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BOTH DESERVE A MONUMENT.

A story is going the rounds of the press about two incidents that occurred up north recently. Fredrick Brokan, son of a wealthy New York merchant, was drowned at Elberton, N. J., while trying to rescue a young lady who was also drowned. The same week at Chicago, standing on the Lake Michigan shore, a poor, friendless, unknown emigrant saw a boy drowning. The man plunged into the water to save the boy, but both were drowned.

The New York Recorder is raising a fund to build a monument which shall commemorate the heroic deed performed at Elberton. There is no one to undertake a similar memorial for the emigrant save that his name is Wendell Vandrah. And yet both alike are heroes; both died in the noble attempt to save life. To the ears of the petted child of fortune and the humble son of toil there came a cry, the sound of a human being in danger. Both were moved by the same impulse; each responded to the same clear call of duty; under broadcloth and homespun throbbed a heart true and tender. Each were brave alike; there was no difference; there should be no distinction. It is right for the New York Recorder to raise a fund to erect a monument to the New York hero. Now let some northwestern paper, in Chicago, for instance, raise an equal sum for the Chicago hero.

Perhaps neither had time to think of the great risk. But if they did still they were equal. The wealthy young man had a beautiful home and friends to leave behind; he had before him a life of untroubled pleasure perhaps. On the other hand the poor hero no doubt had kindred as dear to him as anyone. Probably he had a wife and innocent little babe who are now weeping over the loss of a husband and father. He was their dependent for a support. Then did he not have every reason to want to live longer? Both are dead. No matter what their conditions, no matter what may result, they were equal in life, they died equal, their graves should have the same imperishable marble inscribed with their names and heroic deeds.

GETTING ON TOP AGAIN.

Last fall it was known that the crop of cotton was unusually large. The cotton committee of the Alliance could not foresee the result clearly, and therefore did not advise the farmers to sell nor hold their cotton. Many in and out of the Alliance have held their cotton, however, and much money has been lost. But the evidence now shows that the large crop has been taken advantage of for the purpose of creating distrust in the minds of the people as to the efficacy of the sub-treasury scheme. The crop of 1890 will not exceed the crops of 1882, '83, '84 and '85 only by some thousands of bales, perhaps 300,000 or at the outside 500,000 bales, provided certain reports from the "inside" are true. Yet the lowest point reached during those years was 9.18, the average being about 10. Of course the increase in the uses for cotton must be calculated in these estimates. So really if the price had been governed by supply and demand by making the most liberal allowance for excess of crop there need not have been more than a fall of \$1 or \$1.25 per hundred. Hence cotton now selling for 7.25 should be bringing 8.75 to 9.25. So it is plain that the cotton speculators have been playing a game on us with a winning hand. But woe they feel bad when we get the sub-treasury warehouses in spite of their tricks?

But no matter what the result of the cotton business the "hay seeders" are about to get on top in the wheat deal. The shortage of wheat in the European countries has been made public through the Alliance. As a result wheat has gone from 65 cents to \$1.08 in Chicago within three weeks. Flour has advanced 75 cents per barrel. The speculators are on their heels. Their games to keep the facts hid until they can buy up the greater portion of the surplus wheat and then sell at enormous profits, in most instances far exceeding the profits made by the wheat raiser, have failed to work. At

the first glance the rise in price would seem to be much against the buyer of flour, yet if the price is good, trade and everything may be better, too. Once more the "hayseeders" are going to enjoy a picnic.

FALLING INTO LINE.

The dissatisfaction in Alliance circles as reported by opposition papers doesn't materialize to any great extent. All the State meetings so far have endorsed the Ocala platform unanimously. North Carolina, South Carolina, Louisiana, North Dakota and Maryland have been heard from. Virginia State Alliance in session this week will endorse it and will demand that a State railroad commission be created. The election in Kentucky last week is a practical victory for the farmers, as they control the legislature by a large majority. So it ought to be apparent by this time that the queer coalitions who profess to know the situation are not "in it." The writer has been contending all the time for five years that affairs would get in exactly this shape. So much for prophecy.

BREAD OR BLOOD.

The poor in England are in a desperate condition. The German government refuses to reduce the duties on corn and the poor are in a condition bordering on starvation. At Chemnitz a few days ago devices and banners with the legend "Bread or Blood," have been seized by the police. How long will it be till our own country will be in this shape if the rich keep getting richer and the poor poorer at the rate they have during the past twenty-five years?

The Fifty-second Congress might do the country a service by trying to turn on the light in dark places, so as to show the real cause of the fall of several national banks in Philadelphia, as well as where the millions of dollars, not yet accounted for, went. There should be no politics in such an investigation; the committee should be made up of representatives known to be practical business men, and care should be taken to see that no man who had business relations of any sort with Philadelphia should go on the committee. Give the people the truth no matter who is hurt; if men of previous high standing are involved show them up that they may not use their standing to rob the people again. This is a national affair and concerns every community that does business with a national bank; if it was possible to wreck national banks in Philadelphia it is possible elsewhere, but a complete exposure of the methods used in Philadelphia will at least put people on their guard against smaller methods elsewhere.

The idea now advanced by the politicians that Arizona and Utah are to be kept out of the Union until after the presidential election is by no means a creditable one. As soon as those territories present the proof to Congress that they possess the necessary qualifications for Statehood they should at once be admitted, and the question of which political party would be the gainer in the electoral college and in Congress should not be considered at all.

Press reform associations are plenty, but we cannot see that the progress made in reforming dress is of the lightning kind. The girl in her dress is always ahead of the reform in dress, and we are glad it is so, for what fun would it be to stroll in the shadow of the trees on moonlight nights with stern reform, as compared to the ecstasy of a juxtaposition with a bright eyed, rosy checked, flesh and blood girl under the same circumstances.

JERRY SIMPSON will probably discover sooner or later that he made a mistake in committing himself on the speakership question, that is, if he and his Alliance colleagues propose wielding the influence in the selection of Speaker of the next House that circumstances have given them. To tell in advance the candidates they intend supporting would defeat their object by enabling the others to combine against them.

C. P. HUNTINGTON appears to have entered the field as a rival of Jay Gould in the ownership of railroads. He has purchased the Texas Trunk railroad, a short line in Texas. If things go on for the next twenty years as they have for the past twenty years nine-tenths of all the railroads in the United States will be in the hands of Gould, Huntington, the Vanderbilts and their associates.

It is said that ex-Senator Ingalls has a new lecture called "Eli and Dennis." Perhaps he intends telling his audiences how his rival Senator Peffer, "of there Eli," and how his own name became "Dennis."

THE presentation of a baby's rattle to Col. J. P. Cook by members of the Press Convention last week was an outrage. Col. Cook has no use for any such things and never will. The fiend who studied out that affair ought to go up for thirty days. He was mean—so mean that he ought not to be allowed to use the blue wart on the back of his neck for a collar button.

It might not be a bad idea for us to adopt the Shah of Persia's method of punishing embezzlers. He has them boiled in oil, which as inhuman as it sounds, is an improvement upon letting them go to Canada, where they live in luxury upon the fruits of their misdeeds.

DR. HAMMOND has published an article on "How to rest," in the North American Review. The loafers around this locality can give the doctor points on that subject without uncrossing their legs or shifting the quid of tobacco in their mouths.

TALK about the annexation of Cuba is again heard of in the land. An able article by Gen. Thomas Jordan on "Why we need Cuba," in the current number of the Forum, has no doubt had much to do with bringing the subject before the public again.

THE love of the politician for the "dear people" may be likened unto that which exists between the summer girl and the dude at every seashore and mountain resort; it is only for this year and not "for keeps."

GOVERNOR HILL is said by the newspapers to be for anybody to beat Cleveland, as far as the Democratic nomination is concerned. Does that mean that he has abandoned hope for himself?

SWITZERLAND is going to have a farmers' organization similar to our Alliance. Assimilation is the sincerest form of flattery the American organization has a right to feel proud.

HE is a reckless man indeed who wilfully provokes a newspaper controversy during the reign of a dog star.

DR. MACUNE.

Sketch of the Great Organizer of the Farmers' Alliance.

C. W. Macune was born in Kenosha, Wis., May 20, 1851. His father died on the way to California, in 1852, and his mother moved to her father's in Freeport, Ill., the same year. He spent his school days in Freeport, receiving a common public school education. Worked on a farm six months during the summer of 1861 at three dollars per month. Worked on a farm several years for wages. Commenced learning the drug business in Chicago in 1865. Went to California in 1869; followed farming there. Went to Texas the fall of 1870, and has lived there since; studied medicine there at home and without ever attending college, passed examination under the laws of the state, and was licensed to practice medicine in 1877. Took up alliance work in 1888; was elected chairman executive committee, State Alliance, Texas, then filled a short unexpired term as president of the State Alliance. Was elected president of the National Alliance when it was first organized in January, 1887—re-elected at Shreveport, La., in December, 1887, and at Meriden, Miss., in December, 1889; holding the office two full terms and about six months over, until consolidated with the Wheel in October, 1890. During his administration the states of Texas, Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, South Carolina, Florida, North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Tennessee, Kentucky, Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas, Indian Territory and New Mexico were fully organized. Was elected chairman of the executive board of the N. F. A. & I. U. at St. Louis in December, 1890, for three years. He never held any political office in his life, and never was a candidate for any office. September 1, 1875, married Miss Sarah Melissa Vickery, of Salado, Tex., who was born in Monticello, Ky.; which union has been blessed with five children, two girls and three boys, all living. Dr. Macune is editor-in-chief of the National Economist, the national organ of the order.

STATE NEWS.

Items Boiled Down to Save Space—From Mountains to Seashore.

Charlotte has a colored lady barber.

Mrs. James K. Polk died at her home in Tennessee, August 11. She was eighty-eight years old.

Winston shipped over two hundred thousand pounds of tobacco from that place last week.

Rev. R. G. Pearson, the evangelist, will set sail on September the 25th for a visit to Europe and the Holy Land.

Col. Wharton Green presented the State Library with a handsome portrait of Gen. Albert Sidney Johnson.

Wiley Whitley, of Johnson county, was killed while presiding elder. The lever broke, falling on his head killing him instantly.

There is a band of "white caps" organized in Pasquotank county. They did some mischief and the leaders have been arrested.

Mauger's hotel at Sanford, N. C., was burned down Sunday night. Explosion of a lamp is said to be the cause. Loss \$5,000, insurance \$2,500.

PUT THIS IN YOUR PIPE.

Plain Facts and Sharp, Pithy Sayings from Reform Papers.

The edict has gone forth from Wall Street: "Crush out the Alliance!" It is said that we pay three hundred million for the use of English capital. Why not have issued more money and save this much to the nation.—Exchange.

The anti-Alliance newspapers declare that the Alliance can never succeed with McCune and McDowell in the lead. Then why do you try to get them out of the lead? Consistency, consistency.—Weekly Toller.

You are not doing your full duty unless you are reading up on the sub-treasury plan. The shafts of the enemy are directed towards it. You ought to be able to defend and promulgate its principles.—Dakota Ruralist.

From all over New York state comes the cheering news of a rapid growth. The Alliance is standing squarely by the Ocala demands despite the efforts of other organizations to side track them.—Economist.

It is said that three political parties cannot exist in this country for any length of time. Very well, let it be so; but if there is really only room for two great parties, the labor party will be one of them.—Journal of Knights of Labor.

Ohio and Indiana are doing some good work in the way of organization. Those at the head of the order are fully alive to the work in hand, and are doing all in their power to succeed. The membership is increasing rapidly.—Economist.

Let the great fact be kept in mind that the money power must be dethroned before any reform can come, and that the vital question to be decided is, who shall rule this country, the citizen or the dollar?—Kokomo (Ind.) Industrial Union.

If "good money cannot be created by law," please tell us if the people have not been badly fooled all these years when they have been accepting any kind of Uncle Sam's money—all of which has been created by law!—Torch of Liberty.

All intelligent men know that we must have all the producing forces of the nation banded together and pledged to one party and one platform before the great plain people of this land can come into their rightful control of this country.—Journal of Knights of Labor.

The people's party in Kansas have spoken in unmistakable terms on the subject of fusion. They are not in the fight simply to defeat somebody, but because of principles involved, and they will sacrifice no one of them for local success.—Minden (Neb.) Workman.

The Chicago Tribune (rep.) "booms" the people's party in Georgia. The Chicago Herald (dem.) "booms" it in Kansas. The reason is obvious. It sort of makes things even, however, for the enormous amount of lying which they do on other occasions.—Chicago Sentinel.

If you farmer Alliance people will only just fix so as to knock out the democratic party in the south, says the republican politician, it will be all right; and the democratic politician says that the Alliance will be all right if it will only blow out the republicans in Iowa and Ohio.—Great West.

The first work Kansas democrats have to do, says the Topeka Democrat, is to wipe out the Alliance, congressmen and all. If Kansas democrats really mean to do that they will vote the republican ticket. There is no other way in which they can accomplish anything in that direction.—Emporia Republican.

At the twenty-third annual meeting of the co-operative societies of the United Kingdom, held recently, 700 delegates, representing 1,500 societies, were present. In the last twenty-five years the annual business in the retail stores has increased from \$20,000,000 to 140,000,000, and the membership from 175,000 1,900,000.

Kansas has another occasion to exhibit a splendid spinal column. The democratic party made distinct overtures for union with the people's party—and the p. p. gallantly concluded to go it alone. The feeling against fusion is very strong all over the country, and if we meet with some disappointments there are compensations. Kansas is a royal State.—Great West.

The independents of South Dakota held a conference at Huron, which closed on the 10th. The unanimous conclusion was to merge into the new people's party. The Citizen's Alliance and the Knights of Labor will be brought into the work. Unless some unforeseen circumstances occur, the two Dakotas will be carried for the people's party by a majority of 20,000.—Great West.

If any farmer rushes off his wheat to market this year—if it is possible to wait—he does a very foolish thing. The bears have a titanic task now to keep the market down, and if the visible supply is kept short there will be a break skyward, sure as fate. We are afraid that farmers are not sufficiently organized as yet—but the man who does hold is sure of better prices.—Great West.

John Stilwell, living near Connelly's Springs, jumped in a well forty-five feet deep after his child which had fallen in, without injury to himself or child. The water was deep so he supported himself by holding to the rock walling until his wife got assistance and drew him out.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Senators Retired—What the Alliance is After—Alliance in Maryland—Other things.

Correspondence of the Watchman.
WASHINGTON, August 17, 1891.—Everybody who is at all interested in the political situation is talking about the strong and confident language used by president Polk of the National Farmers' Alliance in an interview here. He said: "Our campaign at present is not to elect a president or to secure the governorship of States. We are striking at the monopolists in the United States Senate. So far we have landed three—Hampton, Ingalls and Moody; and John Sherman will be the next; Mat Ransom of North Carolina will also be retired. We made two mistakes that will not be repeated. We allowed Vance to be returned to the Senate on his promises; and we elected Gordon to the Senate and he has already shown himself to be far more interested in his own personal success than in that of the Alliance. Hereafter we shall accept no promises from members of the old parties.

We already have Sherman defeated. The voting strength of the Alliance in Ohio is 40,000 but our members are doing missionary work among the farmers generally. The thousands of voters not connected with the Alliance will be rallied against Sherman. We are making no fight on McKinley; governorships are not valuable to us at the present time, but it is probable that many alliance votes will be cast for the People's ticket. What we are after is the balance of power in the legislatures which enact the laws and elect United States senators. It is a mistaken idea to suppose that we are making a great fight in Iowa. We are not figuring much on results from that State, as our organization there is weak, and the most we expect to get out of the contest in Iowa is to determine what strength the movement is developing there. No scraps are expected.

As matters now stand in Pennsylvania I do not think the alliance will attempt to dictate the successor of Senator Quay. The state is not sufficiently organized, but the work is progressing rapidly. You do not see much about it in the newspapers, but an average of about two local alliances a day are being organized in the State. By the time Senator Cameron's term expires we will probably be ready to supply his successor. In New York the situation is much the same. Nevertheless, Senator Hiseock will be retired in 1893, though other causes will operate to that end besides the spread of the Alliance movement.

The report that Senator Gorman had captured the Maryland Alliance was an invention. I was present throughout the recent convention. If the Maryland Alliance is true to its principles two Alliance senators will be elected in that State next winter and Arthur P. Gorman will not be of them. He is too much of a straddler on the silver question to suit our principles, and is unacceptable in other ways. The two Alabama senators must also be relieved from further service in the United States senate; Mr. Morgan will come first, then Mr. Pugh. Congressman Oates, who has openly declared against the Alliance will head the procession of those who go out of public life from that State. This fall we expect to secure complete control of Virginia, and next fall there will be an Alliance National ticket in the field."

It is stated here and very generally believed that Mr. Harrison has made up his mind that he will not stand in the way of Mr. Blaine's being nominated for the presidency next year if that gentleman's health be sufficiently restored and he is inclined to accept the nomination. This is in accordance with what a few of Mr. Blaine's friends here all along have maintained, that is, that a perfect understanding existed between Mr. Harrison and Mr. Blaine and that of them was either prepared to cordially support the one of whom circumstances should point as the most available candidate. In other words they have decided that one of the other of them should be the nominee. But it does not agree with the talk of some of Mr. Harrison's friends, including his son Russell, who have foolishly been attempting to belittle Mr. Blaine, thus thinking to help Mr. Harrison.

More than a little surprise was created here by the announcement that but little more than a third of 4 1/2 per cent. bonds outstanding had been sent to the Treasury for extension at 2 per cent. There is but two weeks left in which applications for extension may be made, and it is now apparent that the private holders of these bonds will prefer to get them redeemed at maturity, and that only those held by National banks will be extended. Secretary Foster is said to be worried about it, but it isn't probable that Mr. Harrison will fret any over it as he was never in favor of the extension and only gave his consent because Secretary Foster was so persistent in his advocacy of the idea. Mr. Foster says he will be prepared to redeem all the bonds that are not extended. There were \$51,000,000 of these bonds out when the proposition to extend was first made and up to the close of business Saturday less than 20,000,000 had been extended.

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