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THE NATIONAL MEETING.

A Good Deal of Legislation-The Game Played by the Plutocratic Press -Some Inside Light.

MR. EDITOR:-A few items from In dianapolis perhaps would not be without interest to your readers. The heavy fusillade of the enemy caused the Su-preme Council to hold on to its old base of action because it thought itgard policies and demands no impor- declare, tant change made. Still there was a done in so short a time, perhaps crudely done.

to Indianapolis, after passing Richacquaintance of an old gentleman by paring notes on the peculiar character- of the people. istics of the Southern and Northern people. Finally we drifted to the subdeliver a message to a gentleman whose name I have forgotten. I would find him at the depot hotel. The message was this, that he could not come conveniently, but if there was an urgent necessity, wire him and he would come at once. Fortunately, however, I've his name here on a card. The name is D. H. Rittenhouse. Do you know him?" mrgent necessity could arise demanding his presence? The answer to these questions were given further on in part.

D. H. Rittenhouse and others were working the associated press racket H. J. REITZEL, J. W. ROCKETT, R. H. DEAL, Committee

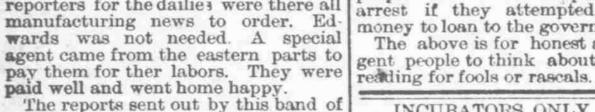
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rascals, if they were not laughably lying they would be hellishly malicious. But it is having its deadly effect in every city and village throughout the land. The reader having access to no other literature, takes a dose every morning and while he knows at first the cup is mingled with poison he becomes educated to it and its taste finally becomes second nature and is sweet. This is the nature of the ware being manufactured by the plutocratic press. knowingly and maliciously. The dailies all, with but few exceptions, are engaged in this concerted and nefarious scheme, and some of the weeklies taking them as guides, play a sec ond fiddle. The scheme is this, if we can consolidate the towns and cities by working on their prejudices against the laborers and the farmers' interest we will have a solid back bone to start with and from behind this battery we can dart our missles into the ranks of the enemy. This racket is being worked by the dailies for all that it is worth. There is no Democratic or Republican party in the scheme. It is a strategem of the plutocracy against the people.

Why my it be asked that this work is being pushed by the dailies? First, because their patronage is mostly con fined to cities and they lose no patron age by it. Second, because these pa pers are owned in most cases by capitalists who have no interest in common with the laborer and country people. Third, because some papers are subsidized to preach certain doctrine or are guaranteed a running support outside of their patronage.' These are some of the reasons why this scheme is being shoved by the capitalistic press.

Knowing the truth as to what oc curred at Indianapolis and then readlister & Co., words fail me to express the deep degradation to which Ameri-can journalism has sunk and the blackness of that conspiracy of the plutocracy against the people of this republic. If I was ignorant of the power of the press I would not care in whose hands it fell. If I was ignorant of the unwith more charity and saddle it all on system.) the reporter himself, but knowing some facts as I do we see in it a relentless war against labor and agriculture and if the cities are more susceptible to their influence, the engendering of bitter hatred and prejudices in the cities against the producers. This is a hellish work and if pushed too far will bear bitter fruit. There is not one sin in the category of political crime too dark and damnable for plutocracy to hug to its bosom. Great unanimity and good feeling existed throughout the deliberations of the Supreme Council. It would have been the policy of that body perhaps to have changed its officer, and de mands. but the fire was so hot from the ranks of the enemy it was thought advisable to hold fast on the old basea change of officers or the line might prove hurtful under fire.

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Resolution passed by Maple Grove Alliance, No. 460:

WHEREAS, The partisan papers of our State are trying to weaken the Alliance by publishing false and slanderous reports concerning our officers, State and National, and especially our honored President, L. L. Polk; and whereas, the slanderous reports have been proven to be false in every instance.

Resolved, That we endorse the official Plants. conduct of our President, as well as the other officers of the Alliance, and also that in all honesty, we believe the editors of these rank partisan papers