

Wichita Daily Eagle

A CONVENTION CALLED.

The adjourned convention of the Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union will reconvene at the court house in Wichita, Kan., June 10, 1890, at 10 o'clock a. m. to place in nomination candidates for the following offices, to-wit: Clerk of the District court, County attorney, Probate judge, Superintendent of Public instruction, and transient such other business as shall properly come before the convention. Also immediately after the adjournment of the county convention, a delegate convention is called to put in nomination a candidate for representative in the representative district No. 82, which comprises the Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth wards of the city of Wichita; also representative for district No. 83, which comprises all the territory west of the Arkansas river, except the Fifth ward of the city of Wichita; and also representative for district No. 84, which comprises all the territory east of the Big Arkansas river, including the First and Sixth wards of the city of Wichita, and all of Eagle township, also to put in nomination a candidate for county commissioner of the First district, which district comprises the same territory described as representative district No. 82. The representation to the representative district will be the same as to the county convention. The several sub-alliances, Industrial unions and assemblies will so instruct their delegates. By order of the central committee. ROBERT STOVILL, Chairman. M. A. PRATT, Secretary. May 14, 1890.

FARMING IN NEW YORK CITY.

Some of the Market Gardeners You See as You Ride on the Elevated Road. Farming on land worth \$150 a square foot seems an excessive luxury, doesn't it? It is about \$100,000 an acre. It is being done, though, and at a profit, by some scores of thrifty market men within the city limits as bounded by the Harlem river and the Battery. They are typical home-bred sons of toil. Skin browned, and seemingly impervious to wind or weather, they leave the impress of their knees along beds of celery, radishes, leeks and oyster plant, "from the rising of the sun even to the going down of the same." To them ricklessness and indignation are the prerogatives of wealth, and they worry but little about either. The few men and philosophers who are at present in the business do not make princely fortunes. As Edward Greer expressed it, there was only the difference of working for some one else at \$15 a week, or being your own boss on the same terms. As a matter of course, a visit to the gardens, which extend from Ninetieth to Ninety-fourth street, will repay the time expended. The Boulevard serves as their eastern limit, and the apex of the bluff overlooking the Hudson holds the last trench. As viewed from either Mott's or Dan Sickles' lane, nature and progress are brought face to face. A six-story flat house extends along two hundred feet of well paved street with rear doors opening upon the wailing tops of marketable greens. Straw filled "ram-covers" lean against granite underpinning. Daintily dressed women part lace curtains only to look out upon their farm-sisters parting the weeds from marketable produce. Who shall say which is the happier? Looking west from Ninety-third street the gardens of half a dozen emerald farmers can be seen rising in glassy undulations. A few women are interspersed among top booted men either weeding or gathering the results of a forcing process. As a rule, and one with few exceptions, the proprietors and help are impregnated with the Rhine. A snatch from a German song drifting from Ninetieth street will find a chorus at Ninety-fifth. Rivalry there is none. It means but a living at best, and, according to their losses, a precarious one at that. There seems to be but one idea, as a foundation upon which the colony rests—liberty. Appreciating the instability of their tenure, they figure to get the most out of it, not individually, but collectively. Bernard Gerdes, who has been in the business over fifteen years, is a blond backed, blue eyed German-American. Straightening himself up beside a leaf bed near the top of the ridge that overlooks the Hudson, he said: "Look at that block from Ninety-fifth to Ninety-sixth street. There are fourteen building lots underfoot here. I would you believe that a year ago they were raising garden truck on that land! Well, they were. That's what we are all coming to. I can mention twenty old gardeners who have been driven north of the river in ten years. "It takes some capital to run the business when you come to figure on my rent at \$300 a year, without a guarantee that I may not have to move any time. Then there are frames which cost \$250 a hundred if properly made and set. I have to keep six men to help me. The soil runs from 10 to 20 a month, with board and washing. For this I take a load of vegetables each week, which will average but little over \$50." New York Press.

Getting Square with a Criminal Lawyer. Mr. William, the great English criminal lawyer, had his colic stolen and had to pay for the dog's return. He said, when talking to the dog: "I ventured to remark to my two acquaintances that they must be doing a thriving business, \$20 being a large sum to receive for the restoration of one's dog. I received a reply that it was only two quid apiece, and there are ten of us in it, and it is share and share alike." I then somewhat modestly remarked that, knowing who I was, I thought it rather too good of them to send my dog. "Ah! that's the best of it, it is one of them." "Lord, sir, you should have seen how my pal Bill here did laugh." "Ain't it rather hard," says I, "to take the counsel's part?" "Not a bit, Jim," says he; "he's had a good lot out of us, and why shouldn't we get a little out of him?" The Spectator.

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MOUND BUILDERS' WORK

SOME SURVEYS AND DEVELOPMENTS OF THE CURIOUS MOUNDS.

Over Ten Thousand Mounds and Inclosures in Ohio Alone—There Must Have Been a Considerable Population and Considerable Advance in Civilization. [Special Correspondence.] CINCINNATI, May 6.—Several incidents of recent date have combined to revive interest in the ruined monuments of those prehistoric people who inhabited the Mississippi valley unnumbered years before the present civilization began, and who are known to us only as mound builders, a name given to them on account of the character of the works they have left behind. Quite recently the trustees of the Peabody museum at Harvard secured control of the Great Serpent mound in Adams county, O., and an effort has been made to induce congress to purchase the extensive fortification on the Little Miami river known as Fort Ancient. The Ohio legislature has passed a law exempting all such property from taxation when held for archaeological purposes, and there is a pending measure to appropriate money for the temporary preservation of this greatest of the monuments in the Mississippi valley. These



have all been emphasized by the investigations of Professor Putnam, of Harvard university, who is now engaged upon a series of articles for The Century Magazine. The fact of the existence of these ruins seems to have escaped the notice of the early explorers of the vast valley. But when settlements began attention was attracted to the details of the new country. La Vega and the chronicler of the unfortunate expedition of De Soto make incidental allusions to similar monuments in Florida, but the first mention of those in the Mississippi valley was made by Carver in 1776, and in 1791 attention was drawn to them by Capt. Harbo. But these were bare mentions. In 1835 Harris published a long account of the ruins at Marietta, O. The most important of all the early accounts is that by Daniel Drake, M. D., of the mounds and monuments of Cincinnati and the Miami country. The first descriptive account giving a general view of the works in the Mississippi valley was written by Caleb Atwater, of Columbus, O. It was illustrated with plans from his own surveys, embracing the famous structures at Marietta, Newark, Portsmouth, Circleville and Fort Ancient. Early in 1845 began the extended investigation under the auspices of the Smithsonian institution, the results of which are embraced in the first published volume of the institution's records. There have been numerous later investigations, all of less extent and detail, the latest and most important being that of Professor Putnam.

These proofs of a prehistoric civilization are found throughout the Mississippi valley from the Alleghenies to the Rockies, and from the lakes to the Gulf, and there are indications that they represent the frontier life, as it were, of the more advanced civilization of Mexico and Central America. They occur in greatest numbers in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Missouri, Arkansas, Kentucky, Tennessee, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and Texas, and are mainly confined to the valleys of large streams. They consist of inclosures for defense, inclosures for sacred purposes, mounds of sacrifices and sepulture, mounds upon which buildings appear to have stood, graded ways for travel or traffic and places of amusement. The center of civilization in Ohio seems to have been Chillicothe. Ross county, of which Chillicothe is the seat of justice, contains over one hundred inclosures and over half a hundred mounds, and there are in the state of Ohio not fewer than fifteen hundred inclosures and ten thousand mounds. The works are scarcely less numerous in the valleys of the Kanawha in West Virginia, the Kentucky in Kentucky, the White and Watauga in Indiana, the Tennessee and Cumberland in Tennessee, and the Ohio. When it is remembered that they exist in great abundance throughout the valley of the Mississippi, one is impressed with the multitude of the people who wrought them and the years of labor bestowed upon them. Lines of embankment varying in height from five to thirty feet and inclosing areas from one acre to two hundred acres are quite common, and some inclose as much as four hundred acres. A fortified hill in Highland county, O., has over a mile and a half of heavy embankment, inclosing 600 acres. The celebrated Fort Ancient, in Warren county, O., has four miles of embankment from five to twenty-five feet in height, inclosing over one hundred acres. The works at Portsmouth, O., cover over 100 hundred acres, inclosed and defended

WORDS NEAR HOPKINS, O. by twenty miles of embankment. Gen. William Henry Harrison, before his election to the presidency, described the works at the mouth of the Great Miami river, which he estimated to have inclosed four hundred acres. The largest mound is that at Cahokia, Ill., opposite St. Louis. It is 30 feet in height and 3,000 yards in circumference at the base, with a level summit of several acres. The great mound at Selma, Ala., is estimated to cover six acres of ground. The largest mound in Ohio is near Marietta. It is 82 feet high and 522 feet in circumference, and is estimated to contain 312,000 cubic feet of earth and stone. In many instances the material from which they were constructed has been brought from considerable distances. The works, in outline, illustrate nearly every geometrical design, the circle and square predominating, and parallelograms, ellipses and polygons being quite common. Of all the inclosures in Ohio, the most noted is that of Fort Ancient, situated on the east side of the Little Miami river, in Warren county, about thirty miles from Cincinnati. The inclosed plateau is 250 feet above the river level, and is naturally a strong defensive point, being protected on the west by the almost impregnable bluffs bordering the Little Miami, and on the north, south and east by deep ravines, through which flow tributary streams into the river. These streams approach close to each

other at the northeast point of the fort, and across the intervening plain is an artificial embankment about twenty feet in height, which is carried all around the brow of the hill, though of less height and strength according to the precipitousness of the hill at various places. It is estimated that 628,300 cubic yards of earth have been used in the construction of this fort. It is mostly of tough, dividual clay, such as is found on the river bottom, and not upon the plateau, and it must have been carried up the hill by the builders, a task that represents a vast amount of labor, and worthy to be classed with the building of the Pyramids. There are over seventy openings in the embankment, some of them evidently left for gateways, while some have been caused by washouts, where the walls of earth had been carried over deep gullies. The present mounds, some of them evidently left for gateways, while some have been caused by washouts, where the walls of earth had been carried over deep gullies. The present mounds, some of them evidently left for gateways, while some have been caused by washouts, where the walls of earth had been carried over deep gullies. The present mounds, some of them evidently left for gateways, while some have been caused by washouts, where the walls of earth had been carried over deep gullies.

Too Much for Him. "Is there a surgeon aboard?" hastily asked the excited passenger on a State street car, as he rose up and looked anxiously about. "I am a surgeon," answered a man near the door. "Thanks," rejoined the excited passenger. "Don't get off for a few moments, please. I see a fellow up there at the next crossing that always grabs my arm above the elbow with his left hand, while he gives me the pump handle shake with the other hand. I was vaccinated a week ago, lost \$10 on Anson's nine yesterday and my wife is cleaning house. If that man gets on this car there'll be bloodshed!"—Chicago Tribune.

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The Corporal's Warning. Flott, the volunteer, left the barracks without permission. As the young man is a general favorite, his corporal determined, if possible, to shield him from punishment. Accordingly, he wrapped a sweeping brush in a blanket and laid it in the volunteer's bed. The officer on duty, who is rather short sighted, soon after went the rounds of the beds until he came to Flott's. "Who lies here?" he asked the corporal. "Volunteer Flott," was the reply. "Flott, eh? The disorderly fellow is so intent on pleasure that he totally neglects himself. (The corporal trembles at the belief that the fraud is discovered.) You may tell Volunteer Flott to-morrow to get his hair cut. Good night!"—Elegant Blatier.

During the last few years there has been a great rush of travel to the Pacific coast. It has seemed at times as if the entire population of the eastern and middle states were determined to settle in the broad interior valley of the San Joaquin, or in some of the pretty spots near the ocean, from San Diego northward to San Francisco. Almost everybody has been interested in oranges and lemons and real estate. The Santa Fe route, being the shortest and the most direct, gets the cream of the passenger traffic. But we did not intend to advertise California exclusively; we have another object in view. Today if there may be said to be a "boom" anywhere, it is in the New South, Texas, which is half a south and half a western empire, and is the rising tide of business push and enterprise, and, as a consequence, people are looking to Texas as they never did before. If you can collect Texas this spring? If so, why not take advantage of the one free round trip excursion rate via Santa Fe route to Fort Worth? Tickets on sale May 7, 8 and 9, and 10 days; also on sale daily from May 8 to 25 inclusive, limited until June 3 for return. This is a cheap rate, made for the big show the year the Fort Worth Spring Palace, which will attract thousands of visitors from abroad. Our double daily train service to Texas (one Santa Fe and one Galveston Express) affords quick transit and excellent accommodations. Through Pullman sleepers and day coaches, Wichita to Fort Worth, Dallas, Houston, Galveston, and other principal cities, on day and night trains. The time from Wichita to Fort Worth is only a trip, over 13 hours; the rate in dollars and cents, \$1.20. Persons wishing to go further than Fort Worth can purchase excursion tickets for the route to interior Texas towns. For tickets and Pullman reservation apply at Douglas avenue union passenger station or union ticket office, 122 North Main street. W. D. MURDOCK, Passenger Agent.

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The Doctor's Orders. Mrs. Smallpore—The doctor says I must get out of the city this summer. Now, I was just thinking that perhaps a cottage at the seaside might— Mr. Smallpore—Your aunt and uncle at Mount Tipity are very anxious to have you visit their lumber camp, you know. Mrs. S.—But that is in the mountains. The doctor says I must be on the water. Mr. S.—Um! Well, I think that can be managed. I know a very nice old couple who might be willing to take a boarder at a price which my means. Mrs. S.—That's splendid! Do they live on the water? Mr. S.—Yes, indeed; all summer long. They run a canal boat.—New York Weekly.

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