

#### THE POSITION OF THE ADVOCATE UPON THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

We are informed through private sources that some of our brothers have misapprehended our position from our comments upon the Alliance declaration of principle, and the call for a convention at McLouth published last week. Perhaps the misapprehension is pardonable if the articles referred to are alone taken into consideration, but we have so clearly defined our views in former numbers of the *Advocate* that we were perhaps not as explicit as we should have been in regard to these matters. We desire to say once for all that the *Advocate* will not be conducted in the interest of any political party. At the time of writing the articles that have led to a misunderstanding of our position there was only one political convention called in this county, and what we desired to impress upon the minds of our members was the importance of attending the primaries in force and sending Alliance delegates to that convention. By the action of the county Alliance it was decided to act this fall through existing parties, and inasmuch as the Republican party is the only existing party that has called a convention, what is the objection to acting through that party if we are permitted to do so? If we should be kicked out of that convention, as alliance men have been in some counties of the state, we will then have to do as they have done,—go to some other party, or go alone. Members of the Alliance need have no fears in regard to the partisanship of the *Advocate*. We have no political aspirations and no axes to grind. After the nominations are made we shall support the best men without regard to what party they may have belonged to heretofore. If we rightly understand the action of the county Alliance, it is a clear declaration absolving every member from any partisan allegiance, and pledging all to support only such men as are in sympathy with our movement, and will guarantee a support of our principles and this without regard to former party affiliations. Don't be alarmed brothers, and do not be hasty in your judgments. You will find no objectionable partisanship in our columns. If any of you have anything to say to the people upon any aspect of political affairs send it along and you shall be heard. We desire to make the *Advocate* a medium of communication between the brotherhood.

What we said in relation to the movement at McLouth was not in disparagement of it, but was in harmony with what we believe to be the decision of the Co. Alliance. We have no objection to that movement, and we cannot say that we will not yet support its candidates. Everything depends upon the action of the parties. We are aware that the Republican county convention was called so late as to leave no time after its adjournment for other parties to do anything and we have no doubt that this was purposely done in the interest of it. If that clique cannot be defeated in the party it must and will be defeated outside, and in that event the McLouth movement or any other will be the best prospect of success. I receive our hearty support.

#### THAT RESOLUTION.

We have received from Bro. Snyder the original copy of the resolution offered by him at the recent meeting of the county Alliance, together with a statement from him of his understanding in relation to the same, all of which we publish below. We do not wish to be understood as claiming that Bro. Snyder intentionally misstated the sentiment of the county Alliance in the copy furnished to the press last week, but we do think that the delegates did not understand the resolution just as Bro. Snyder did; and in proof of this we publish the resolution precisely as introduced with a statement of the action taken in its adoption. The resolution was offered after the adoption of the declaration of principles, and after it had been decided to attempt to act, this fall, through existing parties rather than organize a new one; and every delegate present (those who had favored a new party as well as those who had opposed it) sustained the resolution, as amended, because it was in harmony with what had already been done. After the action previously taken no one desired to place a ticket in the field this fall if it could be avoided.

The following is the resolution as introduced.

*Resolved:* That we, the representative delegates of the several Sub-Alliances of Jefferson county in county Alliance assembled, do emphatically disapprove of any effort to engage in partisan politics by nominating candidates for political office either here or elsewhere now or hereafter."

A delegate arose in his place and objected to the words "or hereafter" stating that we could not tell what we might want to do hereafter. Bro. Snyder thereupon agreed to strike those words from the resolution and upon the strength of that statement the resolution was unanimously adopted. Now with this amendment the resolution would read as follows.

*Resolved:* That we, the representative delegates of the several Sub-Alliances of Jefferson county, in county Alliance assembled, do emphatically disapprove of any effort to engage in partisan politics by nominating candidates for political office here or elsewhere now."

This was our understanding of the matter at the time and we have talked with several delegates who were present, and have found none who understood it differently. The resolution as adopted simply pledged the Alliance to act together in harmony and in accordance with the policy mapped out by the action previously taken. It had been determined to ask of existing parties a ratification of the Alliance platform, and the nomination of candidates pledged to the support of its principles; and if this can be accomplished it is all that any member of the Alliance can ask for. The faith of the Alliance is pledged however, to support no man for any official position who will not pledge himself to use his influence for the formation of these principles into laws. Any party therefore, which shall ratify these principles, and pledge its candidates to their support will be entitled to the support of the members of the Alliance.

This is the case at the present time. The future course of the Order, according to the pledge above referred to must be determined by the policy of existing parties.

Oskaloosa, Oct. 14 '89

S. McLellan:

Dear sir; Bro.: I confess I was very much surprised at your article last week relative to the resolution I offered at the county Alliance. I cannot conceive of conditions under which I would willfully change the sentiment of a resolution after it had passed an intelligent body of a hundred men, and especially the Alliance for which I have the strongest affection and respect. While some others may have more ability, and therefore do better work for the Alliance than I, I yield to no one in zeal for the cause, and willingness to make sacrifices for its success. Allow me to assure you that I have no mercenary motives in this business. I have spent some time organizing alliances, and have never taken a cent from any one as organizer fees. I have nothing but good will for the cause, and have no desire to misrepresent any action of the Alliance; and I am not fool enough to try to put a lie in the mouth of the delegates of the county Alliance by changing a resolution even if I had such a desire. I enclose the original resolution. You will doubtless remember that objection was taken by several to the last clause, as being too binding upon future action, and stated I would drop that part off; and upon the strength of that statement it passed unanimously. The resolution should have been read as amended, and would have been but for the wish to get away at the time, which you know as well as I. Now this resolution could not be too strong and emphatic for me, and I think I left off the part which bound the future action of the Alliance exactly as the county Alliance intended.

Please publish this and the original resolution as offered by me, and as you understood it to pass, with the assurance to the brothers that I have not the slightest desire to in the least degree misrepresent any action of the Alliance. Fraternal yours,

EDWIN SNYDER.

We had intended to have something to say with regard to the report of the proceedings of the Jefferson Co. Alliance as published in the *Independent* last week, but our correspondents have so completely covered the ground that any further allusion to the matter is unnecessary at this time. It is hardly to be supposed however that the editor of the *Independent* will care enough about this matter to hunt up the sheet containing these corrections of his misrepresentations. It would be beneath his dignity. The great trouble in this matter is that while the people are learning something in these days, the *Independent* is as complete a fossil as slumbers in the deep strata of the old paleozoic rocks.

#### Hay Wanted.

Please remember that I am paying the highest prices for hay in the vicinity of Meriden and Rock Creek.

C. S. HUXTER,  
Rock Creek, Kansas.

A. E. Dickinson, State organizer of the Farmers' Alliance and J. A. Jeffries, County organizer, were in Hamlin on Tuesday night and organized an Alliance in this place, among whom there are some of the very best farmers in this section. Mr. Dickinson is a good talker.—*Hamlin News Gleaner*.

Owing to the demand for the *Advocate* of last week containing the declaration of principles adopted by the Jefferson Co. Alliance; the edition, though an unusually large one, was exhausted early in the week, and in order to supply orders still on file we have thought best to reprint the declaration of principles this week.

The Farmers' Alliance picnic at Jeffrie's grove on Thursday was well attended, having about 400 farmers in attendance from all parts of the county. The speakers were A. E. Dickinson, State Lecturer, A. Carothers, T. J. Elliot, O. C. Hill and G. W. Remagen. Music was furnished by the Robinson band.—*Hamlin News Gleaner*.

McLouth, Kas., Oct., 12, 1889.

MR. EDITOR:—Please announce that at a mass meeting of farmers and mechanics of Union Township it was decided to call a mass meeting of the laboring classes at Oskaloosa on Thursday the 24th day of October at 1 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of nominating a county ticket. By order of the Committee.

#### Hamlin Alliance.

An organization of the Farmers' Alliance, of Hamlin, was effected at the School House on Tuesday evening last, under very favorable auspices with A. R. Smith, Pres.; W. F. Ruhl, Vice Pres.; F. J. Smith, Sec.; W. P. McNeese, Treas.; W. T. Miller, Chap.; N. Slater, Door Keeper; Lon Schwartz Ass. Door Keeper; Mark Staley, Serg't at Arms. Wm. M. Smith, Lecturer; Levi Wallace, Assistant Lecturer.

Regular meetings on the First and Sec. Saturday evenings of each month.

The organization will be eminently beneficial to the farmers as an educator, socially, morally, intellectually and on parliamentary practice, the science of government, agriculture and general information.—*Hamlin News Gleaner*.

#### Wheat Growers' Convention.

Everything is in readiness for the Wheat Growers' Convention to be held at St. Louis, Oct., 23rd. under the auspices of the Farmers' Federation. Governors of States and Territories have made appointments of delegates. Sheriffs in counties in the States of the Mississippi Valley have made their appointments of county delegates. Many wheat growers who, according to the call have raised over 500 bushels of wheat, which entitles them to admission as delegates to the convention have sent in their names. Railroads have granted reduced rates on the certificate plan. In fact there is the most encouraging prospect for a large meeting of farmers at St. Louis Oct. 23 1889. W. N. ALLEN, President F. F.

It will pay you to buy your clothing, ladies cloaks, boots and shoes at Kendall's.