

THE ALLIANCE WIDE AWAKE

Organization Perfected in Nearly Every County.

THE ORDER'S PLAN OF CAMPAIGN

Two Interesting Interviews—In the District Court—Items Gathered at the State House—The Capital City.

Not a Boycotting Body.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 22.—[Special to The Bee.] Judge W. V. Allen of Madison and M. D. Jackson of Dodge while enjoying the comforts of after breakfast cigars and easy chairs in the rotunda of the Capitol hotel were approached by The Bee representative this morning.

What is the farmers' alliance doing up your way?

"Getting there ill in Madison county," said Judge Allen. We have a voting population of 860 and of this number the alliance has a membership of 700 to 1000. It will number the latter figure to say the least within the next three months. The local ticket will be captured by the alliance bag and bugle. Organizations have been perfected in almost every county school district in the county.

Does the alliance propose to work in the primary elections, or not?

"Quite generally, I think; but an independent ticket is probable. If the machine captures the county convention then look out for breakers. It is needless to say that in that event the republican ticket would be defeated to a man."

Is there any difference between the grange as run a few years ago and the alliance?

"Well, yes, I should say so. The grange was a sort of a boycotting institution. And, moreover, the alliance is run by a more and more intelligent class of farmers. Now they go to our merchants and grocers and say we propose to buy our goods of you just the same as in the past. But in the alliance exact or expect help in the election of men to office, local and legislative, who believe that the farmer is worthy his hire and will work for him and not for the grocer, the merchant and grocers are not slow to pledge loyalty and support in all laudable efforts they may make to that end. The alliance is after cheaper transportation. It favors government control of railroad, telegraph and express companies. In our part of the state it is after a more efficient banking system alone. The most intelligent farmers of Madison county are pushing the move for all there is in it."

Is the alliance gaining in the adjacent counties so Madison?

"Without a doubt. The alliance is as strong, if not stronger, in the counties of Madison county. I learn also that it is growing very rapidly in Greeley, Wheeler, Boone and Stanton counties. West and north of Wheeler I cannot say. In the latter case it, however, that the entire northwest part of the state will be in the alliance column before the fall of November."

When does this alliance favor for government?

"In the event of a general revolt and an independent ticket, the alliance would probably be the man. Of the prominent republican candidates mentioned, however, Richards of Fremont is probably the strongest. I think that a coalition of his friends, and among the soldiers Governor Thayer is popular, but Madison county voters will not stand anything that savors of Dorsey."

As a candidate for state treasurer, secretary of state, auditor of public accounts, attorney general, or any of the offices of public lands and buildings, what's the law?

"No opposition to Hill whatever. He will be nominated state treasurer without a contest. The fact that he is a money changer is no objection to him. He is a good man, and there will be a landslide. Cowdery has made mistakes that our people are not apt to look over. I will not vote for him. Dorsey will not represent the Third congressional district in congress again very soon."

Mr. Jackson, how are matters in your county?

"Pretty much the same that Judge Allen suggests them to be in Madison county. I mean, as to the election of a republican local ticket will carry in my county unless the republican leaders exercise more judgment in convention than they have in the past. With the present state of the independent ticket is a sure thing. The alliance, too, is strong with us, and it will have organizations in every school district in the county before fall. I learn, also, that it is growing in voting population of 2,000 fully throughout the state. The alliance stands today state politics in a very muddled condition, and it is hard to predict what the outcome of the campaign will be. Richards is the personal choice of the county for governor. If Attorney General Leese, however, comes out as a candidate it will be found that he has a good many friends in the district."

THE DISTRICT COURT.

Judge Field esteemed "failure to support for two years" sufficient grounds, and granted a divorce to Mrs. Sherman from her husband, William, this morning.

The case of Henry Townsend vs. the city of Lincoln, the first of the graining damage suits, was decided in favor of the defendant, and the case will go to the supreme court.

Judgments to the amount of \$17,500 have been rendered against the city of Lincoln, in a house merchant. Still it is said that the invoice has not been exhausted and that it will pay creditors dollar for dollar.

James Ledwith vs. M. Howell et al. is the title of a case filed today in which there is \$1,300 involved. It is brought on a promissory note and will play an important part in the contest.

CAPITAL INTELLIGENCE.

Deputy Treasurer Bartlett left for eastern Ohio today, called by a telegram announcing that John F. East, who was elected by Thomas Egan, with having uttered forged papers. His preliminary hearing will take place next Tuesday at 2 o'clock.

Governor Egan's visit to Fillmore county today. He addressed the Farmers' alliance at that place this afternoon. On Monday next he will visit the same county.

The Omaha Theatrical Mechanics' association filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state today. Its purpose is mutual improvement of the members, assistance to members in time of sickness and death. Incorporators: Bud Burk, Charles H. Mack, Jerry L. Maynard, Arthur McDonald and August J. Uhl.

The case of the state of Nebraska on the relation of the school district of Omaha vs. State Auditor Thomas H. Benton was filed for trial in the supreme court today. The case is brought to compel the auditor to register \$218,000 of school district bonds. It will be remembered that the auditor refused to do this a short time since.

CITY NEWS AND NOTES.

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Farragut returned from the Republic today, and he will be accompanied by Comrade Charles Gould delivered an address on "The Volunteer Soldier in War and in Peace." Members of the party and visitors speak in high terms of the effort.

Lincoln division No. 1, Knights of Pythias, give a benefit ball at Robinson's hall on Friday evening, March 25. Omaha knights will receive a cordial welcome without special invitations. S. A. Warner, G. F. Sims and B. F. McNeil comprise the invitation committee.

The remains of the late Fred Finkler are being taken to the city of Omaha for interment. The funeral will take place at the family residence, corner of Thirteenth and H streets, tomorrow at 3 o'clock. Interment at Wyuka.

Friends are invited to the funeral of the late State Farmers' Alliance has established permanent headquarters in the city, in the building formerly used as the county court house on South Eleventh street. It is estimated that the alliance will do a sort of wholesale business of farmers' supplies, which will be furnished husbands at cost.

A PREACHER'S SHORTCOMINGS.

A. S. Collins Said to Be a Candidate for Dismissal.

Ex-Rev. A. S. Collins, now in Ponca, Nebr., or some other city in the northern part of the state, but whose home is at Thirty-seventh and Howard streets, in this city, is reported to be a candidate for dismissal from the M. E. church for the second time on the charge of immorality. Rev. Collins has a weakness for women that in the past has brought him into some of the most sensational scandals ever heard of in the Methodist church, and this has again brought trouble on his head.

Rev. Collins was once a Methodist preacher, but owing to his short-comings, was expelled from the ministry at Ponca, Nebr., five years ago. Since then he has been eking out a comfortable livelihood as a book agent by selling religious tracts. He styled himself the prefix of reverend to his name and whenever he strikes off to town he generally offers to fill the pulpit for the local Methodist congregation. The offer is invariably accepted. He is a very magnetic man, readily pleases the ladies of the congregation, and thereby paves the way for a successful career from house to house with his book.

A well known attorney who has been brought into connection with the case of Collins is authority for the statement that the presiding elder is after the ex-minister's scalp.

The gentleman reports that Collins, who is a married man, has been in the habit of taking another woman on his travels whom he has been representing as Mrs. Collins, but who does not bear the slightest resemblance to the real wife.

The preacher book agent generally stops with the presiding elder at the residence of the Methodist minister of the town that he is canvassing, and it is alleged that it was through this source that his indiscreet conduct was first reported to Presiding Elder Clendinning concerning the bold indiscretion of the pious usurer, and that subsequently he reported to be collecting what evidence he can against the erring brother to bring him to account.

A reporter went to Dundee Place, the home of Presiding Elder Clendinning, but found that he is out of the city.

The elder's son was at home, however, and he acknowledged that his father had been discussing the short-comings of Brother Collins and he believed that testimony was being gathered for Collins' trial before the conference.

In addition to his shortcomings Collins has financial trouble ahead, as he is threatened with legal proceedings for not paying for furniture costing several hundred dollars and settle about \$100 due in rent.

Collins has had a very savory record in the past, and has become notorious for his violation of the seventh commandment. Five years ago he was pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church in Galva, Ill., and he started the citizens of that cultured community with a record of immorality from which that quiet city has scarcely yet recovered. The woman with whom he is alleged to have been unduly intimate at the time were all members of his church, and a double number.

He fled to Canada and a body washed up on the shores of Lake Erie was supposed to be his. On the strength of this his wife attempted to get a divorce from him, and the companies with which he was insured employed detectives to investigate the matter. After a long and successful search Collins was discovered in one of the principal cities of Canada disguised as an English society. His head was shaved and he wore a pair of eye glasses. The finishing touch to the new role was a suit of clothes. Had not one of the detectives been well acquainted with him in Galva, the erring preacher would probably never have been recognized in the English duds.

At the close of the ministers of that conference which was held at Galva, Mr. Collins was summarily expelled from the church.

It is reported that the woman who figures in the latest scandal was one of those associated with him in his previous escapades at Galva.

Mrs. Collins, who had hoped that her husband had profited by past sins and would do better in the future, is grief stricken over his latest escapade. She has been brought to the residence of Collins a few weeks ago when the report of his escapades in northern Nebraska first reached this city.

She has been informed of her husband's disgraceful conduct and that certain members of her church are rendering her such attention and assistance as they find necessary.

THE THREE SUSPECTS.

They are Murdered Face to Face—The Murderous Gun.

The three murder suspects have been brought together in the jailer's office in the county building. There were present Sheriff Hoyt, County Attorney Mahoney, Jailer Miller and a couple of private citizens. Neal, Shellenberger and Sherman were brought into the room about the same time and without knowing whom they were to expect were suddenly confronted by Sherman. Neal looked at him most intently for a moment, then he pursued up his lips, the lower one of which trembled. But that was all. There was nothing to look at either side. The case is closed. It is assumed that Neal made up his mind to do no way commit himself.

"Do you know who this is?" asked the county attorney of Sherman and indicating Neal.

"I suppose it's Neal." That was all he said and then his eyes sought the floor of the jailer's office.

Shellenberger was then asked if he recognized Sherman and curtly answered that he did not know him. He was then asked if he recognized Neal, which was almost funereal in its frigidity, had been concluded, some one remarked to Sherman that if he were not in the same cell with Neal, the latter would kill him.

"He might do now," said Sherman, "because I've been sick, but in a few days my eyes would be bright and I could get a couple of rounds. He might do me up, but that's the kind of business he's engaged in. I guess there was a little grim humor in the last remark he made when he told me he was addressed sooted to appreciate."

Yesterday morning Deputy Sheriff Tighe of the real estate exchange, remaining in Chicago to look after matters in connection with his position on the license board.

The members of the committee were met in Chicago by Messrs. Drake and Bonesteel, who were delayed for a day. They were very favorably received by Mr. Hughtit. The president listened attentively to all they had to say and afterwards, considering all their arguments expressed himself in favor of recommending to his directors the completion of this line as one of their first acts in the line of the extension of their system in Nebraska, notwithstanding the unfriendly sentiment and attitude towards the roads now in operation in the state.

During the interview Mr. Hughtit took occasion to refer to the corn rate agitation, stating that if the farmers would so organize for their mutual benefit that they would be able to hold their corn for six months, or till the market recovered from its glutted condition, they would do well for themselves by selling at reduced rates.

Also, the interview gave great encouragement to the delegates, and they evidently feel confident that the building of the extension is a question of a very short time.

Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses were issued to the following parties by Judge Shields yesterday: Name and residence. Age. Charles Jarl, Omaha, 35. Hilda Nolenberg, Omaha, 19. Credence Henkman, Omaha, 28. Ottilie Knack, Omaha, 19. James Vickery, Omaha, 41. Annie Pivins, Omaha, 42. Levi Groselove, Papillion, 30. Mary Tucker, Papillion, 30.

Omaha Traveling Men's Club.

The next meeting of the Omaha Traveling Men's club will be held next Saturday evening instead of later, as previously decided upon. It is very important that all members of the club, and particularly the directors, shall be present at the Hotel Casey next Saturday evening.

A Special Lenten Service.

A special service of Lenten music will be given at All Saints church, Twenty-sixth and Howard streets, on the evening of Thursday, the 27th. The choir will sing the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, set to Gregorian tones arranged by Stamer, and for the anthem Mendelssohn's 18th Psalm for alto

KELLEY, SPRING GLOVES, CHALIE, DRESS GOODS.

CHINA SILK

Rich and perfect colorings. Exquisite styles and figures also. Plain and 24 inches wide, worth \$1. 65c.

Figured Pongee Silk

Perfect in style and finish. The latest colorings. 27 inches wide worth \$1.25. 90c.

Figured Levantine Silk

The wash fabric of the season. This cannot be surpassed. For beauty and durability. In summer fabrics.

Fancy Striped Wash

SURAH SILKS

A very large assortment. In all styles. \$1 and \$1.12 1/2.

SILKS SILKS

French and Scotch Plaids. In double warp Surah. Silk, nothing to equal this. This season for shades.

Black Broche China Silk

All styles and qualities.

Our Spring Importation of Kid Gloves has arrived and will be placed on sale Morning morning.

They embrace all the shades in both Suede and Glacé finish. Notwithstanding the marked advance in Europe, we shall continue to give our customers the benefit of last season's prices. Our Four Button Kid Glove at \$1.15, is acknowledged to be the best glove in Omaha, at less than \$1.50.

Dress Goods.

In this department we are replete in every respect. The choice of the French, English and German markets are here well represented.

ROBES. ROBES.

Elegant French Dresses. Embroidered Lace Effects, Applique Work, Leather Effects, Etc., Etc. Every style in stock, \$5.50, \$9.50, \$10, \$12.75, \$14.50, \$16, \$17.50, \$20.

BRILLIANTINE.

All the latest and staple shades, 50c, 60c and \$1; also plaids stripes and broche effects.

Shepherd Checks.

Handsome colors, all the latest shades, 85c.

New French Plaids

All new styles and colors, 77 1/2c; worth \$1.00.

PLAIDS. PLAIDS.

Rich French Importations.

De Beige Suitings.

Drabs grays, all shades, 45c, 50c, 60c and 85c. All Wool Spring Goods, and well worth your attention.

Bargains in Dress Goods

All Wool 40-inch French Twills, Plaids, Stripes, Checks and Rich Bordered goods, worth 75c; on Monday, 45c.

CHALLIE.

French Imported Goods, rich styles and perfect colorings. 55c.

CHALLIE. CHALLIE.

French Goods, All Wool, 45c.

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Beautiful in Color and Effects, 35c.

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Cannot be equalled for style and colorings at nearly double the price, 20c.

Wash Goods.

Bordered India Linen. 40 inches wide, worth 25c, 12 1/2c.

Choice Figured Mull.

Rich Designs and Effects, Special Price 18c.

INDIA LINEN.

Fine Grass Bleached Goods. Especially good value as a leader. On Monday 10c and 12 1/2c.

Something New in Gingham.

42-inch beautiful bordered Gingham 37 1/2c.

Gingham. Gingham.

Special Value—Extra large variety, 25c.

GREAT SPECIAL SALE

OF Choice Novelties

Lace Draping Nets And Flouncings.

45-inch Black All-Silk "La Tosca" Lace Flouncings, choice designs, something entirely new, at \$1.40, \$2, \$3, \$3.75 and \$4.50 a yard.

48-inch Black All-Silk Russian "La Tosca," figured, dotted and striped Draping Nets, 25 of the very choicest and latest designs to select from, at the following exceptionally low prices: 58c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.40, \$1.75, \$2.25 and up to \$3.25 a yard.

These prices are actually lower than the same goods are being sold at in New York City by the leading houses.

Choice Novelties in Van Dyke, Guipure, De Gise, Point Gaze, Oriental, Chantilly, Fedora and Gimpure laces, at 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 35c and 50c a yard.

Hand-Made Medall and Torchon Laces—special bargain sale all this week at 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 30c and 35c a yard.

45-inch Swiss Skirting choice novelties in real hand-drawn work in zig-zag, straight lines, Grecian effects, real hemstitched, in-laid block work, tucked effects, etc., lovely pattern to the correct thing for children's dress, at 35c, 45c, 50c, 65c, 75c and \$1 a yard; to see them is to buy them.

22 1/2 and 27-inch Swiss Embroidered Flouncings, in drawn work, ruffling, tucked and guipure effects; choice, dainty pattern to the correct thing for children's dress, at 35c, 45c, 50c, 65c, 75c and \$1 a yard; to see them is to buy them.

We have just opened an exquisite assortment of Fine Matched Embroideries, which will be sold at our usual popular prices; don't fail to see them.

Ladies' HANDKERCHIEFS

All linen lawn hand embroidered Initial. 3 in a lot for 75c. They are worth 40c each.

Latest Novelties in DRESS TRIMMINGS

Fancy Buckles, Slides, etc, Choice Novelties in Folding Japanese Fans.

Rich Heavy All Silk FAILLE RIBBONS

Satin edges, in Black. Creme and New Shades. 7c, 12c and 15c a yard. [Worth Double.]

Rich Novelty Millinery Ribbons

Fringed Edges, Double Face, Contrasting Shades. only 75c a yd. worth \$1.25.

SPRING JACKETETS AND WRAPS.

Coaching Jackets, Walking Jackets, Wraps, Capes, Ulsters and Newmarkets in Great Variety. KELLEY, STIGER & CO., - Cor. 14th and 15th Streets

IN MEMORY OF CROOK.

A Mass Meeting to Be Held at Boy's Opera House To-day.

General expressions of regret were heard in the city yesterday over the death of General Crook. Flags were flying at half mast on the government buildings and the various Grand Army halls. The following notice was read at the various daily papers:

The undersigned call upon their fellow citizens to meet at Boy's opera house to-day at 4 o'clock p. m. (Sunday, March 23) to make formal expression of their sense of the public loss in the death of Major General George Crook.

Gen. George W. Doane has consented to preside.

W. A. Paxton, George H. Lake, Alfred Millard, George E. Prichett, William G. Maul, George W. Doane, C. H. Lustin, J. E. Markel, F. H. Davis, A. U. Wyman, John A. McShane, A. S. Collins, H. Koutz.

An Acknowledgment.

District Court, Judge E. M. Moore, who was a personal friend of the dead general, having been in all his important conferences and reporting to him all through the war, has been brought into the room about the same time and without knowing whom they were to expect were suddenly confronted by Sherman. Neal looked at him most intently for a moment, then he pursued up his lips, the lower one of which trembled. But that was all. There was nothing to look at either side. The case is closed. It is assumed that Neal made up his mind to do no way commit himself.

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Neal was commenced tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock in the court room of the building, northwest corner Fifteenth and Dodge streets. It will be five stories and cost \$120,000.

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