

ALLIANCE DEPARTMENT.

J. F. NISBET Editor.

We were glad to read reports from St. Luke and Tabernacle last week. Hope the brethren will write often for our columns. We need your assistance in furnishing matter for the Alliance department. We are glad to see Bros. Knight, Duren and Adams vying with each other in reporting the best Alliance in the county.

According to the Constitution our County Alliance will meet on the second Friday in July. The meeting will be an important one, and there ought to be a full delegation and as many of the members present as possible. Our State lecturer has promised to be with us on that occasion.

We would like to do something to encourage our people to raise more vegetables. Just think of the U. S. importing thousands of tons of vegetables when we could raise enough to supply the world.

I believe that a canning factory is a necessity in Lancaster and would be a paying investment. If the farmers had a market for their produce they would give more attention to raising tomatoes, cucumbers, cabbage and various other things for which thousands of dollars are spent annually.

Let us think, talk and write about this matter of canning our own vegetables and thereby keep a large amount of money at home which is now sent to other markets.

The Sugar Trust.

The enormous plundering done by the Sugar Trust, with the knowledge and consent of the Congress of the United States, has no parallel in the legislative history of the world.

Tuesday, June 8, the conspirators against the people met in what was called a Republican caucus, and there agreed to allow to the Sugar Trust perpetual bounty of 1-5 of a cent a ton, or to put it in a form better understood, of \$4 a ton.

This is what is meant by the "differential sugar duty." It is the difference in the duty on raw sugar when the trust purchasers and the refined sugar which it sells. Of the 2,000,000 tons consumed in America only 182,000 tons are raw sugar.

Consequently the Sugar Trust receives a bonus of \$4 a ton on 1,800,000 tons or annually a bonus of \$7,000,000.

This is a princely revenue, but it does not exhaust the subject.

In the past two months the trust has imported 700,000 tons on the present tariff schedule. Claus Spreckles says the profit on this, the difference between the present tariff and the new tariff, will be \$10,000,000.

There is another chapter to this crime, and it is called the Hawaiian treaty.

In 1896 the Hawaiian product was 225,000 tons—nearly equal to the product of America. This sugar was all purchased by the Sugar Trust or the Claus Spreckles dynasty, one of its co-laborers. Not a cent of revenue was paid, though this Hawaiian sugar is one-seventh of the imports.

This sugar is all sold to Havemeyer at \$5 a ton under the market price. That means \$1,000,000 to Havemeyer, and the remainder

of the "bonus" the Spreckels Trust pockets, and is estimated at \$5,000,000 a year.

Aside, therefore, from the special bonus on the sugar imported in April and May, the Spreckels and the Havemeyer Trusts combined receive a bonus of \$13,000,000 annually. This year, in addition, the Havemeyer Trust receives a special bonus of not less than \$10,000,000. In all, these interests are this year enriched at the expenses of the Treasury and of the consumer \$23,000,000.

This at a time when the government is in need of money and has to face a large deficit, and when the people everywhere have all they can do to make both ends meet.

The remedy was plain enough; a universal revenue duty on all sugar, raw or refined; no differential duty for the trust; no treaty with Hawaii, which exempts it imports from duty when entering our ports.

This would increase the government revenue more than the increased duty on beer and tea and would make certain a revenue sufficient to meet all expenses.

Further than this, it would crush at one blow the sugar ring, and remove the chief source of legislative corruption.

It will not be done. It will not be done, because the Sugar Trust owns at least half a dozen Senators; because it bribes them to betray their constituents and because with the bonus it has it can buy other Senators whenever it needs them.

But this is not the end of the story. Great as is the income of this corrupt ring, it has not money enough to buy forty-six Senators, a majority of the Senators, a majority of the Senate, and a majority of the House. Standing alone, there would be no chance of the passage of a bill as infamous as the Aldrich-Allison bill.

It does not stand alone; it is entrenched in the tariff bill, and the henchmen of the sugar ring in exchange for votes give votes. The sugar robbery is supported by the supporters of the tax on wool, the tax on lumber, the tax on a thousand other articles. The whole schedule is arranged to rob the consumer for the benefit of the trusts and various manufacturing interests in the North.

Why are not the Senators from the West and South able to prevent the consumption of such a crime?

Because Senators Bacon and Clay of Georgia, Hill and McLaren of South Carolina, and McEnery of Louisiana leave their party associates to vote for a tax on imported cotton.

Senator Jones of Arkansas, Senator Vest of Missouri, and Senator Caffrey demonstrated that this proposition was mere disguise; that it meant nothing whatever to the South; that the cotton imported did not compete with American cotton; that the utmost limit of incorporation was 100,000 bales, and that, like the whole agricultural schedule, the duty on cotton was intended to conceal from the men paying the tax the enormity of the robbery the tariff would authorize.

These arguments from the ablest Senators from the South had no effects, and the five Southern Senators named denounce the Sugar Trust one day, and the next aid it so to frame a bill as to get the most votes.

If the South intends to throttle this tariff hydra; if it intends to relieve itself from unjust taxation, it must make its Senators understand that it will not con-

sent to support the Robber Tariff, in order that they may get a nominal duty on cotton.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

The Imports in London Have More Than Doubled in Ten Years.

In the matter of vegetables, Mr. Williams is aghast because our imports have doubled in the last ten years. That we eat more vegetables, and that there are more of us to eat them than there were ten years ago, is a trifle beneath the notice of the defender of our farms and market gardens. And what about early vegetables and fruits? Is it not a fact that the market gardeners of France, to say nothing of the Channel Islands, are leagues ahead of us in catching the early sun? Gardening under glass is a commonplace with our enterprising neighbors, and in America they even use the electric light; Prince Kropotkin tells us that in the neighborhood of Paris there are about 25,000 acres under forced culture, and twice as much under ordinary market gardens, and an immense mass of the vegetables grown is sent to England. From the neighborhood of Roscoff 6,000 tons of early potatoes and great quantities of onions are exported to England. In fruit culture the same thing is happening.

At Montreuil there are 750 acres covered with peaches. The little village of Bennecour, whose rough slopes were formerly used to supply stone to Paris, have been converted into orchards for apricot and cherry trees, black currant bushes, and plantations of peas and asparagus, and this tiny village in 1881 sold no less than £ 5,600 worth of apricots alone. And so we might go on with one illustration after another of foreign enterprise and diligence that might be pursued with equal advantage in many an English county. When we see what is being done abroad it is piteous to know that our own patient and slow-witted people allow their landlords to bambozzle them with the cry of protection and trade marks, when with a better land system, more organization and vigorous public education the remedy is in their own hands.—London Chronicle.

Knight-Waterman Notes.

BY GENERAL REMARKER.

If the New York Democrats permit Whitney to lead them again the gold-bug "gobelins" will, of course, "get 'em," and they will go to Sheol, as they ought.

When the New York Journal depicts Tom Reed as a "composite picture of the House of Representatives," it twits very closely on the facts as they stand in the public mind.

"Almighty Voice," in all his war-paint, has been suddenly hushed by a bullet. It is too bad. He ought to have been hired to go around with Bynum and hoop it up for "sound money."

It is well that a rich man of Boston has constituted himself the defender of the poor in the petty courts. Since Massachusetts produces no more great men, good men are all the more needed.

The rumor that Peru may demand redress from the United States, for arresting one of her subjects as a tramp, is supposed to have frightened Grover Cleve-

land into recent silence, and set him to looking around for another substitute.

Even McKinley, with Sherman and Gage behind him, is not bad enough to suit the Reform Club editors: so one of them has called on McKinley to resign. For this great service, the son of an inkpot expects a place in Cleveland's next cabinet.

The American Jews don't mean to emigrate to Palestine. They say: "Our Zion is humanity religionized, not Judaism nationalized." With the exception of the Rothschilds and J. Pierpont Morgan, there is nothing the matter with "the children of Israel."

It is said that horses have become so nearly worthless, out near Seattle, that they won't sell for fifty cents a head. Thus, under the gold standard, horses have become almost as cheap as men. No wonder that a very intelligent horse committed suicide the other day.

That the terrible crime of playing base ball on Sunday has been stopped at Cleveland, Ohio, is highly appreciated by all the saints of that region who worship John Sherman and Mark Hanna. There is nothing like true religion, and it is nowhere so much needed as in Ohio.

One of the games of the Rothschild gold vampires is to make our Senate and House as corrupt and ridiculous as possible, in hopes that the people will get tired of free institutions and set up a plutocratic imperialism. But there will be lots of the gang killed before that scheme works.

Theodore Roosevelt, the greatest man in his own estimation, that ever lived, thinks now that the United States navy should be enlarged to correspond with the size of the assistant Secretary of his Department. This would involve the construction of at least ten thousand battle-ships.

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The First of the Season.

Mr. Clark:—I herewith enclose a cotton blossom. If you haven't had one before you can publish. It was raised by Wyatt Coleman, colored, on Cedar Creek.

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On every Tuesday and Thursday they will sell 10 day tickets at \$12.90, via the Lancaster & Chester Railway to Chester.

Notice of Examination of Applicants for Teacher's Certificates.

PURSUANT TO THE RULING OF the State Board of Education, there will be an examination of applicants for county teachers' certificates held at Lancaster Court House on Friday the 25th day of June next, commencing at 9 o'clock, a. m. The rules are very rigid in regard to renewing certificates, therefore, if your certificate has expired or you have none and you expect to teach in the free schools, you are respectfully urged to meet the board on that day for examination.

Very Respectfully, W. B. BRUCE, Co. Supt. Education.