

ALIEN LANDLORDS.

A Western Journal Makes Some Pertinent Remarks on This Subject.

Landlordism in America, especially upon the plan common to England and Ireland, is something no thoughtful man wants to see established, yet it is gaining a rapid foothold. We have not only made our country "an asylum for the oppressed of all nations," but we have welcomed with open arms the oppressor as well. With equal hospitality we have opened our arms to receive rent raked tenant and the plethoric pursed landlord: with this difference, however: In the case of the tenant we have got the man, and in the case of the landlord we have let his money get us.

Having acquired title to or possession of thousands of acres of American land, the English capitalist sits in his easy chair at home and draws the profits, without contributing to the support of the country more than the property is taxed for.

Our liberality has been too great. It is time this universal refuge idea be abandoned, both as to immigrants and non-resident landlords. Not an inch of American soil should be owned in fee simple by one who is not a citizen and bound loyally to support the government. It is bad enough to have American landlords, too bad in many cases, but to have alien ones is not only unendurable but unnecessary.

In the west, where great areas of country have been fenced in by corporations, much of it illegally, it is unbearable to think that settlers are excluded for the benefit of subjects of a foreign power who have no interest in the country save for the income they may derive from their investments.

In view of this condition of affairs a hearty support ought to be given to the bill now before congress providing that an alien can secure no better title in the United States than a lease for a term of five years, and confiscating the property of all alien land owners who do not become citizens before the expiration of ten years.—West Shore.

The Issue in Pennsylvania.

The issue which confronts the farmers of Pennsylvania in the pending political campaign is the equalization of taxation, and on this issue alone must the battle be waged. There is danger that in the heat and excitement of the political fight raging from one end of the state to the other over who shall be the chief executive of the commonwealth the real issue will be obscured or lost sight of altogether.

The whole question of our success now hinges on this: "Can the farmers of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania so break away from party ties as to be able to unite on men for the legislature who will stand up first, last and all the time in support of the enactment of such a revenue law as they should in justice have?"

We must make this question the one issue of the campaign, and bend all our energies to the accomplishment of this purpose. If the candidate of the party with which you have always acted refuses or neglects to openly pledge himself to labor for the passage of a fair and equitable revenue law erase his name from your ticket and insert in its place the name of a candidate who stands pledged to do the work, no matter which political party has placed him in nomination. The time has come when the farmers of this state must take care of themselves, and to do this they must stand together, and vote together and go into this fight contending for but one principle—the principle of equal taxation.—Mechanicsburg Grange Advocate.

Farmers' Indifference.

In view of the direct and important interests at stake we are amazed at the indifference shown by the bulk of farm-

ers to these interests. It seems almost impossible to arouse them. Of course there are many well informed and able men among the agricultural class, but how few, comparatively, take any part in the means used to diffuse knowledge among themselves even upon their own branch of business. Work, work; plod, plod; work and sleep, and sleep and work, from the first of January till the last of December, and from year to year.

The granges meet weekly or bi-monthly, the institute once a month; the one costs a trifle, the other nothing; time required is only a couple of hours each meeting, yet with all these facilities and advantages how few attend. And yet if anything is to be done for the advantage of farmers it must be done by concerted and united action. It is only in this way they can protect themselves from injustice and protect their own interests. Farmers, think of it, and give some little time to looking after your own affairs.—Grange Advocate.

Farmers Awake.

The silver bill as amended in the senate is defeated in the house to save the dear president from the necessity of a veto, to which measure the president was undoubtedly pledged before his election, should occasion require.

The demands of the gold bugs are of vastly more importance than all the alliance members throughout the south and west.

Is there anything more required to show the farmers the importance of united political action independent of party lines?

Is there any more positive evidence required to show that this nation is beneath the power of Wall street?

Is it necessary to write it across the heavens in characters of fire?

Will not a long "Rip Van Winkle" sleep complete the subjugation already begun?

Let every loyal American awake to sleep no more until the industrial world is freed from the avaricious clutch of its tyrants.—Frankfort (Kan.) Sentinel.

The Alliance in South Dakota claims a vote for the next election of 40,000. This is considerably larger than either of the old parties can muster.

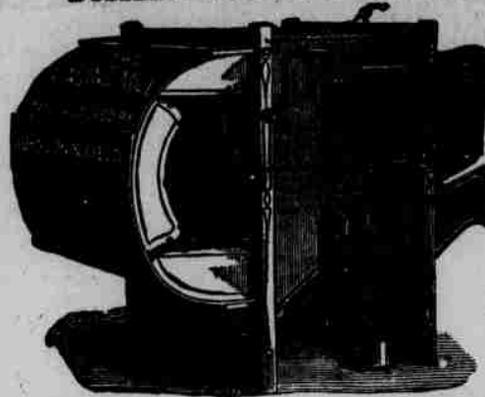
Senator Vance's Opinions.

Senator Z. B. Vance, of North Carolina, who at the request of Col. L. L. Polk, president of the National Farmers' Alliance, introduced the sub-treasury bill, has addressed a letter to Elias Carr, president of the Farmers' Alliance of North Carolina, in which he expresses his views on many things of interest to the farmers. Among other things he says: "The recent passage by the senate of the bill to restore the unlimited coinage and legal tender character of silver was undoubtedly due to the Farmers' Alliance. The policy of the farmers being right is to be kept within the right. They should demand nothing that is illegal; ask nothing that is unreasonable. They should be especially careful not to injure their friends. They should hold their forces in hand ready to aid those who favor them and to strike those only who are hostile to their purposes and principles. To attempt to make a political party of the Farmers' Alliance to supplant either of the great parties that divide the American people would be a great mistake. In the south it could only destroy the Democratic party and leave in undisputed control that other party which is the author and upholder of the evils by which the people were afflicted. He sees indications of that tendency, especially in South Carolina."

In conclusion the senator says: "Let us strive for a reduction of taxation on the necessities of life, for a reduction in the expenditures of the government, for an increase of the currency and the price of farm products by the free coinage of silver and the restoration of its

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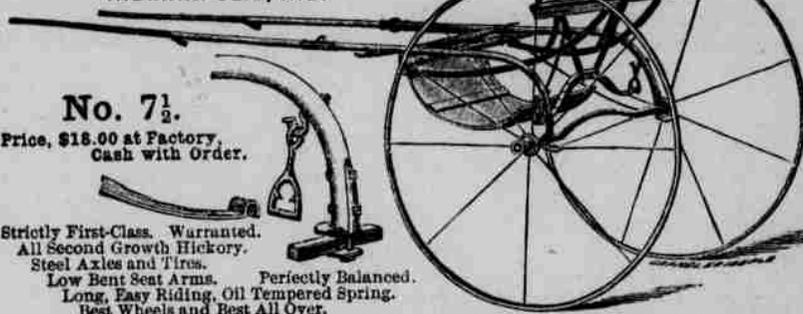
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Practical Politics.

A message from Princeton, Ky., states that at the recent convention of the Farmers and Laborers' union of that county the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That we will not support for legislative office, either state or national, men who will not give us a written statement that they will vote and labor for the enactment of the following demands into statute laws uninfluenced by party caucus:

First—The abolition of national banks and the substitution of treasury notes, said notes to be in sufficient quantity for the transaction of the business of the country.

Second—The enactment of such laws as shall effectually prevent the dealing in futures on all agricultural and mechanical products.

Third—That we favor the free and unlimited coinage of silver.

Fourth—The enactment of laws prohibiting alien ownership of lands.

Fifth—That the interstate commerce law be maintained and strengthened until transportation shall be opened in the interest of the people.

Sixth—That we favor the passage of the sub-treasury bill.

Seventh—That as we are to elect a congressman from this district this year, and not knowing who will support our views, we recommend that we have a district union, composed of three representatives elected from each county union in this county district, which shall confer with the other county unions, and meet at a time and place they may select, and have our candidates for congress pledged for the support of our measures.

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SYNOPSIS OF ANNUAL STATEMENT OF United States Branch

London Assurance Cor., London Eng.

Made to Supt. of Insurance, of Kansas, January, 1890.

Total Assets in U. S. \$1,661,064.30

Total Liabilities in U. S. 148,647.39

Surplus to Policy Holders \$1,512,416.91

SYNOPSIS OF ANNUAL STATEMENT OF Hartford Fire Insurance Company,

Of Hartford, Conn.,

Made to Supt. of Insurance, of Kansas, January, 1890.

Cash and Invested Assets \$6,142,454.47

Reserve for Unsettled Claims 239,055.1

Reserve for Re-Insurance 9,197,329.1

Surplus to Policy Holders \$37,367,775