

ALLIANCE DEPARTMENT.

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The Cotton Growers' Convention, which met in Atlanta, did not really accomplish anything as far as we can see along the line on which we expected them to work. But we hope it will yet bring about some good. And this reminds us that the Alliance is the best organization for the farmer, and let us stick to the Alliance and do all in our power to build it up.

Notice Alliance men!

The County Alliance will meet the first Friday in January 1898, by order the President.

J. R. KNIGHT.

Knight-Watchman Notes.

By General Remarker.

Dear old Charlotte Smith is still crying for a law to make some man marry her. "Give us liberty, or give us death!"

There is a man in Missouri whose beard is seven feet long. He is a Gold Democrat, and his hair has naturally grown at the expense of his intellect.

The proposition of the New Haven common council to publish a newspaper is a wise scheme. When the members deal with the trusts, both will be glad of an organ to suppress the truth.

The New York Sun says that "the Democratic party of the future will be a distinctively radical party." Yes, thank heaven!—just about as radical as the teachings of Thomas Jefferson.

The Chicago Times-Herald says you can't "coin" paper money. But whether you can or not, the Times-Herald says a good many things it didn't use to say when it was owned by different stockholders.

Every time a subsidized editor gets short of an item he blackguards George Fred Williams, of Massachusetts. The editor's father did the same thing—only he fired his squirt-gun at Garrison, Phillips and Sumner.

When "Commodore" E. C. Benedict says that "gin mill" near his country residence "is a darned nuisance," he must have broken somehow with his Princeton friend, Grover Cleveland, LL. D.

As between Murphy and Hill for a New York Senator, the choice should be easy. Hill has claimed to be a Democrat; Murphy has been one. Murphy stood up for Bryan; Hill lay down at Wolford's Roost. Let the rooster roost.

I don't believe that "five will bolt Hanna," according to the scare heads of some newspapers. The international gold and bank trust has a large surplus for such cases.

At West Park, New Jersey, if you sell a piece of meat on Sunday, you go to the lock-up and all the saints rejoice. The village is now almost as holy as New York was under Teddy Roosevelt, and before Dr. Parkhurst took his summer vacation.

When you amount to nothing yourself, it is well to lean on your great grandfather's coat of arms. On this principle "The Order of the Twenty-nine" has been formed in New England—descendants of the only really titled families that ever settled there. We shall now hear of Lady Boston and Madam de Cape Cod.

And now, we are told, "the Standard Oil and Sugar Magnates" are forming a trust to seize the national banks and control the money market. That's exactly in the present line of the great monopolists. But by-and-by they will reach the end of their rope. If it hasn't a noose on it, for their necks, they will be lucky.

A Practical Test.

Union county, New Jersey, proposes to test the practicability of public ownership of railways. The matter has been submitted to a vote of the people and so far favors the measure.

From Elizabeth to Plainfield is a distance of 12 miles. Six towns intervene, making the region appear like one continuous city. Through these towns runs Westfield avenue, a highway 60 feet wide, which has the name of being the finest road in the United States. Not less than 75,000 persons live in close proximity to this road.

The proposition is to equip Westfield avenue with a trolley line and then lease the road to a company that will pay an annual rental equal to the interest on the cost of the road, and that will guarantee to carry passengers for the fare of 5 cents.

The movement is two-fold in intent. It is directed primarily against the Jersey Central and other steam railroads, which have given to the people an indifferent train service at exorbitant rates of fare, and incidentally, the taxpayers wish to demonstrate that over-capitalization is the greatest corporate evil in this country.

A franchise to construct a street railroad from Elizabeth to Plainfield over the proposed route would be worth \$1,000,000 to any company that should get it on the terms commonly exacted.

The State's Attorney, Mr. Bergen, favors the measure, and says: "We have 612 miles of street railroads in this state, and their aggregate capital is over \$80,000,000. No doubt they could be reconstructed to-day and equipped for efficient service at a cost of \$10,000,000. The difference between these figures is 'water' and the basis of whatever excuse the companies have to offer for poor service and high rates of fare."

Cotton Seed Waste.

From the Ladies' Home Journal.

Cotton seed waste, which a generation ago accumulated at the ginhouse, filled up the streams, rotted in the fields, and became an irritating nuisance, is now worth about \$30,000,000 a year. Every bale of cotton leaves a legacy of half a ton of seed, which, it is said, brings the planter nearly as much as his cotton. The oil is used for finer grades of soap, as a substitute for lard, and is so near olive oil that an expert can hardly tell the difference. The hulls are fed to cattle, make an excellent fuel, are valuable as paper stock, and when burned the ashes make a fertilizer which is most efficacious. It has been recently discovered that cottonseed oil, with the addition of eighteen per cent. of crude india rubber, makes an imitation which cannot be distinguished from genuine rubber.

The Cry of the Oppressed.

In a lawsuit in Louisville last Saturday the fact was developed that sewing women in Louisville

are receiving only twenty-five or thirty cents a dozen for making pants. A secular paper reports the fact in these words:

In the Police Court, Saturday, a Louisville tailor was fined \$15 for striking a poor seamstress. He had quarreled with her over a difference of thirty-two cents in her bill. The testimony developed that she claimed thirty cents a dozen for making cheap trousers, while the tailor said the regular rate was only twenty-five cents.

Two cents and a half was the maximum claimed by this woman for all the labor of making a pair of pants. Is not such limitation of a woman's labor a sin against God? Hear the word of God in Deuteronomy 24:14, "Thou shalt not oppress an hired servant that is poor and needy, whether he be of thy brethren or of thy strangers, . . . lest he cry against thee unto the Lord, and it be sin unto thee." And hear again the language of the Holy Spirit in the fifth chapter of the Epistle of James. "Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted. . . . Behold the hire of the laborers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth; and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth."

The pertinent question is, whether the crowding down of the wages of the poor and helpless to such a standard as that of this incident, does not fall under this condemnation.

When we were poor, God's only Son considered our poverty, and helped us. As He has done by us, He expects us to do by His poor, who are around us. And to those who refuse, he says: "Your gold and your silver is cankered."

For The Enterprise.

Dots From Tabernacle.

Having nothing specially to do at this time your correspondent will relieve the tedium of an unemployed hour by offering a few items from this section.

It was the pleasure of the writer to attend the annual Alliance festival given at the Academy on Saturday the 18th inst. This annual celebration is of a very pleasant nature, and always highly enjoyable to those who attend. In addition to the male members of the order quite a number of lady members were present and having brought heavily laden baskets in connection with an abundant supply of fish, oysters and other luxuries that had been specially ordered for the occasion, made a feast that was truly bountiful and delightful to behold. We heartily endorse such social gatherings and participations as it is an evidence of that good-will, sociability and congeniality of feeling that should predominate in every community. The Alliance at this place we understand, is in fine working order, and has many devoted members to the order. It was here the first Alliance in the country was organized, and its enthusiastic members are proud of their organization and the record it has made, and they hope it may live long to accomplish the desired aims and purposes. Indeed, we think the agricultural people should organize themselves, and with unity of purpose and concert of action endeavor to free themselves from

the bondage now heaped upon them. It is truly hoped the present plan under agitation and discussion may succeed, and bring about the much needed ease and relief to a truly oppressed people. It is the duty of every farmer to become a member of the Association, and use all possible means and influence to make the undertaking a successful one.

We are glad to report the return of the Rev. L. L. Bedenbaugh to the ministerial field on this circuit. His labors for the past three years have been greatly blessed and has achieved remarkable success. Being universally loved, respected and appreciated by his entire people and also by other denominations, his return meets the approval of every one. We extend to him, his amiable wife and interesting children a welcomed return and hope his achievements in his high calling may continue to increase, and his labors be further productive of much lasting good.

Miss Hattie Plyler, second daughter of Mr. George W. Plyler, and a student of the Academy, has been ill for some time with a contracted spell of typhoid fever. We are glad to report her convalescent, and hope she may soon be restored to her usual good health, and soon be able to resume her place in the school room where she has been greatly missed by her classmates and teacher. This is the 6th case of fever Mr. Plyler has had in his family within the past six months, but to the credit of his family physician, Dr. W. H. Sapp, none have proved fatal. It is hoped the remaining members of his household may escape the dreaded malady.

The ladies of the church will give a lunch party on Wednesday night the 29th inst. As the proceeds are to be used for church purposes we bespeak for the occasion a liberal patronage by all who may find it convenient to attend. So, young men, of the community be on hand with a full purse, and see that your girl's basket brings what you deem its true worth.

Mr. L. H. Elliott, a former resident among us, but now of Mississippi, has been spending a few days with relatives and friends in this community. He will return to his adopted state on Wednesday next accompanied by his kinsman, Mr. Cheatham Carnes, who will remain for an indefinite period of time. We part reluctantly with our young friend, and hope he may do well in his new home.

The Tabernacle Academy will close its exercise on Friday 24 inst, and resume work on the first Monday in January giving the pupils one week for Christmas enjoyment and recreation. May they enjoy their holidays hugely and resume their school duties promptly with doubled energy and renewed determination to do their full duty throughout the entire term.

Your correspondent will close this hastily written communication by relating a novel scene he witnessed a few mornings since. On passing the large gin house of Messrs. Plyler & Stewart on the morning of the 14th inst, he espied sitting on the top of the commodious building one whom he recognized to be "uncle Jim"

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When writing the Doctor, please mention this paper.

Shute fondly enjoying one of merchants Plyler's fine cigars. Realizing this to be a most unusual occurrence, as our good friend never indulges in the social whiff, and his elevated attitude being equally unusual, we inquired into the cause of his peculiar posture, and very soon understood the situation when apparent that he was simply *fabulous* over the arrival of a fine boy at his home the previous night. SUBSCRIBER.

How to Farm.

Mr. W. J. Cunningham made 70 bales of cotton weighing 400 each on 80 acres. Taking his entire crop, he made 110 bales on 125 acres, besides making 1,100 bushels of oats and 800 of corn, with peas, potatoes and meat a plenty to supply his family a year.

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—Our readers will regret to hear that Rev. W. C. Patterson of Van Wyck is suffering from a recent fall while walking about his room in his feeble condition.



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Notice to the Public!

My office will not be open on Saturday, 25th inst., this being a holiday, but on Monday, 27th inst., for the transaction of business.

L. J. PERRY,
County Supervisor.