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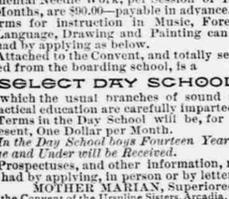
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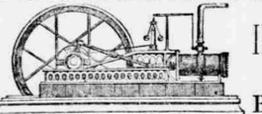


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A Letter From "Farmer."
Since the late Democratic round-up everything has been dull and dry here. The weather has been, and is yet, remarkably dry, so much so that many have to haul water for miles; and I hear some have to pay 25 cents per barrel before they get it at all.

We may finally succeed in killing off the aboriginal race, even if we have to murder old men who feel too keenly the bitter wrongs done to their people; but, unless we change our treatment of the land, Nemesis will overtake us one of these days; for every decade, if not indeed every year, drought becomes more and more damaging and dangerous. Piles of farm produce, except corn, and hay, are remarkably low; and business is getting duller every day. Some thing however shows a remarkable growth and that is farmers' organizations, especially the Alliance, Republicans and Democrats unite in it; an avowedly political society, and are earnestly trying to find out some way to better their condition. Whether they will succeed or not is another question, for while the possibilities are great, the steps already taken do not point to a solution of the problem.

There are many, however, of the rank and file who do not accept the silly sub-treasury plank in their platform, and after they get time to think, a large majority of them will repudiate it, so that while in two years from now they will be a power in the land it is hard to say just what their platform will be. The Australian ballot in State reforms, the popular election of Senators, and free coinage, among national reforms, may be safely counted on; but the sub-treasury bill is too thin, and the graduated income tax too socialistic to bear the horse sense of farmers when once they are roused to do real thinking.

Called out a few evenings ago, before an Alliance where I was not sure of the sentiment, and where the crowd seemed attentive yet very reserved, a few words that I let slip in advocacy of the single tax roused them and were received with loud and almost unanimous demonstrations of approval. After the meeting the lecturer came to me to arrange for a fuller explanation of the single tax idea, and I was both surprised and pleased to know that they understood it and generally approved of it.

Landlordism is doomed in the United States and when that curse is destroyed the question of the distribution of wealth is settled; until then no possible scheme can do more than give temporary relief. Among the Alliance men are the old greenbackers who have carried in their fist money idea, and one of the first things for the farmers to rid themselves of is the idea that a government can make money, or create wealth; that government has a dollar, or can get a dollar, that has not, or does not, come out of the sweat of the people. But the very fact that they are rushing into this organization proves that they have been thinking and may depend upon to do more of it.

Wade Hampton may be the first lawyer to step down and out for a farmer but he will not be the last. Waiting to see which way the popular breeze is going to blow is an old game but must play out, and the men who lack the power of mental vision to see, and the courage to advocate before they become popular, measures that will bring the greatest prosperity to greatest number, much expect soon to be set aside, no matter what their legal or oratorical pretensions.

One of the unpleasant signs of the times was thirty-five divorce cases on last circuit court docket in this county; and nearly all from the farm. A hint at the cause may be given when I say that of five weddings to come off here soon, all of them are farmers boys and town girls. The farmer's wife, under present conditions, must settle patiently down to a life of drudgery or rue her marriage, and town girls are not built that way. They have some pretty conceits of rural life but a few weeks' washings and fixing a few hen roosts soon knock their preconceived notions out of them, and with their notions go all love for the cloddy, hus-bands who have no higher ambition or better sense than to be hewers of wood and drawers of water for others. Perhaps this is all right but it pains one to think of the heart aches.

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The *Farmer* says: "The Register of Deeds of one of the southwestern counties told the writer hereof a few weeks ago that his office work then consisted chiefly in recording deeds of farms voluntarily transferred by their owners to the holders of the mortgages."
And yet a Republican Congress and a Republican Administration declare that these hard-pressed Kansas farmers, whose homes are being sold out at the rate of 5,300 a year, must be taxed to protect the prosperous, favored manufacturers of the very section that has so many surplus millions to loan out on Kansas farm mortgages.

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