

# FARMERS' UNION.

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Last Saturday was a red letter day for alliance principles and will long be remembered by many who have been struggling to give justice for all classes. Hon. J. F. Willets, national lecturer of the alliance was billed for a speech at the court house on that day, and the people were not disappointed, for he was present and addressed a good sized audience for over three hours and made the demands of the farmers clear to the minds of all unprejudiced persons. Mr. Willets is not a flowery orator, but a plain, common sense speaker, that is easily understood and very entertaining. He clearly showed that all classes, with the exception of the money-lender and speculator, should join hands with the farmer to throw off the yoke of oppression and bring about a revival in business that would reach all trades. He demonstrated the fact that a sub-treasury was already in existence, that protectionism was in full force and class legislation had been practiced for the last twenty years, by the government making national banks, broker establishments, those who heard him cannot help but carry themselves on the side of the people, or with the national banks and monopolies. If the voters choose to make the distress, they pay from eight to twenty per cent for money that is furnished by the banks by the government at one per cent it will not be Mr. Willets' fault that for water was showed up in such a plain light even those who ran might have read. His figures, taken from government statistics, were unassailable. The farmers' demands he said, were backed by the most powerful organization ever in existence in the world and the warfar would do ought until these principles were enacted into law. Mr. Willets stimulated the faithful to a wonderful degree and advanced the cause of right to a greater extent than any other speaker who has been heard in Scotland county. His speech had a good effect on his hearers and he was applauded very frequently. May the spirit he started be taken up by every true alliance man in the country and the demands made the universal principles of the voters in this part of old Missouri, is our wish and belief.

The Michigan state farmers' alliance, last week, adopted a resolution endorsing the Ocala platform and declaring itself as unyielding in favor of independent political action as outlined at the Cincinnati conference. Officers were elected as follows: President, A. E. Cole, Fowlerville; vice-president, D. P. Deming, Tuscola; secretary, Miss Anna E. Potter, Lansing; lecturer, C. E. Lockwood, Coldwater.

The Brazil, Indiana, Old Idea is a late exchange. It is a coal miner and Knights of Labor paper and endorses the Ocala demands. And here we might say that ever labor paper in the land is joining their forces with the farmer for the great struggle of 1892.

The public press has been making as much fuss over the child rearing born to one of these counties leading citizens as is the case with the European countries when a prince or princess is born. A little more Americanism and less monarchialism is what this country needs.

In an address delivered by Wendell Phillips in Music Hall, Boston, October 31, 1871, he said:

"I say, let the debts of the country be paid, abolish the banks and let the government lend every Illinois farmer (if he wants it), who now borrows money at 16 per cent, money on the half value of his land at 3 per cent. The same policy that gave a million acres to the Pacific railroad, because it was a great national effort, will allow of our lending Chicago 20 millions of money at 3 per cent to rebuild it."

The politicians are determined to single out the tariff and make it the absorbing issue before the people. The reason of this is obvious. The tariff does not effect the money power, and the political issues are made up by money power. A high tariff, or low tariff, or no tariff at all, it is all the same with the power that controls the country's money, and this is why that issue is made the dominant one. It is necessary that there be something for the parties to quarrel over, and we may be sure that something will be as far as possible from danger as the supremacy of Shylock.—Union Banner.

What better proof do you want that the land loan and sub-treasury would be a blessing to the workers of the country and do away with interest than the fact that the very man who lives off of labor oppose them.—Lamar Union.

The Independent, Now Britain Conn.: The government now loans its money to the national banks at one per cent. Why kick when the farmer wants to pay 2 per cent and give gilt edge security?

W. B. Lloyd, of Memphis, spent last Friday in Lancaster visiting his friends here before his departure to California, where he went this week to locate permanently.—Lancaster Republican.

## THE FARMERS BATTLE CRY.

"Give us the Sub-Treasury or Something Better."

Among the most unreasonable things that the enemies of the people are guilty of is their opposition to the Alliance sub-treasury scheme. Whether that plan is the very best way of freeing the producers of wealth in this country from speculation and rollers and getting more money into the channels of business, is not the main question at issue. But if the plan is not the best, then why not? Who will show us a better one? C. I. Jones Livingstone, one of Georgia's new congressmen, is perhaps the ablest champion of the plan. He makes a very broad and fair proposition at all times to his opponents. "Give me the sub-treasury plan or something better."

This is fair. Surely, farmers who have produced supplies for a whole year, and some hundreds of millions in the form of cotton, grain, meats, etc., for export, should not be expected and compelled to dump the whole amount into the hands of the consumer at the moment of production. A whole year's supply cannot be eaten or otherwise consumed in a single month. The consumers have no means of buying and holding a whole year's supply in advance of their necessities. Plainly, then, somebody must hold the supplies till demanded by consumption. Who shall it be? The producers or the speculators? If the producers hold the supplies and place them on the market as demanded by consumption, they will get better prices and consumers will pay less for better goods than if bought of speculators. As matters are in the west and south, farmers and planters are in debt and have neither the financial ability nor the proper means and facilities for strong production. Here, then, is a want, a necessity which must be supplied. In steps the officious speculator and offers his services. He is anxious to buy and hold the products till consumption also feels a necessity. The people's necessities on either hand create his golden opportunity. He buys on an over-loaded market, months in advance of the expected demand. He sells in dribbles on a hungry market, clamoring for supplies. He buys 50 per cent too cheap, he sells 50 per cent too high. He becomes rich while producers and consumers remain poor.

Now, the sub-treasury plan is designed to break down this middle wall of partition between producers and consumers. It is now a margin of 100 per cent between them. This they can divide by trading directly to gather through their own agents. The farmers believe their plan of storage is feasible and practical, and these enemies believe so to. Hence their rage and opposition. If it was a hair brained, impracticable scheme the speculators would be only too glad to see the people pursue the false one. They would have nothing but praise for what they believed to be an impracticable scheme.

Oh, but it "unconstitutional." Well, well, well! The good old constitution is like Napoleon said of the aide of the strongest battalion, "or the most loyal of the king's ministers." The constitution would not permit interference with slavery in the states, yet when the time comes to do that or worse, the constitution was willing. They tell us that the government cannot provide storage for gold and silver mines. They tell us that the government cannot loan money to individuals, yet we find that the banks and whisky men can be accommodated with cheap loans, and even grants loans, and the constitution does not seem to object. So long as the government can furnish warehouses for gold and silver men, and can loan money on bonds and whiskey to the tune of many millions per annum, either with or without interest, let the howl against the sub-treasury plan of storing and holding products till wanted by consumers, be hurled back into the teeth of the great and greedy speculators. If the sub-treasury plan is not the best plan to beat our enemies and save ourselves, then show us a better one, that is the question now before the house.

The sub-treasury or something better. A watchword like this as the slogan of honest men, is not a bad battle cry.—Henry Walsburt.

What the farmers are contending for is relief. They demand it. They intend to have it. What do their old public servants who have enjoyed position of honor and emoluments for these many years offer? Nothing. They admit that relief is needed. They admit that the present financial system is one of the prolific causes of the distress that prevails and the control of the currency by corporations is inside the means by which they are robbed by speculators, combines and trusts. What do they propose to do about it? Bamboozle people by talking tariff and free silver. As long as generalities can be indulged they are safe in the dissemination of this rubbish; but when brought down to the details and specific requirements, they cannot face the music because there is nothing but pretense and fraud in the claim. But there can be no doling nor evasions. Each man must answer and demonstrate the correctness of his statements. It cannot be done, provided any statement is made that means anything or implies actual relief.—Nevada Review.

A gentleman delivering a speech held up a greenback dollar to the audience, and asked: "what is this? A dollar. A good dollar, good for the farmer, the merchant, the mechanic, the sailor, everybody. What makes it a good dollar? Because every dollar's worth of property in the United States is behind it, and the life's blood of every true and loyal American citizen is behind it. And that makes it a good dollar. The gentleman made this speech at Skowhegan, Maine in 1861 and his name is James G. Blaine. It was at a time when the money kings had not bought and paid for him.—Union Banner.

Gen. A. F. Devereux of Ohio is a distinguished recruit who recently came over to the People's Party.—Tarkio Independent.

## Change of Base.

That the Republican party has changed on the money question it is nonsense to deny. Old people remember well when the defense of the government was the strongest point in Republican campaign speeches. Even Mr. Blaine was one of its ablest defenders. We clip the following from an exchange:

In a speech at Skowhegan in 1861, J. G. Blaine taking a greenback out of his pocket and holding it up to the audience, asked, "What is this? A dollar. And it is a good dollar, good for the farmer, the mechanic, the merchant, the sailor, everybody. What makes it a good dollar? Because every dollar's worth of property in the United States is behind it, and the life's blood of every true and loyal American citizen is behind it. And that makes it a good dollar."—Progressive Farmer, Mt. Vernon, Ill. That's why so many men are leaving that party. A republican or a democratic form of government means the same thing. Each of the two parties which have ruled the country for nearly a century, and which bear those names, originally started out for a government truly democratic—truly republican. The Democratic party by Jefferson in its early days was truly republican for republican form of government. Machine power became more and more arbitrary until what was a democratic organization became aristocratic, ave plutocratic. Then in 1860 the people revolted in the shape of the Republican party, favoring a democratic form of government. It won, and then in a space of years the "Machine politicians" captured it, and began to sap its strength and life blood. It has also become aristocratic, plutocratic monopolistic, Wall streetian, and the farmers are revolting, men are deserting. This must end, and shall be a government of and by the people, republican—democratic—synonymous terms in their original meaning.—Marshall Waterman.

## The Coming Climax.

A most remarkable political brochure, and one which promises to create a decided sensation, is now in press for early issue by Charles H. Kerr & Co., of Chicago. The author, Lester C. Hubbard, is editor of the Farmers' Voice, and stands in the very front rank of the leaders of the People's party, having been recently chosen chairman of the central executive committee for Illinois. The significance of the forthcoming pamphlet, which will be entitled "The Coming Climax," lies in the fact that it gives a frank and fearless summing up of the elements of danger in the present political and social conflict between plutocrats and workers. It is addressed to the people of cities and embodies a forcible, direct and definite statement of the claims of the new party on the people. This brochure will be the first step in the organization of the people's party in Chicago and other leading cities, and it will doubtless be eagerly sought for. It will appear as the seventh number of the Unity Library, and will retail at fifty cents in paper and a dollar in cloth.

A Springfield man raised a pear that weighed fifty-two ounces, a trifle over three pounds. It grew on a tree eighteen years old that has been bearing for thirteen years. He sent it to the department of agriculture at Washington and the pomologist had one exactly similar molded out of plaster prior to its exhibition as the largest pear ever reported.

A few weeks since a subscriber stopped an alliance paper because it was chock full of alliance doctrine, and subscribed for a paper that was chock full of delinquent tax list, publication and sheriff sale notices. Of course he wanted to see when his home was to be sold.—Iowa Industrial Union.

A. P. Harlor, Memphis, Scotland county, has collected and forwarded to Capt. Pollock \$500 for the Confederate Home.—Palmyra Herald.

Insurance in the Farmers' Insurance Company of Scotland county. W. R. Moore, secretary.

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For Molly and the baby, don't you know, CHORUS.

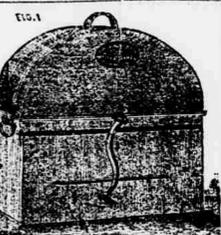
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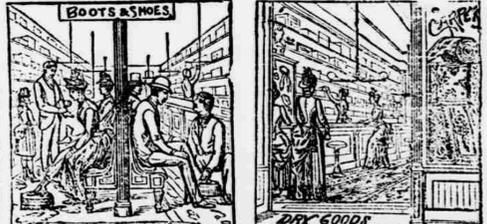
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