

FARMERS AND STATISTICS

Among the most useful deeds of the Farmer's Alliance, says the Inter-Ocean, will be counted the appointment of a statistician in each state who shall make yearly returns as to the kinds, quantities, and qualities of crops, flocks, herds, dairy, fruit, and other products of the farm.

There are already indications of the approaching fight over the McKinley tariff bill, and the dispatches state that several amendments will be proposed in the house to further the interests of the constituency of the members.

But, even in its limited application "to the benefit of the order," the Kansas Alliance scheme will have a good effect if faithfully carried out. This nation is far behind France, Germany and Great Britain in its statistical knowledge of the crops, flocks, herds, wages, manufactures, incomes, births, deaths, and marriages of its people.

Except as to immigration we have no thorough system of statistics, either vital or material. The national census is good in its way, but it is taken but once in ten years, and necessarily is incomplete at best.

Systematic organization is necessary to the success of political parties, and any body of men who enter the lists to contest for the prize must be properly disciplined and under the management of competent leaders.

It is indisputable that there is a serious outlook ahead for the agricultural classes in this country unless there are great changes made. It does not seem to be a difficult matter to diagnose the disease which affects at present the pecuniary welfare of the American farmer.

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There are frightful scenes of death and destruction from floods and epidemics in the Mississippi valley. The Pacific coast may consider itself highly favored, notwithstanding the partial drought in Eastern Oregon last season and loss of cattle in the northwest the past winter, in comparison with the terrible fate of Louisiana and other cities.

INDICATIONS OF GROWTH

Goldendale is rejoicing over the promise of two railroads, one under the Hunt system and another by the Union Pacific. These prospective roads have given new life to that city, and property has already advanced considerably.

The Democrats are trying to wheedle the farmers into the belief that the Republican party and the tariff are the causes of the low prices of wheat for the past few years.

The following portion of a private letter from Dr. Schlemmer has been made public at Berlin: "I intend at the beginning of March, in company with Dr. Dorpfield, to take up again my excavations in Troy energetically and continue them for at least two years.

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MEMORIAL OF THE SAUNDERS-EDDINGTON TRAGEDY IN COLUMBIA COUNTY

Supposition is that the beloved of Henry Himm, which caused the awful death—both parties were highly connected.

Walla Walla, April 2.—All additional particulars obtainable in regard to the tragedy resulting in the death of Henry Saunders and Della Eddington Monday night, near Jasper mountain, Columbia county, are as follows: Saunders declining to assist in branding cattle, Mr. Eddington, for whom he worked, sent him to burn brush near the road, along which Miss Eddington would pass on her return from school, where Mr. Eddington met both walking homeward together chatting pleasantly.

Washington, April 2.—The signal service issues a special bulletin in which it is stated that the heavy rains there is no likelihood that the Mississippi will again be as high at New Orleans as it has been this season, owing to the relief given by the crevasses.

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