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One or two of the ladies, also, were silent observers of the scene—silent as to the scene because, being in conversation at the time with brother officers of Lieut. Perry, they were uncertain as yet how comments on his growing flirtation might be received...

"Don't ask me now. I—I did not want to see what we have seen, but I had heard queer stories and could not believe them. Take me in to Capt. Lawrence, please. And, Mr. Perry, you won't speak of this to any one, will you? Indeed, if I had known, I would not have come out here for the world, but I didn't believe it, even when she went away and took the children."

"Well, pardon me, Mrs. Lawrence, I don't see through this thing at all. Do you mean that the doctor has anything to do with the mystery?"

"Yes—a promise. Very well, then. You are a witness to the compact, Graham. Now for my confession. I have worn that tassel ever since our parting ball at Fort Riley. That is to say, it has been fastened to that button ever since the ball until tonight; but I've been mighty careful not to wear that cap on any kind of duty."

"What on earth could that have been?" asked the colonel. "It gleamed like the head light of a locomotive, away down there in the valley of the Monne, then suddenly went out."

"Well, no," laughed Perry. "I fancy Mrs. Belknap thinks as you thought—that it was a gage d'amour. Hallo! look at that light away out there across the prairie. What can that be?"

"You must remember that Mrs. Wells is a very strict Presbyterian, Mr. Perry; and, for that matter, none of us have seen a dinner such as the colonel gave us this evening for ever and ever so long. We are quite unused to the ways of civilization; whereas you have just come from the east—and long leave. Perhaps it is the fashion to be all devotion to one's next door neighbor at dinner."

"Without saying a word to any one, the post surgeon had very quietly withdrawn from the group on the veranda. He could not well leave by the front gate without attracting attention; but he strolled leisurely into the hall, took up a book that lay on the table, and passed through the group of officers seated smoking and chatting there, entered the sitting room on the south side of the hall—the side opposite the parlor where the whist game was in progress—and there he was lost to sight."

"That was the doctor's house." In a few seconds a faint gleam seemed to creep through the slats. Then the slats themselves were thrown wide open, a white shade was lowered, and with the rays behind it growing brighter eye for eye, a broad white light shone forth over the roof of the veranda. Another moment and footsteps were heard along the doctor's porch, footsteps that presently approached them along the grass.

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FARM AND STOCK NOTES.

If butterine is obnoxious it should not be taxed, it should be prohibited. T. L. Miller thinks better breeding would settle the cattle depression question. Perhaps. The pure bred bulls are selling better than for several years.

The Fort Worth meeting March 11, will doubtless be one of the largest gathering of rangelmen in years. Whether it accomplishes any more than other meetings remains to be seen.

The death of Dr. A. E. Carother in the City of Mexico, will be deeply regretted by a large number of friends. He died of pneumonia. The Doctor will be remembered as one of the most enthusiastic experimenters in prickly pear feeding, during the drouth a few years ago.

The Cherokee Strip Live Stock Association has transmitted to the President a comprehensive pamphlet of sixteen pages, and setting forth its reasons and by what right it leases the grazing privileges from the Cherokee nation.

Three steers, two yearlings and one 2-year old, sold to a Greeley Colorado, butcher, netted Mr. Ogelsby, who raised them, \$181.50 and dressed 2,260 pounds, which was 64 per cent of their gross weight. They were of the Polled Angus breed.

"Old Brindle" is bracing up. The prospect for the Texas steer trade seems brightening. One of Armour's "young men" says that beef will be higher this spring. Nat Skinner has recently bought 15,000 steer cattle in Northwestern Texas for his Territory ranch.

Miss Hattie Mendenhall, recently of this city and now of Roswell, was painfully injured a few days ago by the overturning of a buggy in which she was riding and the running away of the horse. She was caught under the top of the overturned vehicle, and dragged along the road until the top was torn off. Her hip was fractured and her arm painfully gashed.—Optic.

The Montezuma Cattle Company with ranges in Colorado and New Mexico, are offering \$9 for yearlings and \$13 for two-year-olds on the New Mexico range, the cattle to be delivered in the spring, one half of the purchase money to be paid down and the balance on receipt of the cattle. This is an indication of an improvement in prices.

Cattle are stronger in this market than they have been for several months, cattlemen apparently having confidence in the future. On this account there is not that eager desire to sell that a few months ago led many cattlemen to sell their cattle for whatever was offered them. It is the belief of well posted stockmen who have been carefully studying the situation, that in the near future there will be a considerable revival in prices. How near right they are remains to be seen, but it is certain that prices will go no lower than they are now.—Fort Worth (Texas) Gazette.

SHEEP SHEARINGS. Several ship-loads of sheep have been sent from Iceland to Liverpool market this season. To rid the sheep of grub in the head an Illinois shepherd feeds shelled corn on a barn floor liberally strewn with air-slaked lime. The sheep in eating fill their noses with the lime, which causes violent sneezing, thus expelling the grub.

Dawson Thompson, who has a big sheep ranch in Logan county, North Dakota, says ex-Senator Geo. E. Spencer, now of Nevada, will start a ranch in his vicinity with 5,000 ewes as the plant. Thompson has 14,000 head and says next year he will make it 30,000. The sheep craze is on and in three years the whole country west of Jamestown will be all wool and 200 miles wide.

The American Sheep-Breeder and Wool-Grower is not afraid of any over-production in sheep or wool nor of any unprofitable production of either. The utterances of sheep men and some of their organs is truly wonderful. We have only to say that under a protective system those who desire a scrap of history have only to look back a few years to the sheep boom in Kansas to find whether or not there is any danger in rushing into business.

The Western Rural is afraid that so many farmers are going to rush from cattle to sheep, now that there is more money in breeding the latter than in the former. We are not in the least afraid of any such tendency as our contemporary sees, though we heartily concur in its advice to the farmer, to keep both cattle and sheep on every farm where both can profitably be bred. Until our production of both wool and mutton is increased threefold we see no fear of either overproduction or unprofitable production, under a wise and proper system of rotation.—American Wool Reporter.

CONSTITUTION. Of the New Mexico Territorial Farmers Alliance.

DECLARATION OF PURPOSES. Profoundly impressed that we the farmers' Alliance, united by the strong ties of financial and home interests, should set forth our declaration of intentions; we therefore resolve:

- 1. To labor for the education of the agricultural classes in the science of economical government in a strictly non-partisan spirit. 2. To endorse the motto "in things essential, unity; in all things charity." 3. To develop a better state mentally, morally, socially and financially. 4. To create a better understanding for sustaining civil officers in sustaining law and order. 5. To constantly strive to secure entire harmony and good will among ourselves. 6. To suppress personal, local, sectional and national prejudices; all unhealthful rivalry and selfish ambition. 7. The brightest jewels which it garners are the tears of widows and orphans, and its imperative commands are to visit the homes where lacerated hearts are bleeding; to assuage the suffering of a brother's sister; bury the dead, care for the widows and educate the orphans; to exercise charity towards offenders; to contrive words and deeds in their most favorable light, granting honesty of purpose and good intentions to others; and to protect the principles of the Alliance unto death. Its laws are reason and equity; its cardinal doctrines inspire purity of thought and life, its intention is "peace on earth and good will toward men."

ARTICLE I. NAME AND OFFICERS.

Section 1.—Name. This shall be known as the State or Territorial Farmers' Alliance of New Mexico, and is under the jurisdiction of the National Farmers' Alliance and Co-operative Union of America. Section 2.—Officers. The officers of this Alliance shall consist of a president, first and second vice president, secretary and assistant secretary, treasurer, lecturer and assistant lecturer, doorkeeper and assistant doorkeeper, sergeant-at-arms, and trade agent. These officers shall be elected at each regular annual meeting and shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualified.

ARTICLE II. Section 1.—The president's duties are to open the Alliance according to the ritual; in case of a called meeting, state the object, to preside over the body; to decide questions of order; to call special meetings when the good of the order demands it; and to expound the secret work. Section 2.—The vice president's duties are to assist the president, and in his absence perform his duties. Section 3.—The secretary's duties are to keep a correct record of the proceedings of this Alliance; to conduct its correspondence; to keep a roll of its members; to receive all monies due the Alliance, and pay the same promptly to the treasurer, taking his receipt for the same. Section 4.—The duty of the assistant secretary shall be to assist the secretary in the discharge of his duties. Section 5.—The treasurer's are to receive all money from the secretary and pay it out only on the order of the president and secretary. Section 6.—The chaplain's duties are to conduct the devotional exercises of the Alliance, and officiate at the funeral services at the death of a member of the order. Section 7.—It is the duty of the lecturer to read or deliver a lecture or address upon some topic of interest to the order at each meeting; of the assistant lecturer to assist the lecturer and to conduct candidates. Section 8.—The duties of the doorkeeper and assistant shall be to guard the door, take up the word, see that all are prop-

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clothed, to have charge of the room and keep the house in order. Sec. 9. The duties of the sergeant-at-arms shall be to preserve peace and order and to execute the mandates of the president. Sec. 10. The duties of the trade agent shall be to look after the matter of the sale of the produce of the Alliance and the purchase of supplies, and such other business of a mercantile nature as may be required of him.

ARTICLE III. Section 1. The territorial shall appoint at each annual session of the Alliance the following standing committees, to consist of three each, viz: Committee on appeals, committee on finance, committee on state of the order, committee on constitutions. Sec. 2. The committee on appeals shall receive all appeals which may be presented to the Alliance, at least ten days before any regular session, and report thereon in writing. Sec. 3. The committee on finance shall examine, audit and report upon all bills and claims presented, and the books and accounts and bonds at each session, report in writing the state of the finances, and at each annual session recommend such measures of finance as they may deem necessary. Sec. 4. The committee on the state of the order shall, at each session of the Alliance, submit a report containing such information as they may deem interesting or instructive. They shall take charge of such reports of officers, resolutions, petitions, etc., as may be referred to them, and recommend such measures as in their judgment, will best promote the interests of the order. Sec. 5. The committee on constitution shall examine and report on all amendments to the constitution and by-laws submitted to them.

ARTICLE IV. Section 1. The revenues of this Alliance shall be derived from charter fees and supplies required by subordinate and county Alliances, and such per capita tax upon the membership of subordinate Alliances, and such fees for initiations as may be determined upon and voted at any annual meeting of the Territorial or State Alliance, and such special assessments as may be imposed by a two-thirds vote of the Territorial Alliance in regular meeting.

Section 2. The fees for charter and set of books and supplies shall be regulated by the Territorial Alliance, and new Alliances shall pay the necessary expenses of the organizing officers.

ARTICLE V. Section 1. No person shall be admitted as a member unless he has been a resident of New Mexico for six months past, and not the less unless he be a farmer, a farm laborer, mechanic, country school teacher, country physician or a minister of the Gospel, be of a good moral character, believe in the existence of a Supreme Being, be of industrious habits, be a white person and over the age of sixteen years.

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ARTICLE VI. Upon the application of nine or more eligible persons through any authorized organizer, the president and secretary of the territorial Alliance shall issue to the subordinate Alliance a charter authorizing them to do business.

ARTICLE VII. Section 1. (Salaries of president and secretary laid on the table until the next meeting.) Sec. 2. The secretary upon assuming the duties of his office shall give a good and sufficient bond in the sum of \$250, and the treasurer in the sum of \$500, and the trade agent in the sum of \$1,000.

ARTICLE VIII. In case of appeals from the subordinate or county Alliances the parties who act as attorneys in the subordinate or county Alliances shall conduct the case, but this shall not bar any person from defending himself.

ARTICLE IX. All amendments to this constitution shall be handed to the committee on constitution and by them revised and referred to the Territorial Alliance at a regular meeting of that body and require a two-thirds vote of all members present for an adoption.

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