

ALLIANCE DEPARTMENT.

J. F. NISBET Editor.

Lancaster C. H. Alliance will meet next Sat. 28th at 3 o'clock p. m. E. EVERALL, Sec.

Douglas Alliance will meet next Sat. 28th at 3 o'clock p. m. J. Y. CHAMBERS, Sec.

BUTTE'S TRIBUTE TO BRYAN.

Greeted by Tremendous Applause—Anniversary of Notification.

Amid the screeching of steam whistles and shouts of welcome from 30,000 throats, W. J. Bryan was received in Butte, Friday. House tops sagged under the weight of thousands, and every window where a view could be obtained was crowded with faces. The crowd at the depot was so dense that the police was unable to cope with it.

On reaching the hotel Mr. Bryan responded to calls from the people and made a brief address. He referred to the fact that this day was the anniversary of the day of notification and speech of acceptance at Madison Square Garden, New York.

"I had not thought," he said, "of celebrating the day at this place, but I am forcibly reminded of the material difference between the two cities. I said on going to New York that I was going to the enemy's country. It would take a liar of big dimensions to declare that I was in the enemy's country on this occasion. I am pleased to meet my friends, and especially people who were so universally on our side during the campaign."

Later in the day Mr. Bryan went to Walkersville, a suburb of Butte, where a monster demonstration took place. He spoke at the race track. The track has been under the ban of labor unions because of a difference with the carpenters. Mr. Bryan declined to speak there until the boycott was declared off for this occasion.

Prosperity in Mexico.

The pirates of the gold standard have been predicting that Mexico would fall a victim to their conspiracy in a few days. They said that the remarkable fall in silver would cripple the government and force a gold basis, without regard to consequences. The following dispatch from the City of Mexico, dated July 30, 1897, shows what cheap silver has done and is doing for Mexico:

The government has taken measures which will result in economies which will assure the punctual payment of the gold interest in October without in any way crippling the public service. There is a more hopeful feeling in the business community, as it is realized that the country has never been more prosperous than during the past few years of the declining value in silver.

It is a noteworthy fact that India prospered without a parallel, and paid eighty millions of gold interest annually to London while her mints were open and the price of silver was declining. Since her mints have been closed she has been compelled to increase her debt at the rate of fifty millions per annum, and not less than eight millions of people have died of disease and starvation by reason of the confiscation of their silver hoards and the general depression of business. Those who would plunge Mexico into the vortex of misery into which the avarice of the Rothschilds combination engulfed three hundred and fifty millions of human beings in India are something more than fiends in human shape. They are fiends incarnate without reference to humanity. But the world has reason to be thankful to Providence for a Diaz in Mexico, instead of a Rothschilds combination such as governs India. The fact that India, Mexico and Japan, all flourished while their mints were open and silver was declining is an object

lesson. India has already furnished an object lesson of a very different kind by closing her mints to silver. Japan will be rewarded with her share of misery in the near future for the crime she has committed in colluding with the Rothschilds combination to adopt the gold standard. She will not feel the full force of the error she has committed immediately, because she has reduced the price of her gold obligation fifty per cent; but the time is at hand when she must buy gold at any price, and contract her circulating medium to correspond with the other gold-standard countries of the earth.

It is passing strange that the Great Republic should allow the Rothschilds combination, which by its villainous policy is murdering by the millions in India, enslaving the Egyptians and applying the lash to their bare backs, and making war on civilization everywhere, to govern the United States. This combination is a combination of stock jobbers called bankers, with Rothschilds at the head, with branches in every commercial city in the civilized world, acting as a unit to confiscate the property of the masses of mankind. It invests largely in Presidents and Cabinets, and controls the public press, browbeats and intimidates legislative bodies, and absorbs by wicked legislation and infamous administration the substance of what the toiling masses produce. Six and a half millions of soldiers in the United States have enlisted, to fight them with the ballot, and if the ballot is still within reach of the American people victory will be achieved and the country rescued from the rule of gold monopoly. If intimidation, bribery, and corruption has destroyed the ballot, then liberty is lost, and anarchy and bloodshed will follow the infamous work of the enemies of civilization.

Free Mail Delivery.

In a practical way we know of nothing that will so improve the condition of the farmers, add so much to their comfort and pleasure in life, as better roads and the free delivery of the mail. Governor Mount, of Indiana, in a recent address to the farmers, says:

"The farmers have a right to demand that the government at least co-operate with them in securing better mail facilities for the country. The farmer of the twentieth century must be a man of the broadest mind, of the highest development. The farmer's home must be supplied with books, papers and magazines. He must keep in touch with the intellectual, social and business world. To secure the advantage of daily mail good roads will be a necessity. With good thoroughfares to insure speedy transit, then by the co-operation of the farmers and the government arrangements can be made for the deposit by the postman of the farmer's mail in a box opposite his home. Good roads and daily mail to the farmer of the coming year will be indispensable to the highest success, socially, financially and intellectually."

The difficulties in the way of free delivery of the farmer's mail are not nearly so great as the opponents of this measure seem to imagine. The formidable opposition comes from the advocates of one cent letter postage.

There is an organization in the East manipulated by a number of lobbyists who are conducting a campaign for one cent letter postage among the merchants and manufacturers of the great cities. They secure from these merchants a promise to pay them all they save the first year by the reduction of letter postage from two cents to one cent. In many establishments this would run into

the thousands of dollars. The letter postage is now about \$40,000,000, reduced one-half it would be \$20,000,000. If this syndicate can secure one-fourth of this they will have a "big pile" of money, and it is this influence that is calling for one-cent letter postage.

If we have one-cent letter postage we may defer indefinitely all hope of an extension of free mail delivery.

It ought not to be indefinitely postponed. Merchants and manufacturers and all business houses in great cities have their mail delivered to them four times a day, and have their letters as often collected. Farmers living five or ten miles from the postoffice have themselves to go to the postoffice to get their letters and many of them do this oftener than once a week.

The experiment of free delivery of mail in cities was much objected to in the beginning on the grounds that its extension to the rural customers is now objected to. It was said to be far too costly, and further said that the merchants preferred going to the postoffice. Experience has shown that the new business developed, more than paid for the expense. It is further shown that the merchants do not care to go to the postoffice.

Farmers, of course, would like to go to town oftener than once a week, but the delivery of the mails need not keep them from going to town; but they will not have to go to get their letters; they can go or stay at home as pleases them best.

What free delivery will do is this: It will bring about closer connection between farmers themselves. Men living twenty miles apart, with the postoffice midway, may then communicate daily with one another, and communicate with the merchants in the town. Delivery of goods would follow delivery of mails. Merchants in town would find that it would pay them to extend their own delivery system. The farmer would not then have to stop plowing or harvesting and take his horse from the field to go to town to buy some important machinery. The women of the household need not then wait on the farmer until he stop plowing or planting, before they can communicate with their neighbors or country merchants.

Further than this it would bring the farmer into more direct contact with the best influences of the city; books, newspapers and magazines. Free delivery would lessen the isolation of the farmer and keep him more easily in touch with the men doing most for agriculture on the farm and elsewhere. It is simply a method of securing prompt diffusion of good influence and a broader diffusion of knowledge in all the branches of human life.

Free delivery will not come all at once; it ought not so to come, but it should be extended little by little from the towns and villages until finally even the most remote sections would be in frequent communication with the post office system.

We commend to our readers the remarks of Gov. Mount, of Indiana. When the farmers themselves awaken to the full importance of this change, when they unite in the demand for it, they will not have long to wait for the free delivery of their mails.

Why did McKinley, in his currency message, recommend a plan to maintain the gold standard, promulgated by a conclave of persons every one of whom was a follower of Sherman or Cleveland? Because Sherman and Cleveland occupy seats on the front bench among the faithful workers of the gold standard, through whose influence millions were contributed to the campaign in as disinterested a manner as any pirate ever scuttled a ship.

Dwelling Burned.

About midnight of last Wednesday Lancaster was aroused by the alarm of fire. It was in the dwelling of Mr. W. A. Davis situated on Main street near the courthouse. Those who got to the scene of the fire first went manfully to work to save what they could of the furniture and household effects, but the fire made such rapid headway that they were unable to save much, the whole of the upper story soon being enveloped by the flames, which soon burned through to the down stairs and made it extremely hazardous, and soon impossible to enter the building. Nearly all his household effects, therefore, were destroyed, together with his valuable photograph outfit.

Fortunately Mr. Davis had had the foresight to have his property insured for at least a portion of its value. He had \$450 insurance on the building and \$150 on the furniture in the agency of Mr. A. J. Clark, which was adjusted yesterday, the loss being total on both building and furniture.

If it had not been a quiet night, with no wind blowing and the roofs of building wet from a shower that afternoon, there is no telling where the fire would have spread to. As it was, it was a difficult matter to save the livery stable occupied by Stevens, Heath & Elliott, and the dwelling of Mrs. Clara C. Clyburn, both of which were almost burning hot for some time, though the hook and ladder company and a number of others were busily employed throwing water on them. The courthouse was so near by that the least wind in that direction would have been exceedingly perilous.

The fire probably originated from a spark from the stove, an exploded lamp or from rats and matches, just which it is difficult to tell.

Religious Persecution Against the Mormons.

Ridgeway special to the Columbia State: Tuesday afternoon 100 men in disguise and fully armed raided the Centerville neighborhood in search of Mormon elders. They visited a dozen houses occupied by Mormons, but failed to find them. The mob forced open private apartments and intimidated the Mormons' wives who made a determined resistance. Masks were torn off four of the whitecappers and among them Lewis Sharp was recognized. A respectable citizen, not a Mormon, was covered with a rifle and was forced to lower his weapon in his own house. His wife resisted; a lamp was thrown down and his dwelling endangered.

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Notice to Overseers.

THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS direct that all overseers of roads call out their hands and work their respective sections without delay. Now is the time to work the roads. Do not wait until the busy season come, but work them now, or during this month. In some sections I am glad to say, the work is very scattering throughout the county. To these broadminded, progressive men who recognize their responsibilities, and who are determined to give to the people the best roads within their power, I extend a word of commendation. May your example be a useful guide for others.

The influences which are being brought to bear to convince you of the necessity for better public highways are so many, and so widespread, that you cannot fail to realize that the public demand is for improved means of communication. The press, in all sections of the county, is earnestly striving to convince our people that our public highways, as a whole, are a disgrace to a civilized country, and that but of their worst present in untold benefits to all our people. Public printers and writers, more or less eminent, reiterate such sentiments. Farmers, manufacturers, clergymen, lawyers, doctors, school-teachers, all realize the evils attending bad roads. Then, let us fall into the line of progress, and it will not be long until our roads will be on a plane with those of our neighboring States. Now, I am free to confess that under our present system of road-making not a good deal can be accomplished, but great improvement can be made if the overseers will give the matter their earnest attention, and giving four days' labor each year, as the law requires. I do not expect any of the overseers to be a John Landon, McAviam, who was probably the greatest authority on road-making the world has ever known, but I want you to do the very best you can with your limited means. It is the duty of the overseers to keep the undergrowth on the sides of the bridges cut down so as not to shake the bridges and your attention is especially called to this matter.

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