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"Hew to the Line, Let the Chips Fall Where They May."

**Convention.**  
The large attendance at the Court House last Saturday, developed the fact, that Lincoln county was far from being depopulated, according to some writer to the *Journal*, who foolishly asserted that two-thirds of our citizens had abandoned their claims, through fear of destitution. We are told by old residents, that the assemblage of farmers, Saturday, was the largest ever congregated in Canton. Every town and precinct was represented. The Court room was literally packed, as to seats and standing room; many could not gain access, but stood upon the stairs and in the corridor, and lower hall. Another feature worthy of note, was the apparent good feeling and spirit, that prevailed; occasionally, a sad countenance betrayed anxiety, and betokened some trial that could be easily imagined, but although a resolution was adopted calling upon the representatives from each town to make known the condition of their neighborhood, as to scarcity of food or seed, no report was made, no complaint heard. It seemed as if a universal determination existed, to make no solicitations, through poverty, or for any purpose other than for seed grain; and if that could be obtained as a loan, but not as a matter of charity, it would be gladly received. As to grass-hoppers, many laughable, and witty sayings were uttered, notwithstanding the little demons were represented by a vial full, reminding one of the countless number that old Sol would soon call into activity, it did not seem to suppress merriment, or produce elongated countenances. We also remarked another gratifying intention—that of *reminding*, come what will; faith in the natural producing element, healthful climate, and an unmistakable evidence that time alone, will develop into a rich and prosperous country, is still strong, and helps to strengthen the grip, that one must have when adverse storms cloud the way. This disposition was the prevalent one manifested on that day, with an occasional exception, of course. As to the good results, or whether the primary objects intended, will be attained, is now unknown; but sure no harm was done, and we think the mutual private grievances that were confidentially disclosed, combined with the public demonstration of good feeling, tended to cheer and strengthen the weak-kneed. All was done, that the persons present could do. Money, was the desideratum, as that was the only power that would move seed to the farmer's granary, and that element we know was unrepresented in the crowded room; true, many were there, who could count their broad acres, comfortable buildings, and were happily beyond the need of assistance; but, within our knowledge, though limited, perhaps, not one present, could, if so disposed, advance the needed amount. If the full deficiency is to be supplied, that is believed requisite, \$5,000 could be appropriately disbursed within the limits of Lincoln county, to those who need, for seed, and food; and the lowest estimate made by gentlemen who have given the matter considerable attention, is \$2,500. Whichever amount is correct, is immaterial in this connection, as it is well known that it was not within the power of any one, or of any number of those present, to produce one third of the latter sum. Hence, the assembly could go no further than they did, by selecting six business, and responsible men of the county, to attempt, at least, what it was not within the ability of the assembly to do. If there were banks, where money could be loaned upon reliable paper, or securities, or if there were money men in our midst, hopes might be had of a favorable result; but neither, we all know, are here, and the only alternative, is a possibility of obtaining flax seed.

The arrangement for the organization of a grasshopper brigade, was as complete, as a preliminary one could be made; and equal good results may be accomplished as has been in localities where like efforts have been made. The boy whistles in passing the grave yard, not because he is merry, but for courage, as the lonely associations and surroundings are ominous to his childish fancy, his tone serves his purpose and almost before he is aware, the need for his tone ceases, he is beyond the ghostly shades, into the starlight of living men. Is it not equally appropriate for the farmer as he passes over his fields, where lie the elements, relics of his buried hopes of an abundant crop, to bear in mind the fact, other localities in years gone by, have been more frequently and thoroughly devastated by insects equally as destructive—wasp, chinch bug, locusts, and by droughts, lands which had far less of the native element of richness, and producing qualities, than this. Let the skeptical, and the constitutional growler, who has thought and talked, himself, into an actual belief that this country must be abandoned, grumble and pool at any effort as being useless, if he is not suited, let him try elsewhere, there is place for all men, but this is not his place: the bee sees a worthy example, as to treatment of drones. This county furnishes ample evidence, in instances, where pluck, grit, work, and proper management, has outwinded the fault finder. Many have reason to feel disheartened. Where can you better your condition? If you know, then lose no time in going; but if you only go to chance it, it is hazardous to leave. It is in the mind of almost every one we meet, that the indications for a good crop this year, are very favorable to those who plant and sow; and if prudence, management, and industry are shown, your reward will surely come.

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The convention called for the purpose of considering means for the destruction of grasshoppers and for obtaining seed grain, was called to order at the Court House, at 12 M., Saturday the 17th. inst.—Capt. Harlan was chosen Chairman and Messrs. Fitzgerald, and Cuppett Secretaries. Remarks were made by Messrs. Martin, Prof. Jacobs, Smith, Delong, Larson, Dann, Clark, and others, when upon motion, a committee consisting of I. N. Martin, C. Brown, E. E. Griswold, Gallup, H. H. Delong, and R. R. May were appointed to consider and report to the convention, such methods as they might deem advisable towards the adoption of effective means for the destruction of grasshoppers, also a committee of five consisting of W. L. Gould, H. C. Johnston, G. A. Campbell, O. Helvig, and J. W. Carter, to report such measures or recommendations as thought proper for the procuring of seed grain for those who were unable to purchase the same the convention then adjourned, for one hour at the expiration of which time the following report was presented and adopted:

Your committee on destruction of grasshoppers beg leave to report, that owing to the shortness of time to fully discuss this subject, we recommend the chairman (Capt. Harlan) appoint a meeting to be held on the 24th inst. at the usual place of voting in said town to elect a committee of five. The duty of said committee shall be to obtain all the information they can, and discuss the subject from time to time, and the chairman of each committee shall report at Canton, the 3rd, of March, at the Court House, at 10 o'clock p. m.; there to further discuss the subject, and to enact for further business they may see fit. All recommendations to be made by the appointed Chairman of said committee.

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