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Edward Eastburn is again in town. Mason Oldham was in town this week.

Wm. Tabor of Vineyard was in town Saturday.

J. W. Knox left Tuesday morning for St. Louis.

R. H. Porter, of Weatherford was in town Saturday.

T. F. West returned from New Mexico last Friday.

S. R. Melugin of Post Oak was on our streets Monday.

Mr. Perryman of DeGress spent last Sunday in town.

Dr. F. R. Bowles, of Christian, was in town Monday.

Mrs. Granville Key of Willow Point is visiting her relatives in town this week.

W. A. Talbot, one of Whitt's leading society young gentlemen, gave the CITIZEN a call last week.

W. M. Marston, a first class miller of Dublin, took charge of L. P. Adamson's mill last Monday.

F. R. Aston, accompanied by his two daughters, Misses Loretta and Bertha, left for Grayson county Tuesday morning to visit his father who is very sick.

D. C. Brown will pay you the highest market price for your hides.

A fine lot of Early Rose and California Irish potatoes at D. C. Brown's.

D. C. Brown has just received a large lot of boots and shoes, slippers, etc.

A large lot of Farm and garden hoses just received at G. P. Frazer's.

New Goods continue to arrive daily at D. C. Brown's consisting of all the late novelties of the season.

Ladies who will do well by examining J. B. Leach's spring goods just received.

County Court is in session this week and will probably not adjourn before Saturday.

B. F. Avery & Sons' turning plows, plow extras, double shovels, hardware and tinware at D. C. Brown's.

Three gross more of that fine glycerine soap at McConnell's drug store, ten cents a cake.

If you wish anything in the confectionery line go to the new place at the Christian church Saturday night and Sunday at 11 a. m. and at night.

Base balls, foot balls, croquet sets, fishing tackle, all kinds, at McConnell's drug store.

Two new residences are nearing completion on Decatur street, one for Joe Harding and one for J. B. Leach.

Banage! A merchant could or could not lead to ruinous bankruptcy or other fatal disease. Brown's Sarsaparilla will give relief, digestion, sick headache as thousands testify.

There is no man at home or abroad who makes a better, neater, or finer fitting shoe than Murphy. His shop is on College Street.

The Mail Service between this place and Graham is to be increased to three times a week, beginning the 12th inst.

John Hensley has sold his cattle in New Mexico for seventy-two thousand five hundred dollars cash, about nineteen dollars per head.

It is out of order with headache, stomach disorder, torpid liver, pain in back or side, constipation, etc., or any ailment, one of Brown's Sarsaparilla will give relief. A few doses restore to health and vigor.

The finest line of table and pocket cutlery ever been in Jacksboro, just received by Geo. P. Frazer. Pocket knives from 10c to \$6.00.

Delay is dangerous, stop that cough by using Reed's Cough Syrup. No opiates. For sale by H. H. McConnell.

Boiled oil, lead, brushes, mixed paints, turpentine, varnishes, and colors of all kinds at the drug store of McConnell.

Mort. H. Stark and family have moved to Seymour, while here they made a number of friends, and we wish them success in their new home.

Rev. W. J. Jackson, of Montague, will preach (A. M.) at Lost Creek School House, on the 3rd Sunday in this month, the funeral of Mr. J. N. Miller, deceased.

The Baptists organized a Sunday school last Sunday with about forty scholars, and C. L. Knox as superintendent. They will meet at present in the county court room.

The purest, best, most palatable and effective chill remedy on the market is Reed's chill cure, for sale and warranted by H. H. McConnell.

Geo. P. Levy, Weatherford, Tex., is the place to get "seeds." He keeps in stock a full line of the best seeds of the season. Correspondence solicited.

Our enterprising Drug man H. H. McConnell has secured the Agency for the celebrated Reed's Chill cure and has a few bottles to be given away on trial.

H. H. McConnell has received a new line of spectacles, nose glasses, cases, etc. He keeps no cheap glasses, they ruin the eye instead of keeping it, but if you want a good pair, call at the drug store.

In ancient times the Balm of Gilead was of great repute and eagerly sought for in modern times that which pleasantly restores lost strength is found in Home Sanative Cordial.

At Geo. P. Levy's, Weatherford, Tex., you will find little and German millet, early amber sorghum, and Johnson grass, and a great variety of other seeds at lowest market prices.

*Golden's Liquid Beef Tonic is wonderful remedy for weakness, fever and loss of appetite.

Grand Spring Opening.

D. C. BROWN,
is receiving his Mammoth Stock of Spring and Summer Goods, direct from New York.

This will be an improvement on all other Stocks that have ever been received in this country. His goods are fresh and new, consisting of all the Novelties of the Season.

His Assortment is so great that it would be impossible to mention half the goods he keeps.

Come early and secure the choice selections. No trouble to show goods.

All goods sold on their merits

Thankful for past patronage by keeping the largest and best selected stock and selling the best goods for the least money. I hope to merit the trade in the future as I have done in the past.

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OBITUARY.

The farmers in general who are in need of machines will find it their interest to examine the Wm. Deering & Co. Twine Binder, the simplest and one of the strongest and most durable self-binders now in use in Jack county but in the State.

W. L. Garvin, Agent.

A meeting of the citizens was called to take steps to suppress the "Spring Pests" in the CITIES, and to obviate the danger of any further outrages being perpetrated, similar to those in the last issue, vigorous steps are to be taken. A vigilance committee has been appointed, and several states having passed laws making the killing of such pests (if justifiable homicide) it is hoped and expected that the aforesaid fiends will shortly be "removed," and their place "know them no more forever." The only punishment adequate for the various offenses in said pests (if against rhyme, grammar, spelling, sense, or wit, is sudden and total destruction.

MANY CITIZENS.

An Old Citizen speaks.

Mr. J. M. Norris, an old resident of Rome, Ga., says that he has been badly troubled with Kidney Complaint for a great many years and with Ezema for three years; at times could scarcely walk and had tried many remedies without benefit, until he began taking Electric Bitters and anointing his hands and feet with Bucklen's Arnica Salve. This treatment afforded him great relief, and he strongly recommends Electric Bitters to all who suffer with Kidney Complaint, or need a blood purifier. Sold by H. H. McConnell.

One of the most interesting events in the social circles of Whitt this season, was the marriage of Mr. John L. Lasater to Miss Lulu D. Buster, the 28th of March, by Rev. S. J. Vaughan. The attendants were Misses Mary Crandall, Emma Wood, Louie Rucker and Florence Lasater, Prof. Bender, John F. Buster, Jas. Hastings, and W. A. Talbot.

Most Excellent.

J. J. Atkins, chief of Police, Knoxville, Tenn., writes: "My family and I are beneficiaries of your most excellent medicine, Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption; having found it to be all that you claim for it, I desire to testify to its virtue. My friends to whom I have recommended it, praise it at every opportunity."

Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption is guaranteed to cure Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Asthma, Croup and every affection of Throat, Chest and Lungs. Trial Bottles Free at H. H. McConnell's Drug Store. Large size \$1.

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Messrs. Bass & Bro.—I have used your Chickens Cholera Cure. Mrs. Wallace thinks it more than pays for itself by the increase in quantity of eggs. D. R. Wallace.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The Best Salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. Is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by H. H. McConnell.

A Bargain.

For sale, 2600 acres of land in 2 1/2 miles of Jacksboro, inclosed with wire fence, good grass and well watered. One third cash, balance on time to suit purchaser. Apply to G. F. Atkinson, or T. F. West, Jacksboro.

ESTRAYS.

Taken up by P. Banta and put before S. E. Moore, Esq., J. P. Court, No. 1, Jack county, Texas, one blue ran here about 11 black high braned at (connected) on the left hind and H. O. L. on left hip and small black brand on left jaw. D. B. Mizell, co. Clk. Jack Co.

D. M. OSBORNE & CO'S.,

MOWERS, REAPERS, Droppers, and Self Binders are acknowledged the best in the World.

For prices, terms, &c. apply to G. P. Frazer the Hardware and Farm Implement man of Jacksboro, who is the Jack County Agent and Keeps a full line of Extras. S. W. Cor. Public Square.

Be Warned
In time, kidney diseases may be prevented by purifying, removing, and irrigating the blood with Ayer's Sarsaparilla. When, through debility, the action of the kidneys is perverted, those organs rob the blood of its needed constituent, albumen, which is passed off in the urine, while worn out matter, which they should carry off from the blood, is allowed to remain. By the use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla, the kidneys are restored to proper action, and Albumen is reformed.

Bright's Disease
is prevented. Ayer's Sarsaparilla also prevents inflammation of the kidneys, and other disorders of those organs. Mrs. Jas. W. Webb, Forest Hill st., Jamaica Plain, Mass., writes: "I have had a complication of diseases, but my greatest trouble has been with my kidneys. Four bottles of Ayer's Sarsaparilla made me feel like a new person, as well and strong as ever." W. M. McDonald, do Summer st., Boston, Mass., had been troubled for years with kidney complaint. By the use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla, he not only

prevented the disease from assuming a fatal form, but was restored to perfect health. John McLaughlin, cor. Bridge and Third sts., Lowell, Mass., writes: "For several years I suffered from Dyspepsia and kidney complaint, the latter being so severe at times that I could scarcely attend to my work. My appetite was poor, and I was much emaciated; but by using

AYER'S Sarsaparilla
my appetite and digestion improved, and my health has been perfectly restored." Sold by all Druggists. Price \$1; six bottles, \$5. Prepared by Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass., U. S. A.

Programme of Jack Co. Teachers' Institute to be held 4th Saturday in April.
Common Fractions; Prof. Dodson. Discussion.
The Verb and its Modifiers; Prof. Wellington. Discussion.
P. M. Class Management; Mrs. Beauchamp. Discussion.
Summer Normal; Prof. Brown. All teachers of the county are urged to be present as business of great importance is to be attended to. Miss Fannie Echols,) Ex. Sec. T. B. King,) Com. April 5th, 1885.

The latest advices from St. Louis leave the issue in uncertainty. Arrests of leading striking Knights continue to be made.

AYER'S Ague Cure
Never fails to cure every form of disorder peculiar to malarious districts. It is warranted, in every case, when used in accordance with directions. It cures the quinine, and stimulates the liver to healthy action, gives tone to the stomach, and promotes the appetite.

"Pottsville, Texas, Jan. 15, 1884." "Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co.: Gentlemen: For more than 40 years I have lived in localities abounding in malarial fevers, and have been the subject of their attacks in many forms, and found no remedy so reliable and safe as Ayer's Ague Cure. Taken according to directions, it will never fail to cure. J. B. M. HUNTER."

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I have after building a new, large and commodious mill house, procured at great cost the best mill machinery that is made with patent roller attachment, and am prepared to furnish to customers as fine flour as can be made in Texas.

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Decatur, Tex., Aug. 6th 1885.

To whom this may concern:

This is to certify that Bro. R. R. Staude of Weatherford has been duly appointed as organizing officer for the purpose of organizing Subordinate Farmers' Alliances in the State of Texas.

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For information relative to this association, address either of the above named officers. W. L. Garvin will furnish Constitutions of the Farmers' Alliance Beneficiary Association, on application.

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Send 75 cents to H. H. McConnell, Jacksboro, for Cushing's Manual. He will send it by return mail post paid.

Mrs. W. J. Womack furnishes single Regalia for one officer for 50 cents, a set for nine officers for \$3.00. Address, Mrs. W. J. Womack, Jacksboro, Texas.

H. H. McConnell furnishes the Cushing's Manual at 75 cents in cash or stamps, which must accompany the order. No discount on less than one dozen, which will be sent to one address for seven dollars and fifty cents. If you want McConnell to take the risk of the Manual through the mail send 10 cents extra to pay for registering.

Notice to Alliances.

I made arrangements with the Fort Worth Stamping Co. to furnish Alliances wanting Seals, for one Seal \$3, for twelve or more Seals one time \$2.25 each, and it will cost about 25cents to send each Seal to the nearest express office of Sect. of Subordinate Alliance. The Sect. of each County Alliance can find how many Seals are wanted in the County, and order the whole number at one time.

C. M. Wilcox, Sec. S. A.

Address, A. J. Bradley, or Fort Worth Stamp Works, Ft. Worth, Texas.

We now have out a new edition of the amended Constitution which we will send to any desiring them. One copy 5 cents, 12 copies 50 cents. We do not keep Rituals they are kept by the State Sect.

Stolen one horse, 14 years old, looks to be about 9, bay, 15 1/2 or 16 hands high, left hind foot white, a star in his forehead. He is a large horse, heavy breast, with arched neck and looks like a stallion at a distance, probably some little white on one shoulder, no brand. Address J. P. Talkington, Nelts, Hopkins county, Texas.

Stolen \$12 reward for one bay horse, 3 years old, star in forehead branded 3 (with a bar beneath) on left shoulder. Address, Rural Citizen, Jacksboro, Texas.

\$10 Reward will be paid to any one securing to me a bay horse 14-12 hands high, short body, long legs, high carriage. Branded FL (with bar beneath) on left shoulder, had on a black leather halter with swivel, lap-ring and small piece of grass rope attached when last seen on Prairie creek, Somerville county. P. F. Lewis, Boonsville, Wise county, Texas.

\$10 Reward. Stolen March 15 from the stable of T. C. Hamilton, one bay mare 14-12 hands high, branded W on left shoulder, scar above brand. Address T. C. Hamilton Weatherford, Texas.

OPIMUM

and a DESK FULL OF BOOKS...
P. F. WOODRUFF, 2 N. Adams, St. Louis, Mo.

Alliances Over the State speak out Against Boycotting and Strikes. Texas Farmers are for Law and Order.

High Point Alliance of Collin Co. No. 395, declares itself against boycotting and asks for the publication of the following:

Whereas, it is the opinion of this Alliance that the Constitution of our order does not authorize boycotting, and that we deem it against the interests and general good of our country, and repugnant to every principle of the Farmers' Alliance, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we the members of High Point declare that we have no right nor inclination to dictate to any man as to what he shall or shall not sell, believing that such action on our part would be trespassing on the principles of American liberty, and dangerous to all the interests of our State.

Resolved, that we as members of the Farmers' Alliance consider the Declaration of Purposes of our order sufficient within themselves to accomplish all things needful for the farmer, mechanic and laborer without less or damage to others.

Resolved, that we earnestly request all members of the Farmers' Alliance to avoid any action that might bring reproach on our order, whose interests are at variance with our own, and who resort to methods that are detrimental to the industrial and commercial interests and the peace and prosperity of our common country. While at the same time we bear no ill will towards the Knights of Labor, nor any other order that is striving to better their financial and home interests we deem it best to let each order do its own fighting, for when a third party pitches in, they generally get the worst of the fight. Our motto is peace and goodwill to all mankind.

N. J. GRANBURY, Com.

E. P. CHRISMAN, Com.

T. A. JOHNSON, Com.

Resolutions Adopted by Forestburg Alliance.

Forestburg Alliance No. 250 adopted the following resolutions.

Resolved, that we condemn the members of the legislature who voted to repeal the corporation act.

2nd. That we will never vote for any person for the legislature who will not pledge himself to support, vote for and do everything in his power to have the same re-enacted.

3rd. That we will as soon as practicable organize a joint stock store with a capital sufficient to do a general mercantile business, requiring every subordinate and county Alliance to take as much as one share, then members to take stock as far as they are able, and

Resolved, further that all sub-Alliances in the County and State, be requested to adopt the above or similar resolutions, and that a copy be furnished the RURAL CITIZEN for publication and Northwest and other papers will copy if they wish.

J. L. SWALES, Pres.

M. C. ALEXANDER, Sect.

See Editorial.

Whereas, at a meeting of Etta Alliance, No. 314, a committee was appointed to draft resolutions, in regard to the impending danger of boycotting, believing that it does not accord with our Declaration of Purposes, therefore be it

Resolved, that we the members of Etta Alliance, express a profound sympathy for the laboring class of our people, and believing it is the duty of all, to aid and encourage them, in all lawful and reasonable methods, that they may adopt, to ameliorate their condition, while we emphatically condemn the conduct of the strikers, and boycotting, in resorting to such proceedings, to accomplish their designs, and if tolerated, we fear will prove detrimental to the best interest of the country.

Resolved, 2. That we do not endorse the Boycott Proclamation, issued some time ago by W. E. Lamb, ordering the Farmers' Alliance, to join the Knights of Labor in Boycotting.

Jas. R. Kama, Com.

G. S. HICKS, Com.

R. HANZEL, Com.

Fannin Town, Clay Co.

Resolutions unanimously adopted by office Creek Alliance No. 495 April 2nd, 1885.

Whereas the business of the country has been retarded for some time and has received a check that will be to the injury of all classes for months, and

Whereas, a system of antagonism carried to the extent of interference with the rights and prosperity of others, necessarily calls for the exercise of the power of the law and the consequent increased expenditure for the maintenance of the courts, thereby making hardship on the tax-paying citizens of every class, and

Whereas, if the antagonism of the various trades and callings is encouraged and the spirit of bitterness already engendered is matured and widened it will lead to anarchy and bloodshed as ruin. And

Whereas, we as farmers are allied for mutual benefit to ourselves and our country, our object and aim being to advance our interests, and for the general good by honest and fair dealings, it is not our purpose to tear down any one, nor will we ostracize any merchant or tradesman on account of the place or firm from which he buys his goods or supplies.

Resolved, That as liberty loving people, observing justice, serving God, honoring Americans we concede to others the same right to follow any legalized occupation that we claim for ourselves.

2nd. That we believe the laws enacted and amended from time to time under the construction of the general and state governments are sufficient to meet the worst of all classes, if properly appealed to and applied.

3rd. That every good citizen should discourage all resorts to arbitrary or unlawful means for the adjustment of difficulties.

4th. That, while we condemn all unlawful force or influence, engendered in hate, we bid God speed to men engaged in any honest legitimate calling, and we invite them to join us extending the spirit of charity to all, the rich and poor, the high and low, and let us remember, if every person's internal care was written on the brow, many would share our pity, who now share our envy.

Resolved that this be spread on our minutes, and a copy be sent to the Dallas Weekly News with request to publish and that the Denton county papers be requested to publish the same, also a copy sent to the RURAL CITIZEN.

W. C. PORTMAN, Pres.

W. T. FAUS, Sect.

The Alliance in Freestone County.

The first Alliance in this county was organized at Bethel by Bro. J. J. Adams, May 29th, 1885. We now have 21 Sub-Alliances in good working condition, with a membership of about 800.

Freestone County Alliance will hold its next meeting with Round Prairie, the 3rd Friday in April at 10 a. m. We would be glad to have Bro. S. O. Daws meet with us in our next meeting of County Alliance. Come Bro. Daws.

We endorse the position taken by the RURAL CITIZEN on the question of boycotting. Be firm Bro. Rogers you are right. Let the Alliance attend to its own business and let the business of other organizations alone and it will be sure to succeed in business, otherwise it will be a failure.

I ordered a lot of seals for the Sub-Alliances of this county, from Ft. Worth Stamp Co. They are neat and durable, giving entire satisfaction to all concerned.

T. J. RAN, Sect.

Freestone Co. A.

Politics and Boycotting.

Notice that the political question is being discussed to some extent through the columns of the CITIZEN; some in favor of and a great many not in favor of politics. We, ourselves, are not in favor of the Alliance being made a political institution. Lately, I have not seen so many pieces in the CITIZEN upholding the political question; we hope our brethren are beginning to think and study on this question with care and forethought. Where are now the many organizations that have sprung up, and forthwith began to dabble in politics? They have sank to rise no more. There are two grand political parties that have existed for many years, the Democratic and the Republican parties, but those two are all; and the Alliance need not think she can establish another grand political party. Let the free men of our country vote their own free way, and not vote Alliance tickets; many of them would not vote them if it was so. I speak from what I feel, see and hear although I am not yet old enough to vote.

I do not pretend to be informed on the boycott question, however, I will give a few of my very scattering ideas. I do not think it any business of the Alliance to enter into the boycott because the Knights of Labor have boycotted certain firms, that is the business of the Knights of Labor and not the business of the Alliance. It is not the intention of this organization to degrade or deprive any one of their rights. We can establish our co-operative houses, buy and sell our own goods, and if our other merchants can live by selling goods, let them live. If one of our members should think he had been wronged by a merchant I don't see that we should enter into the boycott until we had thoroughly investigated the matter, if at all, because our wronged man may be liable to be in fault as the other.

We were glad to see Pres. Dunlap's letter in regard to the boycott, and to tell the truth in regard to Bro. Lamb's proclamation, our Alliance knew not what they were ordered into the boycott for, and I do not yet know for what it was Boycott against the credit system.

Hood County Alliance.

Your committee to whom was referred the communication from the Erath and Palo Pinto County Alliance with reference to the selection of candidates for county and legislative offices for the approaching election in the State of Texas, would respectfully report:

That we regard the objects of the Farmers' Alliance to be to instruct its members as to their wants and necessities, as to the character of legislation which has been instituted for the past twenty years, its total

want of adoption to the wants and interests of the working classes, but its special adaptation to the wants and interests of capitalists. Your committee cannot regard the proposed action of the Alliances of Erath and Palo Pinto as in accord with the laws by which we are governed, or the spirit of our organization. Now in the opinion of your committee the very moment those counties degrade the noble order we represent, from the high position it now occupies to the low and corrupting level of party politics a death blow will be given to what we have already accomplished.

Your committee holds that the Alliance should continue to mention its exalted instructive position and thus qualify its members to discharge all their duties as citizens. We must bide our time and then all things will work well.

Signed by Committee.

The above report was adopted and a copy ordered to be furnished to the RURAL CITIZEN and Granbury News for publication.

P. H. DAWSON, Sect. Hood Co. A.

Condensed Correspondence.

M. C. Alexander writes Forestburg Alliance has 56 members and 4 petitions.

Geo. W. Blount Jr., Ladonia, Tex. if you will give us the office to which your paper has been sent, we can make the change.

We have sent a copy of the Constitution of the Farmers' Alliance to all the subscribers sent us by S. C. Unsell. Has any one failed to receive their copy at this date.

J. P. Talkington writes from Nelts, Hopkins county, that the Alliance at that place is in a flourishing condition. Their County Alliance met at Lone Star, the 2nd.

J. H. Shepperd writing from Gladewater, Gregg county says: There are several Alliances through this county with from ten to thirty members. We have been organized about two months.

Ella E. Lewis writes from Boonsville: health good, stock looking well, but much in need of water, the rains being too light to supply it. People generally done planting corn, and preparing to plant a large acreage of the flouy staple.

Miss Annie McCoy was married to Mr. Thomas Logsdon of Washington Territory at her father's residence near Garvin, by Rev. L. Swinford.

Please state to me your opinion in regard to the number of black balls it takes to reject. Constitution is silent on number. It only says clear. Suppose we make by laws stating that less than four would not reject. Can we do it?

C. J. S.

[The Constitution is not silent, but it is very explicit on the ballot. Clear means free from opaqueness, impurities, without mixture, entirely pure, hence if one black ball is found the ballot would not be clear. Brethren do not strain the Constitution to please any one.—Ed.]

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Our Alliance was organized 11th of last Sept. with 15 charter members, we now number 52, and yet we seem to be young, not much interest manifested; I hope some one will call on us and take out the kinks. We have not had a lecturer since we were organized. Bro. Laws notified me over two months previous that he would give a lecture to the public at this place, naming the time, I gave notice to the public, but Bro. Laws failed by some means to come. I am sorry to say that some of the members are inclined to pull back, and this throws a dampness over the order, and outsiders have no inclination to become a member. We need some one to revive us. If I only could get all the members to take the RURAL CITIZEN I think they would become more interested and go to work in earnest. Of course a farmer must be for some time working in his crop before he can reap any benefits from it, now we are in the field and let us make preparation for the harvest, if anything is said to the point, there are so many members who do not hear it on account of not taking the paper.

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A Farmer's Rambles.

BY A. F. ALLEN. CHAPTER III.

"Aye," exclaimed another, stepping up, "what are you to gain from politics, even if you elect your own men, which I consider exceedingly doubtful, would your social or financial condition be bettered or your intellectual status raised, will your politics help you sell your produce? Then another in, "If we adhere to side chimed in, "If we adhere to the non-political doctrine how long will it be before every industry will be under the control of monopoly? Where can we buy save from manufacturing run by monopoly, or sell save to these lords at their own terms? While we are content to look after the almighty dollar monopoly in every form will be busy spreading its net to catch even this recompense of labor. What will our efforts amount to in opening a direct exchange with manufacturers when every one of these refusing to come under the yoke of bondage to massed capital are being mercilessly crushed out of existence? Monopoly does not shun politics, on the contrary they use every effort to control legislation by putting their own creatures into office and responsible positions and by bribery and trickery. This concentration of grasping and corrupt money power has already become strong enough to defy the law in some instances, and our children may live to see the day, if we do not, when this power will shape every law to their own interest." "Yes," replied the other party, "the men you elect will draw their salaries like other politicians, while your wives and children will pick cotton to pay the schooling of speculators' children."

"This monopoly has to meet with competition," added another, "and cannot go any further than already has, besides men have the natural right to use their own money or capital as they choose." "Of course our own men will draw salaries as others do," said an old gray-headed farmer, "we do not want them to work for nothing, they would at least have a common interest in legislating for their class, and not always be holding open their pockets to the highest bidder. Monopoly is fast swallowing up the smaller and weaker enterprises, we see this going on every day, but can only restrict this by legislation; and if we are always to be hewers of wood and drawers of water, let us lay aside all pretensions to freedom and don the livery of servitude. Does it look like we are free men, when out of three hundred and fifty members in our last congress only six were farmers, only six men to represent nearly thirty millions of people, nothing to do with politics?" exclaimed the old man waxing indignant. "Why, sir, there should be two hundred rough handed farmers there, they would make things lively for those fine, wine drinking, poker playing gents I tell you."

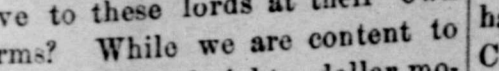
"But farmers are not competent to deal with the intricacies of legal machinery," said a thin pompous gentleman whose high smooth forehead betokened that he was badly afflicted with a great intellect, "questions of law, of right and wrong in the present complicated state of society requires brains, sir, brains; only legal gentlemen who have made this a special study can guide the ship of state clear of the breakers."

"Well, I think their arduous labors in that direction has somewhat added their brains if we are to gauge them by the work they do," sarcastically rejoined the old man. "I think less brains and more honesty would be a welcome change, if farmers don't help themselves no other class will, we've tried others long enough."

Seeing how tenaciously the old man clung to this point, I asked him, "Leaving politics out of the question will not the Alliance greatly improve the condition of the farmer?"

"Temporarily, yes," he answered somewhat tartly, "but the gain can not be permanent, monopoly already has such a grasp on manufacturing, wholesale merchants and railroads that they can thwart any measures the farmers may make; they have the power to prevent any manufacturer from selling to us direct, any wholesale merchant from carrying supplies to our order. If we depart from the established custom of buying from our home merchants and attempt to do away with middlemen, we antagonize this army of non producers, and they will be only too willing to give their vote and influence to monopoly to aid the latter in working against us; monopoly unchecked by legislation can force every branch of trade to flow in its old channel, and we can't help this if we eschew politics."

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