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THE ALLIANCE IS A NECESSITY. Why should farmers and laborers organize? Can any good reason be given for such an organization as the Alliance? We think reasons can be adduced which no one ought to ques tion, says the Alliance Advocate, Jones

town, Pa. Why did not the farmers and laboring classes organize forty or fifty years ago? We did not hear of labor organizations then. Neither did we hear any talk about money kings, monopolies, or railroad corporations "putting money, bonds, or stocks, where they will do the most good"-to influence the action of Congress or State legis latures.

The farmers have been fleeed by somebody. They are growing poorer and poorer every day. When people are not suited they may use all honor able means to change their laws. Something is wrong somewhere, and the people have found it out. Hence, the necessity for organization, and it means something. There is something radically wrong somewhere when those who work least get most. This fact forces itself home to every thoughtful mind. We want to find out where the wrong is. Therefore, we must or ganize.

The Farmers' Alliance was organ ized for the purpose of studying and investigating the questions having direct reference to economic legislation. We have no warfare to wage upon any political party. As an Alliance every member is left free to choose his own political affiliations.

We labor to improve the condition of our members mentally, morally, socially and financially, and not to hoist a certain class of men into office on the strength of membership fealty. Each member votes his own sentiments unrestrained and uninfluenced. The Alliance has among its membership

October, must, indeed, have been most disappointing to Mr Carlisle.

To Mr. Carlisle this falling off in re ceipts from nearly \$28,000,000 for Octo ber to \$25 986,503 for November was perhaps, not expected, but to any one not perversely blind to the effect of of gold exports and falling prices on the volume of imports, this falling off in revenues was not surprising. On the contrary it was just what we expected and just what we predicted. That large gold exports and a marked falling off in receipts should come together is not accidental. Decreased custom receipts are inevitable result of gold exports, and, custom receipts forming about half of our revenue, a falling off in gross receipts is almost sure to follow such decrease.

The coincidence between gold exports and falling prices is only natural, for gold exports lead to a contraction of our currency, and a contraction of our currency is inevitably followed by lower prices, with the result that incentive to foreigners to send us their goods for sale is checked, imports decrease and custom receipts naturally fall off.

In July last receipts aggregated \$29. 069,697, and in August \$28,952 696. In the last part of August, gold exports, which had been small and spasmodic during July and part of August as sumed large proportions and in the fir-t week of September increased still further in volume. Our next exports of gold for the last part of August and the first part of September aggregated over \$30,000,000, with the result that prices fell, naturally leading to a decline in the volume of imports, and with the decrease in the volume of dutiable imports, revenue receipts fell from nearly \$29,000,000 in August to \$27 549,678 in September. During the latter part of September and October gold exports were stayed, and revenue receipts for October showed a slight increase, aggregating \$27,901,748 With November gold exports were resumed, and still continue, in a volume alarming to gold monometallists in general. The result has been to cause a further fall in prices as our currency has been further contracted, a decrease in revenue of nearly \$2,000,000 over

THAT TORY MESSAGE.

Judes betrayed Carist with a kiss and received his pay in silver. Thirty pieces was all he received. Benedict Arnold was probably the most ardent(?) American in the history of the Revolu tionary war, but he was the most conspicuous traitor. Grover Cleveland betrayed his constituents immediately after he was inaugurated President the second time. The amount he received for the job in unknown, and the quality of the money is still in doubt. He is the most stupendous traitor ever known, but he adopts the role of a con fidence man and goes about it method ically, seeming to have an unlimited amount of gall, cheek or whatever you may call it.

His Venezuelan messsage, which we publish in full elsewhere, is the latest surprise. The message reads like it came from a thoroughbred American patriot. But it is full of bar room temperance and brothel morality. The Monroe doctrine is all right so far as we know. but nothing pure can come out of corruption.

The President has shown un-Americanism in every move he has made. No sensible man will be caught by this change of front. Oil and water will not mix. His entire administration has been in the interest of the bondbuyers of England. He first demone tized silver and then began to issue bonds. It is absurd to think that he is unfriendly to England. By reading between the lines you can see the scheme in all its horrible enormity. The same day the message was read the following dispatch was sent from Washington and appeared in most of the daily papers:

"WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.-The opinion is expressed in treasury circles that the President's message to Congress to-day on the Venezuelan boundary question will have the effect of causing the English holders of American securities and

ritory it defined, it has no value whatever either as a fact of history or as a

point of international law. It has never been accepted by Venezuela. It is said that it has been repudiated by British Ministeries. At all events any determination mada without the concurrence and consent of the adjoining power cannot give a valid title. The consent of Venezuela to her boundary is just as necessary as the consent of Russia or the United States would be in any similar question.

This unfortunately is not the worst of the situation. The question of a boundary is essentially a question of fact and of history, and as such eminently fit to be settled by impartial arbitration. The suggestion of such a settlement in this case is met by Eag

land with an intimation that while she might be ready to accept an arbitration as to any territory which had been omitted in drawing the Schomburgh line, she should not be asked to consent to an arbitration on any territory with in the Schomburgk line.

These are the historical facts in the case, briefly outlined. What bearing they may have on the Monroe doctrine of eighty years ago, or on the still more important question of the welfare of the people of the United States to-day, or what right they give us to interfere in the matter and decide on the ex parte report of our own commission what are the merits of the controversy, is another question.

# CHRISTMAS AGAIN.

Christmas is here again. How fast time flice! We earnestly hope that each and every reader will have a happy season of rest and diversion, and that it will be well spent.

According to a time honored custom we will not publish a paper next week. The next issue will appear January 7th. If the editor and other employees

# AN AWFUL DISASTER.

The most heartrending accident ever known in this State occurred at the Cumnock coal mines in Chatham county early Thursday morning. As a result forty three men are dead, two of the wounded may die, and four are missing, supposed to be buried in the mine.

The Cumnock mine was, until m cently, known as the Egypt coal mine Some time ago it was bought by a a Pennsylvania company and work was resumed, the most of the output of coal being used by the Seaboard Air Line. It is said that this new com pany had spent a great deal of money on new machinery and that every et. fort has been used to make the mine safe.

On Thursday morning 65 men began their daily work in the mine. Some seven of them were Pennsylvania miners, a fe v foreigners, and the hal ance were native North Carolinian part of them being colored men. Just before eight o'clock there was a ter riffic explosion in the mine which in 500 feet deep, with several loss 'slopes" running out in different di rections. This explosion was head for miles around. The manager of the mine was outside, but those who came to his assistance could not be induced to attempt to rescue the miners until fresh air was pumped into the mine for the dangers of "foul" gas are wi known. It is thought that the gas int exploded and the concussion probably exploded ab ut 150 pounds of dynamite stored in a room kept for the purpose. At any rate the result m terrible. When the rescuers first m. tered the mine they were met with ghastly sigh's. The bottom was strem with mangled, blackened dead, in that portion of the mine where them. plosion occurred not a man escaped but in a distant division a few found unhurt, but in a suffocating ondition. The wounded were brought out first and then the hunt for the dead began. Up to Friday noon forty. three dead had been brought to the surface. The grief of widows, orphane brothers and sisters, was heartrending indeed. The mines were to close dur ing the holidays. Seven or eight Pemaylvanians were to start for homethe next day. All were looking forward to a pleasant period of rest. The Christmas will not be spent on this earth It will be a gloomy Christma

# N. R. P. A.

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

Johnny get your gun, Grover is on the warpath.

The gold organs are slightly off color. It is sound public men that we need instead of sound money.

And Cleveland wants to save our "netional honor." Bosh! He couldn't save a pound of pork with a ton of salt.

It was very thoughtful in the Presi dent to give the people a Christmas gift in the shape of a war with England.

Wait for that \$50,000,000 bond issue talk will die down.

The House bill to appoint a Commission to investigate the Venezuelan affair passed the Senate Friday. Another junketting tour.

We notice that most of the blood thirsty citizens who endorse Cleveland's message and favor war with England are too old to go to war.

If you will notice right closely you will see that Grover is just as anxious to give us a "sound financial policy" now as he was two years ago, and yet he has been giving us that all the time. Great is fraud.

Prof. John Graham, of Ridgeway, Vice President of the State Alliance, and others, have been in the city since Friday. They are preparing to bring suit to set aside the lease of the North Carolina Railroad.

gether and get in shape for the Jannot your county too? Also send in your stock for the shoe factory.

national indebtedness just to please but the legislature of the country as the money lords. Fifty millions more will bring it up to \$212,000,000, or about \$3 25 per capita. If you have a family of seven people you will be \$23

men from all political parties and of all shades of opinion, working together in the cause of labor.

> We aim to educate our members upon public questions affecting the welfare of the people in general, and especially of the laboring classes. Most of the public speakers in this country confine themselves to ideas gathered from the newspapers, which are too often paid to publish articles tending to mislead the people.

It is our purpose, as an organization to study and understand certain economic principles which underly our our structure of government, and upon which our prosperity as a people and our continued existence as a Republic The London telegram says it is being depend. We, as an organization, do negotiated in London. Then the war not charge the political sins to any one party. Tae Alliance is one of the grandest institutions the world has ever produced ;rising, as it does, above the slums of party politics, it aims to elevate its members to a higher plane of citizen ship by a system of veaching its principles of political economy, in a strictly non partisan sense. This will enable them to exercise the rights, that of suf frage, to the best interests of not only themselves, but the country at large. This right, we believe, we have testi mony showing, the capitalists have bought and are controlling through the principal avenues of intelligence.

Thus you see, farmers and laborers. when you have finished a week of toil you take up your newspaper and read an article on trade, commerce, finance, or the productive interests of the country, supposing it to have been written by a sincere thinker, in your interests. Now is the time to work up your its tone and arguments uninfl ienced Sub Alliance and county Alliance. Get by any expectation of reward, while the members of your Sub-Alliance to. in fact, it has been dictated by your monetary enemy, whose interests are uary county meetings. The time is just the opposite from yours. By conripe for a genuine boom, and some trolling the channels of information counties are going to have it. Why the capitalist holds your confidence with one hand, while with the other he rifles your pockets. The money good people of this State want it res-Grover has added \$162,000,000 to our power is not only controlling the press,

## **SOLD EXPORTS AND DECREASED REVENUES.**

well,

**RESCUE IT, INDEED!** 

October.

That unique paper, the Brevard Hustler, says the politicians of this State are trying to obscure State affairs by clamoring against the acts of the national administration. It then says that the only genuine issue before the people of this State is to rescue the State from the hands of that unholy combination called fusion. Such talk is fatigueing.

Who is going to rescue it? Do you think that the little handful of postmasters and revenue paraders-all that is left of the Democratic party-can do the job? If the State really needs rescu ing we would like to join in. But as matters stand we don't see any occa sion for anyone to risk his life to save the State. Some decided improvements are needed A good many members of the last legislature-some of all parties -need to be kept at home, and the people are going to do that, and they are going to profit by the mistakes made last year. In the language of the slangist, no more monkey business will be tolerated.

The last legislature did some excel lent work, it did some bungling work, it did some things we didn't approve. but another one, with the objectionable features and members left off, can and will put this State government in better shape than any other State in the country

Rescueit! Well, well! What would you do with it? Do you really believe that any considerable number of the cued and plac d back in the hands of the soul destroying, grave robbing, ballot stealing, spittle-licking, Groverized political mossbacks who were in full charge for nearly twenty years had trouble enough along that line.

stocks to throw them on the market for sale, thus further depleting the treasury gold reserve, as gold would have to be sent abroad in payment of them."

We all know what the depletion of the treasury gold reserve means. More bonds must be sold. London bankers want the bonds as an investment. They are going to get them, and the reserve must be depleted rapidly. The financial editor of the London Telegram states that the sale of \$50,000,000 bonds has already been negotiated in London, the issue to be made when the gold re serve gets down to \$60,000 000. It will soon go there with all this war talk.

Some critics claim that the message is a bid for a third nomination. No doubt that has been duly considered. The goldbugs, regardless of party, want Cleveland, their most pliant tool elected again. They hope his patrictic(?) talk will put him in better shape. Only four years ago Benjamin Harrison, then President, attempted to get on the shoulders of the people by talking war. He declared war on Chile, a little spot of earth about as large as one of the largest counties in this State. But the absurdity of the thing proved a boomerang and the President was laughed out of countenance. Now Grover tries it by jumping on England. If he we:e an honest American citizen there might be some results, but as it no sensible man will be deceived. There will be no war with England.

## -----THE VENEZUELA QUESTION.

Doubtless the average reader will be day. surprised when he reads President Cieveland's latest message. As the server will, however, begin to see the will be of interest.

These facts are, first, that Venezuela | yet a chance. represents the Spanish title and Great Britain the Dutch title to any territory that may be in dispute. The treaty of Muenster in 1648 undertook to define these respective titles. As the settlement was not clear a subsequent treaty between Spain and Holland in 1791 gave the "Orinoco Colonies" to the Spanish

of a newspaper stick strictly to busi nsss their work is one of unceasing toil. The reader expects a paper at least fifty-one weeks in the year, hence the only chance for a brief respite is to stop one week for the holidays.

We thank our friends for their kind ness during the year. Doubtless they have received full value for their money. Our readers are a unit in say ing so, at least. The paper this week will be especially interesting, filled as it is with good agricultural matter, news, correspondence, editorial, Cleveland's two messages and all about the Venezuelan matter, clippings and mis cellany. Those who like good stories will find something to their taste in the in teresting original story by a well-known North Carolina writer entitled, "All But Lost," it being a North Carolina romance throughout, well illustrated. The poem "Satisfied," by Mr. U. B. Gwynn, is equal to James Whitcomb Riley, and will make good Christmas reading.

We have been very liberal with those of our subscribers who are behind. Many have paid up, but others have not. The time will soon be up, as this offer will not be extended beyond the first of January. Take advantage of it and send us a nice Christmas present by paying up. Those who paid up to the first of January are expected to renew promptly, paying in advance, as our object in making such sacrifices was to help our friends get on a cash basis so we can run the paper that way in the future. Don't delay this another

We hope to make THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER a better paper next year than surprise part wears off the close ob- it ever has been, and we trust that our friends will second our efforts by send jingoism in it. The cause of the trouble ing in large numbers of new subscribers Put in a lick for it every time you

> 4.4.4 SOME SOUND MONEY MEN.

R. H. McDonald, at one time Vice-President of the Pacific bank, San Fran cisco, has been arrested for stealing \$20,000 (sound) from the the People's Home Savings Bank of that city.

Judge Rindolph, of Virginia, one of prior to the last election? We have and the "Essequibo Colonies" to the F. F. Vs., late a resident of Alabama, Dutch, without, however, difining the is a fugitive from justice. He has

in the homes of forty seven men. The mines have been operated with more or less regularity for about film years. This was the third explosin, twenty men having been killed in lw other disasters.

Push, perseverance, and THE PM GRESSIVE FARMER will make you so cessful in business. You furnish the push and perseverance and we will furnish THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER.

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----CREAM OF THE PRESS.

Hard Hits, Bold Sayings and Patrick Paragraphs from Reform Papers. A hog never looks higher thank head. An old party boss sees nothing higher than an office.-Maine Popula If the big thieves were pulled in # quickly as the little ones are, the would be lots of vacant pews in @ fashionable churches.—Ex.

A proposition to retire Grover Clev land would more nearly meet the # probation of the people than one tor tire the greenbacks.-Farmers' Ind une.

The broom-corn market glutted again; two car loads broke it dom Yes, we know there is as much mould as the ever was-but who in thunk has got it? -- Sylvia Banner.

Where there is a will there is a wor-If there is an earnest, honest desire unite the elements opposed to monit oly they will be united. The gulf now seperates them is neither nor deep. -Brockton Diamond.

Grover's recipe for good times if beauty. It is to destroy \$500,000,000 money and create the same amount killed two men, and it is charged that interest drawing debt; which means thousand millions wors) off than # already are.-Midland Journal. A Populist in Wilson county declars that he converted fourteen Reput licans with that many copies of 5 cent pamphlet. That was doing mon good than if he had contributed \$5 foreign missions — Topeka Advocata What a long head Grover has in ad vising congress to destroy 327 million dollars of greenbacks that do not out any interest, and issue the same amount of interestbearing bonds based upon the same property the greenback are. Sound Money. We are continually told that with the free coinage of silver European no tions would "dump" that metal upon our shores. Mexico is a silver basis country, but we hear nothing of the Sands & Co., a big stock exchange dumping process there. This is seems to be completely overlooked by our old party friends.-Auburn (Me. Populist.

more in debt than you were when Grover took his seat. Yet some of you are still throwing up your hats for him.

composed of Senators Farthing and Mitchell, members of the House, Hileman, Julian and Ellis, have completed their work in making an examination of the books of the State Treasurer and Auditor. They found everything in apple-pie order. The committee con sisted of two Populists, two Democrats and one Republican.

If Grover Cleveland really wanted to prevent foreign invasion and aggression, why didn't he say so before he began to sell bonds to English bankers? If he wants to guard the little sand-bar down in South America, didn't he try to save the prosperity and national honor of the people of the great United States instead of bargaining it away for a few paltry dollarsi Boshi

The drain on the Treasury gold re serve, which Mr. Cleveland characterizes as "exasperating," contines una bated, and concurrently with the ex-

The Legislative Finance Committee, port of gold, we find a marked falling off in government receipts which, no doubt, is no less exasperating to Mr. Carlisle. To have cut down apparent expenditures for November to a little over \$27,000,000, a sum less by \$1,200, 000 than the expenditures during the similar month last year, says the Phila delphia American, and from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000 less than the average ex

penditures-this in the face of increased interest charges of \$1,100,000 over the same month of last year, interest charges made necessary by the accruworth probably ten cents an acre, why gold reserve-and then to have his hold of the matter. strenuous efforts to cut down expenses so as to report a surplus for the month comes to naught because of a to wish us a Happy New Year, should of the British claim. As this line was nearly \$2,000,000 as compared with 6th page.

Let us strive for better things ahead. but do not take a backward step.

HELP BRO. DAVIS.

As will be noticed elsewhere, Bro. W. H. Davis, of Williamsboro, Vance county, lost his tobacco cr. p and most all his provisions for next year in the independent Republic of Colombia. burning of his pack house. Brother William is a zealous and energetic Allianceman and has a large family to support. If every brother in the State would send him but a small sum it will help him very much. Make his acquiescence.

good heart glad by sending him a Christmas gift. Any funds sent to this of England, though decided by a treaty in the hopeless off art to maintain gold or it can be sent directly to him. Sub out any accurate assertion until 1841. in the hopeless effort to maintain the and County Illiances will please take

boundaries of these colonies.

In 1810 Venezuela, having asserted he stole \$12,000 (sound). He once held her independence of Spain, assumed a big government position and was up jurisdiction over all the territory pre- in G socially.

viously subject to the authority of Spain. On the question of her western boundary she found herself subsequent- 17.h. They owe 75,000 sound dollars.

ly involved in a controversy with the

This question was submitted to arbitration, and on the decision Venezuela lost a large part of what was supposed to be her territory. To this decision Venezuela gave prompt and honorable

On the eastern boundary the claims \$166,000 dollars good in Europe. Doubtwith Holland in 1814, remained with-First.

At that time one Robert Schomburgk. a German naturalist employed in the last Thursday. Their money is "good survey of British Guiana, drew an ar in Europe."

All delinquent subscribers who write bitrary boundary line defining the limit

Unstadter & Co., sound-money dry

goodsmen, Norfolk, Va., failed on the good in "Yurip."

Mr. J. B. Pace, a prominent busi ness man of Richmond, Va., has as signed, owing \$900,000. The money that he owes is good in Europe. He was President of one of the banks. Mr. E. D. Christian, of Richmond. Va., assigned on the 18th. He owes

less he has been a deciple of Grover the

Nichols, Frothenham & Co., New York, an old banking firm, failed

falling off in receipts for November of enclose \$2.00 with their letter. Offer on drawn in utter disregard of any title We thought a "sound financial policy" that Venezuela might have to the ter- would stop all that.