

TURN THE CURRENTS.

As I gaze at the care burdened farmer,
As sadly he limps to the grave,
I wonder if liberty's banner
Will ever again o'er him wave.

As I gaze at the proud and the haughty,
And wonder if this can be true:
That the rich and the poor are both equal,
I think it's a lie: what think you?

Then let us, to make them more even,
Give unto the poor better pay;
And turn back those currents of silver
Which all have been flowing one way.
—Unidentified.

Practical Effort.

The Farmers' Mutual Benefit association took root in Bond county, Ill., in February, 1889, when Duncan lodge was organized in a school house in the southeastern part of the county. The county assembly was organized in June, 1889, with three lodges and about seventy-five members. Now there are thirty-six lodges in the county, with a membership of 1,200. The work of the association in Bond county is no doubt a fair illustration of the work all over southern Illinois. It has already brought commercial and political benefits to its members. The various lodges have not made contracts with the local merchants for goods, but the effect of their organization has been to materially lower prices.

By their co-operation the members this season purchased binding twine, through the state agent of the association, for one and one-half cents per pound lower than regular prices. The county association went into politics last spring and elected a majority of the county supervisors. This board is now in session, and will reduce the salaries of county officers, in accordance with a resolution of the Farmers' Mutual Benefit association that such salaries be reduced in proportion to the decrease of prices of farm products. The present salaries of Bond county officers were fixed fourteen years ago, when prices of farm products were much higher than now.

The judge's salary, now \$600, will be reduced to \$400, while that of the treasurer will be increased from \$600 to \$750, because the county has recently been organized into townships. Owing to the increased duties and expenses of the office the increased salary is in reality a reduction. The sheriff will receive \$800 instead of \$1,200, and the clerk \$1,000 instead of \$1,200. This farmers' board has instituted an investigation of the county offices. So far only the circuit clerk's accounts have been examined, and he has been found short \$540.—Cor. Chicago Herald.

Stolen Acres.

In an address recently delivered at Broken Bow, Neb., W. H. Thompson made the following statements:

"Commencing with the grant of 12,000,000 acres to the Union Pacific Railway company in 1862, the government continued the grants to corporations until the grand total of 135,808,000 acres had been, as far as the state or individual was concerned, squandered. While we have been sympathizing with down trodden Ireland and assisting her in her fight against English landlord oppression there has been built up in our midst a landed aristocracy greater and more dangerous than Ireland's worst foe. Twenty million acres of the aforesaid squandered lands are now owned by twenty non-resident landlords, and to further increase the similarity of the class legislation of the same party we have more evictions than Ireland ever dreamed of. I attended your district court here last spring: found on the docket over 150 foreclosure cases, which meant at least 100 families turned out of their homes. The sheriff told me he had made over thirty foreclosure sales the month before, and could make at least sixty the next month, or that month. Our missionaries and patriotic workers are needed at home, are they not?"

"We have free trade in labor and high tariff on what labor produces and on

what the laborer is compelled to buy. Our mechanics are compelled to compete with the open markets of the world. Why not as near as possible with the needs of our government judiciously administered permit them to buy in the world's open market, thus permitting them to do what the wealthy can and do—sell in the dearest market and buy in the cheapest?"

Distressing Conditions.

Accounts reach here of very serious distress among some of the farmers in the state, and in some districts they are reported to be in something like despair. A gentleman who has just come in from a trip through the Genessee valley reports a condition of things in that once flourishing rural region which is surprising and distressing. He says that to cap the climax the apple crop, upon which the Genessee farmers have depended to pull them through, is this year an absolute failure, so that the prospect for the winter is dreary and desperate enough.

Some of the farmers have been selling their farms for as little as \$25 an acre, when a few years ago they would have refused \$150.—New York Cor. Philadelphia Press.

Good Advice Till You Take It.

For years past when the farmers would complain that they were ignored in the selection of candidates for offices the politicians would answer: "Why don't you farmers go into the conventions and show your strength and demand your rights? If you do not get what you want you alone are to blame for it." Well, the farmers concluded to act on this advice, and the moment they do so these same sugar lip chaps cry out, "The farmers are going into politics, and they will destroy the party and ruin the country."—Grange Advocate.

In Jerseyville.

A dispatch from Jerseyville, Ill., says: About 4,000 people attended the picnic of the Farmers' Mutual Benefit association here, given by the county assembly on the fair grounds. D. J. Snow, of Irving, Ill., J. R. Miller, of Caseyville, and J. R. Moss, of Mount Vernon, Ill., delivered addresses. The membership of the first lodge organized in this county, which was born last April, is now 500.

Women Brickmakers in Chicago.

A Chicago reporter was horrified the other day, during the strike among the brickmakers of the city, to find some women making brick on Ashland avenue above Diversey avenue. He told of his thrilling discovery to some brickmakers at another point.

"Bah!" said they, "that's nothing. If you will take the trouble to look around, especially in the yards out beyond Western avenue, you will see hundreds of women and children doing the same thing every day. They get twelve cents a thousand bricks for hacking."—Chicago News.

A Girl Used as a Horse.

A few days since a party of gentlemen and ladies were walking in the cemetery, and glancing at an adjacent lot they saw a sight which has only been seen in savage and half civilized lands. The sight referred to was that of a young girl hitched to a cultivator, like a horse, and driven by an apology of a man, who, when the poor girl faltered in the work, would urge her on by threats and curses. The facts in this case are in the possession of certain gentlemen who will make it warm for the old scoundrel who uses his help like animals.—Hudson Journal.

Miss Minna Gray, a medalist and professor of drawing and perspective, and holding also a French government certificate, is giving a course of lectures on the "History of Architecture" for the first time out of London, at the Literary society's rooms at Tunbridge Wells. Each lecture lasts one hour, and the course of lectures comprises an introductory sketch and lectures on the sev-

eral orders of architecture, all subjects on which Miss Gray is fully qualified to speak.

Feminine names are constantly being doctored. The daughter of Sir George M. Pullman writes her name Harriette. Good old Sarah has been reduced by amputation to Sara. All the Phobes are now Phebe. Louisa is Louise, Margaret has become Marguerite, and stately Catherine has been supplanted by Kathryn, and Julia is Juliette.

Mrs. Miller, the wife of the governor of North Dakota, was once a compositor in a newspaper office, and it was while working at the case that she met the man who was to become her husband. Recently, while visiting in Dryden, N. Y., she stepped into a printing office and set up a few stickfuls of type as a reminder of the old days.

At a recent London "drawing room" Mrs. Rider Haggard wore an attractive and showy costume of gray and white satin, trimmed with gold and pearl butterflies. A large butterfly composed the entire front of her bodice. A rich gold brocade petticoat completed the costume, and her jewels were moonstones.

At Birmingham there are forty-one women and only three men candidates for the Cambridge higher local examinations: at Bradford, twenty-four women, one man; Leeds, thirty-five women, two men; at Manchester, forty-three women, one man; at Liverpool, fifty-six women, one man.

The new way of hanging a skirt is to cut the goods on the bias and gore the breadths over the hips without a crease or gather. All the fullness must be caught at the back under a rosette of ribbon. The effect is as striking as the pullback ever was.

Seven Norwegian lady teachers at the national schools have obtained government grants varying from 1,000kr. to 200kr. in order to make studies in various countries—England, Germany and Sweden—in different matters of interest for the schools.

Mrs. F. Darwin insists that every domestic should have at least two hours' leisure every day, during which she is to be her own mistress and not bound to answer the calls of the bell. "This leisure she must employ exactly as she wishes."

The Hon. Mrs. Bruce, of Seaton, England, delivered an address to a large audience of farmers and stock raisers in Arbroath last Saturday on the subject of administering chloroform to animals upon which operations were to be performed.

Elizabeth Comstock, an aged Quaker preacher living at Union Springs, N. Y., has visited in her lifetime 122,000 persons, and nearly twice that many sick persons in and out of poor houses, on battlefields, etc.

The long time problem of how a lady may prominently yet safely carry her watch is solved by the new leather bracelet, which has a fancy watch pocket at the wrist.

To drive away ants scrub the shelves or drawers that they frequent with carbolic soap, after which sprinkle red pepper in every crevice.

The dress buckle which started at the front of the belt is moving about, and makes short stops at the hip, shoulder, heart and thigh.

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Eighteen out of twenty women walk on their heels, and nineteen of the score hollow their backs by projecting the stomach.

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