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The Farmers' Alliance in Texas has inaugurated a Life Benefit plan, which it calls the Co-operative Degree of the Farmers' State Alliance of Texas. If the other states follow this plan, it will be known as the National Alliance Aid association. The president and executive committee of the State Alliance appoint a manager for this department.

While Senator Peffer, of Kansas, is talking through his recently trimmed whiskers to small crowds in New York City, inveigling against Wall street and telling how extreme is the condition to which the western farmer is reduced, the western farmer is putting a terrible strain upon his suspenders in the endeavor to harvest the enormous wheat crop.—Kansas City Times.

The Citizens' Alliance is being pushed ahead by Farmers' Alliance organizers and it now covers a large part of the country from Maine to California. The San Francisco, Cal., Daily Report gives an account of the establishment of a Citizens' Alliance in that place and notes the fact that it is an ally of the Farmers' Alliance, although including a far different class in its membership.

STATE ALLIANCE PLATFORM.

The Oregon State Alliance organized at Portland adopted the following:

PLATFORM.

Whereas, The general condition of our country imperatively demands unity of action on the part of the laboring classes, reformation in economy, and the dissemination of principles best calculated to encourage and foster agricultural and mechanical pursuits, encouraging the toiling masses—leading them in the road to prosperity, and providing a just and fair remuneration for labor, a just exchange for commodities and the best means of securing to the laboring classes the greatest amount of good; we hold to the principle that all monopolies are dangerous to the best interests of our country, tending to enslave a free people and subvert and finally overthrow the great principles purchased by the fathers of American liberty. We therefore adopt

the following as our declaration of principles:

First—To labor for the education of the agricultural classes in the science of economical government in a strictly nonpartisan spirit, and to bring about a more perfect union of said classes.

Second—That we demand equal right to all and special favors to none.

Third—To endorse the motto "In things essential, unity, and in all things, charity."

Fourth—To develop a better state mentally, morally, socially and financially.

Fifth—To suppress personal, local, sectional and national prejudices, all unhealthy rivalry and all selfish ambition.

Sixth—To constantly strive to secure entire harmony and good will to all mankind and brotherly love among ourselves.

Seventh—The brightest jewels which it garners are the tears of the widows and orphans, and its imperative commands are to visit the homes where lacerated hearts are bleeding; to assuage the sufferings of a brother or a sister; bury the dead, care for the widows and educate the orphans; to exercise charity toward offenders; to construe words and deeds in their most favorable light, granting honesty of purpose and good intentions to others, and to protect the principles of the Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union until death. Its laws are reason and equity its cardinal doctrines inspire purity of thought and life, its intention is, "On earth, peace, and good will to men."

ADDITIONAL RESOLUTIONS.

That the National banks as banks of issue be abolished.

That the government issue sufficient amount of money to increase the circulating medium to not less than \$50 per capita, said money to be full legal tender, all previous contracts notwithstanding.

That the government of the United States nationalize all railways, telegraphs, telephones, and other natural monopolies.

That all officers be elected by a direct

vote of the people.

That the American saloon is a curse and an evil, and should therefore be abolished.

That the ownership of land be restricted to the citizens of the United States, or those who may have declared their intention to become such, and that the holding of land for speculation purposes be condemned.

That the sub-treasury plan become a law.

That homesteads to the value of \$2000 be exempt from execution.

That the government grant loans to the amount not exceeding \$3000, at not more than 2 per cent interest.

That no one industry should be taxed for the purpose or at the expense of building up another.

That all revenues, state or national, be limited to the actual needs of the government, economically administered.

That a graduated tax on all incomes exceeding the amount of \$2500 be levied.

That the coinage of silver be free and unlimited.

That the government issue at once a sufficient amount of treasury full legal tender notes to be paid over to the Union soldiers who by the contraction of the currency received but a part of their pay, while the bondholders received theirs many times over.

Hon. Thos. Watson speaking in Jefferson County, Ga., of the kinship of democracy and republicanism said:

I believe in my soul that both our present parties are dominated by the money power. The gold bug policy is as offensive to men when it comes from Cleveland as when it comes from Windom. The corruption of a crowd like Tammany is as offensive as Dudley with his blocks of five. I have not the slightest doubt that Calvin Brice is as corrupt as Matthew Quay. New York is a commercial and financial center. It has no interest in common with us. We are an agricultural people. We should seek our political alliance in the West, whose people are agricultural as we are, and whose interests are identical with ours. We should stand by

our principles, and if the democratic leaders wish to disrupt the party by driving us out they will have the name of democracy. While we still preserve its principles; they will have the soap gourd, we will have the soap; they will have the casket, we will have the luminous gems which alone give in value. They will be on the side of death and the grave and have the body. Ours will be the spirit which breaks through all ceremony and sepulchre and takes on the immortality which truth and the right can proudly claim. [Loud and long applause.]

It is no time for the laggard or the dastard. Fence straddlers need not apply. We want straight goods and straight men to handle them. [Laughter]

The work to which the Farmers' Alliance has set itself—the bettering of the laboring classes, intellectually and financially—ought to catch the sympathy and respect of every man who loves his country. Their success means harm to no legitimate business. They may fail to accomplish all that was the purpose the Alliance should bring about, because of the riding inclination of office hunters in their midst, but they will do a great work—Who

State Organizer R. A. Irvine formed an alliance at Kings Prairie July 17, with 20 members. The Officers are: J. R. Geddes, President; D. A. South, Vice President; W. B. Robertson, Secretary; W. H. Davis, Treasurer; J. T. McElroy, Lecturer; Mrs. Jennie Bargee, Chaplain; E. S. Bargee, Steward; Henry Miller, D. K.; A. Davis, Asst. D. K.

The officers of the Pleasant Home Farmers' Alliance are: President, L. C. Rice; vice-president, Wm. E. Savage; secretary, J. E. Michael; treasurer, Mrs. Mattie Savage; chaplain, J. K. Charlton. The membership is twenty-three.

We learn that while bathing in the South fork of the Santiam near Seio, Sunday evening, Geo. Cleveland was drowned. He was seized with cramps,

and before his companion could reach him he sank from sight. His body was recovered.

Lift your hat reverently when you meet your teacher of the primary school. She is the good angel of the republic. She takes the little bantling fresh from the home nest and full of his pouts and his passions, an ungovernable little wretch, whose own mother honestly admits she sends him to school to get rid of him. This young lady, who knows her business, takes a whole carload of these anarchists, half of whom, single handed and alone, are more than a match for both their parents, and at once puts them in the way of being useful and upright citizens. At what expense of toil and weariness! Here is the most responsible position in the whole school, and if her salary were doubled she would receive less than she earns.—Shelbville (Conn.) Democrat.

Don't send your money abroad, but patronize home industry, by having your printing done at the Express job office.

While at the Santiam mines, recently, says the Telescope, Jas. V. Pipe witnessed two of the employees amusing themselves in a manner that is calculated to stand the hair on the head of one unaccustomed to such sights, though it seemed to be almost unnoticed by those in camp who were used to witnessing it. A distance of thirty yards would be marked off, and one of the workmen would stand with an oyster can in his hand and his partner at the other stake would shoot it through with a rifle. After performing this feat he would place the can on his head and the performance would be repeated. This is what the ordinary shot that would call reckless amusement.

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