

AL CITIZEN. The first quarterly meeting of Jack County Alliance, for this year convened here last Friday. Much important business was transacted, but the secretary has not furnished us with a copy of the proceedings. Among the resolutions passed was one recommending the establishing of an Alliance publishing company, to be incorporated with a capital stock of \$10,000, and a paid up capital of \$5,000. It is desired that every organized county take stock and not to organize with less than twenty-five. The place of publication is to be located by a two-thirds vote of all stockholders. The resolution also recommends the purchase of the RURAL CITIZEN, and to make it a purely Alliance paper, entirely independent of any local help or influence. The Alliance should have their own paper and support it independent of any local help. As long as they depend on any local town for three-fourths of the support of their paper they will have to allow local influence in the paper. Should the CITIZEN be sold to the Alliance, a new local paper will be established at once at Jackson.

Resolved: That the Alliance at the Texas Live Stock Association. AUSTIN, Jan. 13.—To Hon. John N. Simpson, President Live Stock Association: Sir—Your committee appointed on public lands, after due consideration of the subject, beg leave to report as follows: 1. The law regulating the sale of the school and public lands of the state, and the vacillating action of the land board, and the strained interpretation of the law by the land board have proved themselves inefficient agencies for those who have sought in good faith to lease the lands or to purchase them as actual settlers. 2. We earnestly recommend a settled state policy in regard to the disposition of our public domain, and that the majesty of law may be held supreme, and that all persons unlawfully holding school lands be compelled to abandon possession of them or pay a legal rental for the same. To this end we recommend that grass commissioners be sent out and lands classified and leased as required by law. 3. The rapid increase in immigration of small farmers to our state; the construction of large pastures, which had resulted in throwing a vast number of herdsmen out of employment; the illegal inclosing of hundreds of thousands of acres of our public domain by foreign and domestic land companies, who own large herds of cattle and but little or no land, and who invade peaceful neighborhoods and consume the grass, are among the prominent features of the hour, and call for redress to prevent lawlessness, which, to a great extent, has been cherished and fostered in our state by free grass, and for which some speedy remedy should be applied. 4. Our state has school and public lands 50,000,000 acres, out of which but about 3,500,000 acres have been leased. This shows a loss of something like \$1,000,000 to the tax-payers of our state, and is the best argument against the land policy. We are of the opinion that for the present, at least, the land should be sold only to actual settlers, and the greatest safeguard should be thrown around our land policy to prevent their acquisition by foreign companies. 5. Recognizing that our state cannot be developed by the settlement of a good class of farming immigrants, affording as they will protection to the stock and grass of the pasturemen, we would recommend that they be dealt with in the sale of lands on the most liberal terms. The stockraiser who rents his lands finds no antagonism when thrown in connection with the honest settlers of the soil. 6. We recommend that a limit be fixed to the number of cattle a party may have leave to graze in his pasture when he owns the lands, and to that end would suggest that they should be permitted to pasture one animal for every ten acres of land so owned or controlled. 7. The controversies of late between our state officials show conclusively that our laws are inoperative, so far as the public domain is concerned in some counties and believing that laws should be executed under any and all circumstances, we would suggest that punishment of violations of the laws regulating the sale or lease of school lands should be attempted at first so near as possible to the home of those interested, but if the laws from any cause should be found inoperative there and in that court, the same should be changed to a county where justice can be enforced, as true liberty is only such when regulated by law. 8. The first interest of our state is that of the horny-handed sons of toil, who comprise 550,000 of our population, who spent in the year 1879 over three millions of dollars for fencing alone, to prevent the

herds of the open-range stock raiser and free-grassers from degrading upon their crops. These farmers pay over one million dollars for taxes to educate the white and colored children of our state, and yet 27,000,000 acres of our school lands are unleased, which would give us over \$1,000,000. The controlling or leasing of these lands would in itself abolish free-grass and go far towards a solution of all the vexed questions that have of late proved such an insurmountable barrier to our state officials. 9. The second great industry of our state being that of the stock raisers, they also are entitled to protection from the nippers of the fence cutter and from the grass burner. The contention for free grass being the incentive or cause of wrong doing by parties who have stock and no land, the abolition of free grass would give protection to that interest which is only second of the many great industries of our growing and prosperous state. 10. Believing that the expression of the views of our convention is what is needed to place the farming and stock interests of our state upon a friendly basis that will give us prosperity, peace and security. At the afternoon session the land resolutions as above set forth were adopted with the exception of the third resolution, which was stricken out. One hundred delegates were elected to the Denver convention and fifteen to Chicago. Dallas was selected as the next place of meeting on the second Tuesday in January, 1887. House of Representatives, E. S. WASHINGTON, D. C. Jan. 16, 1886. DEAR SIR: You will oblige me by giving notice that there will be held at Cisco, Texas, on the 1st of March next, by Dr. S. H. Stout, a competitive examination of all candidates desiring to apply for a cadetship at the U. S. Naval Academy from our District. The successful candidate will be required to report at the Naval Academy on the 15th of May next, and must be over fourteen and under eighteen years of age, and an actual resident of the District. Those desiring to be examined will please report to Dr. Stout at the time and place above mentioned. Very Respectfully, S. W. T. LANHAM, M. C. 11th Cong. Dist., Tex. Weatherford. Public improvements of all kinds are on a standstill, on account of the severe cold snap for the last two weeks. Business and trade of all kinds is comparatively dormant. The Franco-Texas Land Company has no president (or at least they do not recognize any.) Judge A. J. Hood was chosen as president about a month ago, but the Secretary and Treasurer has notified all who are indebted to the company, not to pay until the company authorizes some person to receive money for them. Messrs. Asbury and Joseph Parks, of Big Valley, 12 miles south of here were arrested and taken to Dallas before the Federal court, by U. S. Marshal, W. F. Morton, to give account of their stewardship, for making moonlight whiskey. Our worthy postmaster, N. B. Johnson's appointment as postmaster at Weatherford has been confirmed. Marriage bells have been ringing merrily ever since before the holidays, quite a number of our prominent citizens have been united in the bonds of matrimony. General health good, considering the extreme cold weather, we have had for the last two weeks, a few cases of pneumonia. There is quite a number of immigrants coming to Parker county from the old states, and still there is room for many more. R. R. STAUB, Notice. Parties indebted to King & Western are respectfully requested to come forward and settle immediately as we are needing money to settle our own indebtedness. Dec. 24, 1885.

Red Star Cough Cure. The evangelist Moody is to make a tour through the South at an early day. The Williamson County Sun says wheat was looking well before the freeze and may be all right again when warm weather comes. Ayer's Sarsaparilla is the most potent blood purifier, and a fountain of health and strength. Be wise in time. All baneful infections are promptly removed by this unequalled alterative. 400 acres of choice land for sale also a farm of 100 acres. For further particulars apply to W. L. Garvin. I think any one who contemplates settling in the western country would do well to look at the land in Jack county before purchasing elsewhere, as we have fine farming lands in this county. The contract for a new ice factory at Denison has been let and work will begin at once. Of forage, if you depend upon it at all, have an inclosure, so you can find your stock when you want them. In the winter season with the weather is suitable break you your fences and houses, arrange shelters for your stock and crop land and prepare wood for winter and summer, haul the scrapings from the barnyard, shell corn, go mill, keep meal in the barrels, meat in the smoke house, when you go to the mill, also go to the store and get a postoffice, let one suffice for all. Remember that it is money, keep a place for everything, and everything in its place. Don't buy anything that you do need, don't buy an old horse, wagon because the vendor tells you that they have traveled nearly over the world and performed well, their past services will buy you no good in the future, buy new ones. Never spend a dollar until you have earned it.

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