

peration of despair, are sure to embody the elements of weakness and unreasonableness. The Farmer's Alliance has recently come into prominence through its efforts to right personal wrongs through the medium of legislation. It is the effort of a class to use the government to settle matters which concern a part of the people only. For this reason and not because interested supporters are the so-called calamity howlers is its foundation unstable. It will be disintegrated because as a political party it will never represent the whole people. Although during the first winter of its existence it had control of several state legislatures, and though said to be a reform and anti-monopoly party, in many instances it has been the tool of the monopolies and has bowed its head to the national organization of liquor dealers. The objections to the demands of this party lie not in the unjustice of them but in the manner of their accomplishment. Favoritism is entirely foreign to the spirit of our constitution. Yet it is stamped upon the face of many an act as it stands upon our statute books. An example of this is our tariff, which though called a tariff for protection is equally a tariff for oppression. Nor, on the other hand is the "land loan scheme" a legitimate relief. Attempts to right inequalities should not be in themselves equally unjust. The mass is the object of protection or favor. The farmer may reproach the government for his wrongs, but he should not endeavor to obtain advantages for themselves which are denied to others. What then is the cure for class legislation? Let it not be said of our nation that for relief in one evil she must rush blindly into another; or that she must expunge one blot from the page of her history by deliberately making another. Let it rather be said that a true regard for our national life compels us to foster every endeavor to attain a government of the people, by the people and for all the people.

After a brief period of applause Mr. Chas. Alexander sang a tenor solo, after which Mr. Chapman delivered his oration, entitled "A National Peril." Mr. Chapman had his oration well learned and spoke it clearly. However he seemed to lack the grace and force of the preceding orator. His oration may be found elsewhere printed in full. A male quartette composed of Messrs. Hollister, West, Crosthwaite, and Hollister then rendered a very pleasing song, after which Mr. Wolfe spoke on "The Russian Jew Problem." Mr. Wolfe makes a very strong appearance and has a forcible, convincing delivery. However his voice gave out in the fore part of his oration and he was unable to thoroughly recover. The synopsis of his oration is as follows:

All ages have records of persecutions. In modern times they are the result of ignorance and intolerance. In ancient times people were persecuted because they were in advance of the age in which they lived. Recently Russia, wearied of a nation within a nation, has vented her hate upon the lowly Israelite. The Russian government with hard, cruel laws is trying to solve the Jew problem. The Jew is oppressed and denied nearly all the rights of citizenship. He is prevented from obtaining an education and is even licensed to hold communion with his God. Every enlightened country has the Jew. In every instance where he has been justly treated he has assisted the national advancement. Especially is this so in Spain, France, Germany and England. The Jews have risen high in the professions. The public press of Germany at the present time is in the hands of a Jew. France, Italy, and Germany are indebted to the Jew for their advancement in education and art. The career of the Jew in this country is not so significant. At the time of the rebellion many

that freedom in this country might no longer be mere words but a reality. The Jew in Russia is not so enlightened as in other countries, yet Russia has the kind of Jew she deserves for her inhuman treatment. About the only solution to this problem seems to be the civilization of Russia. She is five hundred years behind the progressive spirit of this age. Another solution of the problem has been the proposed removal of the Jew to Palestine. This scheme is almost as impossible as the solution of the negro problem by sending him to Africa. The Jew is not a farmer and hence could find no pleasing employment in Palestine. If the Jewish population of the world were transported to the land of their forefathers there would scarcely be standing room. If Russia does not treat the Jew so as to promote the interests of humanity, then humanity must force her to. The Jews have a right to be proud of the long list of men with Jewish blood in their veins who have mounted to the top of the ladder of fame. May the time soon come when the world will cease to scorn the Jew for his descent. The time has come to cry "hold" to Russia's prosecutions of this much wronged people. In future ages, when Russian despotism is a thing of the past, the Russian Jew will be a power in Russia. The Hebrew people will then look back over their past history with feelings of satisfaction. True merit will then be recognized and appreciated.

#### ~~Competitive Prize Drills.~~

The eleventh of June was the day set for prize drill. The weather was all that could be desired. Instead of raining as it has nearly every day set apart for field day the sun was shining and the day was bright and warm. The call for the artillery detachments was sounded at 9 o'clock a.m. The detachments fell in and accredited themselves well considering the short time during which they had been drilling. When the drill was over the judges awarded first prize to detachment C and second to detachment A. In the individual drill which followed immediately Mr. Dinges won the gold medal and Mr. Upton the silver. This ended the drill for the morning. At 2 o'clock the companies fell in for the competitive infantry drill. The companies drilled in the following order D, B, A, C. Scarcely a break was made, but company B met with an accident which probably lost the flag for her. The judges awarded first place to A, second to D, third to B and fourth to C. The individual drill followed. Owing to the large number it was found necessary to make two divisions. Mr. Durrell won in the first division, and one of the local editors, Mr. Reedy, the second. Mr. Reedy and Mr. Durrell then drilled together, Mr. Reedy winning the first prize and Mr. Durrell the second. The battalion was formed for dress parade at 5 o'clock, at which the various prizes were awarded. Captain M. M. Magee received the reward offered to the captain whose company had the best attendance throughout the year. This ended the ceremonies and the cadets dispersed rejoiced that they had completed another year's drill.

#### ~~The Baccalaureate Sermon.~~

Sunday evening was warm and sultry, but the opera house was crowded to overflowing. The following program was carried out:

Invocation.....	Rev. L. Groves
Anthem.....	University chorus
Scripture lesson .....	Rev. Lewis Gregor
Anthem Quartette .....	Mrs. A. W. Jansen, Miss Edith Floyd, Mr. Joseph Wurzburg, Mr. J. B. Barnaby
Prayer.....	Rev. E. H. Curtis
Hymn .....	Chorus and Congregation

When the chorus with fifty well-trained voices sang "Jesus, we love thee" the audience responded with a hearty "Amen."