

The Farmers' Leader.

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We discontinue the management of THE FARMERS' LEADER this week after a vivid contest and do not consider our efforts spent in vain. For as election reports show that much rightful work has been done while more might have been accomplished. Our aim has ever been to publish a newsy paper for the people of Lincoln County, though at times the people seemed indifferent to some extent as to the paper's politics. Trusting we have made few enemies we are grateful for the willing patronage of all the people of the City of Canton and Lincoln County from the time of the taking of the office, up to date.

The paper will hereafter be published by Bert E. Brown and Lyman B. Sullivan. Mr. Brown is a first class Union printer who has an excellent reputation as a fine job printer and general workman.

Mr. Sullivan is a graduate of the University of Michigan, also took a course in literature in the Indiana State University. They are both competent to publish one of the best paper in Lincoln County.

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POLITICS AND RELIGION.

Brothers in politics and brothers in religion. This is what ought to be. But who does not know that men, both in the political parties and in the churches, do not recognize their fellows as brothers. How many are living in direct contradiction of the golden rule and think nothing of it.

Why, injustice is all around us, and we are cognizant of it, while we do not seem to know that citizenship, in its objects and relations, is, or should be, on the alert to see that every one has a fair chance, and that we should not be given up to selfish purposes and self-contracted aims. In so far as we are our brother's keeper, both in the state and in the church. The state should be the bulwark of human rights, and the defense of the poor and oppressed, and all our politics should embody the sense of this declaration.

The great need of the times is a politics that we are not ashamed of, a politics that "rises to the dignity of the occasion," that stands for all that is highest and noblest in civil life and co-equal in human action—a politics that takes the rights and duties of citizenship in connection with all the possibilities that lie within the reach of honest, well-meaning, intelligent fellow-men.

But we cannot reach this standard by going to Tammany Hall, or any other like institution. We must test every thing of this kind by the best lights we have, and from the standpoint of our best judgment and the inspiration of our own souls. In this respect the Farmers' Alliance has started on the right track. Their animus and aims are in harmony with this view. It is a part of their inside work, and it is their highest ambition to reach the topmost round of the ladder that points this way. They believe that citizenship is brotherhood, that it involves the fraternities and that it should lead to "equal and exact justice" to all men. And who shall say nay?

And the men of the church—what will they do? Will they fall back in their easy chairs and remain content with, "let well enough alone?" Or rather will they not imbibe the sentiment and catch the spirit of the times, wherein it harmonize with moral and social reform. Will they not in spirit, as well as form, exemplify in soul and life the brotherly characteristics which make a genuine Christian church, and gives to religion its most beautiful charm.

In our judgment, they had better do this in and out of their strict church limitations, in politics and in society, and throughout the body politic. Reform organizations exist here and there, embodying a variety of elements that enter into the practical relations of our social and political life. There is room here for development and the propagation of that brotherly relationship which improves, benefits and perfects the whole social organism.

Remember there are dangers ahead—social convulsions, political disturbances,

rampant socialism, and the uprising of people who will no longer suffer unendurable wrongs. Who knows how long it will be before these things culminate in social disorganization? Perchance we may be brought, short up, with a round turn. To avoid this is the work of the unselfish propagandists who believe in truth and justice, and the great body of honest reform workers who build on the sure foundations of common justice and universal right.—*National View.*

THE GREENBACK.

The greenback, pure and simple, will yet come to the front and assert itself on an equal footing with any other currency that the government puts forth, and there is no good and tangible reason why it should not.

There may be a thoughtless and unreasoning prejudice against it as full-fledged, legal money, but it amounts to nothing more, for its legality and constitutionality have been established beyond all question.

The decree of the supreme court to this effect is all-sufficient, and establishes the fact. What more can be desired? It is enough, and more, for all practical purposes.

If coin is needed, the government can now easily secure it. There need be no lack in this respect, while the greenback answers every demand for paper money, and can be modulated to suit the healthy conduct of the business of the country. It is convenient, safe and attractive.

Oh, for a God-send of this useful, economic, unquestionable money!

It is the acme of finance!
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Let it come.

BROADEN THE DEMANDS.

There is no declaration included in the Alliance demands that is more persistently misrepresented and ridiculed by Republicans and Democrats and their partisan mouthpieces than the demand for government loans direct to the people on real estate security, which would of course change the existing system of "banking on debt"—with its attendant robbery of the people to a basis of wealth—the land for a permanent circulating medium of exchange, under proper limitations on the quantity of land and amount of money loaned the citizen. It is especially urged by every mouthpiece of the plutocracy that the Alliance and People's party demands for government loans to the people direct is class legislation for the farmers only and does not propose to apply its benefits to any other class of our citizens. While this is an unfair construction of the demand laid down in the first section of the Alliance platform and is being used to prejudice the laboring classes of the towns and cities. Would it not be well that at the session of the approaching national council our demands be broadened to state in specific language that every son of toil who is a citizen of the United States in our towns and cities struggling to secure a home, shall have the same rights under the law as the farmer, and that loans as low in amount as \$100, shall be granted in the towns and cities for building purposes, or other improvements at not exceeding 2 per cent per annum. The time has come when it is necessary to place this in our demands in specific terms, to show our laboring masses, not on the farms, that the Alliance and People's party demands mean the same thing in their application to all American citizens, and thus stop the lying of the old party press and politicians, who are working night and day to prevent the laboring classes of the towns and cities from meeting with their brother toilers, the farmers, and with their "brains and ballots" united take possession of the law-making power and run this government in the interest of its producing and laboring masses. In connection with this matter we also suggest the time has come for the national council to consider and devise a plan through which the great brotherhood of the Alliance may reach into the towns and cities, and take by the hand their brother toilers in the workshop and factories and show them that our interests as producers and consumers are identical and that the Alliance is founded upon broad principles of fraternity that looks beyond the farmer only. The time is ripe for broadening our demands and adding strength to our lines. Let it be done at the meeting next month, and the way opened for a branch of the Alliance work to be used in organizing and connecting the labor classes of the cities

with our great farmer organization.

C. A. Powers

WATCH NEBRASKA.

Nebraska is the worst monopolycursed state in the union. Last year it elected an Independent majority in both branches of the legislature. No honest person doubts that they elected their governor. But the g. o. p. leaders seeing that their ticket was gone, fused in the city of Omaha, and cast ten thousand more votes than there were in the city, and counted all but eighty-seven of those votes for the old party candidates, and succeeded in seating an unnaturalized foreigner as governor of the state. A republican supreme court unseated him.

In the legislature the Republicans and democrats acted together to defeat the will of the people. In the contests before the Republican supreme court everything was decided against the people's party. The Alien governor vetoed the maximum rate bill passed by the independent legislature. Corruption resigned supreme. Law and justice were trampled under foot.

But the rank and file of the people became terribly wide awake. Honest papers of both parties came over to the independents. Prominent men like ex-State Attorney Lease and Paul Van Devort, ex-national commander of the G. A. R., left the republicans and are doing valiant service for the new party. Prof. Canfield, formerly of the Kansas State University, now president of the Nebraska State University, and whom the old parties have in the past lauded to the skies, has come out openly for the independents.

The Republicans held their state convention and nominated the worst kind of a monopolist for supreme court justice. The democratic followed suit, then withdrew their man to give their republican running mate a better chance. But the people are not blinded. They see the true animus of every move made by the g. o. p's. They are weary and disgusted. Next Tuesday they will go to the polls and record a bigger majority than the republicans have had in that state in ten years.

Mr. Editor: Election in our precinct under the new system passed off like a charm.

With insignificant exceptions every voter seemed almost familiar with the new method walking right up to the ballot clerk, received the stamped official ballot, turn round to the voters compartment prepared his ballot and deposited with another clerk, all with a precision and dignity worthy a member of a self governing people, and seemingly imbued with a spirit recognizing the great privilege as well as the responsibility of being a factor in the government of the great American republic.

Few seemed to care much of reading the instructions to voters, and not a single one needed assistance from inability to read or write in preparing his ballot. The whole was a quiet and orderly proceeding and a marked improvement on the old way, independent ticket peddler with the cigars under his arm was not there, nor any of the story electioneering excitement.

A POPULAR FAMILY.

JENNIE: "How is it, Kate, that you always seem to 'catch on' to the latest new thing? Do what I may, you always seem to get ahead of me."

KATE: "I don't know; I certainly do not make any exertion in that direction."
JENNIE: "What have you done in the last few months, for example, you have taken up painting, without any teacher; you came to the rescue when Miss Lafarge deserted her Delartio class so suddenly, and certainly we are all improving in grace under your instruction; I heard you telling Tommy Eames last evening how his club made mistakes in playing baseball; you seem to be up on all the latest 'fads,' and know just what to do under all circumstances; you entertain beautifully; and in the last month you have improved so in health, owing, you tell me, to your physical culture exercises. Where do you get all of your information from in this little out-of-the-way place?—for you never go to the city?"

KATE: "Why, Jennie, you will make me vain. I have only one source of information, but it is surprising how it meets all wants. I very seldom hear of anything new but what the next few days bring me full information on the subject. Magic? No! Magazine! And a great treasure it is to us all, for it really furnishes the reading for the whole household: father has given up his magazine; mother has taken for years, as he says this one gives more and better information on the subject of the day; and mother says that it is that that makes her such a famous housekeeper. In fact, we all agree that it is the only really FAMILIAR magazine published, as we have sent for samples of all of them, and find that one is all for men, another all for women, and another for children only, while this one suits every one of us; so we only need to take one instead of several, and that is wise; the economy comes in, for it is only \$2.00 a year. Perhaps you think I am too lavish in my praise; but I will let you see ours, or, better still, send 10 cents to the publisher, W. Jennings Demorest, 15 East 14th Street, New York, for a sample copy, and I shall always consider that I have done you a great favor; and may be you will be cutting us out, as you say we have the reputation of being the best informed family in town. If that be so, it is Demorest's Family Magazine that does it."



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