

INDIANA STATE ALLIANCE.

Business Address to the Order by the Executive Officers.

To the Alliance Brotherhood in the State of Indiana.—Greeting.

The executive officers of the State Alliance having a deep sense of the responsibility of the positions entrusted to them by the last state council, unite in this personal and official address to the membership, and we request that each one receiving a copy will call the attention of other friends to this letter. We have been able to secure the addresses of only a portion of the former secretaries, and hence, especially urge that you call a meeting of all your former Alliance members and lay before them this communication for their action and reply.

A definite and clearly understood plan for action is necessary for a reorganization, and if we would find a suitable plan, it is necessary that we understand the causes for the present state of disorganization.

The chief cause (and it may almost be said, the only cause) for the present unsatisfactory condition of our order in this state, is a failure to avail ourselves of the beneficial features of the order that are within our reach. These may be briefly summarized as follows:

1. The purchasing agency, by which many times the cost of membership may be saved to every active member. This is now in operation and members can obtain full particulars by addressing the state secretary.

2. The "Aid Degree" or life insurance and beneficiary department, through which a safe and sound life insurance is placed within the reach of a large majority of members that are now unable to obtain insurance on account of its excessive cost,

and also to reduce the cost to those now carrying insurance policies.

3. A mutual Fire and Stock Insurance under the direction and control of the State Alliance. This feature is now in operation in some states and is giving entire satisfaction, making a saving of fully three-fourths of the amount that is usually paid for fire and stock insurance. This feature will be introduced in Indiana as soon as the order is re-instituted with a fair portion of its former strength.

Regarding the Aid Degree, a short explanation is desirable for the information of those who are in good standing and also for those who have allowed their membership to lapse. The National Alliance aid has been operating under the control of the National Alliance for nearly two years (since March, 1892) and the membership of the degree has increased in this time from 784 to more than 3,500, and they have paid death and accident benefits during 1893 amounting to \$13,250. The entire expense of collecting and distributing this sum and the expense of pushing the work into new fields has been, all told, but about \$1.10 per member, while the old line eastern companies cost their members in the one item of "operating expenses" alone about \$10.00 per \$1,000 of insurance or \$20.00 per member on the average.

Following is a statement showing the comparative cost of life insurance in the three Old Line companies, and the Aid Degree.

The report are for 1892 as the returns for 1893 are not yet compiled.

Cost of carrying \$1,000	Age of Members.
New York Mutual	25 yrs. 35 yrs. 45 yrs.
Equitable of N. Y.	\$20.50 \$27.10 \$39.10
Northwestern Mutual	20.50 27.10 39.10
Nat. Alliance Aid	10.00 20.00 30.00
(In '92-'93)	5.50 6.75 8.75

FIRST—How many male members were formerly on your sub-Alliance books.....

SECOND—DO YOU desire the Alliance to be reorganized.....

THIRD—Will you join and otherwise assist to secure such reorganization.....

FOURTH—How many more can you bring with you.....

FIFTH—Which of the following methods do you consider best adapted to secure permanency to our Order. (1.) The Purchasing Agency..... (2.) The Aid Degree..... (3.) The Mutual Fire and Stock Insurance.....

SIXTH—Will you patronize one or more of the above co-operative plans.....

SEVENTH—Which one will you patronize.....

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SOUTHEAST MARION.

BY SCHOOL BOY.

We wonder where Peter is now?

The weather looks more like winter.

Miss Eliza Clark, of Fowler, was visiting in these parts last week.

Mr. Goble will move next week to the house occupied by Bud Hammond.

Most of our sick folks are better at this writing and no new cases reported.

A sled load of young people went to the home of John Havens, last Friday night, and enjoyed the evening.

Frank Hoover froze his face last Wednesday evening going home from school. Frank is the boy to teach our school.

Wanted—Eight or ten men to represent our well known house in this state. Our large and complete stock and various lines, such as nursery stock, plants, bulbs, fancy seed potatoes, fertilizers, etc., enable us to pay handsome salaries to even ordinary salesmen. Wages run from \$75 to \$125 per month and expenses—according to material in the man. Apply quick, stating age. L. L. MAY & CO., St. Paul, Minn. (This house is responsible.)

PARR.

BY PARSON.

E. J. Stutzman has quit grinding feed.

Mr. Blankenbaker visited in DeMotte Tuesday.

A. H. Alter has had a six week's seige with a sore hand.

Jasper Kenton has sold his land lying just east of this place.

John Porter has gone to Decatur, Ill., on a business and pleasure trip.

Social held at S. B. Moffit's last Saturday evening. Good time reported.

The supply of milk seems to be as great as the demand and consequently the prices are low.

George May and Douglas, of Remington, visited with Robt. Platt the past week.

Everett Warne has purchased lots here and will erect a residence on the same in the near future.

Wright & Wallace Dredging Co. is erecting a coal chute and will hereafter ship their coal to this place.

John McClanahan still makes his regular visits above Parr. He is at present in the employ of S. P. Thompson.

J. H. McClanahan has begun the experiment of shipping milk to Chicago. It will pay notwithstanding low prices.

Parr is to have a saw mill. An immense number of logs is being hauled on the site and work will be commenced on the tramways soon.

Moses and Millie Gilmore have returned to their home in Illinois, after a protracted visit with friends and relatives in this vicinity.

J. F. Alter has sold his farm here to Chas. Pullins, of Barkley township, and will move to Clinton county. Jasper county loses a good citizen and Clinton county gains one. He has advertised a sale Feb. 20th.

The question of railroad ownership was discussed at Sand Ridge school house last Monday evening resulted in a victory for the affirmative. The same question will again be discussed at Rose Bud next Monday night by the same speakers. A lively time anticipated.

One thing about the Chicago Express that newspaper readers enjoy, it deals out its opinions with absolute fearlessness, and whether at first you agree with it or not, the directness with which questions are handled in its columns gives courage to the struggling populist, where nothing else will. Come in and order it, we have a club rate that will save you money.

REMINGTON.

BY TOPSY.

Saxon Sisters at Durand Hall, Feb. 5th.

The children of Mrs. Morris are down with what is thought to be scarlet fever.

With this most satisfactory showing in the way of practical results your officers are desirous of placing these benefits, in all the departments referred to above, within the reach of all the farmers in the state, and to secure this, we ask the personal co-operation of every man and woman in the state who reads this address. We desire to inaugurate a system of county meetings where all may come and meet a special lecturer who will explain more fully the manner of securing to the fullest extent the advantages offered.

YOU are requested to cut out the blank attached below, answer the questions asked so far as you can do so, and mail it the next time you visit the post office, to C. Vincent, 37½ West Market street, Indianapolis, Ind. Mr. Vincent is the state organizer, and when the answers are all in he will take the necessary steps to organize or reorganize all the localities calling for it, and as rapidly as it can be done. In carrying out this plan the membership are expected to see the expenses of the lecturer or organizer are provided, and a some remuneration for his time.

The questions are not intended alone for those who are or who have been officers of the Alliance, but answers are asked from all persons that have the welfare of the farmers at heart, and are willing to assist in restoring the former prosperity of the order.

Under the present constitution, we may organize in towns of less than 5,000 population, and we trust that our membership will remember this and avail themselves of the opportunity wherever it can be done. The financial gains are not the only benefits to be obtained. In meeting together we shall have a constant opportunity to improve our intellectual and social condition.

Difference Between "Cheek" and "Nerve."

Donahoe's Magazine for February.

Many people use the words "cheek" and "nerve," of every-day vernacular, as if they were synonymous and interchangeable. A bright friend called our attention to this other day by making a very nice distinction between them. It's idiotic, said he, to use the words "cheek" and "nerve" as if they meant the same. Cheek is no more nerve than beauty is brain. A man may have both, but it's not usual. Cheek is active. Nerve is passive. Cheek needs a mouth. Nerve very seldom uses one, and then only to shut it. Cheek talks and acts. Nerve thinks, waits, and achieves. Cheek is sometimes admirable in its ends, but is usually offensive in its means. Nerve is never offensive. Don't ever think a man necessarily lacks nerve just because he doesn't ask for what he wants. His forbearance may be the best proof of his nerve. A cheeky man compares with a nervy one as a sprinter of a hundred yards' dash compares with a twenty-mile go-as-you-please runner. Cheek is sometimes a blessing and sometimes a curse. Nerve is always a blessing. In these days when "faking" is a fine art, cheek has a better chance to win financial success than nerve has, I think. But though nerve dies poor, it probably dies happy.

Not Dead Yet.

ED. PILOT.—Please publish in response to a call by the chairman of Indiana State Central Committee: A goodly number of the members of the People's party of Iroquois township met in Brook, Jan. 27, 1894, at 2 p. m., and discussed at some length the present financial situation of the country and cause thereof. In all the argument produced the cause has rightly traced to class legislation and the present attitude of the national bankers toward the producers of wealth. After the discussion they forthwith proceeded to the business of the day. J. V. Hess was chosen temporary chairman and John Corbin, secretary. J. V. Hess called the house to order and the election of a township committee was put before the house. John Corbin was elected chairman of Iroquois township. He was instructed to meet at Brook with the chairman of county central committee, and all other township committees, to perfect a thorough organization of the People's party in Newton county. They will meet at Brook, Feb. 3rd, at 10 a. m.

We've got hayseed in our hair.

And vengeance in our eyes.

We're in the middle of the road;

In our camp there are no spies.

JOHN W. CORBIN.

SPECIMEN CASES.

S. H. Clifford, New Cassel, Wis., was troubled with Neuralgia and Rheumatism, his Stomach was disordered, his Liver was affected to an alarming degree, appetite fell away, and he was terribly reduced in flesh and strength. Three bottles of Electric Bitters cured him.

Edward Shepherd, Harrisburg, Ill., had a running sore on his leg of eight years standing. used three bottles of Electric Bitters and seven boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and his leg is sound and well. John Speaker, Catawba, O., had five large Fever sores on his leg. Doctors said he was incurable. One bottle Electric Bitters and one box Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured him entirely. Sold at F. B. Meyer's Drug Store.

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A flower will have something sweet to say to you no matter where you put it.

Starting to heaven on a grave-stone is a risky business.

When some people say they are willing to do anything for the Lord they can, they mean anything that is popular.

A genius is never taken to be one by his looks.

One reason why there are not more good boys, is because good fathers are so scarce.

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