

The Farmers Leader

BY ARTHUR LINN.

"If not destroyed the alliance will be bothersome in '94"—Sioux Falls Press.

The Sioux Valley News will assist at half rate anti-alliance articles.

Among the many able people's party papers from the south received by the LEADER, none exhibited a clearer, and more earnest work for the reform movement than the Sun of Richmond, Virginia.

One cent apiece is what the Chicago sweaters pay women for finishing a common vest and by working fourteen hours a day, are able to earn \$1.50 a week between them. Why howl about the pauper labor of Europe. Where does the McKinley protection come in.

C. L. Ingersoll director of the Nebraska agricultural experimental station at Lincoln, has made a thorough test of detassling corn, and finds that detassled corn fails to produce less than 50 per cent as much corn as the untouched ears. This is the evidence of a thorough test after a two years trial. It is not very often that man can improve on nature.

The North American Review for January begins the new year with an unusually solid array of brilliant contributions from distinguished writers covering a wide range of scientific, political, historical and social conditions. The Review has at its command the ablest pens of all nations, and the reader who follows the ripe thought of eminent men in its pages from January to December 1893, will learn much that is worth knowing.

The republican papers all over the state are urging, nay demanding, that reform legislation is necessary if the party hopes to go into another successful campaign. The republicans are now demanding the reforms asked for by the people's party, and are doing considerable blowing over their reform position, and cry out in the "highmuckamuck" style of the Sioux Falls Press: "Look at us—hear us snort—we are the party of reform." We can assure the republicans of the state that they will get no legislation for the people. Railroads, telegraph, express and other monopolies will not be disturbed. Resubmission will occupy half of the session and it will carry through corrupt means and whisky boodles. There will be no legislation for the people. Mark this prediction. The monopoly power is in the saddle.

The people of the state of Colorado, in view of the threatened repeal of the Sherman act which provides for the purchase of 4,500,000 ounces of silver bullion monthly, and legislation in favor of gold bugs, held a monster meeting at Denver the other day, which was addressed by Senator Stewart of Nevada, and among other free silver resolutions passed, we find the following, which shows the temper of the hardy sons of the Centennial state.

Resolved, That the officers of this league be and are directed to use all legitimate means to secure the passage by the Ninth general assembly of a law making gold and silver coins of the United States, without discrimination a full legal tender within the state in payment of all debts.

It is thought to be a forgone conclusion that such an act will be passed by the legislature. Besides it is more than likely that if congress does not pass a free coinage act the Colorado legislature will enact a law providing for the free coinage of silver in the state. Just what influence such a step would have and how far it could extend under existing national law is not clear, but Colorado is in dead earnest.

If there is anything the Sioux Falls Press delights in it is to wilfully misrepresent conditions and try to sustain its conclusions with bare faced lies. This system may be satisfactory to the toad who swells his sides for others to gaze at, but an intelligent public regard such manifestations as the erratic ideas of a man whose self-conceit is only equalled by a total disregard of a fair, open, manly discussion of any question that a presumed republican organ should undertake. Among the daily republican papers in the state, all recognized organs their own estimation, there is not one that meets the requirements, and some of them are not up to the standard of the ordinary ability required to run a second class weekly. The ablest daily paper in the state, editorially, is the Sioux Falls Argus-Leader—democratic. All questions are treated with a conservative, intelligent analysis and are never described in silly twaddle so common in the Press, which has long ago ceased to be considered reliable in a single political editorial utterance. When "Cal" uses the word "highmuckamuck", his illustration of political opposition, he is then at his best, and rarely gets beyond these favorite descriptions.

Now is the time for farmers to push organization. In every township there should be weekly meetings to discuss questions affecting our interests. Have every alternate meeting an open one to which invite every everybody, and make them feel at home with you by taking part in your discussions. Lay

aside your partisanship and discuss every question on its merits. Watch legislation, on state and nation, very closely. Fortunately we are in a position this year where there can be no dodging of responsibility. In the state the republicans have all branches of government and must be held accountable for all legislation as well as for all omissions. We have had our say in the past as to what changes are needed. The plurality of voters have not agreed with us or have had faith in republican promises and and given them another chance. We are willing to wait and judge them by their record. In the nation the same is true except that the other twin has, or will have full sway. Their promises have been full and free to overflowing. The plurality of voters have given them a chance. They, too, should be given a fair, reasonable time to redeem their promises. In each case they should be watched closely as our servants delegated to do certain work for us. Their responsibility is great and a failure to do their duty should be censured severely.—Ruralist.

In Kansas the people's party are on top and will elect a senator.

In Nebraska the people's party with a few democrats will elect a senator.

The organization of the legislature would indicate that the resubmissionists are in the saddle.

The people's party hold the balance of power in the California legislature. It will be a populist or a democratic senator.

The Montana legislature is split in two. A fraudulent returning board did it and the democrats would not stand republican corruption.

BERESFORD, S. D.
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TO THE EDITOR: Your "Old Settler's" correspondence from Highland township said in a late issue of your paper that "the excitement on Saddle Creek is quieting down," or words to that effect, "and the man who is charged with such a vile deed and crime, should not be permitted to occupy the pulpit until after court sets." It is observed that your paper and the Advocate have taken an advance position in regard to this case, and you will have the friendly good will, and the hand of gratitude extended to you by all considerate and thoughtful persons who believe in promoting a high standard of morality in the community. If public opinion was in favor of the defendant (which is not the case) it would have no effect upon the testimony. Well then, what is testimony in court? The obligation of an oath is just as binding in a justice court, as in the highest court in the land. It is a sworn statement the truth of which no one (high or low) has a right to question or take exception to. Then when an innocent little girl just budding into womanhood goes upon the stand in a justice's court and, after being duly sworn says: "I was assaulted by a man who is present" and she pointed him out. Has any one on earth any reason to, for an instant, question her veracity. I repeat it, have you, has any one? You who disregard that evidence, have you a little daughter, and if she should be called to testify in a similar case, how would you feel, what emotion of displeasure would you be filled with if any one should say she lied on the witness stand. Now, you who have said: "I think the accused is innocent," don't you infer that a false oath has been taken? Is it not an acknowledgment that you think all oaths in the prosecution of this case are false ones? Certainly you do, because there is a right and a wrong side to every prosecution. State senators, legislators, presiding elders, &c., please think of this. Your obedient servant,
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A horse can live twenty-five days without solid food, merely drinking water, seventeen days without either eating or drinking and only five days when eating solid food without drinking. An idea prevails among horsemen that a horse should never be watered oftener than three times a day or in twenty-four hours. This is not only a mistaken idea but a brutal practice. A horse's stomach is extremely sensitive and will suffer under the least interference, causing a feverish condition.

Feeding a horse principally on grain and driving it for hours without water is like giving a man salt mackerel for dinner and not allowing him to drink until supper time—very unsatisfactory for the man.

If you know anything about the care of horses, and have any sympathy for them water them as often as they want to drink—once an hour, if possible. By doing this you will not only be merciful to your animals but you will be a benefactor to yourself, as they will do more work; they will be healthier; they will look better and will be less liable to coughs and colds and will live longer.

A horse is a great deal like a man. Let him get overworked, overstarved or abused, and particularly for the want of sufficient drink in warm weather, and the consequences will always be injurious. Sensible hostlers in large cities are awakening to the advantage of frequent watering. Street-car horses are watered every hour, and sometimes oftener, while they are at work. It is plenty of water that supplies evaporation or perspiration and keeps down the temperature.

Twenty years ago a person having a fever of any kind of pneumonia was allowed but little water to drink, and then it had to be tepid. To-day practitioners prescribe all the iced water the patient can possibly drink, and in addition cold bandages are applied to reduce and control the temperature of the blood. What is applicable to man will never hurt a horse. Use common sense and human feeling.

Don't think it is a horse and capable of enduring any and all things. A driver who sits in his wagon and lashes his worn-out, half-couried, half-fed and half-watered team should never complain of any abuse he may receive from his master or employer, for he is lower in character, harder in sympathy and less noble than the brute he is driving, and deserves, in the name of all that is human, the same punishment as a criminal.

GIRAFFES BECOMING EXTINCT.

Nearly All the South African Antelopes Also Becoming Rare.

An article by Mr. Bryden says that the days of the giraffe are numbered. A few years ago a herd of seventy or eighty of them was often met in various parts of Africa. Mr. Bryden says that nineteen giraffes are now a large herd. They have been hunted so mercilessly, both by native and foreign sportsmen, that they are rapidly becoming extinct.

The intelligent African King Khama has, however, taken the giraffe under his protection and hopes to save it from extermination. He has forbidden the hunting of the giraffe in his large domain, and in this way he hopes they will multiply in his country. It is an interesting fact that Russia has preserved the European bison from extinction by setting apart a forest of Lithuania for them and permitting no one to molest them.

Recent explorers in southwest Africa say that the fauna has changed greatly during the last forty years. Dr. Henry Slichter, in a paper he read before the British association a few weeks ago, says that antelopes, lions, buffaloes, rhinoceros, giraffes and other large animals were met with in abundance when the country was first explored are no longer to be found in any part of the southwest Africa on account of their ceaseless slaughter by European hunters, as well as by the natives since the latter have possessed breech-loading guns. The most important among these animals, the elephant, has wholly disappeared from this part of Africa except in the neighborhood of Lake Ngami.

Anderson, one of the early explorers of this region, said that 1,200 pounds of ivory could be bought at Lake Ngami for a musket. According to Livingstone, in three years not less than nine hundred elephants were killed near the little Zonga river alone. How much their number has diminished is shown by the very small ivory export from Wallish bay, which amounts to about fifteen hundred pounds per annum, while in 1875 it was as high as 37,000 pounds. The various kinds of animals would doubtless increase again if some protective measures were taken in their behalf, but there are not many Khamas among the important men of Africa who have sufficient foresight to endeavor in the interests of their own people to prevent the extermination of these valuable animals.

Caught a Fly.

Of the father of the present king of Bavaria it is related that one day, when two of his cabinet ministers called upon him with the draft of a new law for which they required his approval and signature, they found him seated in his arm-chair, with an open book on his knees. After reading the statute to his majesty the ministers stood for a long time silently waiting for an answer. At length, when their patience was nearly exhausted, the king suddenly closed his book with a bang, and exclaimed, "I have got him! I have got him!" He had caught and crushed a fly.—Argonaut.

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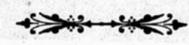
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