

**A FEW COMMON SENSE QUESTIONS.**  
To the Editor of THE ADVOCATE.

J. V. Farwell, a retired Chicago merchant, writes to the *Independent* that 75 per cent. of the Kansas mortgages are made payable in gold; that free coinage of silver will not help them; that in case the measure should become a law, gold would retire, silver and silver certificates circulate at discount and mix up things generally. He writes as if the same party was to continue in power. We propose to him the following: Suppose that when the new party comes into power in '92 they find 8,000 tons of gold and 300,000 tons of silver lying more than useless in vaults under the capital, that they conclude to deface the coin and sell it at auction to the highest bidder for paper money and conclude to coin no more silver or gold; what would their gold mortgages be worth? They had better look a little out; it is dangerous to be safe, sometimes.

The next Congress will be composed largely of members that have been schooled in economy—taught to make bricks without straw or even stubble. They will propose such wildcat measures as just assessment and equal taxation, equal income, equal wages for equal service, etc.

He also says "there are too many farms," by which I infer he means there is over production of farm products, as cause for low prices. Another problem I submit to him: Why are there 100,000 people in the United States almost starving or living on corn meal straight, and 30,000,000 persons without meat from seven to five months every year, even among farmers, who raise and sell it at 2 to 8 cents per pound and are employed twelve to sixteen hours per day? And how about the 10,000,000 persons that are willing to work if they had tools and land to work? How about the rush to Oklahoma and the impatience about the Cherokee strip?

Ten farms could be rented right here now where there is one for rent. If the people had employment at remunerative wages the demand for pork and beef could not be supplied even at 30 per cent. higher than now. Is there too much farming done?  
H. L. FERRIS.

**PHILLIPS COUNTY NEWS.**  
To the Editor of THE ADVOCATE.

After a sojourn of six months in Colorado, I returned home to find the Alliance stronger than ever; instead of going to pieces at the election and each voter going back to his old love as some had predicted. It carried everything in the county like an avalanche; but while we are rejoicing over the results, let us not forget that this is only the first step; as Mrs. F. Olmstead says in one of her songs:

"Many are the workers needed to-night;  
Mighty is the work ahead."  
While a very large dose of new blood has been infused in the House of Representatives, chronic corruption and rapacity still incapacitate the Senate from working in the interest of the people and another dose of new blood will be necessary before we can expect any relief by legislation, and the United States Senate will have to undergo the same medical treatment. Meanwhile every effort will be made by the opposition to throw disension in our ranks, the old campaign clap trap of free trade and protection, sectional prejudices, and misrepresentations will be used by a subsidized press from the great dailies down to the little local papers, some of the latter's precarious existence depending solely upon their fealty to party rings and efforts to cover instead of exposing the misdeeds of a class of blood sucking vampires who infest our offices from our county court

houses to the national capitol.

We will need papers that will lay the truth before the people and educate the masses.

In THE ADVOCATE of February 13th Brother Kern, of Seward county, speaking of the condition of the Alliance in this county, says: "The great trouble is we have not the proper literature to teach the people anything outside of the county papers, which oppose everything the Alliance does that does not suit their taste. While THE ADVOCATE was sent to us last fall at 30 cents a good many took it, but now they can not possibly take it. I wish some arrangements would be made to let the people have it."

If Brother Kern will permit a suggestion probably the best thing is to do as we did in our lodge (Greenwood), and as others did in this county. Let the lodge subscribe for THE ADVOCATE, and for that matter any other paper too, if they can, and have them sent to the lecturer. In this way the members would at least get the most important points at their meetings. Of course this is not equal to every one having it at home, but was the best we could do, for last year when we organized our lodge overproduction and this year underproduction made times so hard that but few are able to subscribe for it, hence the above plan until better times.

Perhaps the causes I give for hard times sound a little off to you, Mr. Editor, but having for the last fifteen years sat at the feet of the G. O. P. Gamaliels, I claim to be posted on this subject. Not wishing to occupy too much space in your paper will refrain this time from trying to show that especially overproduction is the prime cause of hard times, but may try at some other time.

O. RUBIN.

Crow, Kan., March 18, 1891.

**FROM ELLSWORTH COUNTY ALLIANCE.**  
[We depart from our custom with regard to the publication of resolutions in case of the following, which relate to the opinion of the constituents of one of the People's party Representatives. It will be found that this will be the universal verdict of the people, and the next state Senate will not obstruct such legislation as their constituents demand.—ERROR.]

At an adjourned meeting of the Ellsworth County Alliance, held in Ellsworth, Kansas, on Saturday, March 14, 1891, the following was unanimously adopted as the sentiments of the meeting:

Whereas, Wm. W. Stanley, the Representative elected in and for the county of Ellsworth, and who has served in the Legislature of the state of Kansas as such Representative, has just closed his labors for the present term; and

Whereas, Those opposed to and not in sympathy with the Alliance political movement have vilified and stigmatized every measure set forth by said Alliance for the relief of the masses, and in every conceivable way have sought to mold public sentiment against its representative men.

In view of these facts your committee has sought diligently to see if any foundation for censure could be truthfully sustained, and have found nothing but a loyal obedience to the principles in every vote upon all measures in which Mr. Stanley was pledged to the people before his election.

A further investigation of your committee has found that much needed legislation has been passed by the House of Representatives and defeated by the Senate for no other purpose than to destroy the efficiency of the Alliance as a political factor, hoping thereby to continue the old party in power, that life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness could be assured only through those who have held the power so long that its birthright must be perpetual.

JOHN B. LOW,  
HUGH LAMM,  
L. L. BIRN,  
Committee on Resolutions.

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**Leavenworth County Alliance.**  
The next meeting of Leavenworth County Alliance will be at Fairmount on Saturday, April 11th. A full attendance is requested.  
J. BLEAKELY,  
County President.

The attention of the readers of THE ADVOCATE is called to the change in the advertisement of Messrs. F. B. Rix & Co., of the Highland Stock Farm, on the 16th page. These gentlemen will offer some extraordinary bargains to purchasers of horses for the next thirty days.

**Riley County Alliance.**  
The next regular meeting of Riley county F. A. & I. U. will be at Manhattan on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 14 and 15. S. M. Scott, assistant state lecturer, will be with us, which virtually insures an interesting and profitable meeting.  
E. McDONALD, Secretary.

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Sheep owners who will have wool to sell this season will do well to correspond with A. J. Child, agent of the F. A. & I. U. in Missouri. See his advertisement on 13th page.

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JOHNSON CITY, Kan., Sept. 9, 1890.  
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HENRY HENSON,  
Clerk of District Court.

**County Meeting.**  
The next meeting of Atchison County F. A. & I. U. will be held at Effingham on Wednesday, April 8, 1891, commencing at 10 o'clock a. m. Delegates from the "subs" and members of all standing committees will take notice and attend.  
A. J. WHITTE, County President.

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