Alliance has been organized at Chicago, and State Alliances have been established in Kansas, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Iowa, New York and Illinois. Subordinate Alliances have also been established in several other States. Nebraska is the banner State as regards numbers in subordinate Alliances, leading the van with her 325 charter Alliances.

The intelligent people of the West endorse the editorial in the *Chicago Inter Ocean* of the 28th ult., headed "Plan for the Panic." It is on the silver question—read it,

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