

The Alliance Corner Stone.

Several careless newspapers, notably The Omaha Bee, have published inaccurate reports of the proceedings of the late Farmers' Alliance convention in Omaha, and then proceeded to condemn editorially the Alliance for doing what it did not do.

One of the most egregious blunders of this kind was in first reporting and then condemning the passage of a resolution favoring an increase of the circulating medium to \$50 per person, the new money thus issued to be loaned to states at 3 per cent., the states to loan to the counties at 2 per cent., and the counties to loan to individuals at 1 per cent.

The convention did not pass the resolution. It did not consider it. No such resolution was presented. The careless editor who so freely condemns the farmers' monetary views on all occasions, and who seized this one, probably refers to a resolution which was presented but rejected, by the terms of which it was proposed that the nation loan to the states at 1 per cent., the states to counties at 2 per cent., and the counties to individuals at 3 per cent. He therefore reversed the conditions of the resolution which he condemns, and he reported it as having passed, whereas it was rejected.

As a matter of fact, the convention passed a resolution favoring government loans to the people not exceeding \$3,000 to any individual at 3 per cent. interest on real estate double the value of the loans.

There is one principle which is invariably the corner stone of the Alliance platform and the source of Alliance strength among the people—the demand for an increase in the supply of money.

On that principle the Alliance will gain what it gains, and if it meets with success in the future it will be due to the advocacy of that single, strong and growing demand which many outside the Alliance know to be just.—Omaha World-Herald.

The Paramount Question.

I receive on an average 300 letters a day commending the bill I introduced in the senate by which money can be borrowed on land from the government at 2 per cent. per annum. It is impossible, of course, for me to read them all, but I do the best I can. The interest shown everywhere in the bill proves that the financial question is really paramount to all others now before the country. The farmer, of course, will be benefited by my bill should it become a law. Any one who has tillable land or ever buys it on a credit will be able to borrow money from the government at such a low rate of interest he can afford to go into debt a little.

Some one asked me what would be done in case a land owner should become insolvent and unable to pay the interest to the government. That is very easy to answer. There would be plenty of men ready to buy land, borrow money at 2 per cent. from the government and go ahead as if the insolvency had never occurred. The sub-treasury bill advocated by the Farmers' Alliance simply hypothecates products. My bill, if it becomes a law, will not bring about the millennium, but it will give the people money and forever do away with money panics.—Senator Leland Stanford.

There Has Been a Change.

Farmers of the United States are at last taking an interest in politics at the right end of a political campaign. Heretofore, when they had voted they completed their share of the duty that citizenship imposes and took no further interest in matters political until the next campaign, with its party ticket to lure with siren song the farmer to the polls. But now the situation is radically changed, and after political campaigns, at the time when politicians, capitalists and quasi statesmen expect the farmer to go back to his acres, his cows and his barns, forgetful of politics and everything pertaining thereto, behold! he remains in the field as active, aggressive, earnest and enthusiastic as ever.

What does it mean? It means that farmers, half the voting strength of the country, propose henceforth to have something to say about how this government shall be run; they are henceforth going to take an interest in the matter 35 days in a year. And every real good citizen is glad of it, for it means a more equitably distributed prosperity and brighter sunshine for the masses, regardless of their avocation.—Farm, Stock and Home.

An Income Tax.

The Farmers' Alliance of Illinois has come out boldly in favor of a graduated income tax. The idea is spreading like wildfire among the farmers of the country. It is notorious that over 75 per cent. of the internal taxes of the nation are paid by real estate, although other forms of property are about equally valuable in the aggregate. Our present law is unfairly heavy on the rich to get richer; by shouldn't they compel them to surrender to the public treasury a part of the plunder they have accumulated by artful legislation, and thus help to equalize taxation, now so outrageously unjust to the holders of the soil? The chief objection appears to be that while a honest man would pay the tax the dishonest would, even at the cost of perjury, evade it. Stringent laws would minimize this evil.—Rural New Yorker.

Insurance Legislation.

A bill has been introduced in the Kansas state senate which provides that all insurance companies, except mutual benefit associations, shall be governed by laws of insurance as specified in this act. They shall not charge or receive more premium for any given risk than is specified by the act. It then provides that a life or fire insurance company shall argue or receive as a premium on a life policy, or one for a term of years, more than 5 per cent. yearly on the amount of a policy, and not more than 1.7 per cent. yearly on a policy for a risk against fire. The penalty for violation of the provisions of the act shall be not less than \$50 nor more than \$500 for each offense, and the permit of the company to do business in the state shall be revoked.

CAPTAIN AND CREW LOST.

A New York Freight Ship Goes to Pieces on the Rocks.

The ship Elizabeth, of New York, went ashore during the heavy storm the first of this week on the rocks at North Head, near San Francisco. The crew consisted of the captain, two mates, the cook, and 16 sailors; and the captain, wife, and two children were on board.

The story of the wreck is told by one of the survivors as follows: "The vessel was sighted at port early Sunday afternoon, and Captain Colcord decided to sail in. The wind was blowing a furious gale from the southwest, and finally the tug Monarch came to the Elizabeth's assistance. The men say assistance was refused because of exorbitant charges. The tug Alert then made fast to the Elizabeth, but her hawser soon broke, and the ship drifted before the wind toward the shore. Just as the second hawser was made fast she struck the rocks.

Then Captain Colcord lowered the boat to take his wife and children off. As the boat struck the water it capsized, throwing three sailors, James Laken, George Hanna, and Grant Johnson, into the water. They clung to the bottom of the boat and were picked up by the tug. The captain's family was then lowered in another boat and taken to the tug by the mate and two seamen, and safely reached shore. The boat returned to the ship and its crew perished with the rest of the ship's crew. The tugs were unable to get near the ship, and late at night returned to port, leaving the vessel to its fate. The captain and the entire crew of 16 perished.

TO CALL OUT 30,000 MINERS.

The Cokers Refuse to Arbitrate and Talk Fight.

The leaders of the late coke strike have held a long consultation. It was stated that the strike, which is now two weeks old, will continue until the operators yield. It was learned, too, that the cokers will call on the miners of competing districts to strike if they are asked to fill Connellsville contracts. If this plan is carried out 30,000 men will be on strike.

The Fair Chance Furnace Company offered to resume work at the old rates, and sign any kind of an agreement the strikers wanted. The proposition was declined.

A German Farmers' Alliance.

The projects of Emperor William, which menace all of the protected industries, agricultural and industrial, in Germany, are arousing keen opposition in that country. The German Farmers' Alliance recently adopted resolutions declaring that the maintenance of the corn laws was necessary to the prosperity of the peasantry. Count von Moltke telegraphed to a meeting of the Alliance that he himself was a farmer, and that they might rely upon his active cooperation. Prince Bismarck has also promised to support the alliance. An immense petition is being circulated for signatures in Hanover against a reduction of the tariff on Austrian corn.

A Warning to Druggists.

Mrs. Sarah Emerson has brought suit for \$5,000 damages against a Chicago apothecary. She was taken ill and her physician wrote out two prescriptions, one for outward and the other for inward application. It is claimed that the drug clerk who put up the medicines reversed the labels for each by mistake, and the sick woman took inwardly the prescription intended for outward application and vice versa. She became violently ill, but is now recovering.

The Flood Subsidies.

The flood in the Ohio River basin subsiding on Monday, and all further danger is considered past. The loss to railroads is very great. In the Ohio valley, not less than 15,000 men have been thrown out of employment. The estimated loss in the immediate district is \$4,000,000.

Many people in Pocahontas county, West Virginia, are reported destitute.

Another Oklahoma Boom.

There is a steady influx of "boomers" into the new lands (Sac and Fox and Iowa) in Oklahoma, and plans for the organization of towns are progressing rapidly. Under the recently approved treaties agents and surveyors will be sent here at once. The rush of settlers will be kept up until all the available lands have been secured.

Miners Had Lived Ten or Twelve Days.

The searching party in the Jeanesville mine recovered the bodies of Larry Reed, Harry Ball, Mike Smith, and John Bullock. The four unfortunate victims had evidently lived for 10 or 12 days. The space in which they were found was 70 feet above the water line. The bodies were more or less eaten by rats. Eight other bodies have since been recovered.

Will Quay Sue for Libel?

It is stated in Washington that on his return from Florida, Senator Quay, not content with his own general denial, will institute libel suits against the newspapers which originally published the charges against him. His engrossing campaign work last year and his ill health this year are given as the reasons for his delay in bringing the libel suits.

A Big Meteor.

A meteoric stone, resembling granite, fell near the mouth of Pistol River, in Curry county, Ore. It weighs something over 400 pounds and imbedded itself several feet in the earth. Parties who saw it went to dig it out, but found it so hot nothing could be done with it. After it had cooled it was removed, and will soon be placed on exhibition.

An Anti-Filtration Priest.

Father Schindler, of the Catholic Church at Greenville, Long Island, has got his young feminine parishioners fairly up in arms by warning them against flirting or dressing up so finely as to attract young men. He has especially warned the girls against attending Salvationist meetings to make fun thereof and flirt afterward.

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