

FARMERS ALLIANCE IN SESSION

The National Convention Meets at Ocala, Florida—Best Feeling Prevails.

PRESIDENT POLK'S ABLE ADDRESS

Federal and Confederate Soldiers Vie With Each Other in Shouting for Fraternism.

No Decision Yet Reached as to the Leadership of the Irish Nationalist Party.

Ocala, Fla., Dec. 2.—At 2:30 this afternoon the public meeting of the National Farmers Alliance was held in the opera house, an audience of about 1,200 being present. President Rogers of the Florida Alliance presided. Gov. Fleming welcomed the delegates and was followed by Hon. John F. Dunn, state senator and a prominent aspirant for the United States senatorship to succeed Senator Sell.

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THE 800 CANAL CLOSED.

The Most Prosperous Season Ever Known—South Side Mills, Mich., Dec. 2.

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THE ALLIANCE CONVENTION.

Leaders of the New Party Trying to Harmful as a National Alliance Policy.

Protest Against the Lodge Bill. The Convention Denounces the Legislation and Moves an Amendment to the National Constitution.

The Great Smelter Combine—Plans Perfected for a Close Union.

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A FURNACE CAVES IN.

The Lining and Masonry Work Piled Upon Dead and Dying Workmen.

JOLIET, Ill., Dec. 4.—A terrible accident occurred at the blast furnace department of the Iron and Steel works today. The furnace, which was blown out for repairs, made necessary by the recent explosion which was attended with loss of life, fell to the ground without warning while the men were engaged at work on it. Eleven men were at work in the inside at the bottom and about six on top when the accident occurred. The masonry work and furnace linings were piled upon each other in a confused heap, mingled with the dead and dying workmen. A band of willing laborers at once gathered at the scene and began the work of recovery and rescue. Gathered about them and urging them to renewed efforts were the walls and children of the unfortunate men. Within half an hour they had succeeded in taking out eight bodies. Five of the unfortunate were dead, crushed almost out of all semblance to human shape, while the other three were apparently fatally injured.

The killed were: Gust. Looze, Nels Larson, John Peterson, Theodore Larson and Stals Fredson. The fatally injured were: Pat Killien, Peter Erickson and August Wiseman. One man was buried in the water tank and another cut in two. One of the men on the top of the furnace escaped with out serious injury. The wreck can not be cleared before morning.

South Dakota's Official Returns. PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 4.—The two boards canvassed the state election returns today. All the members were present except Lieutenant Governor Fletcher, who did not arrive until late to night after the canvass had been declared. It is not thought that this will invalidate the count in any way. The results on governor were as follows: Mellette, republican, 34,890; Louisa, independent, 24,641; Taylor, democrat, 18,484. This gives Mellette, the republican candidate, a plurality of 9,866. The vote on the capital stands: Pierre, 43,948; Huron, 24,974; making Pierre's majority, 7,624.

Parrell may Continue as Leader. LONDON, Dec. 4.—The Nationalist members of the House of Commons met today to further the question of Parrell's leadership. The latest phase of the situation bids fair for an argument. A committee was appointed to wait upon Gladstone and endeavor to obtain from him assurances that he desired Parrell. The committee consists of Parrell, Sexton, Healy, Justin, McCarthy, John Redmond, Dusey, Power and Leamy. Parrell will take no part in the negotiations with Gladstone. Before the appointment of the committee Parrell asked the meeting for an informal show of hands on Clancy's amendment. This disclosed the fact that Barry and Chance continued to hold out against the amendment. Besides Gladstone, the committee will also see Sir Wm. Vernon Harcourt and Morley and endeavor to conclude the negotiations tomorrow.

Watertown, Wis., Dec. 4.—John Schuster, aged 13, was arrested today charged with setting fire to Lewis and Jarvis factory in April last. He was bound over for trial. Edward Weigel, aged 11, sent to reform school for burglary, set fire to a school building, the factory on fire and several others here which caused a loss of \$35,000.

Y. M. C. A. Progressing. At the business meeting of the Y. M. C. A. held Tuesday night some measures were discussed which will vitally effect the future of the organization. The executive committee reported that the affairs were in good condition and the progress was progressing. The association has purchased new furniture and song books and received a number of subscriptions from leading newspapers and periodicals. The treasurer's report shows that although the organization is in debt sufficient amounts have been subscribed to meet the liabilities. During the past month ten new members have been added and three were converted during the week of prayer.

Probably Fatal Accident. Late Monday afternoon George Moody came in from Goodman coulee and reported that Wm. Brown, while trying to swing a beef had, been seriously injured. When the carcass was hoisted part way up the rigging broke and the frame fell and struck Mr. Brown in the back of the head, fracturing his skull and knocking him insensible. Dr. Wetmore went out with Fred Brown and dressed the wound. Yesterday he was still alive but in a precarious condition.

Health News in Brief. It is of no small concern the fact that the mortality in Butte in the present month is frightful. The health reports show three burial permits issued today, four Wednesday and two Tuesday. The total for the month of November, with two days still to be heard from, is 74. This is probably the greatest mortality over in the history of Butte. In the month of August there were 68 deaths and that was the greatest until the present month.—Anecdotal Standard.

Well Laid Plans go Wrong. "I heard a good thing on a fellow near Great Falls," said Capt. Swiggett of the lead office yesterday. "He went to St. Paul and brought out a quarter section of land near his claim, and the next day the things were married. The consequence is the things are not good, and the land the woman took up is again open to the entry. If they had put off the wedding till after she had had two or three ranches instead of one."

THE THIRD PARTY MOVEMENT

The Alliance Convention at Ocala Still Trying to Determine on a National Policy.

NATIONAL UNION PARTY OF AMERICA. They Persist in Keeping Their Proceedings From the Press Representatives.

All Labor Organizations Invited to Meet in February and Consolidate.

Ocala, Fla., Dec. 4.—Glimpses of a third party movement appear in the convention today. It is chiefly agitated by the Kansas delegation. Gen. John H. Rice, candidate for the Kansas senatorship, is drawing up a call to be issued to the Farmers' alliance and all industrial unions of America, which favor the principles of the St. Louis platform to meet in convention in Cincinnati on the 23rd of next February to consider a third party or people's movement. The name of this new party is "National Union party of America." This call is not expected to be issued before the close of the Ocala convention. Efforts seem to be made to keep the National Farmers' alliance from inaugurating a new party and yet to make it the main basis of this new national party. The morning session of the alliance convention was devoted to the reading of reports of the officers. Colored delegates were received in convention at noon and greeted with fraternal expressions of hope and good feeling. A. P. Gallagher, former delegate of the working man's reform league of New York, and W. H. Carris of Washington, delegates of anti-monopoly league, addressed the convention. He advocated the close union of their organizations with the alliance.

At the afternoon session Hodman, Williams and Hines of Kansas, representing the citizens alliance of that state, were introduced by Col. L. F. Livingston of the Georgia alliance and all three made addresses which in them followed the same line of thought and argument. Early in the afternoon the following communication was sent to President Polk in the convention hall: To the National Farmers Alliance—Gentlemen: We beg to present our compliments to your honorable body and all your attention to the fact that we need more ample facilities for securing information concerning your proceedings. Allow us to call your attention to the fact that the country is waiting with deep interest for your action on questions touching public policy, and the only source of information for the masses is the press, many of whose representatives have traveled thousands of miles to reach here for the purpose of correctly reporting your proceedings. We who sign this communication represent at least 20,000,000 of our countrymen. In order that the people may be correctly informed, it is essential that we have reliable and ample information from you. You have appointed two press committees. The first performed its duty admirably; the second we have not seen for 24 hours. This negligence on the part of its members compels us to resort to tactics but not less successful methods of hypocrisies, mind reading and kindred occult devices known only to adepts in our profession. We earnestly beg your committee to be more forthcoming in order that the people may have due consideration for our efforts to serve the alliance and publish the proceedings in the most prompt and efficient manner.

Signed by representatives of the Associated Press, Atlanta Constitution, New York Herald, New York Sun, Philadelphia Press, Baltimore Sun, New York Mail and Express and many others. President Polk did not read the communication to the convention, but referred to its contents and urged on the press committee the importance of attending to its duties. Subsequently all the principal correspondents in the city met at the Ocala House and appointed a committee of three to wait on President Polk and ask him to define his policy with reference to conveying information to the press. He promised to have the official stenographers of the convention confer with the chairman of the press committee at frequent intervals during the day and night and to give out promptly all information relating to the action or non-action on presentation or consideration of matters of public interest. The greatest indignation has been expressed among the press representatives here today at the selective policy of the alliance and utmost lack of comprehension of its duties by the alliance press committee. Stokes, delegate from South Carolina and chairman of the committee, left Ocala for his home last night, and this afternoon President Polk appointed Talbot of South Carolina in his place. As soon as Talbot's appointment was announced he offered a resolution, which was adopted, charging all delegates with the utmost secrecy as to all alliance proceedings, and empowering the president to deprive of a seat in the hall any member outside of the press committee guilty of divulging proceedings.

Ocala, Dec. 4.—Wise of Louisiana offered a resolution providing for the government taking charge of all improvements of the Mississippi river. Referred to the transportation committee. J. H. Pickler, congressman-elect from South Dakota, was introduced to speak on the sub-treasury bill. He said it was the keynote of the financial condition of the country in the future. Its passage was imperatively demanded by the present financial condition of the country. He advocated the free coinage of silver and said the importance of this measure was indicated by five different members of congress introducing bills on this subject on the same day, each without previous knowledge of the other's action. Next to the financial question, Pickler regarded the transportation problem as of the greatest importance. Vance of North Carolina offered a resolution calling upon the state and national legislatures to reduce the salaries of public officers to more moderate sums. This was referred to the committee on legislation.

Go to the Barber Shop in the Dunn block, Central avenue, where you can get medicated and medical lake salt bath. It will invigorate the will and head the neck. Also get your hair and beard shined in first-class style.—O. Headley.

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DAM AND SMOOTHER.

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Work on the suspension bridge across the falls is progressing very slowly. There is great fear of some one crossing the river and this work should be pushed forward with more vigor. Many visitors, among them women and children, come to view the falls and the great dam now being built, and much danger attends their journey across the narrow plank that answers for a bridge or thoroughfare.

Despite the number of men arriving daily, shipped in by eastern employment agents, there is plenty of work to be had at the dam, for the Boston & Montana company, or the Kitchell & Co. Many of those who have been sent here are leaving for the timber country or are going home for the holidays, some never to return. There is work for those who want it, but men cannot expect to find it if he takes in the situation at long range from the opposite side of the river.

There is a fine opportunity open at the falls for some enterprising man. The slippery, winding old toboggan slide now used as a path for the falls is the top of the hill is a regular death trap. No body seems interested in putting it in proper shape for traffic, yet all must use it. Some men have been sent down the bank and charge toll, or otherwise provide a safe path for which suffering humanity would willingly pay.

Two men, names unknown, met with what might have been a serious accident today. While crossing the dam in a snow storm, one of them walked off the trestle and had it not been for the promptness and presence of mind of his companion, might have been drowned and mangled to pieces among the rocks. Fortunately the water was not very deep nor the current very swift when he fell. The man who was sent down the bank and charge toll, or otherwise provide a safe path for which suffering humanity would willingly pay.

A touching scene was witnessed by those employed upon the dam Friday. Two strangers, probably visitors, were crossing on the narrow plank laid on a trestle which extends from shore to shore and over which there is a track for the transportation of dirt and stone required in the progress of the work being done. When about midway across the trestle a car came down the track upon the pedestrians and they, fearing injury, became very much excited. One of them, a cripple, was helped off to a place of safety by his companion, who, regardless of his own danger, seemed anxious to protect his friend. Just as he had accomplished this commendable act the car struck him and to escape it he leaped down upon the dam, striking upon an upturned wire nail, which penetrated his foot about an inch, causing very ugly wounds. The young man returned to town after being assisted across the dam by those who witnessed the accident. They refused to give their names.

Usher McGinty, familiarly known as "Shank's" employed as a laborer upon the dam, met with a thrilling experience on Tuesday night, while returning from town under the influence of booze. Upon leaving the motor he made his way to the top of the hill and in his efforts to reach the river below, slipped and fell or rolled down the bank about 50 feet. He managed to catch a rock and arrest his further descent. After considerable scrambling he finally reached the path, but his troubles had not ended. Scarcely had he stood erect when he commenced to slip, slide and fall again, finally catching up at the bottom, with hardly enough clothes upon his lower limbs to hide his nakedness. When he reached the camp he was a pitiful sight, scratched, bruised but considerably sobered. This is but one case of many that probably have occurred, and were the truth known, the river has been the winning sheet of more than one man who had intended to descend that treacherous path that ends at the river, and whose disappearance was accounted for as "Guess he quit and left the country."

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