

RAILROAD LEGISLATION.

Full Text of the Bill Adopted by Alliance Efforts in Minnesota.

There has been considerable said in the press of the country concerning the railroad legislation inaugurated by the Farmers' Alliance influence in the Minnesota legislature. The resolutions adopted by the state senate, which was the first step in the direction of legislation on this subject, recite the grievances of the farmers of the state, from an Alliance standpoint, against the railroad companies, and it is further declared that it is impossible to determine the legislation necessary to correct the evils named without more knowledge of the exact condition of the railroads. Following are the resolutions:

Resolved, first, That the state board of railroad and warehouse commissioners be and it is hereby directed to collect full and complete information concerning:

First—The actual cost of construction and length in miles of each of the several railroads in the state, together with amounts paid for rights of way, depot grounds, etc.

Second—The value of the rolling stock, real estate and other property respectively of each of the companies.

Third—The salaries paid to the several officers, attorneys, agents, etc.

Fourth—The number of persons employed in their offices, depots, stations, shops and on their lines of roads, and the amount paid to them per year, together with all other operating expenses, interests, taxes, fines, damages and any expenses incident to the conduct of the business.

Fifth—The bonded indebtedness of such company, with the amount received for such bonds and the rates of interest they bear; also, the sums and character of floating debts, if there be any.

Sixth—The amounts of stock each company has issued, the time when and on what accounts such stock was issued, and the amounts and kinds of the consideration received for the same; to whom the stock was issued and the names of the present holders; also the dividends paid on the same since Jan. 1, 1889.

Seventh—The number of acres and average value per acre of lands granted by the state or general government, and the amounts of bonuses of money or property received from the state, counties, towns or villages.

Eighth—The description of contracts made by the companies with their patrons, and whether differences in terms and rates for carrying freights or passengers are ever made, and if so, the reasons why such discriminations are made.

Ninth—Whether any of the directors, managing officers or agents of the companies are directly or indirectly interested in the shipments of freights or passengers over the lines of road with which they have official connection, or over lines allied to these through associations of business interests; and whether their being so interested is ever influential in securing to such directors, officers or agents or their business associates favorable discriminations.

Resolved, second, That such commission be and it is hereby directed to send for papers and papers, and (at their option) to require that such information or any part of it shall be given under oath.

Resolved, third, That, based upon the information obtained as hereinbefore provided, the judiciary committee shall prepare a bill for an act for the better regulation of the operation of railroads and conduct of the transportation business in this state.

Resolved, fourth, That it is desirable to include in one law all necessary legislation for controlling the operation of railroads in the state; that such law shall be just and equitable in every particular and easy to understand, and that under its provisions the business of the companies shall be made known to the public, in order that there may be no further occasion for distrust and misrepresentation, nor for those animosities now existing between the public and the companies; and the commission is directed to use their utmost endeavors to frame a bill that will serve this purpose and effectually guard the interests of all classes of citizens without imposing hardship upon the companies.

Resolved, fifth, That the said board of railroad and warehouse commissioners be requested to report upon each point named within thirty days after this resolution is passed. And nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent other legislation upon the subject of railroads pending the presentation of the report.

Union Mills.
A correspondent of Madison, Monroe county, writes us that that town, by donating \$5,500 in money and one or two acres of ground for a mill site, had secured the building of the \$20,000 Union mill. It is pleasant to note the anxiety of the different towns in the county to secure the location of the mill. But it is still more pleasant to see that the members of the union have firmly resolved to fight the mill trust to the extent of building so fine a mill; and not only that, the owning of mills and other enterprises by the members of the union affords the best possible means of holding the order together.

It takes a tangible something about whose benefits there is no doubt to hold men together in any sort of organization, and it has always been one of the weaknesses of the farmers' organizations that there was nothing of this sort in which their common interests centered. At other points, union mills are a great success, and we hope that the one to be built at Madison will be second to none of them.—St. Louis Journal of Agriculture.

To Establish Co-operation.
The executive committee of the Farmers' Alliance of the states of Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky and Tennessee, which met recently at Indianapolis, decided to establish an interstate co-operative business committee, composed of one member from the executive committee of each state that will unite in the movement. The following officers of the committee were elected: President, Eli Hobson, of Mechanicsburg, Ind.; vice president, F. S. Melville, of Genoa, Ill.; secretary, A. A. Brown, of Anderson, Ind. The officers of the co-operative committee will labor to have the great combine well organized by the time the next national meeting of the Alliance is held, which will probably be in this city next November.

A Farmer Candidate.
Some of the papers have been making a good deal of fun over what they regard as the incompetency of the farmers in matters of statesmanship. In Kentucky, however, the farmers cannot be charged with any lack of sense in putting forward Dr. John D. Clardy as a candidate for governor. Dr. Clardy is a high toned, cultivated Christian gentleman, of sterling character, extended information, clear headed wisdom and strong conscience. He is just the sort of material out of which to make a governor. If there is anywhere in our Kentucky woods any better piece of gubernatorial timber it has not yet been pointed out.—Louisville Western Recorder.

WOMAN'S WORLD.

TOPICS OF INTEREST IN THE HOME AND SOCIAL CIRCLE.

A Hint to Beauty.

Milliner and latter show work to please the belle and beau. But as change is still the passion of the votaries of fashion, that which just now has a pull we today call beautiful. Fashion plates made in the "fifties" show us all how weak our gift is. To discern what time will cherish. From the things that soon will perish. Mother Eve in fig leaves dressed, Pallas with her armored breast, Caesar, in imperial state, Show a beauty without date; While the portrait, once delightful, Forty years may make seem frightful. So let your head be always bare. When seated in the artist's chair. —[Puck.]

Girls at the Age of Fourteen.

The few girls who wish they were boys are about 14 years old. From boyhood they have enjoyed the freedom of boys in their play, and still love their freedom. They have climbed high trees, clambered over great stone walls, vaulted fences, played various kinds of ball, swam, skated, rolled over with the dog on the grass, played games in the summer evenings, and tumbled into bed as tired and thoughtless as a boy.

But they have reached the mature age of 14 years, and now begins what they call their slavery. Their mothers insist on lengthening their dresses a little, and have new ideas about arranging their hair, both of which are hindrances to freedom of movement. They discover that there is a precious thing that goes by the name of complexion, of which they had scarcely heard before, and they find it a perfect despot. Elder sisters object to the vaulting of fences and the climbing of tall trees, as no longer proper, and maiden aunts are shocked at the running of races on the sidewalk.

Gradually the truth forces itself upon the minds of these girls that they can not have quite the liberty that boys continue to enjoy all their lives. They still believe that they ought to enjoy it, and will enjoy it in the future, but at present they are obliged to conform to the usages of their country, and they do not like it.

What would they have thought if they had lived half a century ago, when almost every innocent exercise of girls was looked upon with disapproval, and girls were in reality "slaves" to an erroneous idea of decorum? Many of them, as a contemporary remarked the other day, were "carefully bred, as if for residence in a consumptive's home."

At present a girl of good sense can enjoy, not, indeed, the full freedom of a boy—even the breezy, muscular brother whom she likes best would not approve of that—but freedom enough for the full development of her bodily and mental faculties.

A girl who in summer swims, plays tennis, rides, rows, sails, and in winter does a fair share of household labor, and takes her daily outdoor walk for exercise, need not suffer for want of freedom. Nevertheless, there will always be girls who wish they were boys, and they will generally be about 14 years old.

Tissue Paper Owls.

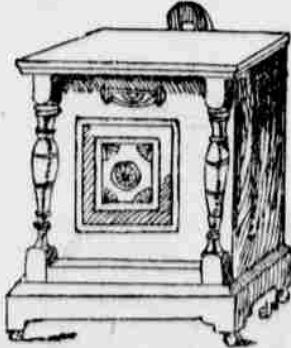
The tissue paper owl makes an odd and pretty ornament. They are made as follows: Select light brown tissue paper. Cut a piece about six inches long by seven wide. Form a piece of cotton batting into a roll about four inches long and two wide. Lay this in the center, and lengthwise, of the paper, which will project an inch past the batting at each end. Wrap the paper around the batting, letting it meet at the back of the owl. Gather one end a little to form the tail (B). Draw down the center (A) of the other end to form the ears; sew shoe buttons on for eyes; paint the back with black paint and little black spots here and there for feathers. Fasten behind a dead branch and your owl is finished.

Fashion in Names.

It seems absurd to think there can be a fashion in naming children. But such is certainly the case, for there are names which have spells of popularity and then almost drop out of use. Among some of the families affected with Anglomania it is the correct thing to give children the names of certain English families. A fashionable Washington mother calls one of her boys Kerry, after Lord Kerry. She didn't know much of anything about his lordship, but had seen the name in a book. It is to be hoped that his name won't give the child a distaste for books.

A Coal Box.

In winter, in houses where coal stoves are used, the scuttle is usually a not very attractive article of furniture. An ornamental coal box is coming into use that exactly supplies the wants of a proper receptacle for coal. Our design shows the usual form. It can be made of oak or any other desired wood, and as ornamental as may be wished. The design shown is a neat one. The box may be made to hold the coal itself, or the scuttle may be simply placed inside and brought out only when wanted for use.

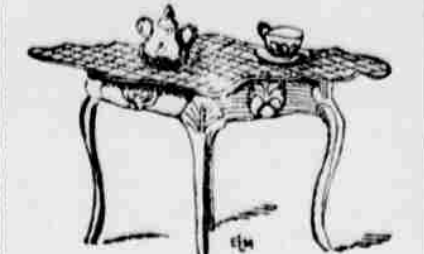


Souvenir Cups.

One of the most absorbing, interesting, and useful collections which a woman can make is that of coffee or tea cups. I have one friend who has on her tea table a dozen cups from as many countries, which she has collected during her extensive travels. Of course, most of the celebrated potteries are represented and each cup is a work of art. Another collector has purchased a cup in various cities of her own country which she has visited and prizes them not only because of their value and beauty, but as mementoes of numerous pleasure trips.

Enamelled Tables.

Pretty little tables in the style of Louis XV are seen in all manner of apartments, and for all manner of purposes. Such an article of furniture is invaluable in helping out the decoration of a room, for it breaks the monotony of an otherwise still looking room.



One of the main ideas now in furnishing is to form centers about which people naturally group themselves. For this reason articles of furniture having some historic association are popular. They appeal to the intellect, and excite notice and comment.

Dainty Slippers.

It is a very pretty finish to fancy slippers to use small gold or silver buckles on the vamp. A pair of simple buckles is not very expensive, and you can change them from one pair of slippers to another as you may desire.

A Recipe for a Day.

Take a little dash of water cold
And a little leaven of prayer,
And a little bit of morning gold
Dissolved in the morning air.
Add to your meal some merriment
And a thought for kith and kin,
And then, as your prime ingredient,
A plenty of work thrown in.
But spice it all with the essence of love
And a little whiff of play,
Let a wise old book and a glance above
Complete the well made day.
—[Housekeeper's Weekly.]

HOME MATTERS.

Seasonable Suggestions and Everyday Hints to Practical Housekeepers.

If flavoring is added to a hot custard a part is lost.

Before clapping suet be sure to take out all the membrane; also have it quite cold and dredge with flour before chopping.

Very thick cream should be whipped with a fork and then put into a whip churn. To mold whipped cream add gelatine.

If you wish to keep pickles in glass fruit jars rub the insides of the metal caps with lard. The cans with caps lined with porcelain are much to be preferred for all purposes.

When tired of lemon and vanilla flavoring try mixing them. To a teaspoonful of lemon extract add about a third of a teaspoonful of vanilla and you will think you have discovered a new flavor.

To seed raisins let them lie in boiling water two or three minutes, then pour on cold water; the seeds will then push out easily. When cutting raisins keep a bowl of water in which to free the knife from the seeds.

Wash currants by dredging them with flour, then rub them well with the hands to remove the grit, pour water through until it will run clear. Then let them lie on a clean napkin until dry; never dry currants in the oven.

To make egg plant preserves to equal fig preserves, take and nicely peel the plant, and then slice to suit, and boil in common sugar, molasses, or sirup, or can use sugar as you would to make any other preserve, and nothing will equal it in preserves.

To make a good celery sauce cut up and stew in a half pint of water until tender two fine heads of celery. Cream up a teaspoonful of flour with a large spoonful of butter, add to celery with salt and pepper and a cup of sweet cream. Stew a moment and serve. Delicious to eat with game or poultry.

In making a boiled custard there are several signs by which to tell whether it is done. If when a spoon is dipped into a custard a coating remains upon the spoon it is done, but if the spoon comes out clean it is not cooked sufficiently. Also when the froth disappears from the top of a custard it is a sign that it is thickening.

One way in which the dried or evaporated apples can be made palatable is to stew them slowly for a long time. When thoroughly done, so there will be no lumps, pass through a colander, making a homogeneous mass about the color and thickness of apple butter. Add the juice of a lemon, cinnamon, and cloves with discretion and sugar liberally.

A Brilliant Match or Splinterhood.
"I don't care if I am an old maid," a charming woman said to a writer in New York Truth. "If I wait till 40 I'll be bound to make a brilliant match."

This sounded startling at first, but as she went on to explain her theory seemed quite likely. "Men marry women every day," she said, "who are faded, old, and of dubious figures, when they might marry pretty young girls. But the girls didn't know how to manage them. So experience won in place of youthful ignorance."

When one thinks it over, there has been an uncommon lot of aged marriages of late, and the jolly women of 80 and 40 are holding their own very well.

A Governor's Opinion

An ex-General of the Union Army, ex-Governor of the State of Maine, ex-Representative to Congress, and ex-Attorney General, speaks for us.

With the exception, possibly, of Hon. James G. Blaine, there is no man so well-known to the people of Maine, as



GEN. HARRIS M. PLAISTED,
Who has a grand record as a soldier, who has been the Governor of the State, Representative to Congress, and who is at present the editor and proprietor of the "New Age" newspaper, printed in Augusta, Me. General Plaisted, formerly a resident of Bangor, Me., knew Dr. William H. Brown

intimately, and did not hesitate, when he found himself out of condition, to use Brown's Sarsaparilla.

In due season Gen. Plaisted found himself a perfectly well man, and one day, while at his desk in his editorial room, wrote an article on Maine's famous remedy. The article was issued July 16th, 1887, and while our space will forbid the printing of the whole, we feel warranted in taking from it the following:

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Malaria is a prevalent disease now-a-days. It not only fastens itself upon the systems of the old veterans, who fought for years in the Southern swamps and low-lands, but it takes hold of those who live in the atmospheres of the cities and larger towns. Cases from swamps, sluggish rivers, sewers, the streets, and many other ill kept places, poison the system, making the entrance of some other disease easy. You can avoid all danger, can keep disease at a distance, and have a system teeming with rich blood and vitality, by simply using Brown's Sarsaparilla, which purifies the blood when others fail. It is the best in the world.

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