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THE EDITOR'S CHAIR.

HOW THINGS LOOK FROM OUR STAND POINT.

The Opinion of The Editor and the Opinion of Others which we Can Endorse on the Various Topics of the Day.

DISCORD MAY BE A DUTY.

Some newspapers who want the farmers to subscribe for their papers and some politicians who want to tell the farmers how to vote are constantly saying that the Alliance would be a grand thing if it would confine itself to discussing how to plow a straight furrow and on what time of the moon it is best to set out potato drawers. But when farmers begin to consider public matters and how to vote to protect themselves and their property and to establish in the most forms of government they say that we are a set of quacks, hay-seeders, and wild-cat schemers, who are plotting to ruin the country. They cry flat money, third party, "nigger in the wood-pile," and call to every man, saying that if he wishes to be recognized by them as a decent man that he must quit thinking and stand by the party. Yes, stand by the party right or wrong. Yes, put your neck under the party yoke, and vote the ticket even if the monopolist and money sharks write the platform and the devil is made the nominee. Will Alliance men do this? No, certainly no one will, unless he is a traitor, has sold out or is a weak-kneed fool. Ye party schemers and tricksters, let us tell you something, if either or both of the old parties writes a straddling platform or full of compromising clabber-dash and clap-trap just to catch votes, and worse, put a man who knows little and cares less about the interests of the great body of wealth-producers at that platform, and then attempt to ram him down the throats of the farmers by crying "stand by your party," then that party or both such parties will get left at the polls. An Alliance man may be a Democrat or a Republican, but the name of his party is not his dear to him as principle, justice, truth and eternal right. Parties, politicians and partisan newspapers, beware, else you will remember this warning in the days of your grief. Every true Alliance man is fighting for a great principle and anything, person or party, that opposes or conflicts with this principle he will fight, let it be under whatever flag, for he will believe that he is doing his duty to himself as a man, his duty to his family, his duty to his brother toiler and wealth producers. Mark you, the farmer wants harmony, but he does not want harmony at the expense of justice. Two men never quarrel as long as one will give way, bear insults and suffers wrongs. New England Democracy(?) and Southern Democracy have been in harmony, and why? Because New England Democracy(?) had its way and Southern Democracy has said nothing and suffered. If Southern Democracy cannot secure justice for its people without a fuss, then it is highest duty to have a quarrel in camp. If Southern Democracy cannot get justice harmoniously then discord is a duty.

It is very seldom that people realize and appreciate at the time the sign and trend of even important events that transpire around them if the process is slow and gradual. During the last quarter of a century probably the greatest social, industrial and political evolution the world has ever seen has been given birth, and has continued to grow broader and deeper. Twenty years ago labor and farmer organizations were unknown. Why? Because they are effects, not causes. They had no reason for being when nearly every laborer was employed at good wages and the farmer's produce brought him enough to pay him for his toil and leave him and his family a comfortable living. But during the time since then things have been changing. The farmer found times getting worse and money harder to get. To try to overcome this state of things he has worked harder, made more, economized and stinted more earnestly than ever. But to no purpose. Things get worse and worse. The laborer and wealth producer began to think—his thought turned to self-protection. He had done all he could individually, he saw his neighbor in the same condition. They put their heads together, proceeded to combine, to organize for protection and relief. They think they see the cause, they have sternly determined upon reform. Now, ye who are comfortably fixed in the world, ye to whom this world is so sweet and fair that you repel the idea of having it changed, let

WHY ARE THESE THINGS?

If You Can't Answer the Question, Why Not? The person who can't think is an idiot. The person who won't think is a fool. The person who fears to think is a coward. The person who dares to talk about evils and suggests remedies is a patriot. The "Undivided Profits" of less than 4,000 national banks since 1863 on a capital which never equaled \$700,000,000 was the appalling sum of over \$7,000,000,000 which is about forty per cent. "profit" per annum. The surplus of these same banks is now over \$200,000,000,000! The interest paid to the national bondholders from 1861 to 1891 was over \$2,550,000,000. The premiums paid to them from 1888 to 1891 were over \$500,000,000. The principal of the bonds which has been paid between 1865 and 1891 was over \$1,700,000,000. The debt, in bonds, in 1865 was \$225,000,000 and in 1891 it is less than \$300,000,000, although in 1865 it was over \$2,300,000,000, and still it will take more cotton, corn, or hay, or wheat or other products of the people to pay the remainder of the bonds than it would have paid the whole debt in 1891. The people rule in America, and so long as they are content to be robbed, "by the process of law," the "bondholders" ought not to be blamed for enjoying his "paradise."

LET US KEEP OUR EYES OPEN.

The session of Congress just opened will be literally the most important gathering of the National Legislature since the war. Vast issues and the whole immediate destiny of the Nation hang upon its acts. The political leaders are still blind to the really significant features of the situation. They have no appreciation of the real temper of the people. They will probably continue to ignore popular demands. They will squabble over spoils for fill and trim their sails for this or that petty political advantage. I look for no relief from any great abuse.

There will be plenty of bluster about finance, the tariff and other things, but I fear there will be nothing done of real salutary value to the wealth producers or the Nation's toiling millions. There will be plenty of dust thrown in the people's eyes from Washington in the next few weeks. We shall see little trifling matters inflated and talked about until they are made to appear like great national issues. There will be plenty of bluster and jingo business to take off our attention. There will be a dramatic shaking of fist at poor little Chilli. If that revolution ridden little republic should fall to get on its knees at the demand of our State Department, the administration will be simply delighted. It will give the patriotic, burrah officers of the Republican party an opportunity to spend a few millions in hurrying more war vessels to South America. Then, if they really get a chance to fire a few guns and spill a little blood, the war administration will expect a triumphant re-election on the strength of that issue alone.

So it will go all through the national campaign. If the minds of the people can be diverted from the real causes of popular distress, the old line politicians will ignore them and their demands. Let the people stand fastly refuse to be deceived. Let the keep their eyes clearly on the issues that they themselves have framed. Let them insist on keeping these issues paramount before the country from now until they are met and settled once for all. Thus, and thus only, can we hope for true reform and the return of honest government by the, of the people, for the people.

One More Offer.

We have received a number of letters and requests to hold our \$1.00 special reduction offer open a week or two more. Some have written that they were getting us up a club and others said they had friends and neighbors who would subscribe soon. The secretaries of some Sub-Lodges have written that they will get up a club at their next meetings. While we have not gotten more than half of the subscribers we needed, this is very encouraging, so we have decided to keep the proposition open till February 1st. Now let every reader and friend of the paper determine that we shall have the 3000 subscribers by then. Talk for the paper, work for it and we will reach it. We are very anxious to put the price of THE CAUCASIAN at \$1.00 and you my dear readers certainly ought to be more anxious if possible for us to be able to do so. As soon as you get one subscriber, send the name to us.

THE SALOON-KEEPER LIABILITY.

The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania has decided that a saloon-keeper is liable for damages in the case of injuries received resulting from the sale of liquor to intoxicated persons.

"I feel my duty to testify to the efficacy of Brandy's cure as a headache cure," says M. Hershner, Washington, D. C.

STRONGLY PUT.

THE NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE OF N. F. A. & T. U. MEMORIALIZE CONGRESS.

The Condition of the Country Stated and the Peoples' Law-makers Asked to Derive Means of Relief.

NOW LET THE WISEACRES TRY THEIR HAND AT A "CONSTITUTIONAL BILL."

The Legislative Committee of the National Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union has adopted and presented to Congress the following memorial: WASHINGTON, D. C., January 6th, 1892. To the Honorable, the House Representatives and Senate of the United States, in Congress assembled: Your memorialists, a committee elected by the Supreme Council of the National Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union, under its instructions and on its behalf, would most respectfully represent: That the universal and unparalleled depression in all departments of our great agricultural industry, has impressed the farmers of the United States with gravest concern and alarm. That despite the fruitful soils, and favoring conditions of climate, their faithful application and courageous industry, and irrespective of seasons or harvests, their farms and the products of their labor, are constantly and steadily depreciating in value. That the inspiring hope of competency and comfort, as a reward for their toil, is vanishing in their earnest struggle for sustenance and preservation of home.

Why do 380 business men fail every week? Seven States have been added to the Alliance column during the present year, viz: Oregon, Washington, Wisconsin, Iowa, New York, Delaware and New Jersey, and it is thought that Nebraska and Minnesota will fall into line before the close of the year. These are to-day sitting in the Senate of the United States, open Senators who owe their election entirely to the use of money and the exercise of corporate power and influence in their respective States.—N. Y. Times.

The 50th Congress appropriated \$317,468,350. The 52nd appropriated \$988,417,102, an increase of \$170,438,224, and all this we pay. Cotton selling at 6 cents per pound and yet there is nothing wrong.

PREJUDICE, THE DEVIL'S WEAPON.

Partisanship Not Favorable to Reform.

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 3, 1891. Mr. Editor—Notice that the press of the State hardly refers to Col. Polk's address at Indianapolis; and yet, it is not only a remarkable presentation of Alliance demands, but of the political ills which now beset us. Many things he has said before, but he says them better than I have ever seen said. It seems to be that every paper interested in financial reform will find something in it to advance our common cause against a common enemy. They may hate him personally and may not wish to advance his interests in any respect, but they ought to seize the remedy-made weapons of a personal enemy even to fight the common enemy of mankind. If they do not hate such an enemy more than they hate any personal enemy, they cannot lead in this great war against plutocracy. Like Patrick Henry, we ought to use every weapon which "God and nature" have thrown in our path; then we will not be defeated. The narrow policy of partisanship and prescription must pass away. We must put principle before party. The test of hereafter must not be the mere adherence to an organization or party, but the advocacy of principles and interests which are dearest to the people, and to which every man ought to subscribe. There can be no difficulty about the rectitude of our party affiliations if we advocate the right principles. Churches and parties will take care of themselves if religion and principles are faithfully promulgated. If I could hear less talk of the Democratic party and more talk of Democratic principles, I should have more hope of reform. A Democratic partisan "belongs" to the party and he will not ask many questions about whether it is right or wrong. A Democrat from principle will see to it that his party, or some party, shall advocate what is right. One makes party the standard or criterion of right; the other makes right the standard or criterion of party. Much if not most of what Col. Polk said is the best Democracy I ever saw. If reform is to come, the Democratic party must stand in the way of the triumph of Democratic principles? Then let us have less of it. If the "partisan" press cannot accept aid from any source they put their party above their principles and their party test of principle. Personally, I care for nobody in this fight, but want fair play for everybody. If the press of the State will treat Col. Polk fairly when he is right, they will have more influence with the people to correct him when he is wrong.—W. J. Peele, in Prog. Far.

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AT THE PARTING OF THE WAYS.

The Curious Tale of the Old Year, the New Year and the Ghosts. Respectfully submitted, J. POLK, C. W. MAJONE, W. M. FAY, M. P. GUYNER, L. P. FEATHERSTONE, National Legislative Committee.

A SPOIL OF OFFICE.

A Powerful Realistic Story of Western Life. We take great pleasure in announcing to our readers that in the January Arena will appear the opening chapters of a powerful story by Hamlin Garland. It will be one of the most thrilling novels of American life that has been written in many years, depicting conditions in the great West with that wonderful fidelity which has made Mr. Garland's "Main-Travelled Roads" one of the most popular and most talked of books of the year. The social and political changes which have weighed so heavily on the great commonwealth of farmers west of the Mississippi, the rising tide of discontent which culminated in the unparalleled political cyclone of last autumn which swept over Kansas, burying from view the 80,000 normal majority of the dominant party, and demonstrating, as never before, the power and majesty of the masses in a nineteenth century republic. Never has there been so significant an illustration of the power of the people when once awakened as in this unprecedented struggle of the peasant and artisan against dominant thought, entrenched conservatism, a majority of more than four score thousand, a well organized political machine, and a powerful daily press. It is one of the most suggestive and significant passages in contemporary history, and the facts involved, wrought into the woof and web of this story, will give a special interest aside from the charm arising from Mr. Garland's power of depicting real living, breathing personalities, which appeal most powerfully to the reader. "A Spoil of Office" will be the finest and most faithful study of Western life and conditions that has ever appeared. It will be rich in lights and shadows, humor and pathos, ambition and selfishness, nobility and political treachery, depression and defeat, exaltation and enthusiasm, while through the whole story, like a threat of gold, will run the noble, all-sustaining love of a brave, high-minded American woman. In short it will be a story of life to-day in the West, the characters in this work will be found real men and women. No writer of to-day is freer from the fault of presenting puppets for persons than the author of "Main-Travelled Roads." As Mrs. Louisa Chandler Moulton well observed: "His sympathy with humanity, his pre-eminence of the subtlest meaning of nature, his power to bring his people before you as if you had grown up in their door-yards—these are his own."

That they are specially charged to ask the attention of your honorable bodies to the great and urgent necessity for immediate legislative action for the financial relief of the industrial and business interests of the country. That they believe that the present financial system of the country is not only inherently defective, but that it is incompatible with the general interests of the institutions and is in conflict with the fundamental principles of our government. That they believe that the system, born of the terrible exigencies of a mighty civil war, purely as a means of expediency, and which, while it doubtless saved the life of the nation in war, has been demonstrated under the test of experience not to be the system for preserving and perpetuating that life in peace. That they believe that a sacred and steadfast observance and maintenance of the powers and functions conferred upon the government by the Constitution, for making, issuing and controlling the money of the people, is absolutely essential to the healthful and symmetrical development in our material progress, and that these powers and functions cannot in any manner be relinquished or transferred, without violence to equity and justice and gravest to the safety and interests of the people. That they believe that the exclusive right secured to the government by the Constitution, to make money, carries with it the unavoidable obligation and responsibility, to supply it in such manner and amount as to meet at all times, the requirements and of our growing population and its needs. That they believe that the exercises of the legitimate and rightful functions of the government in the control of money, would obviate a recurrence of the ruinous effects of undue contraction in the volume, as demonstrated in the present depression, which are paralyzing the energies of the people in all departments of industrial enterprise.

"A Spoil of Office" will be the most talked about novel of the year, and you ought to be acquainted with it.

THE NEW POSTAL CARDS.

The new postal cards now being issued by the government are 6 1/2 inches long by 3 1/2 inches wide, and are nearly half as large again as the old cards, which were 5 1/2 by 3 inches. On the reverse side is "Postal Card, One Cent, United States America. This side is for the address only." Grant's vignette is on the right hand upper corner instead of in the center as heretofore. The cards furnish much more room for writing than ever before.

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THE WORLD'S NEWS.

SINCE LAST THURSDAY, CAREFULLY ASSORTED AND CONDENSED FOR BUSY PEOPLE.

State. Wilmington Electric Street Railway seems an assured fact. Incendiary work in Pitt county has reached an alarming extent. There are now 127 children at the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville.

The 19th instant, "Lee's birthday," is a legal holiday in North Carolina. At Saelly last week two negro shoots and for paying too much attention to his sweetheart. A little 6 year old girl from Wilmington was burned to death in Thompson Orphanage at Charlotte. The county commissioners of both Vance and Haden counties have refused to grant licenses to retail liquor in the county. Mr. A. L. Sink, who was seriously injured in the Boston bridge wreck, is able to sit up in bed, though still very weak. The Masonic committee applied to examine the Oxford Orphan Asylum fire, the finances in good condition and institution well managed. Maj. T. D. Love, a very prominent man of Wilmington, formerly of Bladen county died at his home in Wilmington last week, of the Grippe. At Fayetteville last Sunday there were two fires. The Murphree house and a residence adjoining were burned. That night the kitchen of Mr. Weldon Husk's house was burned. The Grimesley—Abernathy affair is being well discussed in the press. Grimesley's father and himself are out in strong cards to the public. Abernathy has had two or three to the press. The Board of Regents, in session at Statesville last week, unanimously decided to rebuild the Presbyterian Orphanage at Barium Springs. Brick buildings will be erected and \$10,000 will be necessary for the same. Mr. Ed. Chambers Smith, chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee, was married in Christ church, Raleigh, last Tuesday at 12 o'clock, to Miss Annie Bladen, daughter of Col. Paul F. Faison. The Spout Springs Lumber Company's property has been purchased by Messrs. I. W. Hicks of Wilmington and John Y. Gousler of Philadelphia. In this sale was included 13,000 acres of land in Harnett county, capital stock \$40,000.

National. Eight men are killed in a fight over a game of cards at a Georgia turpentine distillery. Another hitch occurs in the Behring sea negotiations between England and United States. A bill has been introduced in the Virginia Legislature for the re-establishment of the whipping post. Congressman Perkins has been appointed by Gov. Humphreys of Kansas, as Senator Pumb's successor. Four men were killed in Arkansas yesterday while an attempt was being made to arrest them as suspected murderers. The New York Legislature has met. The Democratic organized the Senate without any opposition from the Republicans. A fearful mine explosion occurred in Indian Territory Thursday night. Over 300 men were in the shaft at the time and 200 are supposed to be killed. The first delegate to the Republican presidential convention was elected in Pennsylvania. His name is High and he is instructed for Blaine.

Foreign.

Several French ironclads have been ordered to Morocco. Several women were recently elected to offices in Canada. The Khedive of Egypt died last week. His son succeeds him. The grip is playing havoc in many parts of France. The Archbishop of Cambal died of that disease last week. Another Nihilist plot against the Czar has been discovered. Many high in official circles have been implicated. The Poles have decided to wear black during this year commemorating the 1792, the year of the dismemberment of Poland by the allied powers of Europe. Banking houses in London are unable properly to conduct their business by reason of the great number of cases of grip among the men in the postal service. The German Reichstag this week will discuss Emperor William's bill for the repression of drunkenness. One provision of the bill is that a party convicted of being a habitual drunkard shall be imprisoned until he can obtain a certificate of a physician that he has been cured and in the meantime his property can be used for the support of his family.



HAMLIN GARLAND.

(1) This great American novel should be read by every American farmer, who will find in it the most perfect photograph of the struggles and perplexing problems which he faces every day and hour of his life. (2) It should be read by every American woman, for nowhere has womanhood a braver or more earnest champion than in Mr. Garland. He stands in the very van of the young men of the rising generation who are fighting for womanhood's absolute emancipation, for equal freedom and justice for womanhood before the law, in the home and in society, and for a single standard of morals for men and women. (3) It should be read by every believer in social, economical, and political reform, for it deals with these great problems as only can a nature in strong sympathy with progress and the triumph of freedom and justice. (4) It should be read by every thoughtful American, for it will prove at once intensely interesting, and wonderfully suggestive. "A Spoil of Office" will be the most talked about novel of the year, and you ought to be acquainted with it.

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