



STILL THEY GROW.

Small Ads for Two Weeks
Sept. 12, 1890.....1,917
Sept. 12, 1891.....2,476
Increase, 559.

Better and Better Each Day

FORTY-SIXTH YEAR

THE FARMERS FIGHT.

Failure of an Attempt to Organize the People's Party in Pennsylvania.

DELEGATES WERE SCARCE

When the Convention Opened, and Some Bolted Before It Ended

A PLATFORM, BUT NOT A TICKET.

Constitutional Convention Boomers Meet With a Severe Repulse.

POINTS ON WHICH REFORMERS DIFER

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

GREENSBURG, Sept. 16.—The State convention held here to-day for the purpose of organizing the "People's Party" in Pennsylvania for effective political battle was very spectacular. The many things which it was to accomplish failed for lack of harmony, and, after a rambling discussion in which resolutions, motions and amendments became so interlocked that there was no understanding them, there was a bolt on the part of several delegates, and the convention adjourned sine die, without a ticket or any instructions as to voting.

At the opening there were about 35 delegates present, among whom were the following: C. H. Blystone, A. Haun, W. W. Dean and G. L. Holton, of the Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union, of Crawford county; L. A. Tucker, editor of the *Pennsylvania Farmer*; L. A. Luse, of Erie, Secretary and State Organizer of the Farmer's Alliance of Pennsylvania; Lewis Edwards, of Jamestown, a member of the State Committee; Frank Doub, John O. Exley and T. Carr, of Philadelphia; and Peter Wise, Master Workman, R. L. Scoville, ORGANIZATION OF THE CONVENTION.

The convention was called to order by Lewis Edwards, Chairman of the National Committee. The following organization, which served both as temporary and permanent, was then elected: F. R. Agnew, of Beaver, Chairman; L. A. Tucker and J. W. Ambrose, Secretaries. The following committees were then appointed: On Platform—Ed Leeper, Lawrence; ex-Senator St. Claire Thompson, of Indiana; L. A. Luse, of Erie; John O. Exley, of Philadelphia; Collis Lovell, of Latrobe; G. L. Holton, of Crawford. Permanent Organization—Ed Johnson, of Westmoreland; W. N. Deane, of Crawford, and Frank Baub, of Philadelphia.

A discussion ensued upon the question of credentials, and on motion of St. Clair Thompson it was agreed to admit all who would enroll themselves as members.

The object of the convention, as stated in the call signed by R. A. Thompson, F. R. Agnew and Lewis Edwards, all members of the National Committee, Farmers' Alliance, was read, as follows:

THE ALLIANCE IN CONGRESS.

FIFTY-NINE MEMBERS IN HOUSE AND SENATE CLAIMED BY IT.

A Programme for the Coming Session—Sub-Treasury Scheme Under Another Guise—A Land Loan Bill and Government Control of Railroads and Telegraphs.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—[Special.]—The officials at duty at the headquarters of the Farmers' Alliance in this city are busily engaged in arranging the programme of legislation which they hope to see enacted by the Fifty-second Congress. The Alliance claims to have 55 men in the next House who will vote with it upon all measures. It also claims four Senators, Peffer, of Kansas; Kyle, of South Dakota; Irby, of South Carolina, and Vance, of North Carolina. It claims Vance because he was elected after the Legislature of this State had passed a resolution that no man could be chosen Senator until he agreed to a programme of legislation.

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