

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR.

To all Members of the Order throughout the United States, and all friends of reform, GREETING:

The condition of the Order shows the necessity of constant and effective efforts to educate in the methods to be pursued by this great organization of farmers in securing accurate, correct, and practical ideas of the science of economic government; also the necessity of a form of education that will endow the masses with a wisdom broad enough to understand and reject the false statements, arguments, and doctrines of the enemies of the Order, whether they pose as open and avowed enemies or mask as pretended friends. It is believed by the undersigned, the President and Executive Board of the National Farmers Alliance and Industrial Union, and officers of State organizations, that the most effective way to meet this necessity is to secure, at the earliest day possible, a press devoted to our Order, which shall extend to every nook and corner of the organization, and, in addition to sustaining the general principles of the Order as enunciated by the Supreme Council, be represented in every locality by a branch able and competent to meet every local issue, and by such a system of co-operation and unity of purpose present to the entire world at the same time the same important truths, and thereby secure united and prompt action whenever necessary.

For these purposes, and others that will certainly redound greatly to the good of the Order and increase its efficiency and power for good, the following outline of a plan for a Farmers Newspaper Alliance is hereby approved and recommended to the brotherhood as worthy of adoption, and immediate action thereon is requested.

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Organize a co-operative association for the purpose of publishing papers and literature devoted to the Order and doing a general publishing business. Authorized capital, \$500,000, divided into shares of \$50 each, of which not less than \$50,000 shall be paid in before business shall begin. Stock to be of two classes, common and preferred; preferred stock to bear 7 per cent. per annum interest, and to be paid back principal, before any interest or dividend can be paid on the common stock. The association shall be organized and held under the following rules and regulations, which will guarantee to its officers and directors the right to elect and manage the business, with not a cent of interest or dividend until the preferred stock is paid in full.

Any farmer may choose, who own papers that are official State organs in his State, to sell his paper to the Alliance on the following terms: The plant and press, to be paid for in preferred stock of the new association; the amount of stock to be determined by the association, and the amount agreed upon for the prestige of the paper to be paid in common stock of the association. In this way have the Farmers Newspaper Alliance, National and State, and such other farmers' or reform papers.

The association shall be in Washington, D. C., with authority to have branches in every State. Branches, in addition to publishing State organs in each of the States, shall be organized for the purpose of furnishing the so called "patent sides" to all papers published by the association to be managed by a small board of directors, who shall be under the control, consisting of the President of the National Alliance and the Presidents of the State Alliances taking stock in the Alliance. The board of directors shall be elected by the holders of the common stock, at the regular annual meeting.

Dividends shall be paid for either preferred or common stock, and the holder of a share of preferred stock shall be paid 7 per cent. interest or an annual subscription to any of the one dollar papers published by the Alliance. This Alliance shall make full report of all its business, including assets and liabilities, gross and net gain, and such other detail as may be requested by the President of the National or any of the State Alliances, in advance.

The board of directors shall establish a bureau for furnishing editorial matter for all the publications, and shall see that the line of policy adopted by the National and State bodies is faithfully carried out and supported.

Subscriptions for stock may be received from National, State, County, or Subordinate bodies, or from individuals belonging to the Order, or from those who are not members but desire to assist in the work, or requests may be accepted, and when accepted must be accounted for to the Supreme Council, according to the terms prescribed by the testator.

Money subscribed and paid, in any State, will be, as far as practicable, used upon the branch located in that State to increase its efficiency and usefulness.

Friends of progress everywhere are invited to co-operate promptly, as it is very important that vigorous action be at once taken. Communications in regard to the subject, addressed to the Officers of the National Farmers Alliance, or THE NATIONAL ECONOMIST, 511 Ninth street N. W., Washington, D. C., will receive prompt attention.

The first part of the history of the United States is the discovery of the continent by Christopher Columbus in 1492. He sailed from Spain and reached the island of San Salvador in the Bahamas. This was the beginning of European contact with the Americas.

After Columbus's discovery, other explorers followed, including Vasco Nunez de Balboa who crossed the Isthmus of Panama to reach the Pacific Ocean in 1499. This opened up the continent to further exploration and settlement.

The next major event was the arrival of the Pilgrims in 1620. They sailed on the Mayflower to the Massachusetts coast and established the Plymouth colony. This marked the beginning of permanent European settlement in North America.

The Pilgrims faced many hardships, but they were joined by other settlers and the colony grew. The Pilgrims' story is a key part of American history, representing the early struggle for self-governance and religious freedom.

Other important events include the founding of Jamestown in 1607 and the establishment of the Virginia colony. These early settlements laid the foundation for the future United States.

The history of the United States is a story of exploration, settlement, and the pursuit of a better life. It is a story that continues to shape the world today.