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A cough should neither be trifled with nor
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Senator Coke is coming into more than usual prominence as one of the sound men of the Senate. In committee, too, he wields an influence second to none.

Two out of the three farmers comprising the committee that waited on Sanger Bros., demanding that they cut all acquaintance with the Farmers' Alliance, were themselves, then and there wearing the Stetson hat.—(Texas Live Stock Journal.)

Why did they ask other men to do what they would not do themselves? "Consistency thou art a jewel."

The Anti-Chinese convention which assembled at Sacramento, Cal., recently demanded that the United States take immediate steps to prohibit absolutely Chinese invasion and appeals to the people all over the country to supplant the Chinese with white labor in all industries where the former are employed.

The resolutions declared the convention not in favor of any unlawful measures in getting rid of the Chinese.

Why don't the Farmers' Alliance form a co-operative company to manufacture their own farming implements for the State? They are forming such companies to go into other kinds of business, and it seems to us they might do this. They could then get their plows, etc. as cheap as they saw fit to price them, and it would be no one's business what they pay, or what they get for them.

This would put a stop to so much boycotting talk among some of the members. Let those who have money talk the subject up and see if they can make such an arrangement. We are sure if such an establishment could be started it would be a great benefit to the State, it would keep our money at home, that is if the implements manufactured are equal to those made in other states. If manufacturers are charging too much and the Alliance can afford to manufacture them cheaper, it is their privilege to do so, and thus they may greatly benefit themselves without injury to any one, for it is said that "competition is the life of trade."

A few minutes before 8 o'clock p. m. the 15th inst., Judge C. C. Binkley died at his residence on North Crockett street, Sherman, after a protracted illness of several months. He has been a prominent citizen of Sherman since 1853, when he came, a young man, with his father's family from Robertson county, Tennessee. He practiced law until 1870, when he was appointed district judge by Gov. E. J. Davis, and on election by his successor he retired from the bar and devoted himself to the management of the Merchants and Planters' bank, of which he was president from the founding until this time. He had a large circle of business friends throughout North Texas who esteem him for his generous dealings and who will do honor to his memory as one of the most upright citizens Texas ever possessed.

Judge Binkley has been ill for some time and his friends at Jackson have anxiously hoped for his recovery, and are sad to learn of his death. They in common with the rest of the State mourn the loss of one of their best, wisest and purest men.

Increasing Parcel Postage. Hon. James F. Wilson of Iowa has introduced in the Senate a bill doubling the rate of postage on fourth-class matter. The present rate is sixteen cents a pound, and the increase will make it about the same as letter postage. The object of the move, apparently, is to discourage, in the interest of express companies, the sending of small parcels through the mails. If the

bill introduced by Mr. Wilson becomes a law, it would impose a very heavy tax upon a large number of people who are now accustomed to order goods by mail, and it will work a special hardship to people who live in small villages where express offices are not maintained. We have not seen the arguments that are depended on to justify the measure, but on its face it appears to be one against the public interests, and designed solely to benefit wealthy corporations.

The present rate charged on fourth class matter in the United States is much higher than that of other countries. In England the rate on a parcel not exceeding one pound is six cents, while a parcel weighing between five and seven pounds can be sent for twenty-five cents. In Canada the rate on seeds, plants and samples sent by mail is four cents, and, queerly enough, the United States, which now charge sixteen cents for such service, carry these Canadian parcels without extra charge from points in eastern Canada to the northwestern British provinces. That is to say, such a package could be sent from Montreal, partly through the United States, to Winnipeg for four cents, while it would cost sixteen cents to send the same package from New York to Winnipeg.

The large dry goods houses, seedsmen and newspaper advertising agents in New York and other cities will vigorously oppose the new bill. It would work a great interference with their business and tend to curtail a trade that has already grown to large proportions. Now here is something in the way of legislation that every farmer can take part in. There is scarcely any one in the land but uses the mails to a greater or less extent in purchasing garden seeds, dry goods and many other articles. If our merchant has not just the thing we want, we can order just the article wanted through the mail, and in a few days we have what we wish, and often at less price than we can buy at home, but if Mr. Wilson's bill becomes a law it will put such a heavy tariff on articles by mail that it will amount to a prohibition of most of this trade. Let every community in Texas send numerous signed petitions to their Congressmen to oppose an increase of postage on fourth-class matter.

The Alliance and Politics. The Texas Farm and Ranch in a lengthy article on the Farmers' Alliance, speaks very commendable of the order. It says, "The objects and aims of this order, as expressed in its constitution and declaration of principles, are commendable. They are founded on truth and justice, and just so long as they are exclusively adhered to, just so long will the Alliance flourish, and go on doing a good work, building up a bulwark for the protection of the agricultural interests of the country against any extortions, and injustices, and destroying influences of monopolies and speculators." This is the same position in regard to politics in the Alliance that the CITIZEN has always advocated, and when we read the opinion of leading agricultural papers and many of the leading farmers, we cannot see where those of the Alliance, who insist on politics being brought in the order base their argument for such actions. The Farm and Ranch further says of the Alliance, "But its arch enemy is politics. Let it seek to make itself a political machine, or in any way to mingle politics in its concerns and affairs, even in the smallest degree, and then it has sown the seeds of its own dissolution; it will plant dragon's teeth that will spring up armed cap-a-pie in its own midst for its own destruction. Designing men will seek and obtain admission into the organization for this sole purpose—for self-aggrandisement—to advance their own or the political ambitions of their friends. Let the organization beware of the Greeks bearing gifts. Already we see the effort being made in different parts of the State to use the Alliance as a body, for this candidate, and we hear the boast: 'This man, or that man' will carry the Farmers' Alliance solid. 'It is well that every citizen should inquire closely into the character and fitness of every aspirant for office, no matter what the position may be, and to studiously investigate the policies and issues going to make up campaigns for office, and especially is it the duty of the farmer to do this, for the interests of his calling are paramount to all other interests—but need the Farmers' Alliance do this as a body? Need it take official action as to any candidate or as to any policy or issue to that degree or intent that is tantamount to its making of itself a nominating convention—making of itself a political party? It was this that sapped the life blood of the orange; it is politics that has destroyed every order and organization of whatsoever character, formed upon the same basis as the Farmers' Alliance, the Knights of Labor and kindred labor unions.

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Decatur, Tex., Aug. 6th 1885.

To whom this concern:
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Boycott Ordered.
To all Subordinate Alliances in Montague county, Texas, Greeting: By virtue of authority in me vested by a resolution passed in the January meeting of the Montague County Alliance, No. 186, at Red Bad on the 15th day of January A. D. 1886, requesting the President of Grand State Alliance of Texas to order all Sub-Alliances to enter into the Boycott against certain firms now under the Boycott by the Knights of Labor, and by special permission to me granted as President of Montague County Alliance No. 186, by his Honor Andrew Dunlap, President of the Grand State Farmers' Alliance of Texas, I do hereby order all Sub-Alliances in Montague county, Texas, to enter into the Boycott now legally authorized by the General Assembly or any Dist. Assembly of the order of Knights of Labor and push them to the bitter end, and thus, let man, manufacturer and wholesaler men know that we are a power in the land, and thus break up the organized power against us as a labor organization. In witness whereof I hereby sign my name officially under the seal of Montague County Farmers' Alliance No. 186.

By order of W. R. Lamb
Pres. M. C. F. A.
A. L. Bray, Sect.

Condensed Correspondence.
The Farmers' Alliance is on a boom in this county, we were organized with 11 members in Dec. 1885. We now have about 50. I have been traveling with Bro. D. F. Burgess an organizing officer assisting him to work up an interest, we have organized eight more Alliances in this county, making twelve and we also have a County Alliance organized in our county. We are at work, we have between 220 and 250 members in the county and still they flock in. A. R. Cox, Robertson county.

Limestone County Alliance respectfully requests State Lect. S. O. Daws to meet with them at their next meeting at Thornton on April 1st. Please give notice and the brethren are requested to notify him.
H. C. JOHNER.

The Grayson County Alliance will meet at Choctaw Alliance, 3 1/2 miles south of Sherman on the 7th of April, 1886, at 2 p. m.

This change is made because it is clear that the business of that body already known to be coming before it could not be handled in the time first set. We further extend a cordial invitation to all brethren in other counties to meet with us, and we respectfully request our co-operative brethren the K. of L. to be represented by committees from their respective lodges in this District. G. W. MORTON, Pres. W. H. H. SHUCK, Sect.

The Sub-Alliances in Red River county met last Saturday 27th, at McBroom, and organized a County Alliance, with the following named officers: J. W. Baker, Pres.; J. H. Sharp, Vice-Pres.; Nat. Draughn, Sect.; Geo. B. Ferguson, Chap.; E. Paine, D. K.; J. D. Shofner, Asst. D. K. The delegation was from thirteen Alliances. Bros. Park, Grove and Cowan have been working in this county only a few weeks. The county is going to organize rapidly. We mean business, and intend to work up the Alliance here for all it is worth. I understand as many as two or three Sub-Alliances have been organized in the county that was not represented in the County Alliance owing to the short time of their notice to that effect.

The next meeting will come off Saturday march 20th, at Maple Springs, when we hope to be able to muster at least 50 Alliances in Red River county. I received sample copy of RURAL CITIZEN, am well pleased with it. NAT. DRAUGHN, Clarksville.

The order of the Farmers' Alliance is quite young in this county. I believe the first subordinate Alliance was organized not longer than four months ago. We now have eight subordinate Alliances and a County Alliance, all of which are in fair working order. Our County President is a thorough going energetic, go-ahead man, who has the good of the Order at heart and will do much in uniting the farming community and in building up the order generally.

I will not here attempt to lay down any particular platform of principles, or to say to the Alliance what is best to write, or what is best not to write. But will say that many members of the Order in this county do deplore the action of some individual members, in making politics a feature and bringing it into public notice in the Alliance journal. Many of us here think that if it becomes necessary for the Alliance to interfere in politics, that it should be done quietly within the walls of the Alliance. What the people want is rest from political strife. What the farmers want, is a fair and just compensation for their labor, and becomes necessary to go into the legislative halls to get it, it will not be at all necessary or expedient to go into the journals to advocate it. Always remembering, that in "unity there is strength." While the Alliance, in the strictest sense of the word is not a secret society, yet there are many things that are and should ever be kept as secrets and without a sacred observance of its principles of secrecy, the Order will weaken. Brethren beware, or we will founder on our own bark on the great reef—politics. FLOW BAY.

The Alliance is almost in its infancy in this part of the country, the first Alliance being organized about the 1st of last Dec. So you see that we have yet much to learn as to the ways and means for the furtherance of the principles of our order. Though our membership is generally very zealous and seem determined to exercise all vigilance to make the Alliance a success. But right here let me remark that we have to combat with a strong opposition and we have simply got to put brains and numbers against capital, or we are going to be switched off by those who are our pretended friends and it is reported that the Alliance Standard is managed by a law firm in Waco, and when our County Alliance adopted the Standard, we did so with the positive understanding publicly expressed that it was owned and controlled by persons who were members of the Order, if this is not true then we have been misled, and our members should know it. We admit that it is necessary that we should by all means have a well sustained paper, but we are opposed to one that is controlled by persons who are not eligible to membership in the Alliance as such a thing would it seems to me be contrary to the fundamental principles of our Order, and there are many other things that we have got to watch

or we will be ensnared and the whole thing be a dismal failure. Economy should be rigidly practiced among our members, and by all means avoid division, but let all work together as a unit and we think as far as possible keep out of debt and the time will come when we can command what we please and be independent of all the monopolists in the land. Best wishes for the ultimate success of the Citizens and the Farmers' Alliance.
H. C. JOHNER.

Groesbeck.

I will give a few dots of my work during the past two weeks. I left home Feb. 18th, organized an Alliance at Springfield, in Limestone county, Friday night, reviewed Sub-Alliance at Cross Roads in Robertson county, Saturday the 20th, I organized the Robertson County Alliance, the same night organized Cole Branch, 22nd organized New Hope in Robertson county, 23rd to Muskett, organized with seven members, 24th to Acorn, organized with 12 members, 25th to Elm Grove, organized with 13 members, 26th to Bethel, organized with 3, 27th to Shiloh, organized with 3, 28th to Owensville, organized with 13, 3rd organized at Head's Prairie with 8 members, and back home, making in all on my trip of sixteen days ten Sub-Alliances and one County Alliance. Would have done better, but for the bad weather, rain and high water. The Alliance is still on a boom, and is the popular organization in this county, the most prominent men of our country are members, and still it grows and well it may, for it is the only thing that has ever been offered to the farmer that suited his wants. Farming is brought to a stand still on account of too much rain. Stock of all kinds looking very well. Some farmers have planted corn and have a fine prospect to plant again, oats good stand and looking well. No news. The measles is raging in Mexia. D. F. BURGESS, Mexia.

A Farmer's Rambles.
BY A. F. ALLEN, CHAPTER I.

Kind readers, you who choose to bear me company in these rambles may wish to know before setting out where we shall turn our steps, it is your right to know, otherwise you might be led off into paths you would feel no interest in following, into scenes you cared not to visit. Although I would feel cheered in my task by your company I will not deceive you by saying the paths will only be bordered by flowers and the walks shaded by stately trees; at times our ramble may thus be through scenes of beauty where we feel like rejoicing with the gladness around us. Even as the bubbling spring may leap down its tiny cascades in the bright sunshine where the violets lean over from their mossy banks to see their blue eyes reflected on its crystal surface, and where it dances beneath verdant arches of swaying vines, where the birds join their notes with its musical murmur; but it may also lead down and down into the depths of dark pools where the great forest shrouds it in misty darkness, where its music is changed into notes of sadness, no ray of sunshine reaches those depths, no bird comes there to sing, the darkness whispers not of gladness but of sadness and mystery. Soon, however, the little streamlet leaps out once more into the warm light, the flowers come and nestle by its side, the dark forest is passed, but alas, for the little stream, there are others as dark and gloomy ahead, the little brook may see them but it cannot escape, nature has fashioned its channel and it has to follow through sunshine and shadow. Even thus gentle reader, will our rambles be through light and darkness, through scenes of happiness and misery, through the harvest fields where the golden grain bends before the gentle breeze and through human squall where the heart turns sick at the want, starvation and crime. God fashioned the course of the little streamlet from its fountain even to the great river, and within that channel it has to pass on to the great river and thence to the wide sea. But in human life God has not thus homed in his creatures to one unalterable course, that some pass along ever by the waving flowers, and others never pass beyond the dark shadows. God did not so intend it when he made this world and its beautiful things for all his creatures; that a few should bask only in the sunshine of life, while many lived and died in want, poverty and ignorance. Men have gradually perverted the gifts of life from their natural course till mankind stands arrayed in two great classes, those who work and those who do not; and from this continual striving to escape the primal curse we see evils flocking in its train which robs life of its great aim, namely, human happiness. This, dear reader, is the ramble I ask you to share with me, to search through the walks of life, to commend the good and condemn the evil, to open our hearts towards the suffering, to seek to equalize the burdens of life, and to awaken a spirit of enquiry into the evils on some and so lightly on others. We may have to enter the palace of luxury and condemn boldly, the vice, the waste and selfishness we find there. We may also

In Memoriam.
W. H. MALONE.

Whereas, by death, we have been bereft of one of our members, and Whereas, we bewail the loss of the late W. H. Malone, therefore Resolved, that we attest our appreciation of Brother Malone's services to Union Alliance No. 595 and manifest our sorrow at his departure by wearing the usual emblem of mourning.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be tendered his family, thus offering our sympathy in their affliction.

Resolved, that these resolutions be published in the Brown County Banner and the RURAL CITIZEN.

A. C. Ashley,
D. H. Rambo, Com.
J. J. Carter,
A. J. Penrod.

J. A. GONCE.
Died, on the morning of the 25th of February, 1886, J. A. Gonce, a member of Sulphur Springs Alliance No. 60, of bilious pneumonia.

His remains were interred in the Grantham Cemetery with appropriate ceremonies by the Alliance.

Whereas, it pleased the Allwise Creator to call from the Alliance here below to his eternal home above, our beloved brother, J. A. Gonce; and Whereas, we deeply mourn the loss of so worthy a brother yet we bow in humble submission to the divine will of him who doeth all things well, therefore

Resolved, that in the death of Brother Gonce the Alliance has lost a true and faithful patron, the order an earnest advocate of its principles, the church a consistent member his family a devoted husband and father and the community a benevolent and good citizen.

Resolved, that this attestation of our respect be placed upon the minutes of our Alliance, a copy sent to the bereaved family and a copy be furnished the RURAL CITIZEN and Mineral Wells Herald, with request to publish; and that we wear the badge of mourning for thirty days.

W. D. Casey,
D. C. Dyer, Com.
R. Galanoore.

Boycotting in the Alliance.

In the CITIZEN of Feb. 25 the Montague County Alliance censures Secretary Wilcox for refusing to have anything to do with boycotting the Mallory Line. I think our secretary was right. Let the Farmers' Alliance attend to their own business and accomplish something for themselves before taking up the quarrels of others. If we are to be led here and there at the beck of other organizations we will soon become involved in more than we are able to perform. We have our hands full at present in attending to business that immediately concerns us. When we have nothing else on hand it will be time enough to help Tom, Dick and Harry, and not before. The Alliance is able to paddle its own canoe, and Secretary Wilcox understands the relationship between the various orders well enough to know how to steer the

craft clear of the entanglements which even some of our own order would have us run into. Now a notice favoring more of command than a request is to be sent to our President for him to order the various Alliances to join this boycott. If I am not mistaken the rest of us have something to say about this before any such action can be taken. The Knights of Labor may have just cause for their action, but that is their affair, not ours.

I see also in the CITIZEN of the same date a query from Jonadab asking why women in the Alliance have no representation. 1st. Because women thus far have had but little opportunity of understanding the methods of business transactions as men do, and therefore would be unable to conduct the business to the best interests of the Alliance. 2nd. Officers of the Alliance are expected to be at their posts whenever the Alliance meets, and men being free from household duties can go and come when they choose; but not one woman in a hundred can thus leave home when she chooses, and in all kinds of weather. Women are not purely ornamental, as Jonadab seems to think, their presence insures orderly behavior, refines the tone of debate, encourages the men to look their best, act their best and talk their best. They exert a wholesome and purifying influence in the order, and it gives them a schooling in financial affairs which will help them to advise their husbands in their transactions and it also serves as a pleasant break in the monotony of secluded home life, and fits them to instill the noble principles of the Alliance into their children. A. E. ALLEN.

Notice to Alliances.
I made arrangements with the Fort Worth Stamping Co. to furnish Alliances wanting Seals, for one Seal \$3, for twelve or more Seals one time \$2.25 each, and it will cost about 25cts to send each Seal to the nearest express office of Sect. of Subordinate Alliance. The Sect. of each County Alliance can find how many Seals are wanted in the County, and order the whole number at one time.

C. M. WILCOX, Sec. S. A.
Address, A. J. Bradley, or Fort Worth Stamp Works, Ft. Worth, Texas.

Grand Master Workman Powderly of the Knights of Labor makes a Clear-Headed Talk.

Judge Brewer and Judge Treat Give their Opinion.

PHILADELPHIA, March 5.—G. I. Master Workman Powderly, head of the Knights of Labor organization, is in the city attending the meeting of the general executive board. He said to-night to a representative of the Associated Press that he had received no summons to St. Louis to settle the difficulties between the strikers and the Gould system. He said with no significance in the fact that there were several strikes in progress in the United States by assemblies of the Knights of Labor. "It is a coincidence merely," said he, "and there is no concerted action contemplated by the order as has been suggested, the strikes being incidental and I think chiefly owing to the fact that this is just the beginning of spring trade and the opening of the period of prosperity and business." Mr. Powderly upon being asked whether he did not think that the increased number of strikes just now was owing to the knowledge of increased power by the organization of labor, said: "I doubt it, and I think I can speak for the general executive board. I do not think that it is wise to inaugurate so many unless it can be shown that there is extreme necessity for them. If many of the men who are striking would display a little more common sense and use a little more patience they would get all they are striking for, and some time they would exercise proper moderation in negotiations with their employers and submit their claims, firmly made and properly presented, to arbitration. I am free to say that I am sure nine out of ten cases which end in a strike could be as satisfactorily arranged without resorting to such an extreme and generally doubtful expedient. Indeed, in nine cases out of ten there would be no necessity for strike. The feeling now is that labor must be recognized by the employer and that the employer must listen to his employees. The time has come when the shopman, mill-owner and manufacturer, in every department of trade, is ready to listen to the demands of his men, and yield to them when those demands are reasonable."

"Arbitration, then and not strikes is the theory of the order," then said the reporter.

"Yes; arbitration always when possible, strike only as a last resort, but when that point is reached strike hard, strike in earnest. Never surrender, except to just concessions. Why, this board (pointing to the members who were listening) has since the 1st of January settled by arbitration 350 cases which would otherwise have resulted in strikes. The Knights of Labor and other labor organizations in sympathy with its plans constitute, at the present time, the most powerful organization of workmen ever known in the history of the world. Its strength is increasing every day and its influence is felt every day in every branch of trade in this country. It is dangerous to abuse this power. It can always insist on just demands, carefully considered and thoroughly digested. It can

enter the abode of wretchedness and while sympathizing with their distress and doing our utmost to improve their lot, also reprove the evil. We may often have to use plain words, but we do it that good may come, not that we would seek to rouse the spirit of Ismael for there is bitterness enough now. The evils which grind down the unfortunate as under a wheel of iron have come by men, and by men they may be remedied. God has placed the means in our hands, shall we draw back because there are thorns in the path that leads to reformation. If your feet are thus tender do not start out on this rambles along the way as well as flowers. Neither should we go with fear in our hearts lest ridicule should point its slimy finger at us or bar the path with its foul body, rather let us raise our banner that all may see, and thereon stamp in indelible characters, "justice to all," and go forward depending on a higher power than ours.

"Is there not danger," said the reporter, "that your organization may become engaged in political movements, and thus lose its power?" "I have no fear of that. The matter involved in the existence and work of the Knights of Labor is nearer to its members than matters pertaining to partisan politics. We have here, as you see on this committee, members of all parties, a Greenbacker, and (with a smile) other cranks like myself. We are not politicians. Those who, as some have, entered the ranks to serve political ends, we turn out. We have had no part in politics. It is bread and butter, the rights of employes, things of every-day life that constitute the elements which do now and always will hold us together, and these are stronger than partisan political ties. That is why I do not fear the intrusion of politics."

In conclusion Mr. Powderly said that the Knights of Labor as an organization had nothing to do with the strike in the coal region, as the miners were under a separate organization, but he was satisfied the day was near when all labor organizations in the country would be united under one general supervision and control.

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2. Same—Distinction between lawful and unlawful purposes of parties interfering: If a party engaged in a lawful undertaking intentionally interferes with or obstructs the officers of this court in the discharge of their duties, the court is not tacetuous of its prerogative; but it is otherwise where parties, while engaged in an unlawful act, obstruct the officers of this court, although intending no contempt.

3. Same—Duty of Strikers to Apply to Court: This court is open to hear any just ground of complaint against its receivers. Employees of the receivers may present their grievances, and the court will instruct its officers in the premises. For this reason the court will be prompt to punish men who interfere with its receivers in the custody and control of property committed to them by law.

4. Same—Intimidation of employes by strikers—"requests" equivalent to threats: A simple request to do or not to do a thing, made by one or more of a body of strikers under circumstances calculated to convey a threatening intimidation, with a design to hinder or obstruct employes in the performance of their duties, is not less obnoxious than the use of physical force for the same purpose. A "request" under such circumstances is a direct threat and an intimidation, and will be punished as such.

not afford to fritter itself away upon every little pretense of wrong, hastily formulated and pig headedly insisted upon. The growth of the power of labor should be a question for calm consideration. The workmen should be careful to see to it that they do not sap and undermine their strength by extreme demands and unreasonable assumption of importance and power. The strike should be a last resort when every thing else fails, and not an every day expedient which, need as such, loses power as it increases in frequency.

"Is the strike the last resort of the Knights of Labor?" asked the reporter.

The master workman smiled. "I see," said he, "what you are driving at. The strike is a bad thing, but the boycott is worse in results. The strike stops production merely; the boycott kills it. A strike for a week is only the loss of a week's business, trade and wages; a boycott for a week can be utter ruin of business itself. We have never failed in a boycott which has been ordered by the general committee. Its effectiveness is undoubted, but it is an extreme power, which we use with caution."

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