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The Conference Platform.

The following is a correct copy of the platform adopted at St. Louis by the labor conference:

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1. We demand a national currency—safe, sound and flexible—issued by the general government only; a full legal tender for all debts, public and private; and without the use of banking corporations; a just and equitable means of circulation, at a tax not to exceed two per cent, as set forth in the sub-treasury plan of the Farmers' Alliance, or some better system; also, by payments in the discharge of its obligations for public improvements.

a. We demand free and unlimited coinage of silver.

b. We demand the amount of circulating medium to be speedily increased to not less than $50 per capita.

c. We demand a graduated income tax.

d. We believe that the money of the treasury should be kept as much as possible in the hands of the people, and hence we demand all National and State revenues shall be limited to the necessary expenses of government, economically and honestly administered.

e. We demand that Postal Saving banks be established by the government for the safe deposit of earnings of the people and facilitate exchange.

LAND.

2. Your sub-committee upon the land plank, beg to submit to your approval the following: The land, including all natural resources of wealth, is the heritage of all people, and should not be monopolized for speculative purposes, and alien ownership of land should be prohibited. All lands now held by railroads and other coporations in excess of their actual needs and all lands now owned by aliens should be reclaimed by the Government and held for actual settlers only.

TRANSPORTATION

3. Transportation being a means of defence and public necessity, the Government should own and operate roads in the interest of the people.

a. The telegraph and telephone, like the postal system, being a necessity for the transmission of news, should be owned and operated by the government in the interest of the people.

While some parts of the above address may seem at a mere glance to make partisan political distinctions, yet upon careful study one will clearly see that it is non-partisan, and further, will be impressed with the truth of its promises, and the ability of the committee who framed it. It was adopted with only a few dissenting votes, and the platform was adopted unanimously, and received with great applause. The conference having completed its work as a representative body, and adjourned *sine die.*

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Dairy Department.

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What would be thought of a dairyman who partly skimmed his milk before he sold it and then threw the cream away? And yet that is just what he does when he tries to get a yield of rich milk by half-feeding the cow. On a full ration a cow will support herself and give plenty of rich milk; with a half ration she will give milk but she takes most of the cream off of it and uses it for her own support. Given a good cow and it is only a question of good feed and plenty of it and the profit will be found in the milk with all the cream in it.

STRAINING THE BRINE.

In salting butter with brine the brine should be strained through a fine muslin strainer. A good many specks found in butter come from the salt, and some from the water used in making the brine. The water used in washing the butter grains should be strained also, as there are few waters that are perfectly free from all sediment, or floating particles that would show in the butter. No matter how white and clean the salt may look it will usually be found that the strainer will show more or less matter that it were better not to let go in the butter.

THAT CALF

will be a cow one of these days and it will pay you to treat it well if you expect to make it a good cow. Calves intended for dairy work do not need to be kept fat but in good, thrifty, growing condition. They do not have to be fed with a view to making extra large sized cows, but to become fair representatives, in size, of their breed. While the calf is young it should be frequently handled, particularly its udder and hind legs, so that it won't be so nervous when it becomes a cow.

TURNIPS AND PUMPKINS.

These should be fed in the fall and early winter if there are any mangels, sutabagas or ensilage to be fed later. If there are not, then the pumpkins should be fed first, then the turnip tops, and the roots stored in pits, as they do not keep well in a cellar. In putting turnips in pits—or kilns, which is a better term—they can be piled in long piles, as high as convenient without too much time being spent in the operation, and a covering of straw with a few inches of earth thrown over them; later just before the ground freezes up solid, enough more earth should be put on to keep them from freezing. Putting them in long kilns saves time over the round ones, both in storing and taking out in winter. While turnips cannot be called a very good cow feed yet they are a succulent one and it will pay to feed them in winter when there is no other green feed available. The cheapness with which they may be grown makes nearly their whole cost come from harvesting and storing. In feeding turnips to cows they should be fed just at milking time, or after milking, so they won't flavor the milk so much. If pumpkins could be kept all winter we should much prefer them to turnips for feeding to cows, and we believe the cows would too.

A MORE PROFITABLE USE OF PURE BLOOD.

We have urged upon dairymen the truth that it will pay to use only a pure-bred bull in growing cows for the dairy. Dairying with scrub cows is an uncertain way of making a living, for no matter how the present may be (the chances being that they are not good at all) the cows grown from such dams and sired from a scrub bull may be vastly inferior. By the use of a pure-bred bull on these scrub dams an improvement will follow, and the continued use of such a bull on the grade heifers will insure further improvement. The Breeder's Gazette in giving advice on this subject suggests that farmers buy grade cows to begin with and we quote its remarks in full and commend their soundness:

"While a good pure-bred bull can effect a most marked improvement upon a herd of native or scrub cows, the thought comes very forcibly at times that it is poor economy to buy a first-class bull and breed him to a lot of inferior cows. Not that such a process will not pay—it will, the great pity is that more do not try it.

A Two Headed Snake.

Two headed snakes are found sometimes, but are not more common freaks than similarly created humans. There is a two headed snake at the Academy of Sciences that attracted much attention from naturalists. It is a peculiar specimen withal. It is now dead and in alcohol, but during the few weeks its welfare was looked after it was watched and studied, and became so tame that it could be handled without disturbing it.

It was but a young snake, twelve inches long, and the two heads join about half an inch from the extremity. The name, bitnephis caterritor, would suggest a large sample of reptile, but this kind is variously called the gopher snake, blow snake, pine snake and bull snake, owing to the locality in which it is found. The species has no fangs, only very small, fine teeth; grows to over six feet in length and the bite is perfectly harmless.

The main peculiarity of the young reptile is that both heads are perfectly developed and food could be taken by either, as there is a channel leading from both to the stomach. When one head tackled a beetle or other article of food it was a question which could reach it first, for one was just as liable to grab it as the other, though the whole body received nutriment from the object. It seemed often to be a race between the heads to see which would gobble the insect, but after it disappeared in one mouth the other seemed just as well satisfied.

The traits and characteristics of the twin were closely studied. Many of the snake's actions were amusing where the two heads were concerned, but in most respects it acted very much like any other of its kind.—*San Francisco Examiner.*

A SEA'S BOTTOM FALLING OUT.

It is said that the bottom of the Caspian Sea is falling out. It has long been a well known fact that the Caspian was the lowest body of water in the world, and that it has been gradually growing lower for centuries. Now, it is eighty-five feet below the level of the Black Sea, which itself is considerably lower than the Atlantic. It has always been supposed that this fact was due to excessive evaporation, but this theory is overthrown by recent investigations. Soundings made and compared with records of soundings made over 100 years ago reveal the astounding fact that there is even a greater depth of water now than then. This leaves but one hypothesis that would seem at all tenable: that the bottom of the sea is actually sinking.—*Pickayune.*

A NEW RIVAL.

In recent years, India and Egypt have been gradually encroaching on the title of the southern states of America to supremacy in cotton production. Now China, that land of unproductiveness, enters the field against the south in the manufacture of the coarse cotton cloths.

The introduction of cotton spinning into China is a comparatively recent event and a very important one. So far the industry there is in its infancy, only one mill having been established, but the fact that it has been begun at all is significant. It is a hint to the cotton producers and cotton manufacturers of America that this country no longer has a monopoly in the fleecy staple, and it adds force to the argument for diversified crops in the South.

The single cotton mill which has been started in the celestial kingdom has been operating for over a year and is said to have demonstrated that Chinese cotton can be worked into coarse cotton cloth of a superior quality. The mill runs 550 looms and 21,000 spindles, and the owners, officers and operatives are all natives.

China is now one of the leading markets for the products of our Southern cotton mills. Her appearance as a rival is worthy the attention of our manufacturers.—*Atlanta Journal.*

Teach Girls Business Habits.

Under this head the philadelphia Times gives some very good advice which we hope will be read and followed by all those persons who have the care of young people in their homes.

Whether a woman is poor or rich, it behooves her to acquire methodical business habits, keeping her little accounts accurately, and knowing to a cent just what she does with her money. An allowance is the first step toward this end, if at the same time it is impressed upon her that every sum spent should be set down with unfailing regularity.

In black and white, one notes how much more easily the money can be spent, how quickly it goes, and just what foolish little nothings have lured it from our pockets. Without setting down each item, it is ten chances to one that you will conclude you must have lost some money when you cannot see how that ten-dollar bill went when you only bought such a very few things.

The neat little figures are a genuine restraint, beside instilling a habit and system that will be of great value if ever fortune smiles and a great estate comes to your hands, and still greater if economy is a necessity, and the dollar has to be forced into doing duty for two.

Unless the accounts are kept accurately and the cash made to balance every evening, you had better not attempt any bookkeeping at all, for slipshod methods are worse than none, and only confuse everything rather than help matters.

If anything is worth doing at all it is worth doing well; and there is nothing so productive of future good as the habit of looking carefully out for the pennies when schooldays are the only trials, and the allowance of fifty cents a week goes for candies and pickles. If this plan is once established in childhood, the girl will grow to womanhood, with a clear knowledge of where her money goes and what she has to show for it.

About the hardest crop to raise on a farm nowadays, is the boys in the family.

Scarcely a day passes without its newspaper story of some girl who met amongst so interesting that she could not live without him, so she married him in haste afterwards learning that he was an ex convict or a brute or already had a wife or two from whom he had separated without the formality of a divorce. In such cases the blame is laid on the man who generally deserves more than he gets. But, girls, look at the matter seriously a few minutes and see if the trouble might not have been avoided if you had not been in too much of a hurry. Marriage means partnership for life; decrees of divorce are merely exceptions that prove the rule. Would any man enter into a business partnership with such as you seem satisfied with? Well, no not unless he were a sweet soulled lunatic. Talk is cheap, girls; it can be made to order as fast as the tongue can run, especially when there is a pretty face to inspire it and two ears willing to receive it. Don't fear that some other girl will get the fellow unless you secure him at once. A fish that any one can can catch isn't worth throwing a line for. Play him to find out whether he amounts to anything. If he becomes impatient and dashes away, why follow Deglerry—thank God you are rid of a knave.—*East Hartford Enterprise.*

A Pathetic Custom.

An instructive and pathetic custom still obtains in Munich, Bavaria. Every destitute child found begging on the streets is arrested and carried to a charitable institution. On his arrival he is photographed—dirt, rags and all. After being maintained and educated, when he quits the institution to begin life, the before mentioned photo is given him, and he is required to make a solemn declaration that he will keep it as a reminder of the wretched state from which he was saved and of the kindness shown. The charity has received many gifts from its reclaimed waifs.

The Prince Of Wales.

I saw Wales 1860, when he came to America, and four or five men were running to be ruler of our country—Lincoln, Douglas, Bell and Breckinridge, writes George Alfred Townsend. Seen to-day the Prince is a man of above medium height, stoutish, thick-chested, bearded dark-brown, with abundant hair except on the crown, where he is nearly bald.

He has a large, spout-like nose, a rather sybarite face, with large cheeks and lips, the upper lip especially coarse, I thought, though he had it covered with hair. His complexion is not very clear, but not muddy; his eyes are blue, and of kind, considerate expression, but the general expression of his countenance is neutral, or, I might say foreign, like a stranger who does not pretend to understand things around him and is merely being entertained. He looks no more than his age, and looks more respectable training than by inheritance; he appears a better man than his earthly features would require. I remarked to Mr. Crawford, who concurred in the remark, that the Prince of Wales looked like a rich German banker of Jewish blood in the midst of his congenial family. The Semitic expression is pretty distinct. The eyes of the Prince are those of a man accustomed to reflect upon financial transactions. His curiosity is not marked; if he looked at any one it was some lady. He was well-bred, felt his situation, and was natural and modest. I should think he would weigh 200 pounds.—*George Alfred Townsend.*

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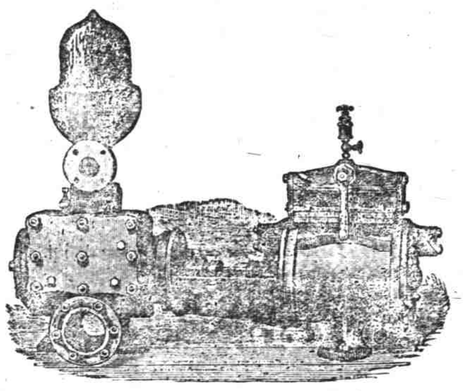

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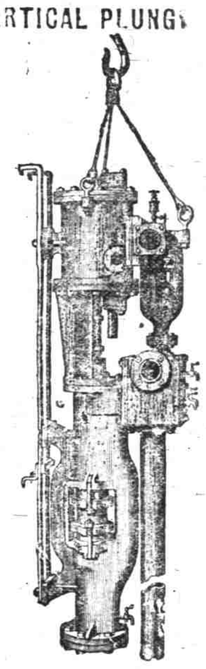

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